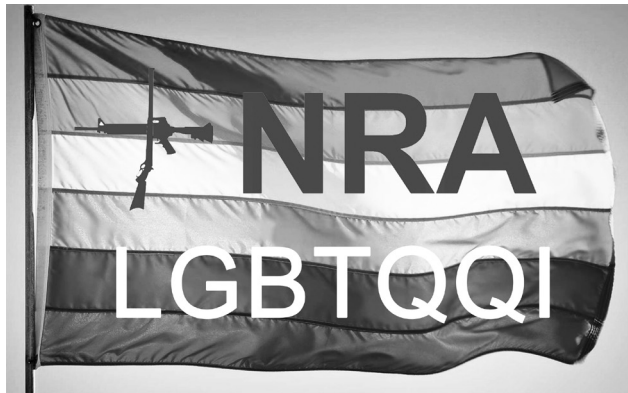


NRA + HRC Launch Rainbow Rifles™



As one of his first actions since assuming the reins of the National Rifle Association, Oliver North announced that the NRA is cooperating with the Human Rights Campaign to promote a line of rainbow guns in time for LGBTQI Pride Month.

“This is historic,” said HRC president Mad Hunter McGuffin. “The formerly anti-gay NRA has taken an important step to show that they are #OpenToAll.” Muffin pointed out that in giving him the middle name, Hunter, his parents clearly intended for him to break this new ground for the queer community.

North unveiled the Rainbow Rifles™ at a press conference in the rotunda of San Francisco City Hall, just steps from the places where Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone were gunned down in 1978. “Each of the seven assault rifles – one for each letter and color in the queer pantheon – comes complete with a bump stock and a clip bearing the equals sign,” said the beaming North. In response to a reporter’s comment that the rainbow flag has only six colors, North acknowledged that the L rifle is infrared – invisible to the human eye, “just like those L people.”

McGuffin responded awkwardly to a question about the massacre of 49 mostly Latinx gay people at the Pulse nightclub two years ago. “If there had been more rainbow rifles in that club that night, things might have gone differently,” he said. He declined to elaborate, asking instead if anyone would like to buy a snow globe featuring a tiny hunting scene labeled “#OpenSeasonForAll.”

North, who once likened the fight to prevent gay marriage to the movement to abolish slavery, said his views had “evolved.” “I changed my mind when I heard what HRC stood for,” he said. “I thought we were being asked to team up with Hillary Rodham Clinton.”

Dyke March

Saturday June 23rd
5 PM at Dolores & 18th

Entertainment in the afternoon
Calling All Dykes:
Take Up Your Space.
The 26th S.F. Dyke March
is a call to action



Trans March, Friday June 22nd

Resource Fair & entertainment
starting at 2,
March at 6.

The San Francisco Trans March is San Francisco’s largest transgender Pride event and one of the largest trans events in the entire world.

in our lifetime

By Hyejin Shim

Hyejin is a queer Korean feminist, an abolitionist with anti-war & anti-sexual violence roots, an organizer and co-founder of #survivedandpunished, and a member of HOBAK (Hella Organized Bay Area Koreans). This article was first published in Medium.com.

Did any of us think it would happen while we were still here? War outlived so many of us and became the backdrop for our lives and our families, the ways we understood ourselves, the ways we loved, our rites of passage, our

imaginations and our dreams.

I first became politicized because of the legacy of intergenerational domestic violence in my family. As a young person, it was what drew me towards activism and organizing, and much of my participation back then was motivated by trying to make sense of my life and my family somehow. I knew that so much of the bleakness and rage of my family life had interconnected reasons and stories that were beyond just us as individuals. I had more questions than I knew what to do with, two languages to ask them in, and yet no words with which to begin those conversations.

When I went to Korea as an adult for the first time, I was twenty and it was the beginning of a hot, humid summer. One of my best friends and I had spent that spring compiling a zine of queer Korean stories; one of our first attempts to crack through the isolation we felt. I loved the cover of that zine: Sam had drawn a thick outline of the Korean peninsula, and within it were a few faces with soft, intimate expressions, words like *genderqueer* and *han* resting above them in block letters. I had packed a few of these zines into my suitcase, which my mother found while going through my things.

“What are these?”

I froze briefly, then swiftly tugged them out of her hands and shoved them out of her view, panicked that she’d seen too much. It was not yet the time for that conversation.

“What were those? You need to be careful what you take into Korea! You can get in trouble so you have to be careful. Korea’s not like the United States, you know.” I deflected and tried to change the subject, playing it cool, until she eventually dropped it. I was relieved when she left the room, and relieved when she didn’t bring it up again.

In retrospect, I think all she had time to glimpse that day was that bold, thick outline of the unified Korean peninsula. I was nervous that she’d interrogate me about my queerness, but now I wonder now if our suspicions about each other from that day were completely different. I didn’t yet know much of Korea’s reunification and democratization movements, and was still unaware of her visceral fear that I’d become an activist, radicalized by “pro-North” and anti-government views.

My last visit was in October. It was towards the tail end of Trump’s first year in office, and my friends and I had spent a large part of the year feeling completely overwhelmed and battered by not just the overall political conditions, but also by the undeniable escalation towards war. At that point, the favorite phrases of the Trump administration and media in regards to Korea included “preemptive strike,” “majority backs military action,” “North Korea will be destroyed,” “take them out,” and “bloody nose strategy”. Many of us were quietly terrified. We noted the eerie parallels between the buildup to the Iraq War and the ramping up of social and political hostility towards North Korea. And in late night conversations, when it was easier to be vulnerable with each other, we admitted that we were afraid.

It felt hard to tell what was real and what wasn’t. The news about everything was constantly disorienting. It was impossible to know what would happen, and so it felt impossible to know how to prepare. The US news media was at a fever pitch on the Korea issue, churning out take after catastrophic take about how war may be unavoidable. *War could be the only option. We have the weapons and public approval to do it. Just take them out. A million dead there is better than a thousand dead here.* South Korean news media, in contrast, was generally even-toned and measured. The difference was illustrative of both governments’ orientations towards war, and the US media consistently demonstrated, in no uncertain terms, its own hunger to write this war into existence.

I worried obsessively about the future, about the lives

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Teach In and Candlelight Vigil
for #KoreanPeace
Friday, June 15, 6:30-9 p.m.
Lake Merritt Columns
599 El Embarcadero, Oakland
Sponsored by HOBAK (Hella Organized
Bay Area Koreans)

Gaza -- Nakba Continues

by Deeg

On March 30 tens of thousands of Palestinians were met with Israeli sniper fire, drones, gas and other weapons as they marched towards the Israeli border. The Great March of Return created an encampment more than 500 meters from the fence, well outside of the 300 meter no-go zone enforced by Israel.

None the less, the Israelis attacked. The march, organized by a coalition of grass roots groups in Gaza, responded with non-violent resistance, and in some cases with rocks or Molotov cocktails, according to the Israelis, who also claimed that Hamas had organized the march as cover for attacks. No Israeli soldier was injured that day. Fifteen Palestinians were killed, and thousands were wounded. The day before the March, Israeli forces killed a local farmer with artillery fire. During the following week several other people were killed, and many others wounded.

Thousands remained in the encampments, and each Friday, additional thousands would join the protest. April 6 was called the "Day of the Tire" because protesters set tires on fire to create a thick black smoke that would prevent snipers from being able to see their targets. Nine Palestinians were killed that day, and over 1000 were wounded. A 30-year old Palestinian journalist, Yaser Murtaja, was killed, despite wearing a jacket labeled press. Several other journalists were wounded. Israel condemned the smoke as an environmental threat.



The continual protests built to May 14, the day the US officially opened its embassy in Jerusalem, and the seventieth anniversary of the declaration of the state of Israel. On May 14, tens of thousands of peaceful protesters assembled, and the Israeli troops opened fire. At the end of the day, at least 60 Palestinians were dead. Among those killed and injured by snipers were people clearly identified as medics who was trying to help the wounded. It is estimated that during the six weeks of protest, over 20,000 Palestinians were wounded. On June 1, a nurse, clearly identified as a medic was killed by a sniper. Reportedly one Israeli soldier sustained minor wounds from a thrown rock.

The March declared May 15 to be a day of mourning in Gaza. May 15 is also the day on which the Nakba (catastrophe) is commemorated. It refers to the campaign of terror conducted by Zionist paramilitary groups including the Irgun, Haganah, and Lehi, prior to and immediately after the establishment of Israel in 1948. According to Al Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, during the Nakba period Israeli forces killed an estimated 13,000 Palestinians and forcibly evicted 737,166 Palestinians from their homes and land. Five hundred and thirty-one Palestinian villages were entirely depopulated and destroyed. These original refugees and their descendants, now 7 million people, have never been allowed to return. 4.3 million are registered for humanitarian assistance by the UN. Additional refugees were created by the 1967 occupation of Gaza and the West Bank. More Palestinians have been displaced over the years by the building of Israeli settlements, home demolitions, the construction of the border wall in the West Bank, and other land grabs.

Following the establishment of the 1967 occupation, 21 settlements were constructed for about 9,000 Israelis. In 2005, unable to stop the ongoing Palestinian resistance, Israel moved settlers from Gaza, announcing that it had "withdrawn." Although the Palestinian Authority was supposed to have control of Gaza, in 2007, Israel established a strangling blockade of Gaza, which has created an open-air prison (particularly open air since Israeli bombardments have destroyed thousands of buildings). The land border with Egypt is mostly closed, as is the land border with Israel. Israel blockades the sea and the air. In Gaza there are continued critical shortages of medical supplies, food, fuel for electricity, building materials, and pretty much everything else. Oxfam international estimates that over 1000 people in Gaza have died as a result of the blockade. As we write this, the protests, and Israeli killings, continue at the site near the border.

There have been international actions in solidarity with Gaza throughout this period, including in San Francisco

where several emergency demonstrations were held in March and April. The Palestine Action Network (PAN) organized a series of events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Nakba (Nakba 70) and support for Gaza. On Saturday, May 12, over 150 people attended a cultural event, 70 Years of Palestinian Resistance and Resilience. On May 15, several hundred people rallied in front of the Israeli consulate and then marched to the federal building. On May 16, when former prime minister Ehud Barak was scheduled to speak at the Jewish Community Center, over 150 demonstrated outside while over 20 people disrupted the speech inside, resulting in 18 arrests. Kate, Deni and Matthew from QUIT! were among the arrested.

A Win at SF School Board

On May 22, the SF Board of Ed approved, after a 3-year delay, a memorandum of understanding with the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC) for the Arabic Language Pathways, a struggle which QUIT! and Gay Shame have been supporting. Once again, the "Jewish Community Relations Council" lobbied the board to turn down the MOU, as they had for the past 3 years. Aware of the likely approval, the JCRC turned out a small group to allege that AROC was a hate group, or a terrorist group, or both. Fortunately, the over 60 people from dozens of community groups who had turned out for the previous meeting to demand the MOU be placed on the agenda and approved, also turned out for this meeting. At the meeting, Jewish Voice for Peace condemned the JCRC as racist, and pointed out that they don't speak for all Jews. Deeg spoke for QUIT!:

"Almost 30 years ago I participated as part of ACT-UP and other queer organizations when we asked the school board to create a district wide program to support LGBTQ students. It was important to us then, as it is now, to have community organizations participate with the school district to develop and implement relevant programming.

"This experience informed the decision by groups in the LGBTQ communities, including QUIT!, LAGAI, the Harvey Milk Democratic Club, and Gay Shame to support the Board's resolution three years ago to develop an Arabic language Pathway, that included the involvement of the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC). AROC for many years has been going into the schools to support Arab students, and, as part of that work, has been supporting LGBTQ students of all ethnicities. I am Jewish, but this isn't about Jews and Arabs, it's about how the district will support Arab students. It should not have taken three years, but we commend the district for finally bringing this MOU to the Board, and we strongly urge the Board to adopt it."

QUIT!'s Statement at May 15 Rally

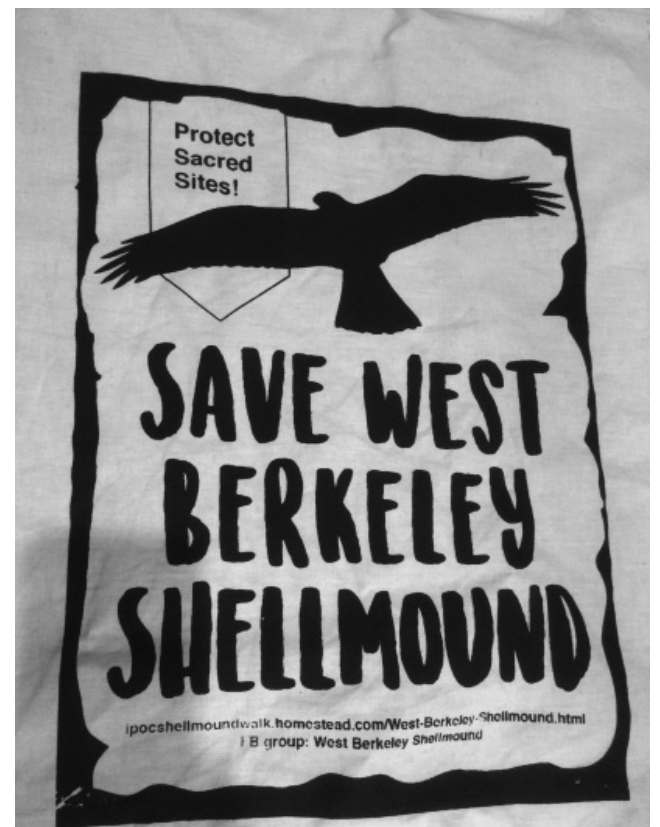
It is hard to find words to express our horror at what is happening in Gaza, and in the rest of Palestine. We are here to support the Palestinians who are resisting, and being murdered, and in support of the right of return for all Palestinians.

Genocide is the basis of the establishment of the state of Israel. Although the early Zionists falsely claimed that Palestine was a "land without people for people without a land," the Zionists have been constantly working to create a Palestine without Palestinians. This entire ethnic cleansing campaign could not exist without the decades of military, financial and political support from the US.

Lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and other queer identified people have been supporting Palestinian struggles since the beginning of LGBTQ liberation 50 years ago. We are inspired by the over 100 years of Palestinian resistance to European/US colonialism. We have long been part of the anti-Zionist movement, including BDS campaigns. Although the Israeli government at times pretends to recognize some rights for Jewish Israeli queers, we are not fooled by Israel's attempts to pinkwash their abominable actions, including their actions against Palestinian queers.

Too often, the world looks away from both the daily grind of exile, deprivation, torture, and incarceration of Palestinians, as well as the periodic mass murders. As queers, our solidarity with the Palestinian struggle is informed by the times our suffering has also often been made invisible to the world, as hundreds of thousands of people died, still die of AIDS, and as we are attacked and killed, outlawed and imprisoned. We understand that for queer Palestinians, the conditions of ethnic cleansing, exile and exclusion create yet additional barriers to existence.

So we are here as part of the world community, and the world's queer communities, that say absolutely NO to Zionism and other forms of racism. We have been here, we will be here, until every Palestinian, is able to live in Palestine, or any other place they choose, in freedom. Free, Free Palestine.



Shellmound Victory over Weiner's SB 35

Last UV had an article about the West Berkeley Shellmound development project which had launched a new attack under Scott Weiner sponsored SB35. The City of Berkeley, despite promises of a developer lawsuit, decided that the current developer proposal was not eligible for fast tracking under SB35. The Shellmound lawyer had submitted a 50 page document of reasons that the Shellmound was ineligible for SB 35 and the Ohlone had promised to sue Berkeley if they approved the fast track. This was a victory for the Ohlone people and their allies and for Native freedom of religion. 100s of people had packed City Hall meetings, the Landmark Board, and sent 100s of letters.

Among other reasons for denying the permit, Berkeley noted that there was no low-income housing in the 50% "affordable housing". Also, the West Berkeley Shellmound is a city and state historical site and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places which supersedes SB35. For thousands of years, the people of this original village on the East Bay shore thrived on the abundant resources of land and sea, developing a sophisticated maritime culture. Towering over the village was a great mound, estimated to have been at least 20 feet high and hundreds of feet long, one of the largest of the 425 shellmound funerary monuments that once lined the shores of San Francisco Bay. These mounds are older than the pyramids in Egypt and most of the major cities in the world.

Blake-Griggs, the developer, still has its first proposal on file to build the huge complex of housing and retail which would require the excavation of the entire 2.2 acres with the probability of disturbing burials and other cultural objects. Corrina Gould, Ohlone leader has a different idea of a natural open area: "We envision a living cultural space—revitalizing cultural traditions, like songs, language and dances." The final victory for the preservation of the Shellmound is still to come and will continue to take a lot of resources, time, money for legal counsel, and protracted struggle.

The Ohlone struggle has support of many native folks as well as a diverse group of allies who have vowed to keep the project from being constructed. One indigenous activist said, "If they start to develop this land, it will be our Standing Rock."

For more information and to donate to the ongoing struggle, www.shellmound.org or West Berkeley Shellmound FB page.

Urban Shield to End

In March, the Alameda county board of supervisors voted 4-1 to end Urban Shield after 2018. It is the world's largest militarized SWAT training and weapons expo, financed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and hosted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department. It attracts law enforcement from around the world and has been opposed for years by community members and organizations including the Stop Urban Shield Coalition. There was a huge demonstration in 2017 that members of LAGAI participated in, blocking entrances and marching through the Alameda Fairgrounds.

Urban Shield represents everything we all have been fighting against, from collaborating and training with ICE, hosting the white supremacist militia the Oath Keepers, training with and sending officers to apartheid Israel, glorifying policing and militarization, exploiting tragedies and natural disasters and public health needs - Urban Shield has no place in the Bay Area or anywhere.

Ending Urban Shield reminds us that we can win through cross movement building and strong organizing.

Reject the Family, Not the Immigrants

by Kate

In a May 31 op-ed criticizing the administration's brutal policy of separating families at the border, putting the parents in prison and sending the kids to institutions or foster placements, psychologist Margaret Sheridan and pediatrician Charles Nelson write, "If we have learned anything from 50 years of research on child development, it is that children do best in families and that violating this norm has terrible effects." The researchers detail studies that found that kids raised in loving families did better cognitively, socially and in physical and mental health than those raised in institutions.

The next day, the National Domestic Workers' Alliance, ACLU, Moms Rising and local immigrant rights groups around the country organized #FamiliesBelongTogether rallies and actions in many cities. Sweet pictures of children with signs they did not make spread across Facebook. Some of them held the hands of their two mommies. @WomensMarch tweeted, "From girls to grannies, women and children of all ages say #FamiliesBelongTogether!"

I, and everyone in LAGAI, is appalled by the cruelty of the current white house and frankly, all white houses we have ever known. This latest tactic of mass hostage-taking of kids to punish their parents for fleeing the impact of u.s. imperialism and global capitalism is horrific. But our desire to stand with those oppressed by our right wing government should not lead us to romanticize the nuclear family, which feminists have long known is the most dangerous place in the u.s. for children.



As a radical queer and feminist, I cut my activist teeth on the radical critique of the family, especially the nuclear family. When the Gay Liberation Front proclaimed, "complete sexual liberation for all people cannot come about unless existing social institutions are abolished," the family was the first among the institutions they meant. The people who wrote that statement had come out of the sixties counterculture, where Weatherman jokingly declared National Kill Your Parents Day and Jerry Rubin didn't trust anyone over 30. It produced works like Shulamith Firestone's *Dialectic of Sex*, which proposed that all babies be conceived in test tubes.

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Though by the time I came to consciousness the rhetoric had mellowed some, most queers knew that our families were not a safe or welcoming place for us, and we created our own loving spaces and relationships. We believed in collective responsibility for kids, made a point to have childcare at public events, and insisted that children were not the property of their parents and did not belong in "custody." When the AIDS crisis hit, we haunted the ICUs and emergency rooms and sometimes had to battle our friends' biological families for the right to be with them as they fought and died from the disease.

It is tempting, when we have serial rapists and harassers trying to dictate "pro-family" lifestyles by denying women

control over their bodies and destroying lives of immigrants and people of color, for leftists, feminists and queers to proclaim ourselves the true guardians of the family. And the left, which has never been very comfortable with feminism or queer sexuality, appears eager to play that role. The climate justice movement, one of the more rigidly heterosexual that I have been in in a long time, is often dominated by talk of our children, grandchildren and next generations, unconsciously pushing to the side those of us who just care about the birds, the land, the water for their own sake, and our sakes.

My friend and fellow author Sue Katz, a long-time feminist and lesbian activist, who now focuses on fighting for old lesbians, wrote to the radio show Democracy Now! after they sent a fundraising appeal to "The Katz Family":

"I am so friggin' sick of the Democratic Party ('middle-class families'), of the labor unions ('working families'), and now of you, of all people, using the term 'family' when you mean people. My bio family was marked by homophobia and I have almost no contact with them. I have no children. I am not married. I am not a family."

Sue points out that Democratic politicians and progressive organizations, including unions, started talking about "working families" when it became unfashionable to say "working class." (<https://tinyurl.com/suekatz-workingclass>)

We must resist the impulse to make ourselves popular by embracing social conservatism. The family remains the most dangerous place on earth for women and kids, both in the u.s. and around the world. "[S]ome 500 children a year are murdered by their parents in the US, and millions more are abused and neglected," writes blogger Vicki Larson in a 2017 piece entitled "There Is a Better Way to Parent Than the Nuclear Family." According to researchers from the World Health Organization, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the South African Medical Research Council, "a war zone is not the most dangerous place for a woman. Her home is." Their 2017 report stated that nearly 30% of women worldwide, and 33% in the u.s., experience intimate partner violence.

The statistics on incest that I learned when I started volunteering at San Francisco Women Against Rape in 1984 have not changed since then – between 25% and 30% of girls and 15-20% of boys are sexually abused, the vast majority by family members. Mia Fontaine wrote in *The Atlantic* in 2013, "Millions of Americans, of both sexes, choke down food at family dinners, year after year, while seated at the same table as the people who violated them. Mothers and other family members are often complicit, grown-ups playing pretend because they're more invested in the preservation of the family (and, often, the family's finances) than the ... well-being of the abused."

In a recent *Washington Post* op-ed, Lara Lillibridge says she never told anyone about her stepmother's violence because "There were so few visible lesbian families that I knew that confessing my family problems would reflect negatively on the whole queer community." Queer kids flee their families every day. Even kids who grow up with parents who are loving and accommodate their every whim sometimes feel they cannot thrive in those environments. If they are lucky, they end up with the families of friends or friends of their families. My landlord took in a number of her daughter's friends during their high school years. Not all kids find those safe havens easily. Forty percent of the nation's 1.6 million homeless youth identify as LGBT, according to the Williams Institute at UCLA Law. Some of them find refuge through organizations like the Homeless Youth Alliance, or LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth, where 68% of those served are homeless or marginally housed.

When I got arrested at the Livermore Labs blockade in 1983, there was an affinity group in jail called the Anti-Nuclear Family. Two years ago, at the height of a hubbub over North Korean nuclear weapons, I went to the climate march in Oakland with a sign that said, "No Nuclear Weapons, No Nuclear Family." I mostly got blank stares.

Our government is being run by people who have no qualms about changing their supposed values every day. But we are radical feminist queers and our values are not so mutable. We must hold to what we know: Kids should be in safe, supportive environments where they can develop their own awesomeness. That might be with biological relatives, or it might not. Immigrants should be welcomed, housed, fed and cared for, and their relationships respected, whether they are kids, parents, extended families, single people or groups of friends. We must lift up and support the work of kids who are self-organizing to protect one another, like those at the June Jordan School for Equity in San Francisco who raised \$25,000 to bail out their friend, Hamid, from immigration detention.

Smash the family, smash the state, let's make something really great.



courtesy Rawearthworks Journal : Peg Hunter Photographer

The Poor People's Campaign

The Poor People's Campaign, launched by Rev. William Barber of North Carolina, with faith leaders, unions and a wide range of local organizations around the country, kicked off in May and June with six weeks of coordinated actions in more than 20 state capitals. Each week had a specific focus: Week 1: Somebody's Hurting Our People: Children, Women and People with Disabilities Living in Poverty; Week 2: Linking Systemic Racism and Poverty: Voting Rights, Immigration, Xenophobia, Islamophobia, and the Mistreatment of Indigenous Communities; Week 3: The War Economy: Militarism and the Proliferation of Gun Violence; Week 4: The Right to Health and a Healthy Planet: Ecological Devastation and Health Care; Week 5: Everybody's Got the Right To Live: Education, Living Wages, Jobs, Income, Housing; Week 6: A New and Unsettling Force: Confronting the Distorted Moral Narrative. This round of actions culminates with a Global Day of Solidarity and Sending Forth Call to Action Mass Rally in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, June 23 (the day before LGBT Freedom Day, if anyone cares).

UV Rejected

In the past year UV has been 'impounded pending review' by a number of prisons and most of them have come from various Florida state prisons. The reasons vary from "depicts, describes or encourages activities which may lead to group violence" to "presents a threat to the security or discipline of the correctional system". One even stated that UV encourages prisoners to have pen pals. We did not think having a pen pal in prison was illegal. In fact, we know it isn't. Some rejections name certain articles, but the latest one from Tomoka C.I. said the whole Spring 2018 issue was inadmissible. People in LAGAI have tried contacting a lawyer from the ACLU but haven't had any luck so far getting someone to challenge what is happening. Unfortunately, we do not get the rejection letters from a given prison until past the date allowed for us to appeal. It's also possible we don't always get the letters at all.

But in an apparent victory, we recently received a letter from a prisoner in Milton FL who said "I write to apprise you that in Florida Department of Corrections, it [has] become approved for the Florida inmate population in and at every Florida Corrections to be a recipient to get the UltraViolet Newsletter of LAGAI-Queer Insurrection. This specifically pertains to Spring 2018 which I gladly received and was grateful to you for sending to me".

We very much hope this is true.



Drawing by Marlon McCowan, Florence AZ



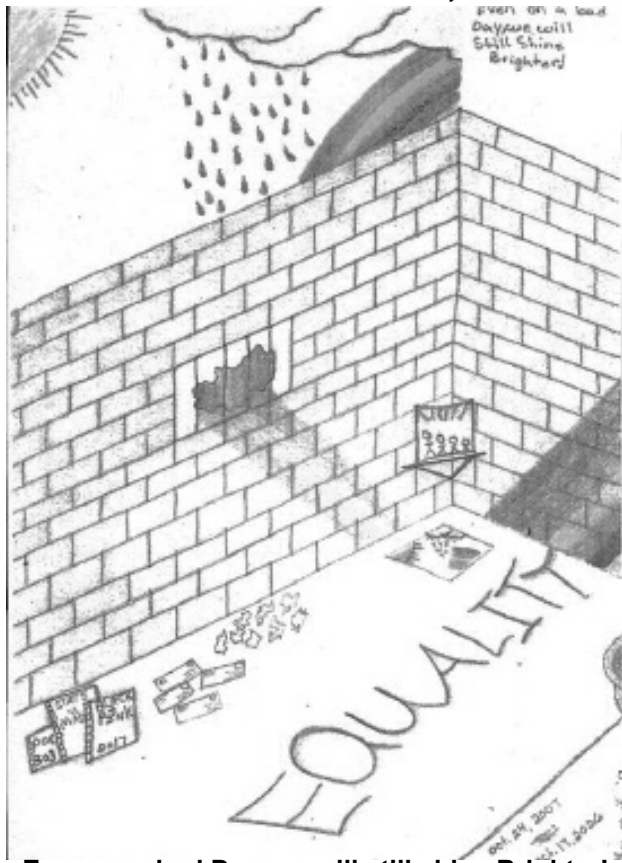
Call for Help

(reprinted from Black & Pink Feb/Mar 2018)

Trans Pride Initiative has received an urgent call for help from LGBT imprisoned people at the desert dungeon: Lovelock Corrections Center. It seems that institutional transphobia and homophobia thrive at Lovelock where our imprisoned siblings are facing inhumane treatment from the guards, officers and even medical personnel who are tasked with their safety... The letter continues saying that LGBT imprisoned people are being denied parole by the head psychologist: "Dr Verne E Lewis uses his position to give inmates a high-risk assessment on their sexual offense risk form." Known as a 'static 99', good ratings on this form are crucial for imprisoned people to escape the desert dungeon of Lovelock and see their friends, families and communities again. Section 2 states "Ever had a lover 2 years or longer?" Since Dr Lewis doesn't see LGBT relationships as legitimate, he marks 'no', which keeps many of our loved ones deadlocked in dangerous conditions at Lovelock, unable to get parole.

This treatment is the tip of the iceberg for LGBT there. Also our loved ones are being threatened by the dungeon guards for filing Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) grievances. Full PREA compliance is essential for LGBT people inside the dungeon.

Trans Pride Initiative is asking on behalf of those in the dungeon of Lovelock, to call the prison and to reach out to the communities of Reno, Northern California, Oregon and Salt Lake City. Show love for the LGBT people by calling, writing and reaching out: Lovelock C.C. 1200 Prison Rd. Lovelock NV 89419. For more info on conditions, write *Teddie Craig #62269, NNCC PO Box 7000, Carson City NV 89702*



Even on a bad Day, we will still shine Brighter!
Drawing by Christina Martz, Winnebago WI

Hello Loved Humans

I was on a Fed yard, am now in Fed transport, I guess. The fate of the targeted! I give the contact below because I am in the SHU, probably will be when you read this, maybe for many more years if they put me where it is unsafe to come out. I'm there because I threatened to tell on a fellow Federal inmate who claimed Aryan Brotherhood connections but was sexually exploiting me and controlling me when I was celled with him. In response he put a razor behind my mirror and then dropped a note on it. So life is not good right now!

But, I was lucky enough to be able to be able to read *And the Band Played On* last week – can't believe I hadn't read it sooner. And then I get UltraViolet in the mail today. A double dose reminder: San Franciscans fighting for their lives. In 1982. In 2018. And New Yorkers. And Kongira Star. And Palestinians. And Proud Fat Dykes. And People of Color Everywhere. The struggle is a beautiful thing. Maybe it is The Beautiful Thing.

You all, I might not make it! But strength is summoned when I consider all the other queers and fluid-identified like myself who just want to live another day, breathe fresh air, read a good book. We all probably won't make it, but some will. Friend, I hope that some is you.

I would like to close by encouraging all Fed inmates (and state for that matter) reading this to write in about why in 2018, racist, queer-slaughtering gangs are allowed to not only exist but rather proliferate in a government-controlled entity such as a prison. Well, maybe I've answered my own question there. But it's still something to talk about. Maybe one day they get talked out of existence! (Name withheld)

A Victory

This is my first letter. Yes, I'm a Transsexual and [in] the Arkansas Dept. of Correction. I want to reach out and talk to my people. I am 37 years old and I am a male to female-woman. I am the first to receive state funds to pay for my hormones and reassignment surgery. I am waiting to get it changed to a vagina. I will be moved to the female facility after my surgery. So I want to say to all – if you want it, you have to reach out and get it done. Don't allow no one to stop you from becoming who you are, bring yourself out and shine like never before. Don't stress yourself, bless yourself. I am the major of the Rainbow Coalition. I love you all LGBTQ Family. *Cleveland Wright #119139, East Arkansas Reg-Unit, PO Box 970 Marianna AR 472360*

UV is Inspiring

Thank you for including the announcement about our support group at SCI Smithfield [PA] in the latest UV. You continue to provide coverage of people and events that the mainstream media would have us forget about. Tory's article about the Black Pride 4 was informative and inspiring. The support they are receiving gladdens my heart. They stood up for truth and justice and deserve our support.

I believe it is important to memorialize the lives of our comrades. Your pieces on Mo Kalman and April Cotte did just that. I was inspired by the life Mo Kalman lived. She did so much to help many.

Thank you for giving prisoners a platform to read out. Publications like UV are the only avenues for us to connect with each other and to make each other aware of what is happening behind these walls. I send love and strength to family members behind the walls enduring the violence and ignorance of prison staff, administrators and other prisoners.

Kate's article "How Old Left Can You Be" was very informative. I'd like to learn more about organizing and mobilizing and their differences. I needed this article. I have been thinking about how to organize behind these walls. I see there are many pitfalls and I'm trying to avoid them. At least recognize them. I would love to hear more from Kate. What materials would she suggest I read? Which movements have exemplified the best practices regarding organizing?

Respectfully, *Stephen Wilson #LB8480, PO Box 999, 1120 Pike St. Huntingdon PA 94110*

Shorts From Inside

*I was grateful for a copy of your paper that was sent to me. I found it very informative and would love to give a shout out to Lisa Strawn. Hello sweetheart. I'm writing to Ashley Paris; keep fighting, never give up. I'm a person who enjoys reading the articles in your paper. I wish I knew more on how to find out about more people who are openly gay and are not afraid to write. I know people have been very hurt and need love along with a positive outcome in life! **BH Seagoville TX**

*I write this letter in love, support and solidarity to all my LGBT communities and to all the staff and contributors from LAGAI and UltraViolet much love and bless to all of y'all wherever you are especially to those who suffers behind bars as I do. To a prisoner a letter is like gold because when you send us a letter you show us a lot of things like love, loyalty, caring and many others. **JH Gatesville TX**

*UltraViolet; what's up? Ultra honors and veneration from the comrades of the south. Thanks! Your boots on the ground approach is much needed. ONWARD! I just want to represent for the tops, verses and studs of the world. I notice a lot of the shorts come from transgirls. I want to tell them I hear you. We need more men who are real and unafraid and unashamed to scoop up the lovely queens and ride with the movement, I know the fellas face oppression as well – Gay shaming, Gay Bashing etc... So STAND UP. I'm gay, black and I'm down with UltraViolet. Huraah! Shouts out: Thunder Bunnie, Lisa Strawn (PACE) and Ally Cat. I love y'all XOXO **Jacob T Snipes #0812841, PO Box 728 Norlina NC 27563**

*My name is Bernard. I'm a black male from Detroit who has been maliciously prosecuted and convicted. The good news is that my conviction was recently over-turned by the Court of Appeals and I'll soon be going back to trial for a second chance at justice. I am inspired to become a prison activist when released so I felt it would only be right to pay my respects to this organization by writing to say thank you for your support in our struggle. I respect this organization's mission and hope to some day be able to join forces in the fight against social and criminal injustice. **BH Munising MI**

*I hope this letter finds you well. I have been receiving UltraViolet for two years now. I have enjoyed reading it and sharing it with other LGBT inmates here at DeBerry Special Needs Facility. But fortunately my time in prison is coming to an end. I will be going home (YAY!!!!) But I would like to continue on the mailing list for your newsletter. Please change my address. I look forward to being able to read UV in the free world and start working to make changes to the treatment of members of the LGBT community still in prison. **Steven Vidale**

"Death Qualified"

How do you "qualify" to sentence another human being to death? Do you have to demonstrate intelligence or compassion, understand the US Bill of Rights or approve the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights?

No. If you have to do to join a "death qualified" jury is to state, during jury screening for a capital murder case, that you would be willing to impose the death penalty.

And – no surprise here – death qualified juries are significantly more likely to return a guilty verdict than juries that include at least one death penalty opponent. Further, deliberations by the death qualified tend to be swifter and shallower. Again – no surprise.

The novel capital jury selection procedure of 'death qualification' came about through the Supreme Court case of *Witherspoon v Illinois* 1968. The high court ruled that the interest of the State in carrying out the death penalty trumps the right of the accused to a jury of his or her peers. The effect is to enable prosecutors to exclude any potential juror who has qualms about state-sponsored murder. This in turn increases the percentage of capital jurors who are white, male and eager to side with the prosecution.

Another aspect of *Witherspoon* is its obvious impact on prosecutors. These attorneys for the government understand the drama inherent in capital cases. Many prosecutors in the 40 death penalty jurisdictions (38 states, the federal gov't and the US military) equate "success" with execution. This may be especially true in states whose district attorneys are elected, not appointed.

In its *Witherspoon* decision, the Supreme Court wrote of the need for further research into what might transpire as a result of "death qualification." When the research was published, it disappeared almost without a trace; the findings embarrassed *Witherspoon* supporters.

In theory, trial by an impartial jury chosen from the community – a jury of one's peers – is fundamental to the US justice system. In fact, as law professor and author F.E. Aimering said recently, "If you gave a capital defendant a representative jury, you could not produce a death penalty."

Al Cunningham, San Quentin Prison, San Quentin CA 94964

*My friend just showed me your newspaper and I was so excited to see a newspaper like yours published. I am a transwoman inmate that would love to receive UV. I'm in solitary confinement right now hoping to be released soon. I hope to be an advocate for transgender prisoners upon my release in July 2019. I would love to work for an organization or volunteer my time trying to change these jim crow laws that have the prison industrial complex packed mainly with people of color and Latinas like myself. **Stargirl (JB) Milwaukee WI**

*Dear Folks. The masters of the universe that run this private for profit prison have decided to change its old mailing address. Thus forcing us prisoners to spend money letting everyone (publications et) know of the change. Your article in Vol. XXVIII #4, "Immigrant Lawsuit Can Proceed..." was informative. FYI, the activist law group filing the lawsuit is Towards Justice 1535 N High St 3rd Floor, Denver CO 80218. The firm does only labor law. But it does provide pro bono lawyers for persons with labor issues/problems. **JT Olney Springs CO**

*I am a proud member of the Joseph Harp LGBT Community and I'm also the active Sgt. at Arms. I'm a gay male that's had a hard road. I'm interested in the UltraViolet newsletter. I was getting Black and Pink but the property lady stopped us from getting those. Thus cutting off our correspondence with said newsletter. I've got a long time left and have no one else out there. If y'all can help, I'd be appreciative. **RJ Lexington OK**

*The issues of gangs in prison have gotten out of control. Sometimes I think staff fears them more than anyone else. Safety in numbers is why people join gangs. They are the ones who cannot make it on their own. Charging other inmates rent or protection is stupid. You pay me, I won't hassle you, rob you, beat you up etc. If the gangs would leave people alone they wouldn't need protection. Why pay rent when you're already forced to be here as a punishment. Regardless of the crime that caused someone to be in prison, there are 2 kinds of people in prison – affiliated and nonaffiliated. The affiliated rule the roost. A gang member threatens a non-gang member. This person tells a staff member then as a reward is labeled a snitch, gets a write-up as well as hole time, has to pay a fine, loses multiple privileges etc. Whose side are they [guards] really on? The gang member gets a good laugh and moves on to the next person. The only solution is to separate affiliated people from nonaffiliated people completely and totally. **JJ Whiteville TN**

The Flight and Plight of Transgender People Seeking Asylum in the US

by Blue

Last summer 16 people formed the 1st Trans-Gay Migrant Caravan fleeing from Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico to the US border to ask for political asylum. Four gay men and 12 transgender women arrived in Nogales, AZ on August 10, 2017. Kimberly, a transgender woman from Honduras made this statement at the border rally, “We have fled from our countries of origin because most people do not accept us as trans girls. The mistreatment against us begins in our families, when they run us from our homes. They take us out of our homes because we are trans girls. Many of us have been abused by gang members, even by the security forces. Even the police themselves have been mistreated us, raped us, beaten us.

“In our journey for dignity we have suffered tremendously. We do not want to relive this violence by being referred to detention centers for men where we are at high risk of being sexually assaulted.”

Some members of the Trans-Gay Migrant Caravan had sought political asylum in Mexico believing that the Mexican government would offer them shelter and improved living conditions as LGBT people. “We were wrong. Most of us were denied the right to refugee status. Even though a few of us were granted asylum, we found ourselves reliving the experiences of violence and discrimination that we had suffered in Central America. The Mexican authorities have physically and sexually abused us on several occasions. Employees of the National Institute of Migration of Mexico, for example, tortured many of us to have sex with them.”

ICE detention centers are not ever safe places for transgender, lesbian and gay people. According to information obtained under the Freedom of Information Act from the Department of Homeland Security and from complaints of LGBT human rights advocates, it is documented that LGBTQI people in detention centers are 1.5 times more likely to be sexually violated. In retaliation, several facilities deal with sexual assaults on transgender and queer people by placing them in solitary confinement instead of protecting them from the assaults. Several gay men have been put in isolation by prison officials solely for being effeminate.

Organizations supporting the Caravan had worked really hard with local communities to arrange homes where the young immigrants could stay when they crossed the border. Instead they were immediately taken into custody by ICE, put into detention and held for several months. Information is sketchy but as of October, 2017 nine had been released, five were still being held and three had been deported to Honduras and El Salvador.

By May of this year the situation for transgender migrants and most other people had worsened. The lines of those seeking asylum at the border continue to grow longer and longer. People are waiting weeks before they are even seen. There are little to no facilities to house them while they wait. The shelter CARITAS, in Tijuana that at one time during the caravan received 35+ LGBTQI members of the community, was set on fire according to Diversidad Sin Fronteras.

On May 29th Diversidad Sin Fronteras reported the sad news that Roxana Hernandez was murdered while in US detention. This is her story. On March 25th, 2018, along with more than 1,300 other people, Roxana Hernández began her journey across Mexico as part of the 2018 Refugee Caravan with Pueblo Sin Fronteras. She also found support along the way from Diversidad Sin Fronteras. Roxana -- or Roxy as her friends knew her -- traveled over 2,000 miles through Mexican territory on foot, by train, by bus because her last aspiration and hope was to save her life. She fled the violence,



hate, stigma and vulnerability that she suffered as a trans woman in her country, Honduras, and also in Mexico.

She saw in the United States the opportunity to start a new life free of abuse, risk, and threats, by seeking asylum. What she found in the United States, however, was death. Roxy exercised her legal right to seek asylum at the San Ysidro

Port of Entry on the morning of May 9th. She was processed and held for 5 days in the dreaded “icebox” - holding cells with extremely low temperatures – under the aegis of us Customs & Border Protection. She suffered cold and lack of adequate food or medical care, with the lights on 24 hours a day. During her first week in the United States Roxy’s body and spirit quickly deteriorated.

us immigration authorities finally recognized (despite her having been in government custody for over a week) that she needed medical attention once she was transferred to the immigrant prison in Cibola, New Mexico. According to a May 25th ICE press release, which explained the causes of her death in the most convenient way possible for the agency, Roxy was transported on May 17th to Lovelace Medical Center. She did not come out alive.

Roxy died due to medical negligence by us immigration authorities. In other words, she was murdered. Roxy died in the country she had sought to start a new life in, she died for being a transgender woman, a migrant who was treated neither with respect nor with dignity.

On June 6th Diversidad Sin Fronteras held a demonstration in Mexico City to honor Roxy’s life and demand justice for her.

In the usa, immigrant rights groups call for:

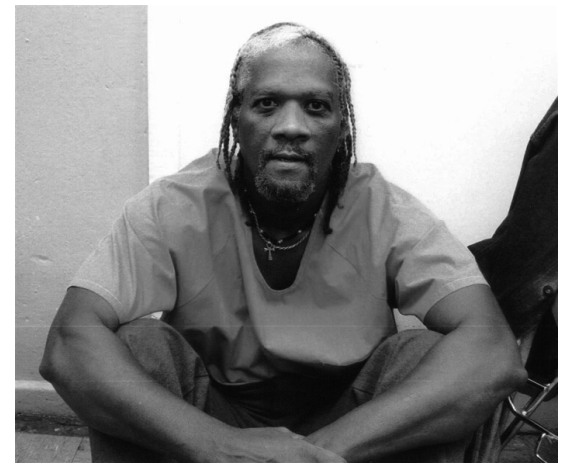
- Dignified and humane treatment to all asylum-seekers and above all to those in an extreme state of vulnerability, like Roxana was.
- An immigration system that respects people’s human rights, instead of criminalizing and killing them.
- The closure of all immigration detention centers, which are prisons where us authorities and private guards unjustly punish immigrants, violate their rights and act arbitrarily with no transparency or accountability.
- An end to US intervention in the immigration policies of other countries, which violate their sovereignty.

The abolition of Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)

In Mexico, groups call for:

- Freedom of transit for all migrants and additional protection for asylum seekers who cannot live safely in Mexico
- Safety in the shelters that provide homes for members of the LGBTQI community
- Recognizing cases of gender-based violence for asylum in Mexico when appropriate

For more information see #Justicefor Roxsana, #DismantleICE, #endtransdetention, #NiUnaMenos, #NotOne-Less and on FaceBook @Diversidad Sin Fronteras, @Al Otro Lado, and @Pueblo Sin Fronteras



Kevin Cooper is Innocent

Kevin Cooper has been on Death Row in CA for over 30 years. The original evidence that led to his conviction was shaky from the beginning and the racism of the prosecution was blatant. Still, time and again, his appeals were denied. But his supporters have never given up. Now there is a new campaign to have the DNA from the case retested using advanced DNA analysis. Because the same San Bernardino County law enforcement offices that had destroyed the evidence pointing to other suspects in 1983, now refuses to allow new, state-of-the-art testing on the remaining evidence, there is a push to insist that governor Brown issue a reprieve and convene an innocence review.

Contact Brown to demand the DNA testing that will prove Kevin’s innocence. Demand that Brown grant Kevin Cooper clemency now! Write him c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814, Phone: (916) 445-2841 or jerry.brown@gov.ca.

For more info about Kevin Cooper and other Death Row inmates, write to Death Penalty Focus, 5 Third St Ste 725, San Francisco CA 94103 or information@deathpenalty.org



The Horrors of Self-Surgery

Thank you so much for sending me UV. I gain so much knowledge from it. As I write this I am experiencing great pain which may be due to my attempts at Self Surgery a year ago. Medical did a UA, said there was no infection and referred my complaint to my therapist (a social worker). It has been over a month now that I have been going through this pain which is now worse than my attempts at a self-orchectomy. I am shocked that I am being denied non-transition related medical care because I am a transgender woman! (This facility is openly anti-trans in practice) I did report this to my attorney. I am being represented by OutFront Minnesota (www.outfront.org).

Transsexual individuals historically have engaged in various forms of self-surgery or have enlisted the help of others to modify their anatomy when qualified professionals have refused to help. These actions are negatively labeled by health care professionals as “auto-castration”, “genital mutilation”, breast disfigurement” and/or “impulse control issues” to name a few. ‘Suicide’ may often be attributed when the attempt fails and the transgender individual dies.

Gender Affirming Self Surgery (GASS) is a term I have begun to apply after my own attempts at suicide and ‘auto-castration’. [This is] unlike the other terms which fail to indicate that the patient’s actions are not to harm or kill themselves. GASS acknowledges the patient’s actions are to correct our bodily ‘abnormalities’ and provide relief from our gender dysphoria. The purpose is to find comfort in our own skin.

When health care providers see themselves as gatekeepers to appropriate medical care, they open the door to dangerous, possible life-threatening, GASS and suicide. When the health care provider works with and advocates for their client in the direction of their transitional goals, affirming their gender identity at every level, we can put an end to the dangerous practice of Gender Affirming Self Surgery and reduce the number of deals in transgender youths and adults.

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'We're Still Here': 'BBQ'n While Black' Draws Oaklanders Out in Force
The barbecue-protest inspired by a white woman's racially charged police complaint brought out hundreds of black Oaklanders and their supporters, kqed.org

A white woman now infamously known as BBQ Becky called 911 on three black people barbecuing on a charcoal grill at Lake Merritt in April. This woman spent several hours with this racist harassment, caught on video by one of the people involved in the barbeque and then posted to social media, becoming part of a string of incidents in which white people call the police criminalizing black people doing everyday things.



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theblackbayarea Angela Davis was at #bbqingwhileblack whileblack yes @dnastee #theblackbayarea

In response to this racist aggression, part of the lethal intense current tech driven gentrification, the Oakland African American community vigorously and militantly protested in force on May 20th by calling for a big enthusiastic charcoaling BBQ at the lake. Hundreds of people attended including Angela Davis.

Event co-organizer Jhamel Robinson said, “It’s not that we are taking our city back, but that we aren’t going anywhere. Even though we are being gentrified out, we’re still here.”

The MOCHA Column

By Chaya and Deni

MOVIE REVIEWS

DISOBEDIENCE (review by Deni)

This is Sebastian Lelio's first English-language movie. His last film, *A Fantastic Woman*, won an Oscar for best foreign language film from Chile. I liked this film about an ex-Orthodox Jewish British woman now living in New York, and what happens when her renowned rabbi father dies and she goes back to London where she re-connects with old friends and lovers. The acting was excellent (especially Rachels Weisz and McAdams). And yes, I found the much talked about sex scene very well done. I've had a crush on Weisz since I saw her in the movie *About a Boy*. *Disobedience* showed the systemic patriarchy of the Orthodox sect but it was only a part of the story until it became more than that. I found the film nuanced and reflective in terms of how messy life can be; some critics found it slow. But I think it's worth a watch if you can get past all the religion...

LOVE, SIMON (review by Deni)

Most critics loved this boring, bland, classist, racist, and even anti-queer mainstream coming out/coming of age movie. I wouldn't have bothered to see it if my other plans hadn't fallen through, but now I can spare you the ordeal. It was worse than you might think, but the part I hated most was when the gay teen fantasizes about what gay life might be like when he leaves upper middle class home for upper middle class college. He imagines a kind of rainbow gay musical, (kind of a fun moment actually in this awful film) but then he comes back to his assimilationist senses and says "Well, not THAT gay!" Wow, anti-gay trashing within the "gay breakthrough" movie. OMG, this film might have possibly pushed some limit in the mid-70s but it's ridiculous now.

And watch for SORRY TO BOTHER YOU

Oakland's Boots Riley (of the hip-hop collective Boots Riley and the Coop) makes his directing debut with this film opening on July 6. Rotten Tomatoes (a film/TV rating website) calls it "fearlessly ambitious, scathingly funny, and thoroughly original." The film is about a young Black man working as a telemarketer who can't succeed until he finds his white telephone voice. Riley has been out in the streets at demos with his sound system for years; we look forward to seeing the film and hope it's a hit!

TV SHOWS

DIETLAND is now on TV!! It's based on the book *Dietland* by Sarai Walker with a script by Marti Noxon (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*) and well-acted by Joy Nash as main character Plum. So far, the first two episodes have been shown on TV and were really good, a mix of humor, insights, and revolutionary fat and feminist politics that were in the book (which Deni read). It's hard to believe that fat positive women and critiques of dieting and the diet industry are there on TV (Sundance, AMC) not to mention women fighting back in radical ways against the patriarchy. Watch it if you can. Deni thinks the book is better—deeper, more complex, and somewhat grittier. The TV version has changes Deni didn't like: smarmy heterosexuality for a perkier Plum, among others. One good change is the expanded role of the cafe owner. It's worth a watch and definitely a read, if you can.

POSE is a new series on FX about the queer trans Ball world in NYC in the 1980s. We saw the first episode and liked it. The real stars of the series are the gay and trans characters of color, and with five transgender actors in regular roles, the show is groundbreaking. The show is a combination of the Balls themselves, with incredible costumes/fashions/sets/music, and the poignant backstories and interactions of the characters as they navigate their world. Dialogue is insightful, illuminating, humorous, and of course caustic and cutting as well. Watch it if you can.

ATLANTA will have a third season! Donald Glover's 2nd great season was different, with main characters (Earn, Alfred, Darius, and Earn's ex-girlfriend Van) getting focused episodes. Nowhere was Season 2's gothic tone more evident than in one of the most bizarre episodes ever on

TV, the Teddy Perkins episode in which Darius goes to get a piano and steps into a mini-horror movie. The whole season had a surreal, haunting tone. As Wesley Morris says in a terrific NYT piece, "Atlanta plays with race, fame, money and moods." Filmmaker Hiro Murai, who directed many of this season's episodes, also directed Glover's controversial music video "This is America," a shocking examination of gun violence in Amerikkka performed by Childish Gambino (Glover's musical persona name). Commenting on Atlanta, Murai said "We like heightened depictions of real life. The horror aspect just came naturally from, you know, being alive in 2018 in America." Murai says one of his earliest cinematic influences was Miyazaki's "My Neighbor Totoro." Totoro is one of our favorites, and would be a great movie to watch in these horrible days.



EVEN BART WOULDN'T SAY THIS Six months ago we saw and reviewed comedian Hari Kondabolu's excellent documentary *The Problem With Apu*, about the Simpson's racist character Apu. Kondabolu did manage to get actor Hank Azaria, who voices Apu, to think about the racist stereotypes Apu perpetuates, and Azaria recently said he was ready to step aside or help transition Apu's character into something new. Alas, Simpson's creator Matt Groening is not having it. When asked if he had any thoughts on the criticism of Apu as a stereotype, he replied: "Not really. I'm proud of what we do on the show. And I think it's a time in our culture where people love to pretend they're offended." Doh, &#%?@*! you Matt.

BITS AND PIECES

THE FAULT IS NOT IN SOME STARS Lots of celebrities spoke out in May on Israeli atrocities/war crimes in Gaza. Award winning actor Jeffrey Wright said "58 Palestinians killed by Israeli gunfire, 1,113 wounded. 'What a glorious day,' Netanyahu declared. Regardless of your position, that's a heavy devaluation of Palestinian life." Bette Midler said "Fifty-two people die in protest over moving American Embassy to Jerusalem. Thanks, asshole! Your uninformed and demented actions have consequences! Don't you get it? Those people had families too!" Others who spoke out include Ava DuVernay, Judd Apatow, and NFL player Oday Aboushi. And after a BDS (Boycott Divestment Sanctions) outreach campaign to superstar Shakira, she recently canceled her July concert in Tel Aviv. Al Jazeera's comments on actor Natalie Portman's refusal to go to Israel to receive a prize (but never fear, she's donating the prize money to "Israeli charities") cited that the "real story" was not Portman but rather the scale of the protests in Gaza, and protestors' non-violent strategies against Israeli snipers, along with a shift in American Jewish attitudes toward Israel, particularly among millennials. Also, with 45's decision to move the embassy to Jerusalem, liberals who hate him are critical of this decision and Israeli policies. Commenting on Gaza, Rapper Vic Mensa said "State sponsored terrorism courtesy of your good friends Israel & America." This is the 70th year since the Nakba ("the catastrophe") when the state of Israel was formed. And the terrorism continues against Palestine.

BALL OUT OF PLAY The Argentinian national football (soccer) team has cancelled a planned World Cup warmup match in Jerusalem. BDS supporters reached out to the team to cancel the game in support of Palestine, and they did. Team member Gonzalo Higuain said the decision was "the right thing." The US press has spun this story with rumors and innuendos. It remains to be seen whether the team's action is the beginning of a movement of sports teams supporting BDS and boycotting Israel, as was done against apartheid South Africa in the 1980s. Or not. Stay tuned.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Evidence has surfaced that members of 45's administration have worked hard to dig up dirt on Benjamin Rhodes, an Obama security aide who helped negotiate the Iran nuclear agreement. And the sneaky spy villains trying to smear Rhodes? You got it, Black Cube! That's the private investigation firm set up by former Israeli Defense Forces intelligence analysts, and it's the very same firm that apologized in November for helping Harvey Weinstein get information on women accusing him of sexual harassment and assault. Colin Kahl, a national security advisor to VP Joe Biden, was also targeted by Black Cube. It tried to get to Kahl by contacting his wife through a fundraising committee for their daughter's elementary school. But Black Cube used the same fake firm name (Reuben Partners) that it used to spy for Harvey Weinstein. Ok, just a minute here. We on the left have spent hours, weeks and years coming up with really clever new names for groups. Even for groups that are basically fronts for other groups. And the ex-IDF

agents couldn't be bothered to do this?

WE'RE WITH KAP When Colin Kaepernick took a knee at 49ers games in 2016 protesting racism and police violence, teammate Eric Reid and others in/out of the NFL also protested. In mid-May, the owners approved a new policy requiring players to stand during the anthem in the coming season, or stay in the locker room if they won't stand. Teams will be fined if players or staff on the field don't stand, and the Commissioner will impose "appropriate discipline on league personnel who don't stand and show respect for the flag and the anthem." Jets chair Christopher Johnson would like players to stand, but won't impose fines or suspensions if they don't, and "if the team gets fined, that's just something I'll have to bear." He can probably afford it. According to Forbes magazine in 2016, 19 of the 32 owners are billionaires. The NFL Players Association, which was not consulted on the new policy, is reviewing it for collective bargaining agreement violations. Meanwhile, Kaepernick and Reid are now free agents who can't get hired in the NFL. Best of luck to them with their collusion case against the NFL, which alleges that owners agreed not to hire them because of their protests.

TRUST US Wells Fargo made a boatload of money from bad FHA home loans, hid them from the government, and when the housing bubble burst, countless families lost their homes and American taxpayers were left holding the bag. Then WF was busted for secretly opening/concealing client accounts. Now WF has been caught adding information to business account borrowers without consent. But its new "Trust Us" slogan/campaign warmed our MC hearts. VW cheated on emissions tests of 11 million cars, but is oh-so-sorry and says no, Trust Us!! And PG&E, whose negligence caused the San Mateo County and Napa County fires (loss of life and many homes), not to mention decades of lying and cheating, says, no no Trust Us! Hard to know who to trust these days, and you can take that to the bank.

DON'T TRUST US Turns out the relationship you may have with Siri, Alexa or your Assistant is not as exclusive as you thought. It's possible to exploit the speech recognition systems and send them hidden audio commands that are not detectable by the human ear. Maybe a dog could hear them? The commands, hidden in white noise played on speakers or YouTube videos, activate these systems and can instruct them to open malicious websites, dial phone numbers, unlock doors, make online purchases, etc. Yikes! Further research found it's possible to embed commands in music or spoken text. The human ear would hear music or a voice, but they would be hearing an instruction. Alexa, smash the patriarchy and don't spare capitalism!



TRUST US. AND BE AFRAID. VERY AFRAID Amazon's new "Rekognition" (facial recognition software) knows who you are and what you've been doing. Going beyond photography, it uses biometric measurements to identify people. Initially, Amazon marketed Rekognition to law enforcement agencies, and last fall's update allows Rekognition to identify people in surveillance footage or from body cameras and follow their movements. Or compare the footage to booking databases. Whether or not they're involved in crimes. Now going a big step further, Amazon is partnering with police departments to tailor Rekognition for specific uses, and providing actual services. The Orlando police are testing it to identify "persons-of-interest" by sending feeds from its "public safety" cameras directly to Amazon, which compares the feeds to photos of people being sought. Amazon's director of the Rekognition program said "It's about recognizing people, it's about tracking people, so that the officers can be alerted in real time to events." And, a recent MIT-Stanford study found a huge percentage of errors based on race and gender (surprise!). As SF Chronicle columnist Caille Milner commented, "Facial recognition systems are not neutral technology." The ACLU, Human Rights Watch, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, and 40 other organizations wrote Amazon recently demanding it end the use of Rekognition by law enforcement and government agencies. The letter stated, "Rekognition is a powerful surveillance system readily available to violate rights and target communities of color," citing concerns it can be used to target undocumented immigrants and protesters engaged in First Amendment-protected activities. But Amazon cares! It responded that it requires all of its customers to comply with the law (wait a minute -- the law is the customer!) and to be responsible in the use of its products. #trustustoo Wow. We feel better already.

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Anti-gentrification protesters blocked at least a dozen Google buses with rentable scooters on May 31 in San Francisco.

It's Hurricane Season in Puerto

by Amanda

I want to send a shout out to all the people on la isla who are surviving and caring for each other in the ongoing struggle against colonialism and to rebuild a just Puerto Rico. And a special shout out to our LGBTQ friends who are rebuilding houses, distributing food, caring for each other, and working to dismantle the oppressive system that would turn the island into a paradise only for the wealthy.

June 1 was the beginning of hurricane season. Just in time we got the Harvard study showing that nearly 5,000 people had died as the result of Hurricane Maria. The island still has at least 15% of its people who haven't had their electricity restored. And the rest of the island suffers from periodic and massive black outs. 500,000 homes that survived Maria were able to get plastic tarps to cover the damage, and very few have been repaired. The tarps will not survive even a tropical storm much less a hurricane. The suicide rate has risen dramatically, and depression and other mental health problems are on the rise as is domestic violence. Many people have been forced to leave the island to find work, medical care and shelter.

The Harvard study is not a surprise. The findings are a result of the utter disregard for human life by US colonialism and its Puerto Rican accomplices. Before Maria the health-care system had been privatized. Many Puerto Ricans had no health care. Doctors had been leaving the island, hospitals closed. The \$73 billion debt, none of which had benefited



Support Rabab Again!

In March, the zionist lawfare project refiled its federal suit against SF state university and professor Rabab Abdulhadi.

Rabab is the only full-time faculty in the Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Initiative (AMED). The lawsuit was dismissed by federal judge Orrick earlier in March as "full of barely relevant material" and said it did "not state a plausible claim for relief," according to Palestine Legal. The judge also found that Rabab was not acting officially for the university. The re-filing sues Rabab personally, as well as SF State. Lawfare also filed a suit in federal court against SF State alleging it violates the state's civil rights act by creating a hostile environment for Jewish students.

lawfare, and it's pro-bono mega-lawfirm, winston and strawn, claim that Rabab's research in Palestine, SFSU's partnership with An-Najah University, a 2016 student protest of the mayor of Jerusalem, and the 2017 Know Your Rights Fair, created a hostile environment for Jewish students at SFSU. SFSU president leslie wong has added fuel to lawfare's fire by issuing a public apology equating opposition to zionism with anti-semitism, stating that Zionists are welcome on campus. This is consistent with Wong's virtual absence in dealing with the October 2016 posting of pictures of Rabab around campus saying that she supported terrorism and anti-Semitism. The posters also targeted members of the General Union of Palestinian Students (GUPS).

On April 30, Rabab, asked the federal court to again dismiss this frivolous lawsuit that targets her academic freedom and threatens Palestinian scholarship and advocacy. Rabab stated that the lawsuit, "is a desperate attempt by Israel's apologists to pressure San Francisco State into muzzling the Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies program, which I founded and direct. I will not be intimidated, and I will not be silenced. Professors are role models for their students, and I have a responsibility to demonstrate that fearless pursuit of critical scholarship, pedagogy and advocacy for justice in/for Palestine will survive this 'lawfare' attack."

The first hearing in the new lawsuit will be at 2 p.m. on July 18, at the SF Federal Building 450 Golden Gate Ave. Campus and community groups are mobilizing to support Rabab by attending the hearing. Groups may hold a rally starting at noon, so check the QUIT! website,

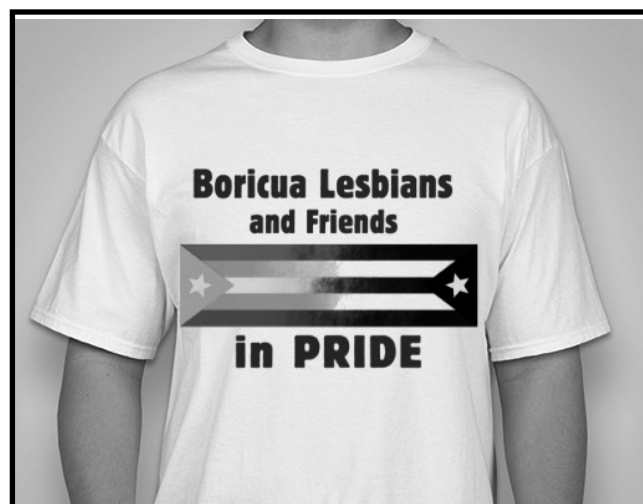


the Puerto Rican people, had been used to put the island's economy under the total control of an unelected group of outside capitalists. Many, many schools had been closed and basic services and infrastructure were allowed to fall apart. There had been and continues to be a militant resistance of Boricua to oppose these measures. An ongoing encampment was created in front of the federal building. Marches and clashes with the police were common. People organized against the toxic dumps that corporations had walked away from. And then came two hurricanes back to back.

"We know that the real disaster was not the hurricane but the terrible vulnerability imposed by Puerto Rico's colonial relationship to the United States, as well as the forced privatization of health and other services; massive layoffs; huge numbers of school closures; reductions in social rights and in investments for collective well-being; abandonment of social and physical infrastructure; and high levels of government corruption and ineptitude." (*The Battle for Paradise: Puerto Rico Takes on the Disaster Capitalists*, by Naomi Klein.)

The tourism industry is open for business. The rebuilding of hotels started immediately even as the surrounding neighborhoods were without electricity and water. Wealthy entrepreneurs are being wooed with tax credits and promises of "a blank slate" to create whatever gated, private, luxurious tax havens they wish. Estimates of 200,000 Puerto Ricans leaving the island since Maria and possibly 20% of the population eventually leaving are supposedly creating the proverbial "land without a people" for the people who want to exploit it. An old colonial legend.

Thankfully dozens of grass roots groups and people across the island are trying to use Maria as a way to reimagine a people's vision of Puerto Rico. The stark reality of colonialism and its utter disregard for human beings has been laid bare. Only people taking power, literally, into their own hands has provided services and rebuilding. Solar power and micro grids are being created to reduce vulnerability to storms and the island's 98% dependence on fossil fuels. Agroecologia had been developing farms and farmer's markets across the island to increase food availability and decrease need for imports long before Maria. These farms survived the hurricane way better than the large monocrop industrial plantations and were able to immediately provide food after Maria for



Puerto Rican activist Ali Marrero Calderón has been chosen as a Grand Marshal at this year's SF PRIDE parade. She has chosen to represent Puerto Rico. We will march with her this June 24th in San Francisco. We want to support Ali and also support the efforts of community groups in the Island struggling to rebuild and recreate a better and more sustainable Puerto Rico. Order a shirt today to help in this fundraising effort! Donations of more than \$20 are encouraged. *Note: these shirts will arrive after July 3rd.*

soup kitchens. Community centers, clinics, and homes are being rebuilt by grassroots efforts (although slowly due to limited funds). The Puerto Rican diaspora and others have sent money and aid, arrived with supplies and volunteered, able to get to areas that FEMA and the military said they could not access. Brigades continue and some Boricua have returned home to la isla. There were huge May Day marches across the island; students and teachers continue to march and mobilize.

Let us not delude ourselves. This is our struggle. Puerto Rico is the testing grounds for a subminimum wage, privatization of critical human services, neglect and destruction of infrastructure, people living under tarps while tourism is thriving around the corner. Tax breaks and gated enclaves allow the wealthy to live in paradise next to and ignoring the poverty and desperation of others. It's only a larger version of the homeless encampments that exist all over the Bay Area.

La luta continua.

Too much, Too little, Too late

By Lisa

It's one of those old songs I never paid much attention to but seem to know all the words to, the kind that get stuck in your head and pop up out of nowhere. Too much too little too late was a number 1 billboard single from Johnny Mathis and Deniece Williams in 1978. Great reprise video in 2011 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPkK1CNptjk>. It was on their classic duet album "That's what friends are for" – also including "You're all I need to get by" written by Ashford and Simpson.

But wait, this isn't the arts and entertainment section: I'm on the science and environmental news beat. Yes! I'm talking about carbon budgets, a tool for looking at climate change and greenhouse gas emissions that explains why we need to stop new emissions, not just roll back the increases. If we have a specific goal, like keeping the increase in temperatures under 2 degrees Celsius (which most scientists say is too high and really the goal should be 1.5 degrees), by a certain time in the future (say 2100), then we can use predictive models to show how much additional carbon and other GHGs can be emitted each year.

A carbon budget provides a way to put the focus back on the causes of global warming and provide clear numeric limits to activities that generate GHGs. It is an alternative to looking at the results of our actions through the atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases --which is now over 410 ppm while warming is estimated at approximately 1 degree—and which many have argued must stay under 350 ppm to avoid 2 degrees warming. Because global warming is the result of the buildup of greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere and the changes in the climate from these emissions take years or decades to manifest, arguing about GHG concentrations being too high, is too little too late to make changes.

Budgeting is a simple concept and places the focus back on the emissions themselves. Turning off the spigot instead of arguing about the size of the flood. While policy makers, as usual, argue about the modeling and what the right budget number should be and who gets what share, it is clear there must be some limit. Any way you look at it, we need to reduce our emissions, not just trade them around or level them off. Carbon budgets can help take these complex issues and pare them down to show that there is no room for new emissions—we've already borrowed against the future irrevocably changing our planet's climate and ecosystems. I wish I could say I believed the simple clear truth that we need to reduce emissions would lead to changes – I'm afraid it's just too much, too little, too late. However, unlike the couple in

the song, I know we (LGBTQQI activists and eco-warriors) will keep trying again and again to make a difference for the future of our earth and all creatures great and small.

Working to stop new oil and gas projects and the pipelines that make them profitable is one of those actions we must persist in—and it doesn't matter who owns the pipeline or the oil. Last month the Canadian government announced it will buy the Trans Canada pipeline project from Kinder Morgan. The pipeline would bring unrefined tar sands oil (very carbon intensive, dirty oil) 715 miles from Alberta to Vancouver, British Columbia to be shipped around the world. Pumping more GHGs into the atmosphere and fueling even more global warming and ensuring Canada will NOT meet its commitments under the Paris climate accord. This pipeline has been opposed by many First Nations groups across Canada along with environmental activists and many others in British Columbia both due to worries about oil spills and global warming. The pipeline, port and shipping all create risks of oil spills. On the sea-side alone, from Vancouver Island to the Olympic Peninsula, the fragile web of southern resident orcas and other marine life would be harmed by increases in vessel noise, greenhouse gas emissions and certainly by any oil spills. So the company gets a fat pay out on a failing investment -- the \$4.5-billion purchase price only buys a leaking 65-year-old pipeline, an aging tanker farm not built to withstand earthquakes, and a port facility along with engineering plans and permits for the high-risk expansion project which will take at least another \$7-billion to build (paid for by the taxpayers)-- while indigenous people and the climate activists getnothing. Really, it is too much!

And speaking of whales, were we speaking of whales? Another whale died in Thailand from ingesting plastic bags last week. The plastic pollution in our oceans (a topic we raised many times in this column for over a decade, see June 2008 issue "Don't let go") is out of control. Entanglements from fishing gear, ingestion of plastic bags, straws and bottle caps, its killing birds, turtles, whales and even showing up in plankton! And where does plastic come? oil and gas with about 10% of the US oil supply going to making plastics each year! The May 2018 National Geographic features plastic pollution on the cover and in several articles with their usual amazing photographs... worth a look! <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/planetorplastic>

And of course its LGBTQQI pride month— so we need to celebrate our wins and our losses together -- within our carbon budget of course! Hope to see some of you out at Trans march, dyke march or just out and about on the streets soon.

Korea - in our lifetime

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of my friends and family in Korea, and about what to do if war broke out. It got worse as my trip drew closer, and this fog didn't lift until I landed in Seoul, where we got to see our friends and loved ones, grasp their hands and hear their voices, break bread and celebrate being together. It was a relief to be there and not be keeping vigil from all the way across the Pacific. In the language and rhythms of everyday Korean life, war seemed so much further away. War was in the US, not in this place, in spite of location, and even in spite of the many American military bases occupying the country. It seemed simple and matter of fact in Korea: Koreans didn't want war, so there wouldn't be war. It was baffling how different it felt, and as a result I spoke of the anxieties I'd had to only one or two close friends there. It felt too dissonant otherwise.

In 2013, my mother pieced together that one of the trips I went on to Korea was related to the Jeju anti naval base struggle. She panicked, simultaneously interrogating me and admonishing me to mind my own business while breaking her own self-imposed silence on Korean politics.

"You live in America now, so why get involved in these things? We didn't come here to go back to that. Who is getting you into all of this? You need to be careful. They are probably brainwashing you. You could get into a lot of trouble. South Korean politics are dirty. Don't get involved... something very bad could happen do you. It's dangerous. Stay out of it and be careful. You'll get hurt. You live in America. Live your life here."

She repeated the lines about "danger" and "they could hurt you" again and again, and when I interrupted her, pushing back and demanding to know who exactly I was being threatened by, she went quiet. After a long moment's silence, she responded, "I don't want to say over the phone. The Korean government can always be listening. Just stop and be careful. Okay?"

My mother hadn't yet told me her own politicization story. She had always been the black sheep of the family, and in the Park Chung Hee era, she became involved in a church that often gave sanctuary to protestors fleeing from tear gas, beatings and arrest. With other members of her prayer group, she would help them and visit people in jail. The Catholic Church, she said, was one of the few entities that could more safely speak about things like the 1980 Gwangju Uprising (and ensuing massacre) because of its connections to the West. "I always felt so sorry to the people of Gwangju," she quietly told me one night. "The whole country was silent as they were killed."

The government had made it impossible to speak openly about Gwangju for almost a decade. Jeju Island, where I had stayed that month working as an interpreter, was marked by a similar tragedy that had disappeared a tenth of its population. On Jeju, in a sleepy village called Gangjeong, construction of a massive US/South Korean naval base was well underway. Gangjeong villagers fiercely opposed this base, connecting it to the militarized brutality they had suffered under 4.3. Both 5.18 and 4.3 began as uprisings against police violence and torture by South Korean military police. Both were met with brutal repression, rape and murder. Both massacres transpired with the active direction or approval the United States. Both uprisings were crushed and silenced by the government, with the justification that they were taking out Reds. Communists. North Korean sympathizers.

"Did you know," my mother once said to me, "When I was younger, in the Park Chung Hee years, they'd play songs and announcements on the radio or over loudspeakers in the streets for us? The government was telling us to work hard and make Korea succeed. And they were also telling us that the North Koreans were monsters. They even said sometimes that they had horns growing out of their heads, like beasts. Can you believe that?"

Korea was divided. Korea was divided and this was no natural parting of ways. Korea was divided, post-WWII and post-Japanese occupation, by Americans. Two mid-level American officers were tasked with figuring out an appropriate border for occupation in Korea, and carved out a line on a National Geographic map that would let the US have Seoul. Since then, the "Demilitarized Zone", or DMZ, has become one of the most militarized places in the world. However, division wasn't only physical. Within South Korean borders, it was used to justify horrific levels of political repression and economic exploitation. Red-baiting and anti-North discourse were enforced through terror, and were used to consolidate political power for right-wing dictators. The National Security Law, a colonial holdover from Japan that evolved to criminalize being "pro-North" or "pro-Communist" legalized governmental impunity. The consequences for dissenting once included imprisonment, torture, death and the targeting of your entire family.

My mother was born right as the war ended, the youngest of six, into a landless, displaced and impoverished family that had sought refuge in the mountains during the war. Like many, they hid in caves to survive. "Once," my mother told me, "Your uncle almost crawled out of the cave, and your *keun-imo* (eldest aunt) had to run and get him back inside because your grandmother was too scared to move! Everyone



partial cover of Resist and Exist, queer Korean zine, by Sam Jung

was afraid but her." In classic Korean fashion, she laughed about it.

After the war, my grandmother helped feed her six children by selling food on the street, while my grandfather was too depressed and traumatized to work. She died when my mother was still a very young child, and my mom used to tell me that she believed that she had died of hardship. My mother would tell me her stories late at night as we drifted off to sleep. "I missed my mom so much, and even though I had a lot of siblings, I felt so alone. At night, I'd listen to the cicadas and frogs until I fell asleep to feel less sad... not having a mom is really lonely, you know. There's no one to protect you or look out for you. You should know that having a mom is one of the best, most important things in the world... you can have a good life, with so much that I didn't have. You're my lovely daughter, my kind daughter, so you must live well. You will live well."

I called her the day after the summit. I waited until my emotions settled a bit; until I had moved from confusion and overwhelm into a more manageable state of confusion and overwhelm.

"Eomma, you heard the news, right? They said they'll end the war? What do you think?"

"Of course I heard! I watched it all and stayed up all night online looking at everything! Eomma is so happy she could die. Moon Jae-in did so wonderfully, and so did Kim Jong-un—he did so well, too! This is such good news... I'm so happy."

"It is! It was so unreal to watch; I can't believe it happened. And when they stepped over into both sides of Korea—"

"Koreans, we have been so brainwashed about each other for such a long time. All of us, we were told that the other side was the enemy even though we are the same people. Kim Jong-un, too, look at how they've talked about him. They made him out to be such a monster. You know, it's not right and it's finally time to end it. And for all of us to be better and come back to each other."

I witnessed my mother's joy, and I celebrated with her.

I witnessed my queer feminist friends' reactions of feeling both deeply moved and painfully reminded of a place that doesn't want them, war or no war. And I remembered how they were condemned by the entire South Korean left for demanding that Moon address his homophobia.

I also thought of friends and elders in Gangjeong village who spent the last ten years of their lives resisting the Jeju naval base, feeling now that their bodies and hearts had been wasted away in the trauma of that struggle. I am reminded of their sorrow and rage as I wonder what will happen next: if they, elders, farmers and *haenyeo* women, will see their

village and sea returned to them in their lifetime.

Ending the war is a basic and necessary step towards healing and building lasting peace. It must be also followed with true demilitarization and an end to US occupation, from Jeju to Pyeongtaek to Soseong-ri. And this must happen also with the active uplift of conditions for queer and trans people, disabled people, women, and migrant workers, who continue to bear the brunt of societal and interpersonal violence even in this historic moment.

For the past seven decades, the logic of South Korean/North Korean, good Korean/bad Korean Korean, calcified into something as heavy and familiar as bone. It was used to determine, in many ways, who deserves to belong and who deserves to be excised or punished. It was also accompanied by the logics of misogyny, violence against queer/trans people, capitalism, ableism, exploitation and racism/xenophobia, all of which also often determine one's worth as a Korean and thus, one's level of exposure to violence and harm. I believe that peace should mean freedom from war and occupation as well as dignity and freedom from abuse and discrimination. So in other words, I believe that this is less of an end and more of a beginning.

When the war ends, what will we grow in its place?

War and division cost us too much, normalized all the worst impulses of humanity, and for South Koreans, created a world in which silence, political repression, exploitation and violence were the costs of "safety". What we have now came at the cost of so many lives, and entire worlds of possibility. Watching Moon and Kim cross over this arbitrary, absurd thing called a border so easily made my heart constrict with emotion, thinking of all the senseless violence, pain and suffering that led us to this point, seven decades later. It doesn't undo everything, and it's still important. It doesn't undo everything, and maybe that's what hurts. I think of Han Kang's poem in *Human Acts*, a retelling of the Gwangju Uprising from both ghosts and survivors, and as I let myself feel hopeful, I also allow myself the humanity of memory and grief.

*After you died I could not hold a funeral,
And so my life became a funeral.*

*Oh, return to me.
Oh, return to me when I call your name.
Do not delay any longer. Return to me now.*

*After you died I couldn't hold a funeral.
So these eyes that once beheld you became a shrine.
These ears that once heard your voice became a shrine.
These lungs that once inhaled your breath became a shrine.*

*The flowers that bloom in the spring, the willows, the
raindrops and snowflakes become shrines.
The mornings ushering in each day, the evenings that
daily darken, became shrines.*

Thanks People's Life Fund!

On April 15, the People's Life Fund gave us a grant of \$2500 to support UV, including our mailing to over 2300 incarcerated subscribers. This is about one quarter of our annual budget, the rest of it is made up from donations mostly from people in LAGAI.

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To learn more about the PLF or war tax resistance, go to: www.nowar.tax.

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