

# SQNEWS LGBTQ+ Deception



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**LACK OF LGBTQ COVERAGE IN SQNEWS?**

Dear Editor-in-Chief:

I am a transwoman incarcerated at Richard J. Donavan. I always pick up a copy of the *San Quentin News* when I go to the law library and enjoy a lot of the articles.

I notice that you and your staff never write or publish any articles of transgenders. I am upset because this means we, as a society, have a lot to work on, or have not moved on. We still have a discriminative society who is not accepting of our community.

Please understand that my people, the LGBTQ, have fought to the point where some gave their lives to make sure that the generations to come don't have to experience any form of discrimination.

—Yvette Blake  
Richard J. Donavan  
San Diego, California

Hi, Yvette! Thanks for writing and sharing your concerns.

Over the last few years, *San Quentin News* has expanded our coverage of issues facing LGBTQ+ prisoners. Our pages have carried stories written by and for gay and trans prisoners, and our newsroom staff is as diverse as our coverage.

We gladly shouldered some criticism in January 2020 when our front page covered San Quentin's first-ever Transgender Day of Remembrance. We've covered the ACT and ALIGHT Justice programs, and celebrated Pride Month with our readers. Take a look at some of the stories we've run. »

Inclusivity and respect for everyone — irrespective of their sexual orientation or gender identity/expression — is an integral part of our philosophy.

We do appreciate your feedback, Yvette. We also welcome submissions from our readers and the public. Please check out our guidelines for submission on page 3.

—Ed.

**Pride in Prison**

**FOR THE LOVE OF LABELS**

**U.S. WEIGHING HUNDREDS OF ANTI-LGBTQ+ LAWS**

**DEPORTED TRANSWOMAN KILLED IN EL SALVADOR**

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trans lives matter

SQ Transgender Day of Remembrance

Dear Yvette Blake,

Hello my Queen,

Great question @ San Quentin News July 2023.  
The answer printed attempted to present your observation as false, while also attempting to decieve readers in self defense of Queen bias @ SQ News. (see page 5 of 5 here).

You asked about Transgender articles, and provided clarity about LGBTQ+ struggle for advancements.

The un-named editor attempted to cover up the bias by noting 16 articles printed by SQ News, (see full article here).

Liberated Fact #1.

SQ News was established circa 1940, and the editor responded with a 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Transgender Day of Remembrance Article - when you do the math, your observation is spot on.

Liberated Fact #2. When you look at all other articles about Acting with Compassion and TRUTH, That GP group hasn't been active since 2021, and Billie Mizell, its founder attempted to use social media to highjack the Condemned LGBTQ+ program and was not allowed further engagement. The Alight Justice Program credits Billie Mizell with the start of that program, yet, you don't see any recent program activity, outside of the articles written about inmates who are no longer incarcerated @ SQ since 2021, Yes, those articles are "Re-Writes" of 2020 issue.

Liberated Fact #3.

The two articles on the top image titled Pride in Prison was written by me, Yes, after 11 years, of calling SQ out on deprivation of Queer Content, and programming they allowed my Juneteenth works last year; and still to this date have printed ZERO about celebration and recognition of advancements per annual declaration by State Governor's encouragement to do so.

## Liberated Fact #4.

Now take a good look at the images again, Just under my Pride in Prison work, is an article titled FOR THE LOVE OF LABELS, which appear in the very same issue where you posed your question, which means, by default of the "Re-Writes" and my Juneteenth pieces last year, SQ News has printed only 3 issues of queer perspective content between 1940 and when you asked your question, do the math, and your observation is on point.

## Liberated Fact #5.

Every year, The Governor proclaims the Month of June as Pride Month, it's legislative public information. Check out the 2023 version in your tablet! There you will read that Pride Month primarily is about recognizing the advances of Queer people from the struggles you mentioned so gracefully in your question.

The issue with your Q is it was June 2023 Pride Month, yet, the Labels article not only was so not about the progress of our noted LGBTQIA+ advocates, it presented Queerness as a Choice-FLAG by Flag. Which is the very reason anti-gay religious discrimination exist, and anti-gay/trans laws spring up in the USA, and Prison Yard GAY police/inmate experts justification for exclusion of queerness statewide.

The other two articles were also not celebratory or affirming, or had anything to do with The Rest of Our STORY. The irony here is that this same SQNews issue has The Day of Peace STORY in it, where the writer gives a detailed list of all GP program sponsors/participants, NO Acting With Compassion & Truth program, No ALIGHT programs on the list, in fact, there was no LGBTQ+ evidence of being included in The Peace process, oh, OR is Peace only a matter of Gangs/Subcultural Race groups, and Religious Residents?

The SQ News editor attempted to cover-up this ongoing collusion between CDCL and those listed above, and it makes people like you look as if you are making a ~~false~~ accusation, and make our Queer village seem like creative' embellishers.

Share this article with the worthy, and have the Village ask a kind soul to printout, or screenshot, OR share AZANDE Press Lines as photos through the messaging app on the Tablets. While they are free, there is a GTL -\$.50 per pic for the service .

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