PRIDE: A DEEPER LOVE

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I am only one of millions of Transgender people in the US, let alone in the world, and relatively young in my transition, having only begun presenting full-time on September 17 of last year, although I remember having early memories of questioning my gender identity in elementary school, around the age of 6 in 1978, 43 years ago.

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Even back then, I knew I was different, but didn’t know what the terms or words were. All I knew was that I instinctively preferred to be in the company of girls, and enjoyed reading and playing with dolls. I wondered why I wasn’t a girl and wished with all my heart I could be. I remember wanting the lavender Members Only jacket that all the popular girls had, and to be both on the dance team and cheer squad. None of those dreams came true.

A few months after coming out as Gay in January of 1993, I started doing drag as a way to express my femininity and began to create an identity for myself. Since looking the courage to come out as Trans, first to myself and then to the people in my life, starting about ten years ago, transitioning had had some high highs and some low lows. I don’t know when I will go from here, and I will be cảm, it’s God’s blessing, what it will be like to read this series next year, when we celebrate a more traditional Pride and I am 50 years old.

Hate crimes on the rise

The fact that there is an increase in hate crimes against Transgender or gender-nonconforming people according to the Human Rights Campaign, at press time, there have at least 29 killings in this community, but there may have been two more and maybe others, as some stories may have gone unreported or misreported, and some people’s gender could have been misreported. That is already 66% of the 44 total reported last year.

Please say their names in a moment of respect for our Trans brothers and sisters that have already lost their lives this year: Tianna Alexander, Samuel Edmund Damasio Valentin, Bianca “Muffin” Barnes, Dominique Jackson, Filly Bandz, Alices Braxton, Cyana Apple, Jeffrey “JJ” Bright, Jasmine Candice, Jenna Franks, Dia Monique Sanders, Raya Pando, Jaida Peterson, Aiselen Evans, Dominique Lucio, Remi Fennell, Tiana Banks, Natasha Leanne Smith, Tiffany Thomas, Keri Washington, Johanna De Allo, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Sophie Vasquez, Dianka “Danny” Hensley, Serenity Hollis, Oliver “Olly” Taylor, Thomas Hardin, Haven A. Bailey, Poe Black, and RJ Boykin.

This is the 15th year in the US. Worldwide, last year, there were at least 350 deaths of Transgender people that resulted from hate crimes, according to www.transreport.org, with the largest percentage of victims (82%) being in South America.

To be a target for your gender or gender expression is still a sad reality, especially today’s civic moment. Every day in my community, when one of us leaves our home we must think about personal safety, regardless if we are going to work, school, or just out on an errand. While some of us have cars, many of us rely on public transportation, which may put us in even more vulnerable positions.

We must worry about “passing” and trying not to provoke anyone as we just try to lead our lives as our authentic selves. We understand that we are at risk, and we are not naive to the world. Some of us make impulsive decisions or have a lapse of judgment just for a moment of intimacy and connection with someone which can lead to unsafe situations or injury, whether physically or mentally. Some of us are hurt by a stranger’s hate; we know, or sometimes we’re simply at the wrong place at the wrong time.

We can sometimes take for granted our ability to either “pass” or project enough confidence that others don’t bother us. I’ve been in situations in which I am alone or in which I know I cannot defend myself. I often have to be more aware of my surroundings, and sometimes I am walking my dog, Nica. Layer on the possibility of someone targeting me because they think I am a cis female and want to assault me and/or the growing trend of anti-Asian hate crimes. For months now, one of my best friends has been insistent that I carry mace on me. However, I refuse to live in fear, and my freedom is something I will not give up, as I have walked all my life to be free.

Trans and nonbinary people are everywhere and everyone, regardless of who they are or how they identify, deserves a fair chance of living their best lives as their authentic selves. I hope that we can remember and honor that this is a year of Pride, Trans Awareness Week, Transgender Remembrance Day.

Looking toward the future

While I didn’t plan on writing this series for the Sourcing Gay News or hosting several virtual corporate events this year, as the Pride events I normally get booked for are in person at an office, festival, or nightclub, I am thankful for this opportunity and excited to reconnect with my writing.

Reading and writing have always been passions of mine, ever since I hung out at the Columbia City Public Library reading Lady Blaecn Books as a kid. I’ve also always looked up to Transgender author Janet Mock, as her books and writing and directing for Pose are things I have thought about pursuing.

During this editing and editing process, I have begun to dream again about being a published writer, sharing the stories of my life, particularly my drug career and transition, as I have revisited my journals that were laying on my glass desk. I now get excited even when I don’t know what I am going to say, staring at the blank computer screen and remembering things I hadn’t thought about in years or wondering if my life can help someone with theirs.

I am growing to be the woman I have always dreamed about. But I hope my transmissses will not be the only thing people know about me but rather just a part of me, like being Filipinx, a drag queen, a host, an activist, or a store director, and maybe even one day a published writer and public speaker.

I’m hopeful for love and, yes, even heartbreak, as I didn’t date in my Gay years. The one love I thought I did have, I recently learned the hard way to let go of, as our ages and life stages would never have worked out in our favor. But I won’t give up, as I still want to experience those buttermilk and dust mink links in person and share them with you. I want to know that side of me, as I have never been vulnerable and/or dependent on anyone.

But most importantly I want a best friend and partner who doesn’t care what others think of him as long as Transgender woman. Instead I hope that he would only care that I am a good person and that I will take care of him and treat him with all the respect and love I can give. I may want to even get married.

I want to experience all the things I never did before. Last month I hiked Lake 22 totally unprepared, but I pushed myself physically and mentally, and I now know what I need to do to be better prepared the next time I hike. I also went wine tasting in Woodinville. I can think about being, but I just put together and maybe a little taller. I want to travel as myself to places I have only dreamed of, I want to maybe own my own modest home.

I am hopeful and grateful to have another chance at life, as these never get an opportunity to come out and live as their authentic selves. In light of everything we have endured this past year, we wish you and your loved ones the very, very best. We all deserve it, regardless of how we identify and whom we love.

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WASHINGTON'S LGBTQ+ FOSTER CARE CRISIS

by Lindsey Anderson
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A startling statistic from Children's Rights.org found that over 30% of youth in foster care identify as LGBTQ+. This is staggering, considering that only 1% of children outside of foster care identify as such.

While many LGBTQ+ foster kids end up in the system for reasons similar to those of heterosexual youth (parental abuse or neglect), some find themselves cast out of their homes just because of who they are.

For any foster child, the experience of being bumped around the system and searching for any sense of normalcy is common, but statistically, LGBTQ+ foster kids are more likely to experience rapid placement turnover or placement in a group home. A 2014 study out of Los Angeles found that LGBTQ youth in the foster care system experience on average 6.37 different placements, while the general foster care population experiences only three on average.

The statistics don’t lie. Kristopher Sharp, a former foster child, spent eight years in the system, “I was told that foster families didn’t want a gay kid in their home, so I grew up in group homes and residential centers, where I was abused sexually, physically, and emotionally.”

A New York study found that 75% of LGBTQ+ youth had run away from a foster placement that had shown hostility toward their gender identity or sexual orientation. The study also found that 100% of LGBTQ+ youth in group homes experienced verbal abuse and that 79% reported physical abuse.

Washington state

Currently, Washington is one of 14 states that include sexuality and gender identity as a part of nondiscrimination laws protecting foster children, but even so, the state’s overall foster care system is lacking when it comes to educating potential foster parents of the unique experiences of LGBTQ+ youth.

The system is aware of cultural and social differences in children from different racial backgrounds or those with disabilities. It not only works hard to educate foster parents on these differences but also provides the information to the prospective parents first, asking if they would be comfortable or able to care for these children.

However, the system does not currently educate on topics of sexuality and gender and does not disclose whether the prospective foster child is a sexual minority.

Robert Crowley, a former foster parent and now the adoptive father of three children, explained firsthand the lack of information for prospective foster parents when it comes to sexuality. “There’s a lot of work done on terms of race, culture, religion, all kinds of those things. But one of the questions that does not come up for the... parents is, would you be interested in fostering a child that identifies as gay, lesbian, transgender, nonbinary?”

While this lack of transparency when it comes to sexual and gender identities might not seem like a major issue on the surface, it is one of the main reasons LGBTQ+ foster children encounter such frequent difficulties in finding a permanent placement.

“There are these cases where children are kicked out of their homes because of their orientation and then placed into foster care homes where they are still not accepted,” Crowley explained. “And these families try either to convert them or keep them from going that way, and some have even suffered abuse in their foster home after being kicked out of their birth home for abuse.”

Disclosing to potential foster parents that they may be matched with an LGBTQ+ child would allow the biggest ones to opt out of taking in an LGBTQ+ child, preventing further abandonment and displacement in the child’s life.

Foster care crisis

It is no secret that Washington state is facing a foster care crisis. According to PartnersForOurChildren.org, Washington has on average 8,000 children in home care. The average age of a child in foster care is just six and a half. Displacement at such a young age can be traumatic for a child and wreak havoc on their cognitive and emotional development. Even harder is when children are repeatedly moved out of homes, leading many to develop attachment disorders.

The experiences of older foster children can be just as damaging. Twenty thousand children age out of the system each year without the money or family support to help start them off in life.

For more information on the foster care crisis facing Washington state, I turned to a social worker based in Spokane, who preferred to not be named. Spokane County is home to 800 foster kids each year, and as it’s more conservative, it can be much harder for those who identify as LGBTQ+ to find foster care.

Crowley and his husband, Robert Martin, considered Spokane when looking for a foster placement. “I remember when we were first deciding on which organization to go with, we were looking at all sorts of different ones, and a friend of ours had recommended one in Spokane, and a friend of hers had adopted very, very quickly from Spokane,” Martin said. “I contacted them, gave them a little blurb in my email, followed it up with another email, and didn’t hear anything. I called and I called, and nothing.

“Finally, I got a hold of somebody, the executive director of the organization, and she said, Mr. Martin, I have received all of your communications, but I am here to tell you that none of our birth mothers would be interested in a family of your making.

The Spokane social worker confirmed this, informing me that while there are many open-minded and loving families in Spokane who would be willing to take in an LGBTQ+ child, there are just as many who would find discordant in the idea.

Solutions

The solution to the issue, both Crowley and the Spokane social worker informed me, is that we need to see more LGBTQ+ parents willing to take in older youth. Children over five, who make up 49% of those currently in foster care, have a much harder time finding placements, and they struggle even more in finding adoptive parents.

Providing disclosure of sexual identity when it comes to youth in foster care could also help match LGBTQ+ identifying youth with parents and placements who identify the same way.

While making the decision to become a foster parent is a big step, doing so changes the lives of children, especially older LGBTQ+ children who have already experienced much rejection and heartbreak.

Crowley and Martin have a full house right now, but they are keeping the door open to possibly helping an LGBTQ+ foster child know that they are not alone.

“One thing we’ve always talked about is eventually fostering an LGBTQ child, or even possibly adopting,” said Martin.
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The Queer BIPOC artist, activist, and independent journalist who is changing the game

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If you’ve been following the Black Lives Matter protests in Seattle, you should be familiar with Future Crystals, the 25-year-old artist who took their cell phone to the streets of Seattle and at the same time defied the narrative that will define this moment in local history. While that name has been around for over five years, it is now synonymous with the one-person independent media powerhouse.

“I’ve been focusing on building people’s voices, especially amazing BIPOC folks. Not only boosting their voices but being able to capture the moment when possible,” explained Crystals. “That can be just filming someone speaking or reposting a flyer on social media.” I like sending people in certain directions to convince people to get to know each other more—place the keys in the right hands.

“A lot of streams in the past were pretty violent or chaotic situations. However, there were also ways of being able to have dialogue and use the situation to hear people’s points of view—a back-and-forth with cops or a fascist.”

Crystals credits their textile success to Dan McLean, a local Queer designer best known for making custom plus-size clothes, reworking old designer brand items, and her femme-empowering pieces. “She definitely pushed me to go even further in that realm,” they said. “Dan is one of my biggest influences.”

Another mentor they credit for helping them to “get on my way” is Carolyn Hat, the creator behind Blue Cone Studio and community organizer with Forever Safe Spaces. Crystals had been featured in Blue Cone’s annual yearbook, Relevant Unknowns, and became an “artist in residence” at the Capitol Hill artistic landmark. Forever Safe Spaces, a collaboration between Blue Cone and community organizations to support minority artists, even helped them to find their new home.

Black lives and murals

However, Crystals’ most well-known piece of art isn’t in a gallery or in someone’s closet. It’s now part of the iconic Black Lives Matter mural on Pine St., between 10th and 11th Avenues. You can distinguish their letter from the rest due to their crystal-cluster trademark, which was painted into the last E during the Capitol Hill Organized Protest last summer.

“Stop all when I heard that people were thinking it would be cool to do a BLM mural. There was a trend of people doing murals like that,” they said. “I was one of the first people that I remember them talking to about it. I was so busy that I didn’t really have time to put energy into it, if that makes sense. I didn’t really get to choose my letter or anything. I was happy with the E in the ‘word’ matters.”

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There were a lot of artists that just kind of came up and helped to paint, either people who were walking down the block or other artists. They saw the painting and they just started helping paint. I kind of put the vision out there, but then people just kind of started to make it come together.”

Crystals also shared their talents in Minneapolis, where they joined members of Creatives After Curfew, to paint a mural near the site of the tear gas for 20-year-old Daunte Wright, a biracial man shot by police during a traffic stop. The group is made up of other BIPOC and queer artists and was formed in response to the murder of George Floyd. They had been in town to cover the trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, who was recorded kneeling on Floyd’s neck for 9 minutes and 29 seconds, and was there when the jury’s verdict was announced.

“It was crazy. You know when you hear a good song or somebody says something super powerful and you get that tingle in your spine? I remember having that tingly feeling,” they said. “There had been a Black woman speaking and she’s like, you know, giving this motivational speech... She kind of started stuttering a little bit out of anticipaton. Then, this dude behind me, he’s just, like, guilty, guilty. He said it right behind me. You know, the crowd went boom.

“A lot of people out there [in Minneapolis] had a cousin, brother, son, or sister, or just a beat up by the cops. A lot of them are even less lucky than that. I think that was one thing that really, as a whole, set them in a different place than what most Seattle people would understand—Seattle being mostly white or upper-middle class people. They stand in solidarity, but they haven’t felt what it is like when it’s their friend or family member.”

A jury found Chauvin guilty of murdering Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man. A judge will determine his sentence.

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“The trial of Chauvin was a big moment for everyone. I think it was a moment of change for many people. I think it was a moment of change for the community. I think it was a moment of change for the world.”

Growing up in Rainier Beach

The Queer BIPOC artist, activist, and independent journalist who is changing the game

Crystals gives some credit to their mom for their artistic abilities and social justice advocacy. She herself is a busy artist. Likewise, they credit their grandma for the way they define their art. They helped to raise them during their early years, when they were surrounded by the Lesbian community and spent most summer at Pride parades and marches.

“What’s the case of the crystals kind of represent? I’ve always had a hard time defining myself as an individual. I also had a hard time defining my art. You can’t just put someone in a box,” they said. “It’s just like the art: artists aren’t just a painter or filmmaker; artists are artists. The crystals—in my eyes—represent all the differences in you and me and moreover elsewhere. Even though my upbringing was different, I noticed there was a lot of similarities between us. Like a crystal cluster, each and every one is unique but are more similar than we recognized.”

Crystals grew up in the Rainier Beach neighborhood of Seattle. They recalled that it had been the most diverse zip code in the nation at one time. Geocaching has changed all that, “There would be like a quinoa salad or cookies happening down the block from my house, and then there’d be some fucking douchebags doing yego,” they said. “Then, on my dad’s side—I didn’t know him—I guess that he was Italian and Cuban or Sicilian and Cuban. I guess there’s a difference between the two. I don’t know my roots on that side of my family.”

“Although it is confusing and it can get hard at times, it’s also a blessing, because not a lot of people get to experience America from my point of view. I’m so mixed-race that you can’t even latch onto any one thing. I think that there’s gonna be more and more people like that... over time. Our grandparents and great-grandparents had to be raised to be a kind of Christian white girl or... insert race here. Now, it’s becoming okay to like who you are and be whatever you are.”

Crystals plans to continue their coverage of the protests and events in support of Black Lives, but what else might lie ahead is a little uncertain.

“I don’t know,” they said. “It isn’t exciting. I guess we have to wait and see.”
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