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To Our Readers

By D. Razor Babb, Feature Reporter

WELCOME TO YOUR March *Mule Creek Post* and its new tablet-friendly format. We hope this makes for easier, more pleasurable reading. Please let us know what you think.

With the new format, we hope to be able to fit more into the *Post* from regular contributors and new writers alike. We welcome new readers and thank all of you who have written and submitted stories. We look forward to receiving submissions from our new readers; guidelines are on page 3.

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Prison Journalism Project staff in the Mule Creek Post newsroom in early January. Clockwise from top left — Yukari Kane, Teresa Tsuchi, Mason Bryan, Kate McQueen. [illegible]

PJP Visits Mule Creek State Prison

By D. Razor Babb, Feature Reporter

ON JANUARY 9, representatives from the Prison Journalism Project (PJP) visited Mule Creek State Prison. PJP co-founder and director Yukari Kane, chief operations officer Teresa Tsuchi, managing editor and art director Kate McQueen, and senior editor Mason Bryan addressed a gathering of Incarcerated Journalist Training program students and members of the *Post*.

PJP is a nonprofit news organization that features stories from inside prison walls and works with outside media to get these stories broader coverage. It provides journalism training to the incarcerated. PJP also publishes stories online and works with many organizations that support prison reform and social justice, such as the *ACLU* and the Marshall Project.

Kane — a journalist whose credits include the *Wall Street Journal*, Reuters, and teaching journalism at San Quentin Prison — said, "We want to tell stories that are important ... and feel so lucky to find stories that leave a mark. If I wasn't a journalist I would be a teacher; I'm lucky, I get to do both." Kane is a professor of journalism at Northwestern University and a former adviser to the *San Quentin News*.

Bryan points out how PJP helps prisoner writers get published in local and national publications, like the *New York Times*. He says that a major part of PJP's mission is to facilitate quality reporting and writing. "I found in incarcerated writing something that felt bigger than me; it's a part of the democratic process, everyone deserves a right to be heard."

McQueen manages *PJP Inside*, a print edition featuring prisoner-reported stories, and also instructs incarcerated writers. She teaches a magazine writing course at San Quentin. "I do writing of my own, teach at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and inside at places that are difficult to access. I believe in education, and believe in opening doors so others can walk through."

Tsuchi has been with the organization for two and a half years, since its inception. She is evolving the online news division. She points out that as a nonprofit organization there has to be an understanding of what their readers

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