PROGRAM

6PM Food, Performance & Speakers

The Name Says it All (speaker: Julie)
Control units, as part of the greater criminal injustice system, are used as a way to control certain populations. Working with the Maoist Prison Ministry, Julie has helped coordinate the longest running political education program for prisoners in the United States.

Survivor (speaker: Father Dom)
A recent survivor of over 6 years in various Security Housing Units across California, Dom will share personal stories of the effects of long-term isolation on human beings.

Control Units beyond Super Max (speaker: Tommy Escarcega)
While never being put in a “Super Maximum Security Prison”, Tommy’s experience in California women’s prisons speaks to the use of long-term isolation far beyond the supermax prisons.

Sensible Housing Unit: Air
The Counter Narrative Society will present this touring performance project that merges irony, facts and audience participation to act, reveal and respond to the effects of prison control units.

7PM Movie Screening | $5

UNLOCK THE BOX

Thursday, May 21st 2009

UNLOCK THE BOX
is a movie documenting the struggle to put an end to long-term isolation in U.S. prisons that has been waged by prisoners and activists for decades. Starting from the premise that long-term isolation is a form of torture that serves no purpose except the state’s oppressive aims at social control, Unlock the Box documents the many forms of struggle that this movement has taken over the years.

http://www.abolishcontrolunits.org/movie

Bay Area STOPMAX presents

DOCUMENTING THE STRUGGLE TO SHUT DOWN PRISON CONTROL UNITS

Bay Area STOPMAX is a collaborative group of prison activists and organizations working together with the national STOPMAX campaign to build public opinion around the idea that “solitary confinement” is a method of torture, with the goal of ending its use from the county jails to the super maximum security prisons within the U.S. to the military prisons around the world.

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