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“Use Your Voice”

By ANGELA SOTO

Making statements, what was worn, who was there, who was with whom, and politics was in the air at this year's 2004 OUToberFEST that was held at DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center at Reid Park, October 9th.

Since the 70's, countless volunteers bring crowds together to rejoice in their identities.

This year, vendors, entertainers, and non-profits were proud to support Tucson Pride, Inc., at the pride celebration.

“Use your voices, you count.” Shouted headliner Paul Lekakis, which added to the theme “Everyone Under the Sun.” “Voice your identities and be proud of who you are,” he said.

In 1977, when it was called the Pride Celebration, the LGBT community was less connected than it is today, now, the event flourishes on family, fun, and entertainment.

OUToberFEST drew about 5,000 people last year. This year about 80 vendors set up their booths including more food booths than ever before—offering an array from Thai food to hot dogs.

The non-profits provided information on social groups, politics, and if you missed seeing the map of where everyone lives, you missed out on a fun feature. The map showed the demographics of where lesbians live, where the gay men live, etc... Most of the gay men live in the northwest area and lesbians live midtown—on Water Street to be exact.

Opening the ceremony was Brian Fox and Jim Bondioli singing the National Anthem.

Comedian Rhett Harrison gave a few laughs then Lisa Otey and her partner Kathleen Williamson, Tammy West, and



Photo by Angela Soto

There were reports of birds in the audience. Birds pictured from left to right include: Angela Soto, Linda Dols, Jeanne Dusseault, Maria Zulauf, Cheryl Smith and Carol Ann Alaimo.

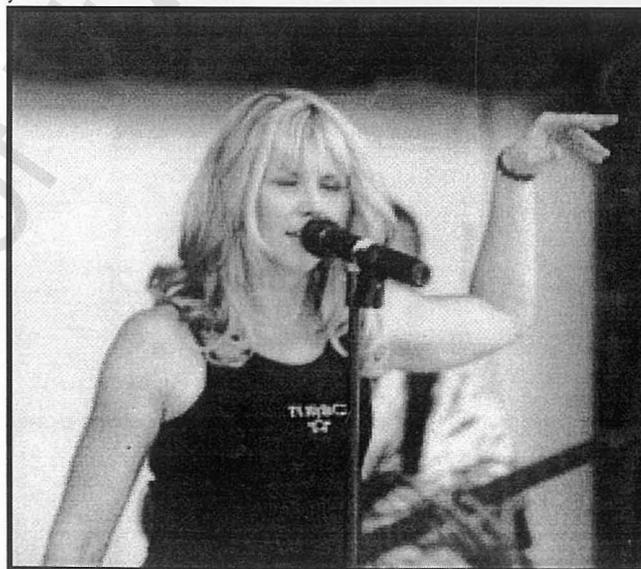


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Tucson pop star LeeAnn Savage moved her groove thing.



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Headliner Paul Lekakis shows a little skin - okay a lot of skin during his performance of “Boom Boom.”

ANTIGONE BOOKS

Fri., Nov. 5, 7 PM: Joy Williams will read from her new story collection, *Honored Guest* (Knopf, \$23.00). The landscapes of these 12 stories reach from Maine to the Southwest and into Central America. The events cover a range of human travail and the many ways — comic, tragic, unnerving—we seek to accommodate diminishment and loss. Her characters are richly alive, in circumstances at once supremely peculiar and yet entirely recognizable. Williams is the author of two earlier story collections, a book of essays and four novels. Her most recent novel, *The Quick and the Dead*, was a finalist for the 2001 Pulitzer Prize.

Thurs., Nov. 11, 7 PM: Dr. Eve Wood, Professor of Medicine at the University of Arizona Program in Integrative Medicine, will discuss her new book, *Medicine, Mind and Meaning: A Psychiatrist's Guide to Treating the Body, Mind and Spirit* (In One Press, \$21.95). Dr. Wood presents an integrative approach to healing which combines traditional psychiatric practices and universal spiritual principles. By sharing her patients' poignant and captivating tales of recovery, Dr. Wood demystifies the therapeutic process and shows that we can work through the most difficult of challenges and achieve emotional health.

Thurs., Nov. 18, 7 PM: Tonight, we are celebrating the release of *Essays Out Loud* (\$14.00), a spoken word CD by Nancy Mairs. The CD, produced by Tucson's local feminist publisher, Kore Press, is a recording of Mairs reading, in her inimitable way, essays from *Plaintext* and her most recent book, *A Troubled Guest*. Please join us for a reading and a conversation with Nancy Mairs.

Fri., Nov. 19, 7 PM: Tired of buying tofu and then tossing it into the garbage untouched? Or perhaps you cook with tofu preparing two or three favorite dishes—but would like to expand your repertoire. Well your worries are over! Meridith Little will be serving up her wonderful cookbook, *Taming Tofu* (\$15.00) as well as some mouth watering foods to sample.

Fri., Dec. 3, 7 PM: Blake Spalding and Jen Castle, chefs and co-owners of *Hell's Backbone Grill*, a remote culinary gem in Boulder, Utah, will be in Tucson to share their new and very unusual book, *With a Measure of Grace: the Story and Recipes of a Small Town Restaurant* (\$30.00). With sensitivity and humor, these two women recount the tale of how their Buddhist-based, woman-owned restaurant has become a community anchor in a small Mormon town. Come hear them talk about the trials, tribulations, and successes of Hell's Backbone, which, against all odds, has won national acclaim. Signature recipes, lively anecdotes, and a healthy dose of old-fashioned rural wisdom make the book a colorful, delightful and unforgettable read. Note! This book would make a fabulous holiday present for the gourmet in your life.

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THE PROVINCETOWN EXPERIENCE

STORY BY MARIE TANTALO — PHOTOS BY SUSAN PEARCE

What do you get when you take a week in October, throw in some sunshine and beautiful fall foliage, flavor with a pinch of salt air from the Atlantic Ocean, add about 5,000 Lesbians of all ages, shapes, sizes and ethnicity, mix it all up in an historic village on Cape Cod and then garnish it with the best gay women entertainers in music and comedy?

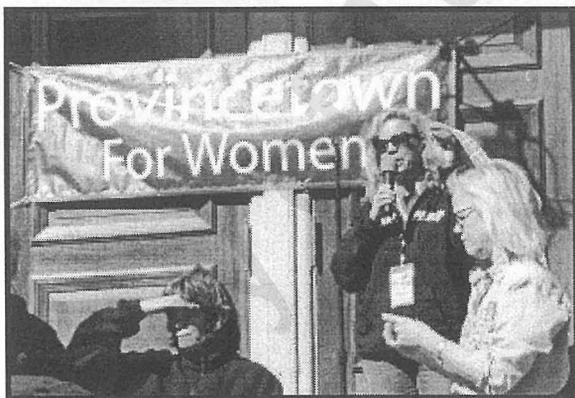
Well, what you get is the *20th Annual Women's Week in Provincetown, Massachusetts* and it is an unbelievably delicious experience!!!!

We'd heard about Women's Week in Provincetown for several years now from friends of ours who have gone for the past several years but, "due to circumstances," we were never able to join them. Thankfully, they never stopped "pestering" us to make the trip and this past winter we made the commitment to do it and are we ever happy that we did!! ("This past winter" you say? Yes, this week has become soooo big, the people "in the know" reserve 12 months early!)

This event was originally started 20 years ago by the Women Innkeepers of Provincetown as a weekend venture. They wanted to host a "true Ptown" experience JUST FOR LESBIANS in this famously "gay friendly" town so that they could enjoy the wonderful shops, the ocean, the food and the freedom to be themselves in a nonthreatening environment. So, they picked the weekend of Columbus Day and, since that first effort, the event has blossomed into a 10 day nonstop experience that goes from one end of Commercial Street (which runs

east to west along Cape Cod Bay) to the other and has extended "the season" for most of the shops and clubs all over Provincetown.

We drove to Massachusetts from Rochester, NY (about an 8 hour drive) and were treated to the wonderful reds, golds and oranges of the fall foliage along the route on a bright sunshine filled Saturday. Upon arrival, we found our friends from Rochester and their friends from Florida, New Jersey and Massachusetts (who have all become friends BECAUSE of previous Women's Weeks) waiting for us at a wonderful Bed and



Lynette Molnar, a member of the Women Innkeepers of Provincetown makes an announcement prior to the Kiss-In while comedian Vicki Shaw prepares to hand out tickets to the participants.

Breakfast called Snug Cottage which we all essentially "commandeered". Although it is not one of the nine establishments run by Women Innkeepers of Provincetown, it is run by a wonderful gay man named James who treated us like his sisters.

At our first breakfast together we poured over the 75 page Women's Week guide to see what everyone was interested in and to make reservations for the "hot ticket" shows...and what a plethora of events there was to choose from!!

First of all were the "big names" that were scheduled for the week: in no particular order that included Suzanne Westenhoefer, Chris Williamson, Lucy Blue Tremblay, Kate Clinton, Vicki Shaw, Sophie B. Hawkins, Tret Fure, Suede, Sonia, Karen Grenier, Judy Gold, Poppy Champlin, Lea DeLaria, Maggie Casella and Karen Williams.

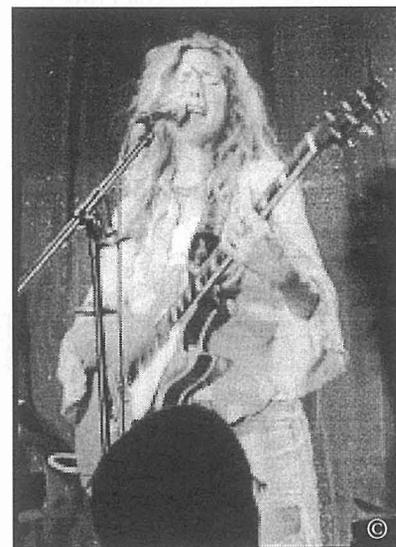
Then there are the plays, such as *The Vagina Monologues*, *Lorena Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt: A Love Story* and *Ask Andrea Anything* to name just a few.

What's really fun and very special is that the entertainers and actors are "out and about" in the street enjoying the crowds and the joyful atmosphere along with everyone else! Lucy Blue even extended an invitation to everyone at her concert to

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Chris Williamson graciously autographs items for fans at WomenCrafts.



Grammy Award-Winning, singer-songwriter, Sophie B. Hawkins performs.



Lucy Blue Tremblay performs for the couples at the commitment ceremony.

Your Voice

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Desert Voices lit up the stage not all at once, but throughout the day. Singer Namoli Brennet was on at 2 PM, followed by Mark Weigle and his band.

Weigle has released four acoustic CDs. The lyrics of one of his songs tell a story of a married man having his first sexual experience with another man in an adult bookstore.

Yvonne Perea performed last year and was back strumming some tunes that kept the stage warm for Lee Anne Savage.

Savage is a crowd favorite. Back for her third year, she was dressed in black tight pants, singing favorites from Madonna and Prince and praising the audience for sticking by her and supporting her wherever she goes.

Lekakis sang his well known song "Boom Boom Boom...let's go back to my room ..."

And we can't forget a Pride without the "Viva La Diva" drag show hosted by Miss Gay Arizona 2002, Bunny Fu Fu. My favorite was the female impersonator who did Tina Turner. If I looked as good in heels, I'd wear them.

"Remember...never stop believing. Be proud. Be strong. Be You!" was the inscription written by Arnette Miller, Tucson Pride Inc., President, in the Pride program. Really, that's what the celebration is all about.



Photo by Angela Soto

Bernice Chavez was at the beer booth, not drinking - selling it.



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Straight alliance Carol Ann Alaimo shows off her pins in honor of Breast Cancer month. One pin says "I touch myself," the other says "Check Them Out."

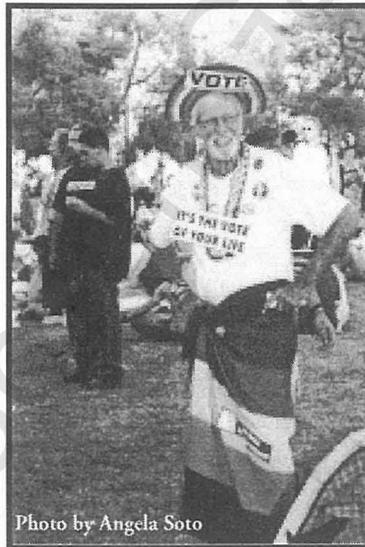


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The "Vote of Your Life Guy" was getting the message out to "do your civic duty on November 2 and VOTE!"

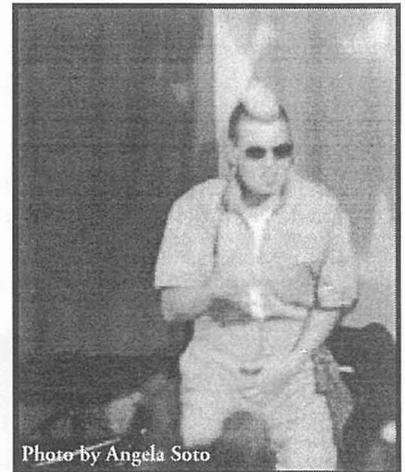


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Drag king Angie, aka "Mister Fister."



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Jodi Cuneo making a pride purchase.



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Christian Moore, "Miss Thing" aka Kimi-San DuMi.

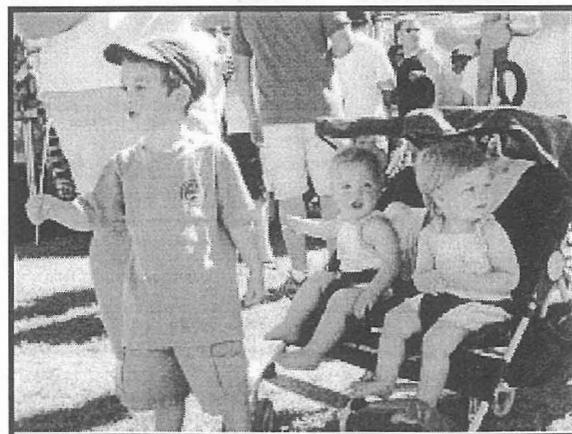


Photo by Cheryl Smith

Joey Hengemuehler (front), in the stroller is Jorja (pointing) and Natalie (looking away) Pool.

Every Step Makes a Difference

BY ANGELA SOTO

More than 4,000 men, women, children, and pets, participants from large corporations, local companies, family teams, local schools, and colleges participated in the 16th annual AIDS Walk 2004.

The event took place on a cloudy day at Rillito Downs, 4502 N. First Ave, on Sunday October 17, 2004.

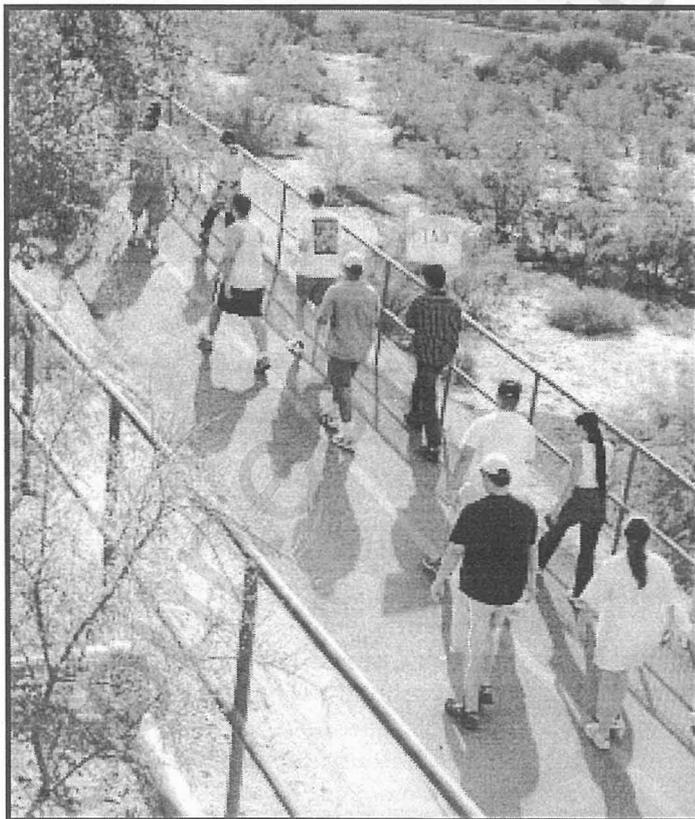
About 500 balloons were released as the 4K walkers started lining up to commemorate those who have lost the battle against the disease.

The thousands of walkers raised money to ensure that food and care are available for persons disabled by the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

All money raised by the walkers will remain in Southern Arizona and it will go directly to support critical services for people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS and to fund prevention programs for people at risk for HIV.

The money will also help with counseling and peer support groups and reduces the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases through prevention and educational programs.

According to AIDS International, more than 20 million people with HIV/AIDS have died since the first AIDS case was identified in 1981.



AIDS Walkers along the Rillito wash.

Photo by Angela Soto

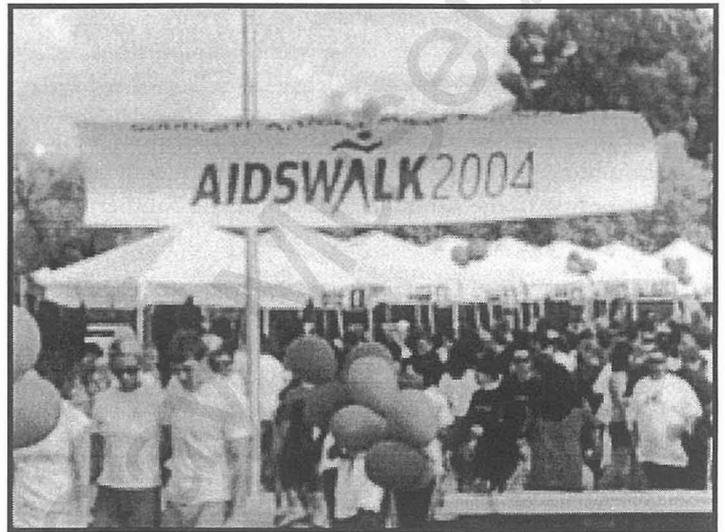


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Thousands showed up on a cloudy day to walk in the 16th Annual AIDS Walk.

Some of the people you may recognize are:

- Isaac Asimov, science fiction writer—infected by transfused blood during heart surgery. He died in 1992.
- Carlos Busquets, Puerto Rican astrologer, died of AIDS from a tainted needle.
- Gia Marie Carangi, a 1980s super model, died of complications resulting from AIDS in 1986 at the age of 26.
- Robin Crosby, guitarist, was HIV-infected by a tainted needle while addicted to heroin. Died of AIDS-related causes at the age of 42 on June 6, 2002.
- Eazy-E, rapper. A.k.a. Eric Wright, died March 20, 1995.
- Rock Hudson, first major American celebrity to acknowledge being infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, died October 2, 1985.
- Derek Jarman, director, made the film "Blue" while blind as a result of AIDS. He died in 1994 at the age of 52.
- Liberace, pianist. Died of AIDS February, 1987.
- Freddie Mercury, singer and musician, his death from AIDS-related illness led to the Mercury Phoenix Trust anti-AIDS charity and the Freddie Mercury Tribute Concert. Mercury died at age 45 Nov. 23, 1991.
- Robert Reed, actor on the *Brady Bunch*. Died on May 12, 1992.
- Sylvester, disco artist and drag performer. Died December 16, 1988.
- Ryan White, heterosexual hemophiliac teenager who died at a time when it was considered a gay disease. Died April 8, 1990.
- Pedro Zamora, AIDS activist, was on "The Real World." Died November 11, 1994.

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Every Step

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- Patient Zero (Gaëtan Dugas)—famous as the subject of an early epidemiological study into HIV/AIDS. Died March 30, 1984.

There is no cure for HIV/AIDS.

The drug treatments are not a cure, and they don't work for, or cannot be physically tolerated by tens of thousands of people according to the pamphlet released by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. Although the drug therapies help, the need for more services continues to grow.

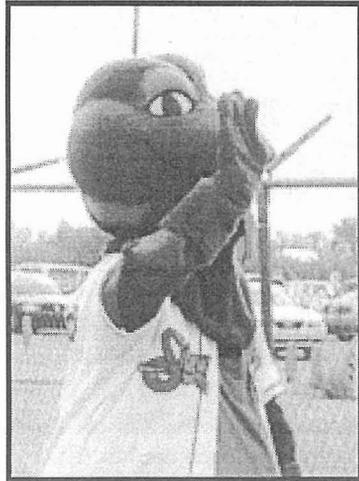


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Last year SAAF experienced a 12 percent increase in client services used that's why every step makes a difference. If you didn't make it to the walkathon, funds are still welcome. Mail them to: AIDSWalk 2004, 375 S. Euclid Ave. Tucson, AZ 85775-1993.

Sidewinder's Mascot cheers walkers at the finish line.



Slogans abound on T-shirts, buttons, banners and signs. Photo by Angela Soto



"Every step makes a difference."

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How to Shop for a Therapist

BY MARTIE VAN DER VOORT, MC, CPC

Shopping for a therapist doesn't have to be intimidating or even challenging, when you realize that you are the consumer, the "employer" of your service providers. Similar to shopping for a hairdresser, dentist, mechanic, or massage therapist, you are the one who chooses whether the relationship is a match, the service provided is helpful, the fees are affordable, and you feel comfortable with the professional. Therapy, however, especially if it's a new experience, can be somewhat intimidating or scary, and reaching out for help can leave you feeling vulnerable and unsure of what to ask. Laura Davis writes: "a good therapist provides hope, insight, information and consistent, loving support as you go through the healing process. By encouraging you to develop your capacity to heal yourself, effective therapists work themselves out of a job. ... Because they are not directly involved in your life, therapists have a unique point of view that can be a powerful catalyst for change." To find therapists to interview/shop, ask your friends, family and trusted others if they have any recommendations. You could also check with local agencies like Wingspan.

Shakti Gawain in [Creative Visualization](#) describes the following necessary elements for success in reaching (your therapeutic) goals: willingness to participate, intention to heal and a desire for healing, a belief in the possibility of attaining your goals, and acceptance of the process required.

You can start by getting clear on what help you are specifically seeking, i.e. do you want help: defining your sexuality or gender, building spiritual resources, with an addiction or compulsive behavior, about problems in your relationship, resolving past or present trauma, in dealing with depression or anxiety or other mental illness, etc. Once you are clear on your main goals for entering therapy, begin shopping. Some preliminary information may be helpful, along with possible interview questions at the end of each section.

For your protection:

Education, Licensure/Certification Masters-level therapists are currently eligible for certification. Masters degrees can be in social work (MSW), Marriage and Family Therapists (MFCC), Masters of Education (MEd), Masters of Counseling (MC) and Masters of Divinity (MDiv) in the case of pastoral counseling. Doctoral level degrees, which include psychologists, might be PsyD, PhD, or EdD. An MD would be required in the case of psychiatry; these folks can also prescribe medications. Be aware that the cost generally increases with the higher degree level. In Arizona, professionals are certified, and this will be changing to licensure in October of 2004, with already certified therapists able to "grandfather in" to licensure. The AZ Board of Behavioral Health can tell you if any complaints have been filed against a board-certified therapist, and verify that s/he is in fact certified. In interviewing someone, you might ask if the therapist

is certified/licensed, what is her/his education and/or postgraduate training if any, if there have been any complaints against her/him. Experience may also be important to you: how long has s/he been practicing and in what settings?

Nuts and Bolts: Location, cost

Logistics may be important, such as the office location, proximity to public transportation if necessary, how compatible is their and your schedule, and cost per session. Some therapists will provide a 30 minute consultation at no charge to meet with a new client and review goals, explain their theory and practice of therapy, and generally see if there is compatibility and a sense that they can be helpful to the client. Some therapists offer a sliding fee scale, based on the client's ability to pay. Some allow a payment plan; most require payment at time of service. Some may accept insurance payments or are listed on your provider's options; some are willing to bill the insurance provider, some will not accept insurance at all.

Ability to grow in intimacy: Goodness of fit – listening, style, and orientation

Trust your gut level reaction as you meet with the therapist. You may have strong feelings of liking and warmth, or conversely, of mistrust or wariness. Since therapy by its nature involves taking risks, self-disclosure, and changing behavior and ways of thinking, if you feel good about the therapist, it can help bridge normal feelings of vulnerability and resistance to change. However, if you are generally suspicious and mistrustful of meeting new people, you may have to overcome your inclination to withdraw. There should be rapport, a sense of empathy, trust and a willingness to get inside the experience and perceptions of the client. Ask the therapist her theoretical orientation, if that is of interest to you. Cognitive, cognitive/behavioral, transpersonal, feminist, psychodynamic, gestalt, family systems, and many other forms exist. If you don't understand the terms or concepts being discussed, ask for clarification until you are satisfied. Are they experienced in treating your particular concerns? Does the therapist set clear boundaries about time, missed appointments, fees and client responsibility? Can the therapist be both supportive and confrontive, giving you feedback that is nonjudgmental and helpful? How does the therapist feel about/handle medications, should that be needed? Does s/he provide couples or group therapy? How does s/he view any issues that are important to you (like religion, abortion, marriage, etc.) How does s/he handle emergency contacts, and is there an extra charge? How will you know when your therapy is finished?

Finding a therapist you trust enough to guide and witness your healing process can be a very rewarding process, and is worth taking time and energy to discern what's true for you. Honor your deepest truths, and I hope you find the best support for your fullest healing.

FOCUS

(FROM OUR COMMUNITY US)

CROOKED MIDDLE FINGERS

© BY JUDY JENNINGS

The Louisiana air is thick and dank under the yellowish light of the open sided tabernacle. Perspiring middle aged white ladies in polyester dresses flutter paper fans with pictures of Jesus on one side and the words of John 3:16 on the other, while the preacher in front exhorts the wicked to come forward and repent. "The wages of sin are death!" he thunders behind his pulpit. The pianist starts up a refrain of Amazing Grace and the congregation harmonizes along mournfully, while sinners rush from their pews to fling themselves onto their knees at the altar. Women cry, a few of the men cry. I am eight years old, and I cry too, waiting for a miracle which never happens. The preacher is my daddy.

The evening before Thanksgiving this year finds me in my usual holiday doldrums. Pointing out that this one in particular is a gluttonous celebration of excess never much enhances a festive table, I've noticed. Nor does discussing the horrors of the poultry industry or the war waged on Native Americans by early European immigrants. And I've learned not to bring these things up over dinner anymore. Running errands this evening I am alone, however, and able to afford the luxury of a funk.

Standing by the pumps as I pull in for gas is a man who I assume is waiting to cross the drive and go over to the store. He says hello as I disembark, and comments "That's a big van you're driving!" Still thinking he's another customer I engage in small talk with this stranger, feeling comfortable. He chats from where he stands without moving towards me at all. "Do you fish?" he asks, indicating the little canoe on top of my van. No, I just paddle. "For the exercise?" he wants to know. Yeah, I nod, it's a good upper body workout. We talk for a few minutes about the best lakes in Arizona, and he tells me he used to do quite a bit of fishing, himself. Then he asks if he can wash my windows.

Usually I try to avoid these guys, and the women too, the numerous homeless and jobless people that inhabit the streets of

Tucson. I do it out of fear or impatience, occasionally out of plain stinginess. There are lots of reasons not to see, and because it makes me uncomfortable, is the biggest one of all. Now it's too late, I've already engaged with this man and I will not be outright rude. After all, it's a holiday.

Okay, I say, that'd be great, wash the windows. Remembering to add please gets a quick nod and a look from him, and he asks if I go out in the boat a lot. Not since I messed up my finger, I tell him and hold up the pale middle digit on my left hand. Drooping dramatically at the top knuckle, the part with the nail hangs down and won't straighten. Describing how it got caught up in a hook as I was taking down the boat makes him wince, then he holds up the same black finger on his own left hand. It is crooked, similar to mine but worse, arching upwards at the middle joint like the neck of a swan. Wow, I say. "Man, drinking used to make me crazy," he tells me. "I got into a fight with my best friend". With that he scrubs my windows until they gleam. "You got some tree sap on there," he advises me. Talking about recovery times and physical therapy, which I had but he didn't, we agree that some things will never be quite right. "So you learn to live with them and make the best of what you have. That's what I do these days," he confides. "It's much better that way. And I don't drink no more." Thanking him, I hand him five bucks and wish him a good holiday. "Happy Thanksgiving to you too Miss," he tells me, then adds "and thank you for not judgin."

You too buddy, I think to myself, thanks for putting things into perspective and helping me realize something. It turns out that miracles boil down to the quiet moments like these, when people unexpectedly cross the bridges between them. Heading out into an evening that seems slightly warmer now than it did before, I find myself looking forward to the cranberry sauce I'll be making for dinner.

Ask the Sweet Old Butch

Dear Sweet Old Butch,

I have been reading your column for almost a year and a half now and have yet to see my topic. I appreciate the compassion and honesty with which you regard your readers and am hoping you have some loving insight into my dilemma.

Several years ago, my best friend of 20 years and I found ourselves both single and attracted to one another. We decided to give the romantic relationship a whirl and, to be honest, it was a disaster. We discovered just how incompatible we truly are up close and personal, and that our long distance friendship was the best option for both of us. My dilemma involves my friend's sexual ambition. She's much more motivated to find a lover/partner than I am and makes no attempts to hide this from me. She details her attractions over the phone and I often end up "counseling" her when these dalliances go wrong. I do this because I am her best friend, but to be truthful, it has taken a toll and I am starting to tire of this role that I play. Since the "details" take up a good part of our phone time, I am thinking we won't have much to talk about if I put a stop to it. I really just want to relate to this woman without her sex drive taking center stage. How do I break it to her in a gracious manner without looking like a cad?

Sincerely,
Not Interested in the Details

Dear Not Interested,

It concerns me to hear you worried about appearances when issues around your personal boundaries arise. Wanting to be spared the details of a friend's sexual exploits, even your best friend's, is a perfectly legitimate feeling and is often a boundary among friends, even those who have never been romantically involved. Your sense of obligation to your friend seems to outweigh your own needs at this point, and herein is where your issue lies. At what point do you start taking care of yourself? How essential is it really, that she tell you *everything*?

Everyone has boundaries. They serve a very important purpose in self-preservation, both physically and emotionally. And it's healthy to know what your boundaries are, which ones are flexible and which aren't, and stand by them. In a close friendship, like yours, mutual respect is essential. In fact, it's essential in any friendship! Given the many years you have shared, I think your friend could be open for some dialogue

around negotiating boundaries.

Discussing expectations could help too. As friends for over 20 years, your relationship has had, at least, three distinct phases: best friends, lovers/partners, and again best friends. Recognizing that this phase of "best friends" is going to be distinctly different from the previous one (because, in between, you were lovers) might be a good place to start. You may not relate to each other in the same way as before and it may take some time to adjust. This isn't a bad thing; your friendship is just different. It's all part of change, and as humans, we have a unique ability to adapt to it. Maintaining a friendship with an ex-lover requires a lot of negotiation and communication on the part of both parties, and can be particularly challenging if someone's heart was broken in the process. Boundaries can always be renegotiated as your friendship evolves.

So, Not Interested, my recommendation is this: think about your boundaries and your expectations. Then have an honest conversation with your best friend, keeping in mind the principle of mutual respect. She may even have some boundary issues of her own she wants to discuss. Something tells me that, as your best friend, she'll understand your feelings and won't want to continue hurting you. My guess is, recounting every detail isn't more important to her than respecting her best friend. And after 20+ years of friendship, there's got to be more to talk about than the latest crush! After all is said and done, if she thinks you're a cad, it may be time to find another best friend.

Good luck,
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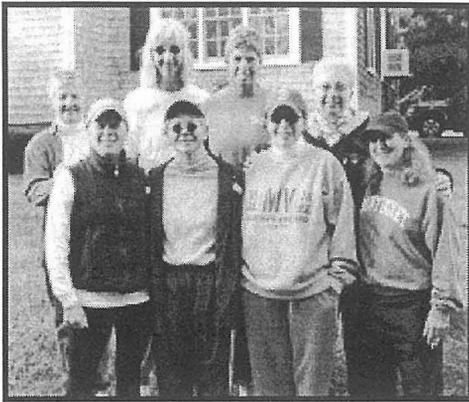
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say "hello" if they saw her around town! She said, "If I want to be left alone, I'll stay in my room...if you want to come up and talk to me, please do!" Now, how special is that? And that was true of all of the other "names" that were there...always very friendly, welcoming and most appreciative of their audience.

But let's not overlook all the OTHER things to do at this one of a kind week, like a Golf Tournament, Beach Volleyball and Touch Football games (the latter run by Kate Clinton!), hikes on the sand dunes along the ocean, organized bicycle rides and boat cruises. Several members of our "Snug Cottage posse" also participated in the annual 4.2 mile fun run/walk which started early on Thursday morning and gave us another chance



Susan (second row left) and Marie (second row right) with a few members of their posse after completing the Fun Run/Walk.



Women volunteers gather for the Guinness Book of World Records Kiss-In.

to meet other gay women from all over the U.S. Afterwards, the Senior Citizens of Provincetown treated us to a wonderful breakfast and prizes donated by several businesses in Ptown were given away!

Or, if you're so inclined, there are the workshops which included everything from painting with acrylics to Reiki to buying art on a budget! Oh, and did I mention the "Kiss In"? That was surely THE best attended event of the week as over 2,000 women showed up to try to set the Guinness Book of World Records for the "most number of women kissing at one time"...hey, it's a tough job but someone had to do it so everyone in our "posse" met at the Provincetown Town Hall and did our part by kissing our partners for 12 seconds! (The organizers had also thoughtfully arranged for the single women who were there to find a partner for 12 seconds to join the "Kiss In"...again, anything for a good cause!) This was followed by a mass Commitment Ceremony for any couples who wanted to participate and, Susan and I gladly took part in that event also! The ceremony was wonderful...all participants (numbering about 100 couples) introduced themselves and stated how long they had been together and those numbers ranged from 3 months to 30 years! Afterwards, Lucy Blue Tremblay sang for us and then we all shared in a 3 tiered Wedding cake!

What's that? Did you ask about shopping? There are such a variety of shops there your head spins and, since it is the "off season" the prices for the most part are quite reasonable on many things. But, if you want to explore other commercial venues, how about a Silent Auction run by the local organization called HOW (Helping Our Women), or the used book sale at the Provincetown Library or the sale of new items donated to the Unitarian Universalist church to support the pastor's Discretionary Fund, or the Arts and Crafts Fair at the same church?

Last but not least are the wide variety of restaurants serving all those things the Cape is known for from Lobster to New England Clam Chowder and everything in between.

If you have the impression that this is a week chock full of fun events, a beautiful part of the country to be in at that time of year and an opportunity to meet some wonderful women, you got the message!

If you have any interest in giving it a try, next year's events will be from October 7th through the 16th, 2005; check the following website for more info: Provincetown.com or WomenInnKeepers.com.; we'll see you there!

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ODE TO A LESBIAN ICON

BY MONA AMMON

On November 19, 1962, Alicia Christian Foster was born. Her family nicknamed her Jodie, after a family friend. At the age of three, after stealing an audition from her brother and starring in a Coppertone commercial, she began a long career in the entertainment industry spanning thus far, 39 years and 45 movies.

I am a HUGE Jodie Foster fan. Some might say that is an understatement. I have 35 of her 43 films. She is one of those actors whose presence in a movie will guarantee that I see it soon after it comes out, and be willing to pay full price. I also own nearly all of her films on DVD or video. Those that I have not seen or do not own are, according to my extensive research, unobtainable. In addition to her movies I own episodes of television shows she was in (most of those when she was a kid), taped interviews and several talking audio books she did. I even own several biographies (yes, including Foster Child) and articles.

Why do I like her so much? Maybe part of it is her being just four years older than I am and having started her career so young in commercials and TV shows, I feel like I grew up with her. From that Coppertone and Crest commercial to shows like *Mayberry RFD* and *Paper Moon* to Disney films like *One Little Indian* and *Freaky Friday*, as she grew up I grew up. I liked that she also always played her age. She didn't try to cling to her youth playing youngsters way past the time she was young. Even now she doesn't try to play the ingénue as she moves into middle age. Nor does she play the Hollywood age game that mandates that old guys get young women as wives and girlfriends, but not grown women as daughters. She was originally supposed to play opposite Michael Douglas in *The Game*. Douglas, who is 60, wanted Foster who is 42 to play his sister. She felt that the 18-year difference warranted her playing his daughter. Douglas' vanity won out



Jodie Foster portrays a 12-year-old prostitute in the movie "Taxi Driver." (AP/Photo/ho)

and Foster was replaced by Sean Penn who played the brother.

I like her intelligence. Even in her younger roles she was often wiser and more worldly than the adults around her. Such as in *Candleshoe* where she played streetwise Casey who figures out right away the innocent deceptions going on and manages to out con the con artist she is working for. The wheels in her brain are always turning which is apparent to us even if it is not so to the other characters around her. As she got older, that intelligence got to be front and center. Nowhere is that more apparent than in *Silence of the Lambs* as Clarice Starling. It is not something she has to hide or mute, but something she is acknowledged for.

She also has not always played traditional roles. As a youngster she played tomboy roles. She played smart and strong young girls/women who could take care of themselves, and often pursued interests not traditionally reserved for girls. In *Rookie of the Year* she was a young girl who loved baseball and played on a boy's team despite opposition from the community, other players and even her family. (Remember this was in the early seventies.)

She does not relegate herself to merely the love interest. Even when there is a romantic component in the film, her character is still the main character not simply an adornment to the male lead. Such as in films like *Sommersby* and *Anna and the King*, these are Laurel Sommersby's and Anna Leonowens' stories as much as they are the stories of Jack Sommersby and King Mongkut. In *Contact* there is a complete reversal. This is the story of Jodie Foster's Ellie Arroway where Matthew McConaughey's Palmer Joss is the "male" love interest.

She may get victimized but she is not a victim. She is a fighter. In the *Accused*, despite her character Sarah Tobias making some choices (which some might consider not too smart) that put her in a dangerous situation, despite her inability to stop the rape perpetrated against her, she fights back. She contacts the police. She refuses to be told that it is her fault. She demands justice for herself. Jodie's characters do not wait to



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be rescued but rescue themselves. In *Silence of the Lambs* Clarice is alone in the dark with the serial killer Buffalo Bill. It is obvious that she is scared, who wouldn't be, but she keeps her head and when the moment comes she reacts, killing Buffalo Bill, and saving Catherine Martin, the damsel in distress whom Buffalo Bill is holding captive.

While she has been in several very successful films (*Silence of the Lambs*, *Contact*, *Panic Room*) the bottom line does not seem to enter the equation. She makes the films she wants, interspersing small low budget artsy films amongst hits. After her Oscar winning performance in *Silence of the Lambs* she made a small, not well-known film called *Five Corners*. It is a movie full of dark humor, and quirky characters in somewhat bizarre situations. It is one of my favorites. Not that these smaller more artistic films always work (*Siesta*, *Shadows and Fog*) but you can appreciate the intent behind them, and her performances even in mediocre films are good.



Jodie Foster (Photo from www.nastassja-kinski.jp/article/film-comment)

I admire her honesty and integrity. I know some people think her a coward because she does not publicly declare herself a lesbian or bisexual woman. While I certainly think it is



Jodie Foster with her 1992 Oscar for Best Actress for her performance in "*Silence of the Lambs*." (AP/Photo/Bob Galbraith)

important for all of us to claim all the parts of ourselves that coming out is an empowering experience and people of certain statures can prove inspirational to others (just look at Ellen DeGeneres), ultimately it is an individual choice. She is private about all aspects of her personal life not just her sexuality. Who can blame her? How many of us have had some psycho shoot the president "for us" and continue to obsess about us 23 years after the event? I think that, more than anything, fuels her desire for privacy and lack of personal revelations. Why would you want to expose your loved ones to that?

Still she has never come out and denied anything, nor has she slammed queer people. She has in her own way been supportive, including co-producing the Academy Award winning short *Trevor* about a young boy discovering his gayness. Several of her films have lesbian parts (*The Hotel New Hampshire*, *Carny*, *Siesta*) and others have lesbian undertones (*Foxes* and *The Accused*).

It has been two years since her last film, *Panic Room*, came out. She does have several films coming out. *Un long Dimanche de fiancailles* (*A Very Long Engagement*) is set for limited U.S. release in November. She is filming *Flightplan* projected to be out in 2005. *Tuskers*, an animated feature from Dream Works SKG, is in production now. 2005 could be a very good year for Jodie Foster fans.

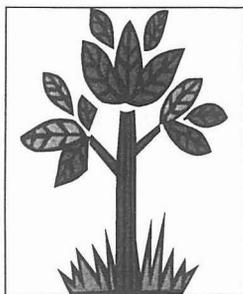
In the meantime, rent one of her films. You can find a complete list on IMDB.com. Or if you really want to indulge your Jodie obsession, try to get your hands on *Jodie* a short documentary about women's identification with a lesbian icon, named Jodie Foster.

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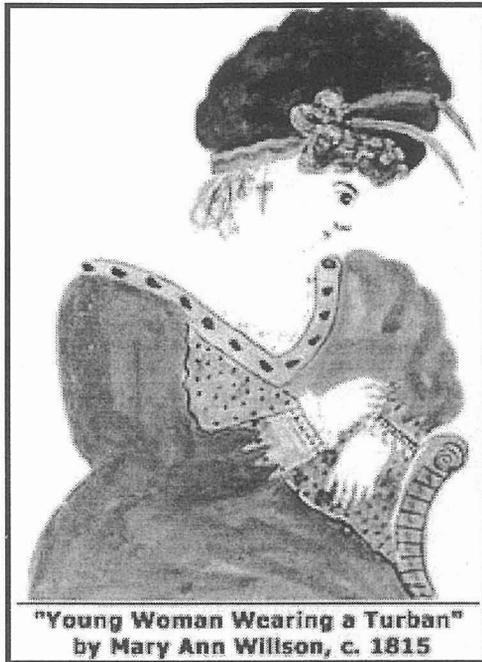
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BY JACKIE WEISS



Willson Lady c.1810



The Prodigal Son Reclaimed. c.1815

Willson, Mary Ann Homesteader, Artist, Lesbian

This month I'd like to introduce you to Mary Ann Willson. The only information we have about her comes from a letter written in 1850 by "An Admirer of Art," a male friend, discovered in 1943 in a portfolio containing some of her work. What we learn from the letter is that she was born in the late 1700's and created the bulk of her work between 1810-1825.

She painted watercolors and her subject matter consisted mostly of scenes from the Bible, nature and her imagination. She made her "colors" from berry juice, brick dust and vegetable dyes. She sold or traded her pictures to neighbors, storekeepers, and traveling salesmen. Her works were discovered as far north as Canada and as far south as Mobile, Alabama.

Besides being one of the first American watercolorists we have record of, I think she's remarkable for two other reasons.

First, she had no formal training, no peer support, and no family of painters to nurture her. Second, she did have a woman lover. In 1810, she and her female companion, a Miss Brundage, arrived in upstate Greene County, New York, where they bought a farm on Red Mill Road and built a log cabin. They were "romantically attached" to each other, friendly with their neighbors, and hard workers on the farm.

So here she was—a woman artist guided by her own inner vision and delight, making money from her creative endeavors, and living with a same-sex mate! Pretty amazing for that time and place. I wish I could time travel and sit with them on their porch and ask Mary Ann how her picture ideas came to her, and how she balanced her relationship and farmwork with time for painting. I'd ask them both how they met, and what gave them the vision and courage to commit to and go off with each other to the wilderness, away from family and strict social mores.

Isabel Miller, a lesbian writer, must have wondered as well. In 1969 she wrote *Patience and Sarah*, an historical novel based on the little we know about Ms. Willson and Ms. Brundage. The book was very popular back in the early 1970's because we had so few positive love stories about lesbians and their relationships up until then. *Patience and Sarah* received the American Library Association's first annual Gay Book Award in 1971.

Recently I found a copy of *Patience and Sarah* at a used bookstore and enjoyed reading it again which in turn, got me thinking about this unusual woman and her partner and wanting to thank them for being who they were.

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

BY NICOLE GUICE (AGE 14)

we do

—hey
hey excuse me
I'm bleeding, miss
—Therefore, the limit is
undefined
—But we need a limit
—it does not exist
do you hear me?
can you hear me?
—no
we never could
—well
let's do a few more examples
—but nothing helps us
we are unsalvageable we are
junk we are
the generation
X
as in Xtinct Xploded Xperienced but
also
XpiredXpiredXpired

and we can't see, miss
we never could
—wait
wait oh no I lost
I lost a delta
I lost a term I lost
a delta
—don't cry miss
it's just floated out
to C
beyond your three
special limits
beyond the box as in
Xcaped
—I don't see I don't -
—but we do

we do

Iron Diamond

by now I think I should have
stopped
you know—left
perhaps forgotten
I should be so lucky to rid
myself of all you were and yet
well
and yet....

I come across parts of you
here and there
that long middle finger
Axl Rose hair
and an iron diamond flashing
between your lips
just severed bits left
for me to discover
at the most inopportune
time of my thought
mixed surprises that make it all

just

stop

and I just have to think how
I could have been so much more
if I had just met you four months
before

but capturing Captivity was never
my forte
a weak point that you never could
strengthen

Publisher's Note:

For several years I have attempted to draw in some of the youth in our community, either as subscribers or as contributors. It was my good fortune to connect with a few of these young men and women at the OUToberFEST picnic a few weeks ago. I gave them my card and invited them to submit some of their work for publication. One young woman has taken me up on my offer. I am very pleased she has. This page, similar to the FOCUS section, will feature poetry, commentaries, photographs, short stories, etc. by members of a younger generation. If you know of anyone interested in submitting their work, please have them contact me at 324-0320 or riojbc@mindspring.com.

KATE CLINTON

POLITICAL COMEDIAN

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Kate Clinton will perform on Sunday, November 21st at 2:00 PM at The Muse, 516 N 5th Ave. Kate has been a prolific performer, writer and activist in the LGBT community for more than 23 years. Kate is probably the best-known political comedian in the country today. Her uproarious political material is as fresh as the daily news and her satire on relationships and perspectives on life always has her audiences hysterical with laughter. Kate describes herself as a faith-based, tax-paying America-loving political humorist and family entertainer.

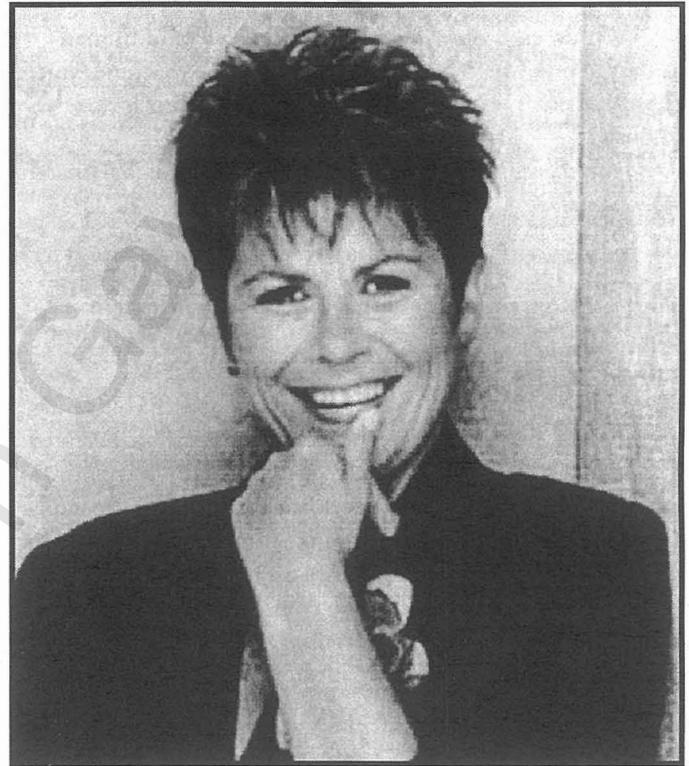
A respected and sought after commentator she has appeared on many national talk shows including *Good Morning America*, *Nightline*, *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*, *Comedy Central*, *Oxygen*, *MSNBC*, *CNN*, *CSPAN* and *Entertainment Tonight* to name just a few.

As an actor, Kate starred in the smash hit the *Vagina Monologues* and in the *Rocky Horror Show* on Broadway and in the recent hit *Laughing Matters*.

Kate writes monthly columns for *The Advocate* and *The Progressive* and her writings have appeared in *The New York Times*. In her articles she waxes comical and philosophical about the state of our nation and those who have put us in such a state.

Her first book "Don't Get Me Started" in 1998 was based on her monologues and was an immediate hit and named one of the Best Audio books by *Publishers Weekly*. Her two plus decades of material are recorded in her six comedy albums. Her 7th entitled the *Marrying Kind* was just released.

Kate has received numerous honors for her work including: the **Life Time Achievement Award** from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, **The Stonewall Foundation Award** and in October of this year she is being honored with another



Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York Lesbian Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center.

This is one performance you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at Antigone Bookstore.

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Why the Prison Industrial Complex is an LGBT Issue

BY CATHY BUSH

"Within each one of us there is some piece of human-ness that knows we are not being served by the machine which orchestrates crisis after crisis and is grinding all our futures into dust."

Audre Lorde (1934-1992) Black, lesbian, poet, activist, mother, warrior

Prison Industrial Complex is defined as the interaction of all the interests who help expand the prison system for reasons other than safety and justice. Between 1980 and 1998, the prison population in this country increased 295%. If the US continues at the same rate of our imprisonment binge, by the year 2054, 50% of the US population will be incarcerated.

As sobering as these statistics are, the LGBT community rarely acknowledges or addresses issues regarding the Prison Industrial Complex or people who are incarcerated. Instead, the LGBT community often focuses on how we are victimized—whether by individuals who commit hate crimes, or by systems that create discriminatory laws. By examining the mistreatment of LGBT who are incarcerated, and the systems that have imprisoned them, it becomes clear that the Prison Industrial Complex is an LGBT issue.

LGBT people who are incarcerated are denied basic human rights such as family visits from same sex partners. Queer homeless youth, transgender people, effeminate men and masculine women (who may be straight, but perceived as being LGBT), and LGBT people of color are particularly vulnerable to undue criminalization and brutality. Transgender people who are incarcerated face being forced into a cellblock of a gender they do not identify with; i.e. a male-to-female who identified as a woman is placed in a male cellblock.

In prison, LGBT individuals are frequently targeted by other incarcerated people for mistreatment and physical or sexual attacks. Prison officials may also participate in such

abuse, turn their backs on it, or lack institutional tools to adequately protect LGBT people who are incarcerated. With respect to immigration, current policy creates barriers for people with HIV and puts obstacles in the way of LGBT bi-national families trying to stay together.

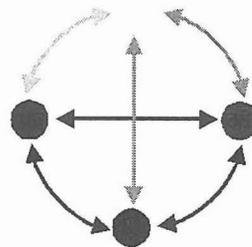
Always looking for ways to further dehumanize incarcerated people, guards may separate lesbian partners from each other and move them to different units, often arbitrarily and with the knowledge that this separation will bring disappointment and anger to the couple. According to prisoners, "homosexting"—engaging in same sex intimacy—is the number one reason that women are sent to solitary confinement. Also, women may be written up for "homosexual behavior" when they are simply hugging someone in support.

In addition to the mistreatment of LGBT people who are incarcerated, the LGBT community should also be concerned about political "tough on crime" rhetoric. In an effort to address

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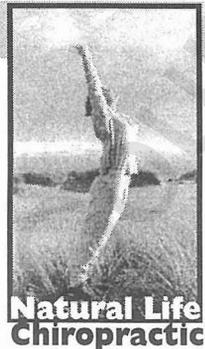


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Naughty...Or Nice?

Desert Voices Winter Show

BY MAE KRUEGER

Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Supportive Others (GLBTS) chorus, has always had just a little touch of 'naughtiness' included in their shows. Not the kind of naughty that gets you arrested, but the kind that makes their audience whoop and holler! The chorus likes to challenge stereotypes of all kinds and poke a little fun at the world around them. That humor will be front and center at their upcoming Winter show titled "Naughty...Or Nice?".

In early planning sessions last season, chorus members brainstormed for themes and ideas for their traditional 'Holiday' show, presented in December of each year. One of the recurring questions after each suggestion was 'Is that naughty? Or nice?' The theme took hold, and a show was born (so to speak). "One of the most interesting aspects of the chorus is our collaboration to create a show," says longtime member Mark Brady. "All members are welcome to suggest songs, so the music committee meetings can get pretty hysterical as we toss around our ideas."

"Naughty...Or Nice?" will be presented on Saturday, December 4th, 2004 at 7:30 PM at The Muse Community Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Avenue (across 6th street from Wingspan). A matinee of the show will be presented the following day, Sunday, December 5th, 2004 starting at 2 PM at the same location. Tickets for both shows are \$12 in advance (\$10 for seniors and students) and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at Antigone's and Desert Pride, or by calling the Desert Voices office at 791-9662. Information about the show and tickets can also be found on the chorus website, www.desertvoices.org.

The show includes musical selections that really are either just a little naughty, or very, very nice, in terms of their content and sound. Rather than focusing specifically on holidays, the group chose to learn and sing about many varied traditions occurring during the winter, including Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Santa Claus, gift giving, and Kwanzaa and New Year celebrations.

Director Chris Tackett had this to say about the musical selections: "Part of the process of learning new music, includes learning about the traditions from which the songs arose. The more we learn about the world around us and all of the traditions from this time of year, the more we understand other people and appreciate the diversity that makes life so interesting." Additionally, the entire group will collaborate with songwriter Namoli Brennet and Tackett to write and arrange new songs for the chorus. One of those new compositions will center on the question "Why do all the Hanukkah songs sound so sad?"

Many of the choral selections will be performed a cappella, and the group will incorporate the use of hand bells, percussion and other instruments to enhance the overall musical experience. Please support live GLBTS arts here in Tucson, and plan to be front and center at this terrific holiday show.

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- ▼ Tucson Women's Chorus, 7-8:45 PM, ORTS Theater of Dance, 121 E. 7th St. Call 743-0991 or 584-0339.
- ▼ Breast Cancer Support Group, 3-4 PM, Cancer Care Center of S. AZ.
- ★ Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) 7 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St., 624-1779.

Tuesday, November 2nd

- ▼ SAAF Positive Experience Men's HIV Group, 6:30-8 PM, 628-7223.
- ▼ Square Dancing with T-Squares, 6:30-8 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo, 624-5247.
- ▼ Lesbian Support group, 6:30-8 PM, discussion and social activities, call Dorian Easty at 882-7723.
- ▼ Eating Disorders Support Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Philip's in the Foothills.
- ▼ American Sign Language, 6:30-8:30 PM, Sunrise Chapel (Wrightstown and Pantano), call 885-0882.

Wednesday, November 3rd

Wingspan Volunteer Orientation. Noon-1:45 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. For all new and potential Wingspan volunteers. For information and a volunteer application, contact Quintan Wikswø, Volunteer Programs Coordinator, at 520-624-1779, or qwikswø@wingspan.org. Or visit www.wingspan.org.

Know Those Drugs: Drug Education, Free Workshops — "Supporting LGBT Youth" for parents and professionals, 5:30-7:30 PM, Santa Rosa Learning Center, 1075 S 10th Avenue.

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- ▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

- ▼ Pride Law Clinic, 4:30-6:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

- ▼ Lesbian AA, 5:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

- ▼ Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Study, 7 PM, 622-4626.

- ▼ Positively Sober AA, 7:30-8:30 PM, Wingspan Annex 739 N. 4th Avenue.

- ▼ Sisters of Sappho, 5 PM, ASUA Pride Alliance Office, U of A, For more info call 520-621-7585 or email atn@email.arizona.edu.

- ★ PFLAG Tucson meets 7-9 PM in the Greenberg Financial Group offices, 4511 N. Campbell Avenue, Suite 255 (second floor). Helpline 575-8660. More info: 360-3795. Website: www.pflagtucson.org.

Thursday, November 4th

Fourth Annual Sex Worker Arts Festival. Nov 4-6th, Downtown. The SWAF has gained both notoriety and respect for bringing together a nation of artists celebrating art, sex, work and power. ALL-FESTIVAL PASSES: \$50.00. Includes admission into all events except parties. Venues, events, times subject to change - check website for up-to-date information www.sexworkersartsfestival.com or email HouseOfThumpress@aol.com for more info. Some events age-restricted.

- ▼ SAAF Heterosexual Support Group (for straight men and women living with HIV/AIDS), 11 AM-12:30 PM, 628-7223.

- ▼ Pink Triangle AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

- ▼ Al-anon, Wingspan, Annex, 7 PM, 739 N. 4th Ave.

- ▼ Desert Crones, 1-3 PM, UU Church, 22nd and Swan.

- ▼ LezBeSingle on-line planning meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM. Contact: lezbesocial@cox.net.

- ▼ American Sign Language, 6:30-8:30 PM, St. Phillips in the Hills on River Rd. Call 885-0882.

- ★ GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network), 4:30-6 PM, Wingspan, 743-4800.

Friday, November 5th

Lesbian Shorts. Nov. 5th-7th. The Bloody Unicorn Theatre Company, in conjunction with Old Pueblo Playwrights, presents Lesbian Shorts - A Festival of Original One-Act Plays With A Sapphic Slant. 7:30 PM. Cabaret Theater, upstairs in the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. Tickets are \$13 and can be reserved by calling (520) 990-3628 or email kyraroc@yahoo.com.

Joy Williams will read from her new story collection, *Honored Guest*. 7 PM at Antigone Books.

Arizona Theatre Company presents **ANNA IN THE TROPICS**. Join us for a before-play reception at 6 PM. Contact ATC for details. Jennie Bennett 520-884-8210 ex, jbennett@arizonatheatre.org Also, call the box office make sure to mention Wingspan and get the \$20.00 price for all showings of this play.

- ▼ Women in Black Peace Vigils, 5-6 PM, corner of Speedway and Euclid. All welcome, please wear black.

- ▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

- ▼ Angels Around Us, 1-3 PM, third floor Robinson's May on Broadway, call 885-0882.

Saturday, November 6th

Desert Voices Yard Sale - 7 AM-3 PM, 4412 E. Holmes St (at Columbus and 5th Street).

- ▼ Youth Group. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youths 23 and younger, 3-4:30 PM, Wingspan.

- ▼ Women's Coffee House Night At Bentley's, 9-11 PM, 1730 E. Speedway. Nonsmoking, non-drinking environment, all are welcome. Featuring a local female musician or talent. Admission is free. 795-0338.

- ★ Theater/Dinner/Etc. Nonsmoking Lesbian Network, dining out, shows, movies, varied activities, 888-8010.

- ★ LesBiGay Reading Group, Borders (Oracle & Roger), 7 PM.

- ★ Club Eon, 7PM-12AM, Call 620-6245 for location and information.

Sunday, November 7th

Democracy and Dissent Book Group will discuss *An Ordinary Person's Guide to Empire* by Arundhati Roy. 2 PM at Antigone Books.

Musical Potpourri Concert to benefit TIHAN. Just as the title suggests. 3 PM, at the Lutheran Church of the Foothills. Contact TIHAN for more details @ 520-299-6647.

- ▼ GLBT Meditation Group, 9:30 AM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

- ▼ Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Worship service 10:30 AM, 622-4626.

- ▼ Water of Life MCC, 3269 Mountain Ave., Worship service 10:15 AM, 292-9151.

- ▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

- ▼ SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous), 1:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

- ▼ Broad Perspectives, Women's Radio Show, KXCI 91.3 FM, 6-7 PM.

- ▼ Outloud: Gay and Lesbian Radio show on KXCI 91.3 FM, 7-8 PM.

- ▼ Secular Organizations for Sobriety (Save Our Selves), 8 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

- ▼ Tucson Rainbow Pride Bowling League. For more information contact Jennifer R. Lopez @ 520-571-7878.

Monday, November 8th

- ▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

- ▼ Tucson Women's Chorus, 7-8:45 PM, ORTS Theater of Dance, 121 E. 7th St. Call 743-0991 or 584-0339.

- ▼ Breast Cancer Support Group, 3-4 PM, Cancer Care Center of S. AZ.

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▼ Desert Voices, 7-9:30 PM, Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Avenue.

▼ Grace Catholic Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30-9 PM, SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell.

★ Dezert Girlz, 7-9 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

* Puertas Abiertas/Open Doors (Latino/a LGBT Support Group), 6-8 PM, Centro Digna 842 S. 6th Ave.

For more information contact: Daphne Arango at 624-1779 or daphne@wingspan.org

Tuesday, November 9th

▼ SAAF Positive Experience Men's HIV Group, 6:30-8 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Square Dancing with T-Squares, 6:30-8 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo, 624-5247.

▼ Eating Disorders Support Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Philip's in the Foothills.

▼ American Sign Language, 6:30-8:30 PM, Sunrise Chapel (Wrightstown and Pantano). Call 885-0882.

★ GLBT Full Commission, 5:30 PM, Equal Opportunity office, 100 N. Stone, 628-7223.

Wednesday, November 10th

▼ SAAF Haven Support Group, 11 AM-1 PM, 628-7223.

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Pride Law Clinic, 4:30-6:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

▼ Lesbian AA, 5:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Study, 7 PM, 622-4626.

▼ Positively Sober AA, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Wingspan Annex 739 N. 4th Avenue.

▼ Sisters of Sappho, 5 PM, ASUA Pride Alliance Office, U of A, For more info call 520-621-7585 or email atn@email.arizona.edu.

Thursday, November 11th

Dr. Eve Wood, Professor of Medicine at the University of Arizona Program in Integrative Medicine, will discuss her new book, *Medicine Mind and Meaning: A Psychiatrist's Guide to Treating the Body, Mind and Spirit*. 7 PM at Antigone Books.

▼ Pink Triangle AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ SAAF Heterosexual Support Group (for straight men and women living with HIV/AIDS), 11 AM-12:30 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Women's Circle of the Center for the Sacred Feminine, 7:30 PM, Donna at 743-4138.

▼ Desert Crones of Tucson, 1-3 PM, Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. 790-4933.

▼ American Sign Language, 6:30-8:30 PM, St. Phillips in the Hills on River Rd. Call 885-0882.

★ Poz Café Luncheon, TIHAN, 11:30 AM-2 PM, St. Francis in the Foothills, 299-6647.

★ GLBT Spirituality Group, 6-7:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street, Tucson (back meeting room). Contact Susan Roberts at 465-8962 or susan@changesOT.com for more information.

Friday, November 12th

▼ Hep C Education & Support Group, 10-11 AM, SAAF, 628-7223.

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Women in Black Peace Vigils, 5-6 PM, corner of Speedway and Euclid. All welcome, please wear black.

▼ Angels Around Us, 1-3 PM, third floor Robinson's May on Broadway, call 885-0882.

★ Anonymous HIV Testing, 3:30-5:30 PM, Wingspan.

Saturday, November 13th

MCC GALA 2004: an evening of Food, Fun and Entertainment. Doors open at 6:30 PM, 3269 Mountain Ave., tickets can be purchased for \$25 at Antigone's, Wingspan or Rainbow Planet.

▼ Youth Group. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youths 23 and younger, 3-4:30 PM, Wingspan.

▼ Women's Coffee House Night At Bentley's, 9-11 PM, 1730 E. Speedway. Nonsmoking, non-drinking environment, all are welcome. Featuring a local female musician or talent. Admission is free. 795-0338.

★ 40's and Better Breakfast, 9-11 AM at Chaffins Family Restaurant, 902 E Broadway. Social gathering for women over 40 to network and say hello. Call 584-0339.

Sunday, November 14th

Second Sunday Book Group will discuss *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimanda Ngozi Adichie. 2 PM, Antigone Books.

Meandering Dykes - Brunch. Please contact Debbie at MeanderInTucson@aol.com or call 579-9827.

▼ GLBT Meditation Group, 9:30 AM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Worship service 10:30 AM, 622-4626.

▼ Water of Life MCC, 3269 Mountain Ave., Worship service 10:15 AM, 292-9151.

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous), 1:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Secular Organizations for Sobriety (Save Our Selves), 8:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Broad Perspectives, Women's Radio Show, KXCI 91.3 FM, 6-7 PM.

▼ Outloud: Gay and Lesbian Radio show on KXCI 91.3 FM, 7-8 PM.

▼ Tucson Rainbow Pride Bowling League. For more information contact Jennifer R. Lopez @ 520-571-7878.

Monday, November 15th

That's Revolting! Mattilda (aka Matt Bernstein Sycamore), editor of

the new book, *That's Revolting! Queer Strategies for Resisting Assimilation*, will be at Reader's Oasis, 3400 E. Speedway #114, discussing the book. 7-9 PM. For more info call 520-319-7887.

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Tucson Women's Chorus, 7-8:45 PM, ORTS Theater of Dance, 121 E. 7th St. Call 743-0991 or 584-0339.

▼ Breast Cancer Support Group, 3-4 PM, Cancer Care Center of S. AZ.

Tuesday, November 16th

▼ SAAF Positive Experience Men's HIV Group, 6:30-8 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Square Dancing with T-Squares, 6:30-8 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo, 624-5247.

▼ Lesbian Support group, 6:30-8 PM, discussion and social activities, call Dorian Easty at 882-7723.

▼ Eating Disorders Support Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Philip's in the Foothills.

▼ American Sign Language, 6:30-8:30 PM, Sunrise Chapel (Wrightstown and Pantano). Call 885-0882.

★ Desert Boyz (transgender female to male support group), 7-9 PM, Wingspan.

★ SAAF: Volunteer Orientation, SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Ave. 3-hour training covering basic agency and HIV information for those who want to volunteer on an on-going and regular basis. Call 628-7223 for the time and to sign-up.

Wednesday, November 17th

▼ SAAF Haven Support Group, 11 AM-1 PM, 628-7223.

▼ SAAF Walk-In Wednesday, 6-8 PM, 628-7223.

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Lesbian AA, 5:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

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▼ Pride Law Clinic, 4:30-6:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Study, 7 PM, 622-4626.

▼ Positively Sober AA, 7:30-8:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Avenue.

▼ Sisters of Sappho, 5 PM, ASUA Pride Alliance Office, U of A, For more info call 520-621-7585 or email atn@email.arizona.edu.

Thursday, November 18th

Gay American Smoke Out: At Wingspan, 6:00 PM, an engaging community event to commemorate the National Gay American Smoke OUT. Contact Cathy Hammer (chammer@wingspan.org; 520.624.1779 x25), Wingspan Health and Wellness Program Coordinator, or visit www.wingspan.org for more information.

Celebrate the release of *Essays Out Loud*, a spoken word CD by Nancy Mairs. 7 PM at Antigone Books.

▼ SAAF Heterosexual Support Group (for straight men and women living with HIV/AIDS), 11 AM-12:30 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Pink Triangle AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Positive Experience Men's HIV Group, 6-7:30 PM.

▼ Desert Crones of Tucson, 1-3 PM, Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. 790-4933.

▼ American Sign Language, 6:30-8:30 PM, St. Phillips in the Hills on River Rd. Call 885-0882.

★ Community Business Association meeting, 7:30 AM, RSVP, 615-6436, or info@cbatucson.org.

Friday, November 19th

Book signing and food tasting with Meredith Little, author of *Taming Tofu*. 7 PM at Antigone Books.

▼ Women in Black Peace Vigils, 5-6 PM, corner of Speedway and Euclid. All welcome, please wear black.

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Angels Around Us, 1-3 PM, third floor Robinson's May on Broadway, call 885-0882.

Saturday, November 20th

Transgender Day of Remembrance: Catalina Park (N. 4th Ave.), 4:30 PM. Candlelight ceremony and march.

▼ Youth Group. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youths 23 and younger, 3-4:30 PM, Wingspan.

▼ Women's Coffee House Night At Bentley's, 9-11 PM, 1730 E. Speedway. Nonsmoking, non-drinking environment, all are welcome. Featuring a local female musician or talent. Admission is free. 795-0338.

Sunday, November 21st

Southwest Lit Book Group will discuss *Crazy Woman Creek: Women Rewrite the American West* by Hasselstrom, Linda M., Collier, Gaydell, Curtis Nancy. 2 PM at Antigone Books.

Comedian Kate Clinton. Presented by Bas Bleu Productions. 2:00 PM at The Muse, 516 N 5th Ave. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at Antigone Books. For More Information: Contact Jayne Goldstein (602) 697-9097 or Kristen Felan (520) 440-6735.

▼ GLBT Meditation Group, 9:30 AM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Worship service 10:30 AM, 622-4626.

▼ Water of Life MCC, 3269 Mountain Ave., Worship service 10:15 AM, 292-9151.

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous), 1:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Secular Organizations for Sobriety (Save Our Selves), 8 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Broad Perspectives, Women's Radio Show, KXCI 91.3 FM, 6-7 PM.

▼ Outloud: Gay and Lesbian Radio show on KXCI 91.3 FM, 7-8 PM.

▼ Tucson Rainbow Pride Bowling League. For more information contact Jennifer R. Lopez @ 520-571-7878.

★ "Paint Your Gender Outside the Lines" Youth Group, 3-4 PM, The Lounge Youth Center. Call 620-6245 or www.queervoice.org.

★ Lutherans Concerned 6:30-8:30 PM, Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave, ltucson@lcna.org.

Monday, November 22nd

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Tucson Women's Chorus, 7-8:45 PM, ORTS Theater of Dance, 121 E. 7th St. Call 743-0991 or 584-0339

▼ Breast Cancer Support Group, 3-4 PM, Cancer Care Center of S. AZ.

▼ Desert Voices, 7-9:30 PM, Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Avenue.

▼ Grace Catholic Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30-9 PM, SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell.

* Puertas Abiertas/Open Doors (Latino/a LBGT Support Group), 6-8 PM, Centro Digna 842 S. 6th Ave.

For more information contact: Daphne Arango at 624-1779 or daphne@wingspan.org

Tuesday, November 23rd

Wingspan Volunteer Orientation. 5:30-7:15 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. For all new and potential Wingspan volunteers. For information and a volunteer application, contact Quintan Wikswo, Volunteer Programs Coordinator, at 520-624-1779, or qwikswo@wingspan.org. Or visit www.wingspan.org.

▼ SAAF Positive Experience Men's HIV Group, 6:30-8 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Square Dancing with T-Squares, 6:30-8 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo, 624-5247.

▼ Eating Disorders Support Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Philip's in the Foothills.

▼ American Sign Language, 6:30-8:30 PM, Sunrise Chapel (Wrightstown and Pantano). Call 885-0882.

★ Bark Park at Reid Dog Park, 6-8 PM at the Reid Park Dog Park, 900 S. Randolph Way, social venue for LGBT and ally folks to get together and for their dogs to have fun, cathy@wingspan.org

★ LezBeSOCIAL Nite at the Dog Park, 6-8 PM, Reid Park Dog Park, 900 S. Randolph Way. Info: contact Robyn at: lezbesocial@cox.net.

Wednesday, November 24th

▼ SAAF Haven Support Group, 11 AM-1 PM, 628-7223.

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Lesbian AA, 5:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Pride Law Clinic, 4:30-6:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Study, 7 PM, 622-4626.

▼ Positively Sober AA, 7:30-8:30 PM, Wingspan Annex 739 N. 4th Avenue.

▼ Sisters of Sappho, 5 PM, ASUA Pride Alliance Office, U of A, For more info call 520-621-7585 or email atn@email.arizona.edu.

Thursday, November 25th - Thanksgiving Day

Meandering Dykes - Thanksgiving Potluck w/Games. Contact Debbie at MeanderInTucson@aol.com or call 579-9827.

▼ SAAF Heterosexual Support Group (for straight men and women living with HIV/AIDS), 11 AM-12:30 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Pink Triangle AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

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▼ Desert Crones of Tucson, 1-3 PM, Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St., 790-4933.

▼ American Sign Language, 6:30-8:30 PM, St. Phillips in the Hills on River Rd. Call 885-0882.

Friday, November 26th

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Hep C Education & Support Group, 10-11 AM, SAAF, 628-7223.

▼ Women in Black Peace Vigils, 5-6 PM, corner of Speedway and Euclid. All welcome, please wear black.

▼ Angels Around Us, 1-3 PM, third floor Robinson's May on Broadway, call 885-0882.

★ Anonymous HIV Testing, 3:30-5:30 PM, Wingspan.

Saturday, November 27th

▼ COLAGE: Children of Lesbians & Gays Everywhere, 12-1:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

▼ Youth Group. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youths 23 and younger, 3-4:30 PM, Wingspan.

▼ Women's Coffee House Night At Bentley's, 9-11 PM, 1730 E. Speedway. Nonsmoking, non-drinking environment, all are welcome. Featuring a local female musician or talent. Admission is free. 795-0338.

★ Women's Sweat Lodge Ceremony. 3-7:30 PM. Call Ku Istan, 690-0546, for more info re: what to bring, wear, food to share, pipe gift, \$donation.

Sunday, November 28th

Buddhism Book Group will discuss *In Buddha's Kitchen: Cooking, Being Cooked and Other Adventures in a Meditation Center* by Kimberley Snow. 2 PM at Antigone Books.

▼ GLBT Meditation Group, 9:30 AM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Worship service 10:30 AM, 622-4626.

▼ Water of Life MCC, 3269 Mountain Ave., Worship service 10:15 AM, 292-9151.

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous), 1:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Secular Organizations for Sobriety (Save Our Selves), 8 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Broad Perspectives, Women's Radio Show, KXCI 91.3 FM, 6-7 PM.

▼ Outloud: Gay and Lesbian Radio show on KXCI 91.3 FM, 7-8 PM.

▼ Tucson Rainbow Pride Bowling League. For more information contact Jennifer R. Lopez @ 520-571-7878

Monday, November 29th

▼ AA, 12-1 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Tucson Women's Chorus, 7-8:45 PM, ORTS Theater of Dance, 121 E. 7th St. Call 743-0991 or 584-0339.

▼ Breast Cancer Support Group, 3-4 PM, Cancer Care Center of S. AZ.

▼ Desert Voices, 7-9:30 PM, Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. Rebecca Cohen, 791-9662.

★ Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) 7 PM, Wingspan 300 E. 6th St., 624-1779.

Tuesday, November 30th

▼ SAAF Positive Experience Men's HIV Group 6:30-8 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Square Dancing with T-Squares, 6:30-8 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo, 624-5247.

▼ Lesbian Support group, 6:30-8 PM, discussion and social activities, Dorian Easty at 882-7723.

▼ Eating Disorders Support Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Philip's in the Foothills.

▼ American Sign Language, 6:30-8:30 PM, Sunrise Chapel (Wrightstown and Pantano). Call 885-0882.

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Support for the Deaf Queer Community

The Deaf Queer Resource Center (DQRC) has been proud to offer live, free, anonymous coming out support to the community via DeafQueer Chat.

Beginning this week, coming out support will be offered on a regular basis every Sunday evening on DeafQueer Chat! See the DeafQueer Chat Schedule for specific chat times.

Location: <http://chat.deafqueer.org>

Become a Volunteer Advocate for the
Wingspan Anti-Violence Project!!

The Wingspan Anti-Violence Project is a social change and social service project that works to address and end violence in the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. We provide outreach and services for victim/survivors of domestic violence, hate/bias crimes and incidents, harassment, sexual violence, and other forms of violence. Central to our program is our 24 hour crisis line, through which many people first access our services and get the referrals they need. Volunteer Advocates help us make sure that there is always someone available to offer support to those in need.

The Wingspan AVP will hold a *free*, engaging, interactive, and informative training for potential volunteers, service providers, students, and interested community members on the following dates:

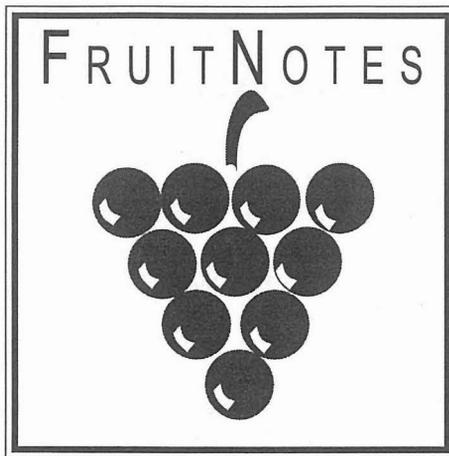
Tuesday, November 2nd 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, November 3rd, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Thursday, November 4th 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, November 6th 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (with an hour lunch break) (We ask that you attend each of the four training sessions.)

We welcome folks who have no prior experience, as well as crisis line veterans. To continue Wingspan's commitment to



diversity, we strongly urge people of color, survivors of violence, gay and bi men, people with disabilities, bilingual folks, rural community members, transmen and transwomen, LGBT parents, people living with AIDS, youth, older adults, and straight allies to volunteer.

If you are interested in attending the training, please email: your name, address, and phone number to heather@wingspan.org or call 624-1779. We will send you a volunteer application and more information about the training.

Not Too Late to Donate!

Desert Voices Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser

It's not too late for you to finish up your fall cleaning, sort through your things, and discard the results! Desert Voices, Tucson's GLBT (and S) chorus is still seeking donations for their annual Yard Sale Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, November 6th, 2004 at 4412 E. Holmes, near Columbus and 5th Street, from 7 AM to 3 PM.

Check out your CD's and give Desert Voices the ones you no longer listen to! Cull through that stack of books, and toss them the ones you won't read a second time. Dive into the back of your closet (but only for a few minutes) and bring out the items that are too tight, too tired or too tacky to stay there any longer. Got furniture you keep stubbing your toes on? Send it their way. Did that latest attempt at an in-home workout, not work out? They'll recycle your exercise cycle! To set up a time to make your donation, drop them an email at info@desertvoices.org, or call Becky Cohen at (520) 319-9830.

Proceeds from the yard sale, and other fundraisers held by Desert Voices, help the chorus to present their songs and share their voices at a variety of community events throughout the year. The groups will present two different concerts this season, the first in December, titled 'Naughty...Or Nice?'. (See article in Rubyfruit). For more information about the chorus and their activities, you can go to their website at www.desertvoices.org, or call their office at (520) 791-9662.

MCC Water of Life Presents "GALA 2004"

Please join us on Saturday November 13, 2004 for an evening of Fun, Food, and Entertainment. The evening will include a Silent Auction, Jazz Musician Susan Artemis and Tucson Gay Men's Chorus "Reveille". There will also be hors d'oeuvres and Delicious Deserts served throughout the evening. Doors will open at 6:30. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Wingspan, Antigone, or Rainbow Planet. For more information, please contact Greg at 977-2087 or MCC Water of Life which is located at 3269 North Mountain, just north of Fort Lowell, you may also call the church at 292-9151 or visit our website at www.wolmcc.org.

ANTIGONE BOOK GROUPS

Have you ever thought of joining a book group? Each of Antigone's groups meets once a month on a Sunday at 2 PM. The groups are open to whoever is interested in that month's book, so you can go to as many or as few meetings as you want. All book group books are 10% off the month before the group meets. Come check them out!

Dec 5, 2 PM: The Democracy and Dissent Book Group will discuss *Contesting Fundamentalisms*, edited by Carol Schick (Fernwood, \$16.95). This book explores fundamentalism's manifestations in a number of areas, from religious practice to nationalism and ethnic relations. While religious fundamentalism has been a particularly potent cultural force lately, other spheres have been affected by the revival of extreme positions. How fundamentalism is used by the powerful to retain privileged positions and how it can be attractive to subordinate groups as a strategy for resisting oppression are among the issues discussed in this incisive examination

Dec. 12, 2 PM: The 2nd Sunday Book Group will discuss *An Elegant Gathering of White Snows*, by Kris Radish (Bantam, \$11.00). Just after midnight in a small town, eight women

begin walking together down a rural highway. They are close friends who have been meeting every Thursday night for years, sharing food, wine, and their deepest secrets. But on this particular Thursday, they decide to disappear from their own lives. Radish tells an incomparable tale of friendship and love, loss, and liberation

Dec. 19, 2 PM: The Southwest Lit Book Group will discuss *Chili Queen*, by Sandra Dallas (St. Martin's, \$13.95). Life may have been hard on Addie French, but when she meets friendless Emma Roby on a train, all her protective instincts emerge. With her trademark humor and charm, the author has created "a beguiling, twisty plot...and engaging characters."

Neither the Buddhist Book Group nor the Mystery Book Group will meet in December.

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hate crimes, many LGBT people and organizations simply call for harsher hate crime laws. This myopic strategy continues to fuel our culture of fear, ultimately resulting in increased violence against communities of color, immigrants, women, and LGBT people. Hate crime laws alone will not stop hate crimes.

“Rather than addressing complex social, economic, and political problems that increase violence and crime—including poverty, drug use, crumbling public school systems, school bullying, cuts in social services—the United States increasingly has relied on correction facilities, jails, prisons, and execution chambers as the ‘solution’ to social problems. But no matter how many people we consign to incarceration, the problems of violence and poverty remain” (Kay Whitlock).

In 1984 Susan Rosenberg, a longtime radical lesbian activist, was arrested for possession of weapons and explosives. She was sentenced to 58 years in prison, one of the longest terms ever handed down for weapons possession. After serving 16 years, Rosenberg was granted clemency by President Clinton in January 2001. Rosenberg believes strongly that the LGBT movement must be a progressive, multi-issue movement:

“This country has a great track record for buying off sectors that have privilege. Once that happens, not only do things stay the same, they get worse. But even more than that, I feel that we cannot be full human beings unless we fight for all the oppressed. Otherwise, our LGBT struggle is just as individualist and racist as the dominant society—we’ll never win anything worth fighting for. I think the LGBT movement needs to talk to other movements and communities, in order to work out common strategies and figure out how to support one another. I think we need to talk to groups in the national liberation struggles in order to figure out how to set our agenda and strategy. It’s no accident that Stonewall’s leadership was Third World gay men and lesbians. To only struggle for gay rights without struggling for the rights (human and democratic) of all those in need, and specifically those who are nationally oppressed, sets up competing struggle rather than a cohesive radical opposition to the oppression.”

The LGBT community must no longer ignore people who are incarcerated and the proliferation of the Prison Industrial Complex. By building an LGBT Liberation movement that has radical values and makes no compromise with racism, sexism, and class exploitation, the LGBT community can join the struggle to dismantle the Prison Industrial Complex.

Cathy Busha is the Director of Programs at Wingspan, Southern Arizona’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community center www.wingspan.org.



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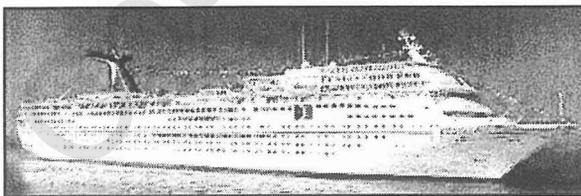
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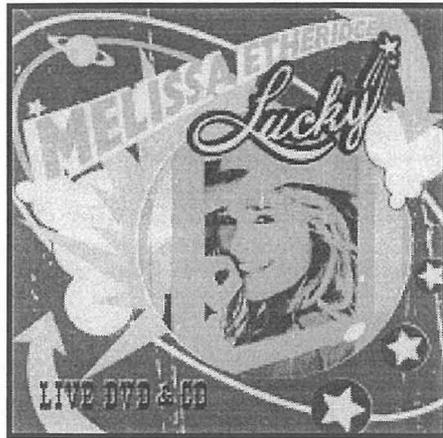
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Melissa Etheridge. *Lucky Live* (DVD) released September 28, 2004. \$14.98. Also the CD/DVD is available for \$29.98.

Released both as a stand-alone DVD and as a CD+DVD package, Etheridge performs all 13 songs on her early 2004 album "Lucky," plus the never-before-released exclusive track "Good Girls And Boys." Originally shot in high-definition by director Michael A. Simon (who also filmed "Live ... And Alone"), "Lucky Live" is Etheridge with her band at the Roseland Ballroom in New York City during her 2004 "Get Lucky Tonight" tour. The DVD also features an exclusive concert commentary track by Etheridge and members of her band as well as a 44-minute "A Day In The Life" documentary and a special 14-minute interview with the two-time Grammy Award winner. The CD, with its audio of the same concert, provides a more mobile experience of the performance.



Tegan & Sara. *So Jealous*. (CD) Released September 14, 2004. \$15.98.

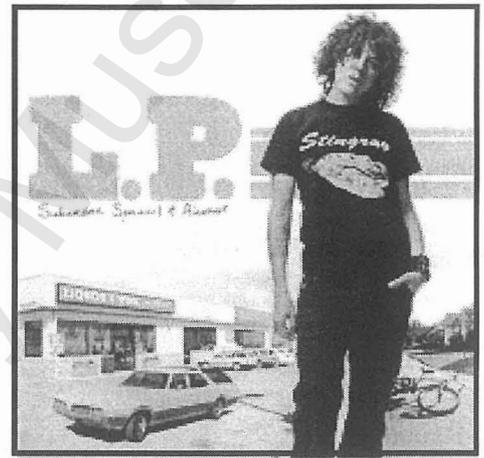
The Canadian-based, lesbian, twin-sister musical act, have hit the alternamusic set with the release of their fourth album, an impressive collection of songs with moments of punk and folk that lace their otherwise robust pop music. Tegan and Sara toured with the Lilith Fair and played shows with a handful of musicians including Neil Young (who later signed them to his label, Vapor Records), Kinnie Starr, Rufus Wainwright and The Pretenders.



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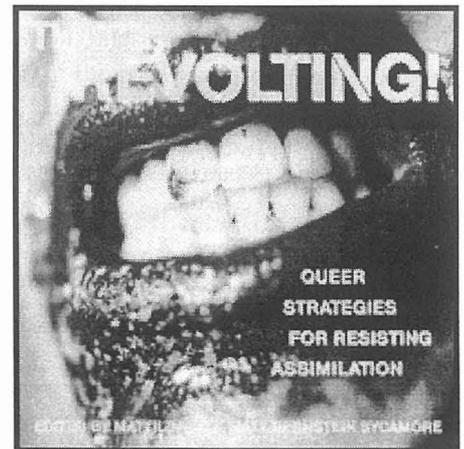
L.P. *Suburban Sprawl & Alcohol*. (CD) \$11.98

This album is getting a lot of attention from critics, industry insiders and indie-alternative fans. The album is a solid collection of infectious rock/pop songs that seem destined for the radio. Her unique voice has drawn comparisons to Stevie Nicks and her confident onstage presence to Melissa Etheridge. With her androgynous look that has everyone confusing her with Shane from "The L Word", L.P. says "I'm so out it fucking hurts" ... "when gay women see me, they know immediately."



That's Revolting! *Queer Strategies for Resisting Assimilation*. Edited by Mattilda, a.k.a. Matt Bernstein Sycamore. Soft Skull Press, 2004. Released October 10, 2004. \$15.95.

This timely collection of essays by writers such as Patrick Califia, Kate Bornstein, Carol Queen, Charlie Anders, Benjamin Shepard, and others shows what the new queer resistance looks like. Essays include "Dr. Laura, Sit on My Face," "Gay Art Guerrillas," "Legalized Sodomy Is Political Foreplay," and "Queer Parents: An Oxymoron or Just Plain Moronic?"



Mattilda will be in Tucson with Elise Mbessakwini and Blake Nemec (OliveLucy), Monday, Nov 15th, 7:00 PM at Reader's Oasis, 3400 E. Speedway #114, Tucson. Ph: 319-7887.

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The recipients of the 16th Annual Lambda Literary Awards were announced on June 4, 2004. Some award recipients are: Lesbian Fiction *Southland*, by Nina Revoyr (Akashic Books)

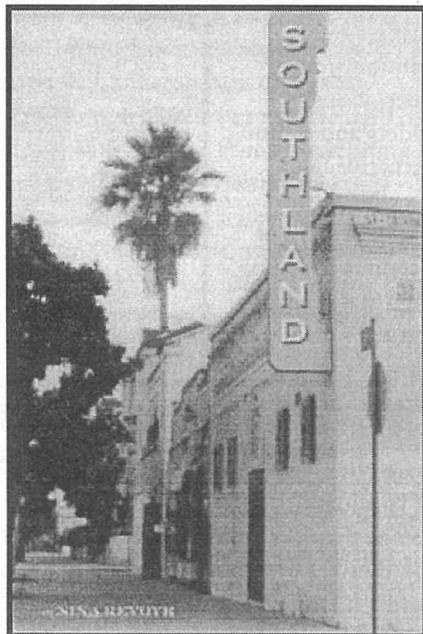
Lesbian Mystery
Damn Straight, by Elizabeth Sims (Alyson Publications)

Lesbian Poetry
The Dirt She Ate, by Minnie Bruce Pratt (University of Pittsburgh Press)

LGBT Erotica
Best Lesbian Erotica 2004, Tristan Taormino, ed. (Cleis Press)

LGBT Humor
Dykes and Sundry Other Carbon-Based Life-Forms to Watch Out For, by Alison Bechdel (Alyson Publications)

LGBT Memoir/Autobiography *Naked in the Promised Land*, by Lillian Faderman (Houghton Mifflin)

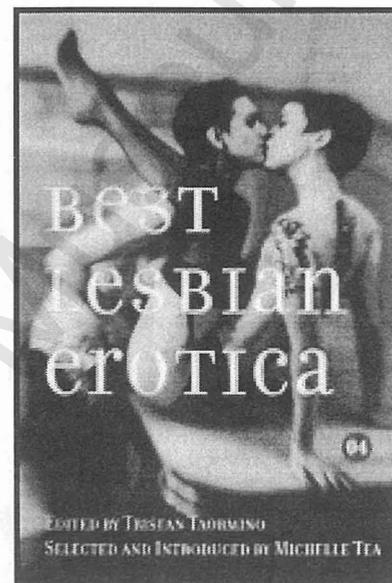


LGBT Romance
Maybe Next Time, by Karin Kallmaker (Bella Books)

Science Fiction/Fantasy/Horror
Necrologue, Helen Sandler, ed. (Diva Books)

Transgender *She's Not There*, by Jennifer Finney Boylan (Broadway Books)

Visual Arts *Women Seeing Women*, Lonthar Schirmer, ed. (W.W. Norton)



Ellen - The Complete Season One (1994) (DVD - 2 Discs) released September 28, 2004. \$39.95. Features all 11 episodes of the first season on two discs, including the pilot; commentary by Holly Fulger and Arye Gross on the pilot; two bonus episodes filmed during the first season but broadcast during the third season. **Ellen - The Complete Season Two** is due to be released February 22, 2005.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Gay American Smoke OUT, November 18th

The LGBT community has the highest rate of smoking than any other marginalized population (NY Times, 1999). Typically held on the third Thursday in November, the Gay American Smoke OUT was created to coincide with the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout. Please join us at Wingspan on Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 6:00 PM for an engaging community event to

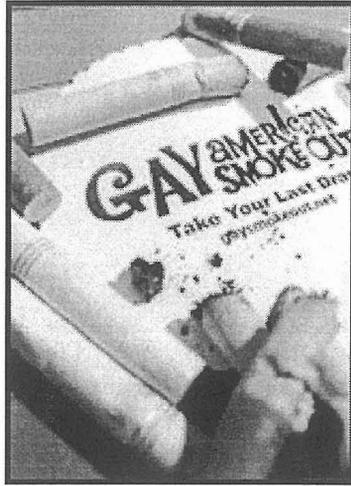


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commemorate the National Gay American Smoke OUT. The event is free and open to the public—smokers, nonsmokers, and ex-smokers all invited! Contact Cathy Hammer (chammer@wingspan.org; 520.624.1779 x25), Wingspan Health and Wellness Program Coordinator, or visit www.wingspan.org for more information.

LESBIAN SHORTS – New Plays to Premiere in Tucson November 5th-7th

The Bloody Unicorn Theatre Company, in conjunction with Old Pueblo Playwrights, presents LESBIAN SHORTS – A FESTIVAL OF ORIGINAL ONE-ACT PLAYS WITH A SAPPHIC SLANT. The Festival will present the world premieres of three new one-acts, including plays by local, award-winning authors, along with belly dance performances and other surprises. All of the works will be presented each night, as a single bill. Performances of the Festival will take place Friday through Sunday, November 5-7, at 7:30 PM on Friday and at both 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM on Saturday and Sunday. The show will be at the Cabaret Theater, upstairs in the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. Tickets are \$13 and can be reserved by calling (520) 990-3628 or e-mailing kyrarc@yahoo.com. Group discounts are available for parties of eight or more.

LESBIAN SHORTS includes both comedies and dramas, each with a lesbian relationship as a central feature. "Toys", by local playwright Adrienne Perry, is a comedy about misunder-

standing, sexual frustration, and experimentation in bed. In the drama "Matchbox Songs and Gypsy Hymns", by Sarah Pariseau, a pair of high-schoolers who share a love of *The Rolling Stones* edge towards the possibility that they might share something more. "Vamp", by local author Ry Herman, is a vinyl-clad supernatural romantic comedy containing more than you thought you wanted to know about monsters, meteors, and imaginary friends. Entertainment between the plays will be provided by the dancers of Midriff Crisis, Tucson's leading tribal belly dance troupe.

Adrienne Perry and Ry Herman are both members of Old Pueblo Playwrights, which is co-producing the event along with the Bloody Unicorn Theater. Sarah Pariseau is a Rhode Island teenager whose play was selected by the Festival Board out of a stack of hundreds being considered. Ry Herman, also the Artistic Director of the Festival, says that "This is really a wonderful opportunity for some great playwrights to have their work showcased. I've been wanting to produce Adrienne's play for years, and when we found Sarah's play – which is really an amazing piece, it's very hard to believe she's still in high school – the idea for the Festival started to come together. If it goes well, we're thinking of making it an annual Festival, maybe with a different theme each year. Right now, there aren't enough venues for new plays, and there's a lot of work out there that deserves to be seen."

The Bloody Unicorn Theater Company was created six years ago, although as a producing organization it has frequently performed under different stage names. It has always, however, been consistent in presenting excellent, original works by local playwrights; every work produced by the company has been a world premiere, and many of the productions have won awards and critical acclaim. Old Pueblo Playwrights is a Southern Arizona organization that offers authors workshops, feedback, and festivals such as the Play-In-A-Day Competition and the acclaimed annual OPP Staged Readings Series.

Transgender Day of Remembrance November 20th

The Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) will be sponsoring Tucson's observance of the National Transgender Day of Remembrance on Saturday, November 20 at 4:30 PM at Catalina Park (N. Fourth Avenue). There will be a candlelight ceremony at the park followed by a march down Fourth Avenue and a reception at Wingspan. The Day of Remembrance is an annual event commemorating the lives of transgender people who were murdered because of their gender identities. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder in 1998 led to the "Remembering Our Dead" web project

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(www.gender.org/remember). Since then, the event has grown to encompass memorials in dozens of cities around the world.

The Fourth Annual Sex Worker Arts Festival - November 4th-6th

The Sex Worker Arts Festival has gained both notoriety and respect for bringing together a nation of artists and activists for an annual three-day festival celebrating art, sex, work, and power. Performance artists, strippers, filmmakers, poets, photographers, hustlers, bestselling authors, educators, dommes, activists, actors, and artists—all current or former sex workers—will fascinate and satiate, enlighten and delight!



Photo by Kina Williams

"Mistress Carmen Li at the 2002 Sex Worker Arts Festival"

The Line Up this year includes mean and sexy Mistress Carmen Li (Chicago's favorite pro Do mme); David Henry Sterry (author of best-selling book *Chicken*, soon to be an HBO series); Michelle Tea (author of *Valencia*, winner of the Lambda Literary Award for Best Lesbian Fiction); and Honorary Festival Goddess, The Scarlet Harlot (instigator of the Sex Workers' Rights Movement, filmmaker and author); national director of Sex Worker Outreach Project, Robyn Few; Adult Video News editor, Mark Kearnes; photographer, David Steinberg; exotic adult performer, Tesha, and more!!!!

See David Henry Sterry "Chicken - A One-Ho Show" (Screening Room). Missed out on summer camp? Don't sweat it, we've got Stripper Camp for all you wannabe strippers...of all sizes! And for those of you who always wondered what really goes on with whores behind closed doors, there's Sexwork 101! There's also David Henry Sterry's Writing Workshop and a Healthy Bodies workshop.

Attend a Community Forum on Local Prostitution Issues, with guest panelists from local neighborhood associations, law enforcement and sex workers. And come explore the various issues effecting parents who hustle in the Sex Work & Parenting workshop. All panels free.

Keynote speaker Robyn Few, national director for the Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP-USA) will address the issue of decriminalizing prostitution, joined by activists Carol Leigh and Juliana Piccillo.

ALL-FESTIVAL PASSES: \$50.00. Includes admission into all events except parties.

Venues, events, times subject to change - check website for up-to-date information www.sexworkersartsfestival.com or email HouseOfThumpress@aol.com for more info. Some events age-restricted.

Naughty....Or Nice?

Desert Voices Winter Show

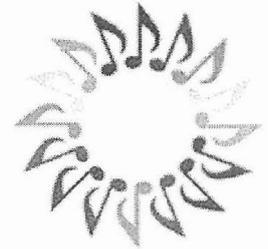
December 4th-5th

Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Supportive Others (GLBTS) chorus, has always had just a little touch of 'naughtiness' included in their shows. Not the kind of naughty that gets you arrested, but the kind that makes their audience whoop and holler! The chorus likes to challenge stereotypes of all kinds and poke a little fun at the world around them. That humor will be front and center at their upcoming Winter show titled "Naughty....Or Nice?".

"Naughty....Or Nice?" will be presented on Saturday, December 4th, 2004 at 7:30 PM at The Muse Community Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Avenue (across 6th street from Wingspan). A matinee of the show will be presented the following day, Sunday, December 5th, 2004 starting at 2 PM at the same location. Tickets for both shows are \$12 in advance (\$10 for seniors and students) and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at Antigone's and Desert Pride, or by calling the Desert Voices office at 791-9662. Information about the show and tickets can also be found on the chorus website, www.desertvoices.org.

The show includes musical selections that really are either just a little naughty, or very, very nice, in terms of their content and sound. Rather than focusing specifically on holidays, the group chose to learn and sing about many varied traditions occurring during the winter, including Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Santa Claus, gift giving, and Kwanzaa and New Year celebrations.

Many of the choral selections will be performed a cappella, and the group will incorporate the use of hand bells, percussion and other instruments to enhance the overall musical experience. Please support live GLBTS arts here in Tucson, and plan to be front and center at this terrific holiday show.



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Melissa Etheridge's Tucson Concert October 30th

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Melissa Etheridge is recovering at her home in Los Angeles after having two surgeries to treat her breast cancer. Etheridge was diagnosed with breast cancer in early October and canceled her tour including her Oct. 30 date at Casino del Sol's AVA.

Etheridge, 43, underwent surgery Oct. 18. A tumor and a few lymph nodes, one of which was positive for cancer were removed. Her doctor expects she will have a "speedy and complete recovery," publicist Marcel Pariseau said in a statement. She will do chemotherapy next.

Etheridge was on tour since December. She was scheduled to play 11 concerts in seven cities last month. Her Oct. 30 show at the AVA was to be her first in Tucson in 12 years. Tucson was the last show of her tour. Ticket buyers can get their refunds at the point of purchase. According to her Web site, in lieu of flowers, cards or gifts, Etheridge has chosen the following organization for those interested in donating to breast cancer research in her name: The Dr. Susan Love Research Foundation at www.susanlovemdfoundation.org.

If the organization asks for an address where they can send Melissa a notification of your donation, please provide the fan club address below and we will forward the mail:

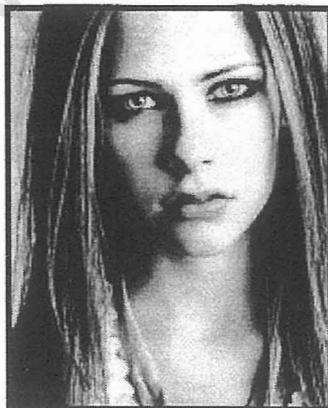
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Avril Lavigne.

Wednesday, November 17, 2004, 7:30 PM. Glendale Arena, Glendale, AZ. Tickets \$27.55-\$32.55. Tickets available at Ticket Master: <http://www.ticketmaster.com>



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Kate Clinton, political comedian, presented by Bas Bleu Productions. Sunday, November 21, 2004 at 2:00 PM, The Muse, 516 N 5th Ave. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at Antigone Bookstore. For more information contact Jayne Goldstein (602) 697-9097 or Kristen Felan (520) 440-6735.



Bette Midler. Saturday, November 27, 2004, 8:00 PM. America West Arena, Phoenix, AZ. Tickets \$38.00-\$153.00. Tickets available at Ticket Master: <http://www.ticketmaster.com>



LISA OTEY'S HOLIDAY MUSICAL REVUE or LOVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS, November 26-December 19, Wilde Playhouse, 135 East Congress, Tucson, AZ, 770-1000.

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Discount tickets for groups of 10 or more are \$18.



UA Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (MST)
Tue, Nov 02	Play Mode Sports	Tucson	7 p.m.
Mon, Nov 08	Baden Sports	Tucson	7 p.m.
Fri, Nov 12	Saint Mary's	Tucson	7 p.m.
Sun, Nov 14	TBA - Second Round	TBA	TBA
Wed, Nov 17	TBA - Semifinals	TBA	TBA
Sat, Nov 20 - Sun, Nov 21	TBA - Final	TBA	TBA
Sat, Nov 27	Brigham Young	at Provo, Utah	2 p.m.
Mon, Nov 29	Texas-El Paso	Tucson	7 p.m.

UA Women's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (PST)
Fri, Nov 05	Oregon State *	at Corvallis, Ore.	12 p.m.
Sun, Nov 07	Oregon *	at Eugene, Ore.	1 p.m.
NCAA College Cup			
Fri, Nov 12	NCAA 1st Round	at TBA	TBA
Sun, Nov 14	NCAA 2nd Round	at TBA	TBA
Fri, Nov 19 - Sun, Nov 21	NCAA 3rd Round	at TBA	TBA
Fri, Nov 26 - Sun, Nov 28	NCAA Quarterfinals	at TBA	TBA

UA Women's Cross Country Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (PST)
Sat, Nov 13	NCAA West Regional Championships	at Fresno, Calif.	10:30 a.m. MT
Mon, Nov 22	NCAA Championships	at Terre Haute, Ind.	11:00 a.m. CT

UA Women's Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (MST)
Thu, Nov 04	*Oregon	Tucson	7 p.m. MST
Fri, Nov 05	*Oregon State	Tucson	7 p.m. MST
Thu, Nov 11	*Washington	at Seattle	7 p.m.
Fri, Nov 12	*Washington State	at Pullman, Wash.	7 p.m.
Fri, Nov 19	*Arizona State	at Tempe, Ariz.	7 p.m.
Fri, Nov 26	*California	Tucson	7 p.m. MST
Sat, Nov 27	*Stanford	Tucson	7 p.m. MST

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As usual, food was in abundance. A fabulous fruit salad, fresh vegetables, home-cured olives, made on-site salsa, steak, carne asada and chicken. Cinnamon rolls and bacon for breakfast (and and eggs and juice and watermelon and ham and coffee . . .).

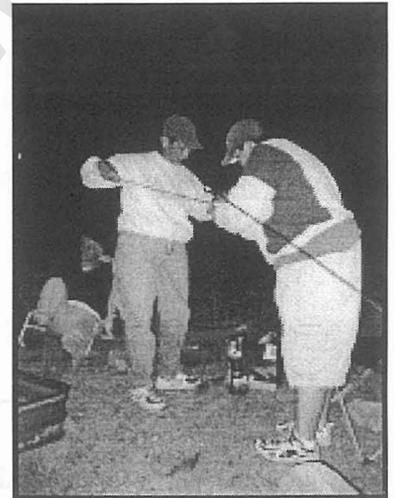
For those who thought it might be too cold, and it has been in the past, Saturday evening this year was unseasonably warm. However, we brought lots of extra blankets. Don't let the anticipated cold thwart your plans of attending.

We look forward to seeing you in May.

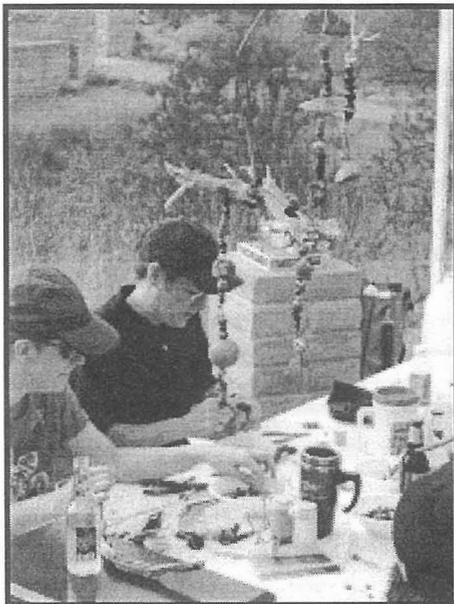
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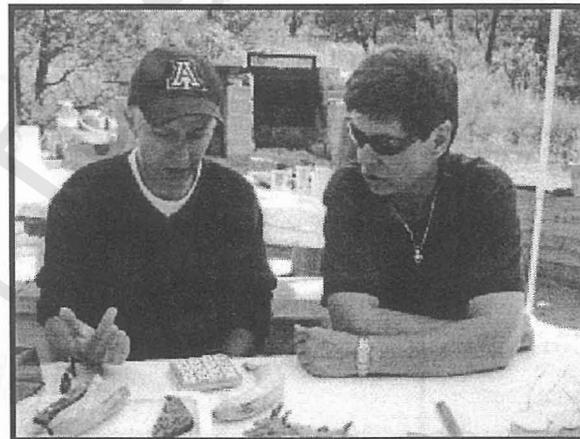
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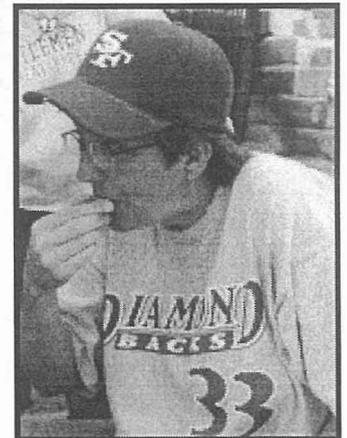
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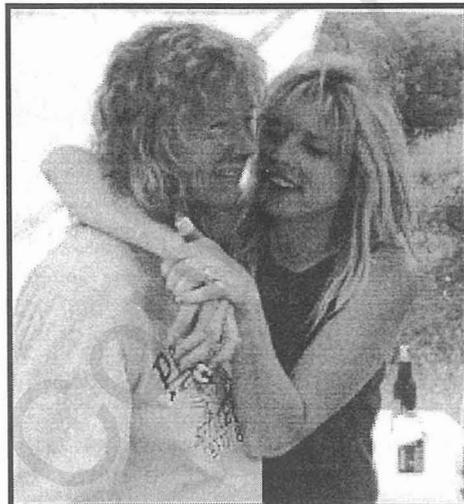
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Internet-based Smoking Treatment Program

Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) are proud to announce the launch of iQuit—a new Internet-based smoking cessation study for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) smokers. (<http://iquit.medschool.ucsf.edu>)

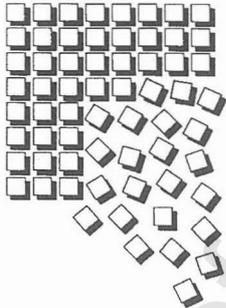
This timely study comes on the heels of research showing high rates of smoking in the LGBT community. In some parts of the community, LGBT smoking rates can be as much as 50% higher than their heterosexual counterparts. This, along with the fact that smoking kills more people each year than HIV/

AIDS, car accidents and drug and alcohol use combined, makes smoking cessation an emerging public health priority for LGBT individuals.

The study is expected to continue through February 2005, but may be extended, if needed, in order to meet recruitment goals. Because of the uncertainty of the end date, we will be sure to contact you once the study has ended.

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GLOBAL NEWS CLIPS

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WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney curses a lawmaker Alan Keyes on the Senate floor last month. Keyes called Cheney's lesbian daughter, Mary Cheney (photo on right), "a selfish hedonist." Mary Cheney made headline news on October 14 when John

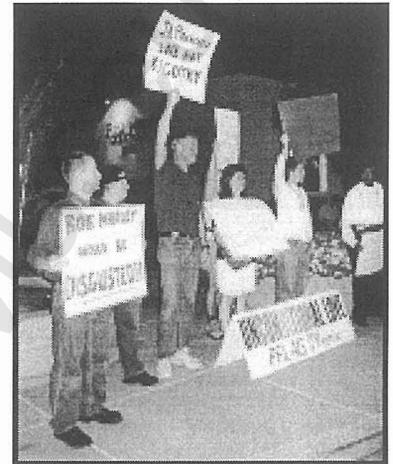


Kerry noted, she is a lesbian, during his debate with President Bush. Vice president Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne were furious at Kerry. But others who have publicly navigated the waters of politics and homosexuality say the Vice President and his wife may have overreacted to what Kerry called an attempt to compliment them on how they have dealt with having a lesbian daughter. The Cheneys went on the attack immediately after the debate, where Kerry had suggested their daughter's sexual identity was formed at birth.

"I'm a pretty angry father," said the Vice President. "Cheap and tawdry political trick," charged his wife. A campaign spokeswoman said Mary Cheney, who runs operations in the Vice President's campaign office, declined to comment — as is typically the case. But others said Kerry's comments seemed well within bounds, especially because Mary Cheney has been public about her sexuality and because her father has discussed it openly before. Steve Gunderson, a former Republican congressman who is gay, called Kerry's comments "absolutely appropriate." "It's trying to put a human face and make clear the issue of one's sexual orientation does not honor partisan lines," said Gunderson, who used to represent Wisconsin. The flap was ignited during the presidential debate, when Kerry was asked whether homosexuality is a choice. "We're all God's children," he said. "And I think if you were to talk to Dick Cheney's daughter, who is a lesbian, she would tell you that she's being who she was. She's being who she was born as. I think if you talk to anybody, it's not a choice." After the debate, Lynne Cheney, was upset that John Kerry brought up their lesbian daughter. She said, "The only thing that upsets me more is the fact that I brought up a lesbian daughter."

LONDON — An Anglican church commission on October 18 sharply criticized the U.S. Episcopal Church for consecrating gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson, and called on the church to apologize and refrain from promoting any other clergy living in a same sex union.

SCOTTSDALE — PFLAG Phoenix was urging all Arizona gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered citizens, their families, friends, supporters and allies to contact The Venue of Scottsdale to strongly urge them to cancel a performance by reggae artist Capelton on October 6. Capelton's music includes lyrics which encourage people to stab, drown, lynch and burn gays. Music venues around the U.S. and in England have been canceling Capelton's appearances due to an outcry from gay community groups and their allies. The Phoenix show was not canceled. PFLAG Phoenix did speak to John Durham, General Manager of The Venue of Scottsdale. Durham stated that The Venue had rented their facility to a promoter, Michael Gayle, who is producing the show featuring Capelton at The Venue. Given this arrangement, Durham stated that The Venue would remain neutral and would take no position on the matter. PFLAG Phoenix had a peaceful protest.



Peaceful protest.



Capelton

SAN FRANCISCO — There was no big stir on Wall Street, but a San Francisco-based Internet company marked a cultural milestone in October by becoming the first gay-directed business to trade its stock on a major exchange. PlanetOut Inc., which operates several gay and lesbian-themed Web sites, made an initial public stock offering of 4.65 million shares on the Nasdaq Stock Market. The shares gained 16 percent on the first day of trading, closing at \$10.40. In a nod to both its mission and as a statement of gay pride, PlanetOut adopted "LGBT" — an acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender — as its ticker symbol.



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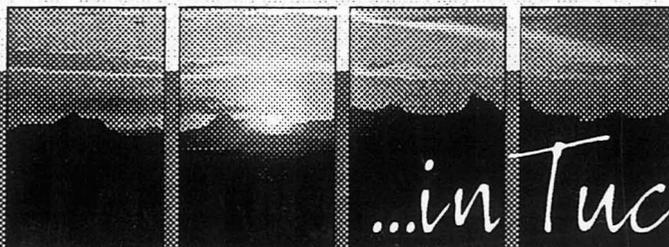


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