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LAVENDER LETTER

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Volume 12 No. 3

A Calender of Events, for and by Womyn

March, 1994

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

7:30pm... Dr. Mary Libertin, associate professor of English at Shippensburg, will present a lecture on Gays & Lesbians in Literature at Encore Books & Music (Hampden Centre, 4850 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg). A discussion will follow. (Monthly book discussion group on Gay & Lesbian Literature will be forming... Contact Crystal Fox or Teresa Corson at the store (717) 761-2665. Please leave a message.

9-11pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Millersville University's Pirate's Cove Night Club. Free. Call (717) 872-4512 for info

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

8-10pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Encore Books, (Hampden Centre) Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. Call (717) 872-4512 for info or (717) 732-8010 for directions.

10pm... Karaoke at Nostalgia, Reading. Bring your favorite Tape or CD to sing to. Call (610) 372-5557 for info.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

1pm... Meeting for the Pride Coalition at the Friends' Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts. Hbg. Any & all organizations are invited to attend. If you can't attend, please send your organization's information & contribution to: "Pride Coalition", P.O. Box 2425, York, PA 17405-2425. [See Announcements (last page) for more info on this event.]

6:30pm... TLC of State College will meet for Dinner at a local Vegetarian Restaurant. Call (814) 237-1950 for details.

7pm... The Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Hbg's Volleyball Open Tournament. Harrisburg Area Community College. (Near the Farm Show Bldg.) For details on how to get a team together call (717) 234-0328. A minimum collection of \$10 is required to play, remember, this is a fund-raiser for the G&L Switchboard. You may sign up as a free agent to be signed on a team that night. Sneakers are required for players & spectators.

9:30pm-1am... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Center City Grille, S. Prince St. Lanc. Call (717) 872-4512 for info.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

12:30pm... Film Series sponsored by Interweave at the Unitarian Universalist G/L/Bi Concerns Committee. "My Beautiful Laundrette" - Bisexual Bounty, at the UU Church, 416 Franklin St., Reading.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

8pm... Bucknell University Film Series in room LC 301 of the Student Center. *The Haunting*, a chilling 1963 film adaptation of Shirley Jackson's *The Haunting of Hill House*. Recently re-interpreted as a tale of Lesbian passion. For more info call Cindy at (717) 524-3792. Free admission.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7-9pm... It's a Thursday Thing... Sisterspace of Philadelphia is sponsoring a series of workshops for & by women in our community. This month... *Debt Management*, with Valerie West, Lawyer, at the Sisterspace Office, 351 S. 47th St. B-101, Phila. Call (215) 476-2424 for reservation. \$5.00. Space limited. (April 14th-*Refinishing Furniture*, May 12-*Sexual Harassment in the Workplace*).

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

8pm... TLC of State College will meet for Dinner at a local Restaurant. Call (814) 237-1950 for details.

... Barb Barton in Concert at Potter's House, Washington DC, call (202) 232-5482 for info.

... Bobbi Carmitchell at Sojourners, Kingston, NY. (717) 872-4512.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

10pm... Country & Western Night at Nostalgia in Reading. Call (610) 372-5557 for info.

Bobbi Carmitchell at Crone's Harvest, Boston. Call (717) 872-4512.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

1:30pm... Hbg. Women's Bowl (but no Brew). ABC North Lanes again... Locust Lane, Hbg. Dinner afterwards. Call (717) 732-8010.

4pm... Ladies, Parties for Women by Women, Spring is in the Air party at the Den, 700 Hamilton St., Somerset, NJ. Call (908) 545-7329 or call the Ladies Hotline at (609) 784-8341. Proper ID required, 1hr open bar & comp. buffet.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

8pm... Bucknell University Film Series in room LC 301 of the Student Center. *Henry & June*, explores the erotic life of two 20th Century literary giants, Henry Miller, Anais Nin & their enigmatic friend June. For more info call Cindy at (717) 524-3792. Free.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

6pm... Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns meeting, please call for reservation (814) 237-1950.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

7:30pm... *Assertiveness For Women* "Assertiveness isn't how you are, it's who you are". (Rescheduled from Feb.) All women welcome. For location call Peg or Del at (717) 846-2089 no later than March 16.

9pm-Mid... Party on the Parkway to celebrate the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force's 15th Anniversary at The Academy of Natural Sciences, 19th & Parkway - Phila. Cash Bar w/ comp. buffet, Music by Futuristic Dee Jays. Tickets \$12 in adv., \$20 at door. Tickets avail. at Giovanni's Room, Afterwards, Metamorphosis, Atlanta Annie's and New Hope Video.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 19

7:30pm... TLC of State College Game Night, call (814) 237-1950.

8pm... An evening of comedy & music with Suzanne Westenhoefer (originally from Lanc.) & Suede (Blues/Jazz Vocalist) at the Strand Capital for the Performing Arts. Tickets available at the Strand Capital, 50 N. George St., York, PA 17401 or Her Story, a Women's Bookstore for \$20 (gen. adm.). Call (717) 757-4270 for info.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20



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THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:30pm... TLC of State College Regular meeting. Call (814) 237-1950 for info.

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8pm-2am... (showtime 9:30pm)

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For tickets/info call Stormy - Hbg. (717) 238-2004 or Mimi - York, (717) 852-0652.

Benefit for York Hospice House.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

All Day... Nostalgia Anniversary Party (Party All Day) DJ Dennis at 10pm. Call (610) 372-5557 for info.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

12:30pm... Film Series sponsored by Interweave at the Unitarian Universalist G/L/Bi Concerns Committee. "Clair of the Moon", at the UU Church, 416 Franklin St., Reading.

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8 pm... Anathema Productions presents Carolyn Gage's award winning Lesbian play The Second Coming of Joan of Arc. Contrary to history and myth, Gage's teenage Lesbian Joan is neither a pious peasant girl no a saint and martyr. In the play, Joan reclaims her name -- Jeanne Romee -- and talks about her real life as a smart-mouthed, woman-loving, cross-dressing butch who thought she was battling for her country against England but found herself battling for her life against the combined male institutions of gender, class, church and state. Held at Calvary United Methodist Church (48th & Baltimore Sts.) Philadelphia. ASL interpreted. Discussion to follow, refreshments available. Tickets \$5-\$15 (sliding scale) at the door & \$10-\$20 at the door. To order make check payable to Karen Escovitz at P.O. Box 41243, Phila, PA 19144. For info call (215) 848-8419 & leave mssg. for Anathema Productions. This Play is presented by women, for women. *Please respect Women's Space.*

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MONDAY, MARCH 28

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SPIRITUALITY ...

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lanc., services resuming at 9am & 11am on Sept. 12. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lanc. Dr. Kit Howell, (717) 393-1733.

...**Vision of Hope MCC,** 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA 17554. Service on Sunday at 10:30am & 7pm. AM Children's Sunday School. Phone #: (717) 285-9070.



Center Piece Lavender Letter



March, 1994

APRIL 29 - MAY 1

MCC of the Spirit (Hbg) Couples Retreat at Camp Nawakwa (near Gettysburg). 20 Couples, 1st come 1st serve. Must be together a minimum of 6 months. Call Eva at the MCC office (717) 236-7387 for reservation/information.

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MAY 13-15

500+ women of will be gathering at INTOUCH for the VIRGINIA WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL (20 miles E. of Charlottesville.) Performers: Alix Dobikin, Mermaids in the Basement, Stacy Edwards, to name a few... Crafts area, massage booths, beach volleyball & workshops are all a part of this Festival. Treat yourself to a weekend of wonder and excitement. For info write or call: INTOUCH, RT. 2 Box 1096, Kent's Store, VA 23084, (804) 589-6542.

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SOCIAL GROUPS...

Bucknell University's student **FLAG & B** Organization will be sponsoring Monday Night Film Showings at the University Student Center (LC) Room 301 (Gallery Theatre, 3rd Floor) at 8pm. FREE admission, public is welcome, showings are part of the academic programming. March Titles include: Mar. 7th-The Haunting; Mar. 14th-Henry & June. For details call Cindy at (717) 524-3792 (day), (717) 523-7961 (eve.).

Triangle Interests... A not-for-profit, Lesbian membership association offering financial and business networking opportunities, educational seminars and social activities. They are forming a Lesbian Credit Union & Retirement Communities (+much more). For more info call: (215) 844-6348.

Susquehanna Lambda regular monthly meeting (2nd Sunday of each month) 507 W. 4th Street, AIDS Resource Office (look for blue lights in the window). 6pm, (Officers meet at 5:30pm) For info write P.O. Box 2510, Williamsport, PA 17703, or call (717) 327-1411.

The **Center for Women Students at Penn State**, University Park sponsors many film series/discussion groups on women & Lesbian concerns. For more info/brochure call (814) 863-2027 or write: Center for Women Students, 102 Boucke Building, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802.

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...For this month's **Business and Professional Women's Group** get together, call: 234-0461.

...**YAL (York Area Lambda)** Group of Lesbian/Gay & Bi people in York. Dues - \$6 individual, \$10 couple, includes newsletter. They meet for potlucks & social events throughout the month. Also, every Sunday at 6pm, supper at Ponderosa, Rt 30 just W. of George St. For more info write P.O. Box 2425, York, PA 17405.

...**York Area Singles** has something to do on the weekends!! A great way to meet other women. Dinner every-other Sat. Nite, call for reservations by the Thurs. before. Call for Calender of other events. Contacts: (Lanc.: Nancy 394-3621.) (York: Peg 225-6042, Pat 767-4721, or Kit 252-4454).

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...**P-FLAG** of Harrisburg meets on the 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at Tressler Lutheran Services. 960 Century Dr. off Wesley Dr., Mechanicsburg. For more info call (717) 795-0330.

...**PFLAG**, Central Susquehanna Chapter meets the 4th Monday of each Month at Faith Tressler Lutheran Church (route 45 near Brookpark Farm, Lewisburg), at 7pm. For info call (717) 742-9530.

... Support group for family, significant others & friends of people with HIV, 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 6pm at the SCAAN office in Kline Village, Hbg. Call (717) 238-2437 for info.

SPORTS, OUTDOORS & TRAVEL...

Women's travel packages available thru Zeller Travel in Brownstown. If you want the freedom to be yourself, you can join other women on one of many different excursions. Lesbian Ski week in Tahoe - March, South Pacific Adventure - March/April, Women's African Safari - May/June, Women's Cattle Drive - August. Call (717) 859-4710 or (800) 331-4359 for more details on these & other trips.

Join our Lesbian Golf Outings!!! All skill levels are welcome. We will golf at various public courses. Let's get together to plan where we want to go. Call Donna or Karen at (717) 334-7473.

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...**Ladies (Parties for Women by Women) First Saturday Party.** Every 1st Saturday of the month at the 2-4 Club in Phila. 8pm w/\$1 drinks till 9pm. \$5 admission before 10:30pm - \$7 admission after 10:30pm no admission after 12:30 am w/out a 2-4 club membership. Call (609) 784-8341 for info.

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IT'S A THURSDAY THING! Sisterspace is sponsoring a workshop series starting in January & running until June, every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Sisterspace office in Phila. Call (215) 476-2424 for details/registration.

The Lehigh Valley's Gay & Lesbian Task Force. The organization has been growing with over 150 people in attendance at the introductory meeting. Plans are nearing completion for the first annual membership meeting at which offices will be elected and By Laws will be adopted. Please join us!!! Let's make a difference. If you are interested in getting involved, send your name, address & phone # to: LVGLTF, P.O. Box 20253, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0253.

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...**GAY/LESBIAN/BI-YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP** meets 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month at 7pm in the Planned Parenthood Building, 1514 N. 2nd St. Hbg. The group offers support for youth ages 14 to 25. Call (717) 652-7683 for more info.

...**Victim Assistance Project**, at the Whitman-Walker Clinic, Wash. D.C. Peer counseling & referrals for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual victims of hate crimes, sexual assault, domestic violence & discrimination due to sexual orientation. Feel free to call to participate in these programs or to volunteer for training programs. (202) 797-3518.

...**LESBIAN RESOURCE AND COUNSELING CENTER (LRCC)** Open every Monday night for peer counseling, support and information at Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1407 S Street, NW, Wash, DC. Call (202) 332-5935 for more info. Phone support lines: Mondays 7-9:30pm.

...**LAMBDA AA** - meets Monday: 8-9pm & Friday: 8:30-9:30pm at Friends Meeting House (social room) 6th and Herr Sts. Hbg.

...**As We Are, Gay Alcoholics/Narcotics Support Group**, 7:00pm Wednesdays. New meeting place... 915 Vine Ave., Williamsport.

MCC Women's Support Group will now meet on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 3pm, at the MCC of the Spirit Church office. 1818 Green St., Apt 1. Call Stephanie at (717) 232-0671 or Eva at (717) 236-7387 for more info.

...**FACT** (Fighting Aids Continuously Together) has formed a chapter in Bucks County. For more info call (215) 598-0750 or write Box 516, Buckingham, PA 18912.



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Susquehanna Lambda meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 507 W. 4th St. Williamsport at 6pm. Call (717) 327-1411 for info.

...**"YOUR TURF"** - a support group for Gay & Lesbian youth, ages 18-25. The group deals with the fear & isolation from family, friends, schools & churches, as well as explores sexual identity. Social events, and educational sessions (Coming-Out, Communication, etc.) are all planned for the Fall. Sponsored by MCC of the Lehigh Valley & open to all Gay & Lesbian Youth. For info call (215) 439-8755. Allentown/Reading Area.

Support group for Gay, Lesbian & Bi Youth in York meets the 1st Monday & the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. If you are between the ages of 14 & 24, or know someone who is call Peg (717) 846-2089, Kate (717) 848-9142 or Frank (717) 292-1665.

...**BI-GLYAH** support group for Bi, Gay & Lesbian Youths ages 14-25 meets at the Planned Parenthood Bldg, 1514 N. 2nd St. Hbg. at 7pm the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month.

...**P-FLAG** of Lancaster (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meets 7-9pm every 2nd Tuesday at the 1st Reformed UCC, 40 E. Orange St., Lancaster. Call the Lancaster Help line for more info. (717) 397-0691.

THE PHILADELPHIA LESBIAN & GAY TASK FORCE invites you to celebrate Love, Life & Liberty by joining our Movement for Freedom & Justice. Introductory membership \$10. Send to Task Force, 1616 Walnut St., Suite 1005, Phila, PA 19103-5313. Confidentiality is assured, call (215) 772-2000 for info.

HELP WANTED... The Phila. Gay & Lesbian Task Force is looking for an Administrative/Technical Assistant. Both High-level Secretarial and Data-base skills are required. Please send resume & salary requirements to Rita Addressa, PGLTF, 1616 Walnut St, Suite 1005, Phila, PA 19103.

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The **Women's Theatre Guild** will be holding auditions for future performances. Anyone interested should call (717) 737-7104.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

The Community Awareness Council in Hbg has decided to not sponsor the Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Festival this year. A new Pride Coalition has been formed & will hold a meeting on March 5th at 1pm, at the Friends' Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts. Hbg. Any & all organizations are being asked to: 1) Designate a representative & send them to the meeting. 2) Make a start-up contribution to the Coalition of \$20-\$50 or more based upon your membership so that the focus can be on the festival & not fund raising. If you cannot attend this meeting, or just want to contribute, please send your contribution to "Pride Coalition" P.O. Box 2425, York, PA 17405-2425. Let's Make It Happen!



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...**Dignity of Central PA** (Hbg) Services: First Sunday of each month, 5pm, Mass followed by Potluck Dinner and Program. Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts. 1st & 3rd Monday, Dialogue & Discussion Group at Office, 1514 N. 2nd St., (use side entrance), (717) 652-7683. **March Events:** Mar. 14th - Board of Dir. Mtg., Mar. 19th - Dinner Night Out at Fairfield Inn, RSVP by Mar. 17th to (717) 232-2027. Mar. 27 - Palm Sunday/Passover, Seder Passover meal and potluck supper (Quaker Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts.)

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