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# Activities....

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

### **CRIS WILLIAMSON & HOLLY NEAR**

8 PM...See these 2 great women in concert at The Keswick Theatre in Glenside, PA. Tickets are on sale now! All tickets \$24.50. For more information please visit their website: www.keswicktheatre.com. They do have a directions page and also a listing of nearby restaurants.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

**7 PM...**AIDS Community Alliance presents a play, The Normal Heart, at Open Stage of Harrisburg. Alicia Richards and Dennis Owens of ABC27 join Dennis John Cahill of Comcast Sportsnet and WGAL for a star-filled dramatic reading of the emotionally charged Larry Kramer play. For one night only the cast will take the stage of The Open Stage of Harrisburg (223 Walnut St. Hbg.), transporting the audience back to the early days of the AIDS epidemic in New York City as a group of men struggle with how to save their friends and the community from a new and horrifying disease. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. All proceeds from the performance benefit AIDS Community Alliance and HIV/AIDS services throughout south central Pennsylvania. Please call AIDS Community Alliance for more information at (717) 233-7190.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

### ART SHOW AT FOREVER BOOKS

3 - 6 PM...41 N. Front St. Steelton, PA. We will have several local artists exhibiting their art. Come and meet the artist! Refreshments available.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30 PM...Clover Lane Coffee House at Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, 1280 Clover Lane Harrisburg, presents JellyBricks, a great local group in concert. Admission: \$5.00.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 PM...The Lesbian Alliance will host a pot luck to celebrate the holiday season. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the holiday season with friends. Call (717) 757-3137 for directions.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

The Lavender Letter would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

The last big party of the year. Please don't drink and drive. Make sure you have a designated driver in your group or call a cab.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

8 PM till 2 AM...Altland's Ranch New Year's Eve Dance and Seafood/ Baked Ham Buffet. Tickets: \$15.00 For more info please call: (717) 225-4479, or visit: www.altlandsranch.com.

# **Upcoming Events....**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2004

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Lavender Letter would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year.

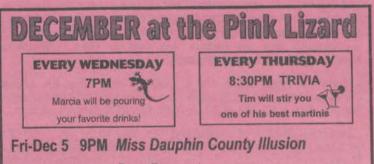
## FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2004

### PATTY LARKIN WITH CHERYL WHEELER

8 PM...See these two terrific women in concert at the Sellersville Theater in Sellersville, PA., just south of Quakertown. Tickets are \$24.50 all seats. For more information and directions please visit their website: www.st94.com.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 JUDY COLLINS

8 PM...Come see this legend in concert at the Sellersville Theater in Sellersville, PA. Tickets are \$59.50 all seats. For more information and directions please visit their website: www.st94.com.



Drag Pageant

Fri-Dec 12 9PM Marily Eckley & the Voo Doo Love

Hounds - great blues & jazz band. Don't Miss!

Sat-Dec 13 10PM-12AM Dr. McGillicudy is

## in the house! \$1.00 shots!

Fri-Dec 19 10PM Illusion at its Best Drag show starring

Maya Montana & your favorite local cast members

Wed-Dec 24 Closed Seasons -

Thu-Dec 25 Closed Freetings .

Wed-Dec 31 3. New Year's Eve Partylli

## 6PM doors open for Ticket holders (tickets

on sale thru Dec 26) 10PM General Admission

Due to lack of interest we are closing on Sundays. We will beopen SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

891 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA phone: 717-939-1123 pinklizard891@aol.com

# **Inspiring Quotes....**

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

> - Nelson Mandela South African Civil Rights Activist

# Spirituality ....

## WORSHIP SERVICES

...MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St. Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7 pm. Call (717)236-7387 for information. We offer Christian educational sessions that nurture the whole person, call for details and special events. Website: www.mccofthespirit.org.

...Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley, Sundays, 10:30 am at the Meeting House, 2 Forge Rd. in Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Children's program runs concurrently. Fully accessible. Rev. Judy Welles & Rev. Duane Finkeisen, ministers. For info call (717) 249-8944, or write: PO Box 207, Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Web site: www.uucv.org.

...Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, Sundays, 9 am & 11 am. Rev. Valerie Mapstone Ackerman. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733. E-mail: UUCL@epix.net. Website: http://members.tripod.com/~uulancpa/index.htm.

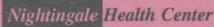
...Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 South George St. York, 17403. (717) 845-8212. Services Sunday 10 am. Rev. Robert Renjilian, Childcare & religious education for youth provided. Welcoming Congregation.

...Unity Church, 927 Wertzville Rd., Enola, PA 17025 Services: Sundays 9 & 11 am. (717) 732-9773. Unity is a culturally diverse spiritual community, promoting positive life transformation & recognizing that all people are one in God. Website: www.unitychurchharrlsburg.com.

...Vision Of Hope MCC, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA. 17554. Services: Sunday at 10:30 am & 7 pm. Morning Children's Sunday School. Call (717) 285-9070. E-mail: REVDCOGGIN@aol.com

...Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, Sundays 10:30 am. 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA. (717) 564-4761. We are a liberally religious "Welcoming Congregation". Our Interweave Committee promotes acceptance & affirmation of GLBT concerns. Please join us. E-mail: uch@paonline.com. Website: http://www.paonline.com/uchuua.

...Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Of Pottstown, Sunday services 10 am. 1565 South Keim Street, Pottstown, PA 19465. (610) 327-2662. Website: http://members.aol.com/uupottstown.





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# Support Groups...

...NETWORK and FORUM for lesbians of Catholic heritage. A web site of the "Conference for Catholic Lesbians" (CCL) is now up & running. CCL was organized in 1982, published a monthly newspaper, "Images" and held many national conferences in different parts of the country. IF YOU ARE SEEKING...to connect with others on a spiritual journey for strength & support...to learn how other women celebrate being Catholic & lesbian...to express what's on your mind & in your heart to others who have shared your experience & understand...please join us at catholiclesbians.org. For other information from a member in the Harrisburg area, you can e-mail: cathlesRU12@aol.com, or leave a message in the CCL "Guestbook".

...**The Unity Church** has an Alternative Lifestyles Support Group that meets every 2nd & 4th Friday evening of the month. We start at 7 pm at the Unity Church at 927 Wertzville Rd. Enola. This is a spiritual as well as a social group. Interested folks can contact the church at (717) 732-9773, or Sandy at sansmagic@ comcast.net.

...Common Roads, is a support group for teens & young adults in the Central Pennsylvania area who need a place to fit in, a place where their sexuality will not be held against them. The group consists of many different people from ages 14-24 & is led by multiple facilitors. We meet every Friday at The Center, 1300-A Third St. Harrisburg, to talk about our problems, our good times, and to simply have fun! For more information visit our website: www.commonroads.org, or call (717) 920-9534.

...PFLAG Central Pennsylvania meets monthly. For more information e-mail: pflagcenpa@yahoo.com, or call daytime (717) 795-0330. Their 24-hour hotline is: (717) 728-8800.

...PFLAG YORK meets at 750 Kelly Dr. (the former Lutheran Home building) at 7 PM on the first Tuesday of the month. Call Don & Pat (717) 843-3793, or Charles & Judy at (717) 846-7633 for directions or to be placed on the mailing list.

...PFLAG Warrington, PA. meets on the third Thursday of every month at Buxmont U.U. Church in Warrington, PA. For more information about this group, please contact Corinne Thornton at (215) 545-4331, ext. 48.

# Activism....

...NOW, York Chapter, meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call Peg or Delma at (717) 846-2089, or Kathy at (717) 845-4086 for info/directions.

...HRC (Human Rights Campaign), is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, with members throughout the country. We effectively lobby Congress, fight anti-gay initiatives, and educate the public to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans can be open, honest, and safe at home, at work, and in the community. Please visit us at www.hrc.org.

...Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, the transgendered, and people with HIV or AIDS through impact litigation, education, and public policy work.

...National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is the national progressive organization working for the civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people, with the vision and committment to building a powerful political movement. Please visit us at: www.ngltf.org.

# Social Groups...

...The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus rehearses at 7 pm on Monday evenings in Mechanicsburg. Find out how much fun Monday nights can be! For directions & more info, leave a message at (717) 234-4825, or see the chorus web site, www.cpwchorus.org, or e-mail: info@cpwchorus.org.

...The Lesbian Alliance of South-Central Pennsylvania. Activities include potlucks, bi-monthly newsletter, media liason, & any other event that the group is willing to take on. Membership dues are \$10 per household. To get on the mailing list or for more information, call Kate or Cindy at (717) 848-9142.

...HOWL (Hanging Out With Lesbians), is a diverse group of nonsmoking womyn with various interests. They do just about everything from camping to concerts, frisbee, fireside chats, horseback riding, snow tubing, movie nights, you name it! These womyn know how to have fun! You can visit their website: www.homestead.com/ howlofpa/index.html.

...BAGAL (Business Association of Gays and Lesbians) is a South Central Pennsylvania Association of Lesbian & Gay professional & business people offering networking, community service and social

opportunities for its members & friends. BAGAL meets every other month & prospective members are invited to attend their first meeting free of charge. Annual dues are \$35 per year & payable to "BAGAL". For more information, address questions and/or payments to: BAGAL, PO Box 135, Harrisburg, PA. 17108-0135, or call (717) 612-8445.

...Susquehanna Club, Mid-Atlantic Lesbian & Gay Outdoors Club, was conceived for the lesbian, gay men, bisexual & transgendered community members & their friends. We go hiking and camping throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. We have and continue to provide a "safe space" for LGBT people. Participants are asked to respect fellow participants comfort as to the degree of "being out" both during activities and elsewhere. Membership is \$10 per year for individuals and \$15 per year for couples. Address: 503 General Sutter Ave., Lititz, PA. 17543, or visit us at:www.susq.org.

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# **NEW....**

#### FOREVER BOOKS

A new LGBT bookstore, owned and operated by an African-American lesbian couple (Monique & Tameca), located at 41 North Front Street, Steelton, PA. (across from the Turkey Hill). Their hours are:

- M Th 10:30 am 6:30 pm
- F Sat 10:30 am 8 pm
- They also have a website: www.foreverbooks.biz

Stop in and check out the store! Book clubs are forming now. There will also be poetry nights and other special events going on at the store in the near future. The Lavender Letter will also sponsor special events there from time to time.

# Help!!

Loaves of Love, a food bank for people with HIV/AIDS, located at the Harris Street United Methodist Church, 1605 Susquehanna St. in Harrisburg, needs your help. They are in need of personal care items such as, tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable shavers, soap, shampoo, vitamins, etc. They serve 45 men and women every other week. If you would like to donate some of these items, please call Dave at (717) 418-1359 to set up drop-off arrangements.

# Call for Models....

Deb Swanger, a local lesbian photographer whose work is featured on www.bridgesgallery.com, is searching for LGBT people to volunteer for upcoming images. Deb is looking for all shapes and sizes and ethnic groups. If you are interested in participating or finding out more information, please call Deb at (717) 653-6774, or e-mail her at: debbieswanger@aol.com.

# Theatre....

**OPEN STAGE OF HARRISBURG** 

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

## DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 28, 2003

From the story by Charles Dickens, adapted by Edward Alsedek. Scrooge is back and better than ever. Nick Hughes returns in our charming production Dickens' classic ghost story. Come and experience the delights of a Victorian Christmas and see what new surprises have been added to our annual holiday treat! Single ticket prices are \$22. Please call (717) 232-OPEN, or visit www.openstagehbg.com for more information and tickets.

#### HERSHEY THEATRE

#### THE FULL MONTY

### **DECEMBER 2 - 7, 2003**

The Full Monty is Broadway's smash hit musical about six good buddies whose desperate plan to get their lives back together requires them to triumph over their fears, their nerves and their clothes. nominated for 10 Tony Awards including Best Musical. (The show contains some adult language and mature themes - it is recommended for audiences 16 and older.) Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$54. For more information and tickets please call (717) 534-3405, or visit: www.hersheytheatre.com.

#### **FULTON THEATRE - LANCASTER**

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

#### NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 28, 2003

A holiday musical by Barry Kornhauser, based on the story by Charles Dickens. Not invite Mr. Scrooge into our home for the holidays? Perish the thought, Mum, and pass the plum pudding! The fun spills out on Prince Street as you make your way towards the theatre. You're part of the performance even before the show starts! For more information and tickets please call: (717) 397-7425, or visit: www.atthefulton.org.

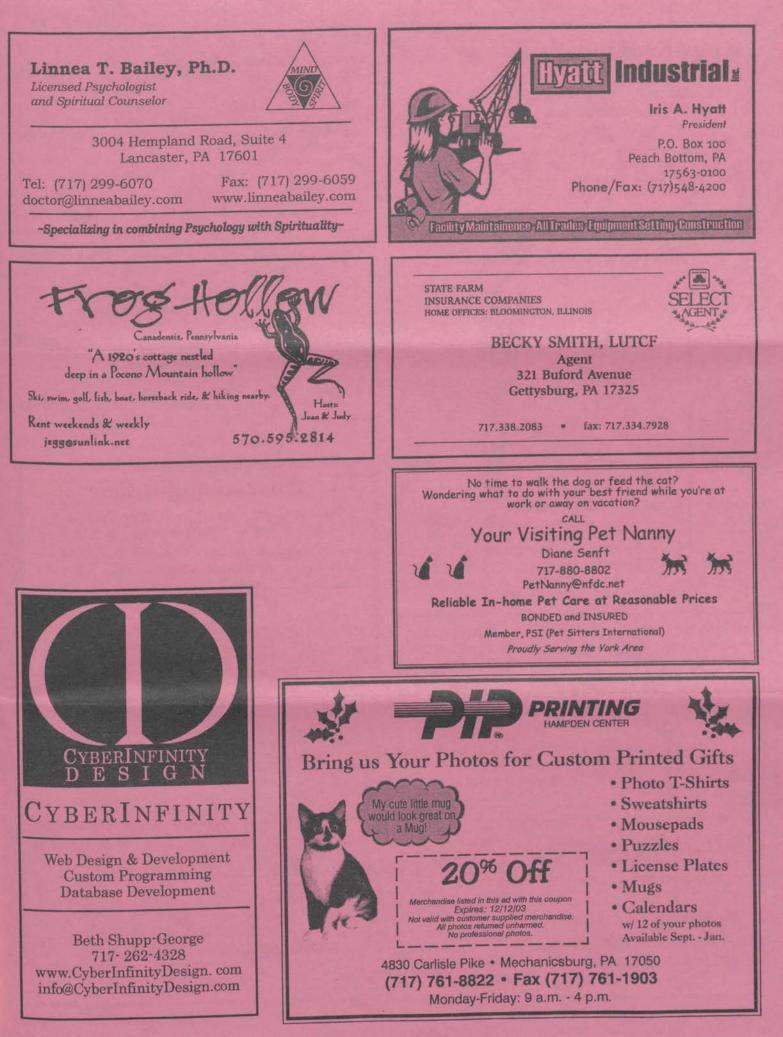
# **291 Exchange..Call to Artists**

Opportunity to participate in a group discussion/critique of your work. Artists of all mediums are welcome to Bridges Gallery, located at 1112 N. 14th St. in Harrisburg on Friday, January 9, 2004, at 7 PM. For more information contact Bridges Gallery at (717) 903-7933/ info@bridgesgallery.com, or Deborah Swanger Photography at (717) 653-6774/debbieswanger@aol.com.

# Christmas Ideas....

It's that time of year again! Looking for something different? Need some ideas?

- \* Lavender Letter subscription see info on back page of Letter
- \* Subscription to The Advocate www.advocate.com
- \* Subscription to Girlfriends Magazine www.girlfriendsmag.com
- \* Subscription to Curve Magazine www.curvemag.com
- \* Subscription to On Our Backs www.onourbacksmag.com
- \* Gay and Lesbian Fine Art Photography www.bridgesgallery.com
- Membership to HRC (Human Rights Campaign) www.hrc.org, check out their online store for gift ideas also
- \* Membership to Gay & Lesbian Switchboard www.askglsh.org
- \* Gift certificates from Isaac's Deli mmm, mmm, good!
- \* Art and stuff from The Framing Concept, 328 N. Queen St. Lancaster www.theframingconcept.com
- \* Cool gifts from The 10th Muse, 220 N. 2nd St. Hbg. (717) 441-0656
- Membership to Susquehanna Club, Mid-Atlantic Premier Camping Club, www.susq.org
- \*Custom jewelry by Jude Sharp, 334 N. Queen St. Lancaster, www.jasharp.com
- \* The Entertainment Book, www.entertainment.com, or Border's or Barnes & Noble - still a bargain at \$25!
- \* Cool gifts at Jeffrey's Flowers, 175 E. Louther St. Carlisle, or 5256 E. Trindle Rd. Mechanicsburg, or call toll free 1-800-786-1411.
- Books and gift certificates from Forever Books, 41 N. Front St. Steelton, www.foreverbooks.biz
- \* For the best selection of women's music, Ladyslipper has it all! Visit their website: www.ladyslipper.org.
- \* The Damron Women's Traveller 2004 the best lesbian travel guide, and available at most bookstores or www.damron.com.
- \* Bumble Bee Hollow Golf Centers has everything for the golfer in your life! 2 locations - get directions from the website: www.bumblebeehollow.com.
- \* New Year's Eve Party tickets for the Pink Lizard! Also check out their Lizard wear, t-shirts and more! (717) 939-1123. Eisenhower Blvd. Hbg.
- \* Gift certificate for your special woman from her favorite restaurant.
- \* Take the love of your life to P'Town for New Year's Weekend www.ptown.org or www.womeninnkeepers.com for lodging info.
- \* Books, videos, posters and more from Giovanni's Room in Philly, www.giovannisroom.com.
- \* Gift certificate from Judy's Household Services give the gift of a clean house!
- \* A portrait of you and your lady love from Susan Lerner Photography



# Website of the Month:

## WWW.NCLRIGHTS.ORG NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS

The NCLR is the ONLY civil rights organization with a primary focus on lesblans. NCLR was founded 26 years ago by three attorneys who were tired of taking a back seat when it came to winning equal justice for lesbians. They have a section on their homepage about what to do if you are contemplating getting married in Canada. Please read the FAQ's about getting married in Canada because they list a couple of Canadian websites for more marriage info.



FYL

... Health Spotlight and Ms.Kleen Sez will return in January.

...Derek J. Cordier, Attorney at Law, has a website: www.derekjcordier.com. Please be sure to check it out!

...Forever Books in Steelton is also a great place to just hang out. Please check their website for their monthly calendar of happenings at the bookstore. The Lavender Letter will be sponsoring various events there as well. www.foreverbooks.biz.

...Question - Does anyone have any information about a group for older lesbians that was in the area? It was called either the Silver Threads or the Golden Threads. If you know anything about this group please contact the Lavender Letter at (717) 232-8382, or email info@lavenderletter.com. I have had several inquiries lately from some older lesbians looking to make contact with other older lesbians (60 and over).

... In 2004 I will be making gradual changes to the Lavender Letter and to the website: www.lavenderletter.com. Changes for the good I assure you. It's about time to update the look of the Lavender Letter, and time to add some new features as well. My webmistress and I will be adding some new features to the website too. Stay tuned ......

... Christmas gifts needed - Loaves of Love , the HIV/AIDS food bank in Harrisburg, reports that the women who come to them for food have about 10 children. There are 2 newborns, about 6 who are between 1 to 4 yrs, of age, and 2 who are between 4 to 10 yrs, of age. I am asking for people to please donate gifts for the kids, such as coloring books and crayons, childrens books, educational toys, games, stuffed animals, etc. Let's make this a really special Christmas for these children. Please call Dave at (717) 418-1359 to set up drop-off arrangements.

