

SOUTHERN OHIO FILMAKERS ASSOCIATION — SOFA is a networking group for anyone involved in independent film or video production. 8 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at 20th Century Theater, 3021 Madison Road, Oakley. \$2. Email Jerrystone@cinci.rr.com or 513-531-5839.

TOASTMASTER CLUB — Provides a mutually supportive and positive learning environment so that members can develop communication and leadership skills. 6:30 p.m. The first and third Tuesday of each month. Council Chamber of the Golf Manor Municipal Building, 3333 Reading Road, Avondale. 513-631-7978.

TRANSMISSION MEDITATION GROUP — Transmission is a specialized form of meditation that will not conflict with any other form of meditation you might be practicing. 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Astrology group meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Memorial Community Center, 1607 Mansfield Road, Mount Auburn. 513-588-8527.

TRISTATE VOLUNTEERS — One of the Tristate's largest volunteer/social organizations for adults supports some of the best-known events of the area. 6:15 p.m. Mondays. Holiday Inn Eighth St., 800 W. Eighth St., Downtown. 513-766-2002, ext.4485, or visit www.tristatevolunteers.org.

YADAI YOUNG ADULT DISCUSSION & ACTION — YADAI! is a well-coming group for all open-minded young adults (18-35) interested in meeting new people and discussing anything and everything. Discussions take place 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church, 320 Resor Ave., in Clifton. This group is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association, which affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Call 513-821-7682 for more information.

SPORTS

It's the ladies turn to shoot it out. ➔

SPECTATOR

CINCINNATI CYCLONES — The Cyclones throw down with the Toledo Storm. 7:05 p.m. Thursday. ... The Clones dethrone the Reading Royals on "Melt the Ice" Bikini Competition Night. ... The Clones throw down again with Toledo, and then throw a "New Year's Eve Party." \$17-\$9. US Bank Arena, 100 Broadway, Downtown. 513-421-7825.

CINCINNATI MIGHTY DUCKS — The Ducks slap Grand Rapids. 7:35 p.m. Friday. \$15-\$10. Cincinnati Gardens, 2250 Seymour Ave., Roselawn. 513-351-3999.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — The Norse go mad on Wayne State. 7 p.m. Monday. \$5. Regent's Hall, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights. 859-572-5193.

★ UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI MEN'S BASKETBALL — The Bearcats take on longtime rival Miami. 6:05 p.m. Saturday. \$20-\$12. US Bank Arena (formerly Firststar Center), Downtown. 513-556-CATS.

→ UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — The Lady Bearcats battle Xavier in the women's version of the Crosstown Shootout. 1:30 p.m. Thursday. \$5. Shoemaker Center, UC campus, Clifton. 513-556-CATS.

XAVIER UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL — The Muskies thrash Eastern Kentucky. 7:30 p.m. Saturday. ... The Muskies cream Creighton. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. ... \$10. Cintas Center, 1624 Herald Ave. XU campus, Evanston. 513-745-3411.

RECREATIONAL

CINCINNATI NATURE CENTER — Come enjoy the great outdoors at three different locations: Rowe Woods, 4949 Tealtown Road, Milford; Gorman Heritage Farms, 3035 Gorman Heritage Farm Lane, Reading; and Long Branch Farm, 6926 Gaynor Road, Goshen. Programs are offered to school groups and individuals year-round. \$5-\$1; free to CNC members. 513-831-1711.

CINCINNATI OUTDOOR GROUP — COG is an informal group of energetic, fun, non-competitive outdoor enthusiasts, age 25-35, who enjoy self-organized outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, climbing, skiing and adventure travel. Holds a monthly potluck. 513-981-0801.

CINCINNATI PARK BOARD EVENTS — Venture into the cool evening air for the exciting and informative "Owl Prowl." Recommended for adults and their older children. 7-8:30 p.m. Friday. Free. French Park, Amberley Village. 513-861-3435.

Here are a few programs to look out for in the upcoming week ...

THURSDAY 9 P.M. Times Square: America's Town Square, Travel Channel. At the bustling heart of New York City, our nation has celebrated its greatest victories and mourned its deepest losses. Find out how this sometime-seedy, vibrant square became one of the most important pieces of real estate in the world. Bore your friends at the New Year's Eve party with all sorts of trivia.

THURSDAY 10 P.M. The System, Court TV, "Danger on the Job." A look at the risks of working at a convenience store including burglaries and murders. These common crimes make convenience stores one of the most dangerous places to work in America. It's worth the risk, though, for the free Big Gulps.

SATURDAY 7 P.M. Gangs of New York, The History Channel. Find out what's history and what's Hollywood as History Channel experts examine Martin Scorsese's *Gangs of New York*. Set against the backdrop of the infamous Five Points, an area of Manhattan once described as the world's worst slum, the film

focuses on powerful Irish and Italian gangs in the 19th century. Scorsese tours Josh Binswanger around Five Points, where outlaws, crooked cops and corrupt politicians once flourished. Includes interviews with Leonardo DiCaprio and Cameron Diaz. Yes, the gangs were violent, but they were so good looking!

SATURDAY MID-NIGHT. Rain Man, TCM. Sister channels (WTBS and TNT) run this now and again, but here you have it without commercials. See Tom cruise down Columbia Parkway (sorry) and jam to 97X (listen closely). By the way, do you think they sell this at Kmart?

TUESDAY 2 P.M. Blue Thunder, A&E. Fine action thriller from 1983 about a Los Angeles cop who uncovers a government plot to use a high-tech helicopter to spy on citizens. Roy Scheider, Daniel Stern and Malcolm McDowell are all quite good.

TUESDAY 11:30 P.M. MTV's New Years Eve Pajama Party, MTV. Lots to choose from in this time slot. Dick Clark is over on ABC, of course, but this one sounds a bit more contemporary. Brittany Murphy, Carson Daly and Ashton Kutcher host the festivities. Dude, where's my champagne?

— P.F. WILSON

University, Oxford, Ohio. For more information on what the center has to offer, contact April White at 513-529-8178 or www.muohio.edu/fitness

QUEEN CITY RUGBY — Looking for players, new or used. Rookie season is free. If you practice, you play. 888-RUCK-OVER.

RUGBY LEAGUE — No experience (or pads) needed. Men and women wanted to play, coach, administrate or just watch. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games on Saturdays. For locations, 513-684-1166 or 800-CIN-KELT.

SIERRA CLUB — Join the Miami Group Sierra Club for their weekly trek into the woods. 7 p.m. The first, third and fifth Friday of the month meet at the Kemper Road Playground at Sharon Woods. Second and fourth Friday of the month meet at the Oval in Mt. Airy Forest. ... National conservation organization encouraging protection of the environment for families and the future. Weekly activities include hiking, backpacking, biking and canoeing/kayaking. 7:30 p.m. first Monday of every month. Raymond Walters College auditorium, 9555 Plainfield Road, Blue Ash. 513-841-0111.

SIN CITY (CINCINNATI) HASH HOUSE HARRIERS & HARRIETS — A drinking club with a running problem. Go chasing Hare(s) on alternating Saturdays at venues all around town. 5K to 10K. Only the Hare knows where it's going - but it always leads to beer. \$5. Call for next run start time and location. 513-956-7234 or www.sch4.com.

TAE KWON DO — Tiger's Lair Martial Arts offers Classical Tae Kwon Do classes. The first week is free. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. To reserve a free class, 513-225-KICK or 513-752-8552.

TEN STAR ALL-STAR BASKETBALL CAMP — This All-Star Basketball has an outstanding reputation throughout the country, considering past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Tristate camp locations include Bluffton, Ohio, Greencastle, In. and Owensboro, Ky. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible for this invitation-only camp. Application deadline is April 15. For a free brochure or application, call 704-373-0873 or go to www.tenstarcamp.com

TOUR DE WEDNESDAY — Tour de Wednesday is a Cincinnati Cyclery Club activity for intermediate bicyclists. Morning start times vary. Every Wednesday. All riders must wear ANSI-approved bicycle helmets. 513-831-0746.

WHEELCHAIR FOOTBALL — An insane combination of flesh and metal. Weekly games. Able-bodied players welcome, extra wheelchairs provided. 513-755-2427.

WHEELCHAIR SPORTS — Games held weekly for all ages and disabilities. Non-disabled are welcome. Extra wheelchairs provided. 513-792-8625.

SAVAGE LOVE

BY DAN SAVAGE

A few weeks back I invited readers to share their most horrifying true stories of desperate and/or depressing holiday sex. As promised, the author of the best horrifying true story of holiday sex — as determined by me — wins a \$75 Toys in Babeland gift certificate. See if you can spot the winner before you get to the end of the column.

I moved away from my friends and family last year to Seattle. As I left work on Christmas Eve, the homeless people were having a trash-can-fire, plastic-bottle-liquor ho-down on University Avenue. I figured what the hell and decided to join in. I wound up sharing a bottle of cheap vodka with one particularly attractive homeless girl. My judgment eroded, I invited her back to my apartment. Before I could protest, she invited two of her friends to join us. My Christmas

Eves until this point in my life were Norman Rockwell-ian clichés. This particular year, I had an all-night drunken orgy with three homeless girls. We fucked our brains out, baked cookies naked and fucked some more. When I woke up in the early afternoon, the girls were gone. So were my wallet, most of my food, my toiletries and my CDs.

— Finally I Love The Holidays

Last Hanukkah I decided to tell my mother I was a lesbian. Around the table were my mother, her husband Phil and a couple my mother and step-dad are friendly with, Don and Mary. "I have something I want to share with all of you," I said. "I'm gay." My mother gave me a supportive look before turning the attention to herself. "Well," she said, "I'm really happy you told me that because now I feel comfortable exposing a part of my life to you. When Phil and I first started dating, we found that we both enjoyed nudist resorts. We met a lot of people with whom we're still friends. Don and Mary are two of the people we met there. We've been together with them for three years now." Later that evening I was out on the porch having a cigarette. Don came out on the porch. "So you're gay," he said. "Would you be interested in getting together with us some time?" I left before my mother brought out the carrot cake.

— Freaked Out Then, Freaked Out Still

Last year, my husband's folks were visiting us in New York for Christmas. My husband decided to treat me to something I'd always wanted — a session with a female dominatrix. I'm not a lesbian, but it had always been a fantasy of mine to be dominated by a woman, tied up and, you know, other stuff. So my husband made an

appointment for me early in the day on Christmas Eve, thinking it would relieve the holiday tension — and the tension of having his parents around. So I go, and half-way through a rather lame, not-living-up-to-my-fantasy domination session, the woman I'm "serving" starts to cry. She's all alone for the holidays, and she's depressed. Wanting to reach out to a person in need, I invited her to come to our house for dinner. Big mistake. When I introduced her to my in-laws as "a friend from work," she got bent out of shape. She's not ashamed of who she is or what she does, she announced, and then she told my husband's parents just exactly when we met (that very day) and how (kinky sex for money). She lectured me about being ashamed of my masochistic and homoerotic desires (in front of my in-laws), then stormed out of our apartment.

My in-laws think I'm the whore of Babylon now.

— Could've Died

When I was in eighth grade, my cousin Donna from Wisconsin came for Christmas. She and I were the same age and she had sprouted some major hooters. After dinner, with our extended family sacked out on couches, I found myself alone in a bedroom with Donna. Without saying anything, I started pawing at her boobs. My hands were shaking like crazy, fearing rejection, but she didn't mind. I pulled her boobs out of the top of her dress and she got on her knees, undid my zipper and took my penis in her hands. I shot my very first load all over Donna's chest. Then someone said, "My Lord!" It was my very uptight aunt, Donna's mother, standing in the door. Horrified, I mopped up Donna's breasts with my shirt while her mother stood there watching.

— Jacked By Cousin

You want a depressing/horrifying holiday sex story? This girl has never had sex or anything remotely like it on or near any holidays. For everyone out there who thinks they have it bad because the sex they had during the holidays was horrifying, I say this: At least someone was looking forward to having sex with you.

— Sexless Holidays

No holiday sex? Good or bad? Ever? That's horrifying! If anyone needs a \$75 gift certificate to Toys in Babeland, it's Sexless Holiday, so you win, SH! Your gift certificate is in the mail, and I recommend you blow your dough on a Hitachi Magic Wand. It isn't a lover, of course, but look at it this way: A vibrator won't tell your in-laws what you've been doing with it, won't break down sobbing and won't come all over your cousin's boobs. Enjoy.

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