

out & about

FRI • DEC 16

Basic Rights Oregon executive director Roey Thorpe and her partner, Missy Townsend, challenge card sharks during the **Texas Hold 'Em Buy-In for Basic Rights** at Haven. Prizes awarded to top three players. (6 pm lesson, 7-10:30 pm tournament. 3551 SE Division St. \$50 a person, \$75 a couple from 503-222-6151.)

Pride Northwest meets in Room 323 at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center. The board welcomes community participation in the planning of Pride 2006! Repeats Jan. 6. (6:30-8 pm. 1825 SW Broadway. www.pridenw.org.)

GO OUT The "Pope of Trash" details his groundbreaking career and his influence on films and cult culture during **A John Waters Christmas Comedy Special** at Dante's. (7 pm dinner/meet and greet, 9:30 pm show. 1 SW Third Ave. \$30-\$50 at the door, \$25-\$50 in advance from TicketsWest.)

It's My Pleasure—an erotica store for romantic items, jewelry, books, sex toys and holiday gifts—throws a party for **Cruise Control PDX** members featuring wine, cheese, a raffle and a 25 percent discount! (7-9 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. www.cruisecontrolpdx.com.)

Bad Girls present their Full Moon Friday discussion and social at the Egyptian Club. This month's topic is "When B/D/S/M Relationships End." (7-9 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

Portland Baroque Orchestra presents Handel's *Messiah*, a Portland tradition for more than 20 years, through Dec. 19 at First Baptist Church and Lewis & Clark College's Agnes Flanagan Chapel. (7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 909 SW 11th Ave. 3 pm Sunday and 7:30 pm Monday, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road. \$15-\$39 from 503-222-6000 or www.pbo.org.)

Come all ye faithful, unfaithful, joyful abominables and ice queens to the fourth annual **Yeti Snowball** at Audio Cinema. Kaosmosis presents the Dahoo Chorus, MarchFourth Marching Band, Soiovox, Roswell Sisters and many more surprises! (8 pm-4:30 am. 226 SE Madison St. \$15-\$30 sliding scale.)

Portland's wackiest monthly party, **Queer Fetish**, celebrates holiday naughtiness at Noir with hosts Spittles the Butt Spankin' Clown and drag king Max Voltage, live music by Caught in Candy, surprise performances and DJs Nancy Bear and Puppet. Come get your picture taken sitting on the lap of "Nasty Claus," aka Mr. Oregon State Leather 2005 Jeff Landis! Dress code will be enforced. (11 pm. 203 NE Grand Ave. \$3 naughty, \$5 nice. www.queerfetish-r.us.)



Portland punk drag troupe **Sissyboy** takes a break from the pill-popping and shopping to bring you the heartwarming holiday treat "A Bush Family Christmas" with DJs Stormy and Jimme Jamma at Clinton Street Theater. (Midnight. 2522 SE Clinton St. \$7 at the door, \$5 in advance.)

SAT • DEC 17

The Adventure Group takes a moderate 6.1-mile hike along Wygant Trail for a rare look at the eastern section of the Columbia River Gorge. Meet at Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Jerome 503-239-8563. jeromeguillen@freightliner.com.)

Portland Frontrunners take a 2.7- to 6.5-mile run along the Willamette River, followed by brunch. Meet at the intersection of Southeast Main Street and the Eastbank Esplanade. (9 am. www.portlandfrontrunners.org.)

Lesbian humorist **Gail Hand** presents *Hello Bubbela*, a poignant and interactive monologue about her comical grandmother Lottie, through Dec. 18 at CoHo Theatre. (2 pm. 2257 NW Raleigh St. \$12-\$15 from 503-284-2342 or www.gailhand.com.)

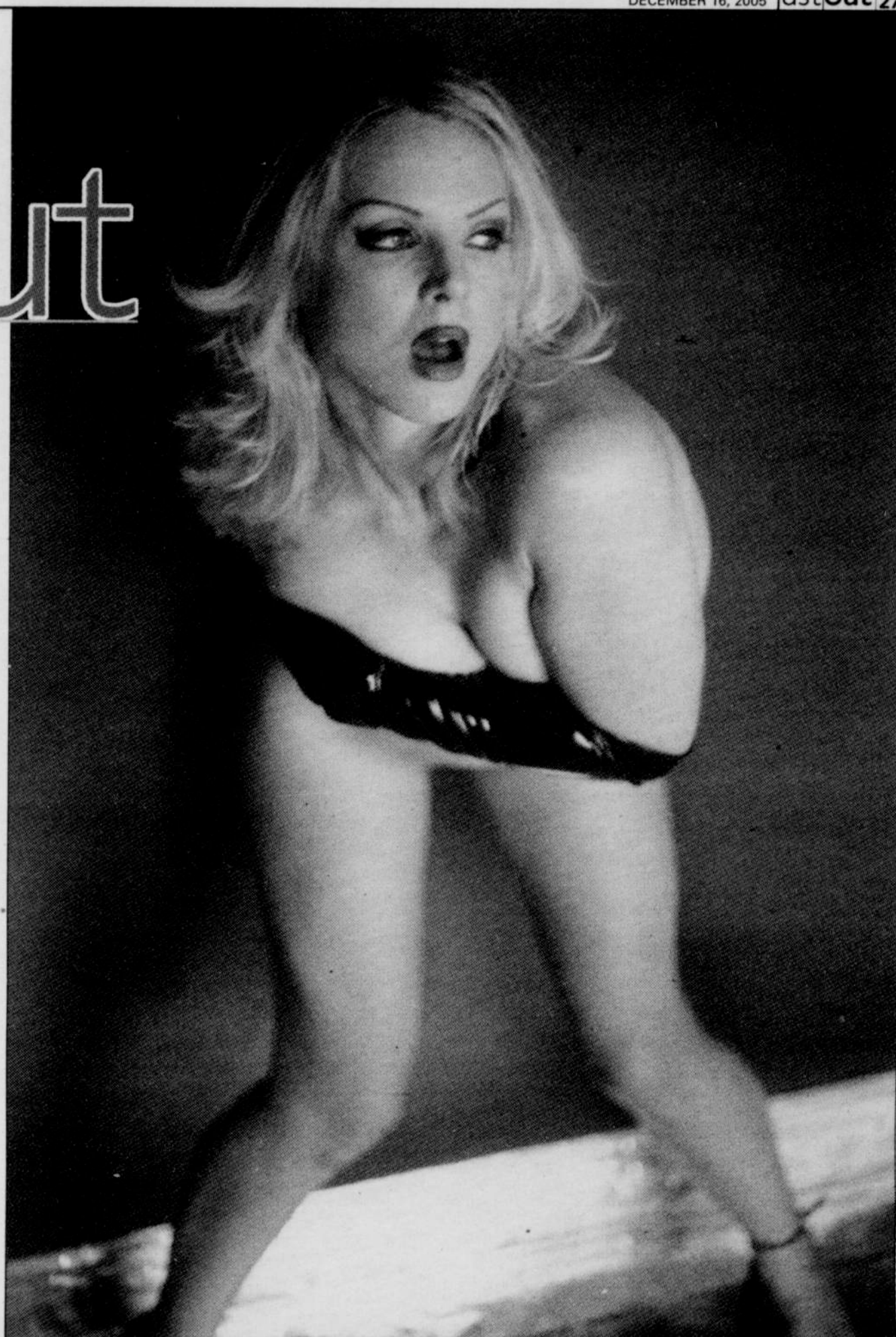
Lila Rajiva exposes how the perverse logic of torture has infected the language and psychology of the U.S. imperial project in *The Language of Empire: Abu Ghraib and the American Media* at In Other Words. (4 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

Lesbian Joan Szymko directs more than 100 women in **Aurora Chorus' Peace Like a River**, a nontraditional winter concert of music, poetry and a song in Elvish, through Dec. 18 at Catlin Gable School's Cabell Hall. (4 and 7:30 pm Saturday, 6 pm Sunday. 8825 SW Barnes Road. \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance from 503-AURORA1 or www.aurorachorus.org.)

The Portland Institute for Contemporary Art raises money during the third annual **Prints for PICA**, an all-day print marathon and studio sale featuring more than 50 artists, including queer Stormy Sharp, at Studio 333. (4-9 pm. 333 NE Hancock St.)

The women of **The Forest Group** hold their annual holiday dessert social. Bring your favorite dessert and/or beverage. (6:30 pm. 503-659-2782.)

Your Place or Mine? Productions hosts **Eat My Martini**, a suave cocktail party where 60 lesbians can mingle in an elegant and fun atmosphere in West Portland. Activities include martinis, mockinis, appetizers, billiards, backgammon, movies, music, cards and darts. Dress to impress! (6-9 pm. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance from 503-481-9870 or www.yourplaceormineproductions.com.)



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Torch singer Storm Large heats up a benefit for music education Dec. 17 at Wonder Ballroom.

Dirty Martini and Storm and the Balls perform during the first-ever **Holiday Concert** at Wonder Ballroom. Proceeds benefit First Octave Fund for schools in need of music classes and equipment. (8 pm. 128 NE Russell St. \$15 at the door, \$12.50 in advance from Ticketmaster.)

Celebrate the many traditions of the season with choreography, satire and camp as the **Portland Gay Men's**

Chorus presents *Holiday Serenade*, featuring a special appearance by Diane Syrcle, through Dec. 18 at Reed College's Kaul Auditorium. (8 pm Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd. \$15-\$25 from 503-226-2588 or www.pdxgmc.org.)

BearBust at Gail's Dirty Duck. (8-11 pm. 429 NW Third Ave. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers.)



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