

OCTOBER!



the READ



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HAPPY LGBT HISTORY MONTH!





Terms No Longer in Use


the disabled
Wheelchair-bound
confined to a wheelchair
cripple, spastic, victim
the handicapped
mental handicap
mentally handicapped
Normal
schizo, mad
suffers from (e.g. asthma)



“LIVES WORTH
LIVING” (2011)

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Terms Now Used

people with disabilities or disabled people
wheelchair user
disabled person, person with a disability
intellectually disabled
non-disabled
person with a mental health disability
has (e.g. asthma)

BOOK OF the MONTH

yesterday i was the moon is a collection of poetry by Noor Unnahr - it explores courage, self-love, culture and the struggles of making peace with your heart and art. It contains black & white photographs paired with poetry pieces; giving it a photo diary feels.

OCTOBER

Here, in a series of astonishingly good essays, writers wax eloquent about the emotions wrought by our locks: "good hair" and "bad hair" in African-American culture; envy of our follicly gifted siblings; the quest for delusional hairstyles; and much more.

Elizabeth Benedict
Me, My Hair, and I
Twenty-seven Women
Untangle an Obsession



POEM OF

THE MONTH

I will not be a memory
but a memoir
for I bury my broken pieces
in me --- they are
not left behind
like an ancient monument;
I am both
whattered and completed
at the very same time

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↳ FROM OUR BOOK
OF THE MONTH

.... yesterday i was the moon....



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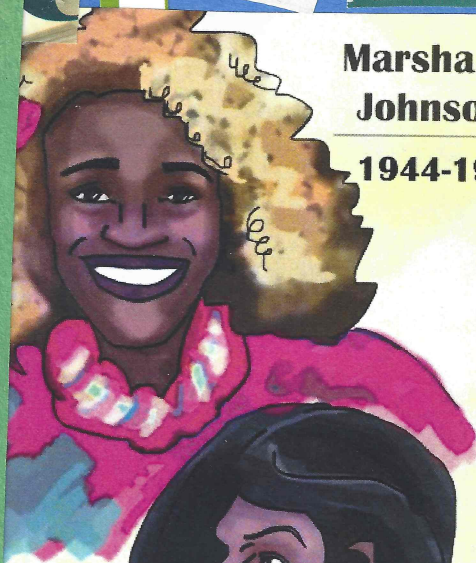
ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, NOT SPECIAL RIGHTS
 VALUES THE INHERENT WORTH OF EACH INDIVIDUAL,
 OF WHOM DESERVE DIGNITY AND RESPECT.
 PROMOTES THE INCLUSION AND RECOGNITION OF THE
 TALENTS AND ABILITIES OF ALL INDIVIDUALS.
 SUPPORTS SELF-DETERMINATION AND CHOICE"

PRIDE WAS A RIOT

June 28, 1969 marks what most think of as the start of Pride, but in reality was a violent riot between the New York City Police and the patrons of Stonewall Inn. Marsha P. Johnson, a black trans woman, threw the first brick at the police as they illegally raided the bar as homosexuality was illegal at this time. While Pride now brings forth images of rainbows and celebration, it is vital we remember that trans women of color are the foundations of what was, and still is, an act of resistance for living authentically.

Marsha P. Johnson

1944-1992



Sylvia Rivera

1951-2002



TO FIND
OUT MORE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dduj7IMKLO>

NO TIME TO

COOK?

JUST ADD PASTA !!!



carrots



lime juice



cilantro



carrot slaw



cucumber
(squeezed
dry)



mint



yogurt



tangy raita



beets



lemon
juice



grated
ginger



**raw beet
salad**

1. She's from the south side of Chi-town.

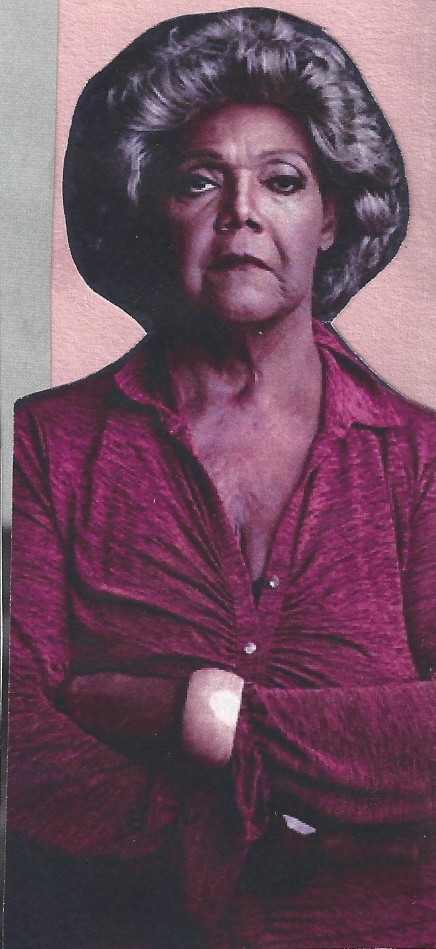
Miss Major Griffin-Gracy was born in south side Chicago in 1940. As a teenager she participated in drag balls with her friends where the boys would dress in women's clothing and the girls would wear tuxedos. It was around this time that she says she came out.

2. She played an important role in the LGBT community during the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

While she was living in California, Miss Major worked with local food banks and other programs to provide assistance to trans women in the Bay area who were incarcerated, suffering from addiction, or homeless. When the AIDS epidemic broke out, she was known for providing medical assistance and arranging proper funerals almost daily.

3. She's a Stonewall riot veteran.

The 2015 movie "Stonewall" was met with a lot of criticism for its white washing of a defining historic moment in LGBT history. It left out a number of key trans women of color, including Miss Major! She was meeting a girlfriend at the bar the night of the infamous raid, and played a key part in initiating the riots against invading officers. She was knocked over the head and taken into police custody that night.



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4. She's also a survivor of Attica.

Miss Major served a short stint in Attica prison just after the infamous Attica riots of 1971. In the aftermath of the riots, she became highly politicized through her fellow inmates and after being released went on to further her work in civil rights.

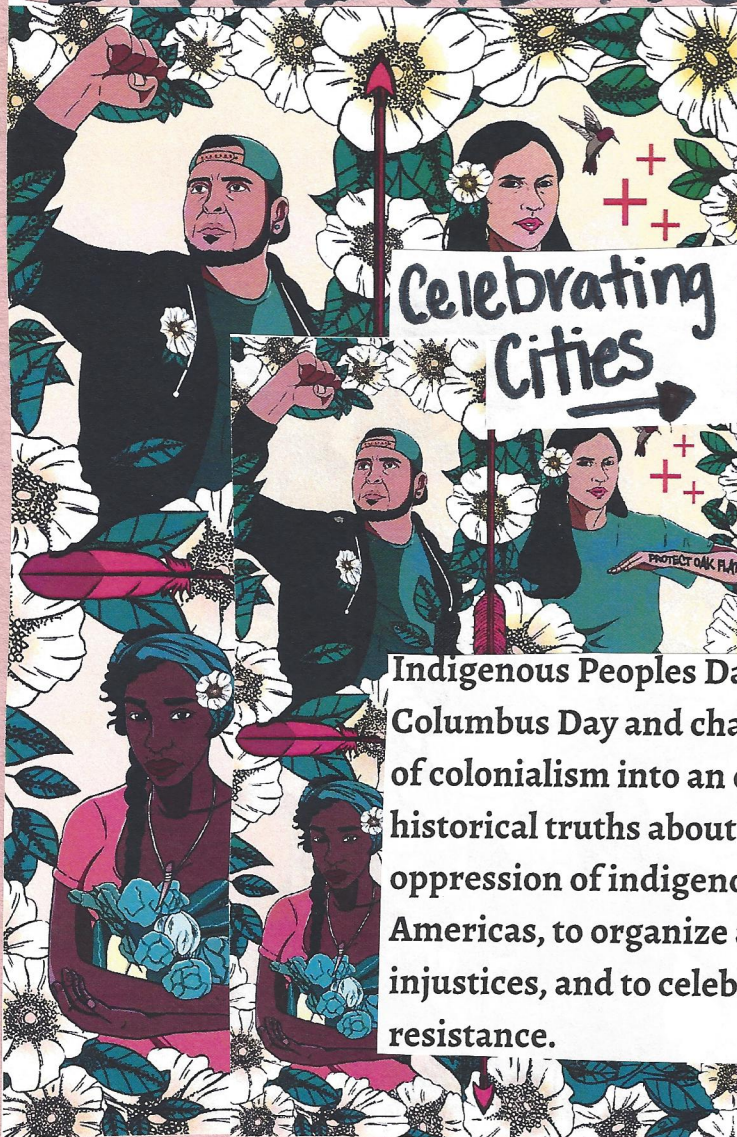
5. There's a new movie about her life.

A documentary film about her life is currently in the works. *MAJOR!* will chronicle the efforts of Miss Major over the years and focus especially on her efforts to help trans women and women of color who have suffered at the hands of police brutality and the struggles of incarceration.

6. She's still working hard at over 70 years old!

Currently Miss Major serves as the Executive Director of the Transgender Gender Variant Intersex Justice Project in California. She is still working diligently to provide resources to trans women who have been incarcerated and those who are struggling after they come home.

INDIGENOUS



• Nashville, Tennessee

• Austin, Texas

• Salt Lake City, Utah

• Berkeley, California

• St. Paul, Minnesota

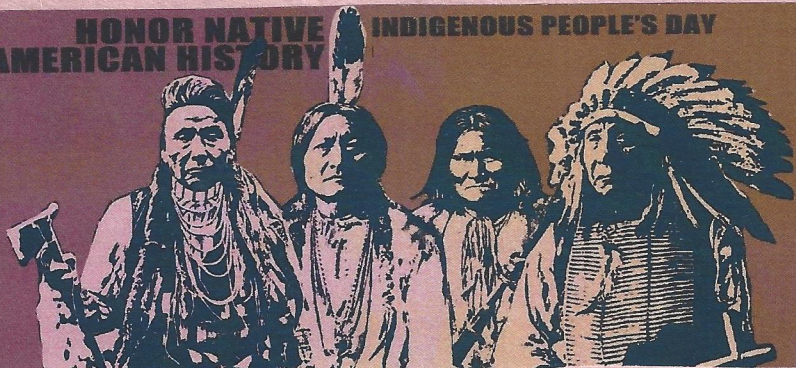
• Davenport, Iowa

+49 MORE

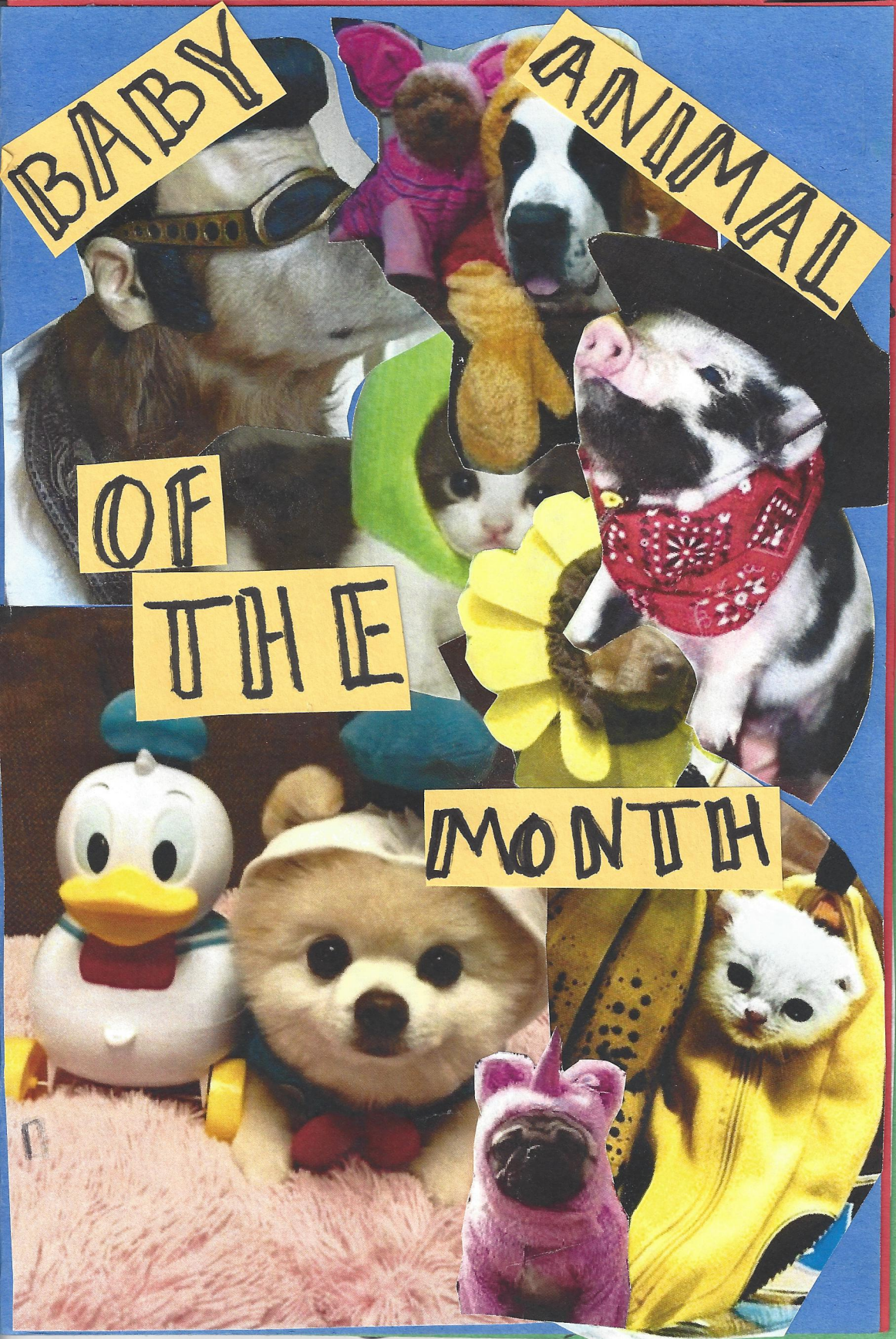
Indigenous Peoples Day reclaims Columbus Day and changes a celebration of colonialism into an opportunity to reveal historical truths about the genocide and oppression of indigenous peoples in the Americas, to organize against current injustices, and to celebrate indigenous resistance.

PEOPLE'S DAY OCT 9th

HONOR NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY



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Matthew Wayne Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming was brutally beaten and left to die tied on a fence because of his sexual orientation on October 7, 1998. Matthew died on October 12th from various sustained injuries. As a result, a decade after Matthew's death, President Barack Obama signed into federal law the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act which made hate crimes specifically targeted against minorities a separate crime.



This year marks the 19th anniversary of the death of Matthew Shepard. Sadly, Matthew's story is not uncommon and hate against the LGBTQIA+ community is still very prevalent. We mourn the death Matthew, the 49 lost to hate in Orlando, Florida at the Pulse Nightclub, the 23 trans people killed so far this year, and the countless others that are too great to name and that we may never know of.

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SAMHAIN

also known as: **Oct. 31st - Nov. 1st**

oidhche shamhna,
Halloween, Hallow-tide

The third and final harvest, Samhain (*saah-win*), is the start of the Pagan New Year. Literally meaning "Summer's End", this holiday marks where the divide between the spiritual plane and the earthly one is the thinnest. Pagans decorate their altars with images and tokens of their

ancestors or hold "dumb suppers" to honor those before them. Other practices include carving pumpkins or traditional radishes and creating masks to protect oneself through the night from evil spirits. Other perform divination or make besoms for the new year.

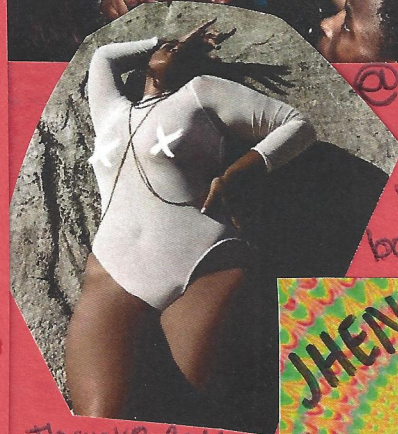
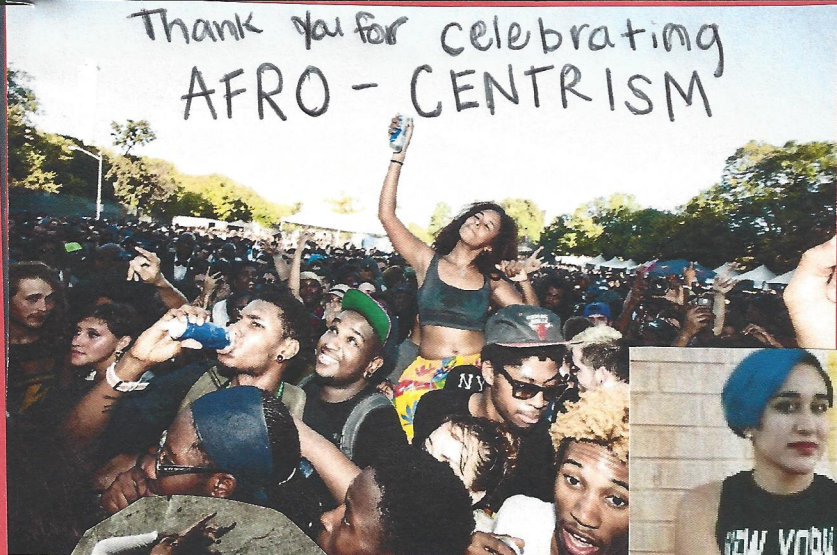


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Samhain
altar

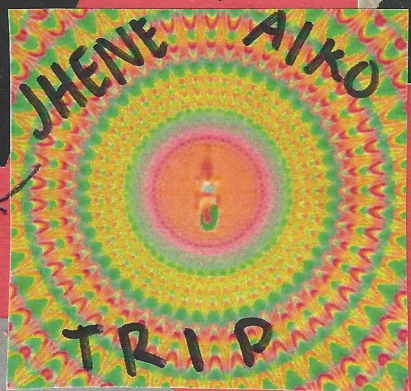


Things we're loving!

Thank you for celebrating AFRO-CENTRISM



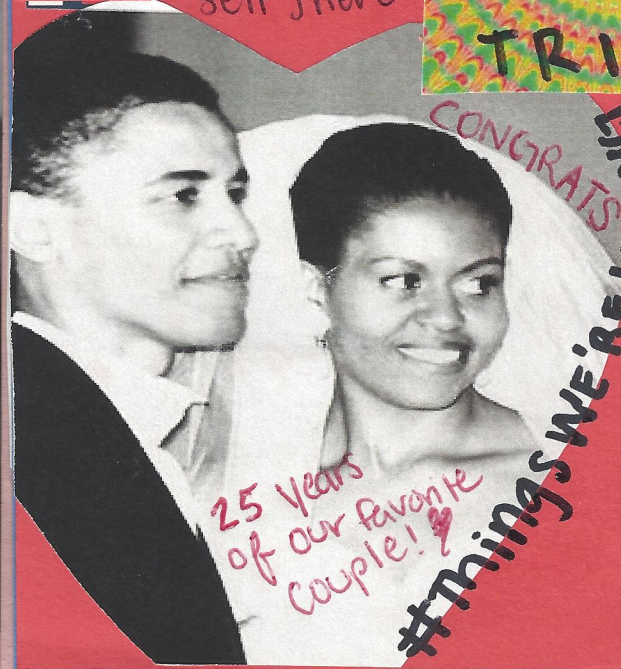
@veronica pomee
Keep breaking body norms in modeling!



Thanks for sharing your authentic self here!

Thanks Annie Segarra for breaking Youtube content boundaries!
@theannie elainey

Serving looks in Decatur



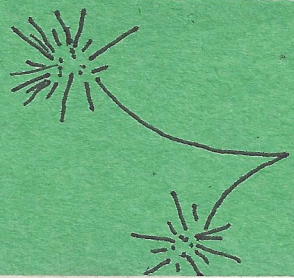
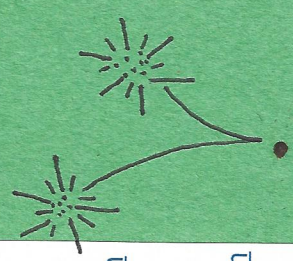
25 years of our favorite couple!

CONGRATS
#THINGS WE'RE LOVING
Black-owned

Happy Birthday



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<http://disabilitylink.org/about-us/>
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Cover artwork by Victoria Kennedy '19

MAJOR!

A NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM



KNOW your history. LEAD with your heart.

Major! (2015) was produced in collaboration with Miss Major and a transPOC Community Advisory Board which included Reina Gossett,

Janet Mock, and many others.

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SCOTT**
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