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Erie Gay News

Calendar

Oct 3-5—Jones Pond "Closing Weekend" (Angelica NY) "Fri & Sat, DJ dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 'Octoberfest & Pot Luck Dinner' Sauerkraut & Bratwurst + Pot Luck 6 pm. 716-567-8100.

Oct 4—Womynspace: Anniversary Celebration "Come and enjoy the company of good friends. Remember times gone by and plan for new memories. Along with the celebration we will discuss the reorganization of the coffeehouse. Bring your ideas! Newcomers welcome. For info call Sal at 454-2713"

Oct 5—LGLV-Erie Meets Info: Dave Mulholland 898-4210.

Oct 7—HIV/AIDS Pennsylvania Prevention Planning Committee meets 6-8 pm at St. James AME Church 236 E 11th St. Info: Tracey Thomas at 459-4775 or Michael Mahler at 456-9833.



Oct 8—Elizabeth Taylor 9 pm on WNEB (PBS-Buff./Ch.17), repeated 10/9 at 1 pm.

Oct 9—MacPartland Jazz: Fred Hersch WQLN FM 91.3 midnight. Featuring the jazz of gay musician Fred Hersch.

Oct 10—Kathy Mattea in concert (Cleveland) Palace Theater. 800-766-6048.

Oct 11—Happy Yom Kippur

Oct 12—Q Classic "The Maltese Falcon" (1941) WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) 5 p.m. Classic mystery starring Humphrey Bogart. Sydney Greenstreet and Elisha Cook, Jr. are portrayed as lovers, "though this relationship must be read between the lines. ...In one scene, Wilmer [Cook's character] is referred to as a "gunsel," which is period slang for homosexual."—*Images in the Dark*.

Oct 13—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 pm Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

Oct 13—Saturday Night Live Laurie Anderson guests. Comedy Central 11 am and midnight.

Oct 14—Michelangelo Signorile lecture (Fredonia NY) part of National Coming Out Day events sponsored by GLBSU. See article on page 7.

Oct 14—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

Oct 14—Sweet Honey in the Rock: Songs for Children 9 pm on WNEQ (PBS-Buff./Ch.23). "A beautiful and uplifting music special that speaks to children and adults about self-respect, caring, hope and pride. Starring the award-winning, internationally renowned women's *capella* group of five vocalists and a sign-language interpreter."—WNY Public Broadcasting Association.

Oct 15—Deadline for World AIDS Day Events!!! Since World AIDS Day is on December 1, we need to run news about local World AIDS Day events in the November issue. We will be publishing the November issue a little earlier to accommodate the LGLV Voters Guide that will be inserted into that issue. If you don't have details by the 15th, give us what you have!

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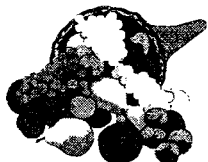
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Items to send us in October



Oct. 15—Deadline for November and early December events:
Native American History Month
Thanksgiving and Hanukkah
World AIDS Day

HIV still kills
Condoms still save lives

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The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of information, support and affirmation for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men and their friends & families in the Erie area.

Contributors: Our deadline is the 15th of the month! We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments and opinions of interest to the Erie and surrounding area's LesBiGay community for publication in these pages.

We **STRONGLY** recommend sending SASE for writers' guidelines or at least inquiring of the EGN staff before submitting articles! Please include contact information with any submissions (name, phone, email address, etc.) so we can contact you if we have questions.

We will consider for publication any nonfiction article or illustration graphic which broadens our understanding of our lives and each other. We won't publish any material which promotes hatred or discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, race, gender, religion, age, class, physical ability or any other reason. We do not support exploitation of minors.

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Thanks for the September issue collators!

Thanks to Billy, Greg Knowles, Paul Grubbs, Jerry McCumber, Bill Sherow, and Bernie Bright for helping us to collate the September issue of *EGN*!

If you would like to volunteer, please give us a call at 456-9833. You needn't feel obligated to become a regular or even to stay from start to finish. *Any help is always appreciated!*

Calendar

Oct 15—HIV/AIDS Service Network Meets 4-6 pm at the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Paul, 134 W 7th St, Erie. Call 452-3779 for more info.

☛ **Oct 16—AIDS Memorial Service (New Castle)** 7 pm at 1st Presbyterian Church on Jefferson Street, New Castle PA. Sponsored by Lawrence County AIDS Task Force. Info: Sue Bobosky 800-359-2437.

☛ **Oct 16—Voices of Hope: Breast Cancer Awareness Special** On Lifetime Air time note known.

☛ **Oct 16—Just One of the Guys (1985)** Comedy Central 4 pm and 8 pm. "Joyce Hyser is a pretty student who disguises herself as a boy in an experiment about high school sexism, as she turns the table on patronizing male teachers."—Comedy Central Program Schedule

☛ **Oct 17—Saturday Night Live** Sigourney Weaver is guest host. Features spoof of *Aliens*. Comedy Central 11am-3pm.

☛ **Oct 18—Campaign work for Greg Rabb (Jamestown NY)** "Lesbians from Rochester and Buffalo are coming to Jamestown to help me with a literature drop followed by a social event at my house. Erie lesbians are welcome. Give me a call at 716-664-9174 or 716-665-5220 Ext. 204. Email rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunycc.edu" See article page 9.

☛ **Oct 18—10% Network: Regular meeting (Jamestown NY)** "Socializing. As always, we may move the meeting to John's if there is a small number attending." Info: John at 716-484-7285.

☛ **Oct 18—Menspace: Halloween Dry Run** At Brian and Dave's house. For information, call Michael at 456-9833.

☛ **Oct 18—Saturday Night Live** Bjork performs. On NBC.

Oct 20-21—Tri-State Conference on HIV/AIDS (Chautauqua NY) For service providers from Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. For more complete conference information and a registration form contact the NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance at 1-800-400-AIDS.

☛ **Oct 22—Intimate Portrait: Dr. Susan Love** On Lifetime, air time unknown. Profiles the lesbian breast cancer expert and author of *Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book*.

Oct 24—Lizzy Bordon's: Miss Erie '97 3412 W 12th St. Call 833-4059 9pm-2am for more info.

☛ **Oct 24—Austin City Limits: Faith Hill/Trisha Yearwood** 9pm on WNEQ (PBS-Buff./Ch.23).

☛ **Oct 24—In the Life** WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) 10 p.m. Nationally-broadcast series presenting the art, culture,

issues and news of the gay and lesbian community. For more on this series see Entertainment Notes.

☛ **Oct 25—The A-List: Ellen DeGeneres and Larry Miller** On Comedy Central 9 pm.

Oct 28—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

☛ **Oct 28—k.d. lang in concert (Columbus OH)** Palace Theater. Tickets at Ticketmaster.

Oct 31—Happy Halloween!

Oct 31—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets Info: Sharon at (216) 964-3350.

☛ **Oct 31—Saturday Night Live: Halloween Episode** Includes a skit about Transylvania during the AIDS era...some viewers may find it too, uh, tasteless? Comedy Central 11 am.

☛ **Oct 31—k.d. lang in concert (Akron OH)** Fox Theater, tickets at Ticketmaster.

☛ **Nov 1—Womynspace: "Between You and Me"** "Safe sex in the '90s. Presentation and discussion. Come to this all important coffeehouse and share your questions and



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thoughts. For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713 or Caroline at 456-1315. Newcomers welcome."

☛ **Nov 1—Forbidden Broadway (Meadville)** This production lampoons Broadway's greatest hits. Centerstage at Allegheny College (Shafer Aud.) 8 pm. (814)332-5371.

☛ **Nov 1—k.d. lang in concert (Toronto)** At Hummingbird (formerly O'Keefe Center), tickets at Ticketmaster.

Nov 2—LGLV-Erie Meets Info Dave Mulholland 898-4210.

☛ **Nov 4—HIV/AIDS Pennsylvania Prevention Planning Committee meets** Date may be moved to accommodate Election Day. Info& location: Tracey Thomas at 459-4775 or Michael Mahler at 456-9833

☛ **Nov 4—Election Day**

☛ **Nov 6—South County Support Meets** For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. Info: Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070.

☛ **Nov 6—PFLAG-Erie: New meeting date and/or place** *The date and time for this are not clear as we go to press. Please check the November issue or call Elaine to confirm!!* 6:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congreg. of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

☛ **Nov 8—Menspace: Event TBA** At Jeff and Jim's house. For information, call Michael at 456-9833.

☛ **Nov 9—"Phantom of the Soap Opera" Friends from the Heart Benefit** Annual Murder Mystery will be at Stephany's Grove, 1099 Wyoming Ave, Erie. 6 pm social hour, 7pm dinner and murder! BYOB. Tickets are \$25 single, \$40 couple. Phone 838-0123 or 838-1547 for more info. See Entertainment Notes for more details.

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☛ **Nov 22—Lambda Ball (Pittsburgh)** An elegant evening to raise money for the Lambda Foundation. Info 412-521-5444 or PO Box 5169, Pittsburgh PA 15206.

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☛ **Nov 27—Happy Thanksgiving!**

☛ **Nov 28—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Info: Sharon at (216) 964-3350.

☛ **Dec 1—World AIDS Day** Details about events will be in the November and NOT December issue. Send in any events listings, even tentative ones, by the 15th of October.

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Festivals & conferences

☛ **Oct 9-19—Pittsburgh International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival** For recorded message on festival, call 412-232-3277.

Nov 12-16—10th Annual Creating Change Conference (San Diego CA) National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's national conference for the LGBT movement. 120 workshops, small group networking sessions to develop skills and confidence of organizers at local and state levels. Info <http://www.nglhf.org/cc97> or phone 202-332-6483 ext. 3329.

Repeating shows

Fight for the Right (MTV, October 12, 19, 26 at 10 p.m.) "Three-part MTV News Special Report checks up on the rights of America's youth: "The Crackdown" (restrictions, from metal detectors in schools to curfews), "Express Yourself" (free speech and expression), and "Sexual Matters" sex education and tolerance." —*TV Guide*

South Park: Big Al's Big Gay Boat Ride On Comedy Central. "When Stan and the gang learn that Stan's dog Sparky is gay, Stan becomes the butt of cruel jokes and must grapple with the issue of what it means to be gay and own a gay pet. With the pressure of the big South Park Elementary School football game mounting, Stan begins to crack, and feeling unwanted and unloved, Sparky runs away. Realizing Sparky is more important than football, gay or not, Stan follows Sparky to Big Gay Al's Big Gay Animal Sanctuary." —Comedy Central press release. Sparky's voice provided by *ER*'s George Clooney. 10/15 10 pm and 1 am, 10/18 10 pm and 1 am, 10/19 midnight.

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Allegheny Coming Out Day Update

Sponsored by the Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual People and by Allegheny Gay Pride. Here is the final schedule for our National Coming Out Day celebration at Allegheny College. One important thing to note is that all events are free and open to all.

Most of the social events have been clustered into the weekend to enable students from other schools to attend. We hope to see everyone there!!!

Questions? Contact us at: csglbp@alleg.edu or macnism@alleg.edu or agp@alleg.edu

Sun. 10/5

Morning Service - acknowledgment of National Coming Out Day.

Mon. 10/6

Ally Chain - allies will pledge support by signing a chain link and a petition in the post office. The sign-up table will be open all week.

Essay & Art Contests - entries for both contests due 10/6.

Art Exhibit - entries for the art contest will be displayed in the coffeehouse all week long.

NCOD Display - in the Campus Center Lobby all week long.

Workshops - the Residence Life Staff will hold three different workshops:

8:00 PM in Crawford - Gallery of Isms - led by Allan Blattner

9:00 PM in Caflisch - Student Panel - led by Hannah Davidson

10:00 PM in Brooks - Ally Workshop - led by Kelly Moselle



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Tues. 10/7

Movie - in the Walker Room at 9:30 PM.

Wed. 10/8

Info Table at the Community Open House - in the Campus Center Lobby, 5:30-8:30 PM.

Fri. 10/10

Coming Out: A Tale of Two Families - Speaker Rod Bragg discusses his experiences with parenthood. In the Walker Room at 12:30 PM.

An Evening at the Coffeehouse - events will include drama and open mic poetry. Feel free to participate!! We will also announce the winners of the art and essay contests. **Location:** Grounds for Change, 7:30pm-??

Sat. 10/11 (National Coming Out Day)

The Gay Community Makes a Difference - group participation in "Make a Difference Day" - 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Come Out and Play - Non-competitive volleyball at 3:00 PM. **Location** TBA.

Gay Pride Party!!!! - Live music by Edinboro's Greg Ropp (8:00-9:30PM) followed by DJ Dean Rufus of Jamming 92, Cleveland (10:00-1AM). **Location:** McKinley's.

Sun. 10/12

Guest Preacher Susan Laurie - morning service in Ford Chapel - 10:45AM. also . . .

Wed. 10/15

Lunchtime Storytelling: "Mentiritas" - Paul Bonin-Rodriguez in the Walker Room at 12:15 PM.

One-Man-Play - Paul Bonin-Rodriguez in the Playshop Theater at 7:30PM.

Allegheny College is right in Meadville. If you're unfamiliar with the campus, allow yourself 1/2 hour extra to find your way around!

Gay History Month

At SUNY Fredonia

I would just like to extend an open invitation to everyone to events that are being planned by the GLBSU of SUNY Fredonia. My name is Chuck, the Vice-President of the group, for going on 2 years now. We hold our meetings every Tuesday night at 10 pm in the Williams Center. If anyone can come, we'd love to have you. Our membership is about 40 students and 2 faculty advisors. We have some events planned for the month of October, being that it is Gay History Month. Here are some of the events that we have planned so far:

October 1 (Wednesday) Opening Ceremonies @ 12 pm in the Williams Center 7:00 pm- Warren Blumenfeld will be speaking about gay history.

October 14 (Wednesday) 8:00 pm Michelangelo Signorile will be speaking about coming out issues and queers in the media.

October 23 (Thursday) 8:00 pm Show and Tell will be entertaining the campus about gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues. <still tentative, call for confirmation>

October 24 (Friday) 8:00 pm Drag show featuring queens from Buffalo, Rochester, and Fredonia. <still tentative, call for confirmation>

All events will be held in the Williams Center (student union). Our lectures are free, but the drag show is going to have an admission price. The details are still being worked out for Show and Tell and the Drag Show.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call at our office at: (716) 673-3139 or my room number (716) 673-4011

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My Dear Friends:

I would like to extend an invitation to you. Lizzy Bordon's will be holding its annual Miss Erie Pageant Friday October 24th 1997 beginning at 11:00 pm.

Miss Erie is the oldest continuous pageant in the tri-state area with over a quarter century of female impersonation title holders.

Please be a part of this gala event and join us for the crowning of your next Miss Erie.

Some applications for Miss Erie 1998 are still available at this time.

Your MC's for the evening will be Jackee Regina Miss Erie 1997 and myself.

I would like to take this time to thank all of you who supported us during our AIDS benefit. Many people in need benefited from your kind gifts and contributions. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I look forward to seeing you at Lizzy's and thank you for your continued support.

Love,
Ginger
Miss Erie 1976

P.S. Please remember Lizzy Bordon's
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HIV/AIDS news

Thanks from Friends from the Heart

Dear Friends:

We would like to say Hat's Off to the staff at Lizzy Bordon's.

Through their fantastic energy they have generously donated to our organization, "Friends from the Heart."

Our sole purpose is to provide financial guidance to fill the gap created when one acquires the HIV virus. With this donation, we are able to provide assistance such as rent, transportation, medical expenses and various daily needs.

Our biggest annual fund raiser is a Murder Mystery Dinner which is being held this year at Stephany's Grove on November 9, 1997.

It would be wonderful to see a lot of new faces there to enjoy this dinner.

Again, a Very Big Thank You,

Friends from the Heart

Letters

From a straight friend

My name is Brandon, and I would just like to make a statement.

Not everyone is intent on bashing gays because of their lifestyle, as a matter of fact, I don't consider homosexuals any different than myself. I wish things could be better, in that devoted gays and lesbians could marry. It seems only fair that as citizens of the United States, homosexuals should be permitted the sacred right of marriage. Unfortunately, conservatives feel that would demean the tradition of marriage being between a man and a woman. But if they weren't so intent on the status quo, and looked at the bigger picture, perhaps they wouldn't be so opposed. Of course, we all know that not all homosexuals carry HIV or AIDS, but if gays were in a devoted monogamous relationship, they would be decreasing the risk of spreading the virus.

I'll admit this is controversial, and there are too many opposing views to confront in this message, however, I believe that in time Gay and Lesbian marriages will be accepted.

I think you should also know that I don't have any Gay or Lesbian friends, and thus I am not biased in my opinion. That doesn't mean that I wouldn't like some Gay or Lesbian friends.

Sincerely,

Brandon / future@velocity.net

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Local and area news

Leeward Lounge goes straight

The only gay bar between Cleveland and Erie is no longer gay. We are trying to contact various individuals to find out the details of what happened. In the meantime, please be advised that the clientele seems to have completely changed. The Leeward lounge is now a straight bar. It is up for sale via Century 21-Launders of Geneva OH. The realtor is John Johnson at 440-466-0021. The bar is being advertised for sale in the classified ads in Cleveland *Gay People's Chronicle*.

Michelangelo Signorile in WNY

Gay columnist and author Michelangelo Signorile will be speaking at Fredonia on October 14 at 8 p.m. Signorile has written *Life Outside: The Signorile Report on Gay Men*, *Outing Yourself: How to Come Out as Lesbian or Gay to Your Family, Friends, and Coworkers*, and *Queer in America: Sex, the Media, and the Closets of Power*. Signorile will be speaking about coming out and about "queers in the media." Signorile will be appearing at the Williams Center (Student Union). Admission is free. For more information see the Fredonia Gay History Month schedule on page 7.

Breast cancer memorials

We didn't receive any memorials for breast cancer this month, probably due to less than adequate time for people to get used to the idea. We would like to try again. Please offer input on how you think we should proceed, and tell us if you think this is an appropriate way to commemorate these women.

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Greg Rabb Campaign update

From Greg Rabb

Here is an update on my campaign:

As of today I've walked door to door through five out of six wards in Jamestown delivering, one at a time, nearly 3,000 pieces of my literature.

We've mailed 1,000 hand written note cards thanking people for either talking with me or signing my petitions to get me on the ballot.

So far, there has been no evident right wing backlash. In fact, we are now the "buzz" in town having shocked many local politicians with our ability to get our message out so effectively. I recently received the endorsement of the Empire State Pride Agenda-NY's gay and lesbian political group. On Saturday October 18 lesbians from Rochester and Buffalo are coming to Jamestown to help me with a literature drop followed by a social event at my house. Erie lesbians are welcome. Give me a call at 716-664-9174 or 716-665-5220 Ext. 204. Email rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjc.edu As always I welcome donations with checks made out to "Rabb for Jamestown."

Honor the memory of those we've lost to AIDS

We want to publish memorials of people from the Erie area who have been lost to AIDS. These will be appearing in the November issue of EGN, in conjunction with World AIDS Day.

The memorials are free.

Please send us:

- (1) Their name (Full name or initials).
- (2) Year of passing.
- (3) County they lived in.
- (4) A short message if you want.
- (5) If you want to sign the message, please do.

If we receive two or more submissions for one person, we'll list you all.

Lesbians and breast cancer

by The Mautner Project

The Mautner Project is a national Lesbian Breast Cancer organization. Contact: The Mautner Project 1707 L St NW Suite 1060, Washington DC 20036. Phone 202-332-5536, Fax 202 265-6854, email mautner@aol.com WWW: <http://www.sirius.com/~edisol/mautner/>

Statistics from National Cancer Institute (1990)

- 1 in every 3 women will get cancer in her lifetime.
- Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among women.
- 1 in every 9 women will get breast cancer.

What puts women at risk?

Smoking

Cigarette smoking is directly related to lung cancer and increases the risk for other types of cancer.

Family History

History of cancer in family increases risk.

Reproductive History

Young age at first period, first childbirth after age 30, and late menopause all increase risk.

Women's Cancer Education and Screening Program

A free cancer screening program for eligible women is available in Erie County.

To qualify, a single woman can make no more than \$19,350. In homes of two or more, the income level is higher. Also, a woman's insurance status is figured in. Many women should be able to take advantage of this opportunity for cervical and breast cancer education and screenings at convenient locations. The service is being provided at the Family Health Council offices in Erie and in Edinboro. To get more information or schedule an appointment, call 1-800-215-7494.

This program is sponsored by the Family Health Council, Inc. in cooperation with the HealthyWomen 50+ Program and the Susan G. Komen Foundation RACE FOR THE CURE®

Diet

High-fat, low-fiber diet increases risk. Risk also increases with higher weight.

Socioeconomic Factors

On average, women earn less money than men and are less able to afford regular medical care. While traditionally providing care to others, women often neglect their own health care needs. Cancers identified at later stages can be more dangerous.

Age

Risk increases with age.

Are lesbians at greater risk?

Lesbians are less likely to seek health care because of the discomfort of coming out to health care providers. Lesbians are less likely to visit a doctor for routine gynecological services such as birth control and prenatal care. Therefore, lesbians are less likely to have cancers detected at earlier, more tangible, stages. Lesbians are at higher risk of breast, cervical and ovarian cancers because they are less likely to have children by age 30, if at all.

Lesbians are affected more directly by women's lower earning power and do not have the benefit of a spouse's health insurance coverage.

Ways to reduce your risk of cancer.

Stop smoking.

Have an annual pap smear, breast and pelvic exam.

Have an annual mammogram after age 35.

Perform a monthly breast self-exam.

Avoid excessive exposure to the sun.

Establish a healthy and balanced diet.

Establish an open relationship with your health care provider.

Visit your health care provider on a regular basis.

Be aware of the warning signs of cancer.

Nagging cough or hoarseness.

Thickening or lump in breast.

Unusual bleeding or discharge.

Change in bowel or bladder habits.

A sore that does not heal.

Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.

Obvious change in a wart or mole.

Spirituality

Samhain: Remembrance of Those Who Went Before

by Gaiasong

Thinking about and honoring one's ancestors isn't always the easiest thing to do when you are gay or lesbian. For many of us, our families can be a stressor as we struggle with their ability or inability to accept us or offer their unconditional support and love. Sometimes our loved ones depart the physical world without having mended strained or damaged relationships with us. Many of us form new families, with friends and lovers who stand by us in a way that no one else ever did or could. And sometimes, our loved ones depart having left us with many warm memories and with a measure of the strength they shared with us during their earthly journey.

Wiccans, persons who practice an earth-based religion also referred to as "witchcraft", remember their ancestors and their departed loved ones each year with the coming of Samhain (pronounced SOW-en) on October 31. Despite whatever myths and misinformation people might have regarding witches and Halloween, the truth of the matter is that Samhain (occurring on the same night as the modern Halloween holiday) is a time-honored, ancient observance of the end of the growing season and the beginning of the New Year. Since earliest times, the pagan peoples of Europe acknowledged that, on Samhain evening, the veils between the worlds--the present life and the other possible lives or "afterlife"--were lifted, allowing the spirits of the ancestors to walk amongst us.

This early observance was more than just a superstitious holiday, more than just dressing up as Xena Warrior Princess (not that there's anything wrong with that) or trick-or-treating. It allowed the living to grieve the loss of those dear to them, allowed them to ponder the cycle of life and death, and gave them an opportunity to integrate the lessons of their ancestors with their current life: All things we rarely pause to do as we rush through

our daily, busy lives. In fact, grieving isn't something we always give ourselves, and others, permission to do. We're often uncomfortable with grief, and so we suppress it and fail to see its value.

Unless you've researched your family tree lately, you're probably a bit more out of touch with your more distant ancestors than the ancient pagans were. Their traditions of passing on history, including family history, by song, poetry and story made the past come alive and into the present. You can imagine the celebrations around the ritual fire, the songs and stories which made that veil between the worlds lift. You, as you sit and read this, never had an opportunity to meet or learn about many of your ancestors and the lessons they learned throughout their diverse lives. In fact, if you were to look over your family tree, as I've recently had an opportunity to do, you might be as surprised and intrigued as I was when you see all of those "single, unmarried" relatives: what might their experiences have been?

You don't have to be a witch, or pagan, to pause on October 31 and reflect on those who came before you; those who helped, however pleasantly or unpleasantly, to bring you to the space where you are today. We've lost many of our gay brothers and sisters to disease and to bigotry, to misfortune or simply to time--and we have much to learn from their stories. Even if your family experiences haven't been nurturing or even positive, when the veils thin and lift on that night if you listen very carefully-- you may be surprised to hear the voice of an ancestor you never knew urging you on, telling you their story of perseverance and courage. It won't harm you to listen.

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Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

Television

Ooh, big news, big news... **WQLN** (PBS-Erie) will apparently be running *In the Life* this season. *In the Life* is a critically-acclaimed bimonthly TV series that focuses on gay and lesbian art, entertainment, news, culture and issues. You can be certain WQLN will catch some flack for this (some of it from viewers whose TV dial never leaves the Holier Than Thou Network), so we should let WQLN know that there are a lot of us who really appreciate their carrying this program. It's particularly important that WQLN members express this. By the way, the show will be airing on October 24, during the Fall Membership Campaign, so if you're not a member, and this inspires you to become one, do please consider letting the station know about it! To give the station positive feedback, write F. Brady Louis, President and General Manager, WQLN, 8425 Peach Street, Erie PA 16509-4788. email wqln@wqln.org.

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Will the new female character on *Star Trek: Voyager* turn out to be a lesbian? According to the Voyager Visibility project, the new Borg character, Seven of Nine (Jeri Ryan), will eventually be portrayed as a lesbian. If this does indeed happen, it will be a first for any Star Trek series. The Voyager Visibility Project has a web site, and an online petition asking producers to put a gay or lesbian character into the *Star Trek* cast. Address: <http://www.gaytrek.com>.

Babylon 5 will be moving to TNT in January 19, and, according to *TV Guide*, Commander Ivanova will then be leaving.

Serious *Ellen* fans already know this, but the show won an Emmy for outstanding comedy writing for the historic "Puppy Episode," in which Ellen Morgan comes out. In accepting the award, DeGeneres said "I accept this award on behalf of all the people, especially the teens out there, who think something is wrong with them because they are gay. There's nothing wrong with you, and don't let anybody make you think there is."

By the way, Ellen DeGeneres's mom is this year's spokesperson for National Coming Out Day, the first time a straight person has served in that position.

Wasn't **Helen Hunt** a class act at the Emmy Awards? When she received the Emmy for Best Actress in a Comedy series, she still managed to give some of the glory to DeGeneres, who was considered a frontrunner for the award. "I was so blown away by Ellen DeGeneres' work in that episode," she said to the Academy Awards audience. "I just want to say I'm proud to be in the same list." *Ellen* did get an Emmy for comedy writing—awarded for "The Puppy Episode."

The character of **Matt Fielding** (Doug Savant) is leaving FOX's *Melrose Place*. The decision to leave was Savant's.

In MTV's new sitcom *Apt. 2F*, focused on two 20-ish twins, the twins' grandmother comes out, announcing "I'm completely out of the cupboard."

A couple added details about shows mentioned last month: **Kathy Najimy** will be in the cast of the new sitcom *Veronica's Closet*, and out gay actor **Dan Butler** is a recurring character on *Frasier*.

Speaking of *Frasier*, WJET (ABC-Erie/Ch. 24) will be airing the show weekdays at 7pm.

You knew it had to happen: ABC will air a made-for-TV movie about serial killer **Andrew Cunanan**. No broadcast date available yet.

Coming in the summer of 1998, Showtime will air the second installment of the San Francisco comedy-soap opera, **Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City**.

ABC's *Nothing Sacred* is a controversial drama centering around a priest and his struggles with his beliefs and carnal desires. Produced by gay writer Richard Kramer, one episode will involve a gay priest who develops AIDS. Thursdays on ABC.

TV Guide's "Fall Preview" issue published the movies that will be appearing on network TV this season. Although we try to get these in time for our calendar, sometimes we don't get the info. So watch for these gay-themed or gay-friendly films some time this season:

CBS: *Philadelphia*

NBC: *Boys on the Side*, *The Brady Bunch* movie, *Clueless*, *Higher Learning*, *Interview With the Vampire*.

Fox: *To Die For*, and *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar*

(No gay-friendly ABC movie listings that I can see).

Film & video

A good choice for the month of Coming Out Day: The movie *In & Out* is an upbeat film about a middle-aged high school teacher (**Kevin Kline**) who has to deal with the idea that he is gay, after a lifetime of hiding it from himself and others. The change comes about after one of his former students, while receiving an Academy Award, thanks his gay teacher and names him. If the story sounds familiar, it's probably because the script was inspired by Tom Hanks' acceptance speech at the 1994 Academy Awards; when receiving the Oscar for Best Actor in the film *Philadelphia*, he tearfully thanked his gay high school drama coach Rawley Farnsworth for inspiring him. Although Farnsworth wasn't in denial like *In & Out's* main character, only a handful of people had known he was gay. By the way, the film was written by gay screenwriter Paul Rudnick, who also wrote *Jeffrey*.

In 1991, **Tom Selleck** filed a \$20-million lawsuit (and won a settlement) against a tabloid that asserted he was gay. The rumors had been around for years. Now, in 1997, he plays a gay journalist in the movie *In & Out* which contains a very hot kiss between Kevin Kline and himself. Unfortunately, Selleck, like a lot of straight ac-

tors who play gay or lesbian characters—felt it necessary to tell *USA Today* how difficult it was to do the kissing scene. (30 takes!)

Different for Girls is a love story centering around a straight man and his old school pal who is now a postoperative transsexual female.

Sigourney Weaver comes back to life in a sequel of the series of films that made her a lesbian icon. *Alien Resurrection* will be in theaters in November.

The **Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival** will run from October 9-19 this year. For a recorded message on the festival, call 412-232-3277.

Also on video for **Halloween** this year, there is the vampire tale *Nadja*. *The Crucible* is a fact-based drama, by gay director Nicolas Hytner, that looks into the real causes of the Salem witch trials.

A quick list of other Halloweenish videos:

(Of more interest to males): *Heaven's a Drag* (*To Die For*), *Interview with the Vampire*, *Love Bites*, *Red Ribbons* ("Aunt Fannie"), *Tenderness of the Wolves*. Not supernatural but creepy: *Swoon*.

(Of more interest to females): *Blood and Roses*, *Dracula's Daughter*, *Daughters of Darkness*, *The Haunting*, *The Hunger*, *Red Ribbons* ("Aunt Fannie")

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The **Roadhouse Theater** will be presenting *Three Tall Women*, a play by gay playwright Edward Albee. Three women of different ages—26, 52 and 92—converse with one another. The women are actually one woman at different ages, and her character is based on Edward Albee's own homophobic mother. The Roadhouse is proud of their production of this new play. According to the theatre "The Roadhouse will be only the second nonprofessional theatre to produce this pristine gem from one of our

country's most distinguished dramatists. Amazing, how a little theatre in Erie, Pennsylvania keeps beating the bigger theatres in the bigger cities to the punch just about every season." *Three Women* runs from October 23-November 22. For information and reservations call 456-5656.

Holiday shopping

Buffalo's **Rainbow Pride Gift Shop** should have gay/lesbian holiday cards by mid-October. Also, they are now carrying the gay "Billy" dolls. These anatomically-correct British dolls are collector's items...you can get San Francisco Billy, Master Billy (a leather guy), Cowboy Billy and Sailor Billy.

While doing your holiday shopping, why not consider gifts and gift certificates from the **gay-supportive people** who advertise in and distribute this publication?

If you really do have everything, or if you want to give instead of get for the holidays, how about giving people the name or names of an **organization(s) to donate in your name?** The resource directory in the back of this publication will give you ideas for local organizations. If you want to locate another organization, call Mike at 456-9833...we can find just about anyone.

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Etcetera

Cartoonist Lynn Johnston, creator of *For Better or Worse*, once again carried a gay storyline in her comic. Two comics featured gay teen Lawrence pondering what to do now that his partner was moving to Paris, and another showed straight teen Mike treating Lawrence's homosexuality matter-of-factly. Although a number of newspapers pulled the comic for those days, *The Erie Daily Times* ran it in August 20-23.

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Michael dithers

by Michael Mahler

A happy National Coming Out Day to one and all! I was thinking recently about how much change has taken place even in the last five years. Despite all the setbacks we've faced, it seems like there has been some amazing progress. You have probably already read that the only ABC affiliate in the country that didn't carry the coming out episode of Ellen (in Mobile Alabama) quietly carried it when it re-ran. I also thought it was cool when I walked to the PO Box and saw on the front page of USA Today that Ellen had "only" won 1 Emmy. This shows that regular mainstream folks were expecting that she was due for quite a number of awards (which she deserved.) Gee, so much for coming out wrecking one's career as a big name entertainer.

Of course, not everyone will find such success, but by being open about who you are, or for straight folks to be openly supportive of their lesbigay friends and families can have a profound effect on others. It is always a lot easier to hate and fear people when you think you don't know any of a particular category.

So, if you possibly can, think about coming out. Not only will you possibly create a better life for yourself, you'd be helping many others as well!

Back then...

40 years ago

Elvis Presley was singing the first reference to homosexuality in a rock and roll song, although it probably went over the heads of most listeners. "Jailhouse Rock," the theme song to the movie of the same name, contained this verse:

Number forty-seven said to number three:
"You're the cutest jailbird I ever did see.

I sure would be delighted with your company,
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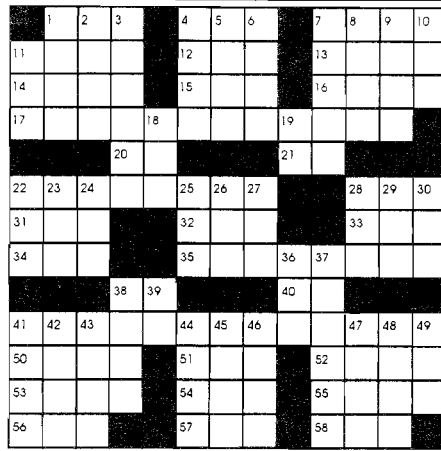
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 - 11 Search for extraterrestrial life
 - 12 Non-commissioned officer
 - 13 Future gay wedding site?
 - 14 Desert like
 - 15 '89 "Weird" Al Yankovic flick
 - 16 6/27/69 Stonewall Inn event
 - 17 Oct. 11th National gay event
 - 20 Nontransferable, to a banker
 - 21 '92 Comedy *Coming Out* ___ a *Many Splendored Thing*
 - 22 '95 Charles Flowers book *Out, Loud, and ___*
 - 28 Disc Operated System
 - 31 Shade tree
 - 32 Nautical rope
 - 33 Monthly gay news mag
 - 34 Airport estimate
 - 35 '93 First nationally televised gay stand-up comedy special
 - 38 "Fee ___ Fo Fum"
 - 40 *Rawhide* singer Cooder
 - 41 '92 Neil Miller book
 - 50 Follows origin or rot
 - 51 '80 Ross hit *I'm Coming ___*
 - 52 Black Sabbath founder Tony
 - 53 '95 Gay rights film *Out ___ '69*
 - 54 Genetic material
 - 55 Hamlet was one
 - 56 Showtime, to *TV Guide*
 - 57 Erie, PA's time zone
 - 58 Sign at a sold out show
- Down:**
- 1 Before dynamic or plane
 - 2 Stimulate, quickly
 - 3 '83 Pamela Stanley dance classic *Coming Out of ___*
 - 4 Like a bug in a rug
 - 5 Reverberation
 - 6 Staple at lesbian potluck?
 - 7 Sentence parts
 - 8 Amer. Academy of Imaging Arts
 - 9 Chinese food giant La ___
 - 10 Publicize one's homosexuality
 - 11 Pouch
 - 18 Highest degree
 - 19 Do Re Mi Fa So La ___ Do
 - 22 *Mame* playwright Robert E. ___
 - 23 Altitude, to a cartographer
 - 24 *Cowgirls Get the Blues* Thurman
 - 25 O.J. judge
 - 26 New York Univ.
 - 27 Obtain
 - 28 Bambi, for example
 - 29 Thornton Wilder play ___ *Town*
 - 30 Female saint
 - 36 Transamerica Pyramid owner
 - 37 Bones at base of tongue
 - 38 '94 Award winning Dong film *Coming Out Under ___*
 - 39 '95 Witt, Thomas, Marcus book *Out ___ All Directions*
 - 41 Canoe propellants
 - 42 Beehive state
 - 43 Type of fast food order
 - 44 Ripped
 - 45 Gay porno cartoonist, et. al.
 - 46 Napoleon said, "L___, c'est moi."
 - 47 Lion sound
 - 48 K - P connectors
 - 49 Actress Sandra

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Student Organizations/Youth

- Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP, Allegheny College, Meadville)** ▼ 332-4368 (Nancy)
..... or 332-4375 (Erny)
A committee of students, faculty, & administrators who work together to educate, bring speakers, offer films, and address concerns that relate to gay and lesbian issues specific to the Allegheny Community. Write to CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. Email to csglbp@allegh.edu
- Closest Culture**
Focuses on social activities. Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area. Write to: PO Box 529, Edinboro PA 16412. Email ClosestClt@eol.com
- Covenant House Teen Hotline** 1-800-999-9999
- Identity &** 732-4357 (Amy)
Student group for lesbian/gay & allies at Edinboro Univ. Meets in the lobby of the University Center Wed 8 pm. Write to Identity, Edinboro Univ, 374 Dearborn Hall,

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Solution:**

- Edinboro, PA 16412
- Jamestown Comm. College Grp** ▼ (716)665-5220 ext 204
..... or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)
Peer counseling & support attempting to live fulfilling, open, integrated lives as lesbian/gay people in W NY & NW PA. Open to college & non-college people. Meeting date, time & place vary. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020. Email to Greg at rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjjc.edu
- National Runaway Switchboard** 1-800-621-4000
- SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU** (716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
Meets Tuesdays at 8pm in Williams Center. All welcome. Email to glsu0000@fredonia.edu.
- Teen Hotline** (412)771-8336
- Trigon (Penn State Behrend)** 898-6030
..... or (Sue Daley) 898-6164
For Behrend students, faculty, alumni. Write: College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Rd, Erie, PA 16563. Email to trigon@psu.edu WWW: <http://www.clubs.psu.edu/trigon>

Support Groups

- Erie Sisters**
Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Saturday, newsletter, Interview with a club officer required before 1st mtg. Write: Erie Sisters, 1903 W B St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505. Email eriesister@aol.com
- Lambda Group—Gay AA** ▼ 452-2675
Alcoholics Anon for Lesbians. Open discussion. Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Open to all Lesbians who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone.
- Northcoast Rainbow Families** 868-0069 (Christopher)
..... (716) 366-1453 (Judy)
Support, advocacy, and education group for lesbian/gay parents and their families; play group for kids in western NY, northeast OH, and northwest PA. Affiliated with Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. Write to: NCRF, PO Box 254, Fredonia, NY 14063. Email to: glpderie@aol.com
- PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)** see below
- PFLAG-Ashabula OH** (216)964-3350
Meets the last Friday of each month, 7:00 pm., Conference Room at Donahoe Center, Rt 20 East.
- PFLAG-DuBois PA** Karen or John Kressley at 371-8962
Meets 7 pm on 2nd Tues of month at St. John's Oklahoma Lutheran Church at the corner of Maple Ave & Shaffer Road in DuBois. Write to PFLAG-DuBois, 1191 Treasure Lake, DuBois PA 15801 Email: jackk1pflag1pa@junio.com
- PFLAG-Erie** Elaine 864-0184
Meets last Sun of month 2:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie. Write to PFLAG-Erie c/o Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie, PA 16508.
- PFLAG-Jamestown** (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529
Meets last Tues of the month, call for site.
- PFLAG-New Castle PA** Lois at (412)652-6893
Meets 7-9 pm on 3rd Thurs of month at Human Svcs Ctr, 130 West North St, New Castle.
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)** 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)
Meets Tuesdays 8:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. WWW: <http://www.sca-recovery.org/>

Violence and Domestic Abuse (Women & Men)
 Erie Hospitality House (814)454-8161
 Jamestown - YWCA Alternatives to Violence
 Daytime (716)488-2237, evenings (716)484-0052.
 Women's Center of Warren & Forest Counties 24 hour Hotline
 (Sexual Assault as well) 800-338-3460 or (814)726-1030
 Women's Services of Crawford County (24 hour) ▼ (814)333-9766
 National Domestic Violence Hotline (800)799-SAFE (7233)

HIV/AIDS Directory

National

AIDS Factline 1-800-324-AIDS
 National AIDS Hotline 1-800-662-6080
 Spanish AIDS Hotline 1-800-344-7432

Ashtabula OH/Ashtabula County

HIV + Support Grp (216)350-2554

Erie PA/Erie County

Case Manager - Sandra Decker 456-8849
 Case Manager - Tami Shilling 456-8849
 Case Manager - Cheryl Weber 825-1085 or 455-3786
 AIDS Action Team (AACT) Gannon 871-7233
 AIDS Bereavement Support Group 452-3779 (Sue Kuebler)

Sponsored by HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul.
 For families, partners, spouses, friends & caregivers with loved ones/friends who
 have died with AIDS. Call for info. Meets. At St. Paul's Cathedral, 134 W 7th St. "In
 our church there will be no outcasts"

AIDS Network Information 451-6700

Friends from the Heart 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

Direct Client Services. Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transporta-
 tion, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call to see how you can help.
 Donations *greatly* appreciated. Meets 2nd Monday of the month at Well Being
 Center, 710 Beaumont.

GEGASHI 451-6784 (Caryn) or 451-6727 (Fran)

Gay/Lesbians Educating Gays/Lesbians About Sexual Health Issues. Sponsored by
 Erie County Department of Health (ECDH). Meets 3:30pm on selected Thursday in
 selected months at ECDH, 606 W 2nd St, Erie PA. Email gegashi@aol.com.

HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cath. of St. Paul (Episcopal) 452-3779

NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie Ofc) ▼ 456-8849/(800)400-AIDS

1001 State St, Suite 808, Erie PA. Email them at nwpaids@erie.net

St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group ♿

..... Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 452-6113

Open to people of all faiths. Fax to: 459-7310 or email to: cheryl1027@aol.com
 Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tues 7:00-8:30 pm at Catholic Charities, St. Mark Catholic
 Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. Use main entrance and follow signs for Support
 Group.

Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.

AIDS Community Services ▼ (716)664-7855

South County Support (716)488-1070

For HIV infected and affected people. Meets 1st Thursday at the home of Hop and

Cindy Chase, 1115 Prendergast Ave in Jamestown.

Meadville PA/Crawford County

Case Manager - Sue Bobosky (800)359-AIDS

Crawford Co. AIDS Coalition 337-3241

HIV + Support Grps Rosemary Buzzard at 333-5800

Venango/Forest County

Venango-Forest AIDS Support 1-800-359-2437

Case Manager - Sue Bobosky (800)359-AIDS

Case Manager - Tami Shilling (800)359-AIDS

Warren County

Case Manager - Deb Monohon 838-0123

Case Manager - Tami Shilling ... 1(800)359-AIDS or (814)764-6066

HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing Programs (free):

Free, confidential counseling, testing, and referral.

(Corry) Erie Co. Dept. of Health 663-3891

(Erie) Erie Co. Dept. of Health 451-6700

(Erie) Hispanic American Council ▼ 451-6700

(Erie) MHEDS 453-6229 or 453-4728

Jamestown or Buffalo (716)847-4520

Meadville PA (814)332-6947

Pittsburgh (412)578-8332

Sharon PA (412)983-5150

Youngstown OH (216)747-4805

HIV/AIDS Anonymous Testing Sites

(Ashtabula) Family Planning Assoc (\$30) (216)992-5953

Painesville OH (216)354-AIDS

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (412)242-2500

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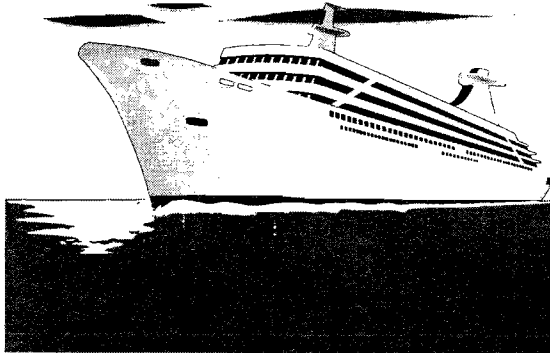
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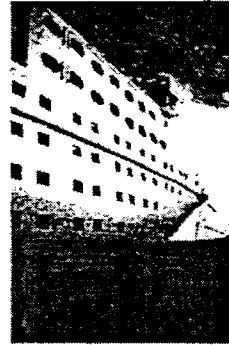
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