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Erie Gay News

Calendar

July 1—Intimate Portrait: Judith Light Lifetime (check listings for times). Profiles the actress and activist (best known from *Who's the Boss?*). "...focuses on the amazing work Light does for lesbian and gay equal rights and AIDS/HIV issues..."—GLAAD

July 2—PFLAG-Erie meets 7:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

July 2-5—Jones Pond: 4th of July (Angelica NY) "300 Block Independence Day Party. (716) 567-8100"

July 3—Mary Chapin Carpenter (Chautauqua) For reservations, call 716-357-6250.

July 3-4—BlackOut 98 (Cleveland) "Ohio's biggest weekend celebrating the African American Lesbian and Gay Community." Partying, entertainment, poetry, performers, dancers, speakers, discussions. Info 888-TALK-2-BOP or blk@hotmail.com

July 4—Womynspace: NO MEETING "See you in September! For further info, please contact Helen at 451-0359 or email: aichess@hotmail.com."

July 5—Pittsburgh 3 Rivers Cruise (Pittsburgh PA) Boarding time 5:30 PM. Leaves 6 until 9:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance, available at Scapers Limited, 2508 Peach St, Erie PA, and all Pittsburgh local bars; \$20 (if available!) at the boat. Sponsored by Pittsburgh Tavern Guild. Reservations are recommended.

July 7—"BYKOTA": Christian Spirituality group meets 7:00pm Info Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or call 734-3959.

July 9—Aromas: 2 Girls Alone 7-9:30 pm, 2164 W. 8th

July 10—k.d. lang & Ben Fold Five on Sessions at West 54th Street 11 p.m. on WNED (PBS-Buff./Ch.17).

July 10-12—Jones Pond: Animal House (Angelica NY) "Toga Party. (716) 567-8100"

July 11—10% Network Picnic(Cassadaga, NY) 4 pm at Neal's home, 3251 Burnham Rd in Cassadaga, NY. Bring a dish to pass, beverage, table settings and games. Neal has a grill and will be supplying hot dogs and rolls. For info or directions, call Neal at (716) 679-7731.

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Walking on the Beach
by Micheal A. Miller

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Thanks!

Items to send us in July

July 15— Deadline for info related to August and early September events:
Labor Day Events, Picnics, Fairs, Festivals, End of Summer Stuff.



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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 to Paul Grubbs, Marilyn Borawski, Laurie Tapper, Dave Amy, Brian Skelly, Jerry McCumber, Lynne S, Richard, Billy Herd, Jeff, and Bernie Bright for helping us to collate the most recent 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!*

July 11—Menspace At da Mikes. Call Michael at 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net

July 11—La Bouche & Little Richard on *The RuPaul Show* VH-1.

July 11—Janet Jackson in concert (Cleveland) Gund Arena.

July 12—Garden Party (Cleveland) 216-522-1999. Benefit for Cleveland Lesbian-Gay Center.

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

July 13—Evening at Pops: Mary Chapin Carpenter/Michael Moschen 8 p.m. WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch.54).

July 14—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

July 17—Northern Exposure: Lucky People A&E noon, 6pm. For the Founder's Day Parade, Maggie and Chris restore the Model T of the town founders/life partners Roslyn and Cicely.

July 17-19—Jones Pond: Nude Naturists (Angelica NY) "Mud and Body Painting Olympics. 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica NY (716) 567-8100"

July 17-19—Ganewongo gathering (Westfield NY) Annual Radical Faerie (pagan gay males) gathering. Bring drinking water, vegetarian food, candles and camping gear. Info (814) 456-9833 or egcn@ncinter.net.

July 18—2 Girls Alone at Relay for Life 4pm to 6 pm. "Benefits the American Cancer Society at Gus Anderson Field at McDowell High School. "We play this event annually. It is open to the public and a nice way to remember and support loved ones struggling with cancer both past and present."—Shari

July 18—the erieparty (Cleveland) With DJ Susan Marabito at CODEBlue, 1946 St. Clair. \$20/adv. \$25/door \$50 VIP Info 216-241-4663. To charge by phone 1-800-494-TIXS. Fundraiser for AmFAR at AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory

July 18 & 19—Softball: Women's State Modified 1-Women's 2- Men's. All games at 11th & 12th & Hess, Erie. Saturdays 8am to 11 pm, Sundays 9 am to 4 pm.

July 19—Dancin' in the Streets (Cleveland) 216-621-0766. Fundraiser for AIDS Task Force of Cleveland. Outdoor party at Mall B in downtown Cleveland—dancing, entertainment, food. Proper ID required, no bottles, cans, or coolers. \$10/\$15 at gate. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time through the AIDS Task Force office. 1:00 -10:00 p.m. Emceed by Melissa Ross, other entertainers to be announced.

July 20—Change of Heart Premieres on Lifetime 9 p.m. A wife is shattered when she discovers that her husband of 20 years is gay and involved with another man. The

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film is seen from the perspective of the wife, but the subject is sensitively handled.

July 21—"BYKOTA": Christian Spirituality group meets 7:00pm Info Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or call 734-3959.

July 23—Northern Exposure: Bus Stop A&E noon and 6pm. When Michelle gets the town involved in a production of *Bus Stop*, Erick finds himself resenting Ron's help.

July 24-26—Jones Pond: Winter Solstice "Christmas Illumination Parade, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica NY (716) 567-8100"

July 25—PFLAG-DuBois Picnic (DuBois PA) "Picnic and socialize with PFLAG members and supporters. Rain date July 26. Details and location information (814) 371-8962 or email pflagdubois@key-net.net

July 28—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

July 31-Aug 3—Jones Pond: Can/Am Brotherhood "Taste of Jones Pond, Stage Show, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica NY (716) 567-8100"

July 31-Aug 2—Buddies 10th Annual Summer Festival (Buffalo) Buddies Bar 31 Johnson Park. Casino games, entertainment, food, raffle, dancing. Kids activities 11am-

2pm. Big gala is Friday night, \$30 per person/\$50 couple, formal attire. Also new: First Annual Festival of Gay & Lesbian Artists and Crafters. This event raises a lot of money for AIDS organizations in WNY. Info: 716-855-1313.

Aug 1—Womynspace: NO MEETING "See you in September! For further info, please contact Helen at 451-0359 or email: aichess@hotmail.com."

Aug 4—Lughnassadh at UU 7:30 pm. Pagan holiday celebrated by lesbian/trans-friendly Coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Wear green, bring a drinking vessel for the ritual and a dish to pass for the potluck feast following. Info: Contact Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net

Aug 4—P.O.V. "She Shorts" 11 p.m. WNED (PBS-Buff/Ch.17). This selection of short films about women features an evocative portrait of lesbian writer Dorothy Allison. Double-check the time and date on this in your local listings.

Aug 6—PFLAG-Erie meets TBA 7:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

Aug 7-9—Jones Pond: Country Western Hoedown "100 Block Fandangle. (716) 567-8100"

Aug 8—Menspace Call for location. Call Michael at 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net

Aug 8—GLS Picnic (Titusville PA) 4 PM. For more info, call Bob at 827-2961 or write to FAGL&B, PO Box 213 Tionesta PA 16343-0213.

Aug 9—Lilith Fair in concert (Pittsburgh) Sarah MacLachlan, Luscious Jackson, Natalie Merchant & others. Tickets from Giant Eagle.

Aug 10—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 pm, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

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Aug 11—Inside Story: The Real Full Monty A&E 9 p.m..
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Aug 14—Culture Club i concert (Pittsburgh) Also Human League. At Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheatre. Tickets at Giant Eagle.

Aug 14-16—Jones Pond: Levi & Leather (Angelica NY) "'Pity Party' and Mr. Jones Pond Contest. (716) 567-8100"

Aug 14-16—Cleveland Black Pride (Cleveland) Speakers, entertainment, vendors. Keynote speaker is Mandy Carter national field director for the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum. More details next month, or watch *Gay People's Chronicle*, or call Jasper 216-556-4704.

Aug 15—10% Network meets (Jamestown, NY) 7 PM at the Unitarian Church in Jamestown, 1225 Prendergast Ave. Socializing and planning future meetings. For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285.

Aug 15—Janis Ian (Cleveland) Cain Park.

Aug 21-23—Ohio LeatherFest (Cleveland) Sponsored by Ohio Leather Coalition. 440-835-6949, ohlthrfest@aol.com, web address <http://members.aol.com/OHLthrfest>

Aug 21-23—Jones Pond: Bears and Cubs in the Woods "Foot-o-Cross Rally (716) 567-8100"

Aug 22—Erie Community Pride Organization Meets at the Mikes, organizing Erie's first Pride Rally. If you'd like to be involved call 456-9833.

Aug 25—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Aug 28-30—Jones Pond: Lockerroom Fantasy "Jock Contest. (716) 567-8100"

Sep 4-7—Jones Pond: Labor Days Celebration "400 Block Hat Party, Pool Closing. (716) 567-8100"

Festivals and conferences

Aug 1-Aug 8—Gay Games V (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
Info: Web site: www.dds.nl/gaygames, phone: 011-31-20-620-1998 email: info@gaygames or write: Box 2837 1000CV, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Sep 12—5th Annual New Hampshire Women's Music Festival featuring Carie Curtis, from 11:30am-7pm, sponsored by NH Feminist Connection, Ragged Mountain Ski Area, Danbury, NH. Outdoor festival, proceeds benefit NH Breast Cancer Coalition. Everyone welcome (603) 225-3501, email: nhfc@nh.ultranet.com, web site: www.nh.ultranet.com/~nhfc

Women's Golf

U.S. Women's Open USGA. ESPN July 2 & 3 at 3-7 p.m., NBC July 4 at 3-6 p.m., NBC July 5 at 3-6 p.m.

Jamie Farr Kroger Classic ESPN2 July 10 1-3 p.m., ESPN2 July 11 & 12 at 3-5 p.m.

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Pride Weekend thank you's & report

by Mike Mahler, Pride Picnic Committee

We had a great turnout this year for the annual Pride Picnic at Presque Isle, despite some potentially unfriendly looking clouds.

There was a map of the city of Erie and the surrounding area that folks could put pins into to show where they lived. Brian Skelly and Dave Amy made the map and there were many pins. The map will be back at the Pride Rally. We also had even more people than last year pose for the Family Portrait! People came from Cleveland, Ashtabula, Allentown and Albany. We are always glad to see both returning friends and new faces!

As mentioned previously, there was a contest to design the new logo for the group that is now sponsoring the picnic, Erie Community Pride Organization (ECPO). The 7 anonymous entries were voted for by folks at the picnic and the winning entry was submitted by Micheal Miller. Micheal is choosing to donate the \$200 cash prize to ECPO and the dinner for 4 to the next runner up. Both of these prizes were donated by Tapas Bodega, 17 W 9th St, Erie PA, (814) 454-8797.

The new logo was put onto a banner that people from Erie marched behind at the Cleveland Pride Picnic.

We'd like to thank the many people whose generous time and effort made it possible: Tops Friendly Market, 1520 W 26th and Wegmans, 6143 Peach St., for donating groceries, Tapas Bodega for the generous donation of \$200 and dinner for 4 as a prize for the ECPO logo contest, Clark Kuebler and Uniflow Manufacturing for donating ice, Helen, for making the flyers and helping with cleaning; Dave Mulholland for organizing and setup, Elaine Hill for organizing and bringing all kinds of neat stuff; Amy for helping with setup, Brian Skelly and Dave Amy for making up the cool map and for cooking; Roy and Jeff for also cooking; Abby Conley for acting as liaison with the Park Rangers; Nancy Rickeard, Robin Green, Laurie Tapper, and Deb for help with setup and more, Micheal for making signs and taking the Family Portrait (which is on the web site and will appear in next month's print edition), all of the logo contest entrants for sharing their talents and everyone who attended! We are certainly missing people and tasks here, but thanks to everyone who made the day special!

We should also thank the many people who made the 2nd Annual Interfaith Pride Service a success: Rev. Terry Kime and the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie for continuing to be such a wonderfully welcoming and friendly space for people to celebrate their spirituality, 2 Girls Alone, Sue Beats, and also Jan for providing wonderful live music, Elaine Hill for organizing and presenting the stoles project, Lisa for moving prayer and personal insights, Sr. Mary Louis St. John for a beautiful benediction, Sharon and the Coven of Brigidshaven for the neat idea of the ribbon tree and all who spoke and worshipped.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Pride Rally in October!

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Picnic incident

by the Pride Picnic Committee

Just as this year's Pride Picnic was starting to warm up, there was an incident that marred the rest of the event.

After a fence post at the picnic site was damaged, Park rangers investigated an individual attending the picnic regarding alleged destruction of park property and alcohol use. After repeatedly provoking the rangers, the individual was taken into custody.

Okay, here it is again: It is state law that alcoholic beverages are not permitted at state parks like Presque Isle. We have always included this information in every press release and article for the past six years. It is posted on the signs at the entrance to the park.

Because of someone's inability to behave responsibly at the picnic, everyone had to observe an unpleasant scene and have a significant dent put into their day. The individual even yelled inflammatory and obscene remarks at the park rangers, which doesn't exactly build good relationships with the park. In the dealings we had with the rangers, they were courteous and polite. The individual involved in this incident repeatedly accused the rangers of harassing him because he was gay, but there seems to be no evidence of harassment in this case.

Because the state prohibits alcohol at the peninsula, the Pride Committee must abide by that rule in its agreement to use the peninsula. People who bring alcohol into the picnic really put the Pride Committee into a difficult spot. Our alternatives are to either ignore behavior that can get us in trouble (and maybe imperil getting the site for future picnics), have the picnic ruined by the sight of park rangers prosecuting violators, or come down on people and police the event ourselves.

Many people give generously of their time, effort and money to make the picnic a nice experience for everyone. In addition to setting up, cooking food, cleaning up, keeping a lookout for outside troublemakers, and doing countless other tasks, these volunteers are not equipped to handle the many problems that can come with alcohol consumption—checking for underage drinking, dealing with drunken behavior that gets out of hand, etc.—nor should they be expected to.

Please do not take the message of this article to be an attack on people who drink alcohol. It certainly is

not. In fact, some people enjoy going to the alcohol-free picnic during the day, and then heading for the bars later that night. While writing this article, we asked for opinions on policies towards alcohol from people on our email list. No one who responded considered events where the focus was centered on alcohol to be very important.

The Pride Picnic has always been a low-key, friendly event that people can feel comfortable bringing their parents, friends and kids to. It is low on attitude and emphasizes conversation, community, and mellow fun. Based on the response we've heard, that is the sort of picnic that the community wants, and that is the sort of picnic that the Pride Committee hopes to put on in future years with the cooperation of the community and the Park. If some people want a gay picnic with alcohol, DJ music etc.—then someone should organize one.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Picnic, as long as you're into the spirit of the thing. Laugh, talk, eat, play games, swim, bike, hike, lay on the beach. All we ask is that you respect the rules we have agreed to. If that sounds like a good time, then we hope to see you next year!

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Local news

FBI, Human relations investigate bar harassment

Johnstown, PA—The FBI and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission are investigating the harassment and violence that the Casa Nova bar has endured for the past year and a half. Pat Cramer, owner of the bar, whose patrons are mostly gay, has endured regular harassment and violence from the Bible Anabaptist Church and the Ku Klux Klan.

Transgender clinic opens in Pgh

On May 1, the Transgender Surgical and Medical Center opened in Pittsburgh.

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Groups

ACLU board member

"I, Robert N Foley of Forest County was elected to the NW Chapter of the ACLU Board of members for a 3 year term to the year 2001 as an openly gay member. I'm proud that an openly gay person was elected to the ACLU Chapter as a Board Member. It was a surprise that I was elected, but very thankful."

Bob Foley is also working on a Forest Area GL&B Support Group. There will be a picnic on Saturday, August 8 at 4 PM. Call (814) 827-2961 for more info or write to FAGL&B, PO Box 213, Tionesta, PA 16353-0213

The Erie Sisters Club

The May meeting of the ESC was a meeting at a local church. After a tureen dinner prepared by some of our members, we were all treated to a Fashion Show. Our President, Lisa Kelly (Bambi), was the announcer for this first time event. We had a great turnout and the majority of members, as well as our guests, were daring enough to get out on the runway and walk the walk, as well as strut their stuff. Everybody had a great time, but it all ended too soon. However, we all took off and headed to our favorite night spot....Papa Nick's. I know I can speak for the majority of our club members; we're having more fun every time we go there. The crowd's great that goes there, the music gives us all happy feet and of course, the beer and the mixed drinks are great. But, in my opinion, the greatest thing about The Village is seeing Papa Nick's smiling face. He's the greatest in my eyes and I know every time I'm there, as long as Papa Nick's there, we can all feel safe, for we know he's going to protect his kids. Naturally, we will wrap up the night at the Village.

Anyone wanting information can Email Diane at esc@sonline.net, or Kara at gustibizzarri@usachoice.net. You can also write to Pam at the following address: Erie Sisters, 1903 West Eighth St., Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505. Or check out our Home Page at: <http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/1614/>
Submitted by Kara Marchioni

Keep us updated on
what *your* group has been up to!

Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

Sports

We're trying to find out if the **Gay Games** will be televised from Amsterdam, but organizers of that international event say so far there are no takers. When you think about the magnitude of that event, the fact that nobody's televising it really stinks. You can check their Web site to see if there are any changes (<http://www.gaygames.nl/anders/us/index.html>). I suppose the sports channels and news channels will run bits, but jeez... Anyway, the event runs August 1-8.

The 10th annual **run, jane, run** women's sports festival will be held in August in Cleveland. Make a note of these dates: Women's 4's and 6's Volleyball Tournament - August 16; Women's Golf Tournament-August 21, Women's 5K Run/Walk August 23. Info 216-651-1450.

The **LGB-Sports Home Page** has info about community sports organizations, events, and related resources. Visit them at <http://www.kwic.net/lgb-sports/>

Theater

Director's Circle is presenting the first production of a lesbian-themed play by a local community theater, **Last Summer at Bluefish Cove**. It runs July 24- Aug. 8. Check out the article on page 10. Reservations 454-0636

The Roadhouse Theater is presenting the stage version of the comedy **Love! Valour! Compassion!** which they promise will be more "outrageous" than the film version. It runs July 24- August 22. Reservations 456-5656. See ad page 3.



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Film & video

Scapers announces it will be carrying videos—mostly mainstream, but they also have a GLBT catalog and can order other stuff for you. While you're there, pick up a copy of the store's publication *newScapers*, which has lots of helpful tidbits about our community.

A few movies that may make it to area theaters: **Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss** (romantic comedy; late summer); **Broadway Damage** (bit o' fluff about two Broadway hopefuls); and **54** (story set in the famous/in-famous Studio 54 of the decadent 70's, August 7).

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Etcetera

There's a nice gay-friendly bed & breakfast in Conneaut Ohio, called **Josiah Manor**. For information call Scott or Jim at 440-599-8010.

I felt pretty bad about the way things turned out at the **Pride picnic**. This year, the weather didn't cooperate, the music didn't pan out, and then, well, read the picnic reports elsewhere in this issue. Anyway, some thoughts... People who want to see more organized activities at the picnic might consider *volunteering* to organize an activity instead of expecting the overworked picnic volunteers to do it. Maybe the publicity needs to more strongly emphasize that the picnic is a laid-back sort of affair so people don't come expecting the Pittsburgh Memorial Day Picnic. It would also be nice to figure out a way of making new people feel more comfortable. Certain picnic-goers like Robin Green always make a point of welcoming people and making them feel comfortable. The picnic organizers would love suggestions in this area, but I'm sure they'd also appreciate people who would help put those ideas into practice. Anyway, a lot of us did have fun at the picnic anyway, and the Pride Picnic organizers deserve a big thank you for all their hard work!

Donald Wildmon's anti-gay **American Family Association** has been a strong supporter for Internet filtering software, especially since they hope it will block gay sites. Now the Internet filtering system Cyberpatrol has blocked the AFA Web site, because of the site's "Intolerance," and suddenly the AFA is wailing about censorship. Speaking of the AFA Web site, if you are one of those people who'd like to feel more motivated about letter-writing, visit this site and you'll feel motivated immediately. Right now they're doing the Church Lady Superiority Dance over the cancellation of *Ellen*, and it's quite annoying. They're at <http://www.afa.net>



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Last Summer at Bluefish Cove

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Directed by Jo Laurie

"If you're a woman in love with another woman, or one who wants to be..." *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove* by Jane Chambers is a warm appealing play about one summer in the lives of eight women. Set in a resort community on Long Island, the story contains pathos as well as a great deal of comedy. Audiences are sure to care about these women and what happens to them.

The setting is a cabin rented by Lil Zalinski (portrayed by Tina Corrairie) who is alone this particular summer. An unexpected newcomer, Eva Margolis (played by Cameo Harris) meets Lil and is invited to join her and her friends at their annual start of summer get-together. Unknown to Eva, who is recently divorced, Lil and her friends are all lesbians. This situation presents a conflict for some of the women, but the central theme revolves around the friendships of these women. This is a moving story appreciated by men and women, straight and gay alike, because it is concerned with the universal search for love, commitment and personal fulfillment.

The show also features the considerable talents of **Hillary Steigmeyer, Lowry Stick, Rita Kilbane, Heather Malobisky, Kathy Birknew and Gabriella Savelli**.

Direction is by **Jo Laurie** (*Talking With, Lips Together Teeth Apart, Suddenly Last Summer*.)

Last Summer at Bluefish Cove opens Friday July 24 with performances July 25, 30, 31, August 1, 6, 7 and 8. Curtain time is 8 PM. Tickets are \$8.00 and \$6.00 for students and senior citizens. Directors Circle Theatre is located at 652 W 16th Street (1 block west of Cherry Street) in Erie PA. It is a beautiful new air-conditioned facility. Call the box office at 814-454-0636 for reservations. The Directors Circle Theatre is the first community theatre in Erie to present a full-length lesbian play!

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Sports

In honor of the Gay Games being played in Amsterdam August 1-8, we are including this list of books (both fiction and nonfiction) about sports and our community. —D.S.

Gay & lesbian (general)

Lesbians & Gays & Sports Perry Deane Young, Martin B. Duberman (Chelsea \$12.95). Young adult. Profiles a variety of out gay athletes, includes discussion of the Olympics and Gay games.

Unity: A Celebration of Gay Games IV and Stonewall Order by email to labrecq@aol.com or Labrecque Publishing (1459 18th St., Box 177, San Francisco, CA 94107 or phone 800-755-8971).

Gay Olympian: The Life & Death of Dr. Thomas Waddell Tom Waddell, Dick Schaap, Greg Louganis. (Knopf \$23). Biography of the 1968 Olympic decathlon athlete who founded the Gay Olympics (now known as the Gay Games).

The Spartan by Don Harrison (Alyson \$7.95) A novel of a young man competing in the Olympics, set in the classical Greek era.

Sportsdykes: Stories from on & Off the Field, by Susan Fox Rogers (St. Martin's \$8.95). Anthology of 30 writings, covering a wide variety of sports.

Strong Women, Deep Closets: Lesbians & Homophobia in Sports Pat Griffin, Donna Lopiano (Human Kinetics \$19.95)

The Arena of Masculinity: Sports, Homosexuality, and the Meaning of Sex, by Brian Pronger (St. Martin's \$14.95).

Jocks: True Stories of America's Gay Male Athletes Dan Woog (Alyson \$12.95) Interviews with gay male

athletes. Woog is a soccer coach and some of his preference for the sport is shown in this book, though he interviewed athletes in a variety of sports.

Sweat: Stories and a Novella by Lucy Jane Bledsoe (Seal \$10.95). "Sports, sweat, and sexuality mingle in Bledsoe's deft exploration of women's relationship to physicality and each other." —*Booklist*


Baseball and softball

The Dreyfus Affair: A Love Story Peter Lefcourt, (Harper Perennial \$13) Baseball hero Randy Dreyfuss falls in love with his second baseman and when their love is discovered it causes a national uproar. A very funny story that is apparently being made into a film.

Behind The Mask: My Double Life In Baseball Dave Pallone with Alan Steinberg, (New American \$5.99) Autobiography of the pro baseball player.

Smokey O., by Celia Cohen (Naiad \$9.95). Set amid the new Women's Baseball League, this is a novel of rivalry, love, camaraderie, revenge, and baseball.

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Out at Home: The Glenn Burke Story, by Glenn Burke with Erik Sherman (Excel \$14.95) Autobiography of Glenn Burke and how he went from being a potential sports superstar to being blackballed from baseball because he was gay.

Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend: Reflections, Reminiscences, and Reports from the Field on the Lesbian National Pastime Yvonne Zipter (Firebrand \$9.95)

Out at the Old Ball Game: A Novel, by Bernie Bookbinder (Bridge Works Publishing \$21.95) Satire on baseball and homophobia, revolving around the story of the first all-gay pro baseball team.

Changing Pitches, by Steve Kluger. (Alyson \$10.95) Novel about an American League pitcher who hits the comeback trail and falls for a young catcher.

Aquatics

Breaking the Surface Greg Louganis, Eric Marcus (Plum \$12.95). Bio of the Olympic gold medal diver (regarded by many as the greatest diver ever), his sports career, his often difficult personal life, and coming out as an HIV+ gay man.

Sea of Light Jennifer Levin, (Plume \$10.95) "This story centers around three women's athletic victories, losses, and battles with family and identity."—Amazon.com

Basketball

Lady Lobo, by Kristen Garrett (New Victoria \$9.95). Brash basketball player Casey Ellison meets her match when she falls for an older tennis pro.

Boxing

The Final Bell by M.S. Hunter (Alyson \$8.95) Novel about Harlem boxer Stormy Rhodes and his lover.

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Track & field

The Frontrunner by Patricia Nell Warren (Wildcat \$12.95) Classic, landmark novel, this is a love story about a gay Olympic runner and his coach. Written in the 1970's the book was a breakthrough in gay publishing, selling over 10 million copies. Paul Newman attempted to bring the story to film, but was unsuccessful.

Harlan's Rave: The Long awaited sequel to The Frontrunner by Patricia Nell Warren. (Wildcat \$12.95)

See also *Babe: The Life and Legend of Babe Didrikson Zaharias*, in "Golf" section.

Closing Distance by Jim Oliver (Alyson \$10.95). A novel. "Facing forty, shrewd and successful entrepreneur and long-distance runner Pete Flowers uses the stark reality of his mother's cancer to reexamine his life and his relationship with his siblings." —Quality Book Club.

Football & Soccer

The David Kopay Story: An Extraordinary Self-Revelation by David Kopay with Perry Deane Young, (D.I. Fine/Dutton \$9.95) Biography of the National Football League's first and only openly gay player, who came out in 1975. A motion picture based on this book is currently being discussed.

Northridge High Football Camp by S. Joseph Krol, (The Gay Men's Press \$12.95) Young adult novel.

And This Too Shall Pass, by E. Lynn Harris (Anchor \$12). Black gay quarterback Zurich Robinson is attracted to sportswriter Sean, and accused of sexual harassment by a female sportswriter. Features an interesting cast of African-American characters.

Dan Woog's *Jocks* (see general listings) covers a lot of soccer ground.

Golf

LPGA: The Unauthorized Version: The History of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (Group Fore \$29.95).

Babe: The Life and Legend of Babe Didrikson Zaharias by Susan E. Cayleff (University of Illinois \$29.95). Bio of one of the all-time great female athletes, who was an Olympic track and field champion (1932) who then spent her life as a professional golfer. Includes an interview with Babe's life partner Betty Dodd.

Skating

Icebreaker: The Autobiography of Rudy Galindo, by Rudy Galindo and Eric Marcus (Pocket \$14). Autobiography of the first out gay figure skater, a Mexican-American who rose from poverty to become a world bronze medalist.

Tennis

Martina (Lives of Notable Gay Men and Lesbians), ed. by Gilda Zwerman & Martin Duberman. (Chelsea House \$19.95). Young adult bio that looks at Martina's career and personal life.

Martina: The Lives and Times of Martina Navratilova, by Adrienne Blue (Carol \$19.95).

Courted, by Celia Cohen (Naiad \$11.95). "A pampered tennis pro challenges a streetwise lesbian cop to a love match..." —Naiad

Forty Love, by Diana Simmons (Naiad \$11.95) US tennis champ Julia Ross falls in love with a married Australian painter.

Bodybuilding

Straight from the Heart by Rod and Bob Jackson-Paris (Warner \$11.95) Memoir of the famous gay couple who were bodybuilders, activists, and role models for gay youth. (Their relationship, unfortunately, broke up a few years ago).

Gorilla Suit: My Adventures in Bodybuilding by Bob Paris (or Bob Jackson-Paris). (St. Martin's \$23.95). The gay former Mr. Universe writes about his life, and his criticisms of the practice and sport of bodybuilding may surprise many fans. He has also written a about a more "natural" approach to fitness, called, appropriately enough, *Natural Fitness* (Warner \$14.99).

NGLTF Conference in Pittsburgh this year

People who are active in the movement for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) people will be happy to know that *the* national GLBT conference will be held in Pittsburgh this year.

The 11th Annual Creating Change Conference, organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will be held November 11-15, 1998.

It will feature activists from all over the country, many nationally-recognized names, 100 workshops and small group sessions, exhibits, activities, and other events.

The workshops and small groups are designed to enhance the confidence and skills of activists who work at the local and state levels. Topics will include: campus organizing, freedom to marry, sex and gender identity, youth organizing, workplace organizing, public speaking, leadership skills, legislative lobbying, and current hot topics and trends in the movement.

The conference will be held at the historic landmark Westin William Penn hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. Make your hotel reservations by calling the hotel directly at 412-553-5100; mentioning the Creating Change Conference gets you a special rate.

For more info visit the NGLTF site at <http://www.nglftf.org/cc98/information.html> or link up from the EGN web site.

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House & Senate Majority Leaders attack gay Americans; Armeiy quotes Bible

from the Human Rights Campaign

WASHINGTON, DC, June 16 —House Majority Leader Dick Armeiy today followed Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's disparaging comments about gay Americans by calling homosexuality a sin. Armeiy's remarks are the latest in a barrage of blatant attacks against gay men and women that the Republican leadership has used to pacify James Dobson after he threatened to bolt the Republican party unless they adopted his far-right agenda, asserts the Human Rights Campaign. Dobson is a powerful and influential right-wing, anti-gay religious leader.

"While there are disagreements among theologians as to what the Bible says about homosexuality, religious disagreements should never justify discrimination. The Republican leadership has gone through contortions to appease James Dobson, and this extremist rhetoric will backfire because the majority of Americans oppose dis-

crimination," said HRC Communications Director and Senior Strategist David M. Smith.

Citing Biblical verses from Corinthians, when asked if he agreed with Lott's statements Armeiy said, "My faith is very important to me...I do not quarrel with the Bible on this subject."

This is not the first time Armeiy has insulted gay men and lesbians. In 1994, Armeiy referred to openly gay congressman Barney Frank as "Barney Fag."

Armeiy's statement follows the remarks Lott made in an interview for commentator Armstrong William's cable television show a day earlier. Williams asked Lott whether or not homosexuality was a sin and Lott replied, "Yeah, it is. You should still love that person. You should try not to mistreat them as outcasts. You should show them a way to deal with that problem, just like alcohol or sex. There are all kinds of problems, addictions, difficulties, experiences of things that are wrong, but you should try to work with that person to learn how to control that problem."

In response, the Human Rights Campaign has sent a letter to Lott, requesting a meeting to educate him on gay issues. A letter requesting a meeting has also been sent to Dick Armeiy.

"We hope he agrees to meet with us so we can help him get his facts right on issues affecting gay Americans. Both Lott and Armeiy are behind the curve and don't seem to realize that poll after poll shows Americans reject this inflamed rhetoric and oppose discrimination," says Stachelberg.

Lott's statement is in conflict with modern science which points out that sexual orientation is most likely biologically determined. They also contradict mental health experts. In August 1997, the American Psychological Association overwhelmingly passed a resolution, at the APA convention, that asserts that there is no sound scientific evidence on the efficacy of "reparative therapy," which seeks to "cure" homosexuals. In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders.

For a discussion of I Corinthians, see page 20

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Majority of Americans support gay and lesbian rights

"In its opposition to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender equality, it is the right wing that is out of step with mainstream America." — Kerry Lobel, NGLTF executive director

WASHINGTON, DC, May 29, 1998 —A growing majority of Americans support gay and lesbian equality, according to a new report released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task (NGLTF) Policy Institute. "From Wrongs to Rights: Public Opinion of Gay and Lesbian Americans Moves Toward Equality" is the most comprehensive analysis of trends in public opinion about gay men and lesbians during the past twenty years. The report demonstrates overwhelming support for nondiscrimination in housing and employment, as well as spousal benefits for same-sex couples. It also shows increasing support on issues such as same-sex marriage and adoption.

"In its opposition to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender equality, it is the right wing that is out of step with mainstream America," stated Kerry Lobel, NGLTF executive director. "This report empirically and objectively proves that while the voice of the anti-gay right wing may be loud in its opposition to equal rights, its claim to majority public opinion is unjustified."

Among other facts, "From Wrongs to Rights" shows that strong majorities of Americans now support equality in employment (84 percent); housing (81 percent); inheritance rights (62 percent) and social security benefits (57 percent) for same-sex couples; and gays in the military (66 percent). In addition, disapproval of same-sex relationships dropped a substantial 19 points from a peak of 75 percent in 1987 to 56 percent in 1996. The report also shows the percentage of people opposed to same-sex marriage (and those opposed to adoption by gay and lesbian couples) to be declining.

"These findings confirm that three decades of struggle for gay and lesbian equality has succeeded in winning greater understanding and significant change in public attitudes," said Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF Policy Institute director. "This report proves that over time and in dramatic fashion, the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender movement is winning the battle of public opin-

ion on civil rights issues. Our effort to reach the hearts and minds of the American people by being open and honest about our lives holds the key to our success," added Vaid.

"From Wrongs to Rights" also demonstrates the paradoxical nature of public support, showing that despite the significant gains in positive attitudes regarding legal equality, gay men and lesbians remain unpopular. Despite the persistence of anti-gay sentiment, however, the report shows that the public's censure of gay and lesbian relations is declining over time.

"In this report, the continuing paradox of the gay and lesbian experience is laid out before us. Our gains in some ways have been as great as the resistance we still face," said Vaid. "The dislike and disapproval we continue to face should serve as a call to all supporters of gay equality to redouble our efforts to educate mainstream America about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people's experiences and lives."

"From Wrongs to Rights" is published by the Policy Institute of NGLTF and authored by Alan Yang, doctoral candidate in the Department of Political Science at Columbia University. An introduction is provided by Dr. Kenneth Sherrill, Chairman of the Political Science Department at Hunter College, City University of New York. The report examines public opinion polls over the last two decades that measured attitudes toward gay and lesbian people and equal rights issues. The author reviewed only the most credible polls: those that measured opinion among systematically selected and representative samples of the U.S. adult population as a whole.

For a copy of the report or to schedule an interview with Urvashi Vaid and Alan Yang, contact Betsy Gressler, Deputy Political Director, at (202) 332-6483 ext. 3306 or by pager at (800) 757-6476. An Executive Summary and the full report are available at NGLTF's web site at <http://www.ngltf.org>.

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Retching, kvetching, yet still glad to be alive

by Rick Richardson

I'm grateful that these new drug protocols have apparently extended my life-span. It's exciting to feel that I have a chance to survive this bug. And the challenge of having to rethink my future is a most welcome change. But there are a few things that I've grown weary of:

- ✓ My formerly "cute butt" is gone;
- ✓ I now have "crix-belly" instead;
- ✓ Upper body definition is questionable;
- ✓ Skid marks! (More on this later.)

For any of you readers out there currently on protease inhibitors, I don't have to elaborate. But for the uninitiated, just so's ya know, this is what happens to you. Your perky little buns will go south, and unless you spend hours doing squats, they ain't comin' home anytime soon. Sit-ups will keep your abs in check, but they will still pooch over your belt-line, and you'll feel compelled to "blouse" your shirt.

There was a time when I came close to having decent arms and shoulders; now I'm happy if I don't start looking like Don Knotts. "The skids," well, my bowels are more predictable than they were at first, but I have been caught by surprises now and then.

The last time I traveled, I took a long look at the bag of meds I'd packed and thought "Sheesh, my father was 92 when he died, and he didn't have this many pills."

I listen to friends and clients in my age bracket (45 or so) carry on about their health issues, and I just wanna slap 'em. Sometimes I harbor the thought of dissolving some Viracept in their coffee, so I can watch them run for the nearest bush. I know it's cruel, but I can't help myself. I promise to take this issue up with my therapist.

These are the same people, otherwise fairly enlightened, who will look at me with puppy-dog eyes and say "You're losing too much weight." Having grown tired of explaining that this is the last thing that an HIV+ person wants to hear, I now simply say, "Oh, but it looks like you've put on a few pounds." Shuts 'em up every time.

Sometimes I'll launch into a tirade about having to take nine horse-sized protease inhibitor pills a day along with all their counterparts. And why do those pills have to be so damned huge?

I pray that the next generation of drugs will not be dependent on food intake. I really hate having to eat when I'm not hungry, just so I can take my meds with food. But, of course, the consequences of not doing so are far worse: in that case I often can't get to the bathroom fast enough.

I just love all those four-color ads from pharmaceutical companies that show some hunky man climbing a rock, or playing with his dog in the park. Anyone who's been on these drugs would not be that far from a toilet.

Besides, these ads are not cheap. Why isn't that money funneled into lowering the cost of the meds instead?

Am I whining? Yes!!

I really am ecstatic about being a survivor. It's just that I happen to be jaded and cynical as well. (As if you couldn't tell.)

I'm through venting now.

You may now return to your regular broadcast.

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Sex

Viagra warnings

AIDS Treatment News and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association have issued alerts about the use of the impotence drug Viagra in combination with certain other drugs. The alerts warned that Viagra could be potentially harmful if used with poppers or protease inhibitors.

According to the warnings, poppers—which some gay and bi men use for sexual purposes—should never be used when taking Viagra. The combination reportedly can create a drop in blood pressure so severe that it can result in fainting, shock, or death.

People who are using protease inhibitors for HIV treatment should also be cautious. The effects of Viagra on protease inhibitors is not yet known; however, protease inhibitors can increase the amount of Viagra in the bloodstream. Certain other medications, like erythromycin, ketoconazole, and itraconazole can also have that effect. People who are on these treatments should only use half the recommended dosage of Viagra. Also, it is recommended that men experiencing HIV-related impotence would seek the advice of their physician before taking Viagra.

Western New Yorkers & sex

The results are in from AIDS Community Services 1997 study of the sexual habits of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual communities of WNY.

Among the findings, researcher Dr. Douglas Scheidt found that among men who have sex with men, there has been a dramatic increase in risky sex. Dr. Scheidt

found that the occurrences of unprotected anal intercourse with two or more partners jumped from 10.7% in 1996 to 20% in 1997. Dr. Scheidt explains that "treatment improvements may have decreased the perceived threat of HIV. People may believe that HIV is less severe and less fatal. Also, people may believe that it is less transmissible."

Conversely, among lesbians and bisexual women, Dr. Scheidt found the amount of unprotected sex with multiple partners had dropped significantly. He suggests "this may reflect successful outreach and small group programming for women which was instituted by the AIDS Community Services in the time between the two surveys."

More detailed information is available from AIDS Community Services of WNY at 716-664-7855.

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Hate Crime Prevention Act

by Beth Myers, PFLAG East Field Associate

The Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1998 (S. 1529, H.R. 3081) would, for the first time in history, make hate crimes against gays and lesbians a federal crime. In addition, HCPA would remove overly-restrictive obstacles to prosecution of hate crimes.

The HCPA is supported by President Clinton, the Department of Justice, a broad range of state and local government associations and law enforcement organizations, and more than 100 national civil rights groups. HCPA currently has 82 cosponsors in the House and 17 in the Senate. You may find a list of cosponsors on the Human Rights Campaign web site at <http://www.hrc.org/issues/leg/hcpa/cslist.html>

Hate crimes targeting lesbians, gays and bisexuals make up the third-highest category of hate crimes reported to the FBI, currently representing 12% of all reported hate crimes. Yet most states still offer no legal protections to hate crime victims who are (or who are perceived to be) gay, lesbian or bisexual.

Many of us have a loved one or friend who has been victimized by anti-gay violence. While states continue to play a primary role in the prosecution of hate violence, the federal government must have jurisdiction to address those cases in which local authorities are either unable or unwilling to investigate and prosecute.

PFLAG is a member of the Hate Crimes Coalition, a diverse group of national civil rights organizations pushing for passage of HCPA. The Hate Crimes Coalition has learned that hearings on HCPA will occur in the Senate Judiciary Committee July 8, 1998. PFLAG is looking for people who are willing and able to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Witnesses will testify regarding the need for HCPA by describing the tragic impact anti-gay hate crimes have had on their lives, and the lives of people they love.

For information, contact PFLAG, 1101 14th St., NW Suite 1030, Washington, D. C. 20005 (Voice)

Back then...

July 1978: March for the Equal Rights Amendment

On July 9, 1978, two busloads of area people headed to Washington DC for the national Equal Rights Amendment Extension March. Many GLBT people participated.

The March, organized locally and nationally by the National Organization for Women, had an estimated 100,000+ participants, making it the largest feminist march ever.

The Equal Rights Amendment stated simply that "Equality of Rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any other state on account of sex."

This simple idea faced opposition from many of the same right-wing people who now oppose *gay rights*. Those opponents argued that equal rights would actually harm women. One argument against the ERA was the mistaken notion that it would require males and females to use the same restrooms—an idea that they apparently saw as threatening the very fabric of society.

The 1978 ERA Extension March was quiet and dignified, with the participants dressed in white, emulating the early suffragists.

The purpose of the March was to extend the deadline for passage of the ERA. Congress did extend the deadline to 1982, but it fell three states short of ratification.

The Equal Rights Amendment never passed, although it is still being worked on. In the mid-1990s, ERA activists began calling for a new, expanded ERA, which would eliminate discrimination on the basis not only of gender, but also sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, and several other classes.

—*Deb Spilko*

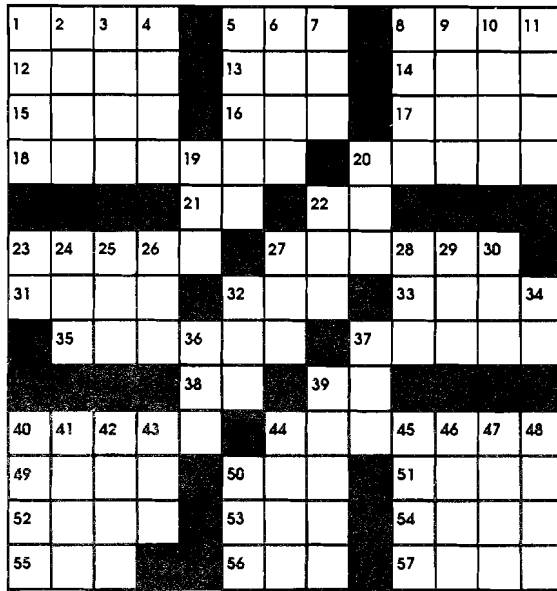
Correction: "Macho Man"

Last month's "Macho Man" piece incorrectly placed the song "I Am What I Am" on the extended play version of "YMCA." It was actually on the EP version of "Macho Man."

Remember our deadline is July 15

EGN Crossword

What's on *Your* Coffee Table? by Mike Miller



Down:

- 1 California city ___ Alto
 2 Jump
 3 Are not, var.
 4 BooBoo's bigger buddy
 5 Aromatic, showy flower
 6 Cartoon penguin, or Verdi composition
 7 Pimple
 8 VP Al
 9 '77 bodybuilding documentary *Pumping ___*
 10 '54 Hitch classic ___ *Window*
 11 Arcane knowledge
 19 Possess
 20 Moo Goo ___ Pan
 22 Canine
 23 Babytalk for water
 24 ___ *Our Backs* "26 years of the finest feminist journalism"
 25 Lamb's first word?
 26 Appendage
 27 Controversial gay neuroanatomist
- Simon Le ___
 28 Feline
 29 Former Tarzan actor Ron
 30 The sun's name
 32 Florida, for short
 34 Electrical Engineer, abbr.
 36 ___ *Got a Secret*
 37 Egg or seed container
 39 Gusty
 40 Gay humor/sensibility, tent not necessary
 41 One who takes advantage of others
 42 DesCartes or Auberjonois
 43 Sperm delivery tubule ___ deferens
 44 Oscar or Parmigiana meat
 45 Half of Hamlet's problem
 46 Russian city
 47 Genuine
 48 Olden times
 50 British Broadcasting Network

Across: *Gay publications

- 1 ___ *Guy**
 5 "National lifestyle magazine for people affected by HIV/AIDS"
 8 ___ *Friends**
 12 Dynamic prefix
 13 Before center or dermis
 14 Sandwich cookie brand
 15 Lesbian crooner k.d.
 16 6 year old New York-based publication*
 17 Cowardly Lion's cry
 18 "Bisexual magazine for men and women"
 20 "Travel entertainment, etc."
 21 Wyoming, to postmaster
 22 Baby's first word?
 23 ___ of *Power Magazine**
 27 "Magazine for the gay community promoting healthy lifestyles"
 31 From a distance
 32 Boston-based ___ *Rag**
 33 Suntan lotion component

- 35 *In the ___* "a magazine for Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals & their relations"
 37 With 52 across, "the magazine for the fashion conscious Gay man"
 38 Virginia, to postmaster
 39 Washington, to same
 40 Magazine formerly named *De-neuve**
 44 ___! "The national Gay & Lesbian entrepreneur magazine"
 49 On an Olivia cruise?
 50 TV's *Gentle* ___
 51 See 14 across
 52 See 37 across*
 53 ___ *Attitude*, "Lesbian erotic fiction, non-fiction, poetry, b&w photography"
 54 "Magazine for bearded & hairy men & their fans"
 55 Before mature or come
 56 Like a fox
 57 French for her

Author's Query

For the first in-depth history of the **Stonewall riots**, to be published by St. Martin's Press, I am seeking all participants, witnesses, police officers, Stonewall Inn employees, journalists, and other interested and involved people who were present at any of the riots at the end of June and beginning of July 1969. I am looking for any photographs or film footage, whether taken by a professional or amateur, of any of the riots or of other connected activities (such as leafleting or street demonstrations) taken any day or night of the Stonewall uprising. I also have a strong interest in collecting copies of earlier interviews in any medium of participants and witnesses, especially of persons no longer living. Any letters, diary entries, fliers, clippings, or other documentary material on or generated by the Stonewall riots are also of great interest. Please write to David Carter, P.O. Box 417, New York, NY 10113 or send email to History69@aol.com.

What does Corinthians say?

Recently House Majority Leader Dick Armey hauled out the Book of Corinthians to prop up his anti-gay bias (see story, page 14). Here is an excerpt on the subject from *Homosexuality; Not A Sin, Not A Sickness; What The Bible Does and Does Not Say*, by Rev. Elder Don Eastman. ©Copyright 1990 Los Angeles, Universal Fellowship Press

The Other verses...I Corinthians 6:9 and I Timothy 1:10

Any consideration of New Testament statements on same-sex acts must carefully view the social context of the Greco-Roman culture in which Paul ministered. Prostitution and pederasty (sexual relationships of adult men with boys) were the most commonly known male same-sex acts.

In I Corinthians 6:9, Paul condemns those who are "effeminate" and "abusers of themselves with mankind," as translated in the King James version. Unfortunately, some new translations are worse, rendering these words "homosexuals." Recent scholarship unmasks the homophobia behind such mistranslations. The first word—*malakos*, in the Greek text—which has been translated "effeminate" or "soft," most likely refers to someone who lacks discipline or moral control. The word is used elsewhere in the New Testament but never with reference to sexuality.

The second word, *arsenokoitai*, occurs once each in I Corinthians and I Timothy, but nowhere else in other literature of the period. It is derived from two Greek words, one meaning, "males" and the other "beds", a euphemism for sexual intercourse. Other Greek words were commonly used to describe homosexual behavior but do not appear here. The larger context of I Corinthians 6 shows Paul extremely concerned with prostitution, so it is very possible he was referring to male prostitutes. But many experts now attempting to translate these words have reached a simple conclusion: their precise meaning is uncertain.

Resource Directory

This is an abbreviated version! The full version is on our web site. You may also request a complete version by mail. All phone numbers are area code 814 unless otherwise noted. Not all resources are necessarily gay-owned nor serve primarily lesbian/gay people; some may be just gay-friendly

▼ = Erie Gay News available here! ♿ = Handicap accessible

24 Hour Counseling

Erie Hotline 453-5656 or (800) 628-0190
 Saint Vincent 452-5151
 Family Crisis 456-2014
 Hamot 877-6136
 Victims of Anti-Gay Hate Crimes 1-800-259-1536

Accommodations, Bed & Breakfasts, Campgrounds

Camp Davis (412) 637-2402
 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers PA. Campground
 Jones Pond Campground (716) 567-8100
 9836 Old State Rd, Angelica NY. Adult male camping
 Josiah Manor (440) 599-8010
 810 Main St, US Rt. 20, Conneaut OH 44030 B&B

Bars

The Embers ▼ 454-9171
 1711 State St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat 8 pm - 2 am. Live DJ music Wed thru Sat 10 pm - 2 am. Pool table.
 Leeward Lounge ▼ (440) 964-9935
 1022 Bridge St, Ashtabula OH.
 Nite Spot ▼
 201 Winsor, Jamestown, NY. Open Tues-Sun 7 pm - 2 am. Closed Mon. DJ Fri & Sat 10 pm - 2 am. Sun. Drag show, DJ after 9:30 pm, no cover. Nitey specials.
 Rascals ▼ (716) 484-3220
 701 North Main St, Jamestown, NY. Handicap accessible. Open Mon-Sun 3pm-2am. DJ Fri & Sat.
 Sneakers ▼ (716) 484-8816
 100 Harrison, Jamestown, NY. Open Mon-Sun 2pm-2am. Musical Mastery Mary as DJ on Fri and Sat. Also Karaoke every other Fri. artemistoo@mindspring.com
 The Village ▼ 452-0125
 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Tue 8-2, Wed-Sun 4-2. Appetizer menu, darts, 2 pool tables, Karaoke in basement on Saturday. Dance hits of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Happy hours 5-7 on days open.

Coffeeshouses and Restaurants

Aroma's Coffeeshouse ▼ 456-5282 (452-JAVA)
 2164 W 8th St, Erie. M-Thurs 7am-11pm Fri 7am-1am. Sat 9am-1am, Sun 9am-4pm. <http://www.goerie.com/aromas/>
 Coqui's Gourmet Deli 835-2272
 3443 W Lake Rd, Erie PA. Home of delicious guilt-free food. Pizza and sandwiches. Open Mon - Thurs 11-10, Fri 11-11, Sat 12-?, Sun 12-9
 Cup-a-Ccino's ▼ 456-1511
 18 North Park Row, Erie PA. Mon-Wed 7:00 am - 9 pm, Thurs-Fri. 7:00 am - 12

mid., Sat 9 am-midnight, Sun 10 am-7 pm.
Tapas ▼ 454-8797
 17 W 9th St, Erie PA. In Tullio Towers. Mon, Tues, Wed 4 pm-9 pm. Thu 4 pm-11 pm Fri & Sat 11 am-11 pm. May-Oct, open every night but Sunday for dinner

Books, Gifts, Retail

AutoLand (ask for Maria Schall) 878-2500 ext 598
 2502 W 26th St, Erie PA
Disc-Go-Round 864-1844
 6825 Peach St, Erie between Taco Bells & Fridays
Lavender Loafer Cards 333-6282
 PO Box 1458, Meadville PA. Julia@alltel.net. Specializing in cards for gay women.
Pal Prescription Pharmacy 455-8597
 1238 W 6th St, Erie PA
Pride Gifts by Christopher 796-8023
 11846 Mortin Rd, Waterford PA 16441. PrideGifts@aol.com http://www.lesbianation/PrideGifts
Rainbow Pride Gift Shop ▼ (716) 881-6126
 175 Hodge St (corner of Elmwood Ave), Buffalo NY. Also second location inside Buddies, 31 Johnson Park in Buffalo. Phone is (716) 855-0222.
Scapers Limited ▼ 456-7002
 2508 Peach, Erie PA scapers@aol.com Lesbigoay/pride gifts, gallery. http://www.members.aol.com/scapers/
Talking Leaves ▼ (716) 837-8554
 3158 Main St, Buffalo NY. talklvbk@fcs-net.com

Counseling

Louanne Barton, Ph.D. 871-7682
Counseling Center 898 Park Ave Suite 12, Meadville PA
David J Johnson MA MS 838-9408
 Lic. psychologist. Private & consulting svcs. 4845 West Lake Rd, Erie
Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. (716)488-1971
Fredonia Office (716)679-3455
Christine L Gagliano LSW 836-9622
Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 pm.- 11 pm. Mon.-Fri).
 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)
Lake Erie Counseling Associates 455-4009
 Individual, family & couples counseling; psychological evals; psychiatric evaluations & medication management
Well Being Center ▼ 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

Entertainment

Directors Circle Theatre ▼ 454-0636
 652 W 17th St, Erie PA http://www.eriefun.com/dc
Movie Stop 453-7696
 1229 State St, Erie PA. Also stores in McKean, Meadville & Oil City. http://www.moviestop.com/
Poppa Ropp's Video ▼ 734-3014
 Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA http://www.angelfire.com/biz/prv/
Roadhouse Theatre ▼ 456-5656
 145 W 12th St, Erie PA. Roadhaus@erie.net http://www.njpro.com/rv/rhca

Erotica/Adult Bookstores

Body Language ▼ (888)GAY-PRDE (429-7733) or (216) 251-3330

3291 W 115th St, Cleveland OH. bodylanguage@iuno.com http://members.aol.com/bodyla3649

Filmore News ▼ 2757 W 12th St, Erie
Modern News ▼ 1115 State St, Erie

Health

PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833

Info-Lines

Buffalo (716)883-4750
Cleveland (216) 781-6736
Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 pm.- 11 pm. Mon.-Fri.)
 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)
Erie 456-9833
Pittsburgh (412) 422-0114 (M-F 6:30-9:30 pm, Sat 3-6 pm)
Toronto (416)964-6600 (M-S 7-10 pm)

Legal/Housing

Howard Hanna/Spiegel Realtors 864-3200/Cell 449-0405
 5100 Peach St, Erie PA Contact Linda Foll-Johnson.
John Cooper, Esq. 455-3436

Political/Advocacy Organizations

NWPA Chapter of ACLU 734-3458 (Bob Cogan)
 PO Box 1413 Erie PA 16512.
League of Gay & Lesbian Voters 898-4210 (Dave Mulholland)
 Nonpartisan voters group. Meets first Sun. Write to LGLV-Erie, PO Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505-0083. Email to lgloverie@aol.com

What are

GLBT

and

LGBT?

Because there are people who prefer to be called gay or lesbian or bisexual or transgender, and because this can be a little unwieldy in talking about our community, more organizations and publications are abbreviating the term to GLBT or sometimes LGBT. You will be seeing this abbreviation more often in this publication.

Religious Organizations

- Dignity** 451-0593 (Jerry)
Support group for lesbian Catholics and their friends and family.
- BYKOTA- Be Ye Kind One To Another** 734-3959 (Susan Laurie)
Ecumenical. Open to Christians of all denominations/orientations. Email julie.sue@juno.com
- Temple Anshe Hased (Reform Congregation)** 454-2426
930 Liberty St, Erie PA. WWW: <http://www.shamosh.org/reform/uahc/cangs/pa/pa007/>
- Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal)** 452-3779
134 W 7th St, Erie PA
- Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie** ▼ 864-9300
7180 New Perry Highway. For Commitment Vows, ask for Rev. Terry Kime. uuerie@juno.com. <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/7660>

Services

- Bella's Home Cleaning Svcs** 459-4283 10 AM-10 PM
- Suite 204 Le Salon** 454-4691
233 W 8th St, Erie PA
- Victorian City Salon** (814) 437-3361
1215 Liberty St, Franklin PA. Lesbian and Trans-friendly

Social Organizations

- 10% Network** ▼ (716)484-7285 (John)
Chautauqua County, NY. Meets 3rd Sat of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. No smoking or alcohol.
- Menspace** 456-9833 (Michael)
Social group for gay/bi men. Meets second Sat (unless otherwise noted), location varies. Call 456-9833 for more info or email egcn@ncinter.net
- Pittsburgh Frontrunners** (412) 687-6055
Runners and walkers of all speeds and capabilities. Email parkmanpp@earthlink.net
- Womynspace Coffeehouse** ▼ 451-0359 (Helen)
An alcohol & smoke-free environment for lesbians, with a theme, topic or activity for each month. Meet 1st Sat at 7:30pm. at Unitarian Univ Congreg of Erie. aichess@hotmail.com.

Student Organizations/Youth

- Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP, Allegheny College, Meadville)** ▼ 332-4368 (Nancy)
Write to CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. csglbp@alleg.edu

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Crossword Solution:

- Closet Culture** 899-6528 (Mark)
Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area. Write to: PO Box 529, Edinboro PA 16412. ClosetClt@aol.com
- Covenant House Teen Hotline** 1-800-999-9999
- Identity &** 732-4357 (Amy)
Student group for lesbian & allies at Edinboro Univ. Write to Identity, Edinboro Univ, 374 Dearborn Hall, Edinboro, PA 16412
- Jamestown Comm. College Grp** ▼ (716)665-5220 ext 204
..... or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)
Open to college & non-college people. Write to JCC, 525 Folconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020. Email Greg at rabbgr@jccw22.cc.sunyccc.edu.
- Mercyhurst College Gay/Straight Alliance** ▼ 824-2700 (Tara)
Write to Mercyhurst GSA, 501 W 38th St Box 145, Erie PA 16546-0001. Email to Tara at tsamios@hotmail.com or Barbara at bwatters@mercyhurst.edu
- National Runaway Switchboard** 1-800-621-4000
- SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU** (716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
Meets Tuesdays at 10 pm in Williams Center. All welcome. Email to glbsu0000@fredonia.edu.
- Teen Hotline** (412)771-8336
- Trigon (Penn State Behrend)** ▼898-6030 or (Sue Daley) 898-6164
Meeting open to the public. Write: College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Rd, Erie, PA 16563. trigon_behrend@hotmail.com <http://www.clubs.psu.edu/trigon>

Support Groups

- Erie Sisters**
Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Saturday, newsletter. Write: Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8 St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505. esc@csonline.net <http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/7614/>
- 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.
- Partners** (814) 664-7090 (Luella)
Support group for lesbian people and their supporters in Corry PA area. Call for meeting time and place.
- PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)** see below
- 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 pflagdubois@key-net.net
- PFLAG-Erie** Elaine 864-0184
Meets 1st Thurs 7:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congreg of Erie. Write to PFLAG-Erie c/o Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie, PA 16508. Email Elaine Hill at loislane@velocity.net
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)** 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)
Meets Tuesdays 8:00 pm. Call Erie Hotline for location. 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 - Andrea Cathcart 814-764-6066
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 Monohan)

Direct Client Services. Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transportation, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Donations *greatly* appreciated. Meets 2nd Monday of the month at Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont.

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

Gays/Lesbians Educating Gays/Lesbians About Sexual Health Issues. Sponsored by Erie County Department of Health (ECDH). 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 806, Erie PA. nwpaids@erie.net

St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group ☺

..... Cheryl Weber at 455-3786, if no answer 825-1085

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 E. Grandview Blvd. Use main entrance & follow signs for Support Group.

Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.

Case Manager - Margaret Geer, RN (800) 743-1940

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 - Andrea Cathcart (800)359-AIDS

Warren County

Case Manager-Deb Monohan 838-0123

Case Manager-Andrea Cathcart. 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 451-6727

Call for info on CD4 and Viral Load Testing 451-6727

(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

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