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Erie Gay News

Calendar

Oct 2-4—Jones Pond: Camp Closing "Saturday Pot Luck Dinner (716) 567-8100"

Oct 3—Womynspace: Mask Making (part 2) "Supplies provided, donations as always accepted. If you were not able to make it to Mask-Making Part I in September, supplies will be available for Mask Making parts I and II in October. Those not interested in making masks are welcome to come and watch, socialize, listen to music, etc. In addition, we will be making signs and a banner for display at the First Annual Erie Pride Rally to be held Sat Oct 10 at Perry Square. Please come with ideas, slogans, and any supplies you'd be willing to donate. Encourage folks to make masks which may be fun to wear at the upcoming Pride Rally festivities, or for any other occasion. For further info, please contact Helen at 451-0359 or email: aichess@hotmail.com."

Oct 3—Friends from the Heart Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser "The

Matriarch Mayhem/Stromboli Family Reunion" 6 PM Social Hour, 7 PM Dinner and Murder, at Stephany's Grove, 1099 Wyoming Avenue, Erie PA. For ticket info, call Becky Palmer at (814)838-1547.

Oct 4—SPARC: Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition (University Park PA) Annual statewide conference. Info 814-863-1248, email jilld@psu.edu

Oct 8—Community Leadership Development (CLD) meets HIV/AIDS prevention group, all welcome. Meets 6:30 PM at Artists Incorporated inside St. Martin's Center, 1701 Parade St, Phone Tom Lee at 455-2054 for more info.

Oct 9— "Voice from the Other Room" reception at Scapers. Contact Scapers at 456-7002 or scapers@scapers.com or check their website, <http://www.scapers.com>

Oct 10—Erie's first Pride Rally!!!! Noon to 4 PM in Perry Square. See Michael dithers page 13.

Oct 10—2 Girls Alone at Cup-a-Ccino's 9-11:30 PM. 18 N Park Row.

Oct 10—Menspace-Moved to Oct 24!!! "We figured the Pride Rally was enough for one day."

Oct 10—Saints & Sinners Ball (Cleveland)

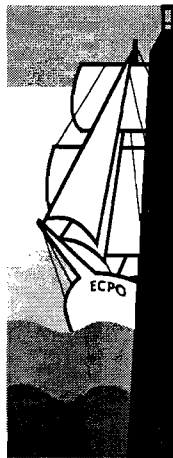
"Cleveland's premiere circuit party weekend." Benefiting the Lesbian Gay Community Service Center. Music by DJ Darin Arrowood, main party will be at the Agora Ballroom, 9pm to 4am, adv

\$25, door \$35. Order by phone 216-241-5555 or Ticketmaster. Info 216-622-6279.

Oct 11—National Coming Out Day

Oct 11—3 Rivers Boat Cruise (Pittsburgh) Tickets available at Scapers, and all Pittsburgh bars, or call Donny's Place in Pittsburgh. 412-682-8598. Reservations recommended.

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Erie Community Pride Organization

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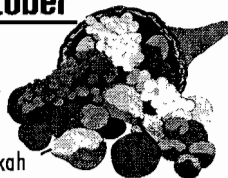
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Thanks!

Items to send us in October

Oct 15— Deadline for info related to November and early December events:

Thanksgiving, World AIDS Day, Native American History Month, Advent, Hanukkah



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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 Janice Hanusik, Laurie Tapper, Tom Foursprings, Brian Skelly, Jerry McCumber, Paul Grubbs and Richard 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!*

Oct 11—Janet Jackson: *The Velvet Rope* on HBO 9 PM
Live from Madison Square gardens.

Oct 11—HUGS East Ashtabula Covered Bridge Festival For
time and details call 440-974-8909.

Oct 12—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 pm, Well Being
Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

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PM at Artists Incorporated inside St. Martin's Center,
1701 Parade St, Phone Tom Lee at 455-2054 for more
info.

Oct 13—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl We-
ber at 455-3786 for more info.

Oct 14—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group.
Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or phone 734-
3959.

Oct 14—Roseanne: *Ladies Choice* TBS 7:05pm. The se-
ries' first gay episode: Nancy reveals her relationship with
Marla.

Oct 14—Mercyhurst film: *Love and Death on Long Island*
"Starring John Hurt and Jason Priestley in this droll com-
edy. Hurt portrays an uptight English writer who be-
comes obsessed with a second-rate America teen-idol ac-
tor, Priestley. When the writer tracks Priestley down at
his Long Island home, a strange courtship blossoms."—
—MDPAC event schedule. At Mary D'Angelo Perform-
ing Arts Center (Mercyhurst) 501 E. 38th, 8pm.

Oct 17—10% Network Halloween Costume Party
(Jamestown, NY) 7 pm at the Unitarian Church in
Jamestown, 1225 Prendergast Ave. "This is our regular
October meeting. You must wear a costume and bring a
treat to share. There will be prizes for Most Original,
Most Gruesome, Most Outrageous, and Best Male and
Female Drag. Please bring a nonperishable food dona-
tion for donation to the Saint Susan's Kitchen." For more
info, call John at (716) 484-7285.

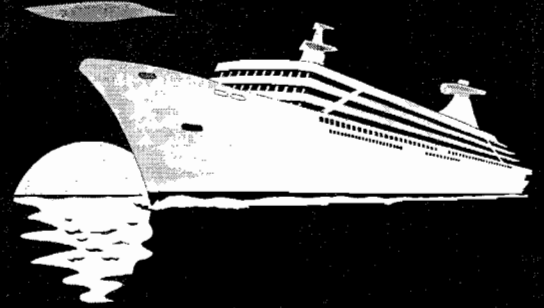
Oct 18—Miss Tri-State (Pittsburgh) 8pm, Monroe Ball-
room, Radisson Hotel, Monroeville \$15 adv/\$20 door.
412-241-2329.

Oct 18—*In the Gloaming* TBS 9pm, 10:15pm. A young
man with AIDS comes back to his family.

Oct 19—*In The Life* WNED (PBS-Buff./Ch.17). 10 pm.
GLBT program. See episode description page 8.

Oct 20—DEADLINE FOR World AIDS Day issue If you have
any news or events for World AIDS Day, it MUST be in
for the deadline for the November issue!

Pittsburgh Three Rivers Cruise



Sunday, Oct 11th

Boarding time 5:30 PM

Leaves 6 until 9:30 PM

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Oct 22—13th Annual Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (Pittsburgh) See article page 19 or call (412) 232-3277 or visit <http://www.pilgff.org>

Oct 23—Rascals: Hardbodies of OH (Jamestown NY) Male strippers at 10 pm, \$3 cover, 701 North Main St, (716) 484-3220

Oct 24—Menspace: Halloween Party 7:30 p.m. at Jeff's. "Come in costume!" Call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net for more info.

Oct 25—R.E.M. Special On MTV.

Oct 26—Judas Priest in concert (Cleveland) Gund Arena

Oct 26—Bob Newhart: "Some of My Best Friends Are..." Nickelodeon 1:30am. This is the old 1970's Newhart show. In this episode, one of the participants startles the people in group therapy by revealing that he's gay.

Oct 27—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Oct 27—Frontline: Politics of Child Sexual Abuse WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) 9pm. Of interest because our community is often unfairly accused of this horrendous crime, and because many GLBT people are victims themselves.

Oct 27—ACLU: A History WQLN (PBS-Erie.Ch. 54) 10pm. Profiles the organization that protects individual

rights, and has been important in the fight for GLBT rights.

Oct 27—Assignment Discovery: Hatshepsut: The Queen Who Would Be King Discovery Channel 9am. The story of Egypt's first true drag king, Hatshepsut, a woman who ruled as pharaoh.

Oct 27—VH-1 Fashion Awards VH-1 9p.m.

Oct 28—Leonard Bernstein: Reaching for the Note WQLN (Erie/Ch. 54) and WNED (PBS-Buff/Ch.17) 9 p.m. First full-scale biography of the gay conductor, writer and raconteur.

Oct 28—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Info: Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Oct 28—Penn State Behrend Film: "Female Perversions" Reed Union Lecture Hall 7:30p.m. Featuring the movie about variations of female sexuality, based on the book of the same name by Louise Kaplan (see below).

Oct 28—Penn State Behrend discussion: "Masquerades of Femininity and Masculinity: The Modes of Perversion" With Louise Kaplan ("Female Perversions") Reed Union Building lecture Hall.

Oct 28—Samhain at UU 7:30 PM. Pagan holiday celebrated by GLBT-friendly Coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Wear black, bring a drinking vessel for the ritual and a dish to pass for the potluck feast following. Info: Contact Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net

Oct 29—Roseanne: Skeleton in the Closet TBS 7:05pm. Leon holds a Halloween party with all his gay friends and they all seem to know Fred.

Oct 30—HUGS East Halloween party (Mentor OH) 7 p.m. Alcohol-free. Info 440-974-8909.

Oct 31—Happy Halloween

Oct 31—Rascals: Halloween Party (Jamestown NY) First prize \$100, Second Prize \$50, Third Prize \$25, 701 North Main St, (716) 484-3220.

Nov 3—Election Day

Nov 5&6— "Falling in and out of Love" Workshop For details, see article in HIV/AIDS News, page 12.

Nov 5—PFLAG-Erie meets 7:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

Nov 6—In The Life WQLN TV-54 10 pm, GLBT program, episode information on page 8.

Nov 8—Depeche Mode in concert (Cleveland) Gund Arena.

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Nov 9—Tapeles Live from the Border Grill 10 pm. Food and drink for a charitable cause. Organized by the Border Grill. Info: www.bordergrill.com.

Nov 9—Tapeles Live from the Border Grill 6 pm. Ben Bunting. 10 Beaumont. Info: www.eriegaynews.com 834-9123.

Nov 11—An evening of Q&A: HIV/AIDS Support Group meets The group welcomes Dr. Richard Ortoski for an evening of Q&A regarding HIV/AIDS. Meets at St. Mark's Center. Info: Cheryl Weber at 455-3786

Nov 11—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Nov 11-15—National Gay and Lesbian Task Force: Creating Change 1998 Conference (Pittsburgh PA) See ad page 10. If you are interested in the national movement for GLBT rights, this is *the* place to be this year. Workshops, nationally known writers and leaders, activities, discussions and debates, thousands of participants, entertainment, and more. And it could hardly be closer!

Nov 14—Menspace 7:30 pm at Brian and Dave's. Call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net for more info.

Nov 19—Riverside Gala Weekend (Franklin PA) Large annual CD/TV/TS/TG weekend event sponsored by the Erie Sisters held at the Inn at Franklin. All TG-friendly people welcome. For more info, call 814-437-3361, fax to 814-437-5996 or email bus36@usachoice.net or <http://www.geocities.com.wellesly/1614>

Nov 21—10% Network Auction (Jamestown, NY) 7 PM at the Unitarian Church in Jamestown, 1225 Prendergast Ave. "As we have done in past years, we will be having an auction to benefit the AIDS Community Services Christmas Project. Bring a new or used item or items for the auction. This is a silent auction. Auction slips will be available next to each item to write in bids. Bring a drink or munchie to share. Here is a chance to pick up a holiday gift or two." For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285.

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Nov 26—Thanksgiving

Dec 1—World AIDS Day

Dec 3—PFLAG-Erie meets 7:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

Festivals and conferences

Dec 15-17—Stonewall Law 08 Conference (Boston MA) Sponsored by National Lesbian and Gay Law Association, affiliate of American Bar Association. Keynote speaker: the Honorable Barney Frank. Info (617) 350-8657, email lavlaw98@aol.com or check out <http://www.nlgla.org>

Repeating Programs

2 Chicks, 2 Bikes, 1 Cause Lifetime. Observing Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this profiles young breast cancer survivors. 10/4 10pm, 10/8 10am, 10/22 3pm.

Bravo Profiles: k.d. lang 10/30 8pm, 10/31 midnight, 11am. On Bravo.

Intimate Portrait: Olivia Newton-John Lifetime 10/17 10 pm, 10/21 3pm. Profiles the bi actress/singer who is a breast cancer survivor.

Women's Sports

NCAA Basketball Nike Four in the Fall, Lifetime 11/13 & 11/14. ESPN & ESPN2 State Farm Tip Off 11/15.

Golf Lifetime 10/8 & 11/9 11:30pm, 10/10 2pm, 10/11 4 pm.



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Letters

Found ya!

I just found the *Erie Gay News* as I was skimming through the Internet, and I couldn't have been more pleasantly surprised! It was a "site" for sore eyes!

I wish I could have found you three years ago, when I was just beginning to wake up to the fact that I had been lesbian all my life, and needed to find a place to meet others like me. Back then I would drive three hours from my home, on a daily basis, for weeks on end, and aimlessly cruise the streets of Erie, hoping I'd just "bump into" someplace that was gay or gay-friendly, but it was futile, of course. Had I been able to access a source like the *Erie Gay News*, I wouldn't have had that embarrassing encounter with the guy at the Suncoast Video store, in the Millcreek Mall! Why was he wearing freedom rings if he was straight, anyway?

Several months later, through a fortunate series of events, I met the love of my life in Johnstown, and we've been together ever since. I couldn't be happier, but the time I spent trying to find Gay Erie is still unrequited. So, my partner and I are going to attend the 1st Annual Gay Pride Day, on October 10, in Perry Square. A first like this is not to be missed, and I really want to be a part of it!

Thank you, *Erie Gay News*, for keeping us informed of events like this, and for your mere existence! It's a tremendous comfort to know you're out there!

A. Chirillo

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Gay and lesbian youth at risk

In a spate of religious intolerance, attacks on gay and lesbians by Senator Trent Lott, the Republican Leader; Randy Tate, the Executive Director of the Christian Coalition; and Rev. Reggie White, the Green Bay football player, have appeared in the national press over the last several weeks. Their rhetoric followed a well established tradition in which religion has been used to justify racism, anti-Semitism, and the scapegoating of minorities. And, as usual, it will be the youngest whom they hurt the most.

The destructive effect of their type of leadership is illustrated by the following national statistics.

80% of gay and lesbian youths report severe isolation problems. Only 12% of heterosexual youths felt they could have a gay person as a friend. Less than 20% of gay and lesbian youths could identify someone who was very supportive of them. Only 25% of gay and 23% of lesbian students report that they can talk about their sexual orientation with guidance counselors. 41% of school counselors report their school is not doing enough to support gays. 46% of gay youths lost a friend after coming out to the friend(s). 50% of lesbian/gay youths report being rejected by their parents and 25% of lesbian/gay youths report being forced to leave home.

97% of all students hear anti-gay comments in school. 20% of high school health teachers report students use abusive language when describing homosexuals. Of the 50% of students who reported that homosexuality was discussed in their class, 50% of the female students and 37% of males reported that it was discussed in negative terms.

50% of gay and lesbian youths are rejected by families.

50% of the gay and 20% of the lesbian youths are harassed or assaulted in schools.

40% of all homeless youths (throwaway, runaways) are gay or lesbian. Note: Only 5% of youths identify themselves as gay or lesbian by 17 years of age.

28% of all high school dropouts are gay or lesbian.

30% of all teen suicides are gay or lesbian youths. Note: Only 5% of youths identify themselves as gay or lesbian by 17 years of age.

In the future, I hope Senator Lott, Randy Tate, and Rev. White will find more constructive uses of their time than attacking a small minority of law abiding people who pay their taxes, and have made enormous contributions in every community of our country. Gay bashing like that of Senator Lott et al seems motivated for short-term political gain at the expense of undermining the fabric of tolerance upon which our democracy rests.

Yours truly,
Clark Moeller,
President Pennsylvania Alliance for Democracy
mail@padnet.org
www.padnet.org

Congrats for Pride Rally

Congratulations on holding a pride festival in Erie. Last time I was home to visit I was looking through the paper and saw an ad asking for people to help. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw it and I immediately handed the paper to my wife with a grin. I am so happy that people are now doing something so that the gay population of Erie is out there. Growing up in Erie I felt like I was the only one in the city and had no idea where to go or who to talk to. That was the primary reason that my wife and I moved to Baltimore after we graduated from college. We felt that neither one of our home towns offered anything to gay and lesbian people. Now I am so excited to see this and only wish that the pride festival was a day that I could be there. I will definitely try to be at the next one!! This also makes me happy because the people of the city need to be exposed to us. Maybe if they see it more they will be more accepting and maybe people like my mom who support me in private will begin to feel supportive in public. (I know when people ask about me she just says that I live in Baltimore and I know that if they ask if I am married she says no even though we had a wedding in 1996.) SO again, thank you for taking these giant steps for the community and I hope that the next gay child growing up in Erie won't have to go through the whole process that I had to in order to become accepting of him/herself. You are truly incredible people!!

Heather
via email



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In the Life

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In the Life is featured on PBS affiliates. If you enjoy the show, please consider thanking your affiliate. A pledge of support, or earmarking a donation to one of the groups supporting the show will also help keep ITL on the air.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss it!

WESTERN NEW YORK WNED/channel 17 Monday October 19 10 p.m.

ERIE WQLN/channel 54 - Friday, November 6, 10:00 pm

Penn State WPSX/channel 3 - November 11:30 pm

Cleveland (WNEO/WEAO, channels 45/49) Airdate TBA

Pittsburgh (WQED), channel 13. October 31, 11pm

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Art show

"It's Amazing What Happens"

featuring Deb Butler and Christelle DeCrease
at Cup-A-Ccino's October 5 - November 15

Utilizing their two very different styles, Deb Butler and Christelle DeCrease will be showing their new works in an exhibit entitled "It's Amazing What Happens" at Cup-a-ccinos from October 5th through the end of the month.

"My paintings are about windows of perception," says Deb. "They are framed with actual windows, so each window pane creates a fragile yet effective boundary between the viewer and the work. You can only see as far as your vantage point will allow. If you make an effort to expand your window of perception, *it's amazing what happens!*"

For Christelle, this concept has been years in the making. "I was constantly seeing examples of women around me using these incredible survival skills to help them cope with their lives and the hand they had been dealt. I began to see patterns in their strength and courage, in their ability to survive from moment to moment through seemingly unbeatable odds. I wanted to depict these tools in concrete, visible ways. For me, it's amazing what happens when women are forced to pull themselves through."

Also, on Saturday, October 10th, 1998, 2 Girls Alone will be playing at Cups from 9pm to 11:30pm. Deb and Christelle would like to invite all of you to drop in to view their work, have a cup of coffee and enjoy the music.



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Local news

Want to meet older guys

I saw the notice in the *Erie Times Showcase*. I must admit that I am too shy to consider attending a support group meeting at this time. But I was wondering if you have any older guys (55-65) who might be interested in sharing some communication, and possibly some friendship and companionship. If so, would you please pass along my message and email address djspage@aol.com

Many thanks,
Dave

Bicycle club

Fred May of Conneaut OH is looking for both men and women who like to ride bicycles.

He would like to form a club for bicycle riders (good for both exercise and pleasure!) Interested parties may contact:

Fred L. May
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Conneaut OH 44030
Phone: 440-599-9792

Hate crimes hotline

Victims of anti-gay hate crimes can now call a 24-hour hotline in Pittsburgh. The service is called Contact-Pittsburgh, and will provide advice and support. The number is 412-820-0111 (note: this is not toll-free).

Lesbians needed for study

"My name is Kim Gunter, and I am currently a doctoral student at the University of Illinois in Urbana, Illinois. I will be in Erie, Pennsylvania, from October 9 through October 12. I am seeking lesbians who are willing to spend about an hour talking with me while I am in Erie. I want to learn from women the various ways that living as a lesbian has affected their lives. Some subtopics that these conversations might include range from love relationships to career choices to political involvement to parenthood to personal safety issues to lesbian bar culture to religious acceptance or intolerance and many, many more. Almost every woman I have spo-

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ken to thus far has raised a new topic that I had never considered, so please do not feel limited by these above examples.

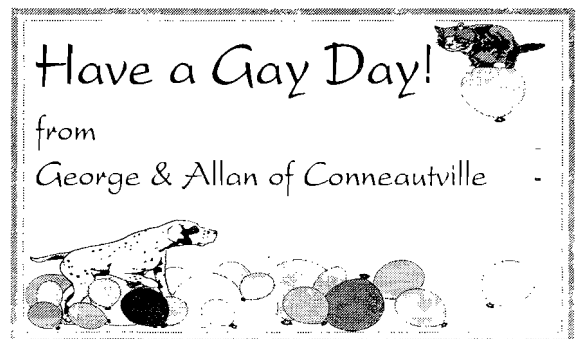
I am interested in speaking to women from diverse racial, class, age, religious, education, and geographic backgrounds. I would particularly like to speak to women of color, young women, and women who identify themselves as living in a rural environment. However, while I am particularly interested in speaking to women from these backgrounds, I also want to speak to a wide range of lesbians and would be grateful to talk to any woman who is willing to participate. These conversations will be the basis of my doctoral dissertation and perhaps a subsequent book. It is my belief that by interviewing as many lesbians as possible and by interviewing as diverse a population as possible that my research will allow lesbians a rare opportunity to express in their own voices what being a lesbian means to them. Furthermore, myself a lesbian, it is my hope that this study will also combat the ignorance, oversimplification, and whitewashing that often characterize popular images of lesbians.

Anonymity is guaranteed for all who participate.
If you are at all interested in participating in this project, please email me at k-gunter@students.uiuc.edu or phone me at 217-344-7548, and I'd be happy to tell you more about the project or to answer any questions you might have."

Kim Gunter

Scapers cyber-changes

Scapers has moved their web site to www.scapers.com and their email address is now scapers@scapers.com



The Angel and the Eagle

Jackie and DonPaul Lucas have opened a new store and center that offers therapeutic massage, Swedish massage, and stress management. They also offer a variety of items for stress management, a research library, and a very relaxing atmosphere.

Visit the store and ask for a little tour of all the items. They have a big assortment of crystals—for meditation, plus crystal massage wands (note, these feel great!) and massage eggs, an "Ocean Drum" creates the sound of waves while Native American rain sticks offer the relaxing sound of falling rain. Diffusers offer items in beautiful shapes for burning aromatic oils, incense and the like. There is also a selection of attractive, reasonably priced jewelry, and "mala" necklaces offer the Buddhist a tool for meditation, plus there are fragrances and incense. Also available are drums and some just fun stuff.

Feeling tense or sore or just need comforted? Jackie can offer her healing hands with a soothing massage. A Certified Massage Therapist, she specializes in Swedish technique (that's the style most people are familiar with, with smooth relaxing movements), although she has received training in many other forms. The introductory price for a massage is \$25 for a half hour, and \$40 for an hour. Aside from the fact that it feels wonderful, Jackie notes its other benefits: "It releases muscle tension and emotional tension," she says, "it improves immune function, forcing lymphatic fluid to move smoothly through the body. It has benefits for joints and helps with deeper and easier breathing. Also, it helps one feel unified and in harmony." The Angel and the Eagle plans to bring in another massage therapist who specializes in deep tissue massage, which helps with pain management.

The Center will soon offer guidance in stress management. DonPaul will receive his certification in hypnotherapy in January. Put your visions of Svengali and Rasputin aside, says DonPaul; hypnotherapy is gaining respectability as an effective form of stress management. "All hypnosis is is a meditative state," says DonPaul. "And most people need a guide to help them get there for the

first one or two times, but after that...all hypnosis is actually self-hypnosis."

DonPaul, by the way, has survived HIV for 15 years. Does he credit his continuing health with the fact that he seems to have a great attitude towards stress? "I think it has a lot to do with it," he says. "I'd been dealing with one chronic illness (hemophilia) and noticed that people with that disease became sicker during periods of stress—Christmas, birthdays, before vacations, etc. Then when I got the second chronic illness (HIV), we did some research on how stress affects the immune system. We found a definite connection."

DonPaul and Jackie also plan to do music therapy and humor therapy in the near future. DonPaul has also done extensive study in Crystal and Stone therapy and in Native American culture. Jackie has done extensive study in the fields of Color therapy, Stress Management and Journal Writing.

The Angel and the Eagle is located at 11 West 33rd, phone 459-7412 or email them at lucas@erie.net. Hours are Monday through Saturday 11am-7pm.

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"Falling in and out of Love" Workshop

"Falling in and out of Love" will be presented on November 6 & 7, 1998 (Friday and Saturday) Friday: 6:00 pm- 9pm Saturday: 10 am - 4:30 pm Registration deadline: October 28, 1998

Saint Vincent Health Center - McGarvey Learning Center - 252 West 25th St - Erie, PA Keynote Speaker - Debra Ann Brodie, PhD.

"Why doesn't love last?" If you have ever asked this question, then you will enjoy and learn from this three part multi-media workshop. Using Jungian psychology, Dr. Brodie illustrates how unconscious sub-personalities make and break intimate relationships and hamper safer-sex strategies. Learn how the loneliness and the fear of losing love can put a person at risk for HIV infection and re-infection.

Dr. Brodie is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Detroit, Michigan. She is the Director of Canfield Health Services and the Founder/Director of the Sisters of Sheba Development Network.

Dr. Brodie is a frequent speaker and workshop facilitator on topics of gender, self-esteem and relationships. In 1998, she presented at the World AIDS Conference in Switzerland introducing her "Heart in Hand" Seminar and Workshops.

For info contact the Health Department at 451-6543.

Free of charge. Lunch provided on Saturday.

Deadline for our
WORLD AIDS DAY ISSUE
is *absolutely, positively* October 20.

Please send:

- Info on events (we realize you won't have all the details. That's okay).
- Memorials to area people who have been lost to HIV/AIDS

Note: World AIDS Day is December 1, so coverage is in the *November* issue, not the December issue.

AIDS and Country Music

Jose Orta is an AIDS activist and radio commentator, whose show, Radio Active is broadcast on KOOP 91.7 FM in Austin Texas, I had the pleasure of reading his commentary on AIDS and country music in the latest issue of A&U, America's AIDS magazine.

Orta lightheartedly suggests the real answer to the AIDS crisis might be hidden inside the unwritten lyrics of a country and western tune. Heretofore, nothing has been off limits for country artists: race, religion, heartache, losing your job ("Take this job and shove it, I ain't workin' here no more"), and so on.

Orta suggests that we need these commentaries on our personal lives to keep us in line with what is happening in the world and how to cope with everyday tragedies. AIDS is not an everyday tragedy, it is a nightmare, and those suffering from it need more than parody.

He encouraged people like "Reba, Dolly, Clint, and Garth...get out your pens...and start singing. Orta may not realize that Reba has already recorded a song about AIDS entitled, "His name was John" This is a heart-breaker of such magnitude that it would bring tears to the eyes of every listener.

However, those of you who are looking to write that song might consider some of his suggestions: "I gave her a rose, she gave me AIDS" or "I got inspected at the border, infected at the truckstop, but I'm still in love with you."

For those of you who prefer educational messages in their songs, Orta pens this ditty: "Roll over mama, I've got the latex."

Country and western music has a large listening audience, and it can be a venue for AIDS prevention messages

Patty Puline
HIV/AIDS Educator
Erie County Department of Health

*Jose Orta, AIDS Goes Country, A&U, August 1998, p. 21

Michael dithers: See you at the Pride Rally!

by Michael Mahler

Hey there! I am really looking forward to the Pride Rally on Saturday, October 10 and hope to see all of you there! This is probably the most important step we can take as a community and it will be the quantity and diversity of us that drives this message home.

A few updates: in the event of bad weather, we hold the rally at the Roadhouse Theatre, 145 W 11th St. Same day and time. Hopefully, this will not be an issue, but thanks to the Roadhouse for the hospitality regardless! John Smith, an openly Gay Presidential appointee, will be flying up from Washington DC to read an address from President Clinton. We will also have letters and possible attendance by other elected officials. For those who are unfamiliar with Erie, the site, Perry Square, is effectively 6th and State Streets, right by City Hall and Erie County Courthouse.

I should explain that one of the images that was going through my mind when I first began to seriously consider this almost a year ago was a scene from one of my favorite movies, *The Color Purple*. Towards the end, Shug Avery walks into the church that her father is a minister at. He had refused to speak with her or acknowledge her presence for years. Facing the possibility of rejection or worse, she decides to take a chance on the basic goodness of human beings and the power of love. When her father doesn't strongly react at first, she steps forward and embraces him. When he returns the embrace, she (and usually I) bursts into tears. Notice, she took it upon herself and entered a realm she thought dominated by people hostile to her, and found love when she took action. That's very important.

Another parallel is the Biblical story of the Prodigal Son (although there are some important differences.) This was my father's favorite parable and was the central theme at his funeral mass. What meant most to me from this story was, again, the idea of the importance of love and of trusting in it.

So what do these have to do with Erie's first Pride Rally on Saturday, October 10 in Perry Square? I cannot count the number of stories I have heard of people who found that their family, friends and co-workers really did care about them and that they no longer needed to watch every syllable, every pronoun for fear of being cast out.

They found that the people they thought loved them (and worried wouldn't genuinely love the real person they were), did love them. Sure, there were usually some rough spots along the way, but I have never in my entire life read, met or even heard about someone who ultimately regretted coming out. That's also pretty important.

I am asking you to join us at the Pride Rally for the people you love, for the young people too scared to come out to their family, for the young person you were (or maybe still are!), for the older person who grew up when this would have been unthinkable and for those who still ignore all the signs of a changing world and divide their self into separate parts and hide. Do this for yourself so you can erase fear. Do this for joy, for love! But please do this! Nothing is worse then getting to the end of your life and realizing you didn't really live it. Allow yourself to experience facing and overcoming fear.

See you on the 10th in Perry Square!

**Join us for
Erie's First Pride Rally!
Saturday, October 10, Noon
to 4 PM in Perry Square**

Family Portrait...

Photo taken by Micheal A. Miller at this past summer's PrideErie picnic at Presque Isle including gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people as well as straight friends and family.





First Row: 1. Michael Kenton Mahler (holding #2) 2. Micheal A Miller 3. Abby Conley 4. Amy Terrizzi 5. Jerem Belding and her golden retriever, John Henry. 12. Joyce Kren with her greyhound, Nikki **Second Row:** 1. Laurie 9. Georgia Carpenter 10. Helen 11. Nancy Rickeard 12. Robin **Third Row:** 1. Allen Hess 2. Russel Balles 3. Frec Tomecek **Fourth Row:** 1. Roxanne Mix 2. Alison Rummel 3. Dan Conley 4. Craig Meland 5. Paul Flower 6. Dav



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Cruise for Life info

This past summer, a certain individual sold tickets to a "Cruise for Life" event. People were told that the event, which was to be held in September, was an AIDS fundraiser.

The individual never held the event.

We at EGN had written a detailed account of what happened, and two community members wrote opinion pieces on this situation. However, we were advised to refrain from revealing information or making much commentary in this issue of our publication. We were told that is because this is a pending case and will be going to court, and the person advising us asked that we not comment until the "disposition" of the case, that is, until after it goes to court and there is a conviction. Our adviser told us that we "could be getting into a sticky situation printing this" at this point.

We have decided to follow this advice, both to protect ourselves and to not jeopardize this case. However, we will be publishing a detailed and up-to-date article following the "disposition" of the case.

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The complaint was filed with the Erie Police Department. When referring to the incident, use the "incident number" it has been given, which is 98-33970. The officer handling the case is Detective Nate Jones, who can be reached at 870-1150.

Brian and I filed the report initially with the Erie City Police. The person who took the information for our case and the officer who spoke briefly with us were both very pleasant and helpful.

If you aren't completely comfortable dealing directly with the police, you may give the information to us. (Call me at 456-9833).

The information that the police need is: Name (Last, First, Middle), Address, Home Phone, Work Phone, Date of Birth, and social security number. You don't have to sign anything; you can give the information over the phone or email.

Also, please hold on to your ticket stub. And, remember, this was not a gay event, so closeted individuals needn't worry about outing themselves.

Why bother with all this, you may ask? Because we want this individual brought to justice, and we hope some strong consequences will deter further AIDS scams. —Mike

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Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

If you bought tickets to the Cruise for Life AIDS fundraiser-that-didn't-happen, Michael Weiss from **Directors Circle Theatre** wants to offer you free admission to the Friday, October 30 performance of *Veronica's Room* to anyone with proof of purchase of the tickets, i.e. show your tickets.

Also, I'd like to remind folks that a very *reputable* AIDS fundraiser will be going on October 3. **The Friends from the Heart Murder Mystery Theater** will present *The Matriarch Mayhem/Stromboli Family Reunion*. The event is fun, and the only shady characters involved are in the play. The proceeds go to the Friends from the Heart, which has provided for the nonmedical needs of people with HIV/AIDS for seven years. For info call 838-1547.

On stage locally during this year's cultural season: gay musical *La Cage aux Folles* (Erie Playhouse, February and March), Mart Crowley's landmark work *The Boys in the Band* (Directors Circle, July 1999), and the perennially popular *The Rocky Horror Show* (Roadhouse Theatre, starting in October).

The Rocky Horror Show kicks off October 31, and an open run will follow. It's part of the theater's 10th anniversary, during which they are bringing back the six shows their audiences liked best. The cast of this rendition will include Bobbi B. as the chaste and clueless Janet. For details and reservations, call 456-5656.

Film

The **13th Annual Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival** will be held October 22 through October 29. For information call 412-232-3277 or visit their web site at <http://www.pilgff.org>

John Waters is back to his outrageous disgusting self with the film *Pecker*, in theaters now. Coming up in November is *Velvet Goldmine*, set in the gender-bending world of 1970's glam-rock. David Bowie, central figure in that scene, wouldn't participate in the project, and instead is moving on with his own film about the spangly, androgynous *Ziggy Stardust*. The release of *The Deep End of the Ocean* has been rescheduled, now aiming for a winter date. Proving that an actress has life (or death?) after coming out, Anne Heche will play in a remake of Alfred

Hitchcock's *Psycho*, to be released in December. Ellen DeGeneres, in the meantime, will play a detective in the upcoming thriller *Goodbye Lover*.

Television

Last month we featured a Fall TV feature. Here's more info:

When gay actor Paul Lynde appeared on the old *Hollywood Squares* game show, he provided some gayish humor that was unusually out there for its times. The new version features *The Advocate's* humor columnist Bruce Vilanch, who will be the show's head writer and sometimes appear on the show. The shows I watched featured Vilanch, Kathy Najimy, Rita Rudner, and Andy Dick, as well as Whoopi and others. And I might add the gay stuff is right out there. It's on WICU (Channel 12) 7:30 p.m. on weeknights.

Nash Bridges will get gayer, as the two detectives open a detective agency that will serve a predominately gay clientele. (CBS 10 pm Fridays).

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Brian Benben Show. Monday CBS 9:30p.m. Luis Antonio Ramos as a gay and out TV weatherman.

Chicago Hope Wednesday 10p.m. CBS. Dr. Dennis Hancock (Vondie Curtis-Hall).

Friends. CBS Thursday 8 p.m. Network promises Carol and Susan will appear within the first six episodes.

Veronica's Closet. NBC 9:30 p.m. Thursday. Josh will continue to be confused.

ER. NBC 10p.m. Thursday. The network promises Dr. Maggie Doyle will be back this season.

Homicide: Life on the Street. NBC Friday 10 p.m. Tim Bayless (Kyle Secor) bisexual detective.

Books

Most of 1998 has gone by and somehow we haven't mentioned that this is the 25th anniversary of the publication of a very important, historic, lesbian novel—Rita Mae Brown's *Rubyfruit Jungle*. The semiautobiographical story has become a classic and a must-read for lesbians. Why is it so important? Well, first of all, it was probably the first truly post-Stonewall lesbian story, in which the heroine, Molly Bolt, is unapologetic, brash, and proud of who she is. It's also funny and well-written, selling zillions of copies over the past quarter century. But in 1973, no publisher would touch it. Finally a small feminist publishing house called Daughters, Inc. printed 5,000 copies; with absolutely no advertising or publicity, the book began selling like hotcakes, moving 100,000 copies for

its small publisher. Brown caught a lot of flak for the book, too, receiving hate mail and death threats for daring to write a story in which a lesbian is healthy, happy and well-adjusted. Daughters eventually became overwhelmed by the book's success, and with Brown's permission, sold the rights to Bantam publishers, which still prints the novel, and Brown's other works. There has occasionally been talk of making the book into a movie (people like Lily Tomlin, and later, Nancy McKeon have been considered in the role of protagonist), and though it hasn't happened yet, it's certain to happen at some point.

In the meantime, you may also want to know that Brown recently published her memoir, *Rita Will*. In it, she discusses her early years, the real people her characters are based on, her participation in the early gay and lesbian rights movement (including the first gay student group, in 1967), her efforts to get some of the mid-1960s women's liberation movement to accept lesbians (something they were not ready for at the time), her relationships with people like Martina Navratilova, and *Fried Green Tomatoes* author Fannie Flagg (whom she outs), the gay men in her life, her kitties, and other interesting bits. I will say that after reading this you'll see how Brown was able to grow up gay without the least bit of guilt or self-doubt—let's just politely say the woman has no shortage of self-esteem. (for example, in one interview she laughs about her mutually violent break-up with Martina Navratilova, during which she shot Martina's rear car windows out as Martina sped off). Conceited or not, if you haven't read any of Brown's works, try some now.

Etcetera

For people who are attending the **Ways in Being Gay Festival**, remember that the **Rainbow Pride Gift Shop** is a great source for info on the Buffalo scene.

Bingo-lovers will find a treat when they visit Pittsburgh—the monthly **Outrageous Bingo**, a fun event that raises money for the Pgh AIDS Task Force and Shepherd Wellness Center. Coordinator Laura Horowitz notes, "all sexual communities are welcomed, but it's definitely not your grandma's bingo." Oct. 17 will be Masquerade Bingo, and November 14 is Wigstock Bingo. For info call Laura at 412-242-2500.

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Pittsburgh Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

The 13th Annual Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival opens October 22, 1998 and will run through October 29, 1998 at the Harris Theater, 809 Liberty, opening with the feature film "Homo Heights" starring Lea Delaria and Quentin Crisp. The opening evening will continue after the film with a Benefit party at Gallery 579 in the Cultural District. All showings will be at the Harris Theater. Admission to both the film and the party is \$25.00 or a Diva pass. For more information, please call (412) 232-3277 or visit their web site at www.pilgff.org or pick up a copy of the October *Planet Q* or *Out* newspaper.

General admission to the films is \$7 or you may purchase one of three pass levels. For \$100, the Diva pass awards admission to all festival events including the opening night film and benefit party, the Screen Queen, \$55, is good for 12 admissions to all regular screenings for one or more persons, or you may purchase the Cheap Thrills pass - for \$30 you get 6 admissions to all regular screenings for one or more persons.

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This Rally will be the precedent for future rallies, therefore, your participation is very important to the community! Let's band together to present a positive image to the greater Erie community. Please respond by October 1st regarding your organization's participation by contacting Helen at 451-0359 or email me at aichess@hotmail.com We want very much to reserve a space for you in Perry Square for the Rally Oct. 10. Thanks so much for your interest!

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Fri Nov 6 at 8 pm UB Center for the Arts LILIES by John Greyson sponsored by UB Dept. Media Studies Based on Michel Marc Bouchard's stage play "Les fleurettes," Greyson turns his trademark style to the telling of an ethereally moving tale of tragic romantic love, jealousy and betrayal.

Sat Nov 7, Tues Nov 10 at 7:30 THE BRANDON TEENA STORY film by Susan Muska & Greta Olafsdottir. Transsexual, butch, lesbian, fag, hermaphrodite, woman, man, he, she, it: Labels and pronouns slide, collide, and become useless in this chilling account of the triple murder of gender ambiguous young Nebraskan Brandon Teena and two acquaintances.

Sun Nov 8 at 2 pm EILEEN MYLES and CAMILLE ROY cosponsored by just buffalo Eileen Myles, this year's Lambda Book Award-winning poet, will be reading exciting bits from the manuscript of her new nonfiction novel, *Cool for You*. Also she'll be reading new poems. Camille Roy was born on the South Side of Chicago and lives in SF, where she works as a software engineer. Her books of prose and fiction include *Cold Heaven* (OBooks) *Rosy Medallions* (Kelsey St.) and *Swarm* (Black Star Series)

Mon Nov 9 at 7:30 pm THE APPARENT TRAP. Video by Julie Zando

Fri Sat Sun Nov 13-22 BENT, performance presented by Buffalo United Artists at Club Marcella

Fri Nov 13 at 8 pm Film: WE'RE FUNNY THAT WAY. Move over, Ellen. Eleven of North America's funniest gay and lesbian comics star in a new 90 min. Comedy/documentary special, which showcases the wit and wis-

dom of an unusual group of performers who have, for years, taken the professional risk of coming out on stage. Scott Capurro, Maggie Cassella, Kate Clinton, Jaffe Cohen, Lea DeLearia, Elvira Kurt, John Mc Givern, Steve Moore, Christopher Petersen, Bob Smith, Karen Williams

Thurs Nov 19 at 7:30 pm Film: ALMOST THE COCKTAIL HOUR. Lana Lin. A nameless woman sets out to find the grace of Jane Bowles, the eccentric writer prominent in New York and North African art circles of the 40s & 50s and a cult figure among literary lesbians.

also presenting on the same night:

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Fri Nov 20 at 8 pm HALLELUJAH! RON ATHEY: A STORY OF DELIVERANCE. University of Buffalo Center for the Arts. Film by Catherine Saafeld. Raised in a Pentecostal home, Ron Athey grew up to become a gay, HIV-positive, sexual prophet. His entire life has been a performance - from go-go dancing in L.A. night clubs to directing elaborate productions with his troupe in Mexican cathedrals.

Nov 20 & 21 at 8 pm. NAKED STORIES, FULLY CLOTHED. Performance by New Phoenix Theatre on Johnson Park. Ron Ehmke, David Butler, Craig Centrie, Bill Thomas and Richard Lambert. Five WNY-based writers and performers join forces for the first time for an evening of stories and images exploring, among other things, what it is to be a gay man in Buffalo in the late 1990s.

Fri Nov 27 at 8 pm AN EVIDENCE OF LETTERS Performance/Literature. Sponsored by HAG Theatre, by Alexis De Veaux, René Armstrong. Staged reading of original new work by these artists, based on the real life letter correspondence between two free Black women who lived in Hartford, Connecticut in the nineteenth century, and follows their relationship as it is affected by the slavery question, the Abolitionist Movement and the Civil War. Combining historical and contemporary perspectives, it moves back and forth between the 19th & 20th centuries, as it explores the homoerotic aspect of Black women's friendships.

Sat Nov 28 at 9 pm - 1 am. THUNDERBALL. Presented by BFLO and The Imperial Court of Buffalo Hamlin House 432 Franklin Street \$20 per person, \$15 with WAYS IN Pass. Dress Code: Creative Black, leather, lace, rubber, silk, mesh, satin...


Tues Dec 1 DAY WITHOUT ART/WORLD AIDS DAY at 7 pm. Literature. just buffalo, Hallwalls presents, Cosponsored by Rockwell Center for the Performing Arts and Buffalo State College & Aids Community Services at Rockwell Hall 1300 Elmwood Ave TONY KUSHNER Pulitzer Prize winning playwright interviewed live on stage by Lorna C. Hill, Artistic Director of Ujima Theatre Company and Ron Ehmke, theatre artist, performer and writer.

Dec 3, 4, & 5, at 8 pm. MENOPAUSAL GENTLEMAN. Performance sponsored by HAG Theatre. Combining monologue, stand-up, and a blues lounge act, SHAW talks, dances and lip-synchs her way through the tortures of menopause, for a passing butch, reflecting along the way on the erotic, the existential, and the absurd.

On exhibit...

FALLING. A visual art installation by David Butler. Based on a poem written by his partner, this mythologically inspired installation will depict the potential passion, struggle, and transformation of two men in a relationship through the use of stained glass, paint, wood, and projected light.

FAIRIE VISIONS: A Radical Faerie Photo Exhibit. Charles Gustina-Richard Price-River-Keith Gemerek. A photo exhibit of works which illustrate the faerie mystique.



At Water's Edge
Original Watercolors by local artists
Evelyn Askey-Z & Kevin R. Irvin

Opening Reception: Friday, October 16
5:30 - 8:30 pm
Exhibit continues through November 1

Beacon Gallery
6831 Peach St. 868-1547

Religion & spirituality

Homosexuality and the Bible...Bad News or *Good News*???

from the Metropolitan Community Church

Lesbians and gay men face discrimination because of societal attitudes. Unfortunately, these attitudes are often taught by the church. Sadly, the Bible is often used as a weapon to "bash" gays and lesbians. It is important to remember that such hurtful things are not a reflection of Christ, or the way God wants the church to be, or even what the Bible really says. They are the products of the fallible and imperfect human beings who guide these churches.

Ultimately, a Christian's personal faith should not depend upon a particular church or clergyperson, but rather it should be solidly placed in Jesus Christ. In addition to the biased teachings of certain ministers, Scripture sometimes presents a stumbling block for people who are both homosexual and Christian.

Thoughtful Bible study reveals that the Bible does have Good News for gays and lesbians, and it does not say what you may have thought it did about homosexuals!

Understanding The Bible In A New Way...

There are at least two important things to keep in mind when reading the Bible.

First, you must always consider its context. In order to understand any writing (whether it be a letter, a speech, or even the Bible) it is necessary to understand its background. Think about who is speaking, to whom it is addressed, why it is written, and what the culture was like.

In the case of Scripture, the cultural and social context of Biblical times was very different from our own. For example, when the Bible says God commands humanity to "increase and multiply," remember, among other things, this was addressed to Israel, a small, desert nation surrounded by many enemies. They needed to "multiply" just to survive.

Secondly, the Bible began as an oral tradition and then was written in ancient languages (primarily Hebrew in the Old Testament and Greek in the New Testament)

over many centuries. It was copied and re-copied in the original languages, and then translated into other languages. As anyone who speaks or reads more than one language will understand, translating requires interpretation and personal judgement. Even with the best of intentions, translators and copyists are quite capable of human error.

*Copyright 1994 Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Revised by Nathan L. Meckley. *Originally published as Homosexuality: What the Bible Does and Does not Say c 1984. The Metropolitan Community Church, serving the spiritual needs of the GLBT community, celebrates its 30th anniversary this month. For more of this article, and a lot of other things to offer GLBT Christians, you can visit the MCC website at <http://www.ufmcc.com/menu.htm> or write UFMCC < 8704 Santa Monica Blvd., 2nd flr., West Hollywood, CA 90069, phone 310-360-8640.*

Back then...

October 1968: Metropolitan Community Church holds first service

Thirty years ago, a young gay Pentecostal minister named Troy Perry decided to form a church that would serve the special needs of the gay community.

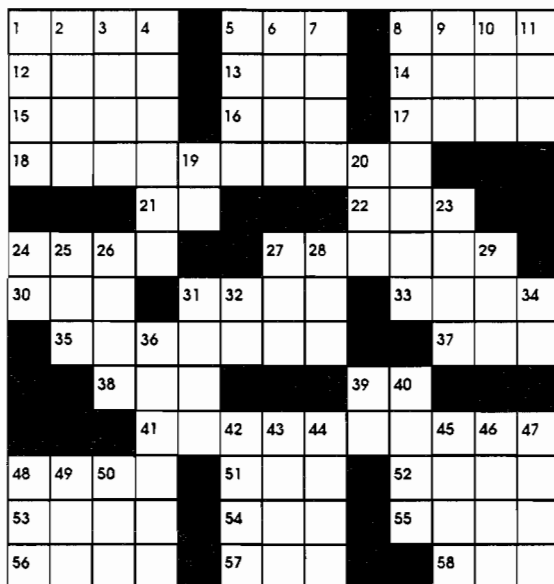
Called the Metropolitan Community Church, the first service was held in his home, and attracted about a dozen people. It grew rapidly, and soon the church was successfully raising money for its own building.

It is now the largest worldwide GLBT organization, with 300 churches all across the globe.

(For more information on MCC visit their website at <http://www.ufmcc.com>)

EGN Crossword

What do *you* call each other? by Mike Miller



Across: *Themed clues

- 1 Foam football brand
- 5 K-O connector
- 8 Type of moss
- 12 Extraordinary individual
- 13 Car club
- 14 43,560 square feet
- 15 '70's pop diva Tenille or '90's pop diva Broxton
- 16 Automotive oil additive brand
- 17 Late actor Hudson, due to AIDS
- 18 Saccharine endearment or genuinely beloved person?*
- 21 In response to drug abuse, Nancy Reagan just said this
- 22 Finish
- 24 Winged creature, or the middle finger
- 27 Mere sex partners or a devoted couple?*
- 30 Goes with tonic or with propyl alcohol
- 31 Translucent, iridescent gem
- 33 Charlie Brown exclamation
- 35 A bridegroom or one who dedicates one's life to taking care of another?*

- 37 Before metric or thermal
- 38 Short for until
- 39 Pain sufferer's cry
- 41 Female acquaintance or lifetime companion?*
- 48 Perform alone
- 51 78% Nitrogen, 21% oxygen, argon, neon, carbon dioxide,...
- 52 Run away
- 53 Agitated state
- 54 Pedal digit
- 55 *Howards End* actress Thompson
- 56 One year before jnr.
- 57 Compass point
- 58 Rowboat propellant?

Down:

- 1 Negatives
- 2 Enough, for Shakespeare
- 3 Philosopher DesCartes or (pre-op) transsexual tennis star Richards
- 4 Person one knows, loves and trusts, or euphemism for something more?*
- 5 Whip or eye-protector
- 6 Breeding partner or one of a perfectly matched pair?*
- 7 California wine growing region

- 8 Business associate or equal-status member of a deeply committed long term relationship?*
- 9 Environmentalist prefix, often with system or sphere
- 10 AIDS-related complex
- 11 William Shatner book ___ *War*
- 19 '95 Swayze-Snipes-Leguizama flick ___ *Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar*
- 20 Gun an engine
- 23 Ward with queen or race
- 24 Enjoying the company of either or both sexes
- 25 Suffix for having the qualities of something, often with boy or girl
- 26 Overwhelming defeat
- 27 Local Area Network, in geek-speak
- 28 Ancient
- 29 Abbr. for female saint
- 30 Beatles tongue-twister *Obla-di, ___-da*
- 32 Mister Kettle?
- 34 '86 Peter Gabriel album
- 36 Jargon for trendy politically correct term "significant other", or tongue-in-cheek jab at those who would attempt to apply the term to a truly loving relationship?*
- 39 '91 look at Madonna's Bland Ambition *Truth ___ Dare*
- 40 Married woman or one in whom you've placed your most intimate trust and commitment?*
- 42 Measure of interest or speed
- 43 '91 Disney hit *The ___ King*
- 44 '66 Lion-hearted epic *Born ___*
- 45 Tickle Me ___
- 46 Prefix meaning threadlike
- 47 Bland taken term of affection or someone precious valued, loved and cherished?*
- 48 Snaky sound
- 49 Yoko ___
- 50 One quarter of a kiss?



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Below is a table of the rates and sizes for ads. Please note that any ad that is paid for by the 25th of the month previous to the cover date (i.e. an ad in the September issue if paid for by August 25th) is eligible for a 10% discount. All checks are payable to "EGC Coalition".

If you are sending an ad in, you can either mail in camera ready copy or we can lay out an ad. Please do not fax us ad copy that will be directly reproduced as it is too grainy to use.

Size	Cost	Cost with Discount	Dimensions
Eighth	\$25.00	\$22.50	3" Wide by 1 3/4" Tall
Quarter	\$45.00	\$40.50	3" Wide by 3 1/2" Tall
Half	\$75.00	\$67.50	3" wide by 7" Tall OR 6" Wide by 3 1/2" Tall
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Resource Directory

This is an abbreviated version of the directory 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. http://www.jonespond.com	
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

CLOSED!!!

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. Nitely specials.

Rascals ▼

(716)484-3220

701 North Main St, Jamestown, NY. Handicap accessible. Open 3pm to 2am 7 days a week! Suns Drag shows 11 PM-1 AM \$2 cover. DJ Fri - Sun, Happy Hour 3-8 M-F, 25¢ off mixed drinks, draft and bottled beers. Mondays, Karaoke

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.

Coffeehouses and Restaurants

Aroma's Coffeehouse ▼

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/>

Cup-a-Crino'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

Earthsongs ▼ 796-6255
 210 High Street, Waterford PA, Metaphysical shop.

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

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@scapers.com Lesbigo/pride gifts, gallery. http://www.scapers.com/

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

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 11th St, Erie PA. Roadhaus@erie.net http://www.njipro.com/rh/

Erotica/Adult Bookstores

Body Language ▼ (888)GAY-PRDE (429-7733) or (216) 251-3330
 3291 W 115th St, Cleveland OH. bodylanguage@juno.com http://www.body-language.com

Modern News ▼ 1115 State St, Erie

Health

The Angel & Eagle 459-7412
 11 W 33rd St, Erie PA. lucas@erie.net. Therapeutic & Swedish massage, stress management, crystals, jewelry, research library

PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833

Info-Lines

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 Fall-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 lgiverie@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.

"You used to go to the Gay Pride Parade. Now you go to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual... By the time you're done saying it the parade's over!"

Lea DeLaria from her album Box Lunch

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 Hessed (Reform Congregation)** 454-2426
930 Liberty St, Erie PA. WWW: <http://www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/congs/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
- ConsumerCasket USA** 451-1180 or 888-480-9675
Palace Centre, 915 State St., Erie, PA 16501.
- 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)

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Crossword Solution

Write to CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. csglbp@alleg.edu

- 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. ClosetCtr@aol.com
- Covenant House Teen Hotline** 1-800-999-9999
- Identity** &
Student group for lesbian & allies at Edinboro Univ. Meets every Wednesday in Hendricks Hall 101 @8:00 pm. email: eupgbia@aol.com.
- Jamestown Comm. College Grp** ▼ (716)665-5220 ext 204
..... or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)
Open to college & non-college people. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020. Email Greg at rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjc.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 tsamias@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@sonline.net <http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/1614/>
- 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 Carry 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 Monohon)

Direct Client Services. Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transporta-
 tion, 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 Monohon 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

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

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

Painesville OH (216)354-AIDS

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (412)242-2500

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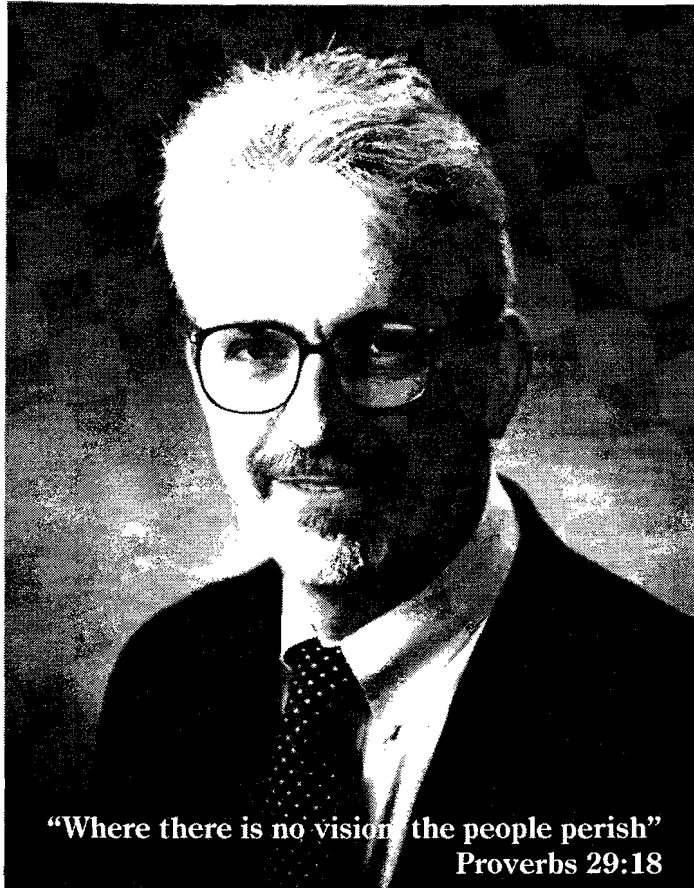
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Greg Rabb for Jamestown

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I'm running in 1999 and we will **WIN** with your hugs, advice, work, money...
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