

Calendar

Jul 3-6—Jones Pond Independence Day Weekend (Angelica NY) "Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 'Twister; Team competition at the Pool, 3rd Annual 300 Block party (open to everyone) Comedy Drag Show 9:30 pm. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

Jul 4—Happy Independence Day!

➤ **Jul 5—Womynspace: Annual 4th of July Picnic "No gathering at the U.U.** Bring a dish to share. For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713. Newcomers welcome."

Jul 6—LGLV-Erie Meets Info: Dave at 898-4210.

Jul 6—Pittsburgh Three Rivers Boat Cruise Dancing, food, good times! Tickets available locally at Embers. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate (reservations are recommended). Sponsored by Pittsburgh Tavern Guild.

➤ **Jul 6—My Home is in the Delta** with lesbian blueswoman 'Ma Rainey (who recorded the openly-lesbian "Prove It on Me Blues"), plus Ida Cox. WQLN FM 71.3 6 a.m.

➤ **Jul 7 & 8—Jean-Yves-Thibaudet performs** Out gay classical pianist will perform on two different radio programs, both at 9 p.m. on WQLN FM 91.3: *Cleveland Orchestra* 7/7 and *Concertgebouw Orchestra* 7/8.

Jul 8—HIV/AIDS Support Group - No meeting in July Will resume regular days and hours in August. For more info call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085.

➤ **Jul 11—Laura Bean at Barnes & Noble** Presenting a performance monologue entitled "Unofficial God Praise." 7:30 p.m., lower level. Part of B&N's Poet and Author reading series.

Jul 11-13—Jones Pond Leather II (Angelica NY) "Pride Weekend featuring Leather themed events. Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 'Jock' Contest. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

➤ **Jul 12—Painting Party at Unitarian Universalist Congregation** Help keep up the building that houses so many of our community's activities! 9am to noon. Info 864-9300.

➤ **Jul 12—Menspace: Bonfire at Paul's.** "Munchies will be put out. Feel free to bring a tent if you'd like to stay over."—Paul. For information, call Michael at 456-9833.

➤ **Jul 12—On Tour: Holiday Special** WNED (PBS-Buff./Ch.17) 11 p.m. Features Me'shell Ndegecello, Rickie Lee Jones, Rusted Root, others.

July 13—Dancin' in the Streets (Cleveland) Major outdoor (rain or shine) street party/benefit for AIDS task Force of Cleveland. 1:00 to 10:30 p.m. Mall "B" between Superior and St. Clair just west of Cleveland Convention Center. Entertainment from all over the country. Musical performers: Martha Wash, gay rock band Pansy Division, Shannon, Sandi B. Pretty Poison, DJs Dean Rufus and Chuck Arida. Improv comedy from Guilty Party and Something Dada, other national and regional performers. Tickets \$10 adv/\$15 day of event. Proper ID required. Info: AIDS Taskforce of Cleveland at 216-621-0766 or <http://www.atfgc.org>.



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Items to send us in July



Labor Day events
Back to School stuff
Carnivals, Fairs
July 15— Deadline for August and Early September events



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The *Erie Gay Community 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 *EGCN* 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.

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Thanks to Greg Knowles, Paul Grubbs, Lynne, Dearick Lafferman, Lynne's friend, Bill Sherow, Micheal Miller, and Deb Spilko for helping us to collate the June issue of *EGCN*! Many hands do indeed make light work!

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

Calendar

July 13—**Summer in the City Tea Dance (Buffalo)** "Fire Island style Tea Dance Hosted by the popular Buffalo gay and lesbian night clubs, Detour and Roxy's, 884 Main. Benefits AIDS Community Services of WNY. \$8 adv./\$10 door. Info 716-847-2441.

July 13—**My Home is in the Delta** "Women Sing the Blues" with two blues legends: Alberta Hunter (a lesbian) and Bessie Smith (a bisexual). 6 a.m. WQLN FM 91.3.

July 14—**Friends from the Heart Meets** 6 pm Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

July 16—**HIV/AIDS Service Network Meets** 4-6 pm at the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Paul, 134 W 7th St, Erie. Call 452-3779 for more info.

July 17—**Discovered at Sundance** This documentary focuses on the trials, tribulations and joys of four first-time independent filmmakers at the 1997 Sundance Film Festival. WNET (PBS-Buff./Ch.17).

July 17—**1997 Prom (Pittsburgh)** 8 p.m. at The Irish Centre, 6886 Forward Avenue, Squirrel Hill. Tickets \$15 adv./\$17 door from 5368 Sardis Road, Murrysville PA 15668, checks payable to TNL.

July 17—**Lilith Fair (Cleveland OH)** Fiona Apple, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Paula Cole, Tracy Bonham, Sarah McLachlan. Blossom Music Center. Res. 216-566-8184

July 18—**AIDS Benefit at Lizzie Bordon's** 3412 W 12th St. Entertainment—All local talent. All moneys collected will be donated to the Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance and Friends from the Heart. For more info, email Dearick at dearickdj@aol.com or phone 476-7109. Call 833-4059 for more info or email lizzbords@aol.com. Also see page 7 for details, or ad on back page. If you wish to donate items, call 476-7109 or email at above address.

July 18-20—**Jones Pond Mud Party (Angelica NY)** "2nd Annual Naturists Weekend. Come bare it all. Fri & Sat: Bonfire, DJ & Dancing 9pm-1am Sat Afternoon-Mud Party, Sun Pot Luck Luncheon 2pm. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

July 18-20—**11th Annual Ganowungo/Radical Faerie Gathering (Chautauqua Co.)** Gay men's Pagan gathering, primitive camping. Call Michael at 456-9833 for more info.

July 19—**10% Network: Annual Picnic at Ottoway Park (Westfield NY)** "We have the pavilion reserved in case of rain. Bring a table setting and a dish to pass. Bring along any games you wish to play, such as volleyball, croquet, bad-

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CLEVELAND

SUNDAY

JULY 13, 1997

1:00 to 10:30 p.m.

- **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
 DJ Dean Rufus of Cleveland's Jamin' 92.3
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minton, etc. We will collect for parking. Ottoway Park is located in Westfield on Rt. 5 and is across from the KOA Campgrounds. In the past we have been joined by friends from Erie and hope to be again." Info: John at (716) 484-7285.

Jul 19—2 Girls Alone at the Relay for Life Gus Anderson field at McDowell High School (38th & Caughey) 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Relay for Life benefits the American Cancer Society. Shari says, "It's a nice event, very diverse crowd, and the relay teams really seem to have fun...some folks have come to sit on the grass just to listen to us. This is our third year at this event. It is open to non-relay team folks."

Jul 21—Evening at Pops k.d. lang and Irish fiddler Ellen Ivers (*from Riverdance*). 8 p.m. WQED (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) and WNED (PBS-Buff/Ch. 17). WNED will repeat at noon 7/22.

Jul 22—LGV/AIDS Support Group Resuming in August. Will resume regular days and hours in August. Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

July 24—Laura at Aromas 7-10 p.m. at 2174 W. 8th.

Jul 25—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets Call Sharon at (216) 964-3350 for more info.

Jul 25-27—Jones Pond Christmas in July (Angelica NY) "A weekend of campsite decoration and lighting with prizes.

Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 'Santa Claus Lane' Float Parade, 'Santa on the Rooftop'. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

Jul 26—The Toilet Brush Two-Step: An evening of lesbian performance art with Laura Bean Also featuring Killer's Lesbian School of Charm and Hand Drumming with Kurt and Phyl. 8 p.m. at the Erie Art Museum Annex, 10 E 5th St 459-5477. For details see page 7.

Jul 26—2 Girls Alone at Caffe Royale 9pm-midnight.

Jul 27—PFLAG-Erie: (Topic TBA) 2:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

Jul 27—Pier 6 to the Park with People of All Colors Together (Youngstown) Meet in Mr. Paul's Bakery parking lot, 2642 Glenwood Ave. at 5 p.m. Info 330-550-0805.

Jul 27—What's So Funny About 'Romantic'? Discussion: General 10 p.m. Christopher Lowell offers tips on writing a romantic note.

Jul 28—Cathy MacIsaac (Buffalo) Erie Co. Fairgrounds. Gay musician from Nova Scotia who plays Celtic/techno mix.

Aug 1—Peter, Paul and Mary (N. Tonawanda NY) Melody Fair, 716-892-6601.

Aug 1-3—BlackOut '97 (Cleveland) Big weekend event for black gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Entertainers, nationally known DJs, workshops, social event, and Sunday picnic. Info 1-800-659-4285 or see page 12.

Aug 1-3—9th Annual Buddies Summer Festival (Buffalo) "Under the big top" at 31 Johnson. Casino gambling, bar, food, contests, live bands, plus raffle (1965 Coupe de Ville convertible). Buddies is "Buffalo's gay and lesbian community bar." Event benefits AIDS Community Services of WNY. Info 716-855-1313.

Aug 1-4—Jones Pond "Taste of Jones Pond" (Angelica NY) "1997 food celebration, sample foods from the Campground's finest Chef. Fri, Sat & Sun DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 'Continental breakfast, taste of Jones Pond 11am-6pm, Pie eating contest at 1pm, 'Canadian Bacon' Male Strip Show 9:30 pm. Sun - Tea Dance." For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

Aug 2—Womynspace: CANCELLED!!!! "No gathering at the U.U. See you in September. For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713. Newcomers welcome."

Aug 3—LGLV-Erie Meets Info: Dave Mulholland at 898-4210.

Aug 7—South County Support Meets For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown

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☛ **Aug 8-10—Jones Pond Murder Mystery (Angelica NY)**

"Join in the fun, participate and solve the crime, Saturday a mock murder will be committed, solve the mystery by Sunday morning. Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

☛ **Aug 8—Ani DiFranco, Bob Dylan (Darien Lake)** Darien Center tickets at Ticketmaster.

Aug 9—Gay Day at Canada's Wonderland (Toronto) Benefits Lesbian Gay Bi youth Line and AIDS Committee of Toronto youth work. Stage shows, late night dance, other activities. Info: 1-800-268-YOUTH or 1-416-962-7967.

☛ **Aug 11—Any Mother's Son: The Dorothy Hajdys Story** Lifetime (air time not known). Based on the story of Hajdys' son, Allen Schindler, who was beaten to death by fellow Navy seamen because he was gay. Details page 11.

☛ **Aug 11—Friends from the Heart Meets** 6 pm Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

☛ **Aug 11—Luscious Jackson, Live, Fun Lovin' Criminals (Pittsburgh)** Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheater, 1-800-LAKE MCI

☛ **Aug 12—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

Aug 12—Lilith Fair (Pittsburgh) Indigo Girls, Jewel, Shawn Colvin, Sheryl Crow, Sarah McLachlan. Tickets from Star Lake Amphitheater 800-LAKE MCI.

☛ **Aug 15-17—Jones Pond: Leather III (Angelica NY)** "Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

Aug 16—10% Network: Trip to Zoar Valley "It has been suggested that we take a trip to hike around Zoar Valley rather than Chautauqua. If interested, call Vince at 716-673-0359.

☛ **Aug 16—Cleveland Black Pride (Cleveland)** "Our day of self-recognition, Pride and communal recognition" in

Cleveland's African-American gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Info 216-556-4704.

Aug 16—Worldwide TV Broadcast: k.d. lang, Seal, Rod Stewart, Steve Winwood from Wembley Stadium Watch TV listings for air time and channel.

☛ **Aug 16—run, jane, run: Volleyball Tournament (Cleveland)** See Aug. 22-24 listing, for other events and info.

☛ **Aug 19—Sandra Bernhard (Cleveland)** Agora Theater, tickets from Ticketmaster.

☛ **Aug 20—HIV/AIDS Service Network Meets** 4-6 pm at the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Paul, 134 W 7th St, Erie. Call 452-3779 for more info.

☛ **Aug 22-24—Jones Pond: Mr. Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** "Contestants chosen from Seasonal campers including Mr. Congeniality too! Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 'Mr. Jones Pond contest 9pm. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

☛ **Aug 22-24—run, jane, run 1997 (Cleveland)** "The only amateur sports festival for women in Northeast Ohio". *Golf tournament*-Aug. 22, *3-0n-3 Basketball tournament* - Aug. 23, *5K Run* - Aug. 24. Benefits Women's Center. For info 216-651-1450.

☛ **Aug 23—2 Girls Alone at Caffe Royale** 9 pm-midnight..

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➤ **Aug 29—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Info: Sharon at (216) 964-3350.

➤ **Aug 29-Sep 1—Jones Pond: Labor Day Weekend (Angelica NY)** "Fri, Sat & Sun DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-2am. at gay/bi men's campground. Sat: 'Continental Breakfast, Keg Party at the "a" Frame, Comedy Drag Show 9:30 pm', Sun afternoon 'Hat Party', 'Puttin' on the Hits' Lip-Synch contest 9pm.. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

➤ **Aug 31—PFLAG-Erie: (Topic TBA)** 2:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

Festivals & conferences

➤ **Sept 4-10—WomenFest (Key West FL)** 305-294-4603. Cruises, comedy, tennis and golf tournaments, snorkeling, kayaking, tea dance, street fair and theater, more.

➤ **Dec 6-15—International Gay Arts Festival (key west FL)** Films, concerts, parties, art, theater, parade. Call 800-535-7797.

Repeating shows

Bodytalk—This three-part series on WQLN FM-91.3 focuses on issues and topics concerning breast cancer. Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. 7/5, 7/12, and 7/26.

Drop Dead Gorgeous—Gay HIV+ stand-up comedian Steve Moore does HIV humor. Reviews are mixed. The Advocate: "It's a gem." Washington Blade Online: "...so much of his material just isn't funny." On HBO 7/9 11:30pm, HBO2 7/18 10:30pm, 7/27 2:55am, HBO3 7/4 1:30am 7/6 10:30pm.

Women's Golf— On ESPN: 7/9 5 pm, 7/10 4pm and 8 p.m, 7/11 3:30 am, 4pm & 7:30pm



Theater

by Michael Weiss

Women Behind Bars is a hilarious satire on the typical Hollywood "B" movies of the 1950's. Mary-Eleanor, an innocent duped into crime, lands in Greenwich Village's Women's House of Detention. Presiding over this pack of female flotsam is the massive matron, Pauline Weissfurcher, who has a taste for sadism and female flesh. Poor Mary-Eleanor ends up hardened and cynical, but that's just the way it was in the movies. Mary-Eleanor finds herself among the likes of Louise, the matron's stoolie who everyone hates (including Louise); Blanche Kaminsky, a butterfly waiting for her streetcar; Jo-Jo "The Bounce" Washington, this prison's answer to Edward G. Robinson; Ceri Netherland Plaza, the big blonde whose morals were as low as her price was high; Granny-Sara Lee Crocker, a religious old lady with a chip on her tongue; Gloria Jean Kojax, a real Camel Girl—she'll walk a mile to the chair; Ada Morris - too much speed has slowed her down; Maria Guadalupe Margueritia Teresa Santanos-San Juan's greatest export.

Cast includes Bobbi B. as the matron, Roger Czulewicz as Louise, Dee Horstman as Granny, Rita Kilbane as Gloria, Rachel Androla as Guadalupe, Vickie Kaerberlein as Blanche, Hillary Steigmeyer as Ada, Carolin Prichard as Cheri, Jessica Dows as Mary-Eleanor, Vanessa Weibler as Jo Jo, and Dave DiNicola as Man.

"Sex is rampant and comically cheerful...a delirious evening of grade A tomfoolery"—NY Times

Women Behind Bars will be playing July 17-August 2 at Director's Circle 1505 State St., in Erie.

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Lesbians take stage at Art Museum Annex

by Anna D. Kartoffel

Performance art. The poetry. The plasticity. The humor. The transformation.

Laura Bean, writer and performer, reflects on the works she will be presenting in an evening of performance entitled *The Toilet Brush Two-Step*:

"A friend once told me she never felt like an adult until she was thirty. These pieces, summarily my own *Adulthood 101*, are a monument to my twenties, a god-less time when sex passed for love, and \$2.00 coffees and cheap spiral notebooks filled in the rest.

"In those binders I wrestled with my imperfect lovers, my intolerable self and a mean god, until arriving at the painful, though highly useful realization that I was the only person I should possibly do anything about.

"Defining who that self was is mostly the business of 'Iron.' God and the spiritual life have found their way into 'First Swimming Lesson,' while love relationships are the primary focus of 'Toilet Brush.'

"It's good to be thirty."

Laura Bean, an Erie native, graduated with a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing from the University of Arizona in Tucson. She recently returned from Colombia, South America, where she worked with two different theater companies. Solo works will be presented Saturday, July 26 at 8 p.m. at the Erie Art Museum Annex, 10 E. 5th.

Also featured will be Aunt Killer offering tips from Killer's School of Charm and hand-drumming with Kurt and Phyl. Go girls go!

\$3 suggested donation.

**Remember our DEADLINE is
JULY 15TH**

AIDS Benefit at Lizzy's

Once again, Lizzy Bordon's is having their AIDS Benefit on July 18 to raise money for local agencies dedicated to helping those people infected with this virus. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 to donate to The Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance and Friends from the Heart, both of which are dedicated to helping people with this virus. We are asking local businesses to participate in our cause to help local people infected with his disease. We are in need of prizes to raffle and of course cash donations are always welcome. With your help, we can reach this goal of \$3,000 to help our friends in the community that need our help. All entertainment will be local talent donating their time to this event.

If you would like to show your support for this cause, please contact me, Dearick Lafferman at (814)476-7109 or via email at dearickdj@aol.com. Thank you for your time and support in this cause.

Your friend,
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Picnic Wrap up

by Michael Mahler

First and foremost, we should thank all the folks who made Pride Erie '97 such a success. Elaine Hill, coordinator of PFLAG-Erie, gave tirelessly of her time, energy, and own funds. Dave Mulholland helped with planning and setup. Marilyn Borawski, who moved back to Erie after 20 years, called me up a week or two before the picnic asking what she could do to help and dove right in. You go girl! Thanks to Quality Markets-East Grandview, Wegman's-Peach Street, Tops-26th Street, Giant Eagle-26th and Peninsula and Coca-Cola for donating food and drink. Thanks to Clemens Zehender ("Clumsi Clemsi" the clown) for putting on a thoroughly delightful performance. (Clemens donated this to our community). Many thanks to the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie for having a beautiful and deeply moving Interfaith Pride Service. Special thanks to Rev. Terry Kime of the UU and Sr. Mary Louise of the Benedictine Sisters for putting together the Order of Service and to Elaine Hill and Rev. Lyta Seddig for their contributions

to the service. Kudos to Jeff Hill for cooking at the picnic (and dealing with the Burger Turner of Death.) Thanks to Eric Hetz for giving a ride to a young member of our community. Thanks to my husband, Micheal Miller for making signs, decorations, set up, cleanup and putting up with me. Thanks to Deb Spilko for staying at the cabin when the site had to be moved to let others know of the change. Thanks to Marilyn Borawski, Paul Grubbs, Chris Young, and Dave and everyone who helped clean up after the picnic. And you know, as long as this list is, I am certain that there are people I am still overlooking to thank, for which I apologize. I would like to thank everyone from our community who showed up and celebrated.

There were a couple of changes in this year's picnic from previous years. We had to move the site, as the cabin we had reserved had five inches of water on the floor. So we went with the pavilion by Beach 11. We also added a family portrait (Group photo) at the picnic and an Interfaith Pride Service that we hope become annual permanent traditions. The attendance count is hard to estimate, but we think that we surpassed last year's total of 125. There were many new faces, as well as some old friends. Also new to this year, WSEE-TV 35 did a story about Pride Erie, which ran on the Saturday June 14 news broadcast at 6 p.m.

I am so thrilled and moved by how beautiful and diverse our community is. I am proud that we have picnics that people can bring their parents and their children too. Events that our straight allies feel welcome at. We have a lot to celebrate about pride in the Erie area!



**Jones
Pond
Campground**

9835 Old State Road
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June 13-15 yard Sale/RV Show
June 20-22 Spring into Summer
July 3-6 Independence Day Weekend

Adult Male Camping
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Camp Store, Pool
DJ Weekends, Theme Events

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that happens
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Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

Gatherings

The **Pride Picnic** was quite nice (see previous page). Newswatch 35 came out and interviewed attendees...but they also interviewed a woman from a church (it wasn't clear if she was from an actual church picnic), asking her what she thought of the Pride event. She responded that she wasn't comfortable with it. With what? Gay people eating potato salad? Playing volleyball? Watching a clown with the kids? It used to be that anti-gay religious people cited an "immoral, unwholesome lifestyle" for being so against us. Now they're griping about gays getting to do "wholesome" things. Remember a couple years ago when that mean-spirited North East Church told Skateway Erie that they would give them a problem if they continued to allow LGLV to hold skating parties there? And then there's the Southern Baptists' boycott of the Disney Corporation because it allows Gay Day at Disney World, offers benefits for same-sex couples in committed monogamous relationships, and allowed the 35-year-old lead character of a sitcom to really fall in love for the first time in her life. We need to confront these people about their own belief systems. Two of Christ's strongest teachings were to love others and to not judge. A lot of anti-gay Christians justify their hatred with the often insincere cliché, "Love the sinner, hate the sin." But the fact is, they don't want gays to be either wholesome or unwholesome. If I may borrow from a Paula Poundstone bit, their gripe about gays seems to be, "That *breathing* thing you do...the constant in and out and in and out..."

Travel

If you travel to **Buffalo** during July and August, please note that **Rainbow Pride** will be closed on Sundays during those months.

If you're looking for cheap accommodations while visiting **Toronto**, consider Neil Wycick, on Gerrard Street. This is normally a dorm, but in the summer months they make it into an inexpensive hotel. Not for everyone, but if you want to save money and don't care about things like using a communal bathroom, it's one option. For details, call 416-977-2320.

Film & Video

Out gay British actor **Rupert Everett** plays Julia Roberts' gay friend in the newly-released comedy film *My Best Friend's Wedding*. Unlike a lot of gay-pal-of-straight-girl roles, Everett's character has a lot of substance and a life of his own.

Jodie Foster searches for Life Out There in *Contact*, opening in theaters in mid-July.

Some films that you probably won't see around here (but keep an eye out for them when you're out of town):

Butch Camp A gay male romantic comedy with Judy Tenuta as the nasty drill instructor; opens this month.

Late Bloomers (Strand) A female teacher/coach and mother/school secretary, both in their 40's, fall in love in a small town.

All Over Me A 15-year-old girl rocker's story of self-discovery. Alternative music soundtrack.

Alive & Kicking (First Look) Romantic film focusing on the relationship between a young HIV+ dancer and a middle aged AIDS counselor

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Music

Greg Ropp and his new band **5 Empty Chambers** will be releasing their new CD at the end of July. Called *Wasted and Spent*, the album was two years in the making. Ropp, who wrote all of the music and lyrics, says that this is a really personal album. "It is a brutal, upfront view of some things in life. The lyrics are gender-neutral but this was definitely a gay-friendly project. The lyrics are dark but hopeful. They're intensely personal, but not so much so that other people can't relate to them." The 32-year-old Ropp, known to some as Edinboro's Oldest Surviving Teenager, thinks the strongest appeal will be to the so-called Generation X. "It deals with things like drugs, angst, the depression that many young gay people feel...fun stuff like that," he explains.

And what about the music? "It would be labeled alternative, but I cringe at that label," says Ropp. "It's sort of a fusion between classic rock and alternative...it doesn't quite sound like Nirvana, but not quite Neil Young either."

While his former band, The Void, performed at bars a lot, Ropp plans on performing at coffeehouses and other, quieter settings. "I like to do studio lyrics that are worth listening to," he says. "In bars, a lot of times, people really aren't listening to you. We're a lot more mellow than The Void." Watch *Showcase*, *EGCN*, *In Tune* and other entertainment magazines for their performance dates.

"What I'd like to see," says Ropp, "is for people to just close the door, turn out the lights, and listen, and have the songs bring peace and happiness into their lives and realize they're not alone."

Wasted and Spent should be available by the end of this month at Record Den, Barnes & Noble, Media Play, Poppa Ropp's, Cup-A-Ccino's, 'Boro Tunes, and all area record outlets. For more info, call Ropp at 734-3014.

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Theater

Lesbian performance art will be on display on July 26 with *The Toilet Brush Two-Step*. Featured performer will be **Laura Bean**. Also appearing will be a personal favorite of mine, **Aunt Killer**, offering tips from her Lesbian School of Charm, plus hand-drumming with **Kuri** and **Phyl**. Erie Art Museum Annex, 10 East 5th Street in downtown Erie. \$3 donation. For more details see the write-up on page 7.

Directors Circle will present *Women Behind Bars* July 17 through August 2. It's a spoof on women in prison movies (see write-up on page 6). Bobbi B plays the Matron, a role that Divine played during its original theatrical run.

Television

Paula Poundstone will be appearing regularly as the Roving Reporter on **Rosie O'Donnell**.

If you tuned in to **WQLN** in June to watch *The Times of Harvey Milk* or other programs, you may have been surprised to see the program you expected was not airing. That's because the station had a serious accident and had to switch directly to national PBS satellite feed. It seems that a truck driver got lost on his way to the landfill and managed to damage a guy line of a transmission tower. Afraid that the tower might fall and smooosh WQLN employees, station management sent them home and switched to the national feed. At this point, things are happily back to normal.

On the Discovery Channel's **Interior Motives**, host **Christopher Lowell** offers all kinds of tips for home decorating and entertaining. However, you probably won't care for the show if you're bothered by the stereotype of

"Maybe Jesus knew that we're all sinners, in one way or another. Maybe he recognized that, in some cases, one person's sin is another's salvation.

"If Jesus were alive today, we might find him on Splash Mountain with a gay group from Abilene, wiping water from his eyes, laughing and singing along, 'Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay!'"

—Susan Ager
religious writer for Knight-Ridder

a gay interior designer who gets positively giddy over themes like "Slipcover Savvy" and "Marvelous Molding." The show airs 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.; episodes in each time slot are different.

ABC has axed **Relativity**, which featured Lisa Edelstein as the lesbian sister of the male lead. The network cited low ratings in pulling the critically-acclaimed drama... a predictable outcome of putting a drama aimed at younger people into a Saturday night time slot.

In 1992, Navy seaman Allen Schindler was beaten to death by two Navy shipman, because he was gay. Schindler's mother Dorothy Hajdys struggled to bring her son's murderers to justice, and succeeded. She also struggled to bring this story to American viewers, taking it to all four networks and several cable channels. Finally, the Lifetime Channel accepted the project, and the movie **Any Mother's Son: The Dorothy Hajdys Story** will premier on August 11. Check listings for time.

Bill Brochtup, who played the gay secretary in *NYPD Blue*, came out in an issue of *People* magazine.

I understand a new season of **The Real World** is coming up in July, but can't find any other details on it, or whether they'll have a gay or lesbian cast member this time.

AMC will be saluting **Tarzan** movies a number of evenings during June. Was Johnny Weissmuller gay? You guys wish. It's probably crossing some line to include it here, but actually it was Cheeta the chimp. According to Maureen O'Sullivan (who played Jane), Cheeta had a major crush on Weissmuller. The chimp's feelings were so obvious that they had to film him from the waist up at times. The producers tried to correct the problem, but the make-up and props departments both refused to have anything to do with Cheeta's thing. Cheeta was also violently jealous of O'Sullivan and sometimes tried to attack her when she came near Weissmuller. Don't expect AMC to go into this, but if you want to check out these silly but classic movies, look at AMC listings during the evenings, especially July 14, 17, 18, and 27.

Bars

Chriss at **Sneakers** reports these changes: "We are now open Monday through Sunday from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. with Musical Mastery Mary as DJ on Friday and Saturday. Also Karaoke every other Sunday."

Correction: **Lizzy's** patio opens at 9 p.m., not 8 p.m.

Cyberspace

The Movie Stop downtown now has Internet access. Adults can get unlimited access to the web as well as chat rooms (no "cyber patrol"!). Cyber area is in a room off the side of the store. Also, the store has a color ink jet printer. Ask at the store for prices and details.

Lizzy Bordon's now has an email address: lizzbords@aol.com.

The email address and web site for **The Embers** are not currently active.

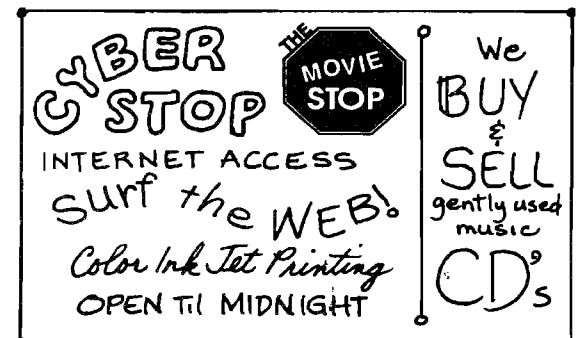
Sports

Even lesbians who don't go for sports were huddled around the historic June broadcast of the first **WNBA** (Women's National Basketball Association) game. For right now, the newly-formed WNBA is counting on TV broadcasts to build support for their efforts. You can get the whole schedule on the web at <http://www.wnba.com/> The schedule sort of goes like this: *Fridays*: evenings on Lifetime; *Saturdays*: afternoons on NBC; *Mondays* (during July): ESPN at 7:30 p.m.; *Tuesdays* (during August) ESPN 7:30 p.m.

You can catch **women's softball in Cleveland** at Forest Hills Park on Lee Road just north of Monticello... games on Friday evenings and Tuesdays at 7 and 8 p.m.

If you have it in your budget to get to Europe note that **Amsterdam Gay Games** will be held August 1-8, 1998. www.dds.nl/~gaygames/index2.html

Another exotic travel event for 1998 is the **International Gay and Lesbian Bowling Association 18th Annual Tournament**. It will be held in Cleveland May 20-24. For info call Brian at 216-481-3236.



Local & area news

Openly gay man nominated to run for Jamestown City Council seat

by Greg Rabb

The Jamestown Democratic Committee made history on Wednesday June 4 when it nominated me as an openly-gay Democrat for one of three at-large positions on the Jamestown City Council. (A nice touch for gay pride month.) Now the hard part starts. I have a little less than five months to convince Jamestown to vote for me in enough numbers to give me one of the three seats. The nice part of this type of election is that I really only need to get the third highest vote total city-wide to win, but I'm aiming higher.

For the next three weeks or so I will be concentrating on getting enough signatures to get on the ballot. In the meantime, I have appointed a campaign manager—Joshua Harris. Josh is young and straight, so we are sending a message that I am a candidate for all of Jamestown, not just gays.

I will welcome any help I can get. Donations (as small as \$5) are welcome. Checks can be made payable to "Rabb for Jamestown" and sent to: Gregory P. Rabb, 518 Lakeview Avenue, Jamestown, NY 14701.

My treasurer is Martha Zenns—a bisexual woman. Now all I need is a lesbian on the team and I'm all set.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the campaign can reach me at the above address, through email or at 716-664-9174 or 716-665-5220 Ext. 204

Later in summer and fall, I will need folks to do literature drops and will welcome help from all. People from some distance are welcome to stay overnight as my guest at my swell house. I'll keep you up to date.

I've worked with the committee for two years to get this nomination and I finally did it. Unfortunately because I was out of town at the time, I was unable to enjoy my success.

In addition to the Democratic Party nomination, I recently also received the Independence Party endorsement. So I will have two lines on the November ballot.

August Black gay pride events in Cleveland

August brings the debuts of two separate but related Pride events for the black gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities in Cleveland (people outside Cleveland are welcome as well).

BlackOut 97 will be held August 1, 2 and 3. Its organizers, BlackOut Productions, describe it as "nationally billed, first rate entertainment and cultural event, targeted toward the African-American Gay and Lesbian Community." Friday will see a VIP reception and "Show Out!" Saturday will see workshops and other activities: (*Session I: Identity, Family Relationships, Relationships for Mature gay and Lesbian Person; Session II: Church, Career Options, Living With AIDS, Legal Options, Session III: Networking, Being Black and Gay, Holistic Identity approach*), and "Workout!". Sunday there will be a picnic at Edgewater Park on Cleveland's near west side. For more info call 1-800-659-4285. Proceeds will benefit Men of Color Concerned About AIDS (MOCCAA).

The first-ever gay Cleveland Black Pride will be held August 15, 16 and 17. The event will feature comedy, music, film workshops, and a picnic at Edgewater Park on Sunday. (Cleveland Mayor Michael White will read a proclamation at the picnic). On Friday, people wanting to party will head to Numbers Nite Club for Pride night. On Saturday, they'll go to Ohio City Oasis. For more information call 216-556-4704, or check the *Gay People's Chronicle*.



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Job discrimination bill reintroduced

Sponsors Cite Record Support From Lawmakers, Voters

by Human Rights Campaign

WASHINGTON, June 10—A bipartisan coalition of senators and congressmen reintroduced the Employment Non-Discrimination Act today, a bill that would make it illegal under federal law to discriminate in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation.

The five lead sponsors held a news conference to spotlight the record level of support for the measure among lawmakers and the public. The bill—known as ENDA—is a top legislative priority for the Human Rights Campaign in this Congress.

"This bill is about equal rights in the workplace for all Americans," said Human Rights Campaign Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

"The Employment Non-Discrimination Act rises above partisan, religious and regional differences—and support is growing as more people learn that job discrimination based on sexual orientation is legal in most of the country."

ENDA would protect Americans from job discrimination based on sexual orientation. It would prohibit quotas, and it would not apply to religious organizations, businesses with fewer than 15 employees or the military.

Current federal law does not protect Americans from discrimination in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation. In 39 states, an employer may legally fire workers solely because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or heterosexual. Eleven states have laws prohibiting such discrimination. California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin have had these laws on the books for a number of years; Maine and New Hampshire enacted such laws earlier this spring.

Incidents of such discrimination are widespread. In nine of the 11 states where there is legal protection, more than 2,000 complaints of job discrimination based on sexual orientation have been recorded.

Victims of workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation were on hand at the June 10 news conference, conducted by Sens. James Jeffords, R-VT., Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Joseph I. Lieberman, D-

Conn., and Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Barney Frank, D-Mass.

First introduced in June 1994, ENDA came within one vote of passage in the Senate last September. At its reintroduction on June 10, ENDA already had more co-sponsors than it had garnered by the close of the 104th Congress last year.

"ENDA is emerging as a common-sense measure as the public learns that countless Americans still work in fear, knowing they can legally be fired from their jobs because of discrimination based on sexual orientation," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's legislative director. "With a record level of broad-based support, we have a solid chance of passing ENDA in this 105th Congress."

President Clinton and Vice President Gore reaffirmed their strong support for ENDA at a White House meeting April 24 with HRC's Birch and other leaders from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. In a statement supporting ENDA, the president referred to the vast majority of states without legal protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation. "Those who face



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this kind of job discrimination have no legal recourse, in either our state or federal courts. This is wrong," Clinton said.

The president, who first endorsed ENDA in October 1995, said the bill is about "ensuring that Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation, can find and keep their jobs based on their ability and the quality of their work. It is designed to protect the rights of all Americans to participate in the job market without fear of unfair discrimination. I support it and I urge all Americans to do so. And I urge Congress to pass it expeditiously."

Also in April, the Human Rights Campaign released the results of a national bipartisan poll demonstrating that an unprecedented 68 percent of voters support passage of ENDA—including 59 percent of Republicans, 69 percent of independents and 79 percent of Democrats. In addition, voters in every region of the country strongly support the measure, with 77 percent of Americans favoring it in the Northeast, 71 percent in the Midwest, 68 percent in the West, and 62 percent in the South.

The national survey of 1,000 adults who indicated they are registered to vote was conducted April 8-10 by The Tarrance Group, a Republican firm, and Lake Sosin Snell & Associates, a Democratic polling company. The survey's overall margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percent.

In addition, an earlier national survey found that Christians support passage of a federal law like ENDA by 63 percent to 27 percent.

That poll of 1,007 voters was conducted Nov. 5-8, 1996, by Greenberg Research Inc., and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percent.

At its reintroduction, ENDA had already earned a record number of cosponsors -- but more are needed to move the bill forward.

Act Now! Urge your U.S. senators and representative to protect Americans from job discrimination based on sexual orientation by supporting and cosponsoring the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). Refer to the bill by its full name and number — S. 869 in the Senate, and H.R. 1858 in the House.

Call your senators and representative through the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. If you aren't sure who your members of Congress are, just ask the switch-

board operator and you will be informed and then connected.

You can also send electronic messages to Congress through the Human Rights Campaign's online action center at <http://www.hrc.org>.

Write to Congress through the mail as well. Include your name and address, and send your politely worded letter to:

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The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that lesbian and gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community. Contact info: Human Rights Campaign, 1101 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005 email: hrc@hrc.org WWW: <http://www.hrc.org>

Bowers confesses to adultery and hypocrisy

Michael Bowers, the right wing ex-attorney general who defended Georgia's notorious 1986 anti-sodomy law in the landmark decision *Bowers v. Hardwick*, has admitted to committing adultery (adultery is also illegal in Georgia). Bowers made the confession in a June 5 interview as a candidate for governor.

The period of time that he was committing adultery not only included 1986, but also 1991, when he withdrew a job offer to an attorney after he learned she was a lesbian and planning to marry her partner. Bowers informed the woman, Robin Shahar, that he could not "separate the way someone does their job from the way they respect the law," an apparent reference to the fact that under Georgia law, she would be performing illegal sexual acts with her partner.

Bowers intends to stay in the race for governor.

HRC launches pro-Disney campaign to help the families of sick children

by the Human Rights Campaign Fund

WASHINGTON, June 26—With stuffed animals in hand, staff members of the Human Rights Campaign kicked off a nationwide effort today encouraging HRC members and other fair-minded Americans to counter the Southern Baptist Convention's anti-gay boycott of the Walt Disney Company by purchasing Disney gift certificates and donating them to children in hospitals throughout the country.

"This is an effort to turn something negative into something positive by countering the Disney boycott with the spirit of family, caring, compassion and community," said David M. Smith, HRC's senior strategist. "Our members wanted to be truly family-friendly by helping children in need while supporting Disney's commitment to fairness."

HRC staffers launched the campaign by donating \$5,000 worth of Disney stuffed animals to children in Washington-area hospitals. HRC has called on its more than 200,000 members, and other Americans who don't want to see Disney punished for its equitable policies, to buy gift certificates for Disney retail stores, theme parks and movies and donate them to children in hospitals nationwide.

HRC is making organizing suggestions available to anyone who wants to participate in the project. These materials can be obtained by calling the Human Rights Campaign at (202) 628-4160 or visiting its online action center at <http://www.hrc.org>.

At the request of HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch, HRC supporter and financial writer Andrew Tobias made a \$5,000 contribution to kick off the effort.

"The Southern Baptists have a right to their opinion," said Tobias, "but somehow I find it hard to believe that if Jesus were alive today, he would condemn Disney for providing health care to sick people, or condemn Ellen DeGeneres for being her loving, funny, honest self." On June 18 at its annual meeting in Dallas, the Southern Baptist Convention called for a nationwide anti-gay boycott of Disney and all its subsidiaries. Among the factors

contributing to that decision were Disney's willingness to allow gay people to visit its theme parks, its policy of extending equal benefits to the domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees, and its decision to allow the star of its ABC sitcom *Ellen* to become the first lead character on network television to honestly acknowledge being gay.

"We hope HRC's effort will do some good while demonstrating that—unlike the Southern Baptist Convention—most Americans recognize that faith, family and fairness go together," said Donna Red Wing, HRC's National Field Director.

A current *Newsweek* poll suggests that most Americans disagree with the Southern Baptists' decision, with fewer than one in five people saying that their families would go along with the boycott. The telephone poll of 753 adults was conducted June 19-20 by Princeton Research Associates and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent. Smith also pointed to other recent polls showing that 70 percent of Christians believe gay and lesbian people should be protected from discrimination in the workplace, compared to 23 percent who don't. Sixty percent of evangelicals share this belief, while 34 percent do not.

Those polling results come from a national survey of 1,007 voters conducted Nov. 5-8, 1996, for the Human Rights Campaign by Greenberg Research Inc. The poll's margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percent.

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Lambda Literary winners

by Kanani Kouka, senior editor *Lambda Book Report*

The Ninth Lambda Literary Awards showcase the maturing talent and power of the gay and lesbian literary community. This year's awards see the addition of the third new category in as many years: Transgender. The winner of this new category, *Body Alchemy* (Cleis), Loren Cameron's photographic story of his own transformation from female to male, also won in the Small Press category, and was a finalist in the Photography/Visual Arts Category.

The Lammys are an independent, juried award, selected by a rigorous, three-tiered process that draws on the talents and insights of literally thousands of gay and lesbian readers, writers, booksellers and critics. From November through January of every year, nominations are solicited from readers, publishers and the general public: this year, over 50,000 nominating forms were distributed nationally and internationally. An ad hoc committee selects five finalists in each category from the hundreds of books nominated. Finally, panels of judges select the best book in each category by secret ballot.

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Split Britches Sue-Ellen Case, editor (Routledge)

Small Press

Body Alchemy Loren Cameron (Cleis)

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Good Moon Rising Nancy Garden (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)

Transgender

Body Alchemy Loren Cameron (Cleis)

Editors' Choice

Tennessee Williams' Letters to Donald Windham 1940-1965 Donald Windham, editor (University of Georgia Press)

Back then...

20 years ago...

The first explicitly gay single hit the charts. Rod Stewart's ballad, "The Killing of Georgie" told the story of a young gay man who was killed in a bashing. The lyrics celebrated Georgie's short life and ended with "Georgie was a friend of mine."

25 years ago...

The first gay man and lesbian spoke at a national presidential convention on July 12, 1972.

After a decade of being criticized for making decisions in "closed, smoke-filled rooms," the Democratic Party opened up its 1972 convention in a way it had never been before. George McGovern, the liberal frontrunner and then nominee, encouraged bringing in many of the individuals and groups involved in the progressive social movements of the 1960's

Madeline Davis was one of the people invited to speak. Davis is a Buffalo lesbian who was then active with the Niagara Frontier Mattachine Society (an early gay rights organization). Jim Foster was the chairman of the Society for Individual Rights.

Davis and Foster weren't able to give their speeches till the early hours of the morning, but CBS cameras were still rolling, and a historic landmark had taken place.

In Davis' speech, she told the audience, "We have suffered the gamut of oppression, from being totally ignored to having our heads smashed and our blood spilled in the streets. Now we are coming out of our closets and onto the convention floor to tell you, the delegates, and to tell all gay people throughout America, that we are here to put an end to our fears."

Davis spoke in Edinboro a couple years after her historic speech. She told the audience that at the time she had accepted the offer to speak, she wasn't out, even to her co-workers at the library where she worked. She wanted to come out to them before the convention, and with great difficulty struggled with what to say as they sat around the table at break. When she finally told them, they cheerily told her, "Oh, we already knew that!"

And George McGovern? For a number of reasons, he lost a lot of the support he had built, and Richard Nixon was re-elected in a massive landslide.

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"Bareback" sex: check your brain at the door

It's as bizarre as the Heaven's gate cult and its believers are as gullible. Gay columnist Michelangelo Signorile recently wrote about a "small but growing" subculture of men who do not care if they get HIV, have sex parties where condoms aren't used, and in some cases welcome HIV, calling it "the gift" and throwing parties when they become infected.

In his column "Bareback and Reckless" in the July issue of *Out* magazine, Signorile writes about the "bareback sex" trend. To a large extent, he attributes its practice to a mistaken belief that protease inhibitors have all but cured HIV/AIDS. But at least some of these men also seemed determined to not hear the truth. When one interviewee, "Pete," says HIV is no longer a big deal because of these drugs, Signorile tries to inform him: that these drugs sometimes stop working, that they often cause horrible side effects, that they may be toxic in the long run. At the end, "Pete" responds, "It is a big deal. But it's manageable." "Pete" was hardly uneducated; he worked in the healthcare industry.

One trend that Signorile found "frightening" was the eroticization of HIV (on one bareback Web site men talked about getting "that hot poz load") These men try to infect others or become infected. The thinking apparently goes: If I become positive, I won't have to worry about safer sex anymore, and can simply enjoy sex. The protease inhibitors will make that all possible.

He also criticized *Poz* magazine which "seems to eerily glamorize AIDS." The HIV/AIDS magazine recently ran a piece about the pleasures of bareback sex, and *Poz's* HIV+ editor said he "can't comment" on whether or not negative men should go bareback.

Bareback contacts were made online, in clubs and at "circuit parties."

Signorile also noted that quite a few of the bareback men regard safer sex programs as "sex-negative" and anti-gay.

"Will we be able to sustain wave after wave of HIV infection?" Signorile writes. "What if protease inhibitors go the way of AZT and begin to fizzle out? How will we continue to get hard-fought funding from the government, and compassion from our liberal friends, when they learn that a small but growing group of people within our own community are behaving recklessly and selfishly? How can many lesbians and a great many gay men themselves not throw their hands in the air, rightly disgusted and anguished?"

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Ellen corrections and connections

First, a correction and clarification about the feature we ran about Ellen last month. In the listing of the Top 3 TV specials of all time (in which Ellen's "Puppy Episode" ranked third, the figure 42 million viewers was cited. This may confuse people who have heard the figure 36 million viewers. But the 36 million statistic refers to the number of *households* that the Nielsen ratings company calculated were watching. Since it is safe to assume that not all these 36 million viewers were sitting home alone, the number was adjusted upward... You can check the exact numbers by looking at the Nielsens at <http://www.ultimatetv.com/news/nielsen/> Click on "Archives" and go to the week you want.

One paragraph in our feature read, "'The Puppy Episode' had the third most watched Nielsen ratings of any show during the week it was broadcast..." In fact, the episode was *the* most watched episode for that week, and the *third* most watched television episode of all time.

The advertising amounts were quoted as they appeared in particular publications; there were some discrepancies, but we ran them as they appeared.

If you are interested in some tie-ins from the coming out episode(s) of Ellen, here goes:

Jenny Shimizu (the out Asian lesbian model in leather that was in Ellen's dream sequence) can be seen in *Foxfire*, which has a lesbian subplot. **Billy Bob Thornton** directed *Sling Blade*, featuring John Ritter in an excellent portrayal of a rural gay man. Video comes out late in July. **Chastity Bono** (who played a therapist at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center) can be occasionally be seen as a wee one on her parents' corny, dopey 1970's variety show *The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour* (9 p.m. weeknights on Nick at Night's TV Land). **Gina Gershon** is in the sexy but brutal film *Bound*. **k.d. lang** has a new album out called *Drag* and can be seen acting (sort of) in the movie *Salmonberries*.

Everyone wondered where **Martina Navratilova** was during Ellen's coming out episode. In an interview in the July issue of Pittsburgh's *Out*, Martina explains that she was invited to appear in the episode, and wanted to, but her parents had come over from Czechoslovakia.

Erie's Most Popular Adult Theater/Bookstores

**FILMORE
NEWS**

2757 W.12th Street

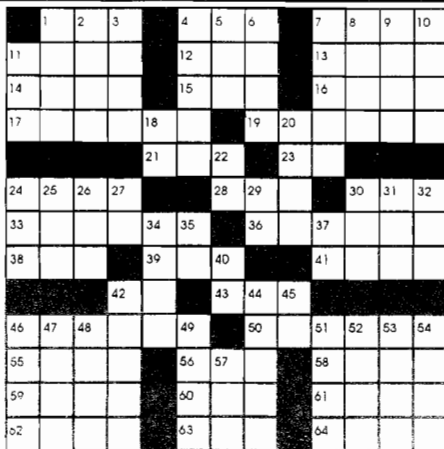
**MODERN
NEWS**

1113 State Street

- ★ Private Video Rooms
- ★ XXX- Magazines
- ★ Video Trade Rental Program
- ★ Doc Johnson's Toys for Joy
- ★ Two Mini-Video Theatres
- ★ Video-Go-Round Booths
- ★ Buddy Booths

We've got the hots for you!





Across: *July Birthdays

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- 4 Past tense of do
- 7 Emerald isle
- 11 Accessory for drag queen?
- 12 French king
- 13 Gender bending Kinks hit
- 14 U.K. native to a Yank
- 15 Keith Meinhold rank (abbr.)
- 16 Mischievous Norse god
- 17 & 19 "Every man's wife and every woman's husband"
- 21 Fast, booming plane
- 23 Tin, to a chemist
- 24 A Lowe brother
- 28 She's one of the *Animaniacs*
- 30 Emergency Medical Technician
- 33 Divine co-star Tab*
- 36 "Beautiful Dreamer" composer*
- 38 Toronto's prov.
- 39 What cows chew
- 41 Name for a gay man?
- 42 _____/D.C.
- 43 Village People leader
- 46 Androgynous Stones leader*
- 50 Gay, French author Marcel*
- 55 Dark, richly textured wood
- 56 Passé piercing site?
- 58 Practice for a fight
- 59 Nickname for young Lincoln?
- 60 Firearms advocacy org.
- 61 Solitary, like the Ranger
- 62 Belonging to actress Martin
- 63 Sound of disappointment
- 64 French wave

Down:

- 1 Religious mentor

- 2 Man's name
- 3 Relating to the eye (pl.)
- 4 Attire for lipstick lesbian?
- 5 Charged Particle
- 6 Frisbee shape
- 7 Out lesbian actress, or her show
- 8 Belonging to Kanga's kid
- 9 Actress Chase
- 10 What skag drag performer lacks?
- 11 Sandwich initials
- 18 You and me
- 20 Regarding
- 22 Gridder's goal
- 24 Comedienne Margaret
- 25 Attila was one
- 26 Pride picnic pest
- 27 Betty Ford Center event
- 29 Originating from
- 30 Airport guess-timate
- 31 French sea
- 32 Attempt
- 34 _____ *Homo*
- 35 Ms. Paul?
- 37 Dominatrix' forté
- 40 Washington, _____
- 42 1985 Fonda flick _____ of God
- 44 Queen of talk, Winfrey
- 45 Public Relations, for short
- 46 Gay, French writer, artist Cocteau*
- 47 '70's Swedish supergroup
- 48 1935 West vehicle _____ to Town
- 49 Monthly bill, or Broadway hit
- 51 Norwegian capital
- 52 Rogers play *Once _____ a Mattress*
- 53 Poetess George*
- 54 Maple, for one
- 57 Circle section

Resource Directory

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 Community 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
- DunDonald House (800) 260-7227 or (416) 961-9888
35 DunDonald St, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Bed & breakfast
- Jones Pond Campground (716)567-8100
9836 Old State Rd, Angelica NY. Adult male camping, 135 sites, water & electric, camp store, pool, DJ weekends, theme events
- Rocking Duck Inn (716)968-3335
28 Genesee Parkway, Cuba NY. Near Olean, 100 miles from Erie. Gay-owned Bed & Breakfast. May be closing in mid-June! Call first!
- Whistle Stop Bed and Breakfast (905)871-1265
Niagara Region, Ontario, Canada. \$65 / Night including breakfast for two.

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 ▼ (216)964-9935
1022 Bridge St, Ashtabula OH. Open 7 days, 7 pm. - 2:30 am, food til 1:30 am. Fri & Sat - \$1 cover. Mon \$1 burgers, Wed Wings AIDS Food Pantry collection site.
- Lizzy Bordon's Part II ▼ 833-4059
3412 W 12th St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat. 9pm-2am. DJ Music. Wed. Country Line Dancing. Fri & Sat-90's Dance Music. Shows on some Fridays. Email lizzbards@aol.com
- 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.
- Sneakers ▼ (716)484-8816
100 Harrison, Jamestown, NY. Open Mon-Sun 2pm-2am. Musica! Mastery Mary as DJ on Friday and Saturday. Also Karaoke every other Sunday. Email artemis@epix.net

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. Gay friendly, nonsmoking coffeehouse, retail store. whole bean sales. Sandwiches, salads, soups and desserts. Large quiet deck in good weather. Bike rack. Plenty of free reading material and games. Smoking permitted on deck. Web site <http://www.ncinter.net/~aromas/>

la bella bistro 454-3616
 556 W 4th St, Erie PA. Lunches Wed-Fri 11:30 pm-2:00 pm. Dinners Wed-Sat 5:00-10:00 pm. No liquor license, but welcome to bring own alcoholic beverages. Fine dining restaurant, price range from 10.00-25.00, average \$12.00 per entree. Gay friendly, transgendered individuals welcome. Romantic ambience, wheelchair accessible. Smoking and nonsmoking sections available. Catering services and party rooms available.

Coffeelight © 451-6976
 Located in the main concourse of the new library/maritime museum complex, 17 East Front Street. Hours: (Same as the library-will change as library/museum hours change) Mon & Tue 9-9, WT & F 9-8 and Sat 9-5. Gay friendly, nonsmoking coffeehouse serving a wide array of baked goods, desserts, sandwiches, soups, salads and snacks. Wheelchair accessible.

Cap-o-Gallo's ☞ 456-1511
 12 North Park Drive Erie PA. Pasta pizza/steak house. Mon-Wed 7:00 pm - 9 pm, Thurs-Fri 7:00 pm - 12 noon, Sat 9 am-10:30 pm, Sun 10 am-7 pm. Gay-friendly for adults 18+. Outdoor computer club, non-smoking section, retail store. Poetry and story night on Thursdays. Live music most Saturdays, some Fridays. Wheelchair accessible. Ask a clerk for cyclists.

Land 454-8797
 17 W 9th St, Erie PA. In Yullio Towers. Open Mon-Wed 7am-2pm, Thurs 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 10am-9pm.

Computer & Graphics Services

DannyBoy Web Design Services 476-0108 (Voice or Fax)
 Email DannyBoy@erie.net or check their website at <http://www.erie.net/~dannyboy>

Integrity Computers 453-3227
 3119 Pine Ave, Erie PA. Contact Jill Wiggins and Mary Lynn Rote

Counseling

Louanne Burton, Ph.D. 871-7682
Chautauqua Co. Gay Infoline (716)679-3560
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
Family Medical (Warren PA) 726-3310
Well Being Center ▼ 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

Erotica/Adult Bookstores

Body Language ▼ (888)GAY-PRDE (429-7733) or (216) 251-3330
 3291 W 115th St, Cleveland OH. Email bodylanguage@juno.com Web <http://members.aol.com/bodyla3649>

Erotic massage 474-5356
Filmore News ▼ 2757 W 12th St, Erie
Modern News ▼ 1115 State St, Erie

Funding and Fund-raising

Lambda Foundation (412)521-5444
 P.O. Box 5169, Pittsburgh PA 15206
Imperial Court 266 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo NY

Health

PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833
Patrick McNamara, Lic. Massage Therapist (716)679-3430

Info-Lines

Buffalo (716)883-4750
Chautauqua County (North) (716)679-3560
Chautauqua County (South) (716)484-8434
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) 421-0114 (M-F 6:30-9:30 pm, Sat 3-6 pm)
Toronto (416)964-6600 (M-S 7-10 pm)

Legal

John Cooper, Esq. 455-3436

Miscellaneous

Allegheny College Bookstore ▼
 Cochran Hall Lower Level, Meadville PA. Full service independent book store
Barnes & Noble ▼ 864-6300
 5909 Peach St, Erie PA
Directors Circle Theatre ▼ 454-0636
 1505 State St, Erie PA
Disc-Go-Round 864-1844
 6825 Peach St, Erie between Taco Bells & Fridays
Karen's Skin Care Studio 833-3355 or 838-4802
 2554 W 8th St, Erie PA. (Execu-Fit) Licensed Esthetician
Movie Stop 453-7696
 1229 State St, Erie PA. Also stores in McKean, Meadville & Oil City. Web site <http://www.moviesstop.com/>
Pal Prescription Pharmacy 455-8597
 1238 W 6th St, Erie PA
Poppa Ropp's Video ▼ 734-3014
 Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA
Poster Annex/U Frame It 455-1999
 717 Liberty St, Erie PA Poster, prints, cards, ceramic tiles, creative custom framing
Rainbow Pride Gift Shop ▼ (716) 881-6126
 175 Hodge St (corner of Elmwood Ave), Buffalo NY
Roadhouse Theatre ▼ 456-5656
 145 W 12th St, Erie PA. Email Roadhouse@erie.net
Talking Leaves ▼ (716) 837-8554
 3158 Main St, Buffalo NY. Email talklvbk@fcs-net.com

Political/Advocacy Organizations

League of Gay & Lesbian Voters 898-4210 (Dave Mulholland)
 Nonpartisan voters group. Publishes Voters' Guide for elections, voter registration/education, lobbying, advocacy. Meets first Sun. Call for location. Write to LGLV-

Publications

Erie Gay Community News 456-9833
 PO Box 3063, Erie PA 16508-0063. Fax 452-1392, Email egcn@ncinter.net or see our website at <http://www.ncinter.net/~egcn/>

Religious Organizations

Temple Anshe Hessed (Reform Congregation) 454-2426
 930 Liberty St, Erie PA. Website is <http://www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/congspa/pa007/>

Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal) 452-3779 (Rev. Kay Johnson),
 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.

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

Rainbow Connection 814-726-1808 (Fred Adams)
 220 Onondaga Ave, Warren PA 16365. Social group for Warren PA area. Call for meeting time/place.

Womynspace Coffeehouse ▼ 454-2713 (Sal)
 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.

Student Organizations/Youth

Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP, Allegheny College, Meadville) ▼ 332-4368 (Nancy) or 332-4375 (Erny)

A committee of students, faculty, & administrators who work together to educate, bring speakers, offer films, and address concerns that relate to gay and lesbian issues specific to the Allegheny Community. Write to CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. Email to csglbp@alleg.edu

Closet Culture 899-6528 (Mark)
 Focuses on social activities. Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area. Write to: PO Box 529, Edinboro PA 16412. Email ClosetCltr@aol.com

Covenant House Teen Hotline 1-800-999-9999

GLBSU/SUNY-Fredonia (716) 673-3149 or 673-3139
 Meets 10pm Fall & Spring semesters at Resource Room/Old Bookstore at SUNY-Fredonia. Email glbsu000@ginko.alt.fredonia.edu

Identity & 732-2555 (Dr. Dave Herendeen)
 Student group for lesbigay & allies at Edinboro Univ. Write to Identity, c/o Dr. Herendeen, Edinboro Univ, Heather Hall, Edinboro, PA 16440

Jamestown Comm. College Grp ▼ (716)665-5220 ext 204 or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)

Peer counseling & support attempting to live fulfilling, open, integrated lives as lesbigay people in W NY & NW PA. Open to college & non-college people. Meeting date, time & place vary. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020. Email to Greg at rabbgp@ccw22.cc.sunycc.edu.

National Runaway Switchboard 1-800-621-4000

SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU (716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
 Meets Tuesdays at 8pm in Williams Center. All welcome. Email to glbsu0000@fredonia.edu.

Teen Hotline (412)771-8336

Trigon (Penn State Behrend) 898-6081 or (Sue Daley) 898-6164

For Behrend students, faculty, alumni. Write: College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Rd, Erie, PA 16563. Email to Danny at trigon@psu.edu or check their website: <http://www.clubs.psu.edu/trigon>

Support Groups

Erie Sisters

Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Saturday, newsletter, Interview with a club officer required before 1st mtg. Write: Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8 St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505. Email eriesister@aol.com

Lambda Group—Gay AA ▼ 452-2675

Alcoholics Anon for Lesbigans. Open discussion. Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway. Open to all Lesbigans who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone.

Northcoast Rainbow Families 868-0069 (Christopher)

..... (716) 366-1453 (Judy)

Support, advocacy, and education group for lesbigay parents and their families; play group for kids in western NY, northeast OH, and northwest PA. Affiliated with Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. Write to: NCRF, PO Box 254, Fredonia, NY 14063. Email to: glpcerie@aol.com

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) see below

PFLAG-Ashtabula OH (216)964-3350

Meets the last Friday of each month, 7:00 pm., Conference Room at Donahoe Center, Rt 20 East.

PFLAG-DuBois PA Karen or John Kressley at 371-8962

Meets 7 pm on 2nd Tues of month at St. John's Oklahoma Lutheran Church at the corner of Maple Ave & Shaffer Road in DuBois. Write to PFLAG-DuBois, 1191 Treasure Lake, DuBois PA 15801 Email: jackk1pflag1pa@juno.com

PFLAG-Erie Elaine 864-0184

Meets last Sun of month 2:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie. Write to PFLAG-Erie c/o Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie, PA 16508.

PFLAG-Jamestown (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529

Meets last Tues of the month, call for site.

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PFLAG-New Castle PA Lois at (412)652-6893
 Meets 7-9 pm on 3rd Thurs of month at Human Svcs Ctr, 130 West North St, New Castle.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)
 Meets Tuesdays 8:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Web site: <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 - Sharon Cooper 456-8849
 Case Manager - Tami Shilling 456-8849
 Case Manager - Cheryl Weber 825-1085 or 455-3786
 AIDS Action Team (AACT) Gannon 871-7233
 AIDS Bereavement Support Group 452-3779 (Sue Kuebler)
 Sponsored by HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul.
 For families, partners, spouses, friends & caregivers with loved ones/friends who
 have died with AIDS. Call for info. Meets. At St. Paul's Cathedral, 134 W 7th St. "In
 our church there will be no outcasts"

AIDS Network Information 451-6700

Friends from the Heart 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)
 Direct Client Services. Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transportation,
 moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call to see how you can help.
 Donations *greatly* appreciated. Meets 2nd Monday of the month at Well Being
 Center, 710 Beaumont.

GEGASHI 451-6784 (Caryn) or 451-6727 (Fran)
 Gays/Lesbians Educating Gays/Lesbians About Sexual Health Issues. Sponsored by
 Erie County Department of Health (ECDH). Meets 3:30pm on selected Thursday in
 selected months at ECDH, 606 W 2nd St, Erie PA. Email gegashi@aol.com.

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

NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie Ofc) ▼ 456-8849/(800)400-AIDS
 1001 State St, Suite 808, Erie PA. Email them at nwpaids@erie.net

St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group &
 Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 452-6113

Open to people of all faiths. Fax to: 459-7310 or email to: cheryl1027@aol.com
 Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tues 7:00-8:30 pm at Catholic Charities, St. Mark Catholic

Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. Use main entrance and follow signs for Support Group.

Jamestown NY/Chautauque Co.

AIDS Community Services ▼ (716)664-7855
 South County Support (716)488-1070
 For HIV infected and affected people. Meets 1st Thursday at the home of Hop and
 Cindy Chase, 1115 Prendergast Ave in Jamestown.

Meadville PA/Crawford County

Case Manager - Sue Bobosky (800)359-AIDS
 Crawford Co. AIDS Coalition 337-3241
 HIV+ Support Grps Rosemary Buzzard at 333-5800

Venango/Forest County

Venango-Forest AIDS Support 1-800-359-2437
 Case Manager - Sue Bobosky (800)359-AIDS
 Case Manager - Tami Shilling (800)359-AIDS

Warren County

Case Manager - Deb Monohon 838-0123
 Case Manager - Tami Shilling ... 1(800)359-AIDS or (814)764-6066

HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing Programs (free):

Free, confidential counseling, testing, and referral.

(Corry) Erie Co. Dept. of Health 663-3891
 (Erie) Erie Co. Dept. of Health 451-6700
 (Erie) Hispanic American Council ▼ 451-6700
 (Erie) MHEDS 453-6229 or 453-4728
 Jamestown or Buffalo (716)847-4520
 Meadville PA (814)332-6947
 Pittsburgh (412)578-8332
 Sharon PA (412)983-5150
 Youngstown OH (216)747-4805

HIV/AIDS Anonymous Testing Sites

(Ashtabula) Family Planning Assoc (\$30) (216)992-5953
 Painesville OH (216)354-AIDS
 Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (412)242-2500

Email

To get on our emailing list, all you have to do is send an email message with a subject of "Subscribe to Mailing List" to us (egcn@ncinter.net). If you hear of an event, please also send it to that address and include a first line of "Publish EMAIL".

Our Web Site is our one stop for lesbigay local info! <http://www.ncinter.net/~egcn/>

My Dear Friends

I need your help... On Friday, July 18, 1997 Lizzy Bordon's will be having their annual AIDS benefit.

I implore you to please attend this very worthwhile cause. We have all lost someone close to us due to this dreaded disease. It is to their memory we are dedicating our efforts. So many more of your friends need your support both financially and emotionally. Your presence would be greatly appreciated.

The time has come for the different factions of the gay-bi-lesbian community to unite again and show a common front, that we are there when members of our community need us. They need us now...not next month or next year, for some that time may be too late.

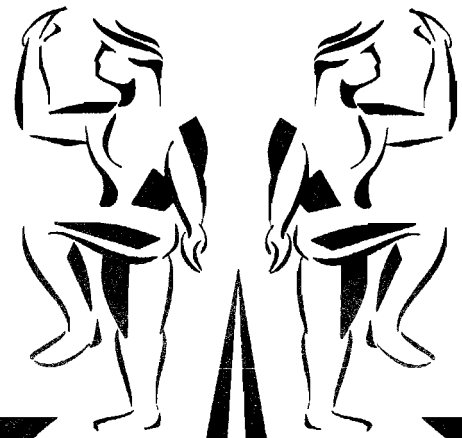
Once again please let me make this appeal to you... to help make this endeavor worthy to those who need our help. Thank You!

Love
Ginger
"Miss Erie 1976"

Paid for by Miss GINGER



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JULY 13, 1997

1:00 to 10:30 p.m.

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DJ Dean Rufus of Cleveland's Jamin' 92.3
Detroit DJ Chuck Arida
Guilty Party- improv comedy from Chicago
Including other national and regional performers

● MALL "B"

Located between Superior and St. Clair Ave.
just West of the Cleveland Convention Center

● INFORMATION

Advance tickets are \$10. (\$15. day of event)
Dancin' in the Streets will be held rain or shine
For more information or to purchase tickets you
may call the Health Issues Taskforce of Greater
Cleveland at 216.621.0766
No bottles, cans, or coolers
Proper I.D. required