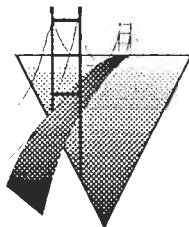


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Celebrating the goodness & diversity of Erie area's lesbian, gay & bisexual community

■ = New or Modified Group/Event this issue

Calendar

Important Note: Events listed here are specifically gay or of interest to a lot of lesbigay people. If you know of an event that should be listed here, please get the info to us by the 20th of the month. For out of town events, call a day or two before to confirm that it is still on; mistakes can occur and circumstances can change at the last moment. Also, please note our e-mail address! From CompuServe, 70431,1622 or from Internet 70431.1622@compuserve.com

Sep 5—BRIDGES FESTIVAL CANCELLED!!!!

Sep 6—Pittsburgh Labor Day Picnic 11a.m. till 7 p.m. at the spacious North Park Lodge. DJ Dancing (regular & country/western—in two separate areas), all-you-can-eat menu of traditional picnic food and snacks, vendors, Volleyball and horseshoes. Carnival-type games of fun, chance and skill. 1500 attendees expected. Map is on back of tickets. Put on by Pittsburgh Tavern Guild, portion of ticket donations benefits Lambda Foundation/Borelli AIDS Fund. Tickets: \$14 donation in advance, \$20 at the gate (Non-refundable). Call (814)456-3674 (in Erie) if you want to pick up advance tickets locally, or order by mail by Aug. 25 by sending a check to Lambda Foundation, PO Box 5169, Pittsburgh PA



15206. Advance tickets will be available also at most Pittsburgh gay bars up until the night before, plus Saint Elmo's Bookstore, Jazi's and other Pittsburgh gay & lesbian businesses. Festivities don't end when picnic is over, because bars and clubs will have after-picnic specials.

•**Sep 9—Leonard Bernstein's 75th** A&E 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. A salute to the late gay composer and conductor on the 75th anniversary of his birth, with musical performances at the Lincoln Center in New York.

•**Sep 10—Men's Coffee-house Active**, hands-on games and tureen dinner (bring a dish to pass). Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7180 New Perry Highway (Rte. 97) Erie. Starts at 7 p.m.

•**Sep 10—Only Human: Sex** On TLC, 8 p.m. Explores several sexuality issues, including men who don't wear condoms and the idea that homosexuality can or should be "cured."

•**Sep 10-12—Leather Three Weekend at Jones Pond** Angelica NY, gay men's campground. Info (716)567-8100.

Sep 11—5th Annual Ohio Lesbian Festival 11 am - midnight at Frontier Ranch, Kirkersville, OH. Music, arts & crafts, drumming circle, food and raffle. Work ex-

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Pink Sands Productions presents Susan Herrick in Erie on October 8

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The purpose of *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* is to serve as a voice for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men and our friends & families in the Erie area. We wish this newsletter to be a source of information, support and affirmation. We also see *EGCN* as a vehicle for celebration of the goodness and diversity of the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities. *EGCN* is a cooperative effort between lesbigay groups and individuals to help our community develop and thrive.

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We welcome and encourage all readers to submit news for publication and to share your comments, criticisms, and positive feelings with us.

Materials should be sent to: EGCN; PO Box 3063; Erie, PA 16508-3063. Call (814) 456-9833 for more information. Email: CompuServe: 70431, 1622.

Entertainment Notes

- ☆ HBO will be showing *And the Band Played On* during the month of September. The movie is adapted from Randy Shilts' 630-page account of the early days of the AIDS epidemic, and the government dithering that allowed it to spread so quickly. Shilts was consulted during and after the production of the movie, and reports that he is pleased with the final product, including its portrayal of the gay community. Appearing in the movie are Matthew Modine, Lily Tomlin, Richard Gere, Alan Alda, Anjelica Huston, B.D. Wong, Swoosie Kurtz, Steve Martin, and Glenn Headly. They and the producers of the movie have agreed to turn their salaries from the movie over to AIDS organizations, and HBO will match the amount. 9/11 8 p.m.; 9/14 9 a.m. & 8 p.m.; 9/17 4:30 p.m.; 9/19 1:30 a.m.; 9/22 12 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.; 9/26 10 p.m. and 9/30 3:15 p.m.
- ☆ In time for the football season, Discovery will be airing *Quarterback Princess*, starring Helen Hunt. It's the story of a girl who shakes up a town when she makes it onto the high school football team and runs for homecoming queen. Interesting stuff about sex roles. 9/11 1 p.m., 9/15 6 p.m. & 2:35 a.m., 9/27 1 p.m.
- ☆ Scheduled for release in October is the movie *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*, adapted from Tom Robbins' lesbian-ish novel of the same name. *k.d. lang* will be doing the soundtrack.
- ☆ Lizzie Bordon's is now making Wednesdays Country Night. There will be a DJ and a country dance instructor 9:30 to 11. Yee-hah!
- ☆ *The Crying Game* will air on Pay-Per-View from Sept 7 - 22, check listings for times.
- ☆ According to *Showcase*, gay-friendly country singer *Garth Brooks* may be appearing close to here in the near future. Keep an eye out and then get your tickets right away, 'cause they're bound to go fast! ▼

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change available. Presented by the Lesbian Business Association. ♀LBA Festival, Attn Kelley Sargent, PO Box 02086, Columbus OH 43202 ☎(614)267-DYKE

•**Sept 11—HUGS East Homecoming Dance** Mentor OH. "Kings and Queens to be Crowned!" 8pm-midnight. East Shore UU Church, 8181 S. Center Street (Rt. 615). \$5 (more if you can, less if you can't). Info (216)974-8909.

•**Sept 11—Thelma & Louise** Showtime 2:30 a.m.
Sept 12—Cleveland: 15th Annual "We Are Family" Picnic Wildwood Water Park, Columbia Station OH. 3,000-5,000 expected. Dancing (regular, square, other), games, shows, picnic, free beer & pop, waterslides, paddleboat, good mix of people & environments. "We'll have the whole park to ourselves." Call Cleveland's Gay/Lesbian Hotline at (216)781-6736.

•**Sept 12—Cleveland: Dyke Games in the Park** At 2 p.m. in Lakewood Park on Lake Ave. and Bell. Bring own gloves, rackets and balls—playing softball, volleyball, tennis, etc. Pot luck picnic follows, bring dish to pass and your own table setting, plus something to grill. (216)961-8402 or (216)961-5023

•**Sept 12—Cleveland: Liberation United Church of Christ** First service for new congregation serving the gay/lesbian community. Call (216)781-5822.

Sept 12—Buffalo: Boat Cruise 6:30 til 9:30 p.m., boarding time 6:00, at Miss Buffalo Boat Dock, Erie Basin Marina, near Buffalo Auditorium. Cash bar, hot dogs available at 5:30. Tickets \$5, *they're going fast so buy 'em in advance!* Put on by Gay and Lesbian Youth Services. Call (716)855-0221 or write 190 Franklin St, Buffalo NY 14202 .

•**Sept 12—Youngstown: Comedian Karen Williams** African-American lesbian comic will perform at the Youngstown Coffeehouse, First Unitarian Church, corner Elm and Illinois, at 6:30 p.m. For info (216)545-1626.

•**Sept 12—Buffalo: Champagne Brunch for Life Memorial Park (AIDS Memorial Park)** At Zippers Bar, 884 Main Street 1st floor. Noon-3 p.m.

•**Sept 12—Rochester NY: Gay Days at Sea Breeze Amusement Park** Put on by Gay Alliance of Rochester

•**Sept 13—Only Human: Sex** 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. (Listings on this are contradictory so check for yourself).

•**Sept 15—Rosh Hoshanna Services** In Buffalo at Unitarian Church, corner of Elmwood and West

Ferry at 8 pm. Followed by an Oneg. Presented by the Buffalo Jewish Lesbian Group. Info (716)877-6094.

•**Sep 15 & 16—Rosh Hoshanna Services** Chevrei Tikva. Wed: Dinner 6:30 p.m., services at 8:30 p.m. Thurs: 10:30 a.m., luncheon 1:30 p.m. Unitarian Society, Cleveland Heights, call (216)932-5551

•**Sep 17—Manhattan** On TNT at 10 p.m. Woody Allen plays a comedy writer who's got feelings for a schoolgirl (boy, there's a stretch!) and an intellectual woman nearer his age. Meryl Streep plays his ex, who is getting in touch with being a lesbian.

Sep 17—Depeche Mode in Concert in Pittsburgh at Civic Arena. For tickets ((412)333-SEAT.

•**Sep 17—Firing Line Special Debate "Resolved: We Need Not Fear the Christian Right"**

WQLN-TV 9-11 p.m. William F. Buckley, Jr captains the team arguing in favor of the resolution while the opposition is headed by Ira Glasser, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

•**Sep 17-19—Fantasy Weekend at Jones Pond** In Angelica NY, gay men's campground (716)567-8100.

Sep 18—Leah Zicari in Concert at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie At 8 p.m. Enjoy an evening of lesbian- and gay-affirming entertainment by this nationally known recording artist.

Leah's tapes will be for sale at the concert, for those who want to keep on enjoying her tunes after the concert ends. At the Unitarian Universalist Church, 7180 New Perry Highway (Rte. 97). Tickets are \$8 (If you're planning on going to the Susan Herrick concert on Oct. 8, buy both in advance and pay only \$16; but order by Sept. 9). To order in advance send check payable to "cash" to Pink Sands, Suite 123, 2115 W. 8th Street, Erie PA 16505. *Seating is limited so act now to reserve your tickets!* Put on by Pink Sands Productions.

•**Sep 18—Lesbian Moms' Support Group at Presque Isle Bike riding** - meet at Sara's Grill at 11 a.m. *Picnic* at 12:30 p.m. (those not interested in biking meet at Sara's). Bring your own food and drinks. For more info call 796-3535.

•**Sep 19—Spaghetti Dinner for Benedict House (Buffalo)**. 5 pm to 9 pm. "Dish With Royalty" will be presented by Imperial Court of Buffalo at First Presbyterian Church, corner of Wadsworth and Pennsylvania Avenue.

•**Sep 20—Luther Vandross and En Vogue** Pittsburgh Civic Arena. Tickets (412)333-SEAT.

Sep 23—Bonnie Bitch at Lizzie Bordon's Comedian (male). From midnight to 1 am.

Sep 23—2 Girls Alone! at Pie in the Sky 463 W. 8th, Erie. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

•**Sep 23—Campus Culture Wars "Five Stories About PC"** WQLN-TV 10 p.m. Five controversial incidents at universities over such "politically correct" issues as racially insensitive language and gay rights.

•**Sep 24-26—Journey Without Maps: Retreat sponsored by Presbyterians for Lesbian-Gay Concerns** Middlefield OH. Info (216)382-0507

•**Sep 24—Yom Kippur Services in Buffalo** 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Elmwood at West Ferry. Presented by the Buffalo Jewish Lesbian Group (716)877-6094

•**Sep 24 & 25—Psychological Aspects of AIDS: Seminar** in Buffalo. Info (716)847-0315

•**Sep 25—Probe on WQLN-FM** On 91.3 FM at 12:30 p.m.. Michael Mahler and DeeDee Foll will be speaking with two representatives from the conservative group Accuracy In Media about whether being gay is chosen behavior. AIM insists that gays can be "cured". People may call in to comment and offer insights, no personal attacks are allowed.

•**Sep 28—The Secret of Life** WQLN-TV 9-11 p.m. Among subjects explored: gene technology that offers hope of vaccines to such incurable diseases as

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AIDS. Part of a series about genes that runs from Sept. 26-29.

• **Sept 29—Antibodies: Front Line Troops** On Discovery-TV at 9:30 a.m.. A look at these substances that fight infection in our bodies; important in understanding what is going on with AIDS.

• **Sept 30—k.d. lang on Center Stage** WQLN-TV 10 p.m. Performing selections from her platinum album "Ingenu" including "Constant Craving" and "Still Thrives This Love." In stereo.

• **Oct 1-3—Halloween at Jones Pond** At Angelica NY, gay men's campground. Info(716)567-8100. And yes, that is the correct date.

• **Oct 3—Sexual Harassment and Schools** on The Learning Channel, check listings for time.

• **Oct 5—Luther Vandross and EnVogue In Concert** CSU Convocation Center, Cleveland. Tickets at Ticketmaster (216)241-5555.

Oct 8—Susan Herrick in Concert at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie At 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway (Rte. 97). Enjoy an evening with lesbian recording artist Susan Herrick, who blends folk, jazz, blues, and pop styles. *Lady Slipper* said of Susan, "A remarkable artist and performer—one we recently experienced in concert for the first time, and, quite frankly, were blown away!... Her lyrics are full of depth and grace, her voice tender yet strong, her harmonies sweet." Sharon Washington of the Washington Sisters says, "The combination of Susan's voice and music is reminiscent of a warm embrace—soothing and energizing." Recording artist Kay Gardner calls Susan's music "Charismatic... healing... feminist... unique!" Tickets are \$10. If you are planning to attend both the Susan Herrick concert and Leah Zicari's concert, you can buy both for \$16 if you buy advance tickets by Sept. 9. To order tickets in advance, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Pink Sands, Suite 123, 2115 West 8th Street, Erie PA 16505. Make checks payable to "Cash." *Seating is limited, so act now to reserve your tickets.* Put on by Pink Sands Productions.

• **Oct 8-10—Womynspace Gathering: A Community-Creating Experience** At Glinodo Conference Center, 6270 East Lake Road, Erie. Nature hikes, campfire, cooperative activities, and presentation: "Inner Work and Healthy Relationships". This gathering is open to any lesbians who want to grow and to build community with other lesbians; you needn't be active with the Womynspace community. Cost is \$48—\$10 registration, and the remaining \$38 to be paid at

the door. Cost of meals and lodging included. Make checks payable to Glinodo (note "WG" on the check, and enclose a note stating that this is for the gathering); and/or, contact Mary Louise about some other arrangement. For info call Mary Louise at 899-0614, or call Glinodo at 899-4584. *Some gathering participants will be heading over to the Susan Herrick concert and then coming back, so you can do both!*

• **Oct 10—Student Health and Well-Being** The Learning Channel. A look at schools that are being pushed to develop AIDS awareness curricula.

• **Oct 11—National Coming Out Day** October 11 is an annual celebration of gay/lesbian/bisexual visibility, with events planned around the country. If you're interested in doing something with the event, either this year or in the future, contact EGCN at 456-9833, and we can help you get in touch with people who are doing things. Watch the TV talk shows around this time, since there's bound to be a program or two that deals with Coming Out Day. Also, we'll probably get somebody to speak on at least one of the local talk shows. The student group Trigon will be observing this day (see next item).

• **Oct 11—Trigon Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Awareness Day at Penn State Behrend.** Trigon is the lesbian student group at Behrend, and they are planning an observance of National Coming Out Day. At this writing, plans have not been firmed up. There will be an art exhibit, and lesbian artists are encouraged to submit visual art (all media). Artists should contact Christelle DeCrease at 454-8244. More info in next month's issue. For more info, call Sue Daley at (814)898-6164 during office hours M-F.

• **Oct 14—AIDS Forum at St. Paul's Cathedral** With Rev. Brian McHugh of Rhode Island. At 7 pm at

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•**Oct 14—The International Sweethearts of Rhythm** Discovery-TV (check listings for time.) Fans of women's music will want to catch this highly-acclaimed documentary about a multiracial, all-women jazz band of the 1940s.

•**Oct 15-17—Integrity Retreat: "Gays, Lesbians and the Liberation of Jesus"** At Glinodo Conference Center, 6270 East Lake Road, Erie. Retreat will be led by Rev. Brian McHugh, openly-gay Episcopalian priest from Rhode Island. Topics include "Lesbian and Gay Christian Pride", "Rage and Prayer", "The True Gospel: Claiming a New Myth for Christianity", and "The Spirituality Demanded of Lesbians and Gay Men for a New Age of Christian Morality." For info call Dor at 774-0903

Oct 15—Men's Coffeehouse At Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie at 7 pm. Moved to 3rd Friday of the month for October only to accommodate Susan Herrick Concert. Check out the concert!

Oct 17—Pittsburgh Cruise Put on by Pittsburgh Tavern Guild. Three hours of boating on all 3 rivers. Dancing, drinking, good times, cash bar, food. Tickets are \$15 and available now. ((814)456-3674 (in Erie) if you want to pick up advance tickets locally. *Tickets are expected to be sold out before the cruise, so move quickly!*

Oct 26—Depeche Mode in Concert Richfield Coliseum, Richfield OH. Tickets (216)659-9100.

It's not too early! Start planning now for Gay Games in New York City, June 18-25, 1994 and Stonewall 25 on Sunday, June 26, 1994!

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Festivals & Conferences

Sep 10-12—Sisterspace Pocono Weekend In the PA Poconos. Write to Sisterspace, 351 South 47th Street B-101, Philadelphia, PA 19143 ☎ (215)476-2424. Music, softball, films, canoeing, arts, merchants, dancing, fishing, swimming, tents, cabins, hot showers, waterfalls, comedy, and many many lesbians!

•**Oct 2-3—Richmond VA Gay Pride Celebration**

Oct 8-18—Pittsburgh International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival P.O. Box 9007, Pittsburgh PA 15224 (412)687-0609

•**Oct 14-17—SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) 1993 North American Conference in NYC** For gay and lesbian elders. This conference is focused on helping people in other communities start groups like SAGE. Advice and help will go on through the years after a group is started as well. Conference is \$150 and includes materials, food, etc., but conference organizers say, "If you can't afford that call us. We don't want anyone to miss the conference just because of money." Ask for Arlene Kochman if you need to talk about \$\$\$\$. Conference will have workshops, films, speakers, networking, socializing...for more info call (212)741-2247.

•**Nov 10-14—6th Annual Creating Change Conference** A skills building conference for Activists and Organizers, held in Durham, NC. Contact National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, Creating Change 1993, 1734 14th St. N.W., Washington DC 20009. Call (202)332-6483; (202)332-6219(TDD)



On Relationships, or Michael Rants!

by Michael Mahler

I apologize for blathering again about my personal life, but there are some things that I have experienced recently that I feel point out issues we need to consider.

I was recently at work meeting with the dude who handles our 401K retirement plans. He mentioned having seen me on TV a few months ago. (At times, it seems like the odds of this should be 50-50, what with me being the premier media fag of Erie.) Well, he was doing an annual review of everyone's policies and asked if I wanted to change my contribution or beneficiary "Actually," I said, "I do." He asked me for the new beneficiary and I gave him my lover Micheal's name. He then asked for the relationship, and I said, "Spouse." I could tell he was a little taken aback by this. Later that day, I also changed Micheal to be the beneficiary on my life insurance policy at work, with the same relationship listed. Our office manager also seemed a little rattled (though she was very nice about the whole thing), and said, "Well, if they call about it, I'll put them through to you." I, of course, had no problem with this, since after bibbling with TV, radio and the newspapers, some insurance folks would be rather anti-climactic. I should mention that both exchanges were relatively cordial and respectful.

I later had a conversation with someone who referred to Micheal as "my friend," (a personal un-favorite euphemism for same-sex spouse or lover) and made it clear that while it was okay for them to tell me for 10-20 minutes about their spouse, that it was not welcome to hear about Micheal.

Micheal and I are planning on having a handfasting/wedding next June which we hope to make open to the community. "Why?" you ask. Because we want to both ask for our community's support of us as a couple, and to support our community by showing that lesbigay people are just as capable of forming deep and committed relationships as anyone else. We are proud of who we are, and we are rather annoyed with the view that many hold of gay people (particularly gay men) as being continual predators, on the eternal lookout for the trick du jour.

When I paused to think about it, I was surprised at the number of gay people in coupled relationships I knew. I recalled a conversation about same sex marriage I had a few years ago with two other guys, one of whom was gay and one of whom was straight. I was very much for same-sex marriage (surprise!), and they were both against it. The straight guy felt that the only historical reason for marriage was because of raising children. (Hmmm. In that case, how long should heterosexuals get to produce kids before their marriages are annulled? Should people who are beyond childbearing age or who are infertile be barred from marrying? What about people who don't want to have children?) The gay guy felt that gay people would be uninterested in mimicking a heterosexual model. (Hmm. Same-sex marriages have existed in the past. It seems to work fine in Denmark & Norway. Maybe not all people want to be coupled, either gay or straight, but some do!) I think that wanting someone to rely on and to be with is something that many, if not most, human beings want and need.

It bugs me when I hear people (especially gays) talk about "not flaunting our sexual orientation." Take a look at wedding announcements in the paper, wedding rings on fingers. Listen to heterosexuals talk about the people that they are choosing to spend their lives with. Think about the tax breaks and many other rights that couples who happen to have different genitalia are automatically entitled to. Why is the behavior of one group of people labelled as flaunting, while the other group's behavior doesn't even register cognitively?

I think we could use a group in Erie along the lines of the Monotones group in Cleveland, which acts as a social group for people in committed relationships. Rejecting the importance of loving the people we do is just internalized homophobia. Think about it! (Rant, rave, rant, rave!)

Two footnotes: Yes, Micheal does spell his name that way. Also, DeeDee Foll and I will be on Probe on WQLN 91.3 FM on Sat, Sept 25th at 12:30 pm debating two people from Accuracy in Media, who want to try to assert that being gay is chosen. Please call in; we could use all the support we can get! You need not give your name. ▼

News Bits

A judge in New Jersey has ruled that *a lesbian can adopt her lover's biological child*. This is believed to be the first such ruling in that state. Paula Ettelbrick of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, who served as co-counselor for the two women, hailed the judge's decision as "incredibly important nationally."

"It is one of the few written decisions on this topic where the judge went into great detail and has walked through the facts and legal rulings in the case."

The two women have been together for about ten years. The biological mother gave birth to a daughter conceived via artificial insemination.

About 100 gay adoptions have been granted in the United States, most requiring nothing more than an order.

Couples

The City of *Atlanta, Georgia* has agreed to provide benefits to partners of employees in same-sex relationships, as has the country of France.

The City of *New Orleans* now registers couples involved in same-sex relationships.

Arts

County commissioners in *Cobb County, Georgia* have cut off funding to the arts because they believe that the arts are allowing the "gay agenda" to creep into their community. Early in August the commissioners of this Atlanta suburb (with a population of 450,000) had passed a resolution condemning homosexuality. The commission took the action after a couple complained about the acclaimed play "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," which had been performed in Cobb County. The play focuses on AIDS, and many of those who have the disease are gay.

As a result, the theatre has seen donations and membership applications go up, and the gay community has come together in an unprecedented way. The commission's move was criticized by the American Civil Liberties Union, People For the American Way, the Atlanta Theater Coalition, and Georgia Citizens for the Arts. On August 22, a "Queer Family Picnic" was held to protest the commissioners' decision; the name was chosen to play off of the so-called family

values that commissioners see as being opposed to acceptance of gay and lesbian people. About 2,000 men, women, and children showed up. Three bomb threats were made, but they all turned out to be false.

The National Endowment for the Arts will give three gay and lesbian film festivals funding that the Bush administration turned down in 1992. The three festivals—one of which is the Pittsburgh International Film Festival—will receive \$17,500. Actress Jane Alexander has been nominated by President Clinton to head the NEA.

Work

In an effort to become more diverse, the *Boston Police Department is actively recruiting gay and lesbian police officers*, as well as minorities and women.

The *Los Angeles Police Department has agreed to promote and recruit gay and lesbian officers*, following a suit filed by three gay officers claiming discrimination and harassment in the department. The three officers won a \$770,000 settlement, and one of them returned to his old job with the LAPD.

Violence

HARTFORD, CT— *Two men who raped a gay man in Connecticut received the maximum sentences allowed under that state's hate crime law.* The men each were sentenced to five years in prison. The judge expressed the hope that the sentence will deter other crimes of bigotry.

An apparent serial killer is stalking gay men in the Manhattan area. Police are aware of at least five murder victims who appear to have been killed by the same man. The victims' bodies were carefully dismembered and disposed of in scattered areas. The Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project has been distributing leaflets in the gay community, especially in the areas the killer appears to frequent.

Military

Sharp criticism by gay and feminist leaders appears to have knocked *Gen. Joseph P. Hoar* off the short list of people being considered for appointment to head the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They had accused him

of running *one of the worst anti-lesbian witch-hunts in U.S. military history*. Hoar had been a commander at Parris Island in 1987 and 1988, during which time over 200 women were investigated, 65 women were discharged, and three were imprisoned. At this writing, President Clinton has decided to nominate Army General John Shalikashvili.

Two recently-released studies came to contradictory conclusions about the ban on gays in the military. *A \$1.3 million study commissioned by the Pentagon found no real basis for continuing the ban, and a study by an officers group recommended keeping it*. Eight Democratic senators—including Ohio's Howard Metzenbaum—had urged Congress not to write the ban into law until they saw the first report (the Rand report). The ban will be dealt with by Congress during the month of September, and will probably be shown on C-Span.

A Marine Corps order that would have banned married recruits and discouraged Marines from early marriages has been put on hold after receiving extensive criticism. The order came from Marine Commandant Carl E. Mundy, Jr. Some critics interpreted the order as another example of the military trying to defy calls for social change from civilian leaders, like the end to the ban against gays in the military. President Clinton was reportedly stunned by the announcement.

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—*A Fort Bragg soldier angry about Clinton's order to end the military's gay ban opened fire on people in a restaurant*, saying, "I'll show you about gays in the military." Army Sgt. Kenneth French, 22, killed four and wounded seven others before a policeman shot him. His target, Luigi's Restaurant, was not a gay establishment, and was apparently chosen at random. French was charged with four counts of first-degree murder and six counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Religion

A gay man who used to be Rev. Jerry Falwell's ghostwriter has been appointed dean of Dallas' Cathedral of Hope, which is the largest gay church in the world. Mel White once ghostwrote for televangelists like Billy Graham, Pat Robertson, Jim and Tammy Bakker, W.A. Criswell, and Falwell. After intense therapy, several exorcisms, a divorce, and several sui-

cide attempts, he decided to accept his homosexuality. He announced at his installation that he would be leading a multimedia campaign against the televangelists who, he says, are provoking a holy war against gay people. "We have gone underground and we have people in every one of the religious right's organizations," says White. "We're on their mailing lists. We're reading everything they're putting out. We think the words from their mouths trickle down into violence. And when our evidence reaches a critical mass, we're going to use the best attorneys in this country to bring a class action suit in 50 states to have it stopped. Don't misunderstand me—we believe in the First Amendment. We believe they have every right to be on the air. But when their hate leads to suffering and to death, it's gone too far."

During the *visit of Pope John Paul II to America's Catholic youth*, about 250 Catholics assembled in Denver for a prayer vigil at the State Capitol. They asked for an end to the church's discrimination against gay people, especially gay teens. The gay Catholic organization New Ways Ministry bought ad space in The Denver Post to publish an open letter to the Pope that asked him to "speak words of encouragement and healing" to gay youth. The open letter also called for an end to official Catholic homophobia.

Immigration

A Brazilian gay man was granted asylum in the U.S. because anti-gay groups in his country had been hunting him down. The asylum was granted by an immigration judge, and marks the first time an immigration judge has recognized that gays are members of a persecuted social group.

The *Lambda Legal Defense and Education fund is presently working on three test cases with persecuted gay people seeking asylum* based on sexual orientation. Persons seeking asylum in the U.S. presently must provide strong reason to fear persecution on the basis of religion, race, nationality, political opinion, or because of being in a certain social group. Immigration authorities do not regard gay people as belonging to a persecuted social group. Lambda attorneys hope to change that. ▼

Book Review

By Christelle Decrease

Gertrude and Alice by Diana Souhami
(Pandora Press, \$26.50/\$14.00 Harper)

They first met in Paris on 8 September 1907. Alice heard bells ringing in her head when she saw Gertrude and thought that was proof she was in the presence of a genius... On Gertrude's suggestion they walked alone together the next day in the Luxembourg Gardens and ate cakes in a patisserie off the Boulevard St. Michel. From then on, until Gertrude's death thirty-nine years later, they were never apart. They never travelled without each other, or entertained separately, or worked on independent projects. Gertrude felt low in her mind if she was away from Alice for long. And Alice, writing about their relationship, at the end of her own long life, said from the moment they met, it was Gertrude Stein who held my complete attention, as she did for all the many years I knew her until her death, and all those empty ones since then.
(From *Gertrude and Alice*)

There is a multitude of reasons to read Diana Souhami's well-researched, captivating and objective account of the lives of Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas. The best reason, though, is that this is a true story about a rare and refreshing occurrence in modern times: a life-long, passionate love between two people. These two people also happened to be women who spent life together breaking down social barriers and infuriating injustices with a kind of bohemian nonchalance that offers heartening courage and empowerment to any alternative soul out there. The struggles and triumphs of Gertrude, Alice, and their legendary entourage of painters, writers, and musicians—all hungry visionaries, sincere artistic prophets who found personal and creative freedom in Paris during the turn of the century—were as vast as the universe they created for themselves.

This is a journey of love that spanned 39 years. It will make you think twice about the character and quality of our own relationships and bring you good questions about what true personal freedom is. ▼

Letters

EGCN:

Enclosed please find a subscription form and \$\$.

Forgive the cash as opposed to a check, but I would like this to be an anonymous gift subscription.

Please pat yourselves on the back for a tremendous job well-done. Your efforts on behalf of all of us are more greatly appreciated than you probably ever hear about. The newsletter was a needed source of information, and a comfort to many. Thanks for having the time, effort, and dedication to put it together and keep it together. Recognize that there are many of us "out" here (haha!) that look forward to it, and welcome it! And if we were able, we'd be much more involved. There are still, unfortunately, many barriers—personal and external—that keep many people away. With a combined effort, and willing, able folks like you around, I assume it won't be long before those walls come tumbling down.

Here's to your continued good luck and success!

Please keep the additional \$\$ as a donation. Thank you!

(Unsigned)

The editors reply:

Thank you for your support and money—we need both!

We know there are a lot of folks like you out there who don't feel safe attending gay stuff. Hopefully, our including out-of-town events in our calendar will provide you with places where you can go and feel safe about being yourself.

For people who'd like to send an anonymous contribution to EGCN, we recommend this method: Buy a money order for any amount. Put EGC Coalition on the payee's line, and leave the rest blank. Our bank will accept money orders like that.



Time has come to speak my mind.

I have patiently sat back, listened and watched the interaction of my community, as it struggles through its growing pains. I have heard the excitement, the anticipation, and the complaints. The community

sounds like a woman experiencing labor pains. She has given birth to many new children, who are struggling to learn to crawl, getting little support from older siblings. Yes, a few brothers and sisters are offering their hands in guidance, support, time, energy, talent, and courage. Their hands are helping us to be recognized as a positive force in the Erie community. But I must wonder how long can these few individuals sustain their courage and stamina trying to achieve that which all of us desire: EQUALITY and JUSTICE for ALL.

Perhaps we need to ask if the children that have been born benefit us as a whole. Lets examine some of these children as they crawl, exploring their new freedom:

League of Gay and Lesbian Voters.

These people help to keep us informed as to the issues that are important to us within the political arena, whether at the local, state, or federal levels. This is relevant to us, not only because we're gay, but citizens who have the power to vote (a power more of us should utilize correctly). And how easy it is to be kept informed by reading the free fliers or pamphlets that LGLV puts out for the community.

Integrity. Integrity is a Christian spiritual and support group which offers spiritual wisdom, ceremony, discussion, and acceptance within the parameters of individuality and spiritual growth. They have also helped to raise the horizons of some clergy and ministers, within the Erie community, through their efforts of discussion groups and interaction. This is good for the community and the individual, depending on the level of religious orientation.

Bridges. A coalition of organizations and people seeking to network and communicate to develop a better community. Okay, they canceled the festival. What about the dances, the potlucks, and the newsletter, which is this auth's favorite. Their dances receive a lot of participants, all who constantly ask when the

next one will be scheduled, but few ask, "What can I do to help?" The author is just as guilty, since she has chosen to place education as her first priority. Through the networking and long hours of the few committed individuals, Erie is connected with Buffalo, Ashtabula, Jamestown, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, the world. Who would have thought? Bridges has also helped a few other groups spin out of their networking. Good job! Is this a positive organization for the community? I can only give them my vote, yes!

We need to start standing together in support and love of each other and ourselves. These organizations are doing remarkable work which is benefitting ALL GAYS. Whether we acknowledge it or not, we are all profiting. Do we not owe ourselves these support groups and more? Are we glad to reap the benefits from the seeds that are being sown? Are we willing to allow these children to face when a few struggled to give our babies birth? Will we give them our hand in help? Sure some are hesitant to expose themselves out of fear of loss. Then offer them money, confidential time, encouragement, drop them a line and let your dreams and needs be heard. They can't speak for you unless you make your voice heard! If you allow fear to stop you, you can't complain, and again the patriarchal society wins. It is the

wish of this author to see continued growth within our family (the community) towards togetherness, love, acceptance, and equality. Understanding where my priorities are and realizing others have their priorities, I can only hope that we will recognize we can no longer be true to ourselves if we continue to allow ourselves to be rejected, either by ourselves or the community we choose to function in. I refuse to be victimized because




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I was born GAY. Take a few minutes and ask yourself if you enjoy hiding behind your door, fearful of what others might do if they found out. Our own fear stops us from going forward. How can I ask to be accepted when I act like I'm doing something sinful? Just think about it. While you're thinking, think about what organization you'd like to lose. None? Good, then think how you can give one of them support and follow through with action. And I will do the same. Words are inspiring, but our children need more.

The seeds that have been sown are good and fruitful but the children growing out of them need our nourishment and strength. Are we going to sit back and watch our children stumble and fall or will we unite within this new concept of family, our community. We, as the older siblings, must have one common thread (goal) that runs between us. The strength of our family and its survival lies with every one of us. Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself will surely fall." Haven't they, the patriarchal society, kept us divided long enough? Can't we see beyond their fear and lack of understanding to what we are denying ourselves? The choice is up to every gay individual, whether brother or sister. Are we willing to keep the doors closed or will we reach out our hands and help our children bring EQUALITY and JUSTICE to our family and ourselves?

Catherine

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Local News

Artists!

There will be an art exhibit at Trigon's gay and lesbian event at Penn State Behrend on October 11. If you would like to submit artwork (all media), contact Christelle DeCrease at 454-8244.

The AIDS Council of Erie is looking for artists to contribute artwork to their calendar (all media). You need not be a professional artist to submit work or have it accepted. If your work is accepted it will be photographed and featured on the AIDS Council's new 14-month calendar, and your name will appear with the work. The calendar will be sold as a fundraiser for the AIDS Council. If you're interested, call the Council at 455-5492 or stop by their new office at 110 West 10th Street.

AIDS Walk Raises \$\$\$ for Client Services

All the pledges aren't in yet, but the AIDS Council Memorial Walk on August 21 collected over \$1,200 on that day. Hats off to people like Greg Valiga and DeeDee Foll, who worked hard to get all those pledges! There was coverage of the walk on all three local TV newscasts. And thanks to all the people (staff, volunteers, and donors) who helped make the walk a success!

LGLV-Erie Conducts Employer Survey

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters' Erie chapter is conducting a ground-breaking survey to learn how many of Erie County's large employers are willing to protect their lesbian employees from harassment.

The survey, which asks only two straightforward questions, was mailed in early August to companies with approximately 200 or more employees. The League asks participants to reply by August 25, and to include a copy of their policy if protection exists. LGLV steering committee members agreed to keep the survey short, and to include a stamped return envelope to encourage employers to respond. Members will also contact any company which does not return the survey.

Results will be published in the next edition of the *Erie Gay Community Newsletter*. LGLV-Erie also encourages anyone with information concerning lesbian/gay anti-discrimination policies at their place of employment to contact the League at 456-9833 or 833-3258.

Wanted: Gay-Bashing Victims

LGLV-Erie is searching for victims of hate crimes to prepare for upcoming lobbying efforts. If you have been victimized in the last few years within the state of Pennsylvania, please contact Greg at 833-3258. The League respects individuals' requests to remain anonymous—our goal is not to hurt members of the lesbian/gay community, but to find personal experiences to share with our legislators.

Help Fight Hate Crime!

Your help is needed in the League's post card campaign. We need volunteers to get people to sign post cards that will be sent to state senators asking that they co-sponsor SB1218. Not only is this a great way to meet people, but you will be helping our community as well. We can't do this without you!

Pennsylvania has had a Bias Crimes Law for the past decade that protects other victims of hate-motivated crimes, but not gay-bashing. SB1218 seeks to close this gap. Those in Sen. Andrezeski's district should be aware he is usually in the Millcreek Mall Friday evenings. Just think! You can work for justice and get some shopping in! Give a call to Michael at 456-9833 or Greg at 833-3258. Your life could quite literally depend on this. ▼



INTEGRITY

A Christian-based spiritual and support group sponsored by the Episcopal Church that welcomes people of all faiths. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 7 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 W 6th St. Erie, PA

Our mailing address is: Integrity-NWPA, PO Box 1782, Erie, PA 16507-1782.

For more information, call (814) 455-0549

Groups & Organizations

AIDS Council of Erie

Location: United Way Building, 110 West 10th Street, Erie, PA 16501 as of September 1. ☎ (814) 455-5492. ♿ *Hours:* 8:30 to 4:30 Mon.-Fri. *Activities:* Bimonthly newsletter, weekly Food Pantry, Memorial service, Buddies program, Bereavement group. Call for more info.

Bridges

A coalition of organizations & people which seeks to use networking and communication skills to build a better community. Also publishes *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* and puts on community dances and quarterly potluck dinners/forums. ♿ Bridges, PO Box 3063, Erie, PA 16508-3063. ☎ (814) 455-0549 or (814) 456-9833.

Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People

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. ♿ CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. ☎ Paula at (814) 332-4356 or Erny at (814) 332-4375

Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO)

Student group, primarily social. *Meetings:* On vacation till school year resumes. Tuesdays from 8-10 pm in Hendricks Hall, Room G13 (♿). ☎ Jessica at (814) 732-2574.

Erie Sisters

Non-sexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Good manners, taste & common sense expected. Monthly meetings, newsletter, Meetings in even numbered months are social events held at accepting establishments. Changing room provided. Interview with a club officer required before first meeting. ♿ Erie Sisters, 2115 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505

Gay and Lesbian Alliance - the Other 10% (GALA 10)

Support group for gay men and lesbians and friends and family. Open to public. *Meetings:* Next is Sept 15th. 3rd Wednesday of month at 8:00 pm, call for site. Next meeting is Sep 15. ♿ Mercy Institute, 501 East 38th Street, Erie, PA 16546. Attn: Sr Malu ☎ Sr Malu at (814) 824-2572.

Gay and Lesbian Drug & Alcohol Abuse Support Group (Jamestown, NY)

Meetings: Thursdays at 7:00 pm at Jamestown Community College (in Chautauqua room at the Library). ☎(716) 664-5556 or (716) 483-0749

HUGS East (Mentor, OH)

Activities, events & groups for the gay and lesbian community of Ashtabula, Lake & Geauga counties. Newsletter published ☎HUGS East, PO Box 253, Mentor, OH 44060 ☎(216) 974-8909.

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Jamestown HIV Positive Support Group

☎ Jill Johnson at (716) 664-7855

Jamestown PFLAG

For parents & friends of lesbians & gays. Meets last Tuesday of the month, call for site. ☎(716) 488-1264 or (716) 763-1529

Jamestown Social Group

For men & women. Smoke & alcohol-free. Meets 3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast. ☎(716) 484-7285 or (716) 664-5556.

League of Gay and Lesbian Voters (LGLV)

Conducting survey on anti-discrimination policies of area employers. Lobbying for PA State SB1218 (also introduced in House), which would outlaw gay-bashing. Non partisan voters group. Publishes Voters' Guide for primary and general election, voter registration/education, lobbying. Meetings: See schedule or call. ☎Michael at (814) 456-9833. ☎LGLV-Erie, PO Box 3063, Erie, PA 16508-3063. ☎

Lesbian Moms Support Group

Support group for lesbian moms, co-parents and women interested in parenting. Meets 3rd Saturday of each month. ☎Lucinda Marsh, 214 Walnut Street, Waterford, PA 16441. ☎(814) 796-3535.

Life's Blood

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for Gays and Lesbians. Meetings: Sundays at 8:00 pm at the AIDS Council, 554 East 10th Street in Erie. ☎

Men's Coffeehouse

The Men's Coffeehouse is an alcohol & smoke-free environment with a particular theme, topic or activity for each month. They get together on the 2nd Friday of

each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings: Sep 10 & Oct 15 (Oct is moved from the 8th to make room for the concert). ☎(814) 455-9049 for more info.

Out & Proud

Support group for media issues, those dealing with coming out. ☎OP, PO Box 3063, Erie PA 16508-3063 ☎(814) 456-9833

Trigon

Support group for Behrend students, faculty, alumni. For more info, call (814)866-7387 or ☎College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Road, Erie, PA 16563.

Womynspace Coffeehouse

The Womyn's Coffeehouse is an alcohol & smoke-free environment for lesbians, with a particular theme, topic or activity for each month. They get together on the 1st Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm. They also have parties, picnics, softball & other activities. Next Meet: Sep 4 and Oct 2. Sally at (814) 454-2713.

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AIDS Council of Erie, Inc. 455-5492
 AIDS Community Svcs of Jamestown . (716)664-7855
 AIDS Facline 1-800-324-AIDS
 National AIDS Hotline 1-800-662-6080

Bars:

Ashtabula, OH. Leeward Lounge, 1022 Bridge St.
Erie, PA Lizzie Bordon's Part II, 3412 West 12th St.
 833-4059
 Silver Slipper Lounge, 1317 State St.
Jamestown, NY Nite Spot, 201 Windsor St.
 Sneakers, 100 Harrison

Community Service Organizations:

Bridges 455-0549
 Out and Proud (Speakers' Bureau) 456-9833

Counseling:

South Shore Counseling Group 725-8504
 For more info, call Greg 833-3258

E-Mail for EGCN, LGLV, Bridges:

From CompuServe 70431,1622
 From Internet 70431,1622@compuserve.com

Medical Services and HIV/AIDS Testing:

Erie Co. Dept. of Health (STD Clinic/AIDS Testing; confidential and anonymous); 2nd & Cherry St., walk-in (Mon. & Thurs., 9:30-3:30)
 451-6700
 Martin Luther King Center - no longer doing HIV tests

Political/Advocacy Organizations:

League of Gay & Lesbian Voters 456-9833

Publications:

Erie Gay Community Newsletter 456-9833

Religious Organizations:

Integrity 455-0549 or 774-0903
 Unitarian Universalist Congreg. of Erie 864-9300

Social Organizations:

Men's Coffeehouse 455-9049

Jamestown Social Grp(716) 484-7285 or 664-5556

Womynspace Coffeeshouse 454-2713

Student Organizations/Youth:

Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (Allegheny College, Meadville) 332-4368
 Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO) 732-2574
 GALA 10 (Mercyhurst College) 824-2572
 Gay & Lesbian Youth of Buffalo .. (716)855-0221
 Indianapolis Gay Youth Hotline 1-800-347-8336 (Under 21; Available Thu-Sun 7pm to Midnight)
 National Runaway Switchboard . 1-800-621-4000
 Teen Hotline (412) 771-8336
 Trigon (Behrend College) 453-6232

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Erie

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Jamestown & Southwest NY

Nite Spot, 201 Winsor, Jamestown. Open Tues-Sun 7pm-2am. Closed Mon. DJ Fri & Sat 10pm-2am. Sun Drag show, DJ after 9:30 pm, no cover. Nightly specials.

Rocking Duck Inn, 28 Genesee Parkway, Cuba NY. Near Olean, 100 miles from Erie. Gay-owned Bed & Breakfast. Call (716)968-3335 for more info.

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