



Erie Gay Community Newsletter

♣ = New or Modified Group/Event this issue

Calendar

Important Note: Events listed here are specifically gay or of interest to a lot of lesbian/gay 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

Aug 5-7—Craft Display at Jones Pond (Angelica NY) Displayed and sold Sat & Sun. at gay men's campground (716)567-8100.

♣ **Aug 6—Womynspace Coffeehouse** Theme: "Iced Tea and Hot Topics." Can we talk? Courting, crushes, and just about anything else we want to divulge. For info call Sal 454-2713.

Aug 6—Leather Weekend at Camp Davis (Boyers PA) Info (412)637-2402. Lesbian/gay campground.

♣ **Aug 6—The Lion in Winter (1968)** Q Classic on WQLN (PBS-Erie), 8 p.m.

♣ **Aug 6—La Cage Aux Folles (1978)** Comedy. TNT 1:55 a.m.

Aug 6-7—Buddies Sixth Annual Summer Festival (Buffalo) AIDS fundraiser put on by popular Buffalo gay bar. Food, beverages, games, dunk tank, casino gambling, music, live music. Starts at noon both days. 31 Johnson Park (716)855-1313. Benefits nutrition programs of AIDS Alliance and AIDS Community Services.



♣ **Aug 7—Yentl (1983)** Musical. Barbra Streisand plays a turn-of-the-century Jewish woman who passes as a male so she can study the Talmud. The scene of her wedding night is precious. TNT 8 p.m.

♣ **Aug 9—HIV/AIDS Support Group/St. Mark's Center** Info: Cheryl Weber at 452-6113. Transportation if you need it! 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

♣ **Aug 9—Biography: A Look at Mae West** 8 p.m. on A&E.

Aug 10—Womynspace Core Group Meets If you're interested in helping to keep Womynspace healthy and happy as it enters its 6th (!) year, roll up your sleeves and bring your ideas, visions and commitment to this meeting. At 7 p.m., call Deb at 453-2785 for location.

Aug 10—Stevie Nicks in Concert (near Cleveland) Blossom Music Center, tickets at Ticketmaster.

♣ **Aug 12—Summer Bash Party at Lizzie Bordon's** Snacks and refreshments, swimsuit competition (men's and women's). 3412 W. 12th.

♣ **Aug 12—Car Wash**

(1976) Comedy. TBS 2:35 a.m.

♣ **Aug 12—Gay Youth Pride Summer Dance (Buffalo)** Open to all gay youth, friends and families. Refreshments provided but no alcohol will be permitted. Dance contest and raffle. \$2 adv/\$3 door. Unitarian Church at Elwood Ave. & W. Ferry, 8 p.m. Info (716)855-0221. Put on by Gay and Lesbian Youth Svcs.

Aug 12-14—Classic Car Show Weekend at Jones Pond (Angelica NY) Showing cars up to 1980 at gay men's campground. Sunday is family day:

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Statement of Purpose

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.

Ad Rates

Businesses and Sponsors! Show your support and reach Erie's lesbigay community directly! Advertising space is now available for just \$20 for an eighth page ad, \$35 for a quarter page ad, and \$65 for a half page ad. Write the address above or call our Advertising Director at (814) 835-2380 or 456-9833 for further details!

Editorial Policy

We will consider for publication any material which broadens our understanding of our lifestyles and each other. Views and opinions appearing in this newsletter do not necessarily represent those of the staff nor those of the component groups.

We will not publish any material which promotes hatred or discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, race, gender, religion, age, class, physical ability or any other reason. We do not support exploitation of minors.

All materials submitted must be signed so we can contact the authors should we need to consider editorial revisions. However, within the pages of the newsletter, articles may appear anonymously, upon request, and strict confidentiality will be observed. If you wish to have your full name published, you must send a written and signed note that gives us permission to do so. This publication will not "out" anyone.

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.

Before submitting, please send SASE for writer's guideline

bring kids, parents, whoever (free). Info (716)567-8100.

Aug 13—Oldies But Goodies Weekend at Camp Davis (Boyers PA) Dance 8 p.m. at gay/lesbian campground (412)637-2402.

Aug 13—2 Girls Alone! at Cup-a-Ccino's 9-midnight 18 N. Park Row

✦ **Aug 13—Show at Silver Slipper (Erie) CANCELLED!!!!**

✦ **Aug 13—"Bad Obsession" Male and Female Revue at the Leeward (Ashtabula)** 11 p.m. and 1 a.m., \$3 cover. 1022 Bridge St.

✦ **Aug 13—"Bad Obsession" Male Revue at The Embers** \$1 cover. No, they aren't all doing two bars in one night. It's a big company, and there are enough of them to go around. 1711 State.

✦ **Aug 14—Men's Coffeehouse at Presque Isle** 3 p.m. at Presque Isle, pine tree pavilion past lighthouse on Beach 9. This is a re-organization meeting, so if you're interested in seeing the coffeehouse continue, come on down! Bring beach stuff, something drink/eat (this is a pot luck). Info: Mike Mahler at 456-9833.

Aug 14—9th Annual Community Picnic & Games (near Buffalo) At Joseph's Country Manor & Grove, 275 Columbia Ave., Depew NY. 1-6 p.m. All you can eat and drink for \$17 adv/\$20 door. Info (716)883-4750. An AIDS fundraiser.

✦ **Aug 14—Annual Chevrei Tikva Bar-B-Que (Cleveland)** 3273 Ormond Road, Cleveland Heights. Bring own main dish (grill or otherwise) and dish to pass. Drinks and paper goods provided. Info (216) 932-4419.

✦ **Aug 14—LGLV-Erie Meets** 5 p.m., 227 W. 5th. Info 833-3258.

✦ **Aug 14—Integrity Meets** Cathedral of St. Paul 133 W. 6th, 6 p.m. 774-0903.

✦ **Aug 15—Friends from the Heart Meets—NOTE NEW LOCATION!!!** 6 p.m. at Well Being, 710 Beaumont.

✦ **Aug 15—Troubadours of Folk Music** WQLN (PBS-Erie) Janis Ian is among the performers here. Others are Arlo Guthrie, Richie Havens, Joni Mitchell and Jefferson Starship. 9:30 p.m.

✦ **Aug 15—Out and About in Western New York & Southern Ontario** WNED (PBS-Buffalo) Not gay, but neat stuff to do.

✦ **Aug 17—Deadline for Miss Greater Erie Contest** \$10 for residents of City of Erie, \$25 outside Erie. Forms at The Embers.

Aug 18-28—Pittsburgh Pride Week See special calendar of events on page 7.

Aug 19—NY Residents: Last Day to Register for Primary

✦ **Aug 19—Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961)** Comedy by gay writer Truman Capote. Like other gay writers of his time, Capote could not freely depict gay characters, and sometimes their female characters were actually gay male characters in a woman's body. To many viewers, the characters of Patrica Neal and Audrey Hepburn make more sense if viewed as gay men. On AMC 3 p.m. & 2:30 a.m.

Aug 19-21—"run, jane, run" Sports Festival for Women (Cleveland) Women's amateur sports event, with lots of lesbian participation. *Golf Tournament* on Aug 19 at the Links at the Renaissance Club. *Volleyball Tournament* on Aug 20 at Softball World in Brookpark OH. *5K Run* on Aug. 21 Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Presented by and benefitting Women's Center of Greater Cleveland. For info, entrance, or to volunteer: (216) 651-1450.

✦ **Aug 20—Deadline for EGCN** We aren't rigid about this, but please try to aim for it. Thank you!

Aug 20—10% Network Picnic (Westfield NY) At Ottoway Park on Route 5, 4-10 p.m. About a mile past light on Rte. 5 at Barcelona (Westfield). Entrance

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✦ **Aug 20—Social Night at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)** Dance and group fire at 8 p.m. at gay/lesbian campground. Info: (412)637-2402.

✦ **Aug 20—Healing and the Mind** WVED (PBS-Buffalo) Every other hour, starting at 2:30 p.m. till sign-off.

✦ **Aug 21—John Lombardo and Mary Ramsey at Grind & Squeeze (Edinboro)** John is the original guitarist from 10,000 Maniacs and Mary plays viola and sings with Natalie Merchant. Tickets \$5 pre-sale. 105 Erie St., info 734-3225.

✦ **Aug 21—Gay and Lesbian Support Picnic (Niagara Falls)** Noon to dusk at Whirlpool State Park. (716)883-4750.

✦ **Aug 21—Imperial Court Presents: "Sunday Afternoon at the Stagedoor" (Buffalo)** Rain or shine on enclosed patio. 2-6 p.m. \$5 all you can eat. Stagedoor, 20 Allen St. (716)886-9323.

✦ **Aug 21—Barbra Streisand The Concert** HBO at 9 p.m. Full-length performance from Barbra's first public tour in almost 30 years.

✦ **Aug 21—Opera and More: Anniversary of the Birth of Leonard Bernstein** WQLN-FM (PBS-Erie) at Noon.

✦ **Aug 22—Rough Guide: "San Francisco and Seattle"** Part of a travel series that emphasizes the hip and alternative stuff about different locales, based on the *Rough Guide* travel books. By the way, the people who publish the *Rough Guides* are going to put out a gay guide to Europe. WQLN (PBS-Erie) 8 p.m. (*Chautauqua Co. Readers: WVED didn't have this scheduled for August...watch your local listings in September, especially Monday nights.*)



INTEGRITY

A Christian-based spiritual and support group sponsored by the Episcopal Church that welcomes people of all faiths. Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6 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) 774-0903

✦ **Aug 23—The Goddess Remembered & The Burning Times** WVED (PBS-Buffalo) 8 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Two documentaries about the roots of contemporary women's spirituality.

✦ **Aug 23—HIV/AIDS Support Group** Info: Cheryl Weber at 452-6113. Transportation if you need it. 7:30-9:30 p.m.

✦ **Aug 26—Off Limits: Your Health, Your Job, Your Privacy** WQLN (PBS-Erie) 10 p.m. Examines what employers have the right to know about their employees.

✦ **Aug 26-28—Country Music Weekend at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Country fun at gay men's campground. Info (716)567-8100.

✦ **Aug 27—Pittsburgh Pride Parade & Rally & Carnival** See special Pgh Pride list, page 7.

✦ **Aug 27—Leeward Lounge 24-Year Anniversary Party (Ashtabula)** Steak-fry on the patio, \$3. 1022 Bridge Street.

✦ **Aug 27—Ashley Simone at The Embers** Current Miss Youngstown, who does Whitney Houston, Toni Braxton, Patti LaBelle. Additional guest ROZZ. 11:30 p.m.

✦ **Aug 28—Picture This: AIDS and Teens** WNEQ (PBS-Buffalo) Interactive theatrical piece that has won community service and educational awards. 8 p.m.

✦ **Aug 29—Daughters of the Dust** On *American Playhouse*, WNEQ (PBS-Buffalo) Film about African-American women explores the sacred and secular. The lesbian aspects are very subtle.

✦ **Aug 31—Off Limits: Your Health, Your Job, Your Privacy** WVED (PBS-Buffalo) 10 p.m.

✦ **Labor Day Weekend Out-of-Town**

We've listed the big events we know about, but if you think you'd like to head out to one of the big cities for Labor Day weekend and want to know what else might be going on, here's some helpful info.

Buffalo—To get the latest on what'll be happening in Buffalo for Labor Day, call Buffalo Gay and Lesbian Community Network (716)883-4750.

Cleveland—If you want to know what's going on here, call the Cleveland Lesbian/Gay Hotline (216)781-6736. 7-11 p.m., Sat. 5-8 p.m., Sun. 7-10 p.m. Their big event, of course, is the picnic on Sept. 11.

Pittsburgh—See Labor Day Picnic. Other info call GLCC (412)422-0114.

Toronto—We called the Toronto Area Gay & Lesbian Phone Line (TAGL) and the guy who answered was really friendly but said he wasn't aware of what was happening Labour Day weekend except the stuff the bars are doing, and joked, "We're Torontonians; we don't plan that far ahead!" So if you want to do Labour

Day weekend in the big T.O., call TAGL 7-10 p.m. Mon-Fri (416)964-6600.

♣ **Sept 2—Labor Day Weekend at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Info (716)567-8100.

♣ **Sept 2 & 4—Elder Action in Gay & Lesbian Environments: Labor Day Events (Buffalo)** *Sept. 2 Bid for Bachelors & Bachelorettes* Put on by Eagles. Hamlin House. Open bar 8:00-9:00 p.m., Show starts at 9 p.m. Admission \$10. *Sept. 4 "T Dance"* 50/50 Raffle Drawing. Location To Be Announced. Sept. 2 event will be people of various ages, Sept. 4 event may not have a lot of older people. More info on EAGLES in the near future! Info: EAGLES at (716)882-2959.

♣ **Sept 3 & 4—Labor Day Weekend at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)**—Sept 3: *Flea Market* 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept 4: *Covered Dish Dinner* 7 p.m.

♣ **Sept 3—Womynspace Coffeehouse** Theme: "Read Any Good Books Lately?" We'll relax and chat about what we're reading. For info call Sal 454-2713.

♣ **Sept 5—Pittsburgh Labor Day Picnic(Pittsburgh)** At North Park Lodge. Put on by Pittsburgh Tavern Guild, portion of tickets benefits Lambda Foundation/Borelli AIDS Fund. To buy tickets in Erie call Harvey at (814) 456-3674. You can also buy tickets at most Pittsburgh gay bars and businesses. Festivities don't end when picnic is over because bars and clubs will have after picnic-stuff going on too.

♣ **Sept 5 & 6—Chevrei Tikva Rosh Hoshana Events (Cleveland)** On Monday: *Congregational dinner* 6 p.m. - Call for location. *Evening Service* - Unitarian Society 2728 Lancashire Blvd., Cleveland Hts. On Tuesday: *Service* 10 a.m. at Unitarian Society. *Congregational lunch* - 1 p.m., call for location. Info (216)932-5551.

♣ **Sept 8—Orlando (Edinboro)** Film based on the book by Virginia Woolf, which she wrote as a love letter to Vita-Sackville West. A man in Elizabethan England travels through the centuries, and wakes up a woman one morning. Great exploration of gender, very sensual in terms of characters, costuming, scenery, and music. At Edinboro University. 7 p.m. show at Multipurpose Room, University Center, 9:30 show at Memorial Auditorium.

♣ **Sept 9-11—Leeward Lounge End of Summer Bash (Ashtabula area)** Camping trip. Site not finalized yet, call the bar at (216)964-9935.

♣ **Sept 9-11—Leather 2 at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Info (716)567-8100.

♣ **Sept 10—Ohio Lesbian Festival (Columbus OH)** Music, comedy, merchants, food, drumming, volleyball, workshops on: writing, sex, meditation, women of color, goddess spirituality, lesbians choosing

How Much is EGCN Worth to You?

Recently, the costs for putting out this newsletter went up, causing our finances to dip below the comfort zone. They're inching back up, but it did get us to thinking about money matters. Especially since demand for EGCN is going up, and we need to start printing more.

What we'd like is for our readers to get a little more involved with our financial health. Up till now we haven't done any outright appeals to our readers, but we need to start doing that.

If even half of our readers would make a contribution, we'd be in great shape.

Think about all the great information you get from EGCN. Think about going back to life without it. Then consider making a contribution.

We have a proposition: We take care of you, you take care of us. Does that sound fair?

Thanks for your time, and we hope to be hearing from you soon!

Contributions can be made to EGC Coalition, P.O. Box 3063, Erie PA 16508. For information call (814) 456-9833,
—EGCN Editors.

children and more. Night stage: Karen Williams, disappear fear, Ohio performer tba. Day stage: Susan Herrick, Kathryn Warner w/Sandy Ayala, K.J. Denhart, the rhythm method, and Jess Hawk Oakenstar. Veteran festival-goer Lisa says "This is a really good festival for first-timers, because it's only one day, and it's not too far away. But you might want to bring your own food, because in the past the food lines have been very long, and there hasn't been much of a variety on the menu." (Also, the Maple Syrup Lady will be there so *stick* around and say hi!) In Kirkersville just 35 miles east of Columbus off I-70. Tickets \$15 adv \$20 gate. Advance tickets or info send SASE (before Aug. 20) to LBA Fest, P.O. Box 02086, Columbus OH 43202 (614)267-3953.

Sept 11—12th Annual "We are Family" Picnic (Cleveland) At Wildwood Water Park, Columbia Station, OH. Huge picnic. Dancing, games, shows, picnic, free beer, waterslides, paddleboat, good mix of people and environments. Tickets \$18 adv/\$20 gate. Info: NOCI (216)771-0369.

↪ **Sept 11—Gay Day at Breezewood (Rochester)** Tickets \$10, food and refreshments extra. Water Park 11 a.m.- 9 p.m., unlimited rides noon to 9 p.m. Breezewood is north of downtown Rochester. 100-200 gay/lesbian people expected. The Gay Alliance tells us that "Management has explicitly told park employees that any employee who makes a homophobic remark will be out of a job." Info: (716)244-8640.

↪ **Sept. 14 & 15—Chevrei Tikva Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Events (Cleveland)** *Kol Nidre*: Congregational dinner - 6 p.m., call for location. Service - 8:30 p.m., Unitarian Society, 2728 Lancashire Blvd., Cleveland Hts. *Yom Kippur* - Services 10 a.m. (at Unitarian Society), 4:30 p.m., Potluck/Break the Fast 6 p.m. both at Paul Zeitzev's. Info (216)932-5551.

↪ **Sept 16-18—Fantasy Weekend at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Indulge your fantasy, whatever that means to you, at gay men's campground (716)567-8100.

↪ **Sept 17—Miss Greater Erie Contest at The Embers** 1711 State,

↪ **Sept 17—Social Night at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)** Dance and group fire at gay/lesbian campground 8 p.m. Info: (412)637-2402.

↪ **Sept 17—10% Network: Safer Sex Workshop (Jamestown)** David Paul, Gay Outreach Educator for AIDS Community Services of W. NY. Paul will discuss how to make safer sex erotic, how to negotiate safer sex, right and wrong ways to use condoms, etc. and will answer questions. 7 p.m. at First Unitarian Society, 1255 Prendergast. For both men and women. Info: John at (716) 484-7285.

↪ **Sept 24—Karaoke at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge St.

↪ **Sept 30—2 Girls Alone! at Cup-a-Ccino's** 9-midnight, 18 N. Park Row.

↪ **Sept 30—Suzanne Westenhoefer Performs (Buffalo)** 8 p.m. Marquee at the Tralf, 100 Theater Place. Tickets at all Ticketmaster locations. Soldierheart Productions (716)852-0522. Lesbian comedy.

↪ **Oct 1—HUGS East: Gourmet Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser (Mentor OH)** \$25 per person; seating is limited so get tickets early. At Unitarian Universalist Church, 8181 S. Center St. (Rte.615). Info: (216) 974-8909.

↪ **Oct 10—Ohio Residents: Last Day to Register to Vote in Nov. Elections**

↪ **Oct 11—National Coming Out Day** Info (for individuals and/or organizations): NCOD, P.O. Box 34640, Washington DC 20043-4640. (202)628-4160, 1-800-866-NCOD.

↪ **Oct 11—Out There II** On Comedy Central, gay/lesbian comedy, hosted by Amanda Bearse. Check listings for times.

↪ **Oct 11—PA Residents: Last Day to Register to Vote in Nov. Elections** Forms must be *in* voters registration office by this date.

Oct 14—Lambda Ball (Pittsburgh) Pittsburgh's Grandest Black and White Ball at the Westin William Penn Hotel (Grande Ball Room). Info: (412)521-5444.

↪ **Oct 15—Bridges/EGCN Potluck & Forum** Unitarian Universalist Church, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie. 6 p.m. Bring dish to pass. Info 456-9833.

↪ **Nov 5—Lea Delaria Performs (Buffalo)** 8 p.m. at Marquee at the Tralf, 100 Theater Place. Soldierheart Productions (716)852-0522. Lesbian/gay Comedy and blues.

↪ **Nov 8—General Elections** NY, PA, OH, all other states.

↪ **Dec 1—World AIDS Day** Info and ideas: American Association for World Health, 1129 20th St. NW Suite 400, Washington DC 20036 (202)466-5883.

Festivals & Conferences

↪ **Sept ?—Womongathering(PA Poconos)** Womyn's spirituality gathering in the Pocono Mountains. This is usually held in Sept., but they haven't answered our call to them, so we don't know. RR5, Box 185, Franklinville NJ 08322 (609)694-2037.

↪ **Sept 8-17—Toronto Film Festival** General film festival with good gay presence in terms of featuring gay/lesbian films. Info (416)968-FILM.

↪ **Sept 9-11—Sisterspace Pocono Weekend (PA Poconos)** Music, theater, speakers, workshops, crafts, dancing, heated pools, waterfalls and lakes,



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✦ **Oct 7-9—National Women's Comedy Conference (Columbus)** Performances by female comics, workshops, open mike, more. Info: NWCC, 26151 Lake Shore 2112, Euclid OH 44132-1160 (216)289-2939 or 1-800-334-8644.

✦ **Halloween Weekend—Fantasy Fest in Key West (Key West FL)** Island-wide non-stop Halloween party for men and women. For reservations Key West Reservation Service (800)296-6291.

Pittsburgh Pride Week

August 17-28

To get Pittsburgh accommodations info, maps, etc. call 1-800-366-0093.

✦ **Aug 18—G.A.Y. Colors Party at Pegasus** Growing Alternative Youth will sponsor an under 21 night at Pegasus. All are encouraged to express who they are through what they wear. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. 818 Liberty Ave.

✦ **Aug 19-21 & 26-28—Pittsburgh Queer Theater Pride Week Production** Four one-act plays at the downstairs theater of the Pittsburgh Playhouse. Evenings. For ticket info (412)621-4445

✦ **Aug 20—Pride Week Kick-Off Party at Pegasus** Evening of dancing and fun. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. 818 Liberty Ave.

✦ **Aug 21—Gay Day at Kennywood** Noon till ? Plan to meet at Raging Rapids at 3:30 p.m. and the Wonder Wheel at 8:30 p.m. to show your pride. The park is still open for regular business, but gay/lesbian visitors sort of "take over." It's a friendly take-over, with the management accepting the whole thing. They say holding hands and affection is fine, but like anyone else, people getting hot and heavy will be asked to leave. They said gay/lesbian messages on T-shirts are okay, too, but they won't go for signs and banners—gay, anti-gay, or whatever. \$17.50 ride all day, \$4 general admission (for those who don't like to ride).

✦ **Aug 23-25—Pride Expo 1994** Noon-8 p.m. at Forbes Quadrangle, University of Pittsburgh Campus. Highlighting a Health and Wellness Fair, a Business/

Organization Fair, and a Queer Art Exhibition. Parts of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display (opening ceremony 8 p.m. 8/23). Live entertainment. African-American bi/lesbian poetry and fiction reading by Sistah Outsider 5-7 p.m. on Thursday.

✦ **Aug 25—Pride Expo Closing Ceremony** 8 p.m. "Come as we close the AIDS Memorial Quilt and Pride Expo '94 in a ceremony you will never forget! A candlelight vigil will take place to remember all of those who could not be with us for Pride Week '94, as a formal lotus-folding ceremony for the quilt takes place.

✦ **Aug 26—Commie Lesbos from Outer Space! Off Broadway Show** One-woman show at Pittsburgh Public Theater on Allegheny Sq., 8 p.m. Ticket info (412)321-9800.

✦ **Aug 26-28—Pittsburgh Queer Theater** see item Aug. 19-21.

✦ **Aug 27—Dorothy Hajdys Lecture** Mother of Allen Schliner who was killed by navy officers last year, in Pittsburgh to tell her story. Noon at Market Square.

✦ **Aug 27—Queer Day at the Warhol Museum** Visit Pittsburgh's new museum to its gay native son Andy Warhol.

✦ **Aug 27—Gay Comic: Tom Ammiano at Pegasus** Pre-Parade party with the "Mother of Gay Comedy," Tom Ammiano, kicks off celebration with cabaret show, then dancing! 10 p.m. at Pegasus, 818 Liberty Ave.

✦ **Aug 28—Pittsburgh Pride Parade and Rally** Parade steps off at 11 a.m. between 11th and 13th Streets on Smallman Street in the Strip District. Rally at Point State Park with Dorothy Hajdys, Tom Ammiano and city officials.

✦ **Aug 28—Pride Carnival '94** 1 p.m.-9 p.m. at Schenley Park. Prospect Pavilion. Food, dancing, and fun. Local organizations provide fun and games.



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On TV This Month

These programs appear on TV more than once during the month.

- ☆ **Cagney and Lacey (1981)** The movie that came before the hit series that so many lesbians loved for its six year run. Loretta Swit. Lifetime Aug 12 (9 p.m.) and 21 (Noon)
- ☆ **The Children's Hour (1961)** Drama about two teachers who are accused of being lesbians. This classic drama is often pointed to as an example of the depressing depiction of gay men and lesbians in the movies. It was also the first major Hollywood film about lesbians. At the time this film was made, the Hays Office, which determined what movies could depict, threatened to censor the film because of its "homosexual content." The president of United Artists said he would go ahead with the film anyway, and told the Hays Office that if their regulations were that limiting, the regulations should be changed. So on October 3, 1961, the office decided to allow "tasteful" depictions of gay content and themes. On TMC Aug 18 (4:50 a.m.), 21 (9:45 a.m.), and 29 (4:30 p.m.).
- ☆ **Forbidden Love: The Unashamed Stories of Lesbian Lives** Documentary about lesbian life in Canada in the 1950s. On CineMax August 17 (8 p.m.) & 29 (4:35 a.m.).
- ☆ **George Michael's Concert of Hope** AIDS benefit concert hosted by David Bowie, featuring k.d. lang and George Michael. On Disney at 9:30 p.m. and Aug. 26 at 10 p.m.
- ☆ **Philadelphia (1993)** Highly-acclaimed AIDS drama with Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington. On Pay-Per-View Aug. 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.
- ☆ **Woodstock '94** On Pay-Per-View, Aug. 13 & 14. This isn't really going to be a revival act, though there will be some acts from the original Woodstock in 1969. Some of the acts featured have large gay and lesbian followings: Melissa

Etheridge, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Salt-n-Pepa, Cranberries, Nine Inch Nails. Plus Alice in Chains, Arrested Development, Allman Bros., Johnny Cash, Crosby Stills, and Nash, Cypress Hill, Bob Dylan, Rollins Band, others. You might want to look at the Woodstock item in "Entertainment Notes" too.



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Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

Hey there, and how was your month? Micheal and I honeymooned up at Rocking Duck Inn. The Inn was lovely and the service and food were great. We had dinner at Moonwinks Restaurant on Saturday, which had a live piano player (the dead ones being ever so less entertaining.) It was nice to get away and spend some quiet time together. If you like antiquing, this is the weekend getaway for you.

One last wedding bit. My mom has really turned out to really like Micheal and to be very supportive of our relationship. She had asked to see the wedding pictures (which Jay did an absolutely fabulous job on, and yes, he would love to do other gay weddings and stuff, so call me if you want his number.), so we brought them over with us when we visited on the Fourth of July. She told me later that week that she had shown them around her office, which made me feel incredibly accepted. There was a point I thought I would have to choose between my husband and my family. Guess what, by talking with folks and facing stuff, you may be able to have it all.

I will be stepping down as coordinator of the Men's Coffeehouse after October. The role sort of fell to me because I happened to have the key to the place where we are meeting. At the July meeting, we discussed varying the site and/or activity. I really feel the group would benefit from a fresh perspective and I feel like I need to focus more sharply on certain projects. Please contact me with ideas and suggestions (and to volunteer!)

Please folks, if you have meetings or events you want listed in *EGCN*, make the effort and contact us. Some groups and events have told us they do not want to be listed (which is perfectly fine), so understand that some things are not listed because of being the group's or organizers' decision. We try to contact folks, but this is a courtesy. It is a lot of work to maintain the calendar and all the other sections of the newsletter and your active help is very much appreciated.

Letters

Dear Friends:

Family Service of Jamestown, Inc. is a community-based counseling agency staffed largely by psychologists and social workers. We are committed to providing services to all in our area who need and want them, including folks in the gay and lesbian community. We are presently in the process of ensuring that all our staff are lesbian and gay sensitive and informed about key issues that lesbians and gays see as important.

We also wish to make it clear that our doors are open to advice, questions, or comments from gays and lesbians. Feel free to call me or Bethany Robson.

Charles Weis, MSW/CSW
Chief Executive Officer

[Ed. Note: Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. is at 332 East Fourth Street, Jamestown N.Y. 14701. (716)488-1971. This letter was sent to hundreds of individuals and organizations interested in lesbian/gay concerns.]

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National/World News Bits

Study Shows Straights Molest Children 100 Times More than Gays Do

A child is 100 times more likely to be sexually molested by a relative's heterosexual partner than by a gay man or lesbian, according to a highly-publicized new study. The study, published in the July issue of *Pediatrics*, was undertaken in Colorado after an anti-gay rights group in that state used the claim that gays are responsible for half of all child molestations. The researchers found gay/lesbian sexual abuse to be extremely rare.

Falwell's Group Goes off Deep End

The religious right has been targeting President Clinton for some time, but now Rev. Jerry Falwell's organization is accusing Clinton of being a mass murderer. In the videotape *Bill and Hillary Clinton's Circle of Power*, Clinton is accused of the murders of numerous people. The video has been criticized for leveling very serious charges against Clinton while providing shoddy evidence.

Florida Citrus Drops Rush

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 21—Conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh will no longer be the spokesperson for the Florida Citrus Commission. The National Organization for Women and the 2.2 million-member National Education Association and other organizations and groups had been boycotting orange juice because of Limbaugh's \$1.1 million contract with the Commission. However, during the time Limbaugh represented the Florida Citrus, sales were the second highest they'd ever been.

Anti-Gay Initiatives Fail to Get on Ballots

Of the ten states where right-wing groups were hoping to pass anti-gay initiatives, only two succeeded in getting enough signatures to be placed on the ballot.

Boy Scouts Pay \$5,000 to Gay Man

SAN DIEGO, July 7—A judge ordered the Boy Scouts of America to pay \$5,000 to a gay police officer who was expelled from his position as Explorers post leader because of his sexual orientation. Superior Court Judge Anthony Joseph ruled that California's Unruh Act prohibits discrimination in California businesses. The Boy Scouts of America policy bans gay men from leadership roles, because they are considered inappropriate role models.

William F. Buckley's Family Values in Practice

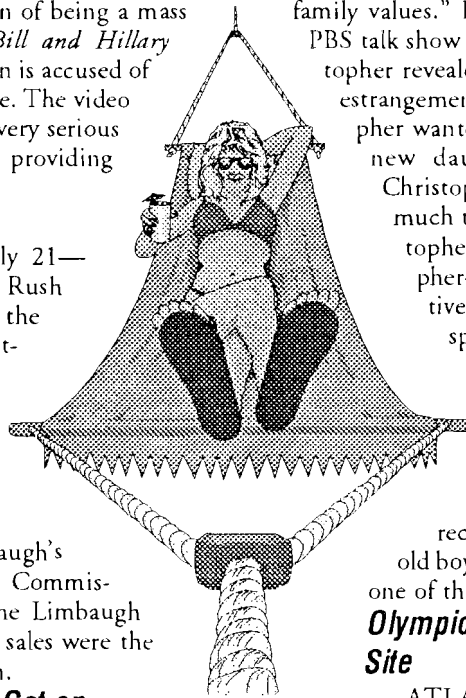
Conservative author and commentator William F. Buckley, Jr. is an outspoken proponent of "traditional family values." During a recent interview on the PBS talk show *Charlie Rose*, Buckley's son Christopher revealed the cause behind a rather long estrangement between father and son: Christopher wanted to spend a lot of time with his new daughter, and William resented Christopher's devotion to his daughter so much that he stopped speaking to Christopher for awhile. It was son Christopher—a liberal—who took the initiative to get father and son back on speaking terms.

Lesbian Couple Win Joint Recognition as Parents

LONDON, June 30—For the first time, an English same-sex couple has been awarded joint recognition as parents of a 22-month-old boy. The boy is the biological child of one of the women.

Olympic Organizers Drop Cobb Co. Site

ATLANTA, June 29—Homophobic Cobb County, Georgia will not host the volleyball venue for the 1996 Olympics, to be held in Atlanta. Gay activists, including gay Olympic gold-medalist Greg Louganis, expressed outrage and promised to disrupt the 1996 preliminary volleyball games



with demonstrations of protest. The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games moved the site to the University of Georgia.

More Possible Bans on Artificial Insemination for Lesbians

ROME, June 29—Lesbians should not be allowed to be artificially inseminated, according to guidelines published by Italy's government-appointed National Committee for Bio-Ethics. The non-binding guidelines cover test-tube fertilization, artificial insemination, and other reproductive technologies.

LONDON, July 8—Britain's health secretary is considering recommending that lesbians and single women be excluded from receiving reproductive technology treatments like artificial insemination on the national health service.

Hawaiian Governor Puts an End to Same-Sex Marriage Hopes

HONOLULU, June 24—Hawaii's governor has signed a bill prohibiting marriage between two people of the same sex. Last year Hawaii's Supreme Court ruled that allowing only heterosexual people to marry was against the state's constitution, which prohibits sexual discrimination.

Australia Has Best Human Rights Record, Except...

SYDNEY, July 7—According to the international human rights group Amnesty International, Australia has the best record in the world for dealing with human rights abuses. Its weak spots: boat people, Aborigines, and gay people. Although Australia as a whole tends to be enlightened about gay men and lesbians, Amnesty pointed to the Australian state of Tasmania's laws against gays.

Germany Nixes Recognition for Same-Sex Couples

BERLIN, June 30—The constitutional reforms being taken on by Germany's parliament will not include recognition of common-law relationships, whether same-sex or heterosexual. Also rejected were proposals concerning respect for ethnic minorities and animal rights. Reforms they passed included commitments to equality between the sexes, disabled rights, and environmental protection.

ILGA Ousts NAMBLA, Other Pedophile Groups

NEW YORK, June 30—Delegates at the annual conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association voted 214-30 to remove three pedophile groups, including the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA). Unsuccessful efforts had been made in recent years to remove the groups, but after the presence of the groups nearly cost ILGA its newly-attained United Nations status, the groups were asked to resign. When they refused to resign, they were told they would face expulsion at the ILGA annual conference.

Transitions

DIED: Assotto Saint, black gay playwright, poet, publisher, and dancer, of AIDS complications, on July 6. He was 36. He founded Galiens Press, which publishes black gay poetry anthologies (*The Road Before Us* and *Here to Dare*) and his own poetry collections, *Stations* and *Wishing for Wings*. Saint was one of the founders of Other Countries, a collective of black gay writers, and a founder of the Metamorphosis Theater (Among his plays were *Risin' to the Love We Need* and *Nuclear Lovers*). He was a dancer with the Martha Graham company, and appeared in *No Regret (Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien)*, the Marlon Riggs film about HIV+ black gay men.

DIED: Dick Sargent, on July 8, after a 4½-year battle with prostate cancer. He was 64. Sargent had played Darrin from 1969-1972 on TV's *Bewitched*. On National Coming Out Day in 1991, Sargent publicly announced he was gay. The actor said he was coming out because he was concerned about the high rate of suicide among gay teens, and would later jokingly call himself a "retroactive role model." Sargent also worked with various charities, including World Hunger, Special Olympics, American Foundation for AIDS Research, and AIDS Project Los Angeles. He denied he had HIV or AIDS, but said "if I did I would wear that badge as proudly as everybody else who has it."

DIED: Robert E. Lee, who co-wrote hundreds of plays, including *Inherit the Wind*, *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail*, and *Auntie Mame*, of cancer on July 8. He was 75.

RESIGNED: Kristine Gebbie, "AIDS czar" for Clinton administration. Details in *HIV/AIDS* section.

Local News - Erie County

EGO Inactive Till it It Gets a New Advisor

John Wetsell, president of the Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO), informs EGCN that the organization is inactive because their faculty advisor has quit.

They are looking for an employee of Edinboro University who would be interested in becoming the advisor. Wetsell emphasizes that the employee need not be gay or lesbian, just gay-friendly and willing to help.

Until an advisor is found, the organization can't do anything.

If you're concerned about the situation, contact EGO at 453-2785. Leave a message, and don't worry about being discreet.

Gay Catholic Community Forming

The Right Rev. Ignatius Robert Cash would like to start a gay Catholic community for the Erie area. He

would like to know if there is a place where the group can meet, and encourages people to join. For information, call Rev. Cash at 456-9650.

Transitions

MOVED: Michael Ehrens, to Los Angeles and perhaps on to San Francisco. He has promised to send EGCN a report on his adventures.

Local News - Chautauqua County

(Thanks to Patrick McNamara for much of the news in this section)

Infoline in Operation

The new Chautauqua Gay, Lesbian & Bi Infoline number is (716)679-3560. Call this number for information on 10% Network events and phone

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Jamestown AIDS Walker Raises \$405

John of 10% Network raised over \$405 in pledges for the June 5 AIDS Walk. The five-mile walk took place in Buffalo and drew 800 walkers. The pledges benefit AIDS Community Services of Western NY.

NY Voter Registration

To register to vote by mail in Chautauqua County, call (716)753-7111. To register for the NY primary, your form must be postmarked by August 19. Voter registration will also be available at the 10% picnic on August 20 (but if you wait till then you won't be able to vote in primary).

Cuomo Recognizes Same-Sex Couples

Governor Cuomo has directed his Office of Employee Relations to negotiate with the New York State unions the extension of health benefits to the domestic partners of New York State employees. The Governor

also appointed five lesbians and one gay man to major state positions. The most visible of these is the former director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Virginia Appuzzo, who has been appointed as New York Civil Service Commissioner.

Corrections:

Jamestown's YWCA Alternatives to Violence Program

In the July issue, we made a mistake on the daytime telephone number for Jamestown's domestic abuse program, YWCA Alternatives to Violence. Please note that the number for business hours is (716)488-2237. Also, the evening number isn't exactly a hotline, but rings over to Mental Health Center; they'll get back to the Alternatives to Violence program. That number, (716)484-0052, is correct. Also, they have walk-in service available.

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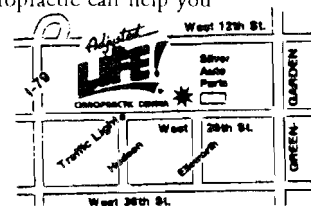
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Entertainment Notes

☆ **IT'S SO NICE TO HAVE YOU BACK WHERE YOU BELONG:** **Carol Channing** is once again taking on the role of Dolly Levi in the classic *Hello, Dolly!*, the Broadway blockbuster that snagged her the Tony 30 years ago. The tour—which passes through Pittsburgh September 13-18—has some industry observers scratching their heads, but the 71-year-old Channing is taking it in stride. Channing says that 1994's Dolly will be a little bawdier and more in tune with the times without changing the character. Recently, Channing was parade marshal in a gay pride march, and in an interview in the July 12 *USA Today*, she speaks about her large gay following and how often she's imitated by female impersonators.

—Patrick Christian

☆ **THOSE SILLY SIXTIES SITCOMS:** The death of **Dick Sargent** brings back memories of an interview with the late **Paul Lynde**, who played Samantha's Uncle Arthur in the *Bewitched* TV series. Lynde related that the set was pretty open and gay-friendly for that period of time. Besides Dick, **Agnes Moorhead** (who played Samantha's mother Endora) was open about her female partner, and Lynde was flamboyant both on-camera and off. When straight people gripe about being offended by seeing gay people kiss, remind them of what people's sensitivities were when the *Dick Van Dyke Show* (with **Mary Tyler Moore** and **Dick Van Dyke**) was first

shown back in the early 1960's. For one thing, a survey of the show's female viewers revealed great numbers of them found Mary Tyler Moore's capri pants "offensive." Also, the characters of Rob and Laura, like other married couples on TV then, had twin beds because at that time seeing a married couple in a double bed was considered offensively suggestive. You can catch re-runs of both shows on Nickelodeon....Oh, and by the way, **Sheila James Kuehl** (Zelda of *The Many Lives of Dobie Gillis*), won big in the primary race for California assembly seat. If she wins this fall she'll be California's first openly gay state legislator.

—Deb Spilko

☆ **THESE FILMS ARE A DRAG:** Matinee idol **Patrick Swayze** is challenging himself in his next movie as...a woman? In *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything*, Swayze, **Wesley Snipes**, and **John Leguizamo** play competing (gay) queens of the night. A recent article and photo in *USA Today* stirred controversy as it portrayed Swayze looking somewhat like a 1960s Rosalind Russel. Two other films are dealing with the subject, too. The British film, *Just Like a Woman* features an American banker living in London. He's straight, but cross-dresses, and falls in love with a woman (*Educating Rita's* Julie Walters). The other film comes out of Australia, *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, featuring noted British actor **Terence Stamp** as an Australian drag queen putting on a show in the outback.

—Patrick Christian

☆ **LAVENDER WOODSTOCKERS:** Free-wheeling as sixties counterculture may have been about sexuality, it wasn't too cool for performers to come out. Some are still pretty cagey about it. Among the at-least bisexual performing at the Woodstock Festival were the **Who's Pete Townsend** (who has since come out publicly and honestly, though the closest he came to a gay-themed song at the time was about Uncle Ernie, the boy-rapist in

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Tommy), **Joan Baez** (who quipped she was bisexual because you could "double your pleasure, double your fun" but wasn't sure about that later), **Country Joe McDonald** (the "Gimme an 'F'!" guy, who came out as a bisexual in the 1970s), and **Janis Joplin** (who preferred men but liked women, too, which Peggy Caserta plays up a lot in her book *Goin' Down with Janis*). Rumors abounded that **David Crosby** and **Graham Nash** were lovers, though the two apparently never said anything publicly. Crosby's *Triad* ("Sister lovers, water brothers/ And in time maybe others") seems fairly revealing. And another thing... The phrase "we are everywhere" was popularized here, because the counter-culture people who came to Woodstock were excited to see how many *people like them* were there; many of the people who were there were also gay, and would say the same thing when they went to large gay/lesbian pride events... If you're interested in going to Woodstock '94—which will have Melissa Etheridge playing as well as a lot of other '90s and '60s performers—call (212)765-1994. It'll be broadcast on Pay-Per-View (see *On TV This Month*).

—Deb Spilko

- ☆ **AT THE SLIPPER: The Silver Slipper** announces it is now open from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Also there are now daily drink specials. There'll be a show in the middle of the month, but the date hasn't been finalized. Check at the bar.
- ☆ **EMMY NOMINATIONS:** Nominations are in and here are some of interest. HBO's *And the Band Played On* got 13 nominations; PBS' *Tales of the City* won three; and the CBS movie *Gypsy* won 12. ABC's *NYPD Blue* had many on the religious right up in arms because of its salty language, frank themes and male nudity; the show nabbed an unprecedented 26 nominations!
- ☆ **COUNTRY MUSIC STARS SUPPORT AIDS CAUSE:** Well, it looks like folks in Nashville are taking a turn for the better concerning their attitude towards people with HIV and AIDS. Even though I am a huge country music fan

myself, I thought it would take much longer to see any kind of attitude change in this industry. But, surprisingly enough, some country folks are pushing hard for support against HIV and AIDS.

Kathy Mattea, a top recording star and leading organizer in the Nashville fight against HIV and AIDS, is making great strides in guiding her fellow artists into action. Mattea has repeatedly worn red ribbons during the Country Music Association Awards shows, against the advice of the Country Music Association. She also had a role in the TV show, *In a New Light*, which provided information about HIV/AIDS, and safer sex. In addition to the above efforts, Mattea also has her hand in the organization of an album to benefit the HIV and AIDS cause, called *Red Hot + Country* (set for release Sept. 13).

Country music star **Reba McEntire** also supports the HIV and AIDS cause with her new single, *She Thinks His Name was John*. This song is a story of a woman who contracted AIDS through a one-night stand.

Other Nashville Singers such as **Amy Grant** and **Clint Black** have sung on the AIDS benefit video *Amazing Grace*.

It is very uplifting to see these changes developing in the country music industry. Almost everyone in our community is by now aware of how much these contributions are needed. I'm sure we all hope to see these efforts continue.

—Dee Dee Foll

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HIV/AIDS News - Local

Erie Co. Health Dept. Announces New AIDS Education Program

The Erie Co. Health Department announced a new AIDS education project on July 20. Called HYPE ("HIV, You, and Preventative Education"), the program will involve:

1. *Mass Media Campaign.* Aimed at "high risk groups," it will use radio, TV, newspaper ads and articles, billboards and busboards.

2. *"Train the Trainer."* Help develop HIV/AIDS educators in "institutions working with high-risk youth and adults." There are plans to have an outreach worker visit places where there are people at high risk for HIV. They cited gay bars as an example.

3. *Teens at Risk.* "Incorporate HIV/AIDS education into existing County-wide Teen Monitoring Program aimed at high risk youth."

4. *"ABCs of AIDS, or Abstinence-Based Choices."* Set up a pilot project at a school where abstaining from

sexual activity will be the major emphasis of the AIDS curriculum.

5. *AIDS/HIV Network.* The Health Department takes responsibility of maintaining an active network of people working whose work dealing with HIV/AIDS.

6. *Educational presentations.* "Expand educational presentations to impart factual, culturally sensitive, age appropriate information in order to raise awareness about the prevention of HIV and AIDS."

7. *Individual Counseling/Consultation/Testing at "Satellite" Centers.* At places like neighborhood centers and college campuses. (Gay bars?)

The Health Department has hired four new staff members—a public health educator, a public health nurse, a secretary, and part-time community outreach worker—to implement HYPE.

For information contact the AIDS Education Office of the Erie Co. Health Dept., 451-6700.

New Support Group Meeting Weekly

A new support group, run by people who are HIV-infected and HIV-affected, is now meeting every Wednesday 5-6 p.m. at the American Red Cross Building, 4961 Pittsburgh Avenue. This coming month they will be deciding on a name. They invite new people to attend. For information call Robert Saunders at 455-8846 or Laurie Pollock (days) at 833-0942

Friends from the Heart Update

Letter from Don Lucas, president of Friends from the Heart:

Just a few lines to let people know how things are progressing with Friends from the Heart.

Friends from the Heart is a group of individuals who have a common concern for the HIV/AIDS community. We are not another agency; we're people who saw a gap in the "system" and are trying to fill it.

The purpose of Friends is to meet any immediate needs of individuals who are HIV-positive or have AIDS. The types of assistance we have recently provided for people are: emergency housing for three people; prescription payments for those waiting for prescription assistance to start; a payment so CMV screening could start for one individual; food; Advera

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nutritional supplement; emergency food vouchers; car repair; bus tokens; and even quarters for the laundromat. These may seem like simple, basic needs, but because government agencies sometimes work so slowly, these are the things that are needed.

Friends from the Heart has made up two questionnaires/surveys. One is for people who want to *volunteer*, to determine what each person wants to do or is able to do. The other is a *needs assessment form*, to determine what kind of help individual people with HIV/AIDS need (transportation, help with the house, etc.). We hope the questionnaires will allow the group to meet the needs of the HIV-affected community, and place volunteers where they are most able or interested in working. We will be distributing these within the next month. They'll be available at the usual places, and we'll have a list for you soon. Contact me for more detailed information.

Incorporation papers were filed on March 31, 1994, and notice of incorporation was printed in the *Erie County Legal Journal* on May 6, 1994. We are currently working on attaining 501(c)3 (non-profit) status.

Stop in or call me at Cocoon, 10th and Cranberry, 459-6608. I'm here Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. I enjoy meeting new people and I love conversation (ask anyone who knows me). If evenings are better, call and leave a message with my business partner, Tina. I promise I'll get back to you (and yes, I'll be discreet on the phone).

I would also like to take this time to thank everyone who has helped with past fundraising and food drive efforts. With your continued support, much more can be accomplished!

—Don Lucas

Free HIV+ Magazine Available

The Erie County Health Department is distributing *Positively Aware*, a magazine that is written by and for the HIV-affected community. It carries all kinds of important and practical information about things like testing, nutrition, sex, therapies, staying healthy and much more. People who want to distribute *bulk quantities* of the magazine at an organization or business should contact Deb Snowball at the Erie Co. Health Dept. office 451-6700. *Individual copies* are available from: Cocoon, Catholic Charities, Cross-

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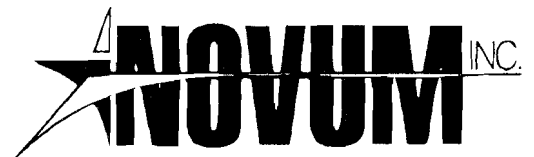
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Note to People Who Want to Donate to Local AIDS Organizations

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AIDS Events at Cleveland Health Museum

The national touring exhibit "What About AIDS" and related exhibits are now showing at the Cleveland Health Museum. These are:

"What About AIDS?" (Now thru Aug. 31). Uses personal stories, interactive video, text, photos, and hologram technology to raise awareness about AIDS. Three sections: "What is AIDS?", "Protect Yourself," and "What Can Be Done About It?"

Section of Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. (Now thru Aug. 31)

Children With AIDS: An Endangered Species (Now thru Aug. 31). Photo essay.

Play: Secrets. (Aug. 9, 2 p.m.) Play about AIDS transmission and prevention.

"Healthy Loving in the 90s" (Aug 9, 1 p.m., Aug. 16 time TBA, and tentatively Aug. 23). Talk by Dr.

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Virginia Cargill, founder of SAMM (Stopping AIDS is My Mission).

The Cleveland Health Museum is at 8911 Euclid Ave., open 7 days a week. Info (216)231-5010.

HIV/AIDS News - Nation & World

Study: Lesbian Sexual Transmission of AIDS Not Likely

LONDON—A study of lesbians in which one of the partners is HIV positive concluded that transmission of HIV through lesbian sex is not likely. The study, published in

the July 23 *Lancet*, found that although there was a lot of "high-risk" sexual activity within the couples and none of the women used protective barriers (like dams or gloves), none of the HIV-negative partners seroconverted ("became positive"). The researchers said that the results of the study supports the idea that the risk of HIV transmission between women engaging in "theoretically" high risk sexual activities was "non-existent." They did, however, recommend further studies with larger numbers of lesbians.

AIDS Czar Gebbie Resigns

WASHINGTON, July 8—After only a year on the job, Kristine Gebbie has resigned her position as the first national AIDS policy coordinator.

Many AIDS activists, unhappy with Gebbie's performance, applauded the move.

In her resignation letter, Gebbie said described "conflicting expectations of what an 'AIDS czar' could do, and continued national divisiveness on issues central to ending this great epidemic." Aides to Gebbie stated that they thought some of the problem came

from unrealistic expectations of what someone called an "AIDS czar" would actually be able to accomplish.

Although no prospective replacements were named at this writing, White House officials said they would not rule out the possibility that someone with HIV might be named to the post.

HIV/AIDS News - Therapy & Research

Helpful Suggestions for those Living with HIV

By Marc C.E. Wagner of WAGNER LABORATORIES

Those living with HIV recognize that treatment at some point becomes important. In studying HIV, I have come to a greater understanding of several important aspects that will directly affect progression. They are:

(1) If you are infected with HIV, you *must* practice "safe sex" to protect yourself from additional exposure to more virus.

(2) Add all treatments and interventions into your protocols with care and understanding. Single agents may not work well in combinations.

Everyone is an individual at different point of disease states with many other variables. The "kitchen sink" approach to treating HIV, both conventional (drugs) and non-conventional (herbs and dietary supplements), can in some cases be like throwing fuel on a fire.

Remember everything you take (whether it be oral, I.V., or rectal) does something. The goal should always be to create an environment that is less desirable for the virus and more desirable for you. The list of options in treating HIV is staggering, but if you approach this list with responsible testing, you will know what is or is not helping you.

It is key to work together with a HIV-knowledgeable physician that you are comfortable interacting with. Your physician can assist you in obtaining specialized testing which will give an indication on your direction.

I wish to describe further a test called polymerase chain reaction (PCR for short). PCR is a very new

clinical applied technology which can quantify the levels of HIV viral RNA in the serum at the time blood is drawn. PCR is the most sensitive test for measuring viral activity in you. PCR can be done to detect serum levels of HIV RNA or cellular HIV DNA. It is most valuable if the testing is done quantitative as opposed to "detected" or "not detected" results. Serum levels of HIV RNA by PCR will be the first to change due to a therapy(s) or intervention(s). The goal should be to continue decreasing the levels over time. There are two companies who perform this type of testing. They are:

National Genetics Institute
5839 Green Valley Circle, #104
Culver City CA 90230
(310)568-9895

Testing is offered through NICHOLS reference laboratories in your area. The sample will be sent and tested by National Genetics Institute.

Specialty Laboratories (soon to offer testing)
2211 Michigan Ave.
Santa Monica CA 90404-390(310)828-6543.

You play the greatest part in what happens to your health. Become involved and become empowered through knowledge and understanding that will help you make correct decisions. If you have any questions about PCR or comments you would like to share, you can write WAGNER LABORATORIES at 4201 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh PA 15221.

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The Advocate's Sexual Issue

The August 23 issue of *The Advocate* (our newsstand at this writing) is devoted to an intelligent look at sexual issues.

Among the articles are the results of the first national survey of gay and bisexual men's sexuality and relationships (a women's survey will be done separately). Almost 12,000 questionnaires were filled out and returned.

Just a sampling of their many findings:

Given the choice between living without sex or without love, 80% said they'd live without sex.

71% said they prefer long-term monogamous relationships over other arrangements. 59% said they would marry a man if they legally could, 26% said maybe.

The most popular sex act is "Hugging, caressing, snuggling," with 85% saying they love it.

At the, er, bottom was anal activity, with 46% loving insertive anal intercourse and 43% for receptive anal intercourse.

One in seven hasn't come out to anyone in his family.

Half of the men said they knew they were attracted to men by the time they were 12.

10% do computer sex.

The most popular term for a life mate was "Partner," followed by "Lover." The others, in descending order, were "Life Partner," "Husband," "Companion," "Significant other," "Boyfriend," "Spouse," and "Mate."

The largest number of men found their sex partners at a bar/disco or through a friend.

21% have been threatened or attacked because of their sexual orientation.

65% always have condoms available when they think they might get into a sexual situation, 25% are embarrassed about buying condoms, and 6% feel that sex without condoms is worth the risk.

Less than 1% think they're a woman in a man's body.

Nearly 10% are fathers.

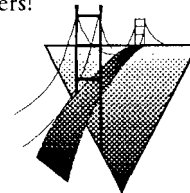
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Lizzie Bordon's, 3412 W. 12th

Perceptions, 328 W. 6th

Silver Slipper, 1317 State Street

Edinboro

Book Shelf, 200 Plum

Earthshine, 131 Meadville Street

EGO meetings

Grind & Squeeze Coffeehouse, 105 Erie St.

Jamestown NY & Warren PA

Nite Spot, 201 Winsor, Jamestown

Rainbow Connection, Warren 726-1808

Sneakers, 100 Harrison, Jamestown

Groups & Organizations

10% Network (Formerly 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.

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.

Chautauqua Gay Fathers & Lesbian Mothers

A support group for gay & lesbian parents in Chautauqua County & neighboring counties and a play group for their kids. ☎ (716) 672-6682.

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.

Dignity/Erie Tri-State

A national organization for lesbian, gay and bisexual Roman Catholics, their families and friends. ↗Dignity/Erie Tri-State, PO Box 3746, Erie PA 16508-0746 ☎ (814) 864-4627.

Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO)

Student group. Currently looking for faculty advisor (need not be lesbian or gay) (♿). ☎ John at 1-398-8005

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.

Friends from the Heart

Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transportation, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call Deb Monohon at (814) 838-0123 to see how you can help. Donations *greatly* appreciated.

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

Support group for gay men and lesbians and friends and family. Open to public. Meetings: Call for site & time. Confidentiality respected. ↗GALA-10/Sr. Maria Lucia Serrano, 3409 Garden Avenue, Erie PA 16508 ☎ Sr. Malu at 864-4889 around 7 pm or 824-2290 between 11am and 1 pm.

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

No longer meets.

HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of St. Paul Cathedral

Call 452-3779.

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.

Integrity

A Christian-based spiritual and support group, sponsored by the Episcopal Church that welcomes people of all faiths. Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month (6:00pm) at St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 West 6th Street. ↗Integrity-NWPA, PO Box 1782, Erie, PA, 16507-1782. ☎ (814) 774-0903.

Jamestown HIV Positive Support Group

☎ Eric Anderson 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.

JCC Support Group

A support group run by Jamestown Community College for gays and lesbians. Open to all community members. Meets off-campus. Contact: Greg Rabb. ☎ (716) 665-5220.

Lambda Group AA (formerly Life's Blood)

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for Gays and Lesbians. Closed discussion. Meetings: Sundays at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Church of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. ♿.

League of Gay and Lesbian Voters (LGLV)

Non-partisan voters group. Publishes Voters' Guide for elections, voter registration/education, lobbying. We are currently looking for cases of lesbigay related discrimination in the workplace. Contact us if you have been fired from your job. ☎ Greg at (814) 833-3258. ↗LGLV-Erie, PO Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505-0083. *Note new address!!!*

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.

➔Meadville Group

Now forming. ☎ Tex at (814) 337-5122.

➔Men's Coffeehouse

Currently reorganizing. Our August meeting will be at Presque Isle at the covered picnic pavilions past Beach 9 at 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 14. Looking for new coordinator. ☎ (814) 456-9833.

NW PA Gay and Lesbian Task Force

Now forming in Tionesta/Titusville area for political/media advocacy. Write to: PO Box 213, Tionesta, PA 16353-0213.

PFLAG-Erie

Support group for Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. Meets last Wed. of month. ☎ Kathy Harris at (814) 838-6020 or ↗PFLAG-Erie c/o Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie, PA 16508.

➔Pitt-Bradford/BiGALA

Support group for students. ☎ (814) 362-7643 or write to: University of Pitt Bradford BiGALA, Attn: Director of Student Activities, 300 Campus Drive/235 Commons, Bradford, PA 16701.

➔Rainbow Connection (Warren, PA area)

Warren, PA and surrounding area. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month, starting in fall. Call for location and meeting dates/times Fred or Marshall at (814) 726-1808.

SUNY-Fredonia Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Student Union

A support group for students at SUNY Fredonia. Group renamed B-GLAD. ☎ (716) 673-3424

Support Groups for Persons with HIV/AIDS

One group for Persons with HIV/AIDS, other for their families and loved ones. Open to people of all faiths. Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Catholic Charities, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. For more info, call Cheryl Weber at 452-6113. ♿

Trigon

Support group for Behrend students, faculty, alumni. For more info, call (814) 898-7050. or ↗College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Road, Erie, PA 16563.

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HIV/AIDS Directory

AIDS Organizations & Services:

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

AIDS Task Force (Mary Ellen Conigli)
..... (216) 998-1020
HIV+ Support Group (216)350-2554

Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.

AIDS Community Services (716)664-7855
Jamestown HIV+ Support Group (716)664-7855

Meadville PA/Crawford County

Case Manager - Debbie Miller ... (800)359-AIDS
Crawford Co. AIDS Coalition 337-3241
HIV+ Support Groups Rosemary Buzzard at 333-
5800

Erie PA/Erie County

Case Manager - Deb Monohon 838-0123
Case Manager - Mary Richardson 456-8849
Case Manager - Cheryl Weber 452-6113
Catholic Charities Support Group
..... Cheryl Weber at 452-6113
AIDS Network Jackie Tamarro at 451-6700
Friends from the Heart (Direct Client Services)
..... 838-0123
HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cathedral of St.
Paul (Episcopal) 452-3779
N.W. PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie office) .. 456-
8849 or 1(800)400-AIDS
Well Being HIV+ Support Group 838-0123

Venango/Forest County

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

Case Manager - Debbie Miller ... (800)359-AIDS

Warren County

Case Manager - Deb Monohon 838-0123
Case Manager - Tammi Shilling1(800)359-AIDS
or (814)226-2743

HIV/AIDS COUNSELING AND TESTING PROGRAMS (free):

The following locations offer free, confidential counseling, testing, and referral.

(Erie) Dept. of Health—STD Clinic ... 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

Anonymous Sites:

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

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Venango-Forest AIDS Support

Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Christ Episcopal Church, 16 Center Avenue, Oil City, PA For more info, call 800-359-2437

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 meet at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie. Presently looking for/open to new location. Contact Deb at (814)453-2785 or Sally at (814)454-2713.

Community Directory

24 Hour Counseling:

Saint Vincent 452-5151
Family Crisis 456-2014
Hamot 877-6136

Bars:

See back page!

Community-Building Organizations:

Bridges 456-9833

Counseling:

Deb Monohon 838-0123
Chautauqua Co. Gay InfoLine..... (716)679-3560
Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. (716)488-1971
Lake Erie Counseling Associates 455-4009
Peninsula Counseling Services 835-5204
For more info, call Greg 833-3258

E-Mail for EGCN, LGLV, Bridges:

From CompuServe 70431,1622

Funding and Fundraising:

Lambda Foundation .. P.O. Box 5169, Pittsburgh
PA 15206 (412)521-5444
Imperial Court 266 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo NY
14222

Health:

PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833

Legal:

John Cooper, Esq. 455-3436

Political/Advocacy Organizations:

League of Gay & Lesbian Voters 833-3258

Publications:

Erie Gay Community Newsletter 456-9833

Religious Organizations:

Commitment Vows Terry Kime at 864-9300
Dignity 864-4627
Integrity 774-0903
Gay Catholic Community Rev. Cash at 456-9650
Unitarian Universalist Congreg. of Erie 864-9300

Social Organizations:

Men's Coffeehouse 456-9833
10% Network (formerly Jamestown Social Group
(716)484-7285 or (716)664-5556
Rainbow Connection (Warren PA) 726-1808
Womynspace Coffeehouse 454-2713 or 453-2785

Student Organizations/Youth:

Cmte. in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual
People (Allegheny College, Meadville) .. 332-4368
Covenant House Teen Hotline .. 1-800-999-9999

Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO) (*suspended for
summer*)

GALA 10 (Mercyhurst College) *suspended for
summer* 824-2572

Gay & Lesbian Youth of Buffalo .. (716)855-0221

Jamestown Comm. College Grp... (716)665-5220

National Runaway Switchboard . 1-800-621-4000

Pitt-Bradford BiGALA 1-362-7654

SUNY-Fredonia B-GLAD .. Dr. Susan Malone at
(716)673-3424

Teen Hotline (412)771-8336

Trigon (Penn State Behrend) 898-7050

Support Groups

Chautauqua Gay Fathers & Lesbian Mothers.....

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Erie Sisters 2115 W. 8th St., # 261, Erie, PA
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Jamestown Gay/Lesbian Drug & Alcohol Abuse..

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Lesbian Moms Support Group..... 796-3535

Lambda Group—Gay AA (formerly Life's Blood)

Every Sunday, 8:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist

Congregation of Erie.

PFLAG-Ashtabula OH (216)964-3350

PFLAG-Erie Kathy at 838-6020

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

Violence and Abuse:

Erie Hospitality House (Domestic abuse, women
and men) (814)454-8161

Hate Crimes (US Justice Dept.).... 800-347-4283

Jamestown - YWCA Alternatives to Violence

(Domestic abuse, women and men) Daytime

(716)488-2237, evenings (716)484-0052.

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Erie & Edinboro

Cup-a-Ccino's, 18 North Park Row. Mon-Wed 7:30am-11pm, Thur-Fri. 7:30 am-12 mid., Sat 9 a.m.-midnight. 456-1511. A gay-friendly coffeehouse. New expanded space, non-smoking section, retail store. Poetry and story nights on alternating Thursdays, live music most Saturdays, some Fridays. Bike rack for cyclists.

The Embers, 1711 State St. 454-9171. Open Mon-Sat. 8pm-2am. Live DJ music Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 10 pm-2am. Pool table, Kitchen 9-midnite, Beth at the piano Thurs 10-midnite.

Grind and Squeeze Coffeehouse, 105 Erie Street, Edinboro, 734-3225. Summer Hours: Mon-Thurs. noon-midnight, Fri. noon-1 a.m., Sat. 3 p.m.-1 a.m. & Sun. closed. Returns to regular hours end of Aug. Gay-friendly coffeehouse. Second floor, above John's Wildwood Pizza.

Lizzie Bordon's Part II, 3412 West 12th. Open Mon-Sat., patio open Mon.-Tues.-Thurs. Bowling on Tuesday 9 pm till? Country Line dancing Wed. 9-11 p.m. w/ live DJ. 90s dance music DJ on Fri. (11-2 a.m.) & Sat. (9pm-2a.m.) Shows on some Fridays. Carries *Out & GPC*

Silver Slipper, 1317 State Street. Open Mon.-Sat. (Wed., Thurs. Fri. open 2 p.m.-2 a.m. Live DJ music 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. On Friday the DJ plays oldies till 10:30 p.m. (50s, 60s and 70s). Saturday cocktail hour 2-6 pm: beer is \$1, schnapps is \$1. Food served. Carries *GPC*.

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. Nitely 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.

Sneakers, 100 Harrison, Jamestown. (716)484-8816. Open 7 days a week, 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. DJ Fri and Sat 10-2. Sundays: Pool tournaments, starting 4 p.m.

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