



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 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

Sept 2 & 4—Elder Action in Gay & Lesbian Environments: Bid for Bachelors & Bachelorettes & T-Dance (Buffalo)—POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 14 & 16!!! 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 4—Goodtime III Cruise: Midwestern Invitational Softball Tournament (Cleveland)**
"Join hundreds of athletes from throughout the USA and Canada!" \$15 adv/\$20 dock. Board 8:30 p.m., cruise 9 p.m.

Sept 5—Pittsburgh Labor Day Picnic (Pittsburgh) At North Park Lodge. Lambda Foundation's "Last Big Party of the Summer." \$15 adv/\$20 gate. To buy tickets in Erie call Harvey at (814) 456-3674. You can also buy tickets at most Pittsburgh

gay bars and businesses. All you can eat food, snack, and beverage. Dance music DJ, country music DJ in two separate dance areas. 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 7—Law and Order: The Reaper's Helper** Greevey and Logan probe the mysterious death of a gay man who had AIDS. On A&E at 11 p.m. and 3 a.m.

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—Menspace (formerly Men's Coffeehouse)** 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Church. Gourmet coffee, homemade chocolate chip cookies, chocolate cheesecake and more. See article about Menspace on page 13

Sept 9-11—Leeward Lounge: End of Summer Bash—RESCHEDULED Sept 16-18



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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 lesbian/gay groups and individuals to help our community develop and thrive.

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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 guidelines.

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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 children and more. Night stage: Karen Williams, disappear fear, Ohio performer tba. Day stage: Susan Herrick, Kathryn Warner w/Sandy Ayala, K.J. Denhert, 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!) 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—16th Annual "We are Family" Picnic (Cleveland) At Wildwood Water Park, Columbia Station, OH. Huge picnic. Dancing, games, shows, picnic, free beer and pop, waterslides. Only 2500 tickets sold. Tickets \$18 adv/\$20 gate. Info: NOCI (216)771-0369.

Sept 11—Gay Day at Seabreeze (Rochester) Tickets \$10, food and refreshments extra. Water Park 11 a.m.- 9 p.m., unlimited rides noon to 9 p.m. Seabreeze (yeah, yeah we know we got the name wrong last time) is north of downtown Rochester. 100-200 gay/lesbian people expected. 6 p.m., Info 774-0903.

↪ **Sept 13—HIV/AIDS Support Group of St. Mark's Center** Transportation available if you need it! Call Cheryl Weber at 452-6113.

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 14—Yom Kippur Services (Buffalo)** 8 p.m. Unitarian Church, 695 Elmwood. Buffalo Jewish Lesbian Group.

↪ **Sept 15—Paris is Burning (1990)** The acclaimed documentary about New York's black and Hispanic drag culture, which gave birth to the "vogue" craze. Cincinnati 4:35 a.m.

↪ **Sept 16—Ting Line Special Debate: "Resolved: The Wall of Separation Between**

Church and State Should Be Lowered" WQLN (PBS-Erie) 9 p.m.

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 16-18—Leeward Lounge End of Summer Bash (Ashtabula Area)—NEW DATE** Camping trip. Visit bar for details. 1022 Bridge St.

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—Horizons "Motown Dancin': The Choreography of Charles "Cholly" Atkins"** WQLN-FM radio (PBS-Erie) 1 p.m.

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.

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♣ **Sept 17—Redwood Curtain (Buffalo)** Theater performance which benefits AIDS Family Services (they provide counseling and support groups for HIV-affected people). Tickets \$30. Info (716)881-7751.

♣ **Sept 17—Showhouse '94 (Pittsburgh)** "An evening of hot fashion, impeccable art, unique silent auction, exquisite food, and live jazz." Proceeds benefit Pgh. AIDS Task Force and Mexican War Streets Society. Donation \$50 per person. 7 p.m. Included in donation will be the Mexican War Streets Society's 25th Annual House and Garden Tour Sept. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets: (412)363-4136 or send check/money order to Show House '94, 813 Copeland Way Suite 6, Pittsburgh Pa 15232. (payable to Showhouse '94/PATF).

♣ **Sept 18-Oct 28—Earth & Sky & All Shows Between** At Cup-a-Ccino's, 18 N Park Row, Erie. Works by Urbana Dyke, a.k.a. Jill Flynn

♣ **Sept 21—Biography: Michelangelo** A&E 8 p.m. Profiles the Italian Renaissance artist/sculptor whose works sometimes reflected a homoerotic sensibility (e.g., *David*). Many of his models were also his lovers. Following his death, his poems and sonnets were written over in an effort to make him look straight.

♣ **Sept 23-25—Mr. Jones Pond Contest (Angelica NY)** To select someone who represents this gay

men's campground. Note that this is not a drag event. Info: (716)567-8100.

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

♣ **Sept 24—"What is Fanaticism?"** By Martin Marty. On *Chautauqua Lectures*, WQLN-FM radio (PBS-Erie) 11 a.m.

♣ **Sept. 24—Madonna: Truth or Dare (1991)** Tour documentary. Cinemax 4 a.m.

♣ **Sept 24—Imperial Court Presents: Mr. Cowboy & Miss Cowgirl Contest (Buffalo)** At Zippers, 884 Main Street. Categories include Watering Hole ("Wear whatever a cowboy would wear when he's watering his horse. Last year a guy only wore a cowboy hat."), Talent, and Cowboy and Cowgirl Wear. Plus Investiture Event. For information call Empress IV Chevon Davis at (716)882-8612.

♣ **Sept 25—Karaoke Boat Ride Aboard Miss Buffalo (Buffalo)** Compton's After Dark and Buddies are presenting a fundraiser aboard the Miss Buffalo from 3-6 p.m. (board at 2:30 p.m.) Music provided by Even Keel Karaoke. Donations are \$15, tickets and info from Compton's After Dark (716)885-DARK, and Buddies (716)855-1313. Proceeds provide funds for several zoo animals from Compton's, Buddies, and

Congressional candidate Phil English is actively supported by anti-gay, right-wing extremists Jerry Knight & Phyllis Schlafly...

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Partial list of presenters:

Kathleen DeBold, Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund; Kevin Layton, Human Rights Campaign Fund; Political Consultants Jeanne K. Clark, Joanie Rabinowitz & Gail Ball; PA Rep. Karen Ritter; Bellevue Councilmember Susan Myers

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Confirmation will be sent by mail. For more info: (412) 661-6670.

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Buffalo's gay community for the Buffalo Zoo through the zoo's Adopt (and Feed)-an-Animal program. "We sail rain or shine!"

✦ **Sept 26—Chantilly Lace** Improvisational drama includes a lesbian who is coming out. Ally Sheedy. The Movie Channel 2:35 a.m.

✦ **Sept 27—Queen Christina (1933)** TNT at 2 p.m. Drama about the 17th century Swedish lesbian monarch, played by actress Greta Garbo, who also loved women. Although the film's director tried his best to take lesbianism out of the movie, Garbo and the film's screenwriter (Salka Viertel, who was influenced by the German lesbian film *Maedchen in Uniform*) brought a subtle lesbian sensibility to the film. Hopefully, TNT will air the film uncut, because it features a lovers' kiss between Christina and her lady-in-waiting, Countess Ebba.

✦ **Sept 27—HIV/AIDS Support Group (St. Mark's Center)** Transportation if you need it! Info Cheryl Weber 452-6113.

✦ **Sept 27—Rainbow Connection (Warren PA)** Info (814)757-8583.

✦ **Sept 28—PFLAG-Erie Meets** Info Kathy Harris 838-6020.

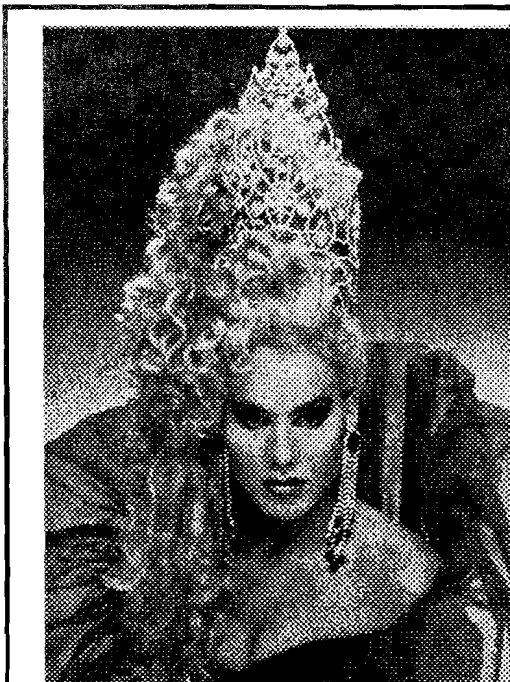
✦ **Sept 29—Three of Hearts (1993)** Comedy about a lesbian who tries to get her ex-lover jealous by hiring a gigolo to act like he's her boyfriend, and ends up being attracted to him. This movie is available with two endings: one ending will annoy the average lesbian/gay viewer, and the other won't. No information on which one this is. TMC 8 p.m.

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

✦ **Sept 30—Suzanne Westenhofer Performs (Buffalo)** 8 p.m. Marquee at the Tralf, 100 Theater Place. MC Cyd Cox. Tickets at all Ticketmaster locations or Marquee box office. (716)852-0522. Lesbian comedy. Put on by Soldierheart Productions. "Everyone is welcome!"

✦ **Sept 30-Oct 2—Octoberfest at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** (716)567-8100.

✦ **Oct 1—Womynspace Coffeehouse: Sapph-Fire Anniversary Celebration and Dance** 7:30 p.m. "Come join us! Celebrate the fifth anniversary of Womynspace. Variety of music. Dance the night away with friends, anniversary cake, and Lezz Fizz. Come early, stay late, catch the stars! Info: Sally at 454-2713.



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♣ **Oct 1—Sable Chanel at The Embers** "Showgirl of the South." Miss Gay USA 1991. 11:30 p.m. 1711 State St.
 ♣ **Oct 1—Masquerade Party at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)** 8 p.m. costume contest, food. (412) 637-2402.
 ♣ **Oct 1—AIDS Awareness Night and Family Night at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** 8 p.m. sharp. "Bring family and friends. This event is to show people that we're more than just a bar here, and to talk about the work that the Ashtabula AIDS Task Force does."—Ellen, Leeward's owner. 1022 Bridge Street.
 ♣ **Oct 1-2—LGLV Campaign Institute (Pittsburgh PA)** The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters is sponsoring the Campaign Institute, which is a 2-day series of lectures and panel discussions to teach people the basics of running for office, and managing a campaign. See Local News section, page 12 for details. Info LGLV (412) 6670.
 ♣ **Oct 5—Gay & Lesbian Youth Services Roller Skating Party (Buffalo)** Families and children welcome. Tickets \$5 adv/\$6 door. At Skateland, Cheektowaga. Info (716) 892-0075.
 ♣ **Oct 7-9—Halloweenfest at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Info (716) 567-8100.
 ♣ **Oct 7-16—Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (Pittsburgh)** Information at end of calendar section, p. 9. Info (412) 232-3277.
 ♣ **Oct 8—Covered Dish Dinner at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)** Camp closes Oct 9. Info (412) 637-2402.
 ♣ **Oct 9—9th Annual Churchwide Day of Prayer for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS** 10 a.m. at Cathedral of St. Paul, 133 W. 6th Street in Erie. Eucharistic healing service. All are welcome. Information: Sue Kuebler at 452-3779.
 ♣ **Oct 9—Pool Tournament at the Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge Street.
 ♣ **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 channel, gay/lesbian comedy, hosted by Amanda Bearse, openly-lesbian star of TV's *Married... With Children*. The hour-long special will feature a mix of stand-up, comic performances, and celebrity roll-ins including Whoopi Goldberg, Cybil Shepherd, and Patrick Stewart. Lesbian/gay performers will include Karen Williams, Frank Maya, Kate Clinton, Maggie Cassella, Scott Sliverman, Mark Davis, Elvira Kurt, and John McGivern. Taped during last June's Gay Games. We won't have air times till next month's issue. Check listings or call your cable company for air time.

♣ **Oct 11—Indigo Girls (Akron OH)** E.J. Thomas Hall, Akron University. Tickets from Ticketmaster.

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—Seventh Annual Lambda Ball (Pittsburgh) Pittsburgh's Grandest Black and White Ball at the Westin William Penn Hotel (Grande Ball Room). Benefits Lambda Foundation, which provides grants to the gay, lesbian, and bisexual communities in Western PA, West Virginia and Ohio. Lisa Koch, lesbian humorist and singer/songwriter, will emcee the Ball. Festivities begin with *cocktails* at 5:30 p.m. *Dinner* follows at 7:30 with *dancing* starting around 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$50 plus cash bar for the entire evening (cocktails, dinner, entertainment, and dancing) and \$20 plus cash bar for dance ticket only (includes dancing and entertainment, with cocktails starting at 7 p.m.). Benefactor tickets are \$70; benefactors are listed (if they wish) in Lambda Ball program, seated at tables that circle the dance floor, and invited to an after ball reception. "We're suggesting black and white formal attire along with masques to make the evening not only



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✦ **Oct 14—NY Residents: Last Day to Register to Vote for November Elections**

✦ **Oct 14—EAGLES' Bid for Bachelors and Bachelorettes (Buffalo)** Benefits Elder Action in a Gay and Lesbian Environment. Hamlin House, 432 Franklin St. Admission \$10, open bar 8-0 p.m., show 9 p.m. Mix of age groups expected. Info: EAGLES at (716)882-2959.

✦ **Oct 15—Bridges/EGCN Potluck & Forum** Unitarian Universalist Church, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie. 6 p.m. Meet and eat! Bring dish to pass. Exchange ideas and information about building our community. Meet with and talk with people who care! Give Bridges your input. After eating and meeting we'll hang around, listen to music, enjoy each others' company, and so on. So come on out! Info 456-9833.

✦ **Oct 15—Doing Something for World AIDS Day (Dec. 1)? This is the Deadline for Getting that Info to EGCN!!!** In order to give people enough notice about your events, EGCN needs to list those in those events in our *November* issue (December will be

too late). Call 456-9833. If decisions are made a little after this, we won't be completely rigid about the deadline, but please do aim for Oct. 15 (see "HIV/AIDS - Organizing" on p. 18).

✦ **Oct 16—Afternoon Dance at Club Heat (Buffalo)** 153 Delaware Ave. Benefits EAGLES. Attendees will probably be younger. (716)882-2959.

✦ **Oct 20—DEADLINE FOR EGCN**

✦ **Oct 20—Western New York Fall Conference on AIDS: Focus on Adolescence and HIV (Buffalo)** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Buffalo Convention Center. The conference is "specifically designed for physicians, nurses, and other health care providers, as well as teachers, social workers, and any professional who interacts with and nurtures adolescents." Credit units available. Info (716) 898-4119.

✦ **Oct 23—Imperial Court Presents "Dish with Royalty" (Buffalo)** Traditional spaghetti dinner with meatballs. Unitarian Church 695 Elmwood 5-9 p.m. \$7. Info (716)882-8612 or (716)893-4479.

✦ **Oct 29—Womyn's Halloween Dance (Buffalo)** 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Unitarian Church, 695 Elmwood. \$5 more/less

✦ **Nov 2—"Gay Rights: A Question of Fairness" Debate at Penn State Behrend (Erie)**

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William B. Rubenstein, director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights and AIDS Project at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Robert Knight, director of the Family Research Council a conservative organization that opposes gay rights. 7:30 p.m. in Erie Hall, admission free. Info 898-6000.

Nov 5—Lea DeLaria Performs (Buffalo) 8 p.m. at Marquee at the Tralf, 100 Theater Place. Soldierheart Productions, info (716)852-0522. Tickets available at all Ticketmaster locations, or Marquee box office \$13/\$15. Lesbian/gay Comedy and blues (Lea will have her 3-piece band). MC Madeline Davis.

Nov 5-Dec. 1—Ways in Being Gay (Buffalo) 4 weeks of works by lesbians and gay men. More details next month. Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, 2495 Main Street Buffalo. Info (716)835-7362.

Nov 8—Election Day

Nov 10—Sandra Bernhard (Cleveland) State Theater. Tickets (800)766-6048.

Nov 11—Menspace Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie 7:30 p.m.

Nov 12—2 Girls Alone! at Cup-a-Ccino's 18 N. Park Row 9 p.m. to midnight.

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. Also see "HIV/AIDS" - Organizing" on p. 18).

Festivals & Conferences

Sept 23-25—Journey into Ourselves (NY Catskill Mountains) "An opportunity for gay men to share an exploration of personal trauma and life changes." Info: Spirit Journeys, P.O. Box 5307, Santa Fe NM 87502. (505)351-4002.

Oct 7-15—Rochester Lesbian and Gay Film Festival Will emphasize older films that are almost impossible to see elsewhere. Last year's festival included 70 films and videos. Info Gay Alliance, 179 Atlantic Ave., Rochester NY 14607. (716)244-8640.

Oct 28-29—African American Lesbians: Self, Community, Relationships (Chicago) Held at Malcolm X College. Info: JERA, P.O. Box 2583, Homewood IL 60430.

Oct 29-30—Crone Home Weekend (Over 60's and friends) at InTouch Women's Land Rt. 2 Box 1096, Kent Store VA 23085 (804)589-6542.

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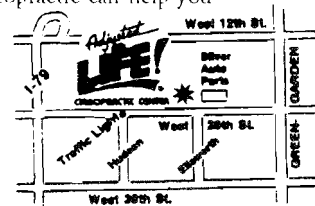
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On TV This Month

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

- ☆ **Arthur Ashe: Citizen of the World** Tribute to the tennis great who died last year of AIDS complications. On HBO Sept. 27 (10 p.m.) & 29 (midnight).
- ☆ **Living Proof: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness** HIV+ people talk about living with HIV. On Cinemax Sept. 7 (8 p.m.) and 15 (1:30 p.m.).
- ☆ **Poison Ivy** Cinemax Sept. 21 (10 p.m.) and 30 (1:30 a.m.). Drew Barrymore as not-very-nice girl who, among other things, seduces Sarah Gilbert. The steamy on-screen kiss between them had even *Entertainment Tonight's* Mary Hart a little rattled. When this movie was released, Gilbert was asked if she was a lesbian, and she hemmed and hawed and said maybe she could be.
- ☆ **Surfing: Women's Pro Tour** ESPN2 Sept. 11 (2 p.m., 4 p.m.) and Sept. 14 (11:30 p.m.).
- ☆ **Women Pirates** On The Discovery Channel Sept. 22 (11:30 p.m.) and 25 (11 p.m.). Looks at the lives of female pirates Anne Bonney and Mary Read, who dressed and fought as men on the high seas.

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Oct 7—Grief 7 p.m. Comedy/drama **Salmonberries** 9 p.m. k.d. lang.

Oct 8—Daddy and the Muscle Academy 7 p.m. Tom of Finland **Forbidden Love** 9 p.m. 1950s-60s lesbian life.

Oct 9—Salmonberries 7 p.m. **Coming Out Under Fire** 9 p.m. Gays in World War II.

Oct 10—Boys Shorts 7 p.m. Gay men's short films. **Coming Out in Israel** 9 p.m. short films.

Oct 11—TBA 7 p.m. **Super 8 1/2** 9 p.m. Washed up orn director makes comeback.

Oct 12—Women's Shorts 7 p.m. Lesbian short films **The Queen** 9 p.m. From 1968, a pre-Stonewall *Paris is Burning*.

Oct 13—Framing Lesbian Fashion 7 p.m. hip documentary about lesbian fashion. **A Certain Grace** Lesbian coming out story. **Death in Venice California** Based on Thomas Mann novel, updated.

Oct 14-15-16—?

Entertainment Notes

- ☆ **TV TIDBITS:** The Paramount film version of TV's **Brady Bunch** will be updated to include a couple gay characters. There will be a gay burglar, and Marcia Brady's new best friend is an out lesbian...**Martina Navratilova** will be profiled in a special on the Lifetime channel (air date not known at this writing)...Newly-out lesbian comic **Judy Gold** will be on **Margaret Cho's** upcoming sitcom *All American Girl*.
- ☆ **MISS SUPERMODEL DROPS HER DRESS:** **RuPaul**, who rose to fame as the world's most famous transvestite, says he's going to cut back on doing drag. In an article in the August 23 *Advocate*—in which he appears bearded and without wig or make-up—he says, “In the past, I never felt sexy or appealing as a male. But I do now. And I want to make myself known in the public eye out of drag too. I hope it doesn't alienate my fans if I

try it. People have said to me, 'Ru, you are so fierce! Why would you ever wanna *not* be in drag!' I say to them, 'Honey, but now I wanna grow. I wanna grow, child.' His soon-to-be-released album, tentatively titled *Soul Food*, will be about his recent personal transformation and will be a bit more on the serious side.

- ☆ **POETRY AND MOTION:** Did you recognize that older guy inside the TV set in the new Nike ad? That's gay writer and poet **William Burroughs**. Burroughs is enjoying a new popularity among younger people these days.
- ☆ **SPITTING OUT HIS OWN MEDICINE:** Humor about lesbians on ABC's new series **She TV** leaves something to be desired, but the program's take-off of **Rush Limbaugh** was on the mark and made His Royal Nastiness absolutely furious. The bit went over very well with the audience, however, so the producers of the program have decided to make it a regular feature.

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- ☆ **CATCH THIS:** While you're traveling to bigger cities, you might want to catch the movie **Go Fish**. It's a movie about lesbian lives, and it's an absolute smash hit with lesbian audiences everywhere. (And promises to be nothing like *Claire of the Moon*).

- ☆ **HONORED AT LAST:** The U.S. Postal Service is issuing commemorative stamps paying tribute to the great jazz and blues performers. Among those honored is lesbian blues artist **Ma Rainey**. She lived from 1886 to 1939, and when she was older wrote and recorded “Prove It On Me Blues,” which had explicitly lesbian lyrics.

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- ☆ **HIV+ LESBIAN CENTERFOLD GOES PUBLIC:** Former *Playboy* centerfold **Rebekka Armstrong** is going public about having AIDS. She was infected at the age of 16, when she had unsafe sex with a man. She was the cover story on the Sept. 6 *Advocate* and appeared on *Entertainment Tonight*.

Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

Hey ho there! How was everyone's August? Those of us from Erie who went up to the 10% Network (Jamestown, NY) picnic on the 20th had a great time. It was neat spending time with our New York friends and networking, even though the weather that day was a trifle damp.

Speaking of networking and spending time with friends, make sure to mark Saturday, October 15 down on your calendar! We are reviving the Bridges Potluck and Forums! We want to include all folks interested in building community in our region. So bring a dish to pass and thoughts to share.

I must admit that I was very much annoyed when I read about Andee Childs / Clarence Szoszorek having stolen over \$6,200 from the AIDS Council just before they went under at the beginning of this year. There were some very good folks at the AIDS who went above and beyond the call of duty in serving the HIV/AIDS-affected community. There were also some real boogerheads and dysfunctional behavior. Has anyone bothered to think why on earth the AIDS Council would write that amount of money to Andee's grandmother if they couldn't pay their bills? If they had been writing checks to a company for medical or even office supplies, I could understand. The thing that really bugs me is that the president of the Board of Directors and the staff had been told *before the incident occurred* that Andee had been witnessed stealing. Someone should have been watching the situation.

I was also really disturbed when I talked with Harry Smith regarding the anti-gay harassment & vandalization he experienced (see article page 12).. It was really hateful behavior to do that to another human being, and vile that the person who did it was gay. Sometimes, we can be our own worst enemies. It was good to hear that Harry's landlord and the cop involved were good and supportive.

You may have noticed the listing in the calendar for the Lambda Ball, put on as a fundraiser by the Lambda Foundation, in Pittsburgh. Jacquelyn and I went last year and had a very good, if odd, time. It was a very elegant evening. We, um, underdressed. Imagine our horror, when we saw everyone dressed to the

absolute nines, and I was dressed in generic work stuff and Jacquelyn was dressed casually. We were all set to try to pretend we just worked in the kitchen, but the kitchen employees were better dressed than we were. But, everyone was just wonderfully nice. A man in drag asked if we would mind if he sat with us. We told him that it would be just fine. His lover joined us, as well as several very pleasant lesbians. At one point Jacquelyn left, and the man in drag asked if I thought my wife had a problem with how he was dressed. I told him that no, she did not, and she was not my wife. We all got a chuckle from that. After dinner, the man's lover helped him up to their room, observing that alcohol and heels do not mix. Don't drink and drag! PS. We, as well as several other worthy organizations, did receive the grant from the Lambda Foundation when we applied a few months later.

MEET & EAT!

Join us for the Bridges Potluck & Forum on Saturday, October 15 at 6:00 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway.

All interested in building community in our region are welcome. Bring a dish to pass and thoughts to share.

SEE YOU THERE!

Local News - NW Pa

Meadville Man Harassed and Vandalized

For two weeks in August, Harry Smith Jr., 38, of Meadville received harassing phone calls. On August 9, his apartment was spray-painted with words like "Fag" and "Queer."

Smith had a tracer put on his phone, and called the Meadville police, who nabbed the culprit a few days later.

It turned out that his tormenter was another gay man, and Smith wonders why.

"I was amazed," said Smith. "I thought, Why did he attack me like that? I didn't know him very well. We never had any problems. We're not ex-lovers or anything. I haven't seen the guy for a year, and when I last saw him, I thought we were friends." Smith says the man, who is in his forties, is out of work, and that may have contributed to some emotional instability. But he thinks the fact that the man attacked him in a homophobic way has more to do with the self-hatred of frightened gays in the Meadville community. "I'm a little more obvious, or what you'd call 'nellie'." he says. "A lot of the guys around here act straight, and by putting me down they cover up being gay. I'm really angry about these people who live such closeted lives."

Smith praises Meadville police for treating him with respect. "None of them looked at me like, 'Well, that's what you get for being like that'," he says. "They took the information and then they got the guy who did it. One of the cops told me 'Bigotry is bigotry. Even as a cop I get called names.' Another called me from the

station and told me to call if I had any problems with the neighbors."

So far the neighbors haven't given him any problems. He also said his landlord was very understanding.

The offender will be sentenced in September.



Homophobic messages covering Harry Smith's apartment

LGLV Holds Campaign Institute in Pittsburgh

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters is sponsoring their first Campaign Institute to be held at the University of Pittsburgh on the weekend of October

1st and 2nd.

The Campaign Institute is a two-day series of lectures and panel discussions to teach people the basics of running for office, and managing a campaign. Attendees will leave with an understanding of what is needed to run an effective campaign, what is involved with holding different types of elected offices, and what to expect for those running as openly lesbian/gay candidates. The sessions will include: Technical aspects of Campaigns, Dealing with Volunteers, Fundraising, Media, and panels on Running as Lesbian/Gay Candidates, Holding Elected Offices, PACs and Other Organizations Helpful to a Campaign, and Working within Political Parties. Presenters will include experienced political organizers and representatives of different political organizations such as the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. A reception will also be held on Saturday after the first day's sessions.

The Campaign Institute fee is \$25 for LGLV members, and \$35 for all others. To register, or for more information, contact the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters; Third Floor; 5100 Penn Avenue; Pittsburgh PA 15224 or call (412) 661-6670.

Womynspace Coffeehouse Update

From the Womynspace Core Group:

We are happy to inform you that the womyn's coffeehouse in Erie PA is now under new management. An all-volunteer "core group" of womyn is guiding the coffeehouse. Our goal is to steer this monthly social event into the sixth year and beyond.

We begin our new vision with an anniversary celebration of the past five years. On Oct 1, please join us at the SAPPH-FIRE DANCE at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 7:30 p.m. We also welcome those of you who would like to help out with the dance or any future coffeehouses. Please call our contact person, Sally, at 454-2713.

Why, you may ask, has the coffeehouse been changed? Well, like all social groups, we have evolved through various stages. And now, with low attendance and donations dwindling, the coffeehouse has been in danger of DEATH BY APATHY. The results of a recent survey show that the coffeehouse is seen as clique-ish and unwelcoming. Well, all of that is going to change.

The purpose of the coffeehouse is to provide a safe and welcoming place for womyn to meet old friends and make new ones. The womyn of the core group are dedicated to the success of the coffeehouse. We want to welcome you to a coffeehouse that is fun, entertaining, informative and downright delicious.

Change is in the air, and it is not just in the season. Come and experience the changes being made in your coffeehouse!!!

Men's Coffeehouse Goes Through Some Changes

From the organizers of the Men's Coffeehouse:

The premier meeting of MENSPLACE will be held on Friday September 9, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie.

MENSPLACE is open to all men in the LesBiGay community. MENSPLACE will replace the former Men's Coffeehouse.

Yeah, yeah, yeah...It'll still be the same...No, no, no...it will not be.

MENSPLACE will be a multipurpose event providing:

- a monthly (or bimonthly) forum where men can meet, share ideas, develop friendships
- a variety of options (video, chatting, games, dishing, eating...)
- an alternative to the bar scene
- a stepping stone on your way out to the bars
- a casual, non-threatening atmosphere
- tasty, mouth-watering treats (September 9 promises gourmet coffee, homemade chocolate chip cookies, chocolate cheesecake, and more!)

MENSPLACE will vary from month to month so in order to not miss out on what is going on, mark your calendars now! We'll get together Sept. 9 and November 11. In October, we won't meet; instead, we'll all be attending the Bridges Potluck on Saturday October 15.

See you on September 9!!!

New Cross Dressers Support Group Forms

A new support group for cross dressers of all orientations has started meeting in Meadville. They welcome people from Crawford, Erie, Mercer, and Venango counties, as well as locations outside this area. Info: P.O. Box 622 Meadville PA 16335. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

Transitions

DIED: Paul Zimmerman, of AIDS complications, on August 6. A native of Meadville, he was 32. Paul had organized the Positive People HIV/AIDS support group with Pittsburgh's Shepherd Wellness Community, and had this spring appeared before the Pennsylvania Task Force on the Prevention of AIDS. He was a financial aid officer at Carnegie Mellon University, president of the Erie-Meadville District Youth Conference, vice president of the Western Pennsylvania Conference Youth Council, and member of the Western Pennsylvania Young Adult Council. He graduated from Allegheny College in 1984. He is survived by his partner, Michael

T. Sciarretti of Pittsburgh. The *Erie Daily Times* published a front-page story about Zimmerman on August 10.

Local News - W NY

Gay and Lesbian Books in Fredonia

You can now buy Gay and Lesbian books in Chautauqua County. Pathways, which carries books and products for health and wellness, now has a gay and lesbian section. Pathways is located at 21 Water Street in Fredonia. Telephone (716)679-1096.

Buffalo Lesbian History Book Gets Award

This year's Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Studies went to Elizabeth Kennedy's and Madeline Davis' book *Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold* (Rutledge, \$12.95) about working class lesbian life in Buffalo. Proceeds from the book will go to Buffalo's Elder Action in Gay & Lesbian Environments (EAGLES). Buffalo's Leslie Feinberg won the Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian and Gay Small Press for her *Stone Butch Blues*.

New Gay/Lesbian Rights Organization for Western NY

A new non-partisan organization is being formed to promote education about gay and lesbian rights.

The organization will be focused in the Western NY region, and is headquartered in Buffalo.

It will inform members of the gay and lesbian community about the positions of political candidates, pending legislation, government policies and other issues. It will also educate and inform state and local elected officials on issues that are important to the community and establish relationships with government officials at all levels in order to be able to communicate concerns quickly and effectively.

The Local Agenda seeks to become an inclusive, membership-driven organization with participants in every legislative district throughout Western New York. It welcomes lesbians and gay men, Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals.

If you are interested in becoming a Founding Member, contact the Agenda: P.O. Box 73, Niagara Square Station, Buffalo NY 14202.

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Silver Slipper, 1317 State Street

Well Being, 710 Beaumont

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Book Shelf, 200 Plum

Earthshine, 131 Meadville Street

EGO meetings

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HIV/AIDS - NW Pa

Man Pleads Guilty to Theft of AIDS Council Funds

ERIE, Aug. 1—Clarence Andrew Szoszorek, also known as Andee Childs, pleaded guilty in Erie County Criminal Court to one felony count of receiving stolen property and five misdemeanor counts.

Szoszorek had been a full-time volunteer at the Council for about a year. According to court records, he stole \$6,234.89 from the agency between November 8, 1993 and January 24, 1994.

Szoszorek was able to get the Council's acting treasurer, William Glecos, to sign checks made out to his grandmother. He would then withdraw them from his grandmother's account. Checks were made in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2,600.

As part of the plea bargain, numerous charges were dismissed. These include six counts each of theft by failing to make required disposition of funds, theft by unlawful taking, and theft by deception.

Erie County Judge Stephanie Domitrovich will sentence Szoszorek on September 8. The felony counts carry a maximum sentence of seven years in prison and \$15,000 fine. The five misdemeanors carry a possible 25 years in prison and \$50,000 fine. First Assistant District Attorney James Vogel says that repayment of funds should be included in the sentence.

AIDS Quilt Coming to Erie

From Sue Kuebler, HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Paul:

The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul and its HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry is pleased to be one of the first congregations in the country to pilot the NAMES Project's National Interfaith Quilt Program. The mission of this project is to break down barriers and increase awareness of the pandemic of HIV/AIDS.

The NAMES Project features panels, each commemorating an individual who has been lost to AIDS. The project began in 1987, because Cleve Jones became overwhelmed by the loss and lack of government response and searched for a way to make the public understand what he and his friends were experiencing. They hung the panels from a storefront on San

Francisco's Market Street, "To take all of our individual experiences and stitch them together to make something that has strength and beauty." It was there that the Quilt began. It now has about 33,000 panels, covering 16 acres (with the walk way), and weighing 29 tons.

The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul is honored to be able to display two 12'x12' sections in our sanctuary from mid-November until mid-December. Planning is still incomplete, however, and we are looking for individuals who are interested in being involved in the Quilt Display Team. We are also interested in individuals from this area who may have submitted a panel to the NAMES Project. We would like those individuals to share their stories from the Quilt with others if they are willing. And we would be interested in helping people from the area to create their own their own panels, commemorating loved ones.

The NAMES Project sought out the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC) to develop a partnership for new, and much needed, use of panels from

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the Quilt. They did this for two reasons. One reason is that the Episcopal Church blesses and sets aside for sacred use a variety of fabric objects such as fair linen, vestments for clergy, parish banners, etc. Our church has a long history using such objects in a reverential manner. The other reason is that the NEAC has an established position of leadership among HIV/AIDS groups.

Individuals who are interested in being part of the Quilt Display Team are invited to contact the Cathedral's AIDS Ministry at 452-3779. Those already participating are representatives from the Department of Health, NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance, Hospice of Metropolitan Erie Inc., Edinboro University, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Integrity of NW PA, congregational members of the Cathedral of St. Paul, and other friends of the Ministry.

The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul will also be hosting an Ecumenical Healing Service on World AIDS Day, December 1, 1994 at 7 p.m. A partial list of participants includes the Rt. Robert D. Rowley Jr, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of NW PA; the Rev. Paul E. Spring, Bishop NW PA Lutheran Synod; and the Most Reverend Donald W. Trautman, Bishop of the Erie Catholic Diocese.

Individuals are also invited to attend the 9th Annual Churchwide Day of Prayer for persons living with HIV/AIDS on Sunday, October 9 at 10 a.m. This will be a Eucharistic, healing service and all are welcome.

Look to these pages for a complete list of events as they become available.

PA Welfare Cuts and People with HIV/AIDS

Some people with HIV may have been affected by the recent cuts in Pennsylvania welfare. If you have HIV or AIDS and have lost benefits, you can seek help from Northwestern Legal Services, 1001 State Street, 1200 G. Daniel Baldwin Building, Erie PA 16501 (814)452-6949. Or contact your case manager, or if you don't have one, look at the list in the "HIV/AIDS Directory" (p. 22) and call one of them.

HIV/AIDS - W NY

Changes at AIDS Community Services

The Jamestown office of AIDS Community Services will be moving as of September 1.

The new location is 413 N. Main Street. This is the Teu mansion, home of the United Way. AIDS Community Services will be occupying the suite of offices on the lower floor.

The phone number remains the same.

Also, the office is in the process of hiring a new community educator who will be serving the Southern Tier.

HIV/AIDS - Sex

Female Condom

Wisconsin Pharmacal is now distributing their Reality female condom to retail stores and wholesalers.

The condom was developed to give women some control over whether or not a condom is used during intercourse. The female condom is made of polyurethane (male condoms are presently made of latex or animal membrane) and have an inner ring that fits over the cervix and an outer ring that extends outside the vagina. The product has met with various reviews, some bad ("It makes a distracting noise") and some good ("The external ring provides additional stimulation," "Polyurethane feels better than latex.").

How effective would it be in preventing HIV and STD transmission? So far, the studies have concerned effectiveness in preventing pregnancies, but their results can give some idea about their use in STD prevention. In one six-month study, 13% of the women became pregnant. Because of this, the Food and Drug Administration is requiring the Reality label to state that the product had a 26% failure rate for a one-year period of time (this figure arrived at by doubling six months and 13%). The company states that if women use the product correctly and every time they have intercourse, that figure would be 5%.

Female Condom and Anal Intercourse

Can the Reality female condom be used by the passive (receptive) partner during anal intercourse for protection against HIV?

EGCN called the Centers for Disease Control to ask. The fellow who answered at the hotline said that no studies had been done on anal intercourse with the female condom, but pointed out that it was designed specifically for penis-vagina intercourse. We asked a Dr. Bernard Branson (also at the CDC) if the inner ring could cause injury if worn for anal intercourse (it is about the diameter of a pop can). Dr. Branson indicated he didn't see this as a problem, saying, "The real question would be whether you could keep it in without slippage."

Female Condom and Cunnilingus

Could the female condom be used as a barrier method in place of a latex dam?

One problem is that the female condom doesn't cover as much as a dam would, even if you pulled it half-way out. It's also much more expensive than dams.

Study Confirms: Condoms Really Do Work If Used Right

If one partner is negative and the other positive, how much protection do they offer the negative partner?

Researchers studied 245 heterosexual European couples where one of the partners was HIV-positive and the other HIV-negative. In each of the couples, both partners knew the HIV status of the other. Yet over half of the couples did not use condoms consistently; some of those couples never used condoms when they had vaginal or anal sex. In that group, twelve people were infected by the virus. Among the couples who always used condoms when they had vaginal or anal intercourse, nobody became infected.

The study was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Swiss Kids Tops in Safer Sex

LONDON, Aug. 6—A new survey reveals that Swiss teenagers are most conscientious about using condoms, with 66 percent of Swiss teens (16-21 years) using condoms with a new partner. Other figures: Britain 20 percent, France 12 percent, Japan 10%.

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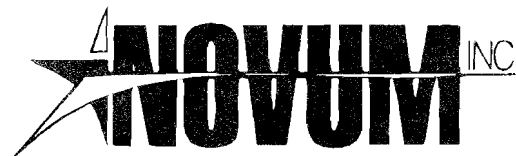
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HIV/AIDS - Organizing

Local World AIDS Day Events

If you are planning to do something in observance of World AIDS Day (December 1) make sure to contact *EGCN* by October 15 so we can get it into the November issue of the newsletter (the December issue will be too late). You needn't have all the details worked out—in fact, if you want to just tell our readers you'll be doing something and to check with you about it, we can just list that.

There is a wide range of things you can do. Set out pamphlets. Give out red ribbons and/or condoms. Get a speaker or speakers. Show a film or video. Do a fundraiser. Get creative. Remember friends who are no longer with us. For information and ideas for World AIDS Day, contact American Association for World Health, 1129 20th St. NW Suite 400, Washington DC 20036 (202)466-5883.

Educational materials

If you want to do an educational activity, you can contact the following organizations for pamphlets, videos, posters, and other materials:

San Francisco AIDS Foundation, P.O. Box 426182, San Francisco CA 94142 (415)864-5855.

Gay Men's Health Crisis, 129 West 20th Street, New York NY 10011-022. (212)807-6665. (They also have materials about lesbians).

National Minority AIDS Council, 300 I Street NE #400, Washington DC 20002-4389 (202)544-1076.

Sapphex Learn, 14002 Clubhouse Circle #206, Tampa FL 33624 (813)961-6064.

Women and AIDS Resource Network, 30 Third Ave. #212, Tampa FL (718)596-6007.

Also, contact the resources in our "HIV/AIDS Directory" (p. 22) to find free materials.

If you're looking for materials specific to our community, note that studies show the gay community is already pretty knowledgeable about how HIV/AIDS is transmitted, and materials that go beyond it and get a little more specific would be more useful. These include: Negotiating safer sex; the role self-esteem plays in practicing safer sex; eroticizing safer

sex; gay/bi youth and HIV; people of color; if you know someone with HIV/AIDS; lesbians and bisexual women who have sex with men; using and storing condoms correctly; and relapse (slipping into unsafe sexual behavior).

Condoms

Non-profit organizations can obtain condoms in bulk at a reduced cost. Below are well-respected manufacturers of condoms

Safetex/Aladan. Manufactures Gold Circle Coins and other condoms. They're in the process of moving their operations down south, so start with the first number and if that isn't helpful call the second: (804)520-8341 or (404)840-9665.

Schmid Laboratories. Manufactures Sheik brand condoms and this fall will introduce the new polyurethane condom. They will sell bulk to businesses but only discount for non-profit organizations. (813) 365-1600.

(Save this list to refer for use in organizing future events!)

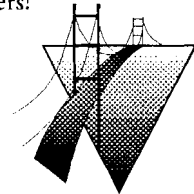
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National/World News Bits

Congress Works on Employment Protection

WASHINGTON DC—The House and Senate are working on a bill to prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation. The bill has gained support from both parties, and polls show that most Americans support equal employment rights for LesBiGay people. There currently is no federal legislation protecting people from discrimination because of sexual orientation.

People are being encouraged to write their U.S. Senators and Congressmembers to express support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

October is National Gay and Lesbian History Month

A national clearinghouse has been established to help provide information and ideas for recognizing our history. For information, ideas, and resource materials, send SASE with 52-cent stamp to: LGHM, c/o Gerber/Hart Library & Archives, 3352 N. Paulina, Chicago IL 60657. (312)883-3003.

Congressional Hearing Examines Camp Sister Spirit Conflict

JACKSON, Miss., July 6—Testimony about right wing harassment of the Camp Sister Spirit feminist retreat was heard by the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the House Judiciary Committee. Openly-gay congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) conducted the hearings. Testimony was heard from Brenda and Wanda Henson, who own and run the retreat, as well as local officials, hate crimes experts, representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice, and leaders of the anti-gay Mississippi for Family Values.

Anti-Gay Measure Struck Down in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, Aug. 9—A federal judge voided an anti-gay rights measure that Cincinnati voters had approved last November. U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel ruled that the measure was unconstitutional and violated First and 14th Amendment rights of gay/lesbian people. He also issued an order that the issue may never appear on the ballot again. The city is considering an appeal, and the anti-gay rights group Equal Rights-Not Special Rights has vowed they will appeal.

Texas Gay-Slayer Sentenced to Death

KERRVILLE, Texas, Aug. 9—A man who confessed to robbing and killing a man because he was gay was sentenced to death here. The victim, Nicholas West, was kidnapped, robbed and shot to death on November 30, 1993 by Donald Aldrich. Gay rights activists expressed concern about the jury taking the case seriously because of the victim's sexual orientation, and the prosecution also addressed the issue. The jury deliberated only 30 minutes to find Aldrich guilty.

Japanese-American Convention Endorses Same-Sex Marriage

The national Japanese-American Citizens League has endorsed legalizing same-sex marriage by a vote of 57-45. Japanese-American Congressman Norman Mineta (D-CA) stood up for same-sex marriage, and is credited with having swung a number of important votes. Among the presentations made about the subject, only one was negative. Interest in the issue was apparently raised because the issue of same-sex marriage is being debated in Hawaii, where there is a large population of Japanese-Americans.

Vatican Appeals to Muslims

VATICAN CITY, Aug. 9—The Vatican is appealing to Islamic countries (including Iran) to try to

gather support against a U.N. population conference that they fear could end up being sympathetic toward gay and lesbian people and endorsing abortion. The conference will be held on Sept. 5 in Cairo, Egypt. The Vatican will be sending 16 delegates to the conference. Many Islamic newspapers in Egypt are condemning the conference.

Congress Debates How Gay Students will Be Treated

WASHINGTON—The Senate and House have been making decisions affecting how gay kids and homosexuality is dealt with in public schools.

While working on acceptance of a school funding bill, anti-gay amendments were proposed in both the House and Senate. In response, pro-gay amendments were proposed, in both the Senate and the House, which competed with the anti-gay amendments. The anti-gay amendment was defeated in the House. In the Senate, the two competing amendments are still being debated.

On August 1, the U.S. Senate voted 63-36 for a measure that would cut federal funds to school districts that teach acceptance of homosexuality. It would have forbidden counseling of gay and lesbian students, and school personnel would not have been allowed to refer them to other agencies. The measure was sponsored by conservative Senators Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Bob Smith (R-N.H.). To counter the Helms amendment, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) introduced an alternative amendment, which would considerably weaken Helms' anti-gay measure. The Kennedy amendment mandates that schools could not use federal monies "to develop materials or programs directed at youth that are designed to directly promote or encourage sexual activity, whether homosexual or heterosexual." That measure passed 99-0, which indicated that there was much more support for it than for Helms anti-gay measure. A spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund told EGCN that the Kennedy (pro-gay) amendment will probably win because there is much more support for it.

The two amendments voted on in the House were similar to the Senate amendments.

Here's how your U.S. Senators voted on the Helms measure:

For Helms amendment (anti-gay):
Spector (R-PA), D'Amato (R-NY).

Against Helms amendment:
Wofford (D-PA), Moynihan (D-NY), Glenn (D-OH), Metzenbaum (D-OH).

For Kennedy amendment (not anti-gay): All.

For more information: Human Rights Campaign Fund, 1012 14th st. NW, #607, Washington DC 20005 (202)628-4160 or PFLAG, 1012 14th St., NW Suite 700, Washington DC20005 (202)638-4200. Fax: (202)638-0243 E-mail: PFLAGNTL@AOL.COM

Coming Out Day Ideas

Some ideas from National Coming Out Day. For more info and to receive National Coming Out Day merchandise, call 1-800-NCOD.

Join a national gay and lesbian organization

Include your partner in all of your holiday and family events.

Write letters to local and national officials urging them to support fairness and equality for lesbians and gays.

Make a commitment every day to tell the truth about yourself and others.

Come out in the workplace and encourage your employer to include protections and benefits on the basis of sexual orientation.

Support gay and non-gay companies that support the gay community.

Help make the identity of the gay community as diverse as possible by getting involved and being visible—it truly makes a difference!



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 Episcopalian 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 lesbian/gay 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.

➔ Menspace (formerly Men's Coffeehouse)

☎ (814) 456-9833 for info.

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 BGLAD. ☎ (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.

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

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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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A Christian-based spiritual and support group sponsored by the Episcopalian 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

Wills, Living Wills, Closings & Cohabitation

John E. Cooper, Esq
227 W. 5th Street
Erie, PA 16507
(814) 455-3436

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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:

Menspace (formerly 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) (*inactive till
they find an advisor*) 398-8005
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) 898-6164

Support Groups

Chautauqua Gay Fathers & Lesbian Mothers
..... (716)672-6682
Erie Sisters 2115 W. 8th St., # 261, Erie, PA
16505
Jamestown Gay/Lesbian Drug & Alcohol Abuse..
..... *No longer meets!*
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.

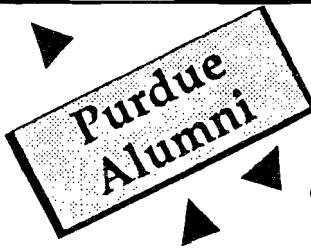
*All numbers are area code 814 unless
otherwise noted. Are you a lesbian-
friendly physician or professional? Please
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Area Bars and Places

Ashtabula

Leeward Lounge, 1022 Bridge St. Open 7 days, 7 p.m. - 2:30 am, food til 1:30 am. (216)964-9935. Fri & Sat - \$1 cover, half goes into 50-50 drawn at end of night, other half goes to person taking cover. Carries *Gay People's Chronicle*. AIDS Food Pantry collection site.

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. Wheelchair accessible. 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., not finalized at this writing. 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. Nite special.

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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