



# 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 in writing 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 21-Oct 11—**67 Women—67 Counties: Facing Breast Cancer in Pennsylvania** Photo/essay exhibit. Details p. 19-20 or call the PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833.

♣ 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.

♣ Oct 1—**Menspace Excursion to Equus** We will be meeting in the lobby for the 8:00pm show. The play is put on by the Roadhouse Theatre, 1505 State Street. Call the theatre at 456-5656 or Michael at 456-9833 for more info.

♣ 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. \$5 donation, goes to Task Force. 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. Info LGLV (412) 661-6670.

♣ Oct 2—**River Cruise (Pittsburgh)** 6-9:30 p.m. at Station Square Dock. \$15 advance (only 600 available), available at most Pgh. gay/lesbian bars and St. Elmo's Bookstore (in Pgh.) In Erie area call (814)456-3674.

♣ Oct 4—**Hole & Madder Rose in Concert (Pittsburgh)** Metropol (412) 261-4512.

♣ Oct 4—**P.O.V. Dialogues With Madwomen** WNED (PBS-Buffalo) 10 p.m. Women who have been in the mental health system, includes several lesbians.

♣ 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.

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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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## Editorial Policy

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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.

☛ **Oct 5—Luscious Jackson in Concert (Cleveland)** Peabody's Down Under, tickets at Ticketmaster.

☛ **Oct 5—American Red Cross AIDS Conference** Villa Maria Conference Center. Two audiences will be addressed: health care professionals and educators. For details see "HIV/AIDS News - NW Pa", Info 833-0942.

☛ **Oct 7—Tori Amos in Concert (Cleveland)** Music Hall, tickets at Ticketmaster.

**Oct 7-9—Halloweenfest at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Info (716)567-8100.

**Oct 7-16—Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (Pittsburgh)** 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—Integrity Meeting** 6 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Paul. Eucharist. Response to Bishop's Report.

☛ **Oct 9—Coming Out Week Kick-Off at Grind and Squeeze (EGO/Identity)** Food, entertainment, raffle, vendors, the finest coffee in Edinboro and more! 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. \$1 admission, free admission if you wear gay stuff. Details in "Local News - NW PA," Info DeeDee at 734-8155. Grind and Squeeze is at 105 Erie Street, in Edinboro.

**Oct 9—Pool Tournament at the Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge Street.

☛ **Oct 10—The Wedding Banquet (Meadville)** Part of Coming Out Week activities at Allegheny College. Film about a Chinese man who, in order to please his parents, pretends he is married to a woman. 9:30 p.m. Shafer Auditorium.

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

☛ **Oct 10—Hawaii Same-Sex Marriage Law Lecture (Pittsburgh)** 7:30 p.m. Frick Fine Arts Aud. Ninia Baehr and her partner Genora Dancel will speak about their experiences with the landmark Hawaiian same-sex marriage case. They are one of three same-sex couples who wanted to be married and brought their cases to the Hawaiian Supreme Court. Deb Henson, from Pittsburgh ACLU, will offer commentary. Prior to lecture there will be a wine and cheese fundraiser (\$10 suggested donation). For info call (412)362-4685.

☛ **Oct 10—Luscious Jackson in Concert (Buffalo)** Marquee at the Tralf. (716)852-0522.

☛ **Oct 10—L7, the Melvins, Worm, in Concert (Pittsburgh)** Metropol (412) 261-4512.

**Oct 11—National Coming Out Day** Info (for individuals and/or organizations):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. 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Also note that *Out There I* (the first one) will be broadcast at 11 p.m. And...Comedy Central will be dedicating its primetime schedule on Coming Out Day to gay/lesbian programming and not-gay programs that are popular with gay/lesbian audiences. So the entire block for the night of October 11 is:

*Absolutely Fabulous* 8 p.m.

*French & Saunders* 8:30 p.m.

*Out There II* 9 p.m.

*Politically Incorrect* 10 p.m.

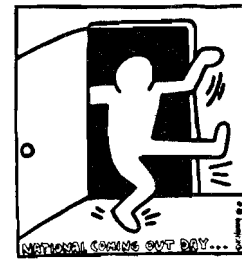
*Kids in the Hall* 10:30 p.m.

*Out There I* 11 p.m.

## National Coming Out Day Kickoff Party!

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

➤ **Oct 11—National Coming Out Day Party at the Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge Street.

➤ **Oct 11—Coming Out Day at Allegheny College** Two videos (TBA) 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m.; "Talk: Coming Out at Allegheny" (12:15 p.m.); Candlelight Vigil 8 p.m. Details in Allegheny Coming Out Week article (in our "Local News - NW Pa" section) or call Paula at (814)332-4356. Details will also be available at the campus.

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

➤ **Oct 11—Hole & Madder Rose in Concert (Buffalo)** Marquee at the Tralf (716)852-0522.

➤ **Oct 12—Biography: J. Edgar Hoover** Profiles the creepy icky man who ruled the FBI for almost 50 years. Although he was gay himself, his homophobic investigations and accusations ruined the lives of many gay people. This profile promises to take a peak into his "personal life." On A&E 8 p.m., 12 a.m.

➤ **Oct 12—Wild Men** On WNEQ (PBS-Buffalo) 9 p.m.. Looks at the "wild men" men's movement popularized by Robert Bly's *Iron John*.

➤ **Oct 13—Indigo Girls, Wendy Bucklew, & Big Fish Ensemble in Concert (Pittsburgh)** A.J. Palumbo Theater. Tickets at National Record Mart or (412)391-1111.

➤ **Oct 13—The Nylons** On WNED (PBS-Buffalo). Gay-identified a capella male quartet, captured in performance at Chautauqua. 10 p.m.

**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

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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 elegant but mysterious and fun."—Matt Wensel, Ball Committee. Info and reservations: (412)441-9786 (if you're calling for reservations, just ask them to send you a reservation form.)

**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 14—Women in Rock** WNEQ (PBS-Buffalo) 8 p.m. Joplin, Slick, Madonna, and other legendary women rockers.

✦ **Oct 14—In Performance at the White House: Aretha Franklin** WQLN (PBS-Erie) 10 p.m.

**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, relax, 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 EGCM!!!** In order to give people enough notice about your events, EGCM needs to list 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. To connect with the people who are organizing events in Erie County, call Sue B. Kuebler at 452-3779.

✦ **Oct 15—10% Network (Jamestown)** Theme not known at this writing. The Safer Sex workshop, scheduled for September 17, had to be postponed. They are looking to reschedule it very soon, perhaps even for this month's meeting, so for information call John at (716) 484-7285.

**Oct 16—Steve Love's New York Roller Express at the Warner** The only roller-dance company of its kind, it has achieved international acclaim for its original combination of precision dance, mime, acrobatics, hip-hop, and juggling—all on wheels. Warner Theater, 811 State, Erie. \$10 admission. Reservations 864-8488.

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

✦ **Oct 16—Hike with HUGS East (North Chagrin OH)** Info: (216) 974-8909.

✦ **Oct 16—Second Annual Miss Tri-State Pageant (Pittsburgh area)** Tickets \$10 adv/\$15 door, cash bar. 8 p.m. Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh, Monroe Ballroom, 101 Mall Blvd., Monroeville PA. (412)241-2329.

✦ **Oct 17—Biography: Marilyn Monroe: The Child Goddess** On A&E 8 p.m., 12 a.m.

✦ **Oct 4—Red Hot + Cool: Stolen Moments** WNEB (PBS-Buffalo) 11 p.m. "Hot music and cool vibes are coupled with provocative commentary to bring home the AIDS awareness message."

✦ **Oct 18—Wittgenstein (1993)** Film at Mercyhurst, about the life and times of this contemporary gay philosopher. Directed by gay director Derek Jarman (*Edward II, Caravaggio*). At Mercyhurst College Zurn Auditorium, 7 p.m., \$3 general public, Mercyhurst Community free. Info 824-2401.

✦ **Oct 18—American Justice: John Wayne Gacy** The story of the "Killer Clown" who lured 33 young men into his home, had sex with them, then

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murdered them. He was executed this past May. On A&E 6 a.m.

➤ **Oct 18—Sex in the 90s Part V** On MTV 10 p.m.

➤ **Oct 19-21—American Red Cross Seminar for HIV/AIDS Educators** At Savelli's Union Station. \$50 fee. See info in our "HIV/AIDS -NW Pa" section. Info: Lori Pollock at 833-0942.

➤ **Oct 20—DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER 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 22—LGLV-Erie Spaghetti Dinner** Make plans to have dinner with the League! LGLV-Erie is holding a spaghetti dinner on October 22 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Food & entertainment from 6 to 9 pm. Cost is \$5 per person, \$4 for students or low income, \$9 per couple, and \$3 for kids. Presale tickets will be available beginning Oct. 1st—see Joel Brecht or Greg Valiga, call

833-3258, or send your check, made payable to LGLV, to: LGLV Tickets, Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505. All proceeds benefit League of Gay and Lesbian Voters.

➤ **Oct 23—Deaf Mosaic: "Deaf Participation in the 1993 Gay Rights March in Washington DC"** On the Discovery Channel 9 a.m.

➤ **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 23-24 (tentative date; check listings)—Danielle Steel's Family Album** On NBC. Jaelyn Smith plays a 1950s movie actress looking back on her marriage (husband played by Michael Ontkean). Among the memories played out here: their gay son's coming out.

➤ **Oct 24—A Woman's Health** 9 p.m. WNED (PBS-Buffalo). Breast cancer, domestic violence, other women's health issues. (repeats 10/25 2 p.m.)

➤ **Oct 26—Yellow Boat at the Warner** Original play. Based on the life of a boy with hemophilia who died of AIDS complications in 1987. The boy was a gifted artist, and created paintings and drawings out of his pain. 7 p.m. at the Warner Theater, 811 State, Erie. Co-hosted by Enchanted Forest Productions and Hospice of Metropolitan Erie. Reservations (814) 864-8488.

➤ **Oct 26—Focus: Domestic Violence** WNED (PBS-Buffalo) 9 p.m.

➤ **Oct 28—Meeting to Discuss World AIDS Day Activities for Erie Area** 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Paul 133 W. 6th, Erie. Info Sue B. Kuebler 452-3779.

➤ **Oct 28—Pumpkin Carving Contest at the Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge Street.

➤ **Oct 28—Campaign '94 Religion and Politics** WNED (PBS-Buffalo) 9 p.m.

➤ **Oct 29—Halloween Party at the Embers** Miss Greater Erie Gene Brandt, Costume contest.

➤ **Oct 29—Sneakers Halloween Ball (Jamestown)** Prizes for Best Costume and Pumpkin Carving. Winners announced at midnight. 100 Harrison St.

➤ **Oct 29—Womyn's Halloween Dance (Buffalo)** 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Unitarian Church, 695 Elmwood. \$5 ("more if you can, less if you can't").

➤ **Oct 29—Halloween Party at the Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge Street.

➤ **Oct 29—Halloween Dance (Mentor OH)** Sponsored by HUGS East. \$5 (more/less) non-alcoholic beverages and snacks. 8-midnight. Costumes are

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☛ **Oct 29—Annual Women's Halloween Party (Cleveland)** At the Civic. Proceeds to benefit Gifts of Athena Bookstore. Info: (216) 371-1937.

☛ **Oct 29—Horizons "Racing the Future: The World's Teenagers and Sexual Education."** WQLN-FM Radio (PBS-Erie) 1 p.m.

☛ **Oct 30—Anne Rice: Birth of the Vampire** On Lifetime. 10 p.m. Profiles the bestselling author who writes like a gay man.

☛ **Oct 30—Patti LaBelle & Norman Brown in Concert (Cleveland)** Palace Theater, tickets 1-800-766-6048.

☛ **Oct 31—American Justice: The City Hall Killings** The story of Dan White, who killed San Francisco Supervisor and gay activist Harvey Milk and San Francisco mayor George Moscone in 1978. A&E 6 a.m.

☛ **Oct 31—Haunted Coffeehouse at Grind and Squeeze (Edinboro)** 105 Erie Street. Details still being worked out at this writing, info: 734-3225

☛ **Oct 31—Halloween at the Silver Slipper** No cover. Buffet, live DJ, costume contest, judging at 12:30 p.m. 1317 State.

☛ **Oct 31—Howloween: Salem Witch Trials** Documentary about the witch trials in Salem, Massachusetts. Provides insight into the fear and self-righteousness of the Puritans, who were the spiritual ancestors of today's fundamentalists. On Discovery Channel 4 p.m.

☛ **Nov 2—"Gay Rights: A Question of Fairness" Debate at Penn State Behrend (Erie)** 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 4-6—Annual Integrity Retreat Spirit of the Seasons** This retreat is for men and women. Glinodo Conference Center. Partial scholarships available. Call 774-0903 for details.

☛ **Nov 5—Amusement Night at Womynspace** "Have fun, play games, and watch lesbian/gay comedy videos. Frolic! Live it up! All your friends will be there! For more info call that lovely gal Sal at 454-2713."

☛ **Nov 5—1994 Forum on Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth (Pittsburgh)** "Exploring skills and strategies for working with sexual minority youth." Conference 8 a.m.-4 p.m., reception 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

University of Pittsburgh, Forbes Quad. Info: (412) 441-9786.

☛ **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. Part of the Hallwalls "Ways in Being Gay" festival.

☛ **Nov 5-Dec. 1—Ways in Being Gay (Buffalo)** 4 weeks of works by lesbians and gay men. For details see schedule at the end of the calendar section. Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, 2495 Main Street Buffalo. Info (716) 835-7362.

☛ **Nov 8—Election Day** This is an extremely important election! The religious right is looking for a big upset. We need to inform ourselves and then get out and vote! (see Local News items about the November races for each state).

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

☛ **Nov 11—Menspace** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie 7:30 p.m. 7180 New Perry Highway. Info 456-9833.

☛ **Nov 11—Bring Cheese for your Wine Party at the Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge Street, Ashtabula OH

☛ **Nov 11—Shades Women of Color Anniversary Celebration (Buffalo)** 9 p.m. Hamlin House, 432 Franklin. Entertainment, dance and special guest. \$8 adv./\$10 door. (716) 845-6152.

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

☛ **Nov 13—Integrity Meeting** 6 pm at Cathedral of St. Paul. Eucharist. Supper club.

☛ **Nov 13—"Puffin' on the Ritz" Fundraiser for Friends from the Heart** Black tie (optional attire

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➤ **Nov 19—70s Disco Concert: The Village People, the Tramps, Rose Royce, Evelyn "Champagne" King (Cleveland)** State Theater (800)766-6048.

➤ **Nov 23—Wild Turkey Party at the Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** The bar will also be raffling off turkeys. 1022 Bridge Street, Ashtabula OH

➤ **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. We'll print a schedule of area events in our November issue.

## Ways of Being Gay

2495 Main Street Suite 425  
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*Event Director Margaret Smith*

*If you want information about these events or accommodations in Buffalo, call Margaret Smith at (716) 884-5984. For accommodations she recommends The Lenox Hotel. "It's absolutely wonderful," says Margaret. "It's gay-friendly and they welcome gay and lesbian guests. It's in Allentown, which is the gay district. It's within walking distance of Hallwalls, many of the bars, restaurants, and stores. Plus they have great, deep tubs, that'll fit two people!" For general Buffalo info, contact the Greater Buffalo Convention & Visitors Bureau, 107 Delaware, Buffalo NY 14202 (716)852-0511. If you're heading to Hallwalls and want info on other Buffalo gay/lesbian events going on at the same time, call the Community Network Infoline (716)883-4750.*

➤ **Nov 1—Keening Circle with David Butler** 7:30 p.m. In this Ritual/Performance, an opportunity will be created for the participants to wail, lament, scream, cry, or stand silent as a community. We all carry pain and anger whether from the death of those close or from the sometimes lonely and difficult tribulations of everyday life. Those living in the Gay and Lesbian community are particularly aware of pain and frustration, but we rarely take the chance to formally release it, hardly every in the traditional sense of wailing and certainly never formally as a community. After a brief explanation of what is to ensue, the audience, as part of the Performance, will create the environment with

sound and candles, which will accelerate into screaming and wailing. This type of performance takes an old idea that Theater is ritual and vice-versa.

➤ **Nov 4—DYKE TV Presents** 7:30 p.m. Free. Beth Trimarco, associate producer and head of distribution for DYKE TV will present and discuss selected episodes of DYKE TV, a half hour weekly magazine show produced by and for lesbians, which recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. Currently cablecast in over 15 cities. While doing her residency at Hallwalls video program, Trimarco will produce segments for the program and hopes to enlist future DYKE TV correspondents. For info: Julia Dzwonkowski (716)885-2648 or Cyd Cox (716)884-6318.

➤ **Nov 5—Lea Delaria Performs** At Marquee at the Traf. Info in our regular calendar. 8 p.m.

➤ **Nov 6—Gay Voices** 7 p.m. A literary performance of young gay and lesbian poets, playwrights, actors, and historians.

➤ **Nov 6, 13, 20, 27—The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me** by David Drake, a play presented by Buffalo United Artists. \$10 general admission/\$8 members.

➤ **Nov 7, 14, 21, 28—Some of My Best Friends Are...** play by Joan Lipkin, presented by Buffalo United Artists. \$10 general admission, \$8 members.

➤ **Nov 7—How to Be a Human Right** 7:30 p.m. \$3 admission. A reactive-documentary speaking to the 1992 municipal sexual orientation civil rights protection hearings in Anchorage, Alaska. "...demonstrates the social justice and legal system's poisonous use of witch trial tactics to frame the privileges and laws of individuals in our 'democratic' society.

➤ **Nov 8—Coming Out Under Fire** (Arthur Dong, 1994) Powerful documentary about the lesbians and gay men who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. \$6 general admission/\$5 students and seniors/\$4 members.

➤ **Nov 10—Coming Out Under Fire** 8 p.m. See above.

➤ **Nov 11—Dorothy Allison** Author of *Trash, Bastard Out of Carolina* (a National Book Award Finalist), and *Skin, Talking About Sex, Class, and Literature*. Allison probes her experience as a lifelong feminist activist, a controversial sex radical, and a Southern expatriate writer with an attitude.

➤ **Nov 12—Holly Hughes in Clit Notes** 7 and 9:30 p.m. at Erie Co. Central Library Auditorium. \$12 general admission/\$10 students & seniors/\$8 members. Holly Hughes won an Obie (Off Broadway equivalent of a Tony) for *Clit Notes*. It looks into her relation-



ship to her dying father and her attempts to create a history for her lesbian past.

➤ **Nov 13—Coming Out Under Fire** 2:30 p.m.

➤ **Nov 18—Gay Youth** Co-sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Youth Servies, Inc.) 7:30 p.m. \$6 general/\$5 students and seniors/\$4 members.

**Pool Days** (1993, 27 min.) Funny, fleshy story featuring Josh Weinstein of One Life to Live fame, who is hired as a teenage lifeguard at a suburban health club and finds himself the object of desire for both the health club's female aerobics instructor and a male club member. What's a boy to do?

**"Out" Takes** (1989, 13 min.) Scenes are intercut from children's shows in the U.S. (*Pee Wee's Playhouse*) and Japan (*We're Always Making Trouble*). Pee Wee's word of the day is "out" and the tape compares the possibility of conscious gender exploitation in both cultures.

**Homoteens** (1993, 57 min.) Five young New York City gay people take on the camera as a means of exploring and asserting identity within a homophobic society. In collaboration with videomaker John Jubela.

**All in the Family** (1994 9.5 min.) Explores the formation of gay and lesbian identity and fantasy in three black households with two or more gay siblings.

➤ **Nov 19—Fast Trip, Long Drop** with *Bust* \$6 gen admission/\$5 students & seniors/\$4 members. The first video is produced, written, directed, and edited by Gregg Bordowitz, young man with HIV. Angry but focused (and darkly funny), this is a narrative of an HIV positive man's revelations drawn from sex, parents, history, daily routines, drug treatments, and learning to drive in New York. Features an original soundtrack by the Klezmatics. *Bust* is a stark and intense monologue by David Wojnarowicz, one of America's leading gay writers, painters and performers who lost his fight with AIDS this past year.

➤ **Nov 19—Fall Ball 94 (The Butter Ball)** Hamlin House, 432 Franklin St. \$10 donation, to benefit local participating fundraising organizations. An evening of music, fun, dancing, and entertainment. Presented by The Imperial Court.

➤ **Nov 22—What a Drag!** \$5 general admission/\$4 students & seniors/\$3 members

**Storme Lady of the Jewel Box** (1992, 21 min.) Documentary about the life of Storme DeLarverie, former MC and male impersonator with the legendary Jewel-Box Review—America's first racially integrated female impersonation show. (1940s-1960s era).

**Framing Lesbian Fashion** The lesbian look from the 1950s to the present.

**Dykes Do Drag: The Video** From last year's *Dykes Do Drag* show in Buffalo.

➤ **Nov 25—Last Call at Maud's** 8 p.m. \$6 general/\$5 students and seniors/\$4 members. Some genuinely wild women take the stage in this vivacious and historical documentary about the San Francisco bar Maud's, the longest running lesbian bar in the United States. It opened in 1966, flourished throughout the 70s and 80s, and closed in 1989. Personal stories of coming out, sexual politics and softball are mixed with flashbacks to the Hollywood gay bars of the 40s and the vice raids of the 50s.

➤ **Nov 26—Fall Feast: Community Potluck Celebration** Bring a dish to share. Sliding scale \$1-\$5. Your wait staff: Members of the Imperial Court of Buffalo. Reservations: Rides (716) 882-8612.

➤ **Nov 26—Tapestry of Life** Unitarian Church, Elmwood at W. Ferry. Benefit concert for Elders in a Gay and Lesbian Environment and the Women's HIV Clinic at ECMC. Features Michael J. Maffei, Katie Miller, Black Triangle Percussion Ensemble, Ann Marie Szpakowska, Glen Hufnagel, David Butler, Mary T., Madeline Davis, Connie Burns, Chevon Davis, and special guest Christine.

➤ **Nov 26—Last Call at Maud's** 8 p.m. Information above.

➤ **Nov 27—Last Call at Maud's** 2:30 p.m. Information above.


➤ **Nov 27—Sex Is...** \$6 general admission/\$5 students & seniors/\$4 members. 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. Feature length documentary explores attitudes of gay men in the age of AIDS. A diverse group of 15 men discuss sex and sexual identity in candid, humorous, and sometimes raunchy terms. Interviews are interwoven with images from mass culture to chronicle the evolution of gay sex from the 1950s to today.

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- ☆ **20th Century "Sexual Revolution/ AIDS"** Portrait of the life and death of the Sexual Revolution in America. On A&E 10/12 10 p.m., 2 a.m.; 10/15, 12 p.m.
- ☆ **The Fearless Vampire Killers (1967)** The first known film with a gay male vampire, a blond, effeminate thing named Herbert. Herbert's character is bound to offend many gays, and he's not even a very important character, though it may be of historical interest. A memo sent out by British censors showed how upside-down homophobic sensibilities are: They asked that Herbert make no "physical" advances on another male character. "This would refer to any embracing or fondling; his attack as a vampire would not prove objectionable." Encore 10/6 11 p.m., 10/7 12:30 p.m., 9

p.m., 10/11 4:15 a.m., 10/12 11:45 a.m., 10/22 5 p.m., 10/31 11:30 a.m., 7 p.m..

- ☆ **M. Butterfly (1993)** Based on the true story of a French diplomat in China who fell in love with a female star from the Beijing opera and had a relationship with her for almost 20 years before he learned she was actually a man. In an interview with Barbara Walters, the French man admitted the reason he may have not "known" his beloved was a man was because, at the time, he couldn't consciously deal with the fact that he was gay. On Cinemax 10/28 8 p.m., 10/31 4:10 a.m.
- ☆ **Out There II** On Comedy Central Channel. 10/11 9 p.m., 3 a.m., 10/14 11 p.m., 10/15 10 p.m. Gay and lesbian comedy hour. For more info see Oct. 11 listing in calendar.
- ☆ **Smart Sex** On MTV and soon to be on PBS. Produced by Linda Ellerbee's award-winning Lucky Duck Productions and hosted by Christian Slater, this show doesn't lecture but features honest and open talk by eleven young adults, straight and gay, in a variety of sexual relationships. *Smart Sex* is to be shown on Sept. 27, Oct. 1, and Oct. 2 (which doesn't give us time to inform you). It will repeat, but at this writing, after a half a dozen calls, we still can't get ahold of a live human being at MTV. The Cablevision guide puts the program at 10 p.m. on Tuesdays, but this may not be correct. Well, keep an eye out.



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# Entertainment Notes

☆ **HETEROSEX, RUMORS, AND VIDEOTAPE:**

When he was brutally murdered back in 1978, a number of publications wrote that actor **Bob Crane** (best known as Colonel Hogan on *Hogan's Heroes*) was into the gay S/M scene and his murderer was probably some rough trade he picked up. When his accused murderer (John Henry Carpenter) was finally tried last month, a completely different picture emerged. Turns out that Crane was *very* heterosexual, and was obsessed with picking up girls who would agree to be videotaped blowing the Colonel's bugle. Crane and Carpenter went girl-hunting together, and when Crane finally told Carpenter he'd rather not have him along anymore, Carpenter apparently became violently angry.

☆ **ERIE THEATER:** Roadhouse Theater will be presenting Charles Busch's *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* from October 28 through November 26. Reminiscent of *Rocky Horror Show*, Roadhouse Theater describes it as "a gender-bending, cross-dressing, drag show cult extravaganza straight from off-Broadway in New York." It follows two lesbian vampires (played by two men!) in the days of Sodom, later finds them in Hollywood in the 1920s, and they end up in modern-day Las Vegas. *The New York Times* said of this play, "Costumes flashier than a pinball machine, outrageous lines, awful puns, sinister innocence, harmless depravity—it's all here. One can only imagine a cult forming." A drag show will take place after the play. The Roadhouse Theater is at 1505 State Street, second floor. Box office phone 456-5656.


☆ **UPCOMING FILMS:** Set for release in mid-October is Garry Marshall's adaptation of Anne Rice's *Exit to Eden*, starring **Dana Delaney**. As with Rice's *Interview with a Vampire*, the story will be "straightened" a good bit...**Angels in America**, the Tony-winning Broadway hit, will be adapted to film by director **Robert Altman**, who will turn the gay AIDS epic into *two* movies...**Jeffrey**, another gay-themed Broadway hit, will become a movie with an all-star cast,

including **Sigourney Weaver** and **Patrick Stewart**. Word has it that the movie adaptation was going nowhere till Weaver got involved. The actors worked for Screen Actors Guild Scale—\$431 a day. They're looking for an April release date...**Woody Allen's** new movie *Bullets Over Broadway* will include **Harvey Fierstein** as well as **Mary Louise Parker** who will play the lesbian detective in the upcoming *Murder at the Nightwood Bar*, based on Katherine V. Forrest's novel of the same name (check it out, it's a great lesbian mystery!)

☆ **I'M A PERSON WITH HIV AND I PLAY ONE ON TV:** **Lee Mathis** who plays an HIV-positive character on daytime TV's *General Hospital*, has publicly disclosed that he is himself HIV-positive. Mathis plays the recurring role of Jon.

☆ **LIVE LONGER, SUGAR:** **Patti LaBelle** is making an appeal to minorities with HIV to take care of themselves. In a new campaign, LaBelle encourages people with HIV to seek treatment that can help them live longer, healthier lives. Recent studies have shown that minorities are less likely to seek treatment for HIV. The billboards and printed materials will feature LaBelle saying, "Live longer, sugar."

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# On TV This Season

## Biographies

- ☆ **Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story** will star **Glenn Close** as Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer, the lesbian colonel who was discharged for being a lesbian. The movie is based on Cammermeyer's autobiography of the same name, due in bookstores this month. Close and Barbra Streisand were the executive producers. No air date at this writing, but *USA Today* thinks it'll run during sweeps month. Watch the listings. NBC.
- ☆ Fox will be producing and airing two biopics, one about **Madonna (Madonna: The Early Years)** and another about **Roseanne**, which will focus on Roseanne as a victim of child abuse and wife abuse. NBC will also have a Roseanne biography, which will focus on the marriage of Roseanne and **Tom Arnold**, as well as backstage shenanigans. No air time info available on any of these yet.
- ☆ **My Brother's Keeper**. **John Lithgow** plays twin brothers—one of whom has AIDS—in this ABC TV-movie. The drama is based on a true story. Air date not known; watch your listings.

## Comedy

- ☆ **Daddy's Girls**. **Harvey Fierstein** becomes the first openly-gay regular character played by an openly-gay actor on network TV in this CBS prime-time sitcom. At first, Fierstein was going to play a gay man with a stable, long-term committed relationship with another man, to contrast with Dudley Moore's character who was a single parent with a failed marriage. There is now the possibility that Fierstein might play Moore's gay side-kick, which would be a somewhat diminished role. None of that has been worked through yet. On Wednesdays 8:30 p.m.
- ☆ **Frasier**. **Dan Butler** is an openly-gay actor who plays a straight, macho sports announcer, foil to the prissy-but-straight Frasier Crane. NBC Tuesdays, 9 p.m. He and Leslie Jordan (next item) were

profiled in the September 20 issue of *The Advocate* and the Sept./Oct. *10 Percent*. This summer Butler wrote and starred in an acclaimed one-man play about coming out, called *The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me*.

- ☆ **Hearts Afire**. **Leslie Jordan** plays a fey but straight printer. Jordan is an openly gay actor who wrote and starred in *Hysterical Blindness*, a play which dealt with coming out. *Hearts Afire* is on CBS Saturdays at 9:30 p.m.
- ☆ **Absolutely Fabulous** There are no regular gay characters in this British sitcom, but gay audiences (particularly the guys) are absolutely taken with it, perhaps because the two female leads come across like a couple of bitchy queens. On Comedy Central Channel, Sundays 11 p.m.
- ☆ **Women in the House**. **Delta Burke** will be playing a character similar to the sassy Suzanne Sugarbaker (*Designing Women*) in this CBS sitcom. The show will be produced by Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, who produced *Designing Women* and had a serious falling-out with Burke while she was on that show. The three apparently realized they had a good thing going. It's a back-up show that will be put on when another new show bites the dust.

## Drama

- ☆ **My So-Called Life**, a drama about high school students, has a bisexual character, a teen named Rickie (Wilson Cruz). Ratings are low right now, so it may not be around much longer. Thursdays at 8 p.m. on ABC.
- ☆ **Sisters** will bring back **Nora Dunn** to play Swoozie Kurtz's lesbian TV producer. On NBC Saturdays at 10 p.m.
- ☆ **Cagney and Lacey**. **Sharon Gless** became a worldwide lesbian heartthrob (even though she's straight and played a straight woman) on the CBS drama *Cagney and Lacey*. This season she and co-star **Tyne Daley** will appear in two TV-movie

versions of that show. Air dates not known; watch your listings.

### Kids

- ☆ **The Magic School Bus.** Lily Tomlin will provide the voice of Ms. Frizzle, who takes her students on fantastic (and educational) field trips on the animated series *The Magic School Bus*. PBS Sundays at noon (check your listings to make sure).

### Music

- ☆ **Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella.** Whitney Houston will play Cinderella. On CBS. Air date not known.
- ☆ **The Road.** Mary Chapin Carpenter will co-host this weekly country series on TNN.

# Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

Well, it was certainly an interesting month here. Micheal and I went with our straight friends, John and Paula, to catch *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* in Cleveland. It was a hoot. Before the movie we went over to Gifts of Athena bookstore. Afterwards we went walking around looking at all the nifty shops in the Coventry area. My friend Aelis had seen the movie with her boyfriend. He said the hardest part was describing the outfits to her. (Aelis is blind.) They also enjoyed it very much.

I got to deal with homophobia at its truly ugliest when I got some e-mail from a follower of the Reverend Fred Phelps, a Primitive Baptist (Primitive!! Cro Magnon Man would be advanced in comparison.) The person in question had gotten ahold of the national lesbigay e-mail contact list and had sent out a few completely vile press releases. Rude, rude, rude! The Phelps Pholks, if you are unaware, are the bunch who think it is cool to go and rant anti-gay stuff and picket at funerals of people who've died of AIDS. When Randy Shilts died, they went to picket his funeral. The spokesperson for the San Francisco chapter of the Traditional Values Coalition (an anti-gay group) issued a statement criticizing Phelps' activity, which is sort of like Genghis Khan saying "Maybe we are being a bit too aggressive here."

We are looking forward to seeing folks at the Bridges Podluck on October 15th. It has been quite some time since the last one, and I really think we need this. It is good to talk to each other as a community. Please join us!

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# Local News - NW Pa

## Edinboro Gay Organization Update: A New Name, A New Attitude, A New Identity

*Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO) has changed its name! We here in the Boro felt that in keeping up with the changes of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual community, we needed to change our name to better express our purpose. We have changed the name from EGO to Identity. We see the new name as a positive change and we feel it expresses our need to become recognized throughout all communities.*

Hi Everyone!

Just wanted to drop a line to let all of you folks know what's going on here in the 'Boro. Good news! EGO (now Identity) has found an advisor. This allows us to be a recognized student organization and also allows us access to the grant of \$350 that the Lambda Foundation awarded us for National Coming Out Day activities.

Speaking of National Coming Out Day, we wanted to let you know about the activities planned for the week surrounding Coming Out Day. On Sunday, October 9, we are planning a National Coming Out Day Kick-Off Party. The party will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will wind up around 5 p.m. The party will be held at the Grind & Squeeze Coffeehouse here in Edinboro. We'll have raffles, a speaker, entertainment, a vendor, good food, and of course, the finest coffee available here in the Boro. During the week of October 10-14, we will also have a display case at Doucette Hall. There are more activities in the planning stages so give us a call for more info.


Identity meets on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at the Grind & Squeeze Coffeehouse in Edinboro. The Grind & Squeeze is located at 105 Erie St., above John's Wildwood Pizza. For more info, call (814)398-8005 or (814)734-8155.

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## LGLV-Erie Update by Greg Vallga

When I came out to a co-worker a few years ago, our discussion centered around both violence and job discrimination. He was dumbstruck, unaware that gay bashing was so widespread, and completely surprised that anyone could be fired for being a lesbian or gay man.

In a national poll, a solid two-thirds of the respondents agree that leshigays should not face this type of discrimination, and remain largely unaware that protection doesn't already exist.

The League is visiting bars and events in PA to gain support for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which affords job protection for leshigays. With the help of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, hundreds of local individuals have sent computer-generated letters of support to their legislators.

If you would like to help, simply call 833-3258 or write to us and give us your name and address. We will send you a set of three letters you can simply sign and mail.

LGLV will have a booth at the National Coming Out Day kickoff party sponsored by EGO at the Grind and Squeeze coffee house in Edinboro, October 9th. Stop by for voter registration, sign a letter to support ENDA, or pick up some freebies!

Make plans to have dinner with the League! LGLV will have a spaghetti dinner on October 22 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie. Cost \$5 per person/ \$4 students or low income/\$9 couple/ \$3 kids. Details in the *EGCN* calendar or call 833-3258.

*LGLV Voters Guides* will be coming out soon. The guides will inform you about the candidates running in Pennsylvania races and how they stand on issues important to our community. If you are a member of LGLV, you will receive a copy in the mail. You can also pick one up at the bars, coffeehouses, Cocoon, and the usual places.

And don't forget to vote on November 8!

### **Lambda Group**

The Lambda Group is Erie's only 12-step recovery program for lesbians and gays. While the group is based on the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), the group realizes that it is the only recovery program available to Erie's LesBiGay population and welcomes all members of our community who wish to recover from any type of substance abuse.

The Lambda Group meets every Sunday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Perry Highway, one mile north of Exit 7 of I-90. Meetings are open to LesBiGay people who think they may have a problem with substance abuse. Meetings are discussion format with the last Sunday of the month reserved for a speaker to share his/her story of abuse and recovery. Meetings last until 9:00 p.m.

### **MENSPACE**

The premier meeting of MENSPLACE took place in September at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie. MENSPLACE has replaced what used to be the Men's Coffeehouse. The candlelit evening was

filled with lots of light-hearted conversation, humor, future planning, serious talk, and delicious desserts and coffees. The turn out was *very* good. Lots of new faces.

Plans were made for a group get together in October. It was also agreed upon to continue to use the Unitarian Church for meetings of MENSPLACE.

In lieu of an October meeting, the organizers of MENSPLACE encourage everyone to attend the Bridges Potluck on Saturday, October 15 at 6:00 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie. (Check elsewhere in this issue for details.)

The next meeting of MENSPLACE will be on Friday, November 11 at 7:30pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie. A number of people have already volunteered to bring homemade desserts. MENSPLACE is open to all men in the Lesbigay community and it is never too late to join in! We look forward to seeing you soon!

### **Coming Out Day Activities at Allegheny**

Here's info on Allegheny's 2nd Annual Celebration of National Coming Out Day...

Monday, Oct. 10—*Movie: "The Wedding Banquet"* 9:30 pm in Shafer Auditorium

Tuesday, Oct. 11—*Video: TBA* 10:30 am in Campus Center Walker Room

*Coming Out at Allegheny* Adrian Wagner, class of '93, returns to share his story of coming out while a student at Allegheny. Discussion follows. 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm Campus Center Walker Room

*Video: TBA* 2:00 pm in Campus Center Walker Room

*Candlelight Vigil* A vigil in remembrance of those who have suffered from AIDS and HIV infection. A candlelight procession will move through campus ending at Ford Chapel for a concluding speaker. 8:30 pm at Ford Memorial Chapel

All events are free and open to the public.

Also...

— *Gay Pride Display* in the Campus Center Lobby on Monday, Oct. 10 and Tuesday, Oct. 11.

— *"Out and In Good Company"*, a display of books written by and about gays, lesbians and bisexuals, Pelletier Library, Oct. 6 - 11.

- *A full-page ad in The Campus (student newspaper)* on Oct. 6. All members of the Allegheny community are given the opportunity to affix their signatures to the ad which affirms a commitment to the dignity and respect of all people, as well as pledging to build a community that recognizes and cherishes individual differences.
- And, of course, the return of our *10' banner* proclaiming National Coming Out Day prominently displayed on the front of Cochran Hall (facing one of the busiest streets in Meadville!).

### **Coming Out & HIV/AIDS Poetry at Cups**

If you are interested in presenting poems about coming out or related to HIV/AIDS, contact Heidi at 825-1284.

### **Keystone Pageantry**

Keystone Pageantry, which is the statewide franchise for Miss Gay USA, is producing its third state pageant. Other states have been franchised, but this is Pennsylvania's first year of being franchised with the Pageant. The Pennsylvania state-wide pageant is held one a year, in February. The site has permanently been moved to Philadelphia. Every winner and runner-up of local (city/county) preliminary pageant will go to state pageant. The winner and runner-up of state pageant go to National Miss Gay USA Pageant. May 1995 will mark the tenth anniversary of the national pageant.

Pennsylvania was awarded a trophy last year for best preliminary pageant in the USA. It was the first time that award was given to franchise east of the Mississippi. The first franchise pageant of this year took place at The Embers on Sept 17. Miss Greater Erie USA. Winner of state pageant gets \$1,000 cash, hundreds of dollars in gift certificates, and air fare, room and entry fee to national pageant. In prelims, entrants must be resident of state or border state. For statewide, must win or be runner-up in prelim.

All state pageants donate substantial portions to an AIDS-related organization. Last year, the Pennsylvania pageant donated \$2,000 to the Names Project (AIDS Quilt). This year, they will work with a Philadelphia organization called We the People Living with

AIDS & HIV, and hope to be able to donate \$4,000-5,000. The State pageant will take place at a ballroom in center city in Philadelphia.

For more info call Matt Gertz (215)472-8326.

## **Local News - W NY**

### **"Brothers" Parties in Jamestown**

John of 10% Network announces that some folks there are thinking about getting together evenings to watch tapes of episodes of *Brothers*, the gay sitcom that aired on Showtime in the late 1980s. They'll get together and watch about an hour and a half at a time. Laughs, popcorn, good company...if you're interested call John at (716)484-7285.

### **Northern Chautauqua Co. Group Starts Up**

The Chautauqua County Gay, Lesbian and Bi Support group will be meeting the second Monday of each month, 8-10 p.m. at Pathways Books, 21 Water Street, Fredonia NY. You are welcome to stop by. Info (716) 679-3430.

### **Coming Out Day Events in Fredonia**

The BiGLAD organization at SUNY Fredonia is organizing events for Coming Out Week. As of this writing, things are tentative. Finalized schedules will be available at the Pathways book store (21 Water Street, 716/679-1096) around the campus and in the campus paper. This, then, is their *tentative* schedule of events open to people in the community:

Wed. Oct. 12 *Coming Out Workshop*. Presented by Vengel Faletta Smith, lesbian of color from Buffalo. Campus Center (Room to be announced).

Thurs. Oct. 13 *Panel Discussion on Being Out*. 7 p.m. Campus Center. Panel will have students, faculty, community members.

Fri. Oct. 14 or Sat. Oct. 15 (?) *Techno Rave Dance at the Grange*. 58 W. Main St. Fredonia.



## NY State Elections

The Local Agenda, as well as other gay/lesbian rights groups in the state, will be working hard on two campaigns this fall. One is to get Gov. Mario Cuomo re-elected, because he has been a strong supporter for gay rights, and his opponent (George Pataki) is not. Cuomo faces a tough challenge from Pataki. The other campaign is for Karen Burstein, a lesbian who is the Democratic candidate for state attorney general. If you are interested in helping either of these campaigns—through contributions, volunteer work, or other—contact Greg Rabb at (716)665-5220. Rabb is the Chautauqua County contact for the Local Agenda. They are particularly interested in people who are willing to work the phone bank or do house parties.

## Lesbian Health Care Survey

The Lesbian Health Care Project of Western NY is doing a survey of lesbian-friendly health care providers in Western NY. If you are interested in participating in the survey, call Margaret Smith at (716) 884-5984.

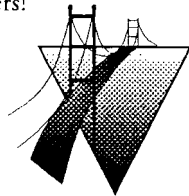
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# Art Review

Earth & Sky & All Shows Between  
Show by Jill Flynn a.k.a. Urbana Dyke  
Sept. 18-Oct. 28 at Cup-a-Ccino's

Do I admit my bias?

Okay, I'll admit that I am more apt to ooh and ahh over "family" art. I would also exclaim how the work is a true expression of real life. How it really is. So when it comes to artwork done by a woman within the lesbian experience, I tend to be partial. Downright prejudiced.

Artwork done by another lesbian is, of course, going to "smack of reality" to me because it is within my experience also.

Jill Flynn does mixed media. That all encompassing instrument which includes anything and everything an artist can find. Mixed media is as exciting to work in for the artist as it is for the viewer to look at. And Jill makes mixed media exciting. She is a woman on a journey exploring found objects and incorporating them into her personal experience.

Okay, now for my favorites. "Rain" appears to me with its incredible simplicity. The combination of a window shade rod, two springs, and a perforated sheet of metal feels like some kind of Zen tapestry. "Rain" is a koan (Zen riddle) a question impossible to answer but tantalizing just the same.

The three-dimensional pieces are Jill's strongest in the show. Some are assemblages of the discarded while another might be a portrait as in "A Girl I Know." This work is a pair of colorful bib overalls bedecked with trinkets from a life. It works so well, I feel I have become acquainted with her and want to go hang out with her.

The really "out" piece in the show is "Table Talk." Why, even the "L" word is painted in big letters through the middle of the work. This piece has great potential. What a great idea—this tribute to the Lipstick Lesbian. But I feel this is just a study for a larger, more comprehensive piece. The *objets de Lipstick Lesbian* piece includes a pair of high heels, a cassette tape of *Lavender Jane Loves Women*, a pink triangle button, lipstick, perfume, skin cream, a bottle of spring water, and a cherry. Even with the absence of flannel, leather, and beer cans that I relate to so well, I heartily

approve of this work. So go ahead Jill—show me all those *objets* in a drop-dead-to-die-for composition and a knock-out-your-eyes presence.

Do some more!

—KEL

*Jill Flynn, a.k.a. Urbana Dyke will have her mixed media show at Cup-a-Ccino's till October 28. Called Earth & Sky & All Shows Between, Flynn sees her work as a reflection of her own commitment to social and political activism. She is particularly active with gay/lesbian/bisexual concerns, and has done a lot of work with women's issues. "I'm learning to unprogram what I've learned in my formal training as an artist," she says of her style. As for her intriguing alternative name, she says, "I love living in urban areas, a lot of my work has to do with that, and well, I am a dyke!" —EGCN*

## Letters

EGCN,

Well, it's been awhile since I've been to the great city of Erie. I was there early this month but couldn't find your rag at any of the adult book stores!

So I'm sending you \$15 to subscribe to your most wonderful mag, which I must say is long overdue.

I wish they had a publication like yours about 20-30 years ago when I was younger. As of now, I'm much older, with no hopes of ever coming out of a closet I'm locked in for the rest of my life. Life has been a very hard thing to deal with these 55 years.

Wishing you the most success with your newsletter. God bless you and yours. I hope to meet you one of these days.

Dale  
Sandy Lake, PA

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## ON NOVEMBER 8TH

# Breast Cancer

*October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is an issue of interest to all women, but is of special interest to lesbians, who may be at a higher risk. There will be local breast cancer events going on in October, so check the Showcase or your local newspaper for what's going on.*

## Lesbians and Breast Cancer

Breast cancer strikes one in eight women in this country. That's scary enough. But a report presented last spring by an epidemiologist at the National Cancer Institute suggested that one in three lesbians may get it.

Since researching lesbian health hasn't been a priority, the hard evidence of increased lesbian risk simply isn't there. But if lesbians are at increased risk, it is *not* because they are lesbians per se.

One important risk factor is childlessness. Women of all sexual orientations who don't bear children are more susceptible to breast cancer. (According to one study, only 16% of lesbians have had children.) It has also been suggested that lesbians increase their risk because as a group they have diets higher in fat and drink more alcohol than women in general.

In addition, lesbians do not need to see the gynecologist or obstetrician as much as heterosexual women do, and so their health isn't monitored as closely as women in general.

Not all breast cancer activists or lesbian/women's health advocates go along with all this. Some question the whole idea that lesbians are at increased risk. Some find the idea of risk factors to be offensive and value-loaded, that is, "blaming" women for not having children, for how they eat, or for drinking alcohol. Susan Love, who wrote *Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book*, says that almost 70% of the women who have breast cancer have none of these risk factors. "All we can do is get a mammogram once a year after age 50," she says. "That's all we've got."

The lack of information and options shows how important breast cancer research is.

If it matters to you, get involved and get informed. Check out the "Resources Box" on the next page.

## PA Breast Cancer Coalition

Although there are several agencies in Pennsylvania that deal with cancer, there was no organization that made breast cancer a priority.

So in June 1993, the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition was born.

The Coalition is a grassroots organization involving patients, breast cancer survivors, families, medical professionals, government, labor and business leaders and caring others. They advocate action, education, and research to end the epidemic. "The Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition was formed to bring more attention to the need for more breast cancer research and the need to find a cure," says Corrine Halperin, who is coordinator of the 13-county northwest PA region.

The Coalition advocates:

+Better research into the causes of and treatment for breast cancer, and more funding for and coordination of that research.

+Improved access to high quality breast cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment and care for all women, particularly the under-served and uninsured.

+Increased involvement and influence of those living with breast cancer in the areas of legislation, regulatory process and all aspects of clinical trial design, including access to clinical trials.

In the short time they've existed, the Coalition has accomplished a lot. Last fall they collected over 310,000 signatures on Petitions carried to the White House on October 18, 1993. The Coalition joined 200 other members of the National Breast Cancer Coalition demanding a comprehensive strategy for the breast cancer epidemic. The Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition delivered more signatures than from any other state.

In May of this year, the Coalition encouraged good breast health by organizing a program that offered mammogram "certificates" as Mother's Day gifts, at reduced cost. Halperin reports that about half of the northwestern PA women who called in about the mammograms had no insurance.

To put a face on the epidemic, the Coalition created a touring photo/essay exhibit. Called *67 Women—67 Counties: Facing Breast Cancer in Pennsylvania*, the exhibit features a woman from each of the 67 counties in the state. Most of the women in the exhibit have triumphed over the disease, some are still struggling with it, and some, sadly, have lost the fight. The exhibit will be at the Millcreek Mall near Kaufman's, from Sept. 27 until October 11.

If you are interested in supporting the important work that the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition is doing—by making a tax-deductible contribution, volunteering time, etc., you may contact Corrine Halperin at (814)455-7833. Halperin encourages people in the lesbian/gay community to become involved. "I would love to have people from your community join the coalition," she told *EGCN*.

## Statistics

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women in the United States.

Last year, 46,000 women died from breast cancer. The magnitude of the epidemic can be seen when compared to another health catastrophe, that of HIV/AIDS: Last year 37,000 people died of AIDS complications.

The incidence of breast cancer is rising and we don't know why. In 1960, one in fourteen women got the disease; now it is one in eight.

## Detection Guidelines

*From the American Cancer Society*

Women 20 years of age and older should perform breast self-examination every month.

Women 20-40 should have a physical examination of the breast every three years.

Women age 40 to 49 should have a physical examination of the breast annually, and mammography should be performed at intervals of 1-2 years.

Women 50 years of age and older should have a mammogram every year.

Screening mammography should begin at age 40.

## Pink Ribbons

The pink ribbon is the symbol for breast cancer awareness. Think about wearing one, especially this month.

## Resources

### Organizations & Institutions

*Lesbian Health Care Project of Western NY*, (716)884-5984.

*National Coalition of Feminist and Lesbian Cancer Projects*, P.O. Box 90437, Washington DC 20090 (202)332-5536.

*National Breast Cancer Coalition* Washington DC (202)296-7477

*PA Breast Cancer Coalition*, Corrine Halperin at (814)455-7833. Or PA Breast Cancer Coalition, P.O. Box 716, Harrisburg PA 17108-0716. (Tax I.D. # 25-1722323.

*Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo* (716)847-8237. Free mammograms. At this writing we don't know if this is limited by geographic location, and we couldn't get through.

### Books

*Cancer in Two Voices*, Sandra Butler and Barbara Rosenblum (Spinsters Ink \$12.95). Journal written by a lesbian couple, one of whom is struggling with and ultimately succumbs to breast cancer.

*The Cancer Journals*, Audre Lorde. (Aunt Lute \$7.00) Journal of the author's struggle with breast cancer. Lorde, a lesbian, died of the disease a few years ago.

*Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book*, by Susan Love. (Addison Wesley \$13.41) Readable, informative discussion of breast health.

*The New Our Bodies Our Selves*, by the Boston Women's Health Collective. (Touchstone \$20). This is an excellent, lesbian-friendly guide to women's health with good coverage of breast cancer. Make sure you get the most recent revision (printed 1992).

*Winter Numbers*, by Marilyn Hacker (Norton, price not known yet). Just published collection of poems from this lesbian poet, some of which ("Against Elegies," "Cancer Winter") take a frank look at her breast cancer and losing loved ones to cancer and AIDS.

# HIV/AIDS - NW Pa

## AIDS Quilt Update

The Names Project (AIDS Quilt) panels will be shown Nov. 14-December 16, in the sanctuary of the Cathedral of St. Paul 133 W. 6th (across from the Erie Co. Courthouse). Tentative hours 1-3 p.m., 7-9 p.m., though they may vary for showings to schoolchildren. Arrangements are being made to possibly have the quilt at Edinboro University for three or four days.

Everybody who cares is invited to become involved in this project. If you are an area person who has submitted a panel and would like to offer your story, if you would like to create a panel to remember someone you have lost to AIDS, or if you would like to volunteer for any of the World AIDS Day events (much help is needed and your help would be greatly appreciated!), call Sue B. Kuebler at (814) 452-3779. A grassroots effort is being organized, and you needn't be part of a group or agency to become involved.

## Pedro Zamora News

As of this writing, Pedro Zamora, a PWA who won the heart of young America on MTV's *Real World*, is to be speaking at Behrend on Sept. 27. He was originally to have appeared in October, but became very sick, and so his visit was rescheduled to September. We'll have a report on Pedro in the November *EGCN*.

## Man Sentenced In AIDS Council Theft

Clarence Andrew Szoszorek, who stole over \$6,200 from the AIDS Council while a volunteer there, was sentenced to prison September 15. He is to serve a sentence of four to 15 months in prison. He also received three years consecutive probation. Most of the prison sentence will not be served in prison; instead, Szoszorek will be placed under "house arrest," on home electronic monitoring. He will only be allowed to leave to receive medical treatment. Also, he will be expected to make some restitution of the stolen funds.

Szoszorek, also known as Andee Childs, took \$6,234.89 from the AIDS Council between November 8, 1993 and January 24, 1994.

Szoszorek's defense introduced the fact that he is in poor health and in need of medical treatment, and Judge Stephanie Domitrovich ruled that Szoszorek may leave town to receive medical treatment.

## American Red Cross Events and Projects

American Red Cross Instructor Training for HIV/AIDS Educators will take place October 19-21 at Savelli's Union Station. Fee is \$50, and includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and materials. This is for anyone interested in offering instruction about HIV/AIDS, not just health care professionals or educators. Interested parties should contact Lori Pollock at the Red Cross at 833-0942.

The American Red Cross AIDS Conference will be held Wed. October 5 at the Villa Maria Conference Center. Two audiences will be addressed: health care professionals and educators. 6.6 contact hours of continuing education credits are available, and LAHEC has been granted provider status for PA State Nurse Association. Numerous presenters in the health and education fields. A college panel will discuss "HIV: The Invisible Disease on the College Campus." Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with 9 a.m. opening remarks by Jackie Kocz of the Erie Community Blood Bank; conference will conclude at 4:30 p.m.. Conference fee is \$50, which includes lunch and break refreshments. Call 833-0942.

## AIDS Council Materials Find New Homes

When it disbanded, the AIDS Council of Erie County left behind a lot of books and videos. At the August meeting of the AIDS/HIV Network, people discussed placing the materials where people would have access to them. The HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry and NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance received the books so that clients may read them. The Department of Health received the video library. Note too that the Department of Health has a catalog of the videos that they have available. For info about the videos, call the HYPE program at the Health Department, 451-6700.

## HIV/AIDS Billboards

The HIV/AIDS Education & Training Division of the Erie Co. Health Dept. would like to post HIV/AIDS awareness billboards around the county. If you think you'd like to offer an outside wall, call them at the Erie County Health Dept. 451-6700.

## Man Convicted In HIV+ Rape Case

An Erie County man with HIV who had unprotected sex with two runaway girls was convicted on several charges.

Willie Griffin, 33, was convicted of reckless endangerment of lives because he had unprotected sex while knowing he had HIV. Sentencing is October 24; Griffin could receive 13-26 years on all counts.

In addition to reckless endangerment, Griffin was convicted of a felony charge of statutory rape (one of the girls was 11), two misdemeanor counts of corruption of minors and furnishing alcohol to minors.

It is the first time that an HIV-positive person in Erie County has been convicted of reckless endanger-

ment for having unprotected sex while aware of their HIV status.

# HIV/AIDS News - Sex

## Condom Brands Compared

All condoms are *not* created equal.

A recent survey discovered big differences in condom brands. So which ones were the most reliable?

Researchers who conducted the study recommended the following brands:

*Touch Non-Lube (formerly Ramses Non-Lube)\**

*Ramses Sensitol*

*Gold Circle Coin\**

*Gold Circle*

*Sheik Elite\**

*Durex Nuform*

*Pleaser*

None of these brands leaked. Note that the brands with the stars (\*) were most highly recommended because they also tested in the top eight in a condom study published in *Consumer Reports* in March 1989.

All the recommended brands were produced by two companies: Safetex/Aladan (formerly Circle) and Schmid. Although Trojans are a popular brand, all Trojan brands included in this study ended up in the bottom half of the list (Trojans also tested poorly in the *Consumer Reports* study).

The poorest performers, ranked from bad to absolute worst, were:

*Lifestyles Conture*

*Lifestyles Nuda*

*Trojan Naturalube Ribbed*

*Trojan Ribbed*

*Contracept Plus*

The lowest ranked condom, Contracept Plus, was tested using samples of that brand. Every single one leaked. It was by far the worst. Following this study, it was removed from the market.

A total of 31 brands were investigated, and a total of 31,000 condoms were tested.

The study was conducted by the Mariposa Foundation and Sequoia Associates in California, and Nelson

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Laboratories in Salt Lake City. The Mariposa Foundation has pioneered a range of research on human sexuality and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. Testing of condoms and spermicides has been a major focus of their projects. They publish the *Mariposa Newsletter*, which keeps contributors informed of their studies and related information. To receive more information, send a long SASE to: Mariposa Education & Research Foundation, 3123 Schweitzer Drive, Topanga CA 90290, (818)704-4812.

## HIV/AIDS-US/World

### Los Angeles Approves Needle Exchange

The Los Angeles City Council has approved (9-1) a needle exchange program in an effort to fight that city's AIDS epidemic. The Council declared the HIV/AIDS epidemic to be an emergency situation, and were thus able to bypass the state's law against such programs. The California legislature has twice passed needle exchange laws, but conservative Governor Pete Wilson vetoed them both times.

### HIV Transmitted In Fist fight

ROME, Sept. 19—A man became infected with HIV after being in a bloody fist fight with his brother, who has HIV. It was unusual but not the first time: 1989 a British man became infected with the virus during a fight at a wedding.

### U.N. Population Conference and AIDS

CAIRO—Although the Vatican has consistently argued against the use of condoms, at the U.N. Population Conference it agreed not to formally contest a phrase in a document that calls for "voluntary abstinence and condom use." The Vatican agreed set aside differences about condoms and contraceptives in order to concentrate on working against abortion. Also brought up at the conference: the fact that women in many male-dominated society's are at particular risk and have no right to demand safer sex from their husbands.

# HIV/AIDS - Therapy

## IL-2 Therapy

*From Novum Pharmaceutical Research Services:*

Interleukin-12 (IL-12) is a recently discovered cytokine. A growing body of evidence indicates that this cytokine has interesting and unique structural and biological activities.

Last December, researchers at the National Cancer Institute and the Genetics Institute (a bio-tech company based in Cambridge, Massachusetts) discovered that when IL-12 was added to white blood cells taken from HIV-positive asymptomatic individuals, the T-cells began to proliferate robustly, producing a critical T-cell growth factor, IL-2, and an important anti-viral immunomodulator, interferon gamma. In the absence of IL-12 the cells were unresponsive.

### POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF IL-12 THERAPY MAY INCLUDE:

Delayed progression from an asymptomatic state to full blown AIDS

Prevention of infection by *Toxoplasma gondii* by activation of natural killer (NK) cells

Elevation of the cell-mediated immune response of HIV vaccines

Enhancing cell-mediated immunity by stimulating T-helper (CD<sub>4</sub>) cell proliferation and activating T-killer (CD<sub>8</sub>) cell activity

Increasing production of IL-2, a cytokine involved in T-cell proliferation, and interferon gamma, a potent anti-viral molecule

Augmented targeting and destruction of virus-infected cells by NK cells

Novum, Inc. has joined a multi-center study to determine the safety of IL-12 in asymptomatic HIV-positive individuals with CD<sub>4</sub> counts between 300 and 500, who are on a stable regimen of anti-viral therapy.

This is a Phase I, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Dose-Escalating, Single-Dose study.

Participants will be compensated.

For additional information and a confidential interview, please call (412)363-7218 or (800)756-5227

## National/World News Bits

### **Congress Drops Anti-Gay Youth Law**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23—Legislation that would have cut federal funding to schools that teach acceptance of homosexuality has been dropped. A moderate compromise, offered by Jolene Unsoeld (D-Washington) simply states that federal school funds may not be used for programs that promote sexual activity, obscene materials, or condom distribution. It goes on to state that AIDS education and sex education courses and programs must discuss abstinence as a healthy sexual choice. The legislation was an amendment to the \$13 billion Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

### **German Politicians Fined for Inciting Hatred**

BERLIN, Sept. 13—Two local council politicians were fined by a Berlin court for inciting hatred against gays here. The two men, members of the extreme-right Republican party, wrote a letter to Berlin's health minister in 1992 urging him to cut funding for counseling to gay men and lesbians. "If they...stay in their little room nothing will happen to them," the men wrote. The court fined the men an unprecedented sum of money for abusing their positions on council in communicating with the minister.

### **Study: 1 In 5 Attracted to Same Sex**

WASHINGTON—A study has found that about 20% of Americans has felt same-sex attraction at some point since they were 15. The 1 in 5 figure had to do simply with attraction, not whether or not those feelings were acted on. David Wypij, co-author of the study, said that the gay/straight categories may be too simplistic. "I think in most individuals there is some sort of range," he said. "You may be more heterosexual, you may be more homosexual." The study was conducted at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Center for Health Policy Studies in Washington, and will be published in the Archives of Sexual Behavior.

### **Partnership Bills**

After narrowly passing in the California legislature, Governor Pete Wilson vetoed the partnership bill which would have recognized unmarried couples re-

gardless of their sexual orientation. The Republican governor said he vetoed the bill because it would have weakened the institution of marriage. The bill received much support from senior citizen groups like the American Association of Retired Persons and the Congress of California Seniors. That's because the bill's author presented census figures showing large numbers of elderly heterosexuals who live together but do not marry.

### **Massachusetts Teacher Loses Suit**

WALTHAM, Mass. Sept. 16—A lesbian teacher at a private school lost her discrimination suit against the school that told her she could not live with her lover. As a head house parent at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall, Christine Huff has to live on campus. Unmarried couples may not live together on campus, but because Huff and her lover cannot marry, Huff's attorney argued, she was "put in a position no heterosexual person would be put in." The state's top antidiscrimination official ruled that this did not constitute a violation of the state's gay rights law, because the law does not legitimize same-sex marriages.

### **Lesbian Settles Lawsuit Against Police Dept.**

DALLAS, Sept. 15—After refusing to hire her as a police officer because of her sexual orientation, a lesbian has accepted a \$73,000 settlement from the city of Dallas. In 1992, a judge ruled that the police department's policy regarding sexual orientation was unconstitutional. The Dallas police chief now says that he supports hiring lesbians and gay men.

### **Lesbian Mom Still Can't Have Her Son**

RICHMOND, Va. Sept. 16—Although lesbian mother Sharon Bottoms regained custody of her three-year-old son, she can't have him back while that decision is being appealed. In September 1993, Bottoms made national news when a circuit court judge removed the son from Bottoms' home because she is a lesbian. He was placed with Bottoms mother. In June, the Virginia Court of Appeals overturned that decision.



## Groups & Organizations

### **10% Network and Social Group (Chautauqua County)**

Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown No smoking or alcohol. ☎ (716) 484-7285.

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **Identity (formerly Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO))**

Student group at Edinboro University. Meets every Sunday at Grind & Squeeze Coffeehouse, 105 Erie St, Edinboro (Above John's Pizza) Social activities ☎ John at 1-398-8005 or Dee Dee at 734-8155.

### **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**

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, advocacy. Interested in clipping newspaper articles and/or writing summaries? Contact us for details. ☎ Greg at (814) 833-3258. ☎ LGLV-Erie, PO Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505-0083.

### **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)**

No meeting in October (We are going to Equus at the Road house on Sat, Oct 1 and also to the Bridges Potluck on the 15th. Resume regular meeting on 2nd Friday of the month on November 11. 7:30 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. ☎ (814) 456-9833 for info.

### **NW PA Gay and Lesbian Task Force**

Tionesta/Titusville political/media advocacy. Write to: PO Box 213, Tionesta, PA 16353-0213.

### **➔ Oasis**

A social/support group for the gender community. Crossdress/Transvestite/Transexual. Write to PO Box 622, Meadville, PA 16335.

### **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 Sue Daley (814) 898-6164. 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

### **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. Contact Sally at (814) 454-2713.

## 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 Shilling 1(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



## INTEGRITY

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

## Meet & Eat!!

Join us for the Bridges  
 Potluck & Forum on  
 Sat, Oct 15  
 6pm-? at the Unitarian  
 See calendar for details!

# 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 Addresses

EGCN, Bridges from CompuServe .. 70431,1622  
or from Internet .. 70431.1622@compuserve.com  
LGLV-Erie ..... kidithart@aol.com (Internet)

## 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.  
Women's Center of Warren & Forest Counties  
24 hour Hotline (Domestic abuse/Sexual Assault,  
women and men) ..... (814)726-1030

*All numbers are area code 814 unless  
otherwise noted. Are you a lesbian-  
friendly physician or professional? Please  
let us know so we can list you!*

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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-midnight, Beth at the piano Thurs 10-midnight.

**Grind and Squeeze Coffeehouse**, 105 Erie Street, Edinboro, 734-3225. Mon-9 a.m.-1 a.m., Tues.-Thurs. noon-1 a.m., Fri.-Sat. noon-2 a.m., Sun. noon-midnight. 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.

**SUBSCRIPTION FORM  
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