



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 15th 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. **New e-mail address!** From Internet mikemahler@aol.com or from CompuServe, 70431,1622 or fax to (814) 452-1392

Mar 4—Womynspace Potluck "Bring a dish (and food, too!). Eat and talk and eat some more. And also—A penny for your thoughts! Share your ideas about future Womynspace coffeehouses. We dine at seven. Newcomers welcome!" For more info, call Sal at 454-2713.

☛ Mar 5—LGLV-Erie Meeting The next meeting will be 5 p.m. at our new meeting place—231 W. 21st St., Erie. Topics for discussion: fund raising; the upcoming pre-election party; Voters Guides; religious right counter organizing in the Erie area; Satellite Branch in Warren and Crawford Counties. Hope to see ya there!

☛ Mar 5—Barbra Streisand: The Concert HBO 10 p.m.

Mar 6—Visions Meeting Organization working to make Chautauqua Co. a better place for lesbians and gay men to live. Info (716)484-7285.

☛ Mar 7—Red Hot + Country AIDS Awareness Concert TNN 8 p.m. (Repeated March 15)

☛ Mar 8—Savage Nights (1992) 8 p.m. Cinemax. Extremely controversial French film about a bisexual

man who learns he has HIV and decides to live his life as he always has, including having unprotected sex with his partners. The film is based on the life of its director, Cyril Collard, who died of AIDS in 1993. Subtitled.

☛ Mar 10—Menspace "This may be the last meeting. Bring your comments and suggestions. Future activities are not out of the question!"

If you have ideas, come share them with us. Have we come to a point where it's time to move on?" 7:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. For more information, call 899-8507.

Mar 12—Integrity Meeting Clown Ministry-Liturgy of Word, Eucharist, potluck follows. 6:00 pm at St Paul's Cathedral, 133 West 6th Street.

☛ Mar 12—Murder By

Death ((1976)) Neil Simon whodunnit in which various famous detectives are summoned to the home of an eccentric millionaire (played by the flamboyant gay author Truman Capote). TNT 10:20 p.m.

☛ Mar 13—Friends from the Heart Meets 7:30 p.m. at Weell Being Center 710 Beaumont. Newcomers welcome! Info 838-012.

☛ Mar 14—Rainbow Connection (Warren PA) Info: Fred or Marshall (814)726-1808.

☛ Mar 14—HIV/AIDS Support Group of St. Mark's Transportation if you need it. Info: Cheryl at 452-6113 or 825-1085.



Thanks to Micheal Miller
for this month's
cover art

How to Contact Us

There are several ways you can get information in to us here at *EGCN*. If you have access to e-mail, our Internet address is MikeMahler@aol.com and our CompuServe address is 70431,1622. We have just added a new fax number here at *EGCN*. Fax any time to 814-452-1392. Our mailing address is still: EGC Coalition, PO Box 3063, Erie PA 16508-0063. Our voice number is still 814-456-9833 and there is also an answering machine available. The best ways to reach us are e-mail, fax and the PO Box. These methods are more likely to give you the wording you want and to be more accurate. We cannot guarantee that we will always accept voice-delivered messages for publication.

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Statement of Purpose

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

Ad Rates

Businesses and Sponsors! Show your support and reach Erie's lesbigay community directly! Advertising space is now available for just \$20 for an eighth page ad, \$35 for a quarter page ad, \$65 for a half page ad or \$125 for a full page ad. Call our Advertising Director at (814) 734-8155 or 456-9833 for further details!

Editorial Policy

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

We won't 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 don't 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.

Mailing address: *EGCN*; PO Box 3063; Erie, PA 16508-3063. Fax is (814) 452-1392. Call (814) 456-9833 for more information. Email: from Internet: mikemahler@aol.com or CompuServe: 70431, 1622. Deadline is the 15th of the month. Before submitting articles, please send SASE for writer's guidelines.

♣ **Mar 17—Biography: Mae West** A&E 8 p.m. Profiles the film star whose sultry style was widely imitated by gay men (Mae once said men impersonate her better than women). In fact, there were some who thought she actually was a gay man, though upon her death it was proven that she was, in fact, a biological woman.

♣ **Mar 17—St. Patrick's Celebration at the Leeward (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge.

♣ **Mar 18—10% Network Video Night (Jamestown)** First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. Info: John at (716) 484-7285.

♣ **Mar 18—2 girls alone! at Cup-a-Ccino's** 18 N. Park Row 9-midnight.

♣ **Mar 20—Erase the Hate** USA Network 4 p.m. Documentary that examines hatred and the ways to combat it.

♣ **Mar 22—Chain of Desire (1993)** Cinemax 8 p.m. Explores sex and love in the age of AIDS. Although straights, bisexuals, and gay males will be explored, lesbians will not, because according to the director, Linda Fiorentino refused to play a lesbian.

♣ **Mar 23—Ellen DeGeneres** Comedy Central 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 2:00 a.m. 2:30 a.m.

♣ **Mar 25—Laurie Anderson (Pittsburgh)** A.J. Palumbo Theater (412)391-1111.

♣ **Mar 28—HIV/AIDS Support Group of St/Mark's** Info Cheryl Weber at 452-6113 or 825-6113.

♣ **Mar 28—Rainbow Connection (Warren PA)** Info Fred or Marshall (814) 726-1808.

♣ **Mar 31—Denni at Cup-a-Ccino's** 18 N. Park Row 9-midnight.

♣ **Mar 31-Apr 2—"Fabric of Remembrance" Canisius College Display of AIDS Memorial Quilt (Buffalo)** Exhibit times are Friday March 31, 1995 from 10am to 9pm, Saturday April 1, 1995 from 10am to 8pm, and Sunday April 2, 1995 from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. All are at Koessler Athletic Center at Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo NY 14208, (716) 888-2433. For more information or to volunteer to work, call Greg Rabb at (716) 665-5220 or (716) 664-9174.

♣ **April ?—Penn State Lesbian & Gay Pride Week (State College)** We understand this is supposed to be in the first week of April but can't track down definite dates. If you're interested, call the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard (814)237-1950 (between 6-9p.m.) around the middle of March.

♣ **Apr 1—Womynspace: "Mirror, Mirror..."** A slide show and discussion about body image by Jean Kennedy-Keck beginning at 7:30 pm. Social following

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around 9pm. Come for one or both events. Newcomers welcome! For info, call Sal at 454-2713.

✦ **Apr 3—Visions Meeting (Chautauqua Co.)** Info: (716)484-7285.

✦ **Apr 8—Bridges Potluck/Forum Meet & Eat!** Join for an evening of good food and discussion. We will be eating at about 5:30. Bridges will provide liquid refreshment (coffee, soda pop) and plates/utensils. Bring a dish to share. We will be having discussion at around 7:30. Bridges By-laws will also be presented. The site will be the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. For more info, call (814) 456-9833.

✦ **Apr 15—Mary Chapin Carpenter & Mavericks (Pittsburgh)** A.J. Palumbo Center (412)391-1111.

✦ **Apr 21-23—Spring Round-Up (Cleveland)** Big lesbian and gay line-dancers weekend. Dance lessons, socializing, 2 pink buses tour line dancing spots around Cleveland, other events. They heartily welcome Erie area folks to join in the fun. Info: Bob at (216)621-0228.

✦ **Apr 28-30—Creating Healthy Sexuality (Chautauqua)** "A unique experiential training weekend for professionals to better understand the

diverse spectrum of sexuality issues." Sponsored by AIDS Community Services, SUNY Buffalo Sexuality Education center, Buffalo State College Sexuality Center and WNY Society of Sexuality Professionals. Info from Laura, Education Dept. AIDS Community Services (716)847-0315.

✦ **April 29—Spring Fling at the Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** Entertainment provided by the 35-and-Over Club. 1022 Bridge.

✦ **May 6—Womynspace: Saturday Night at the Movies** Popcorn, a good movie and lots of fun. Details in next issue.

Festivals & Conferences

✦ **May 19-21—College Women's Weekend (Kent's Store VA)** Festival of workshops, performers and events. Info (804)589-6542.

✦ **June 17-24—Key West Gay Arts Festival (Florida)** Info: 1-800-535-7797 or (305) 294-4603. An annual gathering of lesbian and gay artists from around the world.

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On TV This Month

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Broadcast Tapes of Dr. Peter HBO 3/4 (6:45a.m., 3/22 6:40 a.m. 3/30 7a.m. AIDS video diary.

Choices of the Heart (1995) Lifetime 3/8 9 p.m., 11 p.m., 3/12 6 p.m., 3/20 9 p.m., 3/25 8 p.m. Dana Delaney plays the founder of Planned Parenthood in this bio-pic. The movie will show Sanger doing battle with the religious right of the early 20th century, whose big issue then was to prevent legalization of birth control, including information about it.

Ed Wood: Look Back in Angora Cinemax 3/29 8 p.m. Interviews with friends of filmmaker Ed Wood.

Joan Rivers: Abroad in London Joan performs for the royal family. Dame Edna Everidge guests. Lifetime 3/11 11p.m., 3/24 12 a.m.

Mass Appeal (1984) Encore 3/7 8:45a.m. & 3:45p.m., 3/12 7:15p.m., 3/13 9 a.m., 3/28 4:30 a.m. Gay priests.

Entertainment Notes

☆ **JUST LIKE CICELEY AND ROSLYN:** The February 15 episode of *Northern Exposure* found the town of Cicely preparing to celebrate Founders Day by honoring Cicely and Roslyn, the lesbian lovers who founded the town. Chris declares his love for Maggie, in his usual roundabout way, by referring to the love that Cicely and Roslyn felt toward one another.

☆ **THEATER: *Quilt*,** a musical celebration of the AIDS Quilt will be performed by Buffalo United Artists March 3-19 at Canesius College Cultural Center (Main & Eastwood) in Buffalo. Info and reservations (716) 832-7320. ***Angels in America*** is coming to Pittsburgh in April 29 and 30. The widely-acclaimed gay AIDS epic will be performed at the Benedum Center. Reservations and info: (412) 456-6666 (9 a.m.-8 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekends). Also starting in late April, Pittsburgh's Upstairs Theater

will present *Twilight of the Golds*. The play is set in a future time, when genetic research allows parents to find out if their baby will be born gay. A woman becomes pregnant and learns her baby will be gay, and when she considers aborting the little homo-fetus, her closeted gay brother comes out to her. Reservations and info (412)361-5443. . . In Toronto, **DQ '95**, a 3-hour gay variety show extravaganza that only happens once every 3 years, will run from March 9-18. For info call Deborah Park (416)962-7600, get tickets from Ticketmaster (416)872-1111.

☆ **SOUNDTRACKS:** If you enjoyed the music in the movie *Boys On the Side*, you'll be happy to know the soundtrack is available on the Arista label. It features 24 tracks by **Indigo Girls, Melissa Ethridge, Joan Armatrading, Pretenders, Cranberries, Bonnie Raitt, Annie Lennox,** and others.

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Reviews

Nuthin' But Good Times Ahead
Molly Ivins (Vintage \$12)

Reviewed by Lee

Good times is another book by Molly Ivins, *Nuthin' But Good Times Ahead*. This book, like her first, *Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?*, is a collection of her political columns from the likes of the *Dallas Times-Herald*, *The Progressive*, and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Ivins describes herself as "a left-wing, aging-Bohemian journalist, who never made a shrewd career move, never got married, and isn't even a lesbian, which at least would be interesting."

An interesting comment, that. Especially in view of the near absence of any comment on gay issues in the first book, which consisted of columns written before the 1992 Republican convention. Now she has written about "Ignorance Epidemic Threatens in Texas During AIDS Crisis," "Let Gays Serve Their Country and Get on to Real Problems," and "Beware Those Who Profit from Fear." In her summary of the Republican convention, "Notes from Another Country," Ivins writes

"The gay-bashing at the convention would have been offensive even without the AIDS epidemic. Have they no shame, at long last, have they no shame? I watched delegates who are the mothers of gay sons sit there and listen without protest. I don't know what it says about their family values."

I liked Ivins' first book because it helped me keep a sense of humor about the nonsense. Legislatures, attitudes, economics, ignorance, fear—she dealt with them all with laid-back Texas humor and a good set of facts. *Nuthin' But Good Times Ahead* is going to be even more help.

Molly Ivins is now a regular at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Maybe I can convince the Texas connection to subscribe to the *Star-Telegram* and clip Molly's columns so I won't have to wait for the next book.

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Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

So how are all of you folks doing? I was really very much impressed this past month by the decision of Don Lucas (former co-owner of Cocoon) to go public as a person with HIV on TV 35 News. This was a brave and compassionate act that deserves to be applauded! Don was also featured recently in an article the Times-News did on Friends from the Heart. (A friend of mine who is also a client where I work noticed his "Straight but Not Narrow" button and wanted one for herself!)

I am, to the best of my knowledge, the first person to come out publicly as a gay person in Erie. It is no easy thing being the first one on the dance floor. It is probably much harder for a person living with HIV than it is for a gay person. But only in being unashamed of who we are and open can we really make a difference.

Places to get EGCN...

Ashtabula

Leeward Lounge, 1022 Bridge St.

Erie

Barnes & Noble, 5909 Peach Street

Cup-a-Ccino's, 18 N. Park Row

The Embers, 1711 State Street

Lizzie Bordon's, 3412 W. 12th

Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie,

7180 New Perry Hiway

Well Being, 710 Beaumont

Edinboro

Book Shelf, 200 Plum

Earthshine, 131 Meadville Street

Identity (formerly EGO) meetings

Jamestown NY & Warren PA

AIDS Community Services, Tue Mansion

Nite Spot, 201 Winsor, Jamestown

Rainbow Connection, Warren 726-1808

Sneakers, 100 Harrison, Jamestown

Meadville PA

Allegheny College Bookstore

CSGLBP Meetings

Venango County

Oil Region Book Store, Oil City

Media Watch

By Al Kielwasser
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation-San Francisco

Nestle...Not so Sweet!

A refreshing list of major companies purchased advertising spots during the recent broadcast of *Serving in Silence*. The made-for-television movie was shown by NBC on February 6th and affirmatively depicted the life story of Margarethe Cammermeyer, who was booted out of the U.S. Army for being a lesbian.

Not on the list of proud sponsors, however, was Nestle USA. The cowardly company specifically pulled its advertising from the movie. According to Laurie MacDonald, Nestle's Vice President of Corporate affairs, her company adheres to a policy of not advertising on programs "deemed by a majority of the public to be controversial or not widely accepted."

Citing the same policy, Nestle also refused to sponsor last year's gay wedding episode of *Northern Exposure* (CBS, May 2, 1994).

Such an advertising policy is an open invitation to homophobes, letting them know that every time they turn our lives into a "controversy," Nestle will back away from doing the right thing.

Moreover, the decision to forego advertising on *Serving in Silence* actually helps to perpetuate the "controversial" and "not widely accepted" status of homosexuality in our society. Nestle is, in effect, creating the very problem the company claims to be avoiding.

Complaints go to Joe Weller, Chair and CEO, Nestle USA, 800 North Brand Blvd., Glendale CA 91203; Laurie MacDonald can be reached directly at (818)549-6235, fax (818)549-5660. Supportive compliments can be sent to Warren Littlefield, Vice President of NBC Entertainment, 3000 West Alameda Ave., Burbank CA 91523 (818)840-4444.

Media Briefs

☆ **HATE SAMPLER...** The MTV message board on America Online (AOL) is filled with reminders that homophobia is alive and well. Recent messages, which can be posted by any AOL user, have

applauded the death of gay AIDS activist (and MTV Real World television star) Pedro Zamora. Among the comments: "Pedro deserved what he got! His lifestyle killed him and nothing else!...Homosexuals brought AIDS to the U.S. in the early 1980's (from framklt@aol.com), "I hated that fagboy...I think Pedro is where he deserves to be right now, IN HELL" (from ademduritz@aol.com), and "He was a fag and all fags should die and I was happy to see him got what he got" (from phloutrel@aol.com)

☆ **Well Endowed Art...** March 14th is arts and culture "Advocacy Day," a chance to lobby Congressional representatives to save the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA); the new Republican Congress has threatened the NEA's funding, which currently costs each U.S. citizen the equivalent of two postage stamps a year. To find out what you can do to promote cultural diversity, contact your "America for the NEA" state coordinator, tel 800-862-1113.

☆ **SOUND BITES...** Commenting on his role as a straight sportscaster on the NBC series *Frasier*, gay actor Dan Butler told the Los Angeles Times: "I'd like to think that people would not be so narrow-minded as to hold this against me. Besides, some of my best friends are straight! I also want to mention here that I continue to have a very loving and wonderful relationship with my boyfriend."

☆ **(SOME) MEN'S STYLE...** A new "lifestyle" magazine will premier this March. According to its publisher, *Men's Style* will "appeal to affluent gay men who wear expensive suits, own a second home, travel and lead the good life." Now, wait a minute...hasn't *GQ* been doing that for years? Oh well, whether the idea is new or old, anyone with an interest (intellectual or bank account) can contact Ron/Owen & Partners, 2035 Lincoln Highway, Suite 3001, P.O. Box 993, Edison NJ 08818-0993 (908)287-4411.

Erin "gay" Braugh: Irish & Gay

People

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900) Gay Irish wit, novelist and playwright. Wilde was out and flamboyant. His relationship with Lord Alfred Douglas incurred the wrath of Douglas' father, and in a celebrated trial, Wilde was charged with sodomy. He was convicted and imprisoned for two years, and five years later died alone and penniless. He was recently honored with a stained glass window in Poet's Corner at Westminster Abbey. Numerous biographies describe Wilde's remarkable life.

The Ladies of Llangollen Elizabeth Butler and Sarah Ponsonby were two Irish ladies who fell in love and lived as a married couple for all their lives. They moved to a village in Wales, became well-known throughout Britain, and entertained many of the great minds of their time. Their charming story is told in a number of books, like Doris Grumbach's *The Ladies*.

Sir Roger Casement (1864-1916) Casement was a compassionate gay man who exposed the unspeakably horrible conditions that the Europeans had forced on native workers in the Congo, and helped put an end to the horrors. He was also an Irish nationalist, active in the cause of Irish independence for England. When he was convicted of being a traitor, there was a worldwide protest. But when the British made Casement's sexual diaries public, the protests stopped. He was hanged for treason in 1916.

Books

Stir Fry, by Emma O'Donogue (HarperCollins \$20) Set in modern Dublin, the story of a young woman who discovers her feelings for women.

One Last Waltz, by Ethan Mordden (St. Martin's \$7.95). The story of an Irish family, focusing on three Irish-American brothers—one of whom is gay—set in New York.

Kathleen O'Donogue, by Penny Hayes (Naiad \$9.95) An Irish woman immigrates to America, where she meets and falls in love with—an English woman! Set in the turn of the century.

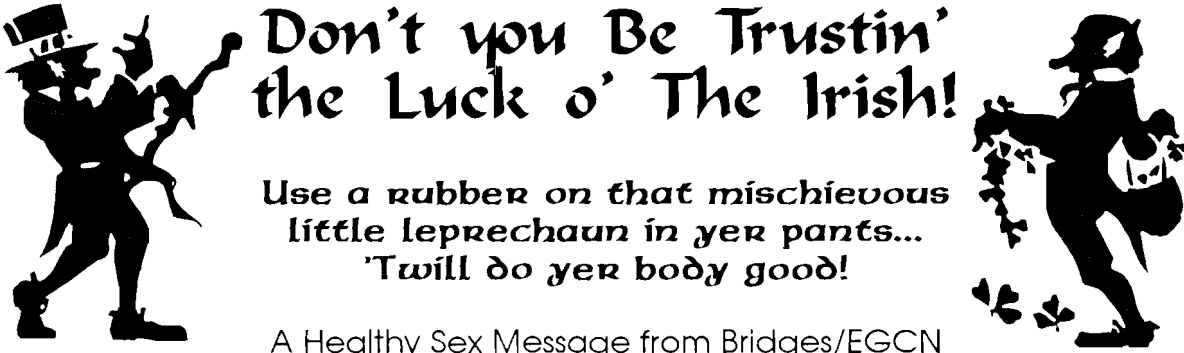
Halfway Home, by Paul Monette (Avon \$10). Novel about two Irish-Catholic brothers, one straight, the other gay and living with AIDS.

Travel

If you should be visiting the Emerald Isle, you can find out what's going on by picking up one of the Ferrari's guides: *Ferrari's Places of Interest*, *Ferrari's Places for Women*, or *Ferrari's Places for Men*.

Music

Zrazy. This Irish lesbian duo makes good music, but don't expect tin whistles and such. The first side is sort of jazzy dance music, and the second side is a mellower pop.



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A Healthy Sex Message from Bridges/EGCN

Families

Lawyers Group Supports Gay Parents

CHICAGO, Feb. 23—The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers has announced its support for the rights of gay parents. The group has filed a friend of the court brief in the case of Sharon Bottoms, who lost custody of her son in 1993 because she is a lesbian. According to the organization, "Any presumption that a homosexual parent is 'unfit' for custody simply by virtue of his or her homosexuality is a doctrine based upon prejudice and stereotypes which deprives a parent of fundamental rights and privileges guaranteed under the Constitution, while simultaneously ignoring the best interests of the child."

Utah, South Dakota Move Toward Banning Same-Sex Marriages

The state legislatures of Utah and South Dakota are quickly moving to ban recognition of same-sex marriages. Utah recognizes same-sex marriages that are performed in countries where they are legal, South Dakota does not.

Cop Program Anti-Lesbian Mom?

Lesbian and gay viewers are upset over the February 15 episode of NBC's *Law and Order*, in which Detectives Logan and Briscoe question two lesbians about a clinic where one of them has been inseminated. After the questioning the following exchange takes place:

Logan: And I thought I had it bad being raised by two alcoholics.

Briscoe: I wonder which mommy is going to teach him how to smoke and drink?

Logan: And shave...heh,heh!

Briscoe: Well, it's the nineties. Everyone's allowed to be gross and disgusting, not just you.

Logan: Well, all I know is that I had one mommy and she did enough ball-breaking for one lifetime.

The show's producers insist that *Law and Order* has always been sensitive to gay men and lesbians, that the dialog took place between two characters on the show, and was not the producers' or networks' opinion on the issue.

Allstate Permits Joint Coverage to Same-Sex Couples

Later this year, Allstate Insurance Co. will begin issuing excess liability coverage to same-sex couples. The changes were inspired by a New York gay couple (who had been together for ten years) who wanted to buy joint liability insurance from Allstate but, according to the company's policies, would have to have bought two separate policies. The couple sought legal help from the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, and after nine months of legal negotiations, the company issued the couple joint coverage.

COPA to hold "Legal Night"

Gay and Lesbian Couples of the Pittsburgh Area (COPA) will present "Legal Night" to discuss legal matters important to same-gender couples. Laura Dunhoff, Esquire, a local attorney, will be the main speaker, addressing such issues as wills and estates, power-of-attorney, property rights, civil rights, living wills, family law and virtually any other area of concern for same-gender couples. COPA Legal Night can help same-gender couples become legally informed. COPA Legal Night will occur on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:30 pm. It will be held at 4836 Ellsworth Avenue (Friends Meeting House) in the Oakland-Shadyside area. There is no charge for COPA members; nonmembers are asked for a \$5 admission donation, Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, call Bob / Harry at (412)371-6269 or Brenda / Michelle at (412)247-1545.

State Overturns Municipal Pro-Gay Decision

ST PAUL, Minn., Jan. 31—Although the Minneapolis City Council voted to extend health benefit insurance to same-sex partners, a state appeals court says it may not do so. A conservative taxpayer brought a lawsuit against the city, saying it violates state public policy "favoring marriage of heterosexual couples," and the court agreed.

Local News

Local News—Northwest PA

Identity Meetings

Identity is now meeting every Thursday at 9pm in Hendricks Hall, Room 125. Contact John Wetsell at 814-398-8005 for more info.

Bicentennial Float

Michael Fuhrman, Director of Bicentennial Events, "strongly encourages" members of Erie's lesbian community to submit a float plan for the huge bicentennial parade scheduled for May 27th.

Fuhrman stresses that some of the plans submitted will not be approved, and the bicentennial committee will reject any political or hate based entries. Organizations with the most unique ideas adhering to the guidelines and theme "Erie's Traditions, Erie's Pride and Erie's Future" will have the best chance of approval.

Organizers are searching for individuals to form a float committee and develop an acceptable proposal. Call 825-1284 or 833-3258, or send your ideas to P.O. Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505.

Newsletter at Lizzy's

If you've been out to Lizzy's and can't find the newsletter, look at the bar or the table near the pool table. It seems that some newsletters fell behind the cigarette machine at that bar and set it to smoldering. So they've all been moved off and into a safer spot.



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Franklin Transsexual Runs for Office

FRANKLIN—Kristine Holt, the transsexual who has been fighting for the job she says she lost because of a sex change, announced that she is running for Venango County commissioner.

Holt, 38, had been employed at the Northwest Pennsylvania Training Partnership Consortium. She was dismissed from her job after starting the sex change process, and the state ordered the agency to reinstate her. The agency refused, and Holt filed a \$12.2 million suit against the agency and other parties in September of 1994.

Holt says her experience with the sex change and discrimination battle has helped to prepare her for the office she is seeking.

Hate Crime Bills Circulated in PA Legislature

Legislation aimed at protecting lesbians and gays from violence is now being circulated in both the PA Senate and House of Representatives.

Senator David Heckler (R-Bucks) began his search for support of the measure in early February and the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters learned that three others have already expressed interest in cosponsoring the Senate version of the bill. They are Afflerbach (D-Lebanon), Stewart (D-Cambria), and Brightbill (R-Berks).

Lita Cohen (R-Montgomery) brought out the House version on February 15, but no additional information was available.

The Hate Crimes bill adds 'sexual orientation' to the list of groups covered under the current Ethnic Intimidation Act and punishes more severely those guilty of bias-related crimes. It has been introduced in previous sessions of both the PA Senate and House of Representatives, but has never passed either chamber.

In another development, Senator Anthony Andrezeski (D-Erie) was recently assigned to the Judiciary committee, which must review and vote the legislation to the floor of the Senate. Andrezeski's vote is considered very important. The bill was stymied last

year in this committee and was not sent to the full Senate.

Help the lesbian community by calling Andrezeski at 452-4783 and urging him to cosponsor and support the bill (the legislation doesn't have a number assigned yet, so urge the Senator to cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill circulated by Senator Heckler). Also, urge Rep. Linda Bebko-Jones (459-1949), Rep. Italo Cappabianca (453-7639), and Rep. Karl Boyes (868-5489) to cosponsor the House version, sponsored by Lita Cohen.

LGLV Raffle Winners

First prize in the LGLV romantic getaway raffle was awarded to Christopher Sargent. Christopher and a guest will stay two nights at the Rocking Duck Inn, a bed and breakfast in Cuba, NY. Also included is \$50 spending cash and a gift basket. Second prize, another gift basket, went to Lori G.

The League thanks Rocking Duck Inn, the Embers, Lizzy Bordens, our sponsors, ticket buyers, and all of the fine people who volunteered to sell the tickets. The funds raised will be used locally for postage, supplies, and seed money for other small fund raisers.

Local News—Western NY

Changes in Fredonia

Patrick McNamara, who owned Pathways Books, announces that he has sold the store and the new owners plan to discontinue carrying gay and lesbian books. The North County Support Group, which had been meeting there, will be meeting elsewhere. They will be meeting on the second Tuesday rather than second Monday of the month.

For more info (716) 679-3430.

Vacco Drops Gay Protections

Lesbians, gays, and bisexuals will no longer be protected from employment discrimination in the New York attorney general's office. New attorney general Dennis Vacco ordered sexual discrimination to be removed from that office's antidiscrimination policy. The Empire State Pride Agenda has called the action "strikingly mean-spirited and provocative."

Lesbian State Supreme Court Judge

Marcy A. Kahn was inducted as a New York State supreme court judge on January 12. She was a founding member of the New York City Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center.

Vision Cmte Meets with Dem. Leader

At the Feb 6th meeting of the Visions: Building Community, the group met with Chautauqua County Democratic majority leader. Issues addressed were being visible and contacts. He also offered useful feedback on the mission statement. The next meeting will be at John's house. The group meets the first Monday of each month. Info (716) 484-7285.

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HIV/AIDS News

HIV/AIDS - Sex

Newly-Infected Are Most Contagious

A person who has just been infected with the AIDS virus is more contagious than he or she ever will be again. Researchers at the University of Michigan have found that in the first 60 days after being infected, a person is 100 to 1,000 times more contagious than they will be later. And during this extremely dangerous period of time, the virus won't be detected by HIV tests, since the body needs from three to six months to produce antibodies.

U.S. Pediatricians Support Condoms in High Schools

The American Academy of Pediatrics has announced that it favors putting condoms in high schools. The organization states that condom availability should be combined with a whole sex education program that involves counseling, encourages abstinence, and in-

volves parents. Among the reasons the Academy gives for its stand is that teens account for one third of all sexually transmitted disease reported.

HIV/AIDS - NW PA

AIDS Bereavement Support Group

The HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul is sponsoring an AIDS bereavement support group. Families, partners, spouses, friends, and caregivers whose loved ones/friends have died with AIDS are invited to participate.

The Group will be a safe and confidential setting in which participants may acknowledge their pain, work through specific issues affecting them, and receive encouragement and support in the bereavement process.

The Group will be Co-Facilitated by The Rev. Canon F. Kay Johnson from the Cathedral staff and Sue B. Kuebler, Chairperson of the HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry.

Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

First meeting: March 21st (Location will be given at the time of phone registration)

To insure confidentiality and the ability of the group to meet the given needs of the participants, registrations will be taken by phone. You may register by calling Kay Johnson at the Cathedral office 452-3779.

Friends from the Heart in the Media

The Feb. 5 issue of the *Sunday Times-News* carried a large feature Friends from the Heart, written by Christine McCammon. It featured interviews with Friends president DonPaul Lucas, founder and vice president Deb Monohon, and a client. It was written in a very supportive and sympathetic manner. The writer was so moved by the client's story that she has gone into writing full-time.

On February 9, prompted by the *48 Hours* feature on gene therapy for AIDS, WSEE interviewed Friends president DonPaul Lucas. The focus of their story was more personal, dealing with the fact that Lucas is living with HIV.

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Risk of HIV

by Jackie Tammaro, HIV/AIDS Education & Training Division, Erie County Health Department

The risk of HIV infection is increasing! Why aren't people listening? Even with all the media hype, and the tremendous amounts of information about HIV/AIDS, people are still taking risks. Indicators that HIV/AIDS statistics will continue to rise are the increase in teen pregnancy, the increased use of injectable drugs, and the increase in unprotected sex. Is your behavior putting you at risk for HIV infection?

The Center for Disease Control and State and local health departments continue to flood the market with literature, posters, and public service announcements.

Increase your awareness of the behaviors that can put you at risk and don't be fooled into thinking you can identify individuals who are infected with HIV.

Carefully read the following list of risk behaviors and if you answer yes to any one item you should be tested.

- ☛ Having sex with a man infected with HIV.
- ☛ Having sex with a woman infected with HIV.
- ☛ Using injectable drugs and sharing needles.
- ☛ Using non-injectable drugs like alcohol and marijuana that clouds your judgement and sexual behavior.
- ☛ Having sex for drugs and/or money.
- ☛ Contracting a sexually transmitted disease increases your vulnerability.
- ☛ Having sex with an intravenous drug user who shares needles.
- ☛ Having sex with a man who has had sex with a man.
- ☛ Having sex with a person who has HIV or AIDS.
- ☛ Getting a needlestick or blood splash when caring for an HIV or AIDS patient.
- ☛ Being a victim of a sexual assault

Evaluate your own risk behavior and reduce your chance of HIV infection. If you have concerns about your HIV status, Get Tested!

HIV testing is a simple blood test. The testing service is free and confidential. Simply call the Erie County Department of Health, 43 East Washington Street, Corry PA 16401 (662-3891) or the Erie office at 606 West Second Street, Erie PA 16507 (451-6700) for the clinic schedule. If you would like additional information call the HIV/AIDS Education and Training Division at (814) 451-6727.

Black and White Men Together Declares March "HIV Awareness Month"

Black and White Men Together / Pittsburgh is dedicating its March activities to HIV awareness. Black and White Men Together / Pittsburgh, while concerned about the spread of HIV to all people, is particularly concerned about the spread of HIV to people of color.

BWMT will start a project called "BWMT for Your Health" this summer. In this project, volunteers will pro-actively distribute safe sex materials and provide peer-to-peer outreach, with an emphasis on gay men of color in the greater Pittsburgh area. In addition, Black and White Men Together / Pittsburgh will sponsor the following events.

A Celebration of Life

BWMT / Pittsburgh will be donating to and supporting a benefit show for the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force on Sunday, March 5th at 7:00 pm., at the Pittsburgh Playhouse. Titled "A Celebration of Life", \$5 donation. Info Point Park College at (412)621-4445.

Rap Session: Is Safe Sex Simple?

Participants will explore the meaning and reality of safe sex in their lives. 7:30 pm March 13th. For info and location call Paul at (412)323-3809.

Safe Pizza Party

March 25 BWMT / Pittsburgh and the Community AIDS Risk Reduction Project will be teaming up at 7:30 pm for a "Safe Pizza Party." The group will offer free pizza and soft drinks with an opportunity to socialize in a racially harmonious environment. 4836 InfoJonathan at (412)782-0635.

HIV/AIDS - US & World

AIDS Now #1 Killer of Young

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—New figures by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) show that in 1993 HIV became the leading cause of death among people ages 25-44.

Individual Research Encouraged

WASHINGTON—AIDS research money needs to focus more on supporting the work of individual scientists and away from central planning. This was the position of William A. Paul, Head of the Office of AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), published in the journal *Science*. Paul also believes more money needs to be spent on understanding how HIV behaves. The two positions are a departure from recent AIDS policy, and have received strong support from the AIDS research community and AIDS activists.

Nike Ad

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Nike company is running a 30-second ad featuring an HIV+ athlete.

Runner Ric Munoz is shown running through Los Angeles' Malibu Canyon State Park. Captions read: "Ric Munoz, Los Angeles; 80 miles every week; 10 marathons every year; HIV positive; Just Do It."

New Congress Slashes AIDS Programs

WASHINGTON—The appropriations committee on Labor/Health and Human Services/Education has voted to cut \$13 million from the Ryan White CARE Act Programs, which go directly to states and cities to care for people with AIDS. The same committee slashed \$23 million from prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), even though the programs are effectively stemming the spread of the disease. The appropriations subcommittee on Veterans Affairs/housing and Urban Development is considering the total elimination of the \$186 million Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program, which provides assistance to people with AIDS who would otherwise lose their homes.

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National/World News Bits

“Lesbians With Bugs!”

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Feb. 8—The San Francisco Lesbian Avengers summoned a “plague of locusts” onto Exodus International today, a cult-like organization whose mission is to “cure” people of their homosexuality. The San Francisco Avengers chose to target Exodus because conversion programs, organized by the Christian Right, have profoundly devastating effects on lesbian, bisexual and gay people. Five avengers stormed the organization’s headquarters, carrying signs proclaiming “Queer Love is Not a Disease,” and chanting “Exodus, stop your hate and fear! Help like yours is killing queers!” Once inside, the activists climbed onto the reception desk, shouted “We don’t need to be cured,” and released 1,000 “locusts” (they were actually crickets) in an attempt to shut the operation down. The Exodus staff watched dumbfounded as a swarming pile of crickets spread across their office floor. One woman picked up the phone and dialed 911, shaking as she said, “There are lesbians here with bugs!” By the time she was able to convince the police it wasn’t a prank call, the Avengers were on their way back to San Francisco. The Avengers are a nationwide network of local lesbian groups that do colorful consciousness-raising actions.

Bisexual Fruit Flies

Researchers triggering a female gene in male fruit flies caused the males to become attracted to both male and female fruit flies. The findings are expected to be added to the growing list of evidence that sexual orientation has a biological cause. But geneticist Jean-Francois Ferveur cautions that “What we found in the fruit fly is the first link in a long, complicated story. In flies genes are much more important—in humans it is much more difficult to know their role.”

School Board Member Comes Out in Protest

DES MOINES, Iowa—After the Des Moines school board dropped a proposal to teach acceptance of gays and lesbians, school board member Jonathon Wilson came out. Wilson came out at a packed

meeting, and many in the room gave him a standing ovation. He was also prepared for other reactions, wearing a bulletproof vest at the request of the police. Wilson has served on the school board for 12 years, and was once board president. He had recently received death threats and blackmail threats.

Hate Host Convicted of Child Abuse

GOLDEN, Colo., Feb. 7—The Christian right-wing talk show host who made homophobic jokes about people who died with AIDS has been found guilty of child abuse. Bob Enyert, whose TV show *Bob Enyert Live* airs in several cities, was found guilty of injuring his seven-year-old stepson while beating him. He could receive two years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. At this writing he was scheduled to go to trial for another beating he gave the boy. Enyert has enraged lesbian and gay viewers by his mean-spirited homophobia. In January he read a sarcastic, homophobic obituary of a gay man who had died of AIDS. After much outcry, the station manager ordered Enyert to stop the practice.

National Lesbian Sex & Relationship Survey

The questionnaire for *The Advocate’s* national survey of lesbian and bisexual women will be in that magazine’s Issue 677, on sale March 7. The responses will be tabulated and reported in a later issue.

Gays Barred From Boston St. Pat’s Parade

BOSTON, Jan. 27—Organizers of Boston’s big St. Patrick’s parade can bar gay people. A U.S. District Court judge has ruled that prohibiting gay marchers is legal because parade organizers have registered the event as an anti-gay protest. The Irish-American Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Group of Boston was allowed to march in the parade in 1993, because of a court order. In 1994, the parade’s organizers canceled the parade rather than allow gays to march. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to review the case.

Gay Minister Arrested at Pat Robertson's HQ

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. Feb. 21—Rev. Mel White, a former ghostwriter for Pat Robertson, is fasting following his arrest on February 15 at Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) headquarters. Rev. White, who is openly gay, has been attempting to meet with his former boss Robertson for more than 20 months to discuss Robertson's extensive use of anti-gay rhetoric on the *700 Club* and in Christian Coalition policy statements and fund-raising appeals. Rev. White is currently with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, which minister to gay, lesbian, and bisexual people.

Conviction in Laurel Murder Trial

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 13—Rejecting the HIV and gay panic arguments of the defense, a jury convicted Marvin McClendon, 17, in the slaying of two gay men near Laurel, Mississippi. Circuit Judge Billy Landrum, who earlier had released the HIV status of both victims to the jury, sentenced McClendon to two consecutive life prison terms for the murders of Robert Walters and Joseph Shoemake. The 12 member jury included five African-Americans. The defense attorney had tried to create the impression that McClendon, who is black, was being framed by white gay activists.

Freedom Ride to Mississippi

A freedom ride involving a thousand gays and lesbians from across America is being organized to go to the besieged Camp Sister Spirit, in Overt, Mississippi. Camp Sister Spirit is a women's retreat owned by two lesbians, Brenda and Wanda Henson. The camp has been the target of an ongoing campaign of violence, harassment, and intimidation and death threats organized by the radical right. The Freedom Ride hopes to bring a thousand people to the aid of the Hensons and their besieged property. Participants will help clear the land and aid in building, and will have the opportunity to participate in workshops, sing-alongs, and worship services. The event will take place over Memorial Day Weekend. For more information call UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., #304, Los Angeles CA 90029 ATTN: Project: Camp Sister Spirit, or call Frank Zerilli at (213) 464-5100 ext. 212.

Italian Bishop Makes Supportive Remarks

ROME, Feb. 15—Italy's gay and lesbian community was encouraged by a Catholic bishop's supportive remarks about gays. In his St. Valentine's Day sermon, Bishop Franco Gualdrini of Terni said "other unions are 'other' and 'different'...Certainly, one does not want to take away their [gays'] right to dignity and their right to a home and work and their right to contribute to the good of others and society." Italian gay activist Franco Grillini said he hopes this indicates that the Roman Catholic church is relaxing its harsh position about homosexuality.

Transitions

DISCLOSED: Greg Louganis, 35, that he has developed full-blown AIDS. An Olympic gold medalist, Louganis is considered the greatest diver of all time. He came out during the Gay Games.

DIED: Paul Monette, 49, of complications due to AIDS. Monette was a prolific and widely-acclaimed writer and poet. His memoir *Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story* told about his difficult struggle to accept his homosexuality while growing up, and won him a National Book Award in 1992. Some other works include *Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir*; *Love Alone: Eighteen Elegies for Rog*, and *Halfway Home*.

DIED: Jean Swallow, 41, lesbian author. Swallow wrote a novel, *Leave a Light On for Me*, and two books on lesbians and alcohol recovery, *Out From Under* and *The Next Step*. She apparently committed suicide.

DIED: Patricia Highsmith, 74, of leukemia. Highsmith was a popular crime novelist, but her writing is best known to lesbians in her book *The Price of Salt*, a classic tale of lesbian romance that was unusually sympathetic for its time (1952). It was published under the pseudonym Claire Morgan.

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← 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 sponsors community dances and potluck dinners/forums. ↗Bridges, PO Box 3063, Erie, PA 16508-0063. ☎ (814) 456-9833. E-mail to CompuServe 70431,1622 or from Internet: mikemahler@aol.com or fax to (814) 452-1392.

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.

Closest Culture

Focuses on social activities. Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area. Write to: PO Box 10274, Erie PA 16514-0274. Phone ☎ (814) 825-0530. The phone is private so feel free to be open if you need to leave a message.

Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People

A committee of students, faculty, & administrators who work together to educate, bring speakers, offer films, and address concerns that relate to gay and lesbian issues specific to the Allegheny Community. ↗CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. ☎ Paula at (814) 332-4356 or Erny at (814) 332-4375. Email to Roy Cerise at csglbp@alleg.edu

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.

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. Weekly meetings on Thursdays at 9pm in Hendricks Hall 125. Social activities (♣). ☎ John at 1-398-8005. E-mail to John Wetsell j663104w@vax.edinboro.edu

Integrity

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

Jamestown HIV Positive Support Group

☎ Eric Anderson at (716) 664-7855.

Jamestown PFLAG

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

JCC Support Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group

JCC Group is a joint community/school group. Ages of members varies from 15 into 50's. Meeting date, time & place vary. Contact:

Gregory P. Rabb. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020 or ☎ (716) 665-5220 ext 204 or (716)-664-9174.

Lambda Group AA

Alcoholics Anonymous for Lesbians. Closed discussion. Meets Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Church of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Open to all Lesbians who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone. For more info call 452-2675 ♣.

League of Gay and Lesbian Voters (LGLV)

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Meadville Group

Now forming. ☎ Tex at (814) 337-5122.

Menspace

Meets on 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. ☎ (814) 899-8507 or 459-8877 for info.

← North County Support Group (Fredonia NY area)

Meets second Tuesday of each month. **Will be choosing a new location for meetings!** ☎ Patrick at (716) 679-3430.

Oasis

A social/support group for the gender community. Crossdress/Transvestite/Transsexual. 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. Meetings are Fridays, alternate times 12noon & 3pm. ☎ Brenda or Heidi at (814) 362-7694. 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)

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

SUNY-Fredonia B-GLAD

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

Support Groups for Persons with HIV/AIDS

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 Coffeeshouse

An alcohol & smoke-free environment for lesbians, with a particular theme, topic or activity for each month. Meet 1st Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm. 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

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

- ☛ (Corry) Erie Co. Dept. of Health 663-3891
- ☛ (Erie) Erie Co. Dept. of Health 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
- ☛ =Member of HIV/AIDS Service Network for Erie County PA

Area Bars & 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. 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.

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.

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.

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Community Directory

24 Hour Counseling:

- Erie Hotline 453-5656 or (800) 628-0190
- Saint Vincent 452-5151
- Family Crisis 456-2014
- Hamot 877-6136

Community-Building Organizations:

- Bridges 456-9833

Counseling:

- Deb Mone:..... 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

- CGLB/Allegheny College..... csglbp@alleg.edu
- EGCN/Bridges (Internet) .. mikemahler@aol.com
- EGCN/Bridges (CompuServe) 70431,1622
- Identity j663104w@vax.edinboro.edu
- LGLV-Erie kidithart@aol.com
- Pitt-Bradford BiGALA... klfst20@vms.cis.pitt.edu

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
- Integrity 774-0903
- Gay Catholic Community Rev. Cash at 835-8302
- Unitarian Universalist Congreg. of Erie 864-9300

Social Organizations:

- Menspace 899-8507 or 459-8877
- 10% Network (716)484-7285 or (716)664-5556
- Rainbow Connection (Warren PA) 726-1808
- Womynspace Coffeehouse 454-2713

Student Organizations/Youth:

- Cmte. in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (Allegheny College, Meadville) .. 332-4368
- Closet Culture 825-0530
- Covenant House Teen Hotline .. 1-800-999-9999
- Gay & Lesbian Youth of Buffalo .. (716)855-0221
- Identity (formerly EGO) .. 398-8005 or 734-8155
- Jamestown Comm. College Grp... (716)665-5220 ext 204
- National Runaway Switchboard . 1-800-621-4000
- North County Support Group (716)679-3430
- Pitt-Bradford BiGALA.. 1-362-2179 or 362-3158
- 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
- Elder Action in a Gay and Lesbian Environment (716)882-2959
- Erie Sisters 2115 W. 8th St., # 261, Erie, PA 16505
- Lambda Group—Gay AA 452-2675
- Every Sunday, 8:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie.* (216)964-3350
- PFLAG-Ashtabula OH (216)964-3350
- PFLAG-Erie Kathy at 838-6020
- PFLAG-Jamestown NY (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529

Violence and Abuse:

- 24 hour Hotline (Domestic abuse/Sexual Assault, women and men) (814)726-1030
- Erie Hospitality House (Domestic abuse, women and men) (814)454-8161
- Hate Crimes (US Justice Dept.).... 800-347-4283
- Jamestown - YWCA Alternatives to Violence (Domestic abuse, women and men) Daytime (716)488-2237, evenings (716)484-0052.
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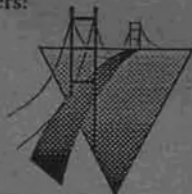
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