



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 email address!** From Internet MikeMahler@aol.com or from CompuServe, 70431,1622 or fax to (814) 452-1392

May 6—Womynspace: Saturday Night at the Movies Popcorn, candy, a good movie: *Claire of the Moon*. Lots of fun! Movie starts at 8 p.m. Newcomers welcome. Info: Sal at 454-2713.

May 6—Dykes Do Drag (Buffalo NY) Pfeifer Theater, 681 Main at 7 p.m. "A womyn's drag and variety show which . . . explores gender roles, and the role of gender, through performances which include Drag King, Butch Fem drag, comedy, music, and dance." Cosponsored by AIDS Alliance of WNY and the Gay & lesbian Community Network. Proceeds will benefit the WNY Lesbian Health Care Project and HAG Theater. To purchase advance tickets (\$10)



send check or money order payable to "Community Network" to HAG Theater, P.O. Box 41, Buffalo NY 14203. (716) 884-5984.

☛ **May 6, 7 & 8—Empire State Pride Agenda: Annual NY Statewide Organizing Conference & Lobby Day (Albany NY) Conference:** May 6 & 7 (Judge Karen Burstein Keynote speaker.) *Statewide Lobby Day:* May 8 Info: (212)673-5417
May 7—LGLV-Erie Meets Call 833-3258 for location and other info.

☛ **May 9—HIV/AIDS Support Group/St. Mark's** Transportation if you need it. Info: Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 452-6113.

☛ **May 9—Out: Stories of Lesbian and Gay Youth** Cinemax 6 am. Gay and lesbian teens talk about their lives. White, black, and native represented.

☛ **May 13—Erie Bicentennial Float Work Party** Volunteers are needed to help build the float our community will have in Erie's Bicentennial Parade. We will be working from 10am-3pm. This will also be a barbecue, so bring a dish to pass and something to drink. Call 899-8507 or 835-6712 for location and other info.

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

Ad Rates

Businesses and Sponsors! Show your support and reach Erie's lesbian/gay 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.

May 13—2 girls alone! at Cup-a-Ccino's 9 p.m.-midnight. 18 N. Park Row.

May 13—Red Ribbon Weekend at Camp Davis (Boyers PA) "Care Be Aware." Put your name on a ribbon tree (\$1) buy ribbon pin (\$3) sponsor a tree (engraved name \$10). Proceeds go to a Campground Memorial. (412) 637-2402.

☛ **May 14—Integrity Meets** Cathedral of St. Paul, 133 W. 6th. 6 p.m.

☛ **May 14—And Then There Was One** AIDS drama on Lifetime 4 p.m.

☛ **May 14—Deaf Mosaic: Conference on Deaf People with AIDS** Discovery 9 am.

☛ **May 15—Lou Grant: "Cop"** On A&E 5 p.m. A fatal fire in a gay bar poses a tough question for Lou—should he publish the names of the victims, knowing people will be hurt by the story?

☛ **May 15—Chantilly Lace** The Movie Channel 11:20 p.m. Ally Sheedy has a secret in this improvisational drama.

☛ **May 17—Erase the Hate** USA 4 am. Ways to combat hate and hate crimes, address gay-bashing.

☛ **May 17-19—HIV/AIDS Instructor Certification** Put on by Greater Erie Co. Red Cross in cooperation with the Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance and Erie County Health dept. 4961 Pittsburgh Avenue. \$30 registration. Information: Lori at 833-0942.

☛ **May 18—Improv** On A&E 4 a.m. Among the comedians featured will be **Suzanne Westenhofer**.

☛ **May 19-20—Camp Beautification at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Plant flowers, etc. to beautify camp, info (716) 567-8100. Gay men's campground.

☛ **May 19-20—HAG Theater Presents American Premiere of Fiction and Other Truths: A Film About Jane Rule (Buffalo)** With film's director Lynne Fiernie. Film about lesbian author Jane Rule, who has written numerous lesbian-themed books over the past couple decades (like *Desert Hearts*, *This is*


Not For You, *The Young in One Another's Arms*, etc.) At Hallwalls, 2495 Main. 8 & 9:30 p.m., tickets \$4, 5, 6.

May 19-21—Gaylaxicon VI (Niagara Falls NY) Annual international sci-fi, fantasy and horror convention for lesbian, gay, and bisexual people and their friends, held at Radisson Hotel. Features guest artists and authors, panels, masquerade, and more. Costumes encouraged. Attendees under 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Memberships are \$30 at door. The phone number for the Niagara Falls Radisson is (716)285-3361. And remember, this is Niagara Falls NY, not Niagara Falls, Ontario!

☛ **May 19-21—Black & White Men Together/Youngstown 12th Anniversary Celebration (Youngstown)** \$45 registration covers all meals and entertainment. Housing can be arranged if you're staying over. Proposed schedule includes welcome reception, bar outing, lunch at Cafe Kim, Shopping, Walk on Wick or Museum Tours, Cocktail hour at Cafe Kim, Banquet, Bar Crawl, Breakfast in the park. For more information call (216) 788-5693 or (216) 792-5985.

☛ **May 20—Menspace Movie Night** "Change is good and we are on the move! This evening will be a movie night. 7 pm, bring your favorite munchie. Menspace is no longer being held at the church; call

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899-8507 or 835-6712 for information & location. (And to voice your movie choice!)"

♣ **May 20—10% Network Pizza & Game Night (Jamestown, NY)** "Don't bring food. Just bring something to drink and maybe a game to share. We will collect money there for pizza to be delivered. Call John at 716-484-7285 for more info."

♣ **May 20—AIDS Benefit at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** Jamie Moore and his life-size puppets. Benefits Ashtabula Co. AIDS task force.

♣ **May 20—Unitarian Universalist Garage Sale (Erie)** At church, 7180 New Perry Hiway. 9:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Details in Local News section. Info 864-9300.

♣ **May 20—City of Good Neighbors Choral Concert (Buffalo)** 7pm, Unitarian Church, 695 Elmwood.

♣ **May 20—Orlando (1992)** Showtime 9:45 p.m. From the novel of the same name, written by Virginia Woolf, which she wrote as a love letter to Vita Sackville-West. A man in Elizabethan England travels through the centuries, and wakes up one morning as a woman. Explores gender, very sensual costuming, characters, scenery and music. Great dance music too!

♣ **May 23—HIV/AIDS Support Group/St. Mark's** 7:30 p.m. Newcomers always welcome! Info: Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 452-6113.

♣ **May 25 & 26—The Reds** Theater presentation at Erie Business Center, 246 W. 9th, \$2 admission. Details in Entertainment Notes.

♣ **May 25—Village People (Cleveland)** At Fourth Annual Finest Great American Rib Cook-Off, Lakefront Airport.

♣ **May 26—Erie Bicentennial Parade Assembling Work Party** Join in putting together the float for Erie's Bicentennial Parade. We will be meeting at 6pm. This is also the deadline for letting us know you'll be marching with us. Join us! Call 899-8507 or 835-6712 for more info.

May 26—Compton's After Dark 9th Annual Boat Ride (Buffalo) Info: Cheryl Cooper at (716) 885-DARK. Note: Compton's is a lesbian bar.

♣ **May 26—Frontline: Rush Limbaugh's America** 9 p.m. WNED (Ch. 17, PBS-Buffalo). Exploration of the conservative talk-show host, his audience, and what impact he had on the Republican congressional landslide.

♣ **May 26-29—Memorial Weekend at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Friday, Saturday & Sunday DJ & Dancing 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at Gay men's campground, info (716) 567-8100.

♣ **May 26-28—LucyFest V (Jamestown)** National gathering of fans of the queen of comedy. Estate auction, tours, comedy films by a variety of people, Paula Poundstone (see May 28 listing) plus other stuff. Info (716)664-2465.

♣ **May 27—Erie Bicentennial Parade** We will be marching with other Erie citizens. If you will be marching in the parade with us, please show up by 7am. The parade itself begins at noon at 12th & Liberty, moves east to State Street, then north on State and to Perry Square. Noon to 4 p.m. Info in our Local News-NW Pa section.

♣ **May 27—Flea Market Weekend at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)** Info (412)637-2402. Gay & lesbian campground. Memorial Day potluck Sun.

♣ **May 28—Paula Poundstone (Jamestown)** Performing as part of the LucyFest events (see above). Outdoor reception with Paula follows. (716)664-2465.

♣ **May 28—Renaissance City Men's Choir Tenth Anniversary Concert Spectacular (Pittsburgh)** 7:00 p.m. at Benedum Center features the music of the Renaissance City Choir plus that of their guests: the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus, North Coast Chorus of Cleveland and Rochester Gay Men's Chorus. Plus the Renaissance City Women's Chorus will make their musical debut. Tickets \$15, \$20, \$25 at all

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☛ **May 28—Couples of Pittsburgh Area Spring Bike Two-Together (Pittsburgh)** See Families section for details or call Paul or Marlon at (412) 323-3808.

☛ **May 29—Memorial Day Picnic (Pittsburgh)** At North Park. Beverages, picnic food, dancing, music, games. Available in Erie from Harvey (814)456-3674, from tickets, or at Pittsburgh gay bars and gay-owned businesses. A portion of the ticket price goes to Lambda Foundation's Borelli AIDS Fund.

☛ **June 2-3—Black Color Theme at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Black decorations, outfits (especially black leather), costumes, etc. at gay men's campground. Prizes. Info (716) 567-8100.

☛ **June 3—Womynspace: "Dance Fever"** Kick-off the summer by kicking up your heels to all the popular tunes. Newcomers always welcome. Info: call Sal at 454-2713.

☛ **June 3—GIFT-Pride Cruise (Cleveland)** Along Lake Erie shore and Cuyahoga River, dance music. Two & a half hours. \$15 adv/\$20 gate. (216)252-8933.

☛ **June 3-4—Black & White Men Together/Pittsburgh 14th Anniversary Celebration (Pittsburgh)** In conjunction with June's Pride activities. Saturday: "Welcome Mat is Out" Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.; *Private tour of Pittsburgh* at 2:30 pm; *The Grill's a-Grinning Cookout* at 5 p.m.; *Pittsburgh Presentation of "Still/Here" by the Bill T. Jones / Arnie Zane Dance Company* at Benedum Center 8 p.m.; *Dancing and Cocktails at Pegasus* at 11 pm. On Sunday: *"One for the Road" Brunch* at 10:30 am. Price for the entire weekend, inc. orchestra seat at Benedum Center, is \$35 for BWMT members, \$45 for nonmembers. Anyone interested in joining BWMT in their fourteenth anniversary celebration may call Paul at (412)-323-3808.

☛ **June 4—Annual Gearing Up for Summer Party (Buffalo)** Noon-7p.m. Ellicott Creek park

Island, 2800 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda. \$8.00. Rain or shine.

☛ **June 4—Party on a Lake Freighter (Cleveland)** Dinner, entertainment, cash bar on the William G. Mather, a floating museum. Benefits AIDS Task Force of Cleveland. Reservations (216)621-0766.

☛ **June 5—HIV & AIDS: A Women's Agenda (Clarion PA)** NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance in assoc. w/ PA AIDS Ed. & Training Center, 8:30-4:30. Info 1-800-349-2437.

☛ **June 9—Melissa Etheridge in Concert (Cleveland area)** Blossom Music Center, Cuyahoga Falls. (216)566-8184.

☛ **June 9-10—Murder Mystery Weekend at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Friday a mock murder will be committed. Solve the mystery by Sunday morning. Info (716) 567-8100.

☛ **June 10—2 girls alone! at Cup-a-Ccino's** 9-midnight. 18 North Park Row.

☛ **June 10—Bridges Picnic at Presque Isle** See Local News this issue or call 833-3258 for more info.

☛ **June 10—Country Western Weekend at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)** Info (412) 637-2402.

☛ **June 13—Melissa Etheridge, Paula Cole in Concert (Pittsburgh area)** Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheater. On sale at Ticketmaster.



INTEGRITY

A Christian-based spiritual and support group sponsored by the Episcopal Church that welcomes people of all faiths.

Meetings are the 2nd Sunday of the month, 6 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 6th St., Erie, PA

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✦ **June 16—Basement Lounge at Cup-a-Ccino's** Eccentric pop. 9 p.m.-midnight.

✦ **June 16-17—2nd Annual Classic Car Show at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Finger Lakes Region Lambda Car Club. Auto rally, awards ceremony, bonfire, DJ/Dancing, meals covered, judging. Gay men's campground. Info (716) 567-8100.

✦ **June 16-18—Buffalo Pride Weekend 1995** For more info see article in our Local News-WNY section. For more info (716)883-4750.

✦ **June 17 (Tentative)—10% Network Meeting in Fredonia** "We will be meeting for a potluck supper at a Fredonia member's home, taking a private tour of the Fredonia Opera House and then return to the member's home for dessert. Please note that the date is tentative." Call John at 716-484-7285 for details.

✦ **June 17—Cris Williamson & Tret Fure in Concert (Buffalo)** Marquee at the Traf, 8 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.). Part of Buffalo Pride Celebration. Tickets at all Ticketmaster locations or from Marquee Box Office (716)852-0522.

✦ **June 17—Cleveland Lesbian-Gay-Bi Pride '95** March, festival, & fun. Details next month or check out *Chronicle*.

✦ **June 22—Patti LaBelle (Buffalo)** Melody Fair. tickets at Ticketmaster and (716) 852-5000.

✦ **June 23-24—Pride Weekend at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Details (716)567-8100.

✦ **June 23—Rainbow Social Club Dance & Bar-B-Que (Pittsburgh)** Related to Pride events (see below), get together with this friendly group at Prospect Drive in Schenley Park, info (412)731-4781.

✦ **June 24—1995 Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Parade and Festival (Pittsburgh)** Mellon Park in Pittsburgh's East End. Fifth Avenue between Shady Ave. & Beechwood Blvd. Details next month or call Three Rivers Pride Committee (412) 422-3060

✦ **June 28—Do the Lake—It's Erie! (Painesville OH)** Beach party at Headlands State park put on by Youngstown LGB Group. Rain date July 16. Info: Judy at (216) 793-2737 or Jean at (216)744-4126.

✦ **June 30—Legends of Motown with Martha Reeves, the Temptations, Four Tops and Spinners (Pittsburgh)** Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheater (800) LAKE MCL.

✦ **July 1—Womynspace: Peninsula Picnic** Details will follow. Newcomers invited. For info call Sal at 454-2713.

✦ **July 2—Toronto Pride March, Rally, & Events** Details in June or July issue, or call (416) 964-6600 weeknights 7-10 p.m. Make hotel reservations early!

✦ **July 15—Rochester Pride Parade** Info (716)244-8640.

✦ **July 15—Saturday Night Feverfest (Pittsburgh)** Village People, K.C., Tramps. Coca-Cola StarLake Amphitheater. Tickets at Ticketmaster or (800) LAKE MCL.

✦ **Jul 14—Mary Chapin Carpenter (Chautauqua)** 8:15pm. For info, call 1-800-836-ARTS. See next item.

✦ **Jul 21—Johnny Mathis in Concert (Chautauqua)** 8:15pm. For info, call 1-800-836-ARTS. Please note that the date for this was incorrectly reversed with the Johnny Mathis concert in April's *EGCN* Calendar.

Festivals & Conferences

✦ **May 5-7—PrideFest Philadelphia (Philadelphia)** INFO (800) 713-FEST.

✦ **May 6—National Day of Protest to Defeat the Contract On America (Washington DC)** See article in National/World News Bits, or call (216) 921-8130 for more info.

✦ **August 13-20—Youth Leadership Training Institute (N. California)** The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force is organizing this, and encourages young Les/Bi/Gay leaders ages 16-24 to apply for this week-long intensive event. Applications due by June 14. Write NGLTF 2320 17th St. N.W., Washington DC 20009 (202)332-6483,

On TV This Month

These movies and programs are on more than once during the month. Mark your calendar!

Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994) Comedy. The Movie Channel May 4, 14, 26, 29. On Showtime May 17.

Knights (1993) Sci-fi action that will hold a lot of the same appeal for lesbians that *Alien* did. The Movie Channel May 9 & 25. On Cinemax May 5 and 17.

Six Degrees of Separation (1993) Comedy with Will Smith. On Showtime May 6, 16, 22.

Threesome (1994) Comedy about three college roommates, one straight girl, one straight guy, and one gay guy. Showtime May 13, 21, 31.

Tombstone (1993) Western with a minor gay male subplot. The Movie Channel May 20, 24, 29.

Entertainment Notes

☆ **DRAMA BY RITA KILBANE:** *Announcement from the playwright:* Just writing to inform the Newsletter that the Erie Business Center Theater Guild will be presenting an original drama that I authored. The work will be a part of the Theater Guild's summer theater festival. The production is **The Reds**, a one-act drama illustrating the lives of eight individuals living with AIDS. Of particular interest to the community, the drama includes two lesbians and a gay man. Originally, the drama was written and performed as an activity during Gannon University's AIDS Awareness Week. However, the play will be presented in its revised form. *The Reds* will be staged May 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. at the Erie Business Center 246 West 9th Street. Admission is \$2 and a donation will be collected for an as-yet-undecided AIDS organization.

☆ **AT THE THEATER:** In Meadville, the mystery **Deathtrap** will be performed June 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17. It has gay content, but that's all we're gonna say, cuz it's a mystery! Call (814) 337-8000 ... Buffalo United Artists' **Pridefest** will be held the 3rd and 4th weekends in June. No details yet, but you can call them at (716) 832-7320. In May the B.U.A. will be performing **Ruthless!** (A campy musical with a gay sensibility or "What happens when **The Bad Seed** meets **All About Eve** in the Valley of the Dolls."). A little girl wants to be a star gets a part in school production, and kills the lead so she can get the part. May 12-28, Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sun. 7 p.m. Alleyway Theater (next to Shea's). Call the Buffalo United Artists number (above) for reservations... In Pittsburgh, Upstairs Theater will present **Elle Mosynari**, a play about three generations of women coming to terms with their relationships. Upstairs Theater's phone number is (412) 361-5443.

☆ **BITS:** Can you "out" a fictional character? A West Coast writer is getting accused of that after writing that the character that **Ellen Degeneres** plays on her TV show is really a closeted lesbian... Gossip

columnists report that **Ellen** has been hanging out pretty steady with **Melissa Etheridge** and Melissa's partner **Julie Cypher** ... By the way, the magazine **Entertainment Weekly** has declared Melissa Etheridge "The New Boss," apparently taking over from Bruce Springsteen ... NBC's **Hope and Gloria** sitcom features a gay male character named Isaac... **Chastity Bono** finally came out after 5 years of outing hell by the tabloids; the daughter of Cher and Sonny Bono tells her story in an interview in the April 18 *Advocate* ... In May, CBS will be broadcasting **Cagney & Lacey** and **A League of Their Own** Watch listings for times and dates

☆ **RESIDENCE PROGRAM FOR WOMEN ARTISTS AND WORKERS:** "Kimbilio Farm in Holmes County, Ohio is offering 4-8 week residencies in 1995 for womyn interested in developing their own personal artistic or other interests and working to develop womyn's community. Kimbilio is a bed and breakfast and retreat/workshop center for womyn on 52 acres. There are organic vegetable gardens, herb gardens, and many perennial flower gardens. The experience would include: *1-2 month residency during May to September *Housing and most meals would be provided *"Country-living" skill building *Womyn's community building skills *Integration into inter-generational family—communication a priority! *Designated time and space to work on your own projects* Designated time, 4-5 hours a day, five days a week for work at Kimbilio. We would like womyn who are interested to contact Chris or Sarah at Kimbilio, 6047 TR 501, Big Prairie OH 44611. Telephone: 216-378-2481. You will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire and describe your plans. Slides or examples of your work would be appropriate. A personal or telephone interview will be required. You will need to provide for your own personal expenses." —*Kimbilio Farms*

Lesbian Health

There are no health problems that are specifically related to being lesbians, so EGCN hasn't spent much time on the subject of lesbian health. Also, we haven't spent much time on gay male health except as it relates to HIV/AIDS—which is a biggie, but not the only issue. So we'd like to do more, at least occasionally, but what should we cover? Are there any folks out there in the medical field who'd like to write on the subject?

Periodicals

From the publishers of Lesbian Health News:

Lesbian Health News is a bimonthly newsletter launched in November 1993 to bring awareness to the lesbian community about womyn's well-being. To that end it publishes information about health issues specific to lesbians, medical conditions and related problems that affect womyn, diseases or health problems associated with advancing age, and topics germane to caregivers. The newsletter covers disease preventions, treatment options, research reports, health care system analysis, and patient/survivor testimonies. *Lesbian Health News* has printed topics such as breast cancer, AIDS/HIV, lesbian motherhood, menopause, and battered lesbians to name a few. We plan to cover a wide range of issues such as obesity, mental health, recovery, disabilities, spirituality, durable powers of attorney concerning health care, aging bereavement and manic depression to name a few. *Lesbian Health News* is looking for personal and professional stories for our publication. Confidentiality is assured! If you care to share your story with us please feel free to contact us. Subscription (sliding scale) \$12/\$25 per year, sample \$2.00, cassette \$5.00. *Lesbian Health News*, P.O. Box 12121, Columbus OH 43212 (614)481-7656.



Breast Cancer News

The leading cause of death in women 35-54, and some evidence suggests that lesbians have a higher rate of breast cancer. Here is some useful news:

Breast Health Center Opens

Hamot Health Foundation has introduced a new dedicated breast health care center to the Erie area. Located in Sterling Square, 3406 Peach Street, the Hamot Breast Health Center offers women a complete range of services, including screening and diagnostic mammography, ultrasound, stereotactic core biopsy and prosthetic referral. The center has been accredited by the American College of Radiology and certified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In conjunction with the Hamot Women's Health Connection, the center will be providing educational programs, counseling and support groups. The Center will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and some evenings. A physician prescription is required for a mammogram. For more information about the new center, call 877-5386.

Satellite Technology

Recent research has found that satellite technology can be very useful in detecting breast tumors.

Free Mammograms

Once again, the Mother's Day Mammogram program is offering reduced-cost and free mammograms to women who meet American Cancer Society Guidelines. These guidelines are: Women 40 and up who have not had a mammogram in the past 12-24 months; Women 50 and over who have not had a mammogram in the past 12-24 months; Women with no apparent signs of breast cancer; Women who are not pregnant or nursing.

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Lesbian Health *(continued from facing page)*

Schedule appointments between May 1 and May 31, 1995. Call early; appointments are necessary and limited. To schedule, call 1-800-284-6355 till May 31. Pick up information at Rite Aid drug stores. (Program brought to us by PA Breast Cancer Coalition, Rite Aid, Barr Laboratories, Kimberly-Clark, Dove, L'Oreal, Zeneca, Bristol-Myers, N.E. Susan G. Komen Foundation, and American Cancer Society.)

Avon Calling

The Avon Breast Health Access Fund gave a \$20,500 grant to the Mary-Helen Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer. The grant will focus on lesbians who are low-income, minority, or older. The Fund is a project of the Avon cosmetics company. By the way, Avon sells the pink ribbon breast cancer awareness pins.

Lesbians & STD's

To get a free copy of *Woman to Woman: Sexually Transmitted Disease*, send a long SASE to Whitman Walker Clinic, 1407 S Street NW, Washington DC 20009.

Letters

Over the past few years I have been referred to as a fruit-fly. Definition: "A person that associates with a gay or lesbian." Well, I'm proud to say it's true. In the past four years, I have lived with gays and lesbians, partied at The Embers and Lizzy's and traveled to Pittsburgh for the night-life and fun. I have become so close to my former roommate that I refer to her as my sister, and I also have a young lady that I call my daughter (love you Bert). They both as well as others have become closer to me than my own family. I love all my new friends, and pray that someday everyone will experience the love and friendship that I have found in the gay community.

"People open your hearts as well as your eyes," look first at the person rather than their sexual preference.

Your friend,
Zane Currier

Reviews

Let Love Out

Grant King (Know More Secrets, CD \$18, Cass \$13)

Reviewed by Peter

Another great release on the community scene. Grant King's *Let Love Out* is an eclectic mix of sounds and styles. His powerful voice touches the inner soul in this realistic yet socially and politically astute collection. There is so much feeling in his music.

Each song is fantastic, but a few are truly shining stars: "Common Ground", "Loving Cup", "Dreaming of Iolo", "Your Roses Came Today", and "To Hold and Be Held". One song, "Michael", is a tribute to Michael Callen on the occasion of his farewell performance with the Flirtations.

This reviewer first heard Grant King perform in 1977 and was happy to see his promo tape *Where to Now* released in 1992. *Let Love Out* is so great it has made the top ten list of CD Best Sellers in the *Advocate!*

One can order *Let Love Out* on CD or cassette tape directly from the artist. CD is \$18 and cassette tape is \$13 (prices include shipping). Mail your name and address to: Know More Secrets, PO Box 132, Old Chelsea Sta., New York, NY 10113-0132. Include your check for the appropriate amount and make it payable to Grant King.

The following letter was sent to Gayly Oklahoman and the mayor of Oklahoma City:

The staff of the *Erie Gay Community Newsletter*, and members of the Erie area lesbian/gay community, wish to extend our sincere condolences to the loved ones of the victims of the federal building bombing. In the face of such horrors, the only thing that keeps us going is the common bond of the human spirit. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you as you heal from this terrible tragedy.

Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

Hello all. It's been a rather odd month here.

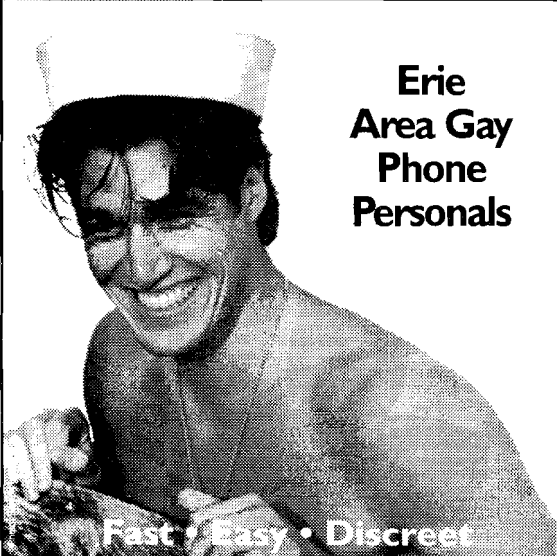
My father, Peter Mahler, has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). My father came out to me as a bisexual when I was about 10. I was rather nonplussed. I basically came out to my father when I was on the front page of the Erie Times-News Sunday paper 3 summers ago. As you can guess, there are certain aspects of this situation that are probably rather nonstandard. We have been estranged for years due to other circumstances. As a matter of fact, my biggest worry about Dad finding out about me was having to talk with him.

My mom and I have really worked on reconciling with him and I really feel like there has been some real communication, maybe the first in our lives. As a side note, I recently got e-mailed from a cousin who gave me some of the genealogy for my Dad's side of the family (who had been virtual strangers.) Oh yeah, and this cousin is gay too. Micheal and I are going up to visit

him and his hubby in May. This kinda sparked me to work on this genealogy project, because I already knew about the gays on my Mom's side (a cousin, a great-uncle and a great-grandfather—Tell me sexual orientation doesn't have a genetic component!) Know what I found? Several ancestors several generations back who never married. Hmmmm.

The thing that I really took away from all of this was how important it is to speak out to the people you care about, and to be honest about who you are. I was talking with several people, most of whom said that they were the only gays in their family. But how many lives are hidden? How many people we love do we hide behind masks from? And how fair is it that the religious right spews out hate-filled nonsense that gays are somehow anti-family, when we are all members of families that we care about and who love us?

Thinking about the past makes me think about the future. I am sure you all heard that a copy of *EGCN* will be in the time capsule the bicentennial committee is preparing. An extra-special thank you to Abby B Conley for supporting our bid to be included in the time capsule and for publicly speaking up for us to some idiots who don't realize that we are part of the city of Erie as well. We have been here since the beginning and we will be here in 100 years when they open the capsule. What happens between now and then is up to all of us.



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Media Watch

By Al Kielwasser

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Phobic Pizza

One of the nation's leading fast food chains has hired one of the nation's leading homophobes as a company spokesperson. Pizza Hut's new television campaign features none other than Rush Limbaugh.

In a somewhat odd twist, Limbaugh has already used his own national TV show to promote the Pizza Hut commercial. He recently described, at length, the ad's content and told his viewers to be on the lookout for it. Needless to say, Limbaugh has also offered glowing praise for Pizza Hut, urging his fans to praise the company for having the "good sense" to hire him.

When he's not busy pushing pizza, of course, Limbaugh is busy bashing lesbians and gays, women, and people of color. His radio and television broadcasts are filled with homophobic misinformation and downright ridicule. During one broadcast of his TV show, for example, Limbaugh derided a meeting of rural lesbians, which took place on a farm. These women, Limbaugh said, were "mating with pigs" in order to "perpetuate the species."

Fortunately, "operators are standing by" at Pizza Hut's corporate offices, monitoring public response to the Limbaugh commercial. Reports are being filed on the basis of each telephone call.

Register your toll-free complaint by calling 1-800-358-2222. You can also write to Pizza Hut, Consumer Affairs, 2100 Powers Ferry Road, Suite 200, Atlanta GA 30339-5014.

The Buns of a Bigot

Dave Thomas, founder of the Wendy's hamburger chain, has written a new book, entitled *Well Done*. In his book, Thomas relishes praise upon heterosexual supremacist (and media mogul) Pat Robertson. Specifically, Thomas commends Robertson—an arch-homophobe—for doing things right" and promoting "wholesomeness and family values."

Not surprisingly, Wendy's advertising dollars have provided further support for Pat Robertson's media

interests. Thomas himself has been a guest on Robertson's daily TV show, *The 700 Club*.

Wendy's restaurants should know that homophobia is always in bad taste! Contact Dave Thomas, Wendy's Corporate Headquarters, 4288 West Dublin-Granville Road, Dublin OH 43017 tel. 614-764-6800, fax 614-764-6894.

Media Briefs

Zine Scene...*Square Pegs* is a new, free zine for queer youth. "Since we are cool enough to make this zine free, please be cool enough to write us," say the editors. Contact "Square Pegs," c/o Equinox, 903 Pacific Avenue, Suite 207A, Santa Cruz CA tel. 408-457-1441, e-mail sean@cats.ucsc.edu.

Rot Off the Press...Small presses are actively publishing homophobic books covering everything from *Healing Homosexuality* (Jason Aronson, Inc.) to *Legislating Immorality* (Moody Press). To monitor such reading, you can obtain a catalogue from one of the "leading" distributors of bigoted bibliography: Regeneration Books, P.O. Box 9830, Baltimore MD 21284-9830.

Special Writes...For his forthcoming anthology *Letters to Children*, Larry Dane Brimner (3175 Lincoln Ave., San Diego CA 92104, e-mail lbrimner@aol.com) is seeking essays ("letters") by gay/lesbian adults that "speak directly to sexual-minority youths." Deadline is June 1, 1995.

The Medium is the Modern...The newly-updated *Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Internet resource Guide* is a comprehensive listing that covers everything from newsgroups to WWW [World-Wide Web] pages. For details, contact Phillip Mason, 403 Stringtown Road, Williamsburg KY 40769-9727, e-mail phillip@iglou.com.

Good American...The April '95 issue of the well-established *Scientific American* magazine includes a news brief on "Coming Out in the Sciences." The item highlights the status of the scientific closet, and takes note of the 800-member National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP). Send encouraging e-mail to *Scientific American*, letters@sciam.com. NOGLSTP can be reached at belmost@netcom.com.

Local News

Local News—W NY

Jamestown Community College Bans Military Recruiters

JAMESTOWN, N.Y.—Jamestown Community College has adopted a policy that reads: "Due to the present military policy of "don't ask, don't tell" concerning gay/lesbian enlistment into the armed forces and based on the college's nondiscrimination policy, Jamestown Community College exercises its right to limit access to college-sponsored recruiting events (such as College/Career Day) and will not invite or permit the military to attend. In keeping with a policy supporting first amendment rights, free speech, and free access to public areas on campus, Jamestown Community College will allow military recruiters access to the campus in a time, place and manner to be determined by the college." For more information call Greg Rabb, JCC, (716) 665-5220 Ext. 204.

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PRIDE Western NY Announces Pride '95 Weekend June 16-18

From Pride Western NY, Buffalo:

Pride '95 Weekend is expected to have a record turnout this year. This is a turning point in Western New York's gay and lesbian community which has been energized by the changing political climate and by national events such as the March on Washington which drew one million people to our nation's capital.

The weekend will have a full-spectrum of activities for everyone in the diverse gay, lesbian and bisexual community and for friends and supporters of Western New York's gay & lesbian people.

Pride '95 Weekend activities will begin on Friday, June 16th, an evening of entertainment is planned with a variety that reflects the diversity in our community. Saturday is the focal point of the weekend—beginning with private parties that lead to the parade to Niagara Square and post-parade events. The weekend will finish on Sunday with a nondenominational church service and a picnic complete with demonstration games by Queen City Softball League, and games and activities for children of gay and lesbian parents.

Note also that the Pride committee has invited people in Erie & Chautauqua Counties (and other nearby communities) to make a float or floats for the parade.

For information call Tamara Smith (716) 883-0128.

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Local News - NW Pa

Erie Bicentennial Parade Update

There will be a work party on Saturday, May 13 for building the float for the Erie Bicentennial Parade. The work party will run from 10am to 3pm. This will also be a barbecue, so bring a dish to pass and a beverage.

There will also be a work party to assemble the float on Friday, May 26, from 6 to a max of 11pm (more likely 8:30 or 9.) If you will be marching with us in the parade, you will need to let us know by then and show up to march on Saturday, May 27th at 7 am.

For details and locations, please call 899-8507 or 835-6712.

Erie Pride Picnic

The annual Bridges Pride Picnic is set for June 10, 1995, beginning at 2:00 PM til sundown. The event will be at Cabin 2 at waterworks, across from Beach 6, at Presque Isle State Park, rain or shine. There is no charge to attend, just bring a picnic dish and place settings. Bridges will provide soda and charcoal for cooking. LGLV will raffle off an espresso/cappuccino maker.

We urge you to bring along your rollerblades, bike, swimsuit and suntan lotion. A volleyball net will be provided for pickup games. Music, dancing, and information tables will be located inside the cabin. This is our third pride event, and we hope to make it memorable. For those of you who are a bit nervous about being in public, we assure you that this semi-secluded area is ideal for the event. EVERYONE is encouraged to come 'OUT' and celebrate your pride and the Erie area's accomplishments over the past year. (Remember, alcohol is not permitted on Presque Isle.)

For information call 833-3258.

Erie Lesbigs Meet the Candidates

In a night of firsts for the lesbian community, guests met, mingled, and won assurances of support for hate crime legislation and a possible city-wide lesbian rights ordinance.

The forum was the first League of Gay and Lesbian Voters pre-election Wine and Cheese Party held at the beautifully restored Cappa/Hill residence in Erie on April 22.

Attending were six candidates of both parties running for City Council, District Attorney, and Judge of Common Pleas. The candidates were each provided time to present their background, experience, and to answer questions. It was an excellent opportunity for the candidates to meet the community.

Both DA candidates pledged to actively support the recently introduced Hate Crimes package, which may have a major impact on the amount of support received by Governor Ridge.

Candidates vying for Erie City Council provided the most excitement, however. Often amusing and emotional, the three contenders gave their opinions on how to change the city's economic woes, keep our children from leaving the area, and enacting a lesbian rights ordinance. One candidate stressed the need for a louder voice from the community to support elected officials and others who have gone to bat for our rights. This individual pointed to the recent fights to include the Erie Gay Community Newsletter in the bicentennial time capsule, and to OK the lesbian community's float entry in the huge bicentennial parade.

The League would like to express its gratitude for all those involved in this successful event. Thanks go to: Larry Sawdy, Larry L., and Jeff Hill for planning; Heidi for input and preparation; Jeff and John Paul for the use of their home; Harry Miller and staff at la bella bistro for supplying the magnificent food and hors d'oeuvres; Matt for bartending; Mark for the classy piano music; Greg H. for his help serving, cleaning, and friendliness; the candidates who took the opportunity to discuss OUR issues; and lastly, our wonderful guests and supporters. Would you like to be invited to our next party? Call 833-3258 to get on our mailing list.

The success of the event is an indication of how far the community has advanced in the few years it has become organized. It also is a reminder of how much work has to be done to gain equality. The League has pledged to continue bringing events such as this to the community as long as there is support.

League News

The LGLV Voters' Guides will be out in early May. This edition is jammed with information on candidates here in Erie County. Pick up a copy at the

usual places, or call us for a copy. Remember-the Guide rates candidates only on lesbigay issues.

Our Hate Crimes postcard campaign is now in full swing. We are asking everyone to sign these cards, which will be mailed to your PA legislators, as a show of support for the Hate Crimes package. These bills impose harsher punishment to gay bashers and allow the state police to collect statistics. If you are approached to sign, please help!

The Erie Chapter is giving away an espresso/ cappuccino maker at the annual Bridges Pride Picnic on June 10th. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased from any League member.

Rainbow Connection Changes

WARREN, Pa.—The Rainbow Connection is no longer meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. They will meet once a month and communicate dates, times, and locations by phone. Till *EGCN* hears otherwise, heir meetings won't be listed in the calendar. For information call (814)726-1808.

Unitarian Garage Sale Drop-Off

Want to help raise money for the church that opens its doors to the les/bi/gay community of the Erie area? Then leave off your unwanted treasures at the Unitarian Universalist Garage Sale. This year, clothing (in good condition) will be accepted, but please have it sorted so it doesn't end up in a big undifferentiated pile. Dropoff times: Sunday May 7 Noon-3 p.m. Mon-Friday any day till the sale 9a.m.-Noon (that's when the church office is open). Sat. May 13 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Sun. May 14 Noon 3 p.m., and Mon.-Tues. May 15-16 9 a.m.-Noon and 6 p.m.-9p.m. Info 864-9300.

Correction: Lambda Foundation Phone

Last month we printed an item about the Lambda Foundation's new Crime Stoppers program, which offers rewards for information leading to the capture and conviction of perpetrators of violent crimes against lesbians and gay men. The phone number, unfortunately, was not correct. The information for contacting the Lambda Foundation (this time with correct phone number!) is Lambda Foundation Crime Stoppers Fund, P.O. Box 5169, Pittsburgh PA 15206. Phone number is (412)521-5444.

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Families

Hungary Grants Common-Law Marriage Rights to Same-Sex Couples

BUDAPEST, March 8—Hungary has given same-sex couples common-law marriage rights, becoming the fourth nation to recognize same-sex couples, and the first Eastern European nation to do so. The law had formerly stated that common-law marriages could only exist "between adult men and women." In striking down that law, Hungary's Constitutional Court said "It is arbitrary and contrary to human dignity...that the law [on common-law marriages] withholds recognition from couples living in an economic and emotional union simply because they are same-sex." However, the court ruled that civil marriage may only take place between a man and woman. Common-law marriage rights are the same as formal marriage rights in Hungary. People are considered to be in a common-law marriage when they live together permanently and are sexual partners.

Lesbian Mom Loses Custody of Son

RICHMOND, Va. April 21—The Virginia Supreme Court denied custody to lesbian mother Sharon Bottoms. The court ruling said that Bottoms was an unfit mother whose relationship with another woman would subject her son to "social condemnation." The court also ruled that Bottoms was an unfit mother in other ways, based on allegations that apparently were never substantiated.

Bottoms lost custody of her son two years ago when a Virginia judge ruled that she was an unfit mother because she and her lover had oral sex, which is a felony in Virginia. That ruling was reversed last year by the Virginia Court of Appeals, which ruled that a parent's private sexual conduct, illegal or not, was not grounds for denying custody to one's own child.

The Virginia Supreme Court was far from unanimous in its decision, with the court bitterly divided 4-3. Justice Barbara M. Keenan in a dissenting opinion wrote that she supported the earlier court ruling that "adverse effects of a parent's homosexuality on a child cannot be assumed without proof."

The ruling has outraged gay rights and civil liberties organizations around the country.

Bottoms' lawyer, Donald K. Butler, said "This is 1995. None of the prejudices people have against gay and lesbian parents have any basis whatsoever." Butler had been retained for the case by the American Civil Liberties Union. He says he will ask the court to reconsider their decision.

Local Camp That Teaches Diversity

There'll be a camp at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie for kids going into grades 1 through 4. The Great Kids Camp '95 will run from June 19-23 and will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 7180 New Perry Highway. The organizers of the camp wish to bring together children from diverse racial, cultural and religious backgrounds. Activities include weaving, skits, fabric dyeing, cooking, nature prints, making scrapbooks, cooperative games and more. The camp organizers will help appreciate the diversity of the human race, and so this first camp will have activities that focus on the people who live in grasslands societies (African savanna, American Great Plains, Argentinian pampas).

Kelly Armor and David Sturtevant will be the camp's artists in residence. Kelly and David are musicians and recording artists who have performed in virtually every school in Erie County. They will be there every day, most of the time and they do a lot of audience participation music. They have been to Tanzania and Kenya and will bring this experience to the camp.

The camp is \$30, with a \$10 nonrefundable deposit that must be sent by June 1, 1995. The children should bring their own lunch, but beverages will be provided. Please call if your child has special medical needs or if she or he needs transportation. Send registration to Kelly Radford 1410 Hardscrabble Blvd., Erie PA 16505, phone 833-2805. By the way, you do not have to be a Unitarian to send your kid(s) to this camp.

The camp was funded in part by a grant from the Unitarian Universalist Committee for Social Responsibility.

Tidbits

♥ **Timbuk 3's** new album *A Hundred Lovers* (on the High Street Label) features "Legalize Our Love," a song about giving same-sex couples marriage rights. Another song, called "Prey" attacks the religious right.

♥ **The Streisand Foundation** recently gave a \$25,000 grant to the national **Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)** for Project Open Mind. The Project will be a multimedia presentation to fight negative attitudes about lesbians and gays. Barbra Streisand formed the foundation nine years ago.

♥ Two **Cambodian Women** were legally wed in a ceremony in Kro Bao Kok village on March 12.

♥ The Canadian province of **British Columbia** has granted adoption rights to lesbians and gay men, while in **Denver** same-sex couples and unmarried heterosexual couples may now take sick leave if their partner needs care.

Gay Male Couples and Unsafe Sex

Studies are finding that most of the risky sex that goes on between gay men isn't with casual or anonymous partners. It's going on between partners who love each other. And people are getting sick and dying because of it.

The January 31 issue of *The Village Voice* carried an article called "Can You Trust Your Lover: Gay Couples Weigh the Risk of Unprotected Sex." Author Mark Schoofs points out that couples abandon condoms for different reasons. Some, he says, see the decision to have unprotected sex as a symbol of a couple's love, affection, commitment and/or trust for one another. Some are lured by the illusion of safety and security that being in love can create. Some just get a kick out of crossing the line. And then again, if you believe your lover is negative, why not?

Schoofs tells about a couple named Eric and William, who told each other they were negative. They began their relationship using condoms, then, eventually did away with them. Finally, they decided it was okay to go all the way, and during one lovemaking session, William ejaculated into Eric. Two weeks later, Eric was sick with the flu-like symptoms that signal infection by HIV. When Eric was tested, his worst fears were proven: he was now HIV+. William was tested,

and he also was positive. "I've had at least a thousand sexual partners in my life, and I remained negative," said Eric. "I had gotten away with it for so long, and in the sleaziest circumstances. And then in a relationship with someone I cared about, I got infected."

Much sex education directed toward gay male couples advises them to keep using condoms, even if they're in a monogamous relationship, because there is an assumption that gay men can't be faithful to one partner. Australian safer sex educators have developed something of an alternative approach, called "negotiated safety." This talks about the steps a couple can take to *safely* have unprotected sex within a committed, long-term, monogamous relationship. The approach is extremely controversial, but deserves being looked at. First of all, it involves the couple being willing to talk with one another, and to be open and honest with their partner and themselves. It requires that both partners be tested together, and then tested again six months later. It means talking honestly about sex outside the relationship—if it's acceptable, and if so, what is allowed. It means that if one of them has unsafe sex outside the relationship, the other partner won't punish the transgressor for their honesty, but the couple would deal with it responsibly. It means talking about anal intercourse and how important it is to each partner. It means talking about the nature of their relationship.

But there are a lot of people who think negotiated safety is a dangerous idea; in fact, negotiated safety has sometimes been called "negotiated danger," because there is a lot of potential for failure, and the whole process can be pretty tricky. It's all very nice to promise that you won't punish your partner when he says he has had unsafe sex outside the relationship. The reality is that such news is likely to upset a lot of partners. Because of that, the partner who slipped may be reluctant to tell his lover what happened—not necessarily because he's a creep, but because he is afraid of losing his partner's love. It would probably be helpful to talk about a lot of this with a qualified counselor or sex educator, but a lot of counselors and AIDS educators are not comfortable with the concept of negotiated safety.

It's not just gay men who are having these problems. In a recent survey of women who were in relationships of less than a year, researchers found that

the women are much more likely to use condoms with a casual partner than with a main partner. And like gay men, they are having unprotected sex with their main partners without the couple getting tested for HIV.

These findings clearly indicate that HIV educators need to develop an approach specific to couples. This has been lacking until recently.

Couples need to use some common sense, too. The AIDS virus couldn't care less about whether you're in a wonderful committed monogamous relationship or doing it in some backroom with a stranger. Unless you and your partner have been tested (together), and unless you absolutely know you're both 100% faithful, you'll probably live longer if you "play safe."

Alicia Manus at the Erie County Health Department says she will be happy to talk to couples about getting tested together. Call her at 451-6700. Alicia is also preparing an article on the subject, which we hope to run next month.

Places to get EGCN...

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Barnes & Noble, 5909 Peach Street

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

The Embers, 1711 State Street

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N.W. PA Rural AIDS Alliance, Baldwin Bldg.

Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie,

7180 New Perry Hiway

Well Being, 710 Beaumont

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Earthshine, 131 Meadville Street

Identity (formerly EGO) meetings

Jamestown NY & Warren PA

AIDS Community Services, Tue Mansion

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Rainbow Connection, Warren 726-1808

Sneakers, 100 Harrison, Jamestown

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Oil Region Book Store, Oil City

Couples of Pittsburgh Area Spring Bike Two-Together

Same gender couples are invited to spend a healthy and enjoyable afternoon of bicycle riding at Ohiopyle, PA. Couples of the Pittsburgh Area (COPA) will meet at the trail head in Ohiopyle at 11am on Sunday, May 28th. From there, the group will enjoy a scenic, leisurely cycle to Confluence along the level railroad trail. After a quaint country lunch in Confluence, the group will then cycle back to Ohiopyle. For those without bicycles, rentals are available. For more information and directions, call Paul or Marlon at (412) 323-3808.

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Cycling Fundraiser Coming Through Erie

A Buffalo bicyclist is raising funds by cycling coast-to-coast. Jim Petretta is part of the US AIDS 5000 Pride Ride. The Pride Ride will be the first 5,000 mile National Bicycle Journey in support of AIDS awareness. Bikers will be riding to generate funds (in the form of pledges) for persons who are living and dying with AIDS. Petretta has stated that the pledges can go to Erie area organizations if the donor chooses.

Petretta expects to be in Erie on or around June 16. He would like a place to stay. He also asked EGCN:

"As I am working with over 50 cities, and there is just me here, I need to ask for one huge favor: Could you help me gain one qualified, committed volunteer to coordinate activities in Erie? The kinds of things I need them to initiate: organize publicity; involve Erie AIDS Agencies/Gay Agencies; arrange for my personal appearances and interviews; assist me in getting inexpensive food and lodging support during my brief visit; coordinating ideas how, at low or no cost, AIDS agencies can tie into this event to gain additional funding through mileage pledges; help me get one Erie sponsor at 1¢ per mile @ 5,000 miles (or \$50) to help defray the cost of the worthy project; organize a few bikers to ride with me a few miles.

"I can't do this without your support and that of one determined volunteer. All who assist will never forget having made a significant local and national impact on AIDS. This will be something to talk about the rest of their lives."

Reach Jim Petretta at US AIDS 5000, 279 Hoyt Ave, 2nd Floor, Buffalo NY 14213 (716) 885-3070.

HIV/AIDS News

HIV/AIDS - US & World

New, More Aggressive HIV Strains on the Way to US

BOSTON, April 6—Four even-more-dangerous strains of HIV are headed to the U.S., and they are much more easily transmitted through heterosexual sex. That was the warning from Harvard AIDS Institute Chairman Max Essex. These strains have already infected 15-30 million people, mostly in Africa and Asia, says Essex.

The HIV strain that has struck Europe and North America is the B strain. According to Essex, heterosexuals are infected with the B strain of HIV an average of once per every 500 to 1,000 sex acts. The four aggressive strains—called the A, C, D, and E strains—are much more infectious for heterosexuals, being transmitted once every 10 to 40 sex acts.

Essex is a virologist who helped develop the blood test for HIV. He called for action to be taken now, before a full-blown epidemic develops.

HIV/AIDS News - NW PA

Funding Alert

The Northwest Pennsylvania Rural AIDS Alliance is accepting proposals for HIV/AIDS education and prevention in Erie County. Two types of proposals are being accepted. They include HIV/AIDS education and prevention to minorities, and HIV/AIDS education and prevention in Erie county. The project year is from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996. The deadline for receipt of proposals is no later than May 24, 1995 at 4:30 pm. Applications can be obtained by contacting Kim Swab at the Northwest Pennsylvania Rural AIDS Alliance, (800) 359-2437

AIDS Programs Cut

by Philip Elliott

The US House of Representatives has eliminated from its budget proposal funding for the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program in December. The issue is currently in the hands of the US Senate. This House decision sent out a stark signal about the instability of AIDS funding as this Republican Congress flexes its muscle in Washington.

Angry demonstrations have taken place in New York, Philadelphia, and other cities. These cities were to be hardest hit by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) cutbacks. Although President Clinton decided to spare HUD from the wrecking ball, the agency will still undergo a drastic change. Possibly, many of the programs under HUD would be rolled into block grants to be administered by the states receiving them.

The three year old HOPWA program has allocated almost \$500 million so far, including money to the Northwest Pennsylvania Rural AIDS Alliance (NWPRAA), which supplies services to the thirteen county area of northwest PA. Services through HOPWA have been supplied to over eighty consumers in this area and they consist of monthly rental assistance, short term rent, mortgages, utility payments, and supportive service. Under existing programs, the access of funds for rental assistance are delivered to persons who are low income and live in facilities that meet housing quality standards. These requirements eliminate the majority of applicants that can benefit from this funding. The NWPRAA is working to help find funding to help people upgrade their residences to pass HUD's inspections and qualify for these funds. The HOPWA program was established because the needs of people with AIDS were not being met by existing programs. It is deadly and cruel to force people with AIDS, the elderly and people with disabilities, who need federally supported housing, to compete for dwindling resources when the system already exists to assure that special needs are able to be addressed.

The federal government has put all of the programs that deliver services to people with AIDS in jeopardy. The Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization Act has been in committee since February. Four weeks ago, Senators Kassebaum and Kennedy introduced S.641 and it was unanimously reported out of the Labor and Human Resources Committee with no amendments the next day. The Ryan White CARE Act supplies the majority of funds for the operation of the NWPRAA. With a grant in 1994 of more than \$200,000, the NWPRAA supplies four case managers to the region, as well as grants for physician, pharmaceutical, dental, and emergency needs to benefit people

with HIV infection. With more than 3 months left in the 94-95 fiscal year, the NWPRAA has already received and granted more than 200 individual requests for assistance. This assistance totals more than \$76,000. The Ryan White CARE Act enables thousands of individuals living with AIDS, access to services that would normally not be available to them.

The remainder of operating funds for the NWPRAA are state AIDS 106 funds through the PA Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS. These funds supply monies for AIDS education, support to local AIDS Service Organizations, and something new to the region, a Rural Health Care Clinic. The funds supplied through the state are a bit more secure than those supplied by the federal government, however, problems with the state system are bountiful as well. Clarion University, fiscal agent for the NWPRAA, has carried the AIDS programs through each fiscal year. Problems in state contractual processes sometimes continue on through 11 months of the fiscal year.

The funding which supplies services to persons with AIDS is by no means assured, and it will be a fight to keep it in line. Individuals need to make a concerted effort to relay their feelings to their legislators about the need to continue funding for these programs. The following individuals need to hear from you:

Ryan White Care Act:

Senate Labor & Human Relations Committee
c/o The Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
428 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

Senate Appropriations Committee:

Senate Appropriations Committee
c/o The Honorable Arlen Specter
S 128 US Capitol Bldg
Washington, DC 20512

Please write to your federal Senator and Representative and let them know of your concern over funding for these very necessary programs. Addresses for your local representatives are listed in the government areas of your telephone directory.

Also, at every opportunity let your state representatives know how you feel about the job they are doing. These addresses are also in the telephone directory. Without your input these state representatives are not able to adequately address your wishes.

Local Girl Goes to National Youth Summit

From Sue B. Kuebler:

Kelly Johnson, daughter of the Rev. Canon F. Kay Johnson (clergy from the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul and St. Mary's Church, Lawrence Park) and Robert Johnson (an architect with Croner King), has been invited to attend the National Youth Summit on HIV Prevention and Education in Washington DC May 6-9. Kelly is one of three representatives from Pennsylvania. 155 young people ages 15-19 were chosen from over 1,100 applicants to participate in the summit sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Association of State Boards of Education. Kelly is a senior at Mercyhurst Prep. She became interested in AIDS-related issues through her association with the HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry.

HIV/AIDS Ministry News

From Sue B. Kuebler:

The HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry has received grant monies from the Erie County Department of Health and the Erie Community Foundation. The Department of Health monies are earmarked for personal care items for HIV+ individuals and for persons living with AIDS. The Community Foundation grant monies will go toward food pantry expenses for infected individuals, materials for the AIDS Bereavement Support Group, updating educational materials for community presentations, and for the ministry's panel-making project (groups are being organized to create Quilt panels for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt).

Individuals who are HIV+ or living with AIDS are reminded to contact their case managers for a referral to the Ministry's food pantry. Pantry volunteers respect dignity and confidentiality of all who visit the facility. For more information on the pantry, or delivery if you are unable to come in, call 452-3779 and leave a message for Sue B. Kuebler.

Ministry volunteers are available to speak to groups/individuals both religious and secular on HIV/AIDS prevention and transmission. To schedule a presentation, call the number given above. No fees are ever charged for presentations.

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National/World News Bits

Gay Rights Group Hires Candace

WASHINGTON, April 18—The nation's largest lesbian and gay rights organization has hired Newt Gingrich's sister Candace as a spokeswoman. Candace Gingrich, 28, was hired by the Human Rights Campaign Fund to be spokeswoman for their National Coming Out Project. The Human Rights Campaign Fund coordinates National Coming Out Day. Earlier in the month, Candace accepted an invitation to be one of four grand marshals of the San Francisco Lesbian-Gay Freedom Day Parade in June.

Press Agency Wrongly Fired Reporter

WASHINGTON, April 14—A judge ruled that the United Press International illegally fired a reporter after learning she was a lesbian and ordered the UPI to clear the reporter's employment record. The reporter's attorneys claimed that UPI buckled to pressure from a national religious broadcaster (Rev. Vic Eliason) who urged listeners to flood the UPI with complaints about reporter Julie Brienza. In a separate suit against Rev. Eliason, Eliason agreed to pay \$225,000 to Brienza and to acknowledge publicly that gay men and lesbians don't have equal rights in the media.

Polish Constitution Bans Anti-Gay Discrimination

WARSAW, April 11—Under the new Polish constitution, discrimination against people because of sexual orientation would be illegal. The left-wing-dominated commission voted in favor of the provision, although a spokesman for President Lech Walesa argued against it. The new constitution will be approved by parliament and voted on in a referendum.

Contract With America Protest

A national protest against the Contract with America is scheduled to take place May 6 in Washington DC. The event involves a great number of organizations and individuals with different complaints against the Contract with America. The Contract was developed by the Republican Party and presents a wide-ranging approach to changing America. The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community is being asked to participate because of the anti-gay rhetoric and actions that have become a part of the

Contract with America process. Organizers are also concerned about cuts in human services and education, affirmative action, and reproductive rights. For information call the National People's Campaign, (212)633-6646.

Little Bits

March 8—Cincinnati's City Council removed sexual orientation from their antidiscrimination policy.

March 17—New Mexico passed a hate crimes bill that covers lesbians and gay men.

April 12—Two artists have created Contract With America underpants for men and women, with House Speaker Newt Gingrich on the front. Artist Marshall Reese said, "There is a personal threat here to our personal lives and liberties, to reproductive rights and sexual orientation. So we thought, let's make this really ridiculous, absurd product."

April 13—Over half of the nation's U.S. senators and congressmembers have policies in their offices that prohibit sexual orientation discrimination, according to a study conducted by the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

April 14—Roberta Achtenberg, the highest-ranking lesbian in the Clinton administration will resign April 30 to run in the race for mayor of San Francisco.

Transitions

DIED: Eazy-E, 31, of complications due to AIDS, on March 26. He helped found the rap group N.W.A. and was the first major rap star known to have died of AIDS. Eazy-E said that he wasn't even aware that he had HIV until he was admitted to the hospital with full-blown AIDS. He went public about the diagnosis less than two weeks before he died.

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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.

AIDS Bereavement Support Group

Sponsored by HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul. For families, partners, spouses, friends & caregivers who loved ones/friends have died with AIDS. Co-facilitated by The Rev. Canon F. Kay Johnson and Sue Kuebler. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 8-9:30pm. Safe and confidential ☎ Kay Johnson at the Cathedral Office, (814) 452-3779

↔ 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. Email 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.

Closet 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

Nonsexual 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.

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. Email 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)

Nonpartisan 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. Email to kidihart@aol.com

Meadville Group

Now forming. ☎ Tex at (814) 337-5122.

Menspace

Meets once a month. ☎ (814) 899-8507 or 835-6712 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. Meets once a 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.

Yenango-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

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, nonsmoking 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.

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.

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 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

CSSLBP/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

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 835-6712
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 362-7694
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.
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.
Women's Center of Warren & Forest Counties
24 hour Hotline (Domestic abuse/Sexual Assault, women and men) 800-338-3460 or (814)726-1030

All numbers are area code 814 unless otherwise noted.

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