



Erie Gay Community Newsletter

Calendar

☛ = New or Modified Group/Event this issue
Important Note: Events listed here are specifically gay or of interest to a lot of lesbian 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

☛ **Sept 3—Hairspray (1988)**

Comedy Central 8 pm. Stars Ricki Lake

☛ **Sept 4—Pittsburgh Labor Day Picnic (Pittsburgh)** For tickets in Erie area, call Harvey at (814) 456-3674. Also, you can buy them at most gay bars and businesses in Pittsburgh.

☛ **Sept 5—Crush (1992)** Cinemax 3:30am. Twisted psychological thriller, with Alison MacLean and Marcia Gay Harden.

☛ **Sept 5—Improv: Hosted by Judy Tenuta** A&E 4 am

☛ **Sept 7—Teresa Trull and Nina Gerber w/ Comic Karen Williams (Cleveland)** 8:30 p.m. Shore Culture Center Auditorium, 291 East 222 Street at Babbitt Rd., Euclid, \$10 adv/\$12 door. (216)28902939.

☛ **Sept 7—Only When I Laugh (1981)** Cinemax 4 am.

James Coco as a funny, lovable gay actor, which he apparently was in real life, too.

☛ **Sept 7—Law and Order: The Reaper's Helper** A&E 11 pm

Sept. 8-9—White Weekend at Jones Pond (Angelica NY) "Everyone wears minimum of white or nude. Leather theme." (716) 567-8100.

☛ **Sept 9—Womynspace Coffeehouse: "All New & Different Scavenger Hunt"** "Yes—we will meet on the 9th instead of the 2nd due to scheduling problems. *Anyway—*

meet at the U.U. at 6:30 p.m. for directions and teams. Ice cream sundaes and prizes following the activity. See you there! Newcomers welcome!" For info call Sal at 454-2713 weeknights.

☛ **Sept 9—Laura at Cup-a-cchino's** 9 pm-midnight. 18 North Park Row

☛ **Sept 9—Ohio Lesbian Festival (Columbus OH)** LBA, P.O. Box 02086, Columbus OH 43202. (614) 267-DYKE. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. \$20 adv/\$25 gate. Check w/SASE, Lesbian music, comedy, merchants, workshops and more. An easy trip from our area. Those sweet Maple Syrup Ladies will be selling their wares, so say hi to them!

☛ **Sept 9—Threesome (1994)** Showtime 2:30 am. Campus comedy.



Time Capsule Burial Postponed! see page 2

Bicentennial Time Capsule Burial Has Been Postponed!

In our last issue, we asked for people to send ads containing messages to be put into the copy of EGCN that will be placed in the time capsule. However, the burial date has been moved from September 10 to First Night Erie (New Year's Eve). So, if you didn't get your Bicentennial Time capsule message into us by the deadline, you now have till November 1, 1995.

Also, read Michael Mahler's column this issue (on page 12), which discusses some of this in more detail.

Please call or write us for price & size info!



May, 1995
**Erie Gay
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The *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* is published monthly as a voice for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men and their friends & families in the Erie area. A source of information, support and affirmation. A vehicle for celebrating the goodness and diversity of our community. *EGCN* is a cooperative effort between lesbian/gay groups and individuals to help our community develop and thrive.

Contributors: Our deadline is the 15th of the month! We welcome and encourage all readers to submit news, comments and opinions for publication in these pages. Before submitting please send SASE for writer's guidelines.

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 Bridges, the EGCN staff or their component groups.

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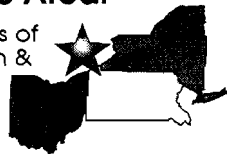
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Bridges Dance!

Sat Sept 16

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Volunteers needed for set-up, clean-up and admission table. Please call 825-2513 to volunteer or for vendor info

➤ **Sept 10—Integrity Meeting** Eucharist at 6pm, social hour following. At St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 West 6th Street

➤ **Sept 10—17th Annual "We are Family" Picnic (Cleveland area)** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wildwood Lake, 11200 East River Road (Coppa-Mallet Creek Rd.) just south of Sprague Rd. in Columbia Station. Info (216)771-0369. Reserved tickets recommended. Benefits N. Ohio Coalition funding of gay and AIDS programs.

➤ **Sept 11—The Long Day Closes (1992)** Cinemax 7:35 am. Coming out, coming-of-age story, stars Leigh McCormack.

➤ **Sept 12—HIV/AIDS Support Group at St/Mark's** New-comers welcome! Info Cheryl Weber 825-1085 or 452-6113.

➤ **Sept 13—M. Butterfly (1993)** Cinemax 3:20 am

➤ **Sept 14—Backbeat (1994)** Showtime 4:20 am.

➤ **Sept 15-16—Fantasy Weekend at Jones Pond (An-jellicott)** "What is your fantasy?" Info (716)567-8100.

➤ **Sept 15-16—Loward Lounge End-of-Summer Camping Trip** Stop by bar for details.

➤ **Sept 16—Bridges Dance/Social** At Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie PA. Music, dancing, games & vendors. Volunteers needed for setup, cleanup & admission table. Call 814-825-2513 to volunteer or for verification. Admission \$5 or \$4 with non-perishable food donated to the Food Pantry of the HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Paul.

➤ **Sept 16—10% Network (Jamestown)** Info (716) 484-7285.

➤ **Sept 16—Selichot Service at Temple Anshe Hessed with former Aryan Nation Member** The main speaker will be Floyd Cochran, who now speaks out against hatred and hate crime after being very involved with Aryan Nation. The service is at midnight (Saturday night/Sunday morning, after the Bridges Dance). Temple Anshe Hessed is at 930 Liberty Street, Erie. For more info, call Larry Sawdy at 452-6959.

➤ **Sept 16—Erie AIDS Rally** At Booker T. Washington Center, 17th & Holland Streets, 10 am-2 pm.. Entertainers (Kevin Carroll, Mary Alice Brown, One World Tribe), activities, speakers, tables, refreshments. For details see article in our "HIV/AIDS News -NW Pa". More info from Charlene Bushyager 456-8849.

➤ **Sept 16—Biography: Liberace-Mr. Showmanship** A&E 8 pm & midnight. Profiles the gay pianist, Liberace, who was one of the superstars of the 1950s, and maintained his popularity until he died of AIDS complications in 1987.

➤ **Sept 16—Assignment Discovery: Crime and Prejudice** Examines hate crimes and efforts to stop them. Discovery Channel 10 pm & 1 am

➤ **Sept 17—A Rustic Afternoon of Jazz (Pittsburgh area)** Produced by Common Grounds Coffee House. At Linhart Log Cabin, a local bed & breakfast in a country setting. Catered brunch included. Bring chair/blanket. Performers include Renaissance City Women's Choir, Donna Greco, Sandy Sealey. 1-6pm. \$15. Reservations by Sept. 10 (412)366-9946

➤ **Sept 17—Best of Comic Relief** A&E 11 pm & 3 am. Roseanne Arnold, Judy Tenuta, and Whoopi Goldberg are among the comics performing for this benefit for the homeless.

➤ **Sept 17—Biography: Lawrence of Arabia** A&E 8 pm & midnight. Profile of the gay British adventurer, who dedicated his book Seven Pillars of Wisdom to his young Arab lover.

➤ **Sept 18—Olivier, Olivier (1992)** Cinemax 4:20 am.

➤ **Sept 19—Double Exposure (1994)** Cinemax 9:30 p.m. Mystery.

➤ **Sept 20—Kika (1993)** Cinemax 10 pm. Spanish film (directed by Pedro Almodovar).

➤ **Sept 20—Next Stop, Greenwich Village (1976)** Cinemax 4:50 a.m. Follows a group of Greenwich Village friends in the 1950s.

➤ **Sept 21—Manhattan (1979)** TNT 1:20 a.m. Meryl Streep plays Woody Allen's lesbian ex-wife.



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♣ **Sept 21—Hollywood Fashion Machine** American Movie Channel (AMC) 5 pm. Includes a look at the influence of lesbian and gay fashion in Hollywood costuming.

♣ **Sept 22-24—NAMES PROJECT: AIDS Memorial Quilt (State College PA)** 100 panels will be on display in South gym at Rec. Hall. DonPaul Lucas would like to get a van pool or caravan or something from Erie area; if interested call him at 454-6937.

♣ **Sept 23—Menspace meets** 7:30 pm. "We're still going, we're still growing. For more details about this social organization and this month's get-together, please call 835-6712."

♣ **Sept 22-23—Mr. Jones Pond Contest (Angelica NY)** "Mr. Jones Pond is chosen from seasonal campers." (716)567-8100.

♣ **Sept 23—Imperial Court: Founders Bail 5th Anniversary (Buffalo)** Hamlin House 432 Franklin. Doors open at 7 and ball begins at 8 p.m. \$20 gets you all you can drink (open bar), 4 or 5 special guest performances (performers from Buffalo, Toronto, NYC, San Diego & SF), DJ and dancing. This is a formal affair, and some will be dressed to the nines, and some won't, so make your choice. People will be there from various Courts in this region, and the founder of the Court system will be here. Info from Chevon Davis (716) 882-8612.

♣ **Sept 23—Town Meeting '95: Discussing Race Relations in the Lesbian Community (Pittsburgh)** Info Paul Hawkins at (412)323-3808. 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Main Auditorium of U. of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, corner Fifth Ave. and DeSoto. Informal reception afterwards at Common Grounds Coffeehouse. Organized by Black & White Men Together.

♣ **Sept 25—Making Love (1981)** Cinemax 4:40 am. Harry Hamlin, Michael Ontkean, Kate Jackson. A married man falls in love with another man.

♣ **Sept 26—HIV/AIDS Support Group at St. Mark's** Transportation if you need it! Info from Cheryl Weber 825-1085 or 452-6113.

♣ **Sept 26—Savage Nights (1992)** Cinemax 4:40 am. Very controversial French film about an HIV-positive bisexual man who has lots of unprotected and reckless sex. The film had a big impact in France, where it swept the French version of the Oscars, and got the public talking about the film's issues.

♣ **Sept 27—PFLAG-Erie** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie. For info call Kathy Harris 838-6020.

♣ **Sept 27—Rock & Roll: "A Walk on the Wild Side"** 9 p.m. WQLN (PBS-Erie) and WNEB (Ch. 17, PBS-Buffalo). Among those featured are the then-openly bisexual, androgynous David Bowie (who started a mini-movement of "Bowie boys"), and the Velvet Underground, which was loosely connected to the Andy Warhol scene.

♣ **Sept 27—Peter's Friends (1992)** Cinemax 4:30 am. If *The Big Chill* had had a character who was a gay man with HIV....

♣ **Sept 28—Rock Hudson: Tall, Dark & Handsome** Disney 11:30 pm. Profiles the gay 1950s heartthrob.

♣ **Sept 28—Biography: Susan B. Anthony-Rebel With a Cause** A&E 8 pm & midnight. Profiles the pioneering American feminist who laid the groundwork for equal rights for women and for the abolition of slavery. She was also probably the partner of one Anna Dickinson.

♣ **Sept 29—Denni at Cup-a-cchino's** 9pm-midnight. 18 North Park Row

♣ **Sept 29-30—Octoberfest at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Friday & Saturday Dinner at 6 p.m. (716)567-8100.

♣ **Sept 30—James Dean** Disney 9 pm & 3 am. Profiles the gay movie star who has become a timeless movie legend.

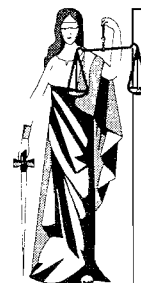
♣ **Sept 30—Vegas in Space (1991)** USA 3 am. Silly gender-bending campy drag science fiction trash about male astronauts who change into women so that their spaceship can make contact with an all-female planet.

♣ **Sept 30—American Justice: John Wayne Gacy** A&E 10:30 am. A look at the creep who lured 33 men to his home, had sex with them, then murdered them.

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➤ **Oct 6-7—Halloween & Camp Closing at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** Sat. Pot Luck Supper 6 pm. (716)567-8100.

➤ **Oct 7—Womynspace Coffeehouse** "Come celebrate our anniversary and one another." For more info call Sal weeknights at 454-2713.

➤ **Oct 7—Masquerade Party at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)** 8 p.m. - Buffet. Info (412)637-2402.

➤ **Oct 7—Marga Gomez Performs (Buffalo)** Nationally-known lesbian comic performs 8 p.m. at Marquee at the Tralf 100 Theater Place, Buffalo, New York. Tickets available at all Ticketmaster locations. \$13 adv./\$15 door. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Gomez has performed on Comedy Central's *Out There*, Rosie O'Donnell's *Stand-Up Spotlight/VH-1*, PBS' *On the Ledge*, HBO's *Comic Relief*, and much more. Info (716)852-0522.

➤ **Oct 7—Talk it Over: Breast Cancer** Lifetime 11am.

➤ **Oct 7—8th Annual Lambda Ball (Pittsburgh)** Big, gala event to raise money for the Lambda Foundation, which funds groups, individuals and projects serving the lesbian and gay community. For more information write/call the Lambda Foundation (412) 441-9786. Also, there's an article with details in our Local News section.

➤ **Oct 8—Integrity Meeting** Meeting 6 pm. Scripture reflection. At St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 West 6th Street

➤ **Oct 11—Identity Celebrates Coming Out Day (Edinboro)** Among activities planned is a performance by Two

Girls on a Couch. Others are coming up. Pick up a copy of the newsletter *early* in October to catch the full details on this and other Coming Out Day activities in the area.

➤ **Oct 11—National Coming Out Day** For info on National Coming Out Day, contact NCOD, P.O. Box 346640, Washington DC 20043-46400. (202)628-4160 or (800)866-NCOD. **REMEMBER TO TELL US IF YOU ARE HAVING A COMING OUT DAY EVENT THAT YOU WANT TO PUBLICIZE!**

➤ **Oct 11—Out There III** Lesbian and gay stand-up comedy, on Comedy Central Channel, hosted by Scott Thompson (*Kids in the Hall*, *Larry Sanders Show*). Performers include Lea DeLaria, Jason Stuart, Shelly Mars, Michael Rasky, and others.

➤ **Oct 22—Imperial Court: 5th Annual Dish With Royalty (Buffalo)** Big, fun-filled spaghetti dinner AIDS fund raiser, performing waiters and waitresses (drag queens and gay men). Under \$10 at Tiffany's (Buffalo gay restaurant), on Pearl Street off corner West Tupper. From 5-8 p.m. Reservations not needed. All you can eat. Casual dress ("but you don't have to come in drag"). Info from Empress Chevon Davis IV (716) 882-8612.

➤ **Oct 28—Womyn's Halloween Dance (Buffalo)** 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Unitarian Church, 695 Elmwood Ave. \$5.00 at door. Costume contest, games, DJ Cindi Eveleigh.

➤ **Oct 30-Nov 3—AIDS Awareness Week in Edinboro University** Details next month. Candlelight service, speakers, info tables, classroom talks, more.

➤ **Nov 10-12—Annual Integrity Retreat "Tapestry of Faith"** More info next month.

➤ **Nov 12—Integrity Meeting** Eucharist at 6pm, social hour following. At St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 West 6th.

➤ **Nov 12—Mystery Dinner at Unitarian Universalist** For Friends from the Heart. Details in Oct. issue.

➤ **Dec 1—World AIDS DAY**

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Festivals & Conferences

➤ **Nov 10-12—8th Annual Creating Change Conference: The National Conference for the Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Movement (Detroit)** Put on by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Pre-conference activities Nov. 8-9. Info from Creating Change 1995, NGLTF Policy Institute, 2320 17th Street NW, Washington DC 20009 (send SASE) or call (202)332-6483

➤ **November 18—Ohio Lesbian Health Conference (Columbus OH)** \$30 fee. Call for scholarship info. For information contact Dorothy Kaliopi Hatzinikolis, *Lesbian Health News*, P.O. Box 12121, Columbus OH 43212 (614)481-7656.

LATE-BREAKING: Identity announces a week of Coming Out Day activities. Info around community, or check *EGCN* early Oct., or call John (814) 398-8005.

On TV This Month

Almost Golden: The Jessica Savitch Story

Lifetime 9/4 at 8pm, 9/10 at 6pm, 9/20 at 9pm, 9/30 at 6 pm. As we said last month, we don't have information on how this show (or *Intimate Portrait*, see below) will deal with Savitch's relationships with women.

Blood & Concrete: A Love Story (1991) Showtime, Sept 12 at 8pm, Sept 22 at 5:45 am

The Brady Bunch Movie The 1970s sitcom family meets the 1990s, with a lesbian who has a crush on Marcia, RuPaul as Jan's counselor, and a quick bit on the gay couple who live next door to the family. Pay Per View, Sept 3-Sept 30

The Butcher's Wife (1991) HBO 9/3, 9/12, 9/15, 9/20, 9/23, 9/28

Intimate Portrait: Jessica Savitch Lifetime 9/4 at 10pm, 9/10 at 8pm, 9/20 at 11pm, 9/30 at 2 pm.

Joan Rivers: Abroad in London Lifetime 9/9 and 9/15

Orlando (1992) TMC 9/10 & 9/23

Philadelphia (1993) The Movie Channel 9/8 & 9/24

Skinheads USA: Soldiers of the Race War HBO 9/1, 9/6, 9/12 & 9/27

Singing Positive Cinemax. We don't have a date on it, and aren't sure if it'll be running in September or not. Watch your listings. It was recorded during the 1992 season of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus.

Taxicab Confessions HBO 9/9 & 9/26

This Boy's Life (1993) Cinemax 9/16 & 9/20

Women's College Volleyball 9/12 ESPN2 4:30 pm, 9/23 SPC, KBL 3am, 9/29 KBL 10 pm, & 9/30 SPC KBL 3 am

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HIV/AIDS News

HIV/AIDS - NW Pa AIDS Rally

From the AIDS Rally Committee:

September 16, 1995 is going to be a day to remember in Erie. Many community organizations are coming together to CELEBRATE LIFE and educate on the preventable killer, AIDS. On that day a rally will be held at the Booker T. Washington center, 17th & Holland Streets, from 10 a.m to 2:00 p.m. Entertainers have volunteered their time to perform at our celebration. Mary Alice Brown, One World Tribe and Kevin Carroll have committed to being there; others are also expected. Organizations there will have activities that can be done by rally participants. Some organizations have already agreed to participate and their activities range from making quilt panels or ribbons to mural-making and a wheel of knowledge. The goal is to have a day of celebration and active introspection.

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Drop-In Center

Organizers of the Drop-In Center for people living with HIV/AIDS have tentatively set October as the month that they will be starting up. They hope to create a space for people to come to for support, socializing, and information. We'll have more details next month. For more information, call Sue B. Kuebler at 452-3779. (note: if Sue is not there you may leave a message; confidentiality is strictly observed by the message-takers). Also, case managers will be told about the drop-in center when it's up and running.

Panel Making to Begin at the Episcopal Cathedral

By Sue B. Kuebler

HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Paul

The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul's HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry is opening its doors to those individuals who wish to create a quilt panel to memorialize a loved one, friend, or family member who has died of AIDS. The first Quilting session will take place on Wednesday, October 11, 1995, 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the Cathedral's new facility at 134 West 7th Street.

Individuals will create 3 x 6 foot panels for eventual submission to the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. There they will be stitched together with seven other panels to create 12 x 12 foot squares. Currently the Quilt consists of over 33,000 individual panels. The entire NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt covers over 16 acres.

What is the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt? Between 1980 and 1987 more than 1,000 San Franciscan's (primarily gay men) died of AIDS. Overwhelmed by the lack of government response, Cleve Jones searched for a way to make the public understand what he and his friends were experiencing. Others searched for a way to express the unending grief they felt as friends and loved ones died.

In June of 1987, Jones gathered a small group of neighborhood residents in an empty Market Street storefront "to take all our individual experiences and stitch them together to make something that had strength and

beauty." It was there that the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt began. The Quilt has become a powerful symbol of love, hope, healing, courage, pain and reconciliation.

We need your help! Although partial funding has been secured for this project thanks to a recent Grant from the Erie Community Foundation, your help is needed and encouraged. If you are able to donate any of the items on our "Wish List", please do so by dropping them off at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 145 West 6th Street, Erie, PA. or call 452-3779 and leave a message for Sue B. Kuebler, all messages are confidential.

Our "Wish List" is as follows:

- Scissors
- Pinking Shears
- Thread (White, Black, Tan, Brown, Blue)
- Yard Sticks, Tape Measures
- Tracing Paper, Tracing Wheel
- Pins with Glass Ball Tips and Quilters Pins
- Needles of all shapes and sizes
- Steam Iron and Ironing Board
- Ribbon
- Dress Makers Chalk
- Sewing Machines
- Applique
- Paint - Brush on textile paint or color fast dye (No puffy paint, it's too sticky)
- Indelible Ink Pens
- Stencils
- Paint Brushes
- Cotton Fabric

Please donate items in good working condition, (we don't have money to repair irons, sewing machines). Also, no sequins or glass objects, which may tear the fabric.

Again, thank you for your help. If you wish to learn more about making a quilt panel, volunteer opportunities, or would like to donate materials, call Sue B. Kuebler at the number given above.

Panel Making Steering Committee:

- Carrie Beckman - HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry
- DonPaul Lucas - AIDS Educator
- Sue B. Kuebler - HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry
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Entertainment Notes

Movies

Originally set for a May release, the movie **To Wong Foo** will open around the country in early September. It stars **Patrick Swayze**, **Wesley Snipes**, and **John Leguizamo** as gay drag queens, and sounds like a sympathetic portrayal and an entertaining film.

Madonna went straight to the top to get the director of **Four Rooms** to put back into the picture a kissing scene between Madonna's character and her female lover. Apparently the scene will appear; and the film is set to be released this fall.

Set for release some time this fall is **Fall Time**, a film that features **Stephen Baldwin** and **Mickey Rourke** as criminals in love in the 1950s. No further info available.

Actress **Drew Barrymore**, in an interview with *GQ* magazine: "Do I like women? Yeah, I like women. Do I like them sexually? Yeah, I do. When I was younger I was with a lot of women. I love a woman's body, and I think a woman and a woman together are beautiful."



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Television

Courthouse is a courtroom drama with a lesbian relationship that is very understated. It premieres September 13 on CBS and will be seen on Wednesdays.

The Crew is about flight attendants, one of whom is a gay man. According to Frazier Moore of the Associated Press, "In concept this show seems more dog-eared than the airline magazine tucked beside the barf-bag. The sole saving grace: David Burke as the gay flight attendant. Paul gives a funny, remarkably nuanced performance." The show premiered August 31 on FOX, will be seen on Thursdays.

Pursuit of Happiness is about a lawyer who goes through a series of weird things in his life, one of which is that his best friend and partner tells him he's gay. So what does this mean for how the best friend will be portrayed? We haven't heard...Anyway, premieres September 19 on NBC and will be part of their Tuesday lineup.

Lea Delaria will play a teacher on an episode of the sitcom **Saved By the Bell**. The out-loud, out and proud lesbian comedian will not be out on this episode, but it's kinda neat she's getting onto a mainstream TV show.

FOX's **TV Nation** recently did a "Love Night" theme that took on the hate-mongers using humor and love. One segment showed a gay men's chorus that the program had assembled to serenade Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) with love songs. Outside his office in Washington the group sang "What the World Needs Now (Is Love Sweet Love)." Told by a friendly Capitol police officer that they couldn't perform there, the group then marched up to Helms' Virginia home singing, "On the Street Where You Live." Jesse wasn't home but an irate Mrs. Helms bellowed from her front door that the group was a bunch of "fruitcakes." Other segments showed *TV Nation* bringing a mariachi band to a Klan rally, with a woman in a portable kissing booth chasing after a flustered Klansman insisting on a kiss. Other segments included a line of racially mixed cheerleaders singing "Stop in the Name of Love" outside a rally of nonplussed Klansmen, and the show's producer treating Michigan Militia leaders to a peaceful, fun day at an amusement park.

Theater


The Tony-winning gay-themed Broadway musical **Kiss of the Spider Woman** will be at Pittsburgh's Benedum Center in October. For information and reservations call (412)456-6666.

The **Erie Playhouse** will present **South Pacific** September 21-24, Oct. 1,2, 5-7. The musical play is takes place during World War II in the—you guessed it—South Pacific, and explores bigotry and prejudice. Its message was considered very strong when the play first came out (late 1940s), and though it's considered mild by today's standards, it contains a song about how people become prejudiced ("You've Got to Be Carefully Taught"), which still holds up today. It's basically an upbeat play, and many other tunes from the show have become camp favorites, like "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," "I'm In Love With a Wonderful Guy," and "There is Nothing Like a Dame." Info and reservations 454-2852.

Buffalo's **Hag Theater** will be presenting **Chamber Music** Fridays & Saturdays 8 p.m. September 22-October 7 at Hallwall's 2495 Main. \$10 admission, reservations (716)884-5984. "The Woman Who Plays Records/The Woman in Safari Outfit/The Woman with Notebook/The Girl in Gossamer Dress/The Woman in Aviatrix's Outfit/The Woman in Queenly Spanish Garb/The Woman With Gavel/The Woman in White."

Buffalo United Artists will be kicking off its 1995-96 season with a production of **The Lady in Question** in September. This comedy is from **Charles Busch**, (who wrote *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* and *Psycho Beach Party*), and stars Jimmy Janowski and Lauren Fox. Franklin Street Theater, 282 Franklin Street. Call (716)832-7320 for schedule info and reservations..

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This Month 20 Years Ago

September 19, 1975: Sgt. Leonard Matlovich of the U.S. Air Force was refused an appeal for his dishonorable discharge. Matlovich was receiving the dishonorable discharge because he was openly gay. An Air Force panel ruled that Matlovich's homosexuality was incompatible with serving his country.

September 22, 1975: A gay, disabled Vietnam veteran foiled an assassination attempt on President Gerald Ford, and probably saved his life. When Sarah Jane Moore aimed her gun at the President, Oliver "Bill" Sipple reacted quickly and grabbed her just as the gun went off. The bullet ricocheted off a wall and caused minor injury to a bystander.

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Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

We had an absolutely super group of folks show up last month to help collate the newsletter. Multitudinous thanks go out to Dan, Greg, Christopher, MaryKaye, Rich R, Dave Muhlolland, Larry, Richard, and Paul! We were able to put together all of the newsletters in an hour (including two inserts) and had a wonderful time!

You have read elsewhere in this issue that the Bicentennial issue that will go into the time capsule will be the December, and not this issue as we thought last month. It had made August very hectic, because we thought of some of the things we wanted to have in the issue for now and posterity and were madly scrambling to get them in. You would not believe some of the nifty and moving things that people have to say in the Bicentennial ads we have already received. Schedules weren't meshing optimally to give the history article the space it deserves. How wonderful that more people can contribute articles and we can do a thorough amount of research for the history.

It was Micheal's idea to make the cover (or possibly the centerfold) of the time capsule issue a Family Portrait of people in our community. The more I thought about it, the more I liked the idea of our smiling faces beaming out now and 100 years from now. I have already had e-mail from someone asking whether it was okay for his sister (who is straight) to be included. Our feeling is that anyone, lesbigay or one of our straight friends, who wants to be with us is most definitely welcome. We will be scheduling this for some time in October at a location we will be giving verbally to folks who sign up. So join with us and call 814-456-9833 to get on board!

See you at the Bridges Dance on Sept 16th and at the Family Portrait.

AIDS

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Families

Lesbian Mom Jailed for Refusing Ex's Visiting Rights

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 1—A lesbian mother was jailed after she repeatedly ignored orders to allow her former partner to see the son that they had co-parented. After the women separated, the non-biological co-parent, Angie Icaza, sued for visiting rights. The biological mother, known as C.D. was ordered in February to allow Angie Icaza to visit the boy. When the couple was together, Icaza had assumed all of the status responsibilities of a parent, and she has told the court she is willing to pay child support.

Briefs

Ithaca, NY July 5—In a unanimous vote, the Common Council of Ithaca, New York has endorsed same-sex marriages. The vote was a in the form of a nonbinding resolution.

Brazil June 24—A poll here shows 60 percent of Brazilians favors legalizing same-sex marriages. Same-sex marriage legislation is pending in the Brazilian legislature.

Latvia August 12—Two lesbians exchanged vows in a highly-publicized marriage ceremony in the former Soviet republic of Latvia. The couple and gay activists in Latvia say they hope the wedding will raise consciousness about lesbians and gay men and will help to overturn the ban on same-sex marriage.

Vancouver, B.C. Aug. 9—A Canadian doctor has been fined (almost \$2,480 U.S. dollars) for refusing to provide artificial insemination to a lesbian couple.

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

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Local News

Local News—NW Pa

EGCN Artist Wins National Contest

Paula King, whose artwork is found in the pages of *EGCN* from time to time, has had her work accepted for use on a T-shirt included in the catalog of items sold to fans of acclaimed sci-fi/fantasy writer Piers Anthony. The chosen illustration features characters from Piers Anthony's novels: *MelaMerwoman*, *Jenny Elf*, and *Chex Centaur* (see illustration this page). The T-shirt comes in sage green and goes for \$15 + \$4 shipping. To order, and/or to receive a catalog, call 1-800-HI-PIERS.

Lambda Ball

Saturday, October 7, 1995 brings the 8th Annual Lambda Ball to downtown Pittsburgh.

The Lambda Foundation offers grants to LesBiGay and individuals and organizations in W. Pa., W. VA. and easternmost Ohio. The ball is a gala affair, with dinner, dancing, cocktails, entertainment, prizes, and presentations.

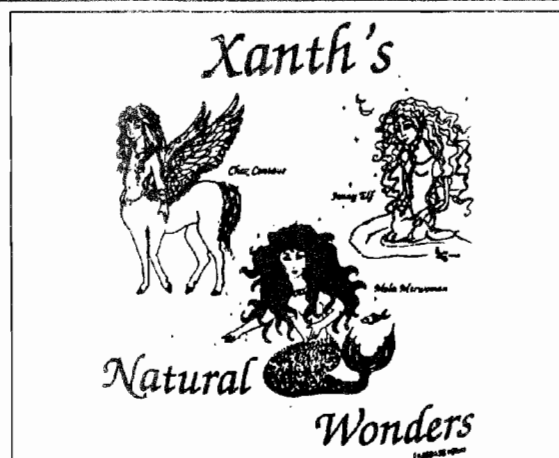
There will be three levels of dinner ticket prices. Benefactor table seating around dance floor are \$75 (sold in tables of 8-10 only). Main floor seating is \$50 per person. Balcony seating offers something for intimate dining and smaller parties; these tickets are available for \$55 per person.

Dinner - Evening begins at 5:00 p.m., with cash bar cocktail hour. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with a menu featuring Petit Filet Mignon dinner. Vegetarian and special diet options are available, but must be requested when making reservations. They cannot be made the night of the Ball.

Dance - Cocktail hour begins at 7:00 p.m. Dancing and awards ceremony begin at 8:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the band Applause! Dance tickets are available for those who want to attend for the dancing and other activities after dinner.

There will be a limited number of raffle rickets available at \$25.00. Proceeds benefit Borelli AIDS Fund. Guests wishing to stay at Westin William Penn Hotel will be offered a special room rate of \$99 plus tax. For this special rate, call (412)281-7700 before September 6.

In closing, one of the most often asked questions is, "What should I wear?" While there will be a majority of



"Women of Xanth": See story at left

attendees in formal wear, a suit or jacket are also to be seen with evening gowns of all types and tasteful costumes.

For reservations and other information call (412) 441-9786 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Local News—W NY

New Buffalo Lesbian/Gay Newspaper

A new monthly publication called *QNews* has started appearing regularly in Buffalo. To subscribe, send \$22 to *QNews*, c/o Community Network, 2316 Delaware Avenue - Suite 267, Buffalo NY 14216 (Attn: Treasurer).

QNews staffperson Connie Burns invites writers in our area to contribute their works.

D'Amato Condemns Powell's Military Gay Ban

In Senator Alfonse D'Amato's new book, he condemns General Colin Powell's support of the ban on gays in the military. He compares Powell's opposition to the same attitudes that were used when servicemen were segregated by race 50 years ago. D'Amato's book is called *Power, Pasta, and Politics: The World According to Senator Al D'Amato* (Hyperion).

National/World News

Wanted: Lesbians with Breast Cancer

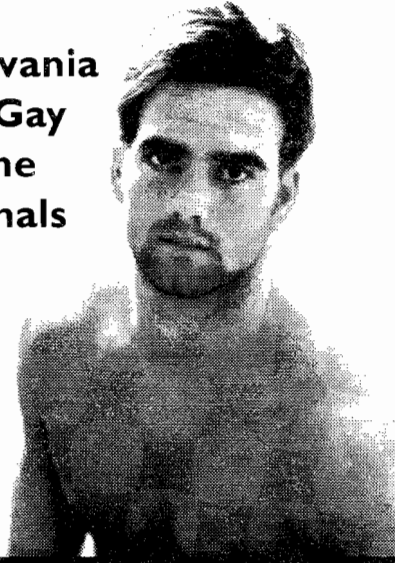
You are invited to participate in research that addresses YOUR special needs and concerns. You may be eligible to participate if you are a lesbian and if you have been diagnosed with breast cancer. To participate call toll-free 1-800-917-2698. Participants will be compensated.

This research on breast cancer in cultural and sexual minorities is conducted by the University of Miami, Department of Psychology, Coral Gables, Florida 33124, and is funded by the Office for Research on Women's Health and the National Cancer Institute.

Teachers' Group Supports Lesbian and Gay History Month

The 2.2 million-member National Education Association supports Lesbian and Gay History Month. The resolution was passed at the NEA's Representative Assembly this past July.

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Roe: Lesbian Who Helped Legalize Abortion Switches Sides

DALLAS, Aug. 10—Norma McCorvey, best known as "Jane Roe" of the Roe v. Wade legal battle that helped legalize abortion nationwide, has joined Operation Rescue. She has also been baptized by the fundamentalist minister who is the president of Operation Rescue. That organization is a conservative Christian organization that blocks entrances to abortion clinics. McCorvey's sudden conversion doesn't seem to involve rejecting her lesbianism, which she proudly proclaimed in her 1994 autobiography, *I Am Roe*.

Clinton Executive Order

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 4, 1995—President Clinton has issued an executive order barring discrimination based on sexual orientation in the issuance of government security clearances. The order marks the first time a Presidential order specifically bars discrimination based on sexual orientation, and marks an end to the long-standing assumption that gays can't be trusted with national secrets. "The President's action is an important step toward eradicating job discrimination based on sexual orientation," said Melinda Paras, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Unclear on the Concept: Coroner Rants Against Gay Men After Girl is Raped and Murdered

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 11—Rachel Carver, 9, was found dead on June 15. She had been beaten to death and repeatedly sodomized. Although there is no evidence whatsoever that Rachel was ever abused by a homosexual, Spokane County Coroner Dr. Dexter Amend blamed the sexual abuse and murder of Rachel on homosexuals. "She's been sodomized over and over and sodomy is a homosexual act," said Dr. Amend. "It's a crime that we don't expose the homosexual community, and it is not just a simple aberrant sexual activity. It is significant when it takes innocent minds like this Carver gal." Her uncle, has confessed to the killing, and court records show that Rachel's father, uncle and her mother's boyfriend are all suspected of molesting her in the past.

Amend's comments have outraged human rights activists in Spokane and nationwide, and have called into question the doctor's ability to perform his job as a medical official. The controversy has also stirred up scrutiny of the medical profession's homophobia and AIDSphobia.

According to a study published in July 1994 *Pediatrics*, children are at least 100 times more likely to be molested by a heterosexual than a homosexual adult.

(Info from National Gay and Lesbian Task Force)

Zimbabwe President: Gays, Lesbians "Worse Than Dogs and Pigs"

HARARE, Zimbabwe—At Zimbabwe's International Book Fair, whose theme was human rights, Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe angrily declared that gays don't have "any rights at all," and demanded that the gay rights stand be vacated. Internationally, Mugabe's stand was strongly denounced by gay activists, human rights organizations, book publishers, 70 U.S. congressmembers, authors of international stature, and others. The criticism only further inflamed Mugabe's anger, and he called gays and lesbians "worse than pigs and dogs," calling on Zimbabweans to arrest them and bring them to the police.

Male-on-Male Sexual Harassment Suit

MONTGOMERY, Ala. August 8—An alleged victim of male-on-male sexual harassment was awarded an undisclosed sum by a federal jury. It is possibly the first trial involving male-on-male sexual harassment in the workplace. Ford W. Prescott, 43, an employee at Independent Life and Accident Insurance Co., alleged that his boss, Tommy Lee Meeks repeatedly touched and fondled him, grabbed him in the crotch, and kissed him at a party. Meeks fired Prescott in 1993 for spreading rumors that Meeks was gay. Meeks was later fired for an unrelated reason.

Briefs

Finland: Finland has banned discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Michigan: The *Jenny Jones Show* was sued for \$25 million by the family of the gay man who was killed after he declared his crush on a straight man on a Jones show about secret crushes.

Media Watch

By Al Kielwasser

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation - San Francisco Chapter

Heeding Good Advice

Syndicated columnist Ann Landers has retracted the homophobic advice she offered to one of her gay readers. In a June 15 column, Landers had told a 52-year-old gay father that he should keep his lover home when attending his son's wedding. In her August 20th column, however, Landers now admits that her suggestion was "gutless." The advice guru credits an outpouring of "angry mail" for changing her position from wrong to right.

Landers begins her August 20th column by announcing: "I haven't had so much angry mail since I sided with the readers who insisted that the toilet paper should be hung so it goes behind the roll and falls close to the wall." "The issue that created the recent commotion," she explains, "is whether or not the gay father in Virginia should attend his son's wedding without Jason, his companion of 12 years." The father had informed Landers that "my son told me he did not want me to bring Jason to the wedding because some of his friends are not as understanding as he is, and he doesn't want to be embarrassed on his wedding day."

"My advice," Landers reminds her readers, "was to leave the decision up to Jason. I said, 'If he's a first-rate fellow, he will encourage you to attend his son's wedding without him.'" Since then, Landers reports, "The negative responses have been so heavy, my letter carrier has developed a hernia.

Landers candidly reprints several "samples of what I've been getting" and each letter bluntly challenges her bad advice: "You sure wimped out...", "Your advice stank...", "You really bombed..." She concludes: "So, dear readers, the people have spoken, and as usual, they are right." My advice to 'leave the decision to Jason' was gutless. I should have said, 'Tell your son if your life companion is not welcome, you won't be there. He needs educating, and this could be an important first step.'"

The significance of Landers' about-face is heightened by her status as one of the most historically-entrenched and widely-read columnists in the world. It is

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encouraging to know that such media figures are not immune to good advice...or the collective force of "so much angry mail."

*****ACTION:** Keep the mail coming! Send encouraging feedback to Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, IL 60611-0562.

Media Briefs

Coming Attractions. . . (1) *Variety* (August 20) reports that Buena Vista Television—one arm of Disney's massive media octopus—is developing a talk-show featuring gay singer and drag queen RuPaul. According to *Variety*, the Disney company "might decide to launch RuPaul" on its newly-acquired ABC network, following the popular news show *Nightline*. So far, however, Buena Vista is offering "no comment." Contact: Buena Vista Television, 500 South Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91521, tel. 818-560-1000. (2) The Tribune Wire Service (July 28) has reported that young gay actor Wilson

Cruz (formerly of *My So-Called Life*) may play a gay fashion student in Seventh Avenue, a possible NBC midseason series. Contact: NBC Entertainment, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank CA 91523, tel. 818-840-4444.

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To support on-going monitoring and response efforts, GLAAD asks individuals to forward copies of any correspondence they send to, or receive from the media.

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Many gay and lesbian people like Dan Butler thought acting straight was better than being open and honest. They hoped that others did not know, or that they feared friends and family would not accept them. After coming out, the love and support many receive tells them one thing -- that being themselves is the best act to follow.



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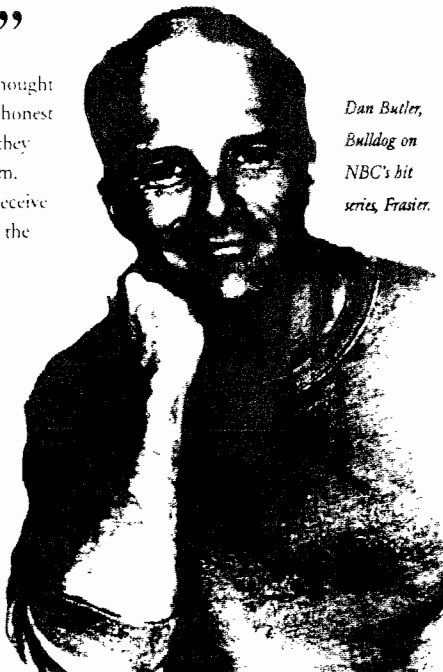
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Erie Sisters

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Call Ignatius at (814) 459-5442 or write: 533 East 10th Street, Erie PA 16503
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Identity (formerly Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO))

Student group for lesbian/gay & allies at Edinboro University. Weekly meetings during fall & spring semesters. Social activities (♫). Call John Wetsell at 1-398-8005 or Dr. Dave Herendeen at (814)732-2555. Email to John Wetsell j663104w@vax.edinboro.edu or write to Identity/EGO, c/o Dr. Herendeen, Edinboro University, Heather Hall, Edinboro, PA 16440

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Lambda Group AA

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Menspace

Meets once a month. Call (814) 835-6712 for info.

PFLAG

Support group for Parents & Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals & Transgendered. **Erie PA Chapter:** Meets last Wed. of month. Call Kathy Harris at (814) 838-6020 or Write to PFLAG-Erie c/o Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie, PA 16508. **DuBois PA Chapter:** Meets 7pm 2nd Tuesday of month. Call Jack & Karen Kressley at (814) 371-8962 or write to PFLAG-DuBois, 1191 Treasure Lake, DuBois PA 15801 **Jamestown NY Chapter:** Meets last Tuesday of the month, call for site. (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529. **Ashtabula OH Chapter:** (216)964-3350

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Rainbow Connection (Warren, PA area)

Support group for Warren, PA and surrounding area. Meets once a month. Call for meeting info. Fred or Marshall at (814) 726-1808.

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Support group for gay & lesbian parents in Chautauqua County & neighboring counties and a play group for their kids. Call Judy at (716)679-0380 or Patrick at 881-1878. Write to: 9856 Porter Road; Fredonia NY 14063

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A support group for students at SUNY Fredonia. (716)673-3424

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Open to people of all faiths. Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tues 7:30-9:30 pm at Catholic Charities, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. Fax to (814)825-1075. For more info, call Cheryl Weber at 452-6113 or 825-1075 ☎

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Support group for Behrend students, faculty, alumni. For more info, call Sue Daley (814)898-6164. or write: College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Road, Erie, PA 16563.

Venango-Forest AIDS Support

Meets Tues 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 Sat. at 7:30 pm. at Unitarian Universalist Congreg 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
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- ☛ HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cathedral of St.
Paul (Episcopal) 452-3779
- ☛ NW. 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, Thurs-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. Country Line Dancing on Tuesday nights. **Lizzie Bordon's Part II**, 3412 West 12th. Open Mon-Sat., patio open Mon.-Tues.-Thurs.. Bowling on Tuesday 9 pm till ? 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
Chautauqua GLB Comm Svcs 716-484-8434 or 679-3560

Counseling:

Deb Monohon 838-0123
Chautauqua Co. Gay Infoline (716)679-3560
Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. . (716)488-1971
Great Lakes Counseling-Ashtabula. (216)992-5995
Lake Erie Counseling Associates 455-4009
Family Medical (Warren PA) 726-3310
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

Financial Advice:

Justine R Raker .. (814)454-5856 or (216)593-6431

Funding and Fundraising:

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

Health:

PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833

Legal:

David Baxter, Esq. 774-4163
Solymosi Law Offices, PC 452-4473
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 459-5442
Unitarian Universalist Congreg. of Erie .. 864-9300

Social Organizations:

Menspace 835-6712
10% Network (716)484-7285 or 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 *Mail to PO Box 10274, Erie PA*
Covenant House Teen Hotline 1-800-999-9999
Gay & Lesbian Youth of Buffalo (716)855-0221
Identity (formerly EGO) 398-8005 or 732-2555
Jamestown Comm. College Grp (716)665-5220 ext 204 or 664-9174
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

Rainbow Families Judy at (716)672-6682 or Patrick at (716)881-1878
EAGLES (Gay/Lesbian Elders) (716)882-2959
Erie Sisters ... 2115 W. 8th # 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-DuBois PA Karen or John at 371-8962
PFLAG-Erie Kathy at 838-6020
PFLAG-Jamestown ... (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
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 noted.

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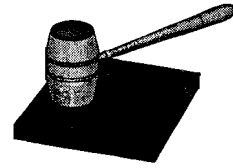
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