



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/gay 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 egcn@aol.com or from CompuServe, 70431,1622 or fax to (814) 452-1392

☛ **Oct 3-4—Chevrei Tikhva: Yom Kippur Events (Cleveland)** Meals, study, services. Info: (216)932-5551.

☛ **Oct 4—Poetry Reading by Sonya Jones (Meadville)** Free. 8pm at Ford Chapel at Allegheny College. Part of Single Voice Reading Series. She will be reading from her new collection of poems, "Small Claims, Large Encounters". The collection is the first of a series reflecting her personal experience in India and her involvement with an Indian tradition of meditation.

☛ **Oct 4—R.E.M. Rough Cut** Channel. 17 10 p.m.

☛ **Oct 5—And Then There Was One (1993)** AIDS drama on Lifetime 2p.m.

☛ **Oct 6—P.O.V. "Carmen Miranda: Bananas is my Business"** 10 p.m. WQLN (PBS-Erie). Profiles the so-called "Brazilian Bombshell" immortalized with the fruit salad hat; Miranda was wildly popular with gay men and remains a favorite among drag performers.

☛ **Oct 6—Madonna: Truth or Dare** HBO 3:35 a.m.

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

☛ **Oct 6-15—Pittsburgh International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival (Pittsburgh)** Rex Theater, the Pittsburgh Playhouse, and the Andy Warhol Museum. For complete schedule pick up a copy of Pittsburgh's *Out*.

☛ **Oct 7—Laura at Cup-a-Ccino's** 18 N. Park Row 9 p.m.-midnite.

☛ **Oct 7—Race for Research** 8:30 a.m. The Hamot Women's Health Connection is holding a 5K race to raise funds for breast cancer research. For info call 877-6145.

☛ **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.





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Get in the Picture!

October 28th!

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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 lesbigay 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.

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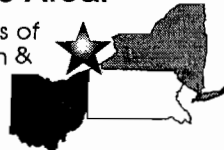
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Places to get EGCN...

Ashtabula

Leeward Lounge, 1022 Bridge St.

Clarion

NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance, Clarion Univ

Erie

Barnes & Noble, 5909 Peach Street

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

The Embers, 1711 State Street

Lizzie Bordon's, 3412 W. 12th

NW. PA Rural AIDS Alliance, Baldwin Bldg.

Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie,

7180 New Perry Hiway

Well Being, 710 Beaumont

Edinboro

Book Shelf, 200 Plum

Earthshine, 131 Meadville Street

Identity (formerly EGO) meetings

Poppa Ropp's Home Video, Edinboro Mall (ask at desk)

Jamestown NY & Warren PA

AIDS Community Services, Tue Mansion

Nite Spot, 201 Winsor, Jamestown

Rainbow Connection, Warren 726-1808

Sneakers, 100 Harrison, Jamestown

Meadville PA

Allegheny College Bookstore

CSGLBP Meetings

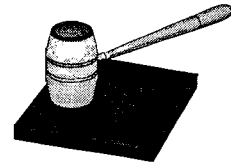
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PFLAG Meetings, Human Services Center

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Good Times at Lizzy Bordon's!

Friday, Oct 13

**AIDS Benefit
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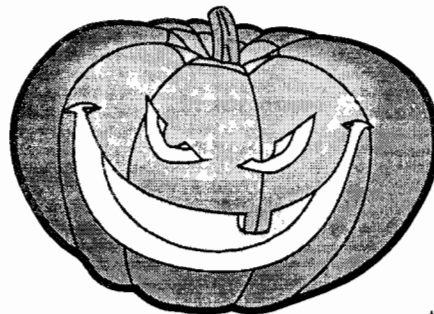


**\$2 Donation at the Door
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Also, Jail-a-thon & raffles!

**Performers include Rozz, Jackee, LeWanda,
Chrissy, Traci & the Country Line Dancers!**

Have a great time and help out a worthy cause!



Saturday, Oct 28

HALLOWEEN PARTY

**JOIN LIZZIE'S SKELETON CREW
FOR A NIGHT OF HELL RAISING FUN!**

**\$1 Admission
10 pm to 3 am
Costume Judging at 12:30
DJ & Fun!**

Lizzy Bordon's Part II, 3412 W 12th St, Erie PA

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 Spoilright/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 was an article with details in September's Local News section.

Oct 7—AIDS: Safe in the Suburbs 2:30 p.m. WQLN (PBS-Erie).

Oct 8—Identity's NCOD Kick-Off Party 4-8pm in Edinboro. For details, see our Coming Out Day Events section in this issue.

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

Oct 8—Elton John in Concert (Cleveland) Gund Arena (216)420-2200.

Oct 9—Fresas Y Chocolates (Strawberry and Chocolate) (Meadville PA) Shafer Auditorium at Allegheny College, 7pm. Cuban comedy about the friendship between a gay man and a straight man. Part of Latino Heritage Month. Leading the discussion will be guest speaker Arnaldo Cruze Malave, associate professor of modern language at Fordham University. Cosponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People.

Oct 9-13—Our Home As part of National Breast Cancer week, this Lifetime program will address breast cancer issues all week. It airs at 10 a.m.

Oct 10—HIV/AIDS Support Group At St. Mark's. Newcomers welcome. Info: Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 452-6113

Oct 11—Quilt Panel-Making Workshop St. Paul's Cathedral, 145 W. 6th. Begins meeting and will tentatively be held every 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month. For details see article in HIV/AIDS section.

Oct 11—Lecture: "What A Tangled Web: Masculinity and Abjection in Puerto Rican Literature" Ford Chapel at Allegheny College, 7pm. Part of Latino Heritage Month. Leading the discussion will be guest speaker Arnaldo Cruze Malave, associate professor of modern language at Fordham University.

Oct 11—Panel Discussion: "Was Plato Really Gay" (Meadville) Noon At Campus Center Walker Room at Allegheny College. Part of National Coming Out Day. For more info, see Coming Out Day Events section.

Oct 11—Coming Out Workshop by Paul Wesselman (Edinboro) Free. 8 pm at Edinboro University, Hendricks Hall rm 102. Party of Identity's NCOD events. See our special Coming Out Day Events section for more info.

Oct 11—National Coming Out Day party at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula) 1022 Bridge.

Oct 11—Out There in Hollywood 10 p.m. on Comedy central. Lesbian and gay-stand-up comedy. For details on this and other Coming Out Day shows see Coming Out Day Events section.

Oct 12—Speakers: "Gay and Christian: An Accepting Approach" (Jamestown) Talk sponsored by the Jamestown Community College Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Support Group. Teleconference theatre on 1st floor of Library Building at 12:30 pm. Speakers will include Frances Taft, Rev. Margaret Monroe-Cassell. For information on the lesbigay support group call Greg Rabb at (716) 665-5220 ext. 204. For more information on an accepting Christian approach to being gay contact Rev. Monroe-Cassell at (716)487-2881 or write her at P.O. Box 27, Jamestown NY 14702-0020.

Oct 13—Ladies on the Couch (Edinboro) Sketches, satire, guitars. Any student \$5, all others \$6. 8 pm at Edinboro University, Doucette Hall rm 119. Part of



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Identity's NCOD events. See Coming Out Day Events for more info.

☛ **Oct 13—Lizzy Bordon's AIDS Benefit** Show at 11pm, Jail-a-thon, raffles, entertainment. \$2 donation at the door benefits NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance. Performers include Rozz, Jackee, LeWanda, Chrissy, Traci and the Country Line Dancers! Bar opens at 8pm. *See ad this issue!* 3412 W 12th Street.

☛ **Oct 14—Talk It Over: Violence Against Women** Lifetime 11 a.m. in conjunction with YWCA's Week Without Violence.

☛ **Oct 14—"Name That Tune" Contest at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** '50s-'70s tunes, maybe some '80s stuff. 1022 Bridge.

☛ **Oct 15—Fallen Angels: The Professional Man** Showtime 10 p.m. Three gay characters.

☛ **Oct 16-20—Biggers & Summers** In observation of National Breast Cancer Awareness month, breast cancer issues will be addressed all week. On Lifetime at 11 a.m.

☛ **Oct 18—HIV/AIDS Service Network** 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 E. 6th.

☛ **Oct 19—Command Performance: Ellen Degeneres** 8:30 p.m. Comedy Central.

☛ **Oct 19—Natalie Merchant in Concert (Buffalo)** Shea's Theater. Tickets at Ticketmaster.

☛ **Oct 20—Tattoo Me More 4 (Buffalo)** Hallwalls' 4th annual extravaganza of tattoos, piercing and body art. 2495 Main Street, Ste. 425(716)++++

☛ **Oct 20—Pansy Division in Concert (Pittsburgh)** Out gay punk group at the Continental, 212 Franklin.. Also two other bands. Benefits *QNews*, Buffalo's new l/g/b publication. \$8. Show starts at 11 p.m.. doors open at 9 p.m. Info (716)842-1292.

☛ **Oct 20—Lou Grant: Cop** A&E 5 p.m. A fatal fire in a gay bar brings up a tough issue for Lou.

☛ **Oct 20—Joan Rivers: Abroad in London** Lifetime 1:30 a.m. With Dame Edna.

☛ **Oct 20-28—3rd Annual Rochester Lesbian & Gay Film Festival** (716)461-2540.

☛ **Oct 21—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 Larry at 835-6712.

☛ **Oct 21—10% Network Meets (Jamestown)** For more info call John at (716)484-7285.

☛ **Oct 21—Women's Sports Foundation Awards** TNT 10 p.m.

☛ **Oct 21—Bad Obsession Dancers at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** Exotic dancers, one male, one female. 1022 Bridge.

☛ **Oct 21—Masquerade Ball: SHADES & Imperial Court of Buffalo (Buffalo)** At Hamlin House. (716)882-8612.

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

☛ **Oct 25—PFLAG-Erie Meets** At Unitarian Universalist. Call Kathy 838-6020 for info.

☛ **Oct 25—Great Performances: Julie Andrews Back on Broadway** WQLN (PBS-Erie) and WNET (PBS-Buffalo Ch. 17) Framed by her return to Broadway in the stage version of *Victor/Victoria*, Julie Andrews presents songs from her numerous Hollywood/Broadway performances.

☛ **Oct 25—Victor, Victoria (1982)** 10 p.m. WQLN (PBS-Erie). Comedy. Julie Andrews stars as a singer down on her luck who passes as a man doing drag in the Paris cabaret scene of the 1930s, and the fun begins.

☛ **Oct 28—Daylight Savings Begins:** Extra hour of zzzzzzz!

☛ **Oct 28—Family Portrait for Bicentennial/Time Capsule Issue** The December issue of EGCN is going into the time capsule that the Erie Bicentennial Commission is burying. Join us on the steps of the Erie County Courthouse, 140 W 6th St at 3:30pm to be included in the group photo that will be the December issue's center. All lesbian/gay people and straight friends and family are welcomed. This is making history, folks! Don't miss out! Call Michael at 814-456-9833 for more info.

☛ **Oct 28—2 girls alone! at Cup-a-Ccino's** 9 p.m.-midnight 18 N. Park Row.

☛ **Oct 28—Lizzy Bordon's Part II Halloween Party** Runs 10 pm - 3 am (daylight savings ends Sunday at 2am.) DJ & fun! Admission is \$1. Costume judging. 12:30 am EDT. *See our ad page 4!* 3412 W 12th Street.

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☛ **Oct 28—Leeward Lounge Halloween Party (Ashtabula)** Costume contest. 1022 Bridge.

☛ **Oct 28—Sneakers Halloween Party (Jamestown)** Costume contest—Best Dressed, Best Drag, Best Pumpkin Carving. Judging at midnight. 100 Harrison.

☛ **Oct 28—Rainbow Social Club Halloween Dance & Costume party (Pittsburgh)** Cosponsored with GLAD and Fifty+. DJ Dance, Costume contest, food, prizes. 8-11 p.m. Info Laura at (412) 241-4121.

☛ **Oct 28 & 29—People of All Colors Together/Youngstown: Halloween Events (Youngstown)** Oct. 28 Halloween party at The Crazy Duck. Oct 29 Horror movie night, with hors d'oeuvres and masks. (216) 788-5693

☛ **Oct 28—Michael Feinstein: Sing a Song of Hollywood** AMC 2:30 p.m. Out crooner Michael Feinstein renders favorite Hollywood tunes.

☛ **Oct 29—She-Devil (1989)** Roseanne.

☛ **Oct 30—Ferron in Concert (Pittsburgh)** Regent Theater. (412) 363-8576.

Oct 30-Nov 3—AIDS Awareness Week in Edinboro University Details Speakers, films, demonstration, vigil. All activities except vigil held at University Center (a.k.a. "Student Union Building"). For details see full schedule in our HIV/AIDS section. For more info call Jan Kinch at 734-7670.

☛ **Oct 30—Strawberry and Chocolate (1993)** Penn State Behrend Reed Lecture Hall. Cuban comedy about the friendship between a gay man and a straight man. Nominated for an Academy award (Best Foreign Picture). Part of Hispanic heritage series.

☛ **Nov 3—Suzanne Westenhoeffer Performs (Cleveland)** Ticket info (216)371-9714

☛ **Nov 4—Laura at Cup-a-Ccino's** 18 N. Park Row 9 p.m.-midnite.

☛ **Nov 4—Womynspace Coffeehouse: 2 girls alone!** Don't forget November Coffeehouse. Come, relax, bring new friends, and enjoy the music of 2 girls alone! Music starts at 8 pm. For info, call Sal at 454-2713.

☛ **Nov 8 (Tentative)—Trigon Event (Penn State Behrend)** This was being firmed up as we went to press, so get next month's newsletter (early!) or call Al & Ginny at 825-8211 for more info.

Nov 10-12—Annual Integrity Retreat "Tapestry of Faith" Info (814)774-0903.

☛ **Nov 11—LGLV Mexican Dinner** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie. This year's dinner will again feature live entertainment, at the low cost of \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. Details will be published in next month's EGCN. Proceeds benefit the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters and its projects. Info 833-3258.

☛ **Nov 11—Wine & Cheese Party at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** Bar will serve wine from local wineries, you will provide your favorite cheese. 1022 Bridge.

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

Nov 12—Media Mayhem: A Murder Mystery Dinner Event + 2 girls alone! 7 p.m. Entertainment, music, buffet, BYOB. Benefits Friends from the Heart. 7:00 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7180 New Perry Hiway. \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. Tickets or information from Becky Palmer (814)838-1547, la bella

You're invited to be in our Time Capsule "Family" Portrait!

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Nov 17—"It's a Scream": CC Rae at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula) Nationally known performer does comedy drag. 1022 Bridge.

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

Dec 1—World AIDS DAY IF YOU ARE ORGANIZING SOMETHING PLEASE TELL US ABOUT IT BY NO LATER THAN OCT. 20!!!

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 10/8-9. Info from Creating Change 1995, NGLTF Policy Institute, 2320 17th Street NW, Washington DC 20009 (send SASE) or call (202)332-6483

Speak to the Future!

The Bicentennial Time Capsule will be buried on First Night Erie (New Year's Eve) and in it will be a copy of the Erie Gay Community News. You are invited to include a Bicentennial Time Capsule message. Contact EGCN for size and price information. But get it to us soon, because the cut-off date is November 1, 1995.

Also check out info about the group photo that we'll be including in that issue, (page 5).

Repeating Programs

The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994) Showtime 10/16, 10/24 Transgender comedy.

Aileen Wuornos: The Selling of a Serial Killer (1992) Cinemax 10/11, 10/22. Documentary about the hype surrounding the lesbian serial killer.

Anne Rice: Birth of the Vampire Lifetime 10/29, 10/31.

Boys On the Side (1995) Pay Per View Oct. 8-11

Citizen Cohn (1992) HBO 10/8, 10/25. Biopic based on the life and career of Roy Cohn, a gay man who was a notorious crusader against gays and communist and died of AIDS. Roy Cohn is also depicted in *Angels in America*.

The Dresser (1983) Sensitive drama with Albert Finney. Encore 10/5, 10/6, 10/14, 10/15, 10/24, 10/25, 10/29, 10/30

First You Cry (1978) Mary Tyler Moore. In observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness month, Lifetime is running this movie based on the real account of newscaster Betty Rollin who survived breast cancer. Lifetime 10/18 9 p.m. and 10/22 noon.

The Heidi Chronicles (1995) A baby-boomer's life from the mid-1960s to recent times. Feminist and gay male issues are both explored in the story. Her best friend is a gay man, whose character is well-developed in the story. TNT 10/15, 10/18, 10/21, 10/22, 10/24, 10/26.

Hollywood Fashion Machine AMC 10/9, 10/22. How film and fashion influence American culture, and how lesbian and gay fashions influence Hollywood style.

Indigo Girls in London Disney 10/15 9pm, 10/27 10:30 p.m., 5:05 a.m.

Intimate Portrait: Witches Explores the dark and violent history of women persecuted as witches and introduces several modern women who defy social stigma by proudly identifying themselves as witches. On Lifetime 10/22-10pm, 10/27-8pm, 10/29-10am, 10/31-11pm

The Killing of Sister George (1968) Encore 10/5, 10/10, 10/13, 10/23. When this was released it was given an X-rating and banned in some cities, even though there's nothing that would be considered lewd in it these days. The reaction to the lead lesbian character (Beryl Reid) among lesbians varied, with some thinking her obnoxious and "stereotypical", others thinking of her as joyfully defiant. Some scenes were filmed in London lesbian bars.

Orlando (1992) Showtime 10/4 10/10 10/16.

Out There in Hollywood Comedy Central's Coming Out Day gay/lesbian comedy program. It will be on 10/11 at 10 p.m., 10/13 at 2a.m., 10/14 at 8pm, 10/15 at 7 p.m., 10/19 at 9p.m.

Threesome (1994) Showtime 10/16, 10/26.

Women's College Soccer KBL 10/8 1pm & 10/25 3pm

Lesbians and Breast Cancer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Many studies have found that there is a somewhat higher incidence of breast cancer among lesbians. One study conducted by the Lesbian Health Project of Los Angeles contradicts that finding and finds no discernible difference.

In the meantime, breast cancer remains a real concern for all women, and wise women will stay informed of new findings and the standard precautions.

Diet

Study after study, a diet high in fat seems to raise the risk of certain cancers, including breast cancer. Women who live in countries where the traditional diet is low in fat tend to have lower incidence of breast cancer. Other dietary changes involve lowering your intake of red meat, eating five servings daily of fruits and vegetables, and taking antioxidants like Vitamins A, C, E and selenium.

Location

The environmental organization Greenpeace recently released findings that women living along the Great Lakes seem to be at somewhat higher risk of developing breast cancer. They suggested that it might be due to the number of nuclear power plants and industrial facilities in the Great Lakes region.

Exercise

Studies are beginning to show that exercise and physical activity seem to reduce women's chances of developing breast cancer, as well as other diseases, such as osteoporosis.

Lesbian Breast Health Video

Girls in the Nose have created the video *Breast Exam*, which includes a live version of the title song. It includes interviews with 25 lesbians about breast health and beauty. It runs 17 minutes and the price is \$14.95. You can order it from Lambda Rising 1-800-621-6969.

Guide for Preventing Breast Cancer

How to Prevent Breast Cancer, by Ross Pelton R.Ph., Ph.D., C.C.N., Taffy Clarke Pelton, M.A., Vinton C. Vint, M.D. (Fireside, \$13.00)

Much of the advice women hear about breast cancer is to check for lumps, get mammograms, and get physical exams. The emphasis is on what to do when you have already developed cancer, and not on what can be done to prevent it.

The authors of *How to Prevent Breast Cancer* have provided a guide for the woman who wants to know what she can do in her life to reduce the risk of ever getting this disease. They point out that the incidence of breast cancer in this country has been dramatically rising. If the incidence is rising, then something is causing the rise, and if something is causing the rise, then something can be done to prevent it.

The authors spend a lot of time discussing problems with the standard American diet. A major culprit is high fat intake, and fat encourages hormonal activity in the body, increasing the activity of estrogen, which makes the body friendlier to cancer cells. They recommend that women try to bring their fat intake down to 20 percent of calories.

Other dietary changes include increasing dietary fiber, eating more fruits and vegetables, using more soy bean products and cruciferous vegetables (i.e., cabbage family) because they are particularly beneficial, and avoiding red meat.

Other preventative activities are discussed and explained: exercise, stress management, nonsexual breast massage, nutritional supplements, breast-feeding and mind/body health. Other possible risks are also discussed, like pesticides, occupational hazards, electromagnetic fields, hormone replacement therapy, smoking and alcohol. Various procedures and treatments are also discussed at length.

How to Prevent Breast Cancer is an empowering, upbeat approach to a subject that terrifies most women. Whether or not lesbians are at higher risk of breast cancer, any woman—of any age—will benefit from the information contained in its pages.

Coming Out Day Events

Ashtabula

October 11—National Coming Out Day Party at Leeward Lounge 1022 Bridge Street.

Comedy Central

Comedy Central will again devote the evening of Coming Out Day to programming that's lesbian or that's appealing to our sensibilities. It goes like this

Kids in the Hall: Chalet 2000 7:30 p.m. Coming Out Day special episode with Scott Thompson's fey bartender, Buddy Cole.

Hairspray (1988) 8 p.m. on Comedy Central. Campy John Waters comedy set in the early 1960s. Ricki Lake plays the teenager who wants to be on a popular dance show. Deals with the squeamishness that that era's whites felt toward racial mixing, an attitude paralleled by our own era's homophobes.

Out There in Hollywood 10 p.m. Lesbian and gay stand-up comedy, taped during Pride Celebrations this year Hosted by Scott Thompson (*Kids in the Hall*, *Larry*

Sanders Show). Performers include Lea DeLaria, Jason Stuart, Shelly Mars, Michael Rasky, and others. Viewers who have questions about coming out will be able to call a toll-free number displayed at the end of the show. The line will be operated by staffers of the National Coming Out Day Organization in Washington, D.C. The program will be repeated during the month: 10/13 at 2a.m., 10/14 at 8pm, 10/15 at 7 p.m., 10/19 at 9p.m.

Edinboro/Identity

Identity Celebrates Coming Out Day (Edinboro): For more info call Christie Hudson (814)732-3779.

Sun. Oct 8—National Coming Out Day Kick-Off Party
TENTATIVE info:
4 P.M. - 8 P.M. at Tamara Brown's house. Address is 106 Gibson Lane Apt A. (if it's raining look for signs of alternative location). Come and socialize, eat and have a good time. As last year a \$1 donation is asked but will be waived if you are wearing OUT or ALLY positive attire. Directly following the Kick off party we will have a **Candlelight Vigil** around the campus.

Wednesday October 11—Workshop/Presentation: Paul Wesselman 8 P.M. Hendricks Hall rm 102 (FREE). Paul Wesselmann is giving a 90 minute workshop/presentation that addresses some of the common limitations that we place on ourselves as a result of the oppression we face from society, as well as how to challenge and free ourselves from these limitations. This is a fast-paced, high-energy experience that includes information, personal stories, comedy, small-group discussions, and music. The general version of this program has been presented at 30 institutions to over 3,000 participants, and at many student and professional conferences.

Friday October 13—Ladies On the Couch At 8:00 P.M. Doucette Hall rm 119. Price: With any valid student id card \$5. All others are \$6. If the seats are filled up then we are offering standing room at \$2. Ladies on the Couch is one of the few two-women shows dealing with homosexuality currently running ANYWHERE. Using comical sketches, a couple of guitars and a couch, they open up the audience to hear their biting message. With their satirical strength, they explore issues such as discrimination, family confrontation, and romantic relationships between same-sex couples.



OCTOBER 11

Jamestown

Speakers: "Gay and Christian: An Accepting Approach"

In celebration of National Coming Out week, the Jamestown Community College Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Support Group is sponsoring a talk on Thursday October 12 in the Teleconference Theatre on the first floor of the Library Building at 12:30 p.m. The talk is entitled: "Gay and Christian: An Accepting Approach." Speakers will include:

Frances Taft, retired English teacher and member of The Judson Fellowship: An American Baptist Church of Jamestown.

Rev. Margaret Monroe-Cassell, Pastor of The Judson Fellowship, and ordained minister and graduate of Syracuse University and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

The talk is free and open to the public. For more information on the lesbigay support group call Greg Rabb at (716) 665-5220 ext. 204. For more information on an accepting Christian approach to being gay contact Rev. Monroe-Cassell at (716)487-2881 or write her at P.O. Box 27, Jamestown NY 14702-0020.

Meadville/Allegheny College

Monday October 9—Fresas Y Chocolates (Strawberry and Chocolate) Shafer Auditorium at Allegheny College, 7pm. Cuban comedy about the friendship between a gay man and a straight man. Nominated for an Academy award (Best Foreign Picture). Part of Latino Heritage Month. Leading the discussion will be guest speaker Arnaldo Cruze Malave, associate professor of modern language at Fordham University. Cosponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People.

Wed. Oct 11 "Was Plato Really Gay?" Panel discussion, Noon, Campus Center Walker Room, Allegheny College. A limited number of brown bag lunches will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Panel made up of Allegheny faculty and students, including:

Linda Baughman, assistant professor (communication arts); *Bill Bywater*, professor (philosophy/psychotherapy); *Craig Champion*, assistant professor (classics); *John Golden*, assistant professor (economics/gay history); *Ryan Tebo*, junior, philosophy major and president of the Philosophy Forum; *Aimee Reash*, senior, first student with a concentration in gay and lesbian studies. Panel moderator: *Sonya Jones*, assistant professor of English. Sponsored by the Commit-

tee in Support of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual People. "Was Plato Really Gay?" If you are willing to risk a simple yes or no answer, you most likely know something experts in the field of sexuality studies don't. This year, on National Coming Out Day, Oct. 11, a panel of Allegheny faculty and students will attempt to shed some light on this vexing question. In so doing, they hope to raise some complicated questions about the nature of sexual identity when considered within the context of culture and history. "We've held successful conversations about gay and lesbian issues on National Coming Out Day for two years running," said Jones, "and this year, we wanted to deepen the intellectual dimensions of the matter. That's only fitting now that we have an interdisciplinary concentration in gay and lesbian studies."

For more information, contact: Sonya Jones at (814) 332-4339 or email to sjones@alleg.edu

Books and Resources...

EGCN has compiled a list of books and other resources for coming out. To receive one, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to EGCN, P.O. Box 3063, Erie PA 16508 (those who are not 100% out of the closet will be happy to know that we only mail in discreet envelopes).

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Fall TV Season

Les/Bi/Gay characters in TV-land still tend to be sidekicks or "recurring characters," but this season shows things are definitely progressing.

Sunday

The Simpsons 9 p.m. on Fox. Gay toady Smithers will continue to kiss Mr. Burns' evil hiney, and it's not a pretty sight.

Monday

Melrose Place 8 p.m. on Fox. Doug Savant returns as wholesome and gay Matt Fielding. Entertainment Weekly says he'll finally get a long-term relationship this season. But a kiss? We shall see.

Tuesday

Roseanne 8 p.m. on ABC. Leon (Martin Mull) and Nancy (Sandra Bernhard) will return (by the way, this is the final season). Leon will marry a man he jilted long ago.

Frasier 9 p.m. on NBC. Dan Butler will return as recurring character "Bulldog," gay writer Joe Keenan will continue to write for the show.

The Pursuit of Happiness 9:30 p.m. on NBC. NEW. The folks who brought you Frasier and Cheers are putting this sitcom together, which features Brad Garrett as a shifty gay attorney who's built like a football player.

NYPD Blue 10 p.m. on ABC. Bill Brochtup returns as John Irvin, a recurring gay character. One of the reasons the producers decided to keep Brochtup's character (aside from the fact that creator Steven Bochco is good about putting gay characters into his programs) is that so many viewers wrote in to say they liked him. So in case you wonder if those cards and letters really accomplish anything...



Wednesday

Ellen 8 p.m. on ABC. Ellen Degeneres returns for another season of not being out but remaining true to lesbian sensibilities.

Party of Five 9 p.m. on Fox. Jamestown native Mitchell Anderson plays a gay teacher who adopted a little girl last season.

Courthouse 10 p.m. on CBS. NEW. Features a relationship between two African-American women, who are co-parenting a daughter.

The Larry Sanders Show 10:30 p.m. Scott Thompson plays a gay assistant.

OUT: Northern Exposure A bouquet of dead roses to the morons at CBS who killed this gentle program, which had a gay male couple, and a town that was founded by two lesbians.

Thursday

Friends 8 p.m. on NBC. Ross' baby will be featured in some episodes, as will his attempts to co-parent with his ex-wife Carol and her female life partner.

Crew 8:30 p.m. on Fox. NEW. A sitcom about flight attendants, with a gay character named Paul.

Comedy Central: Repeating Shows

Kids in the Hall (Sat. 4:30 p.m., M-W-Th 7:30 p.m., weeknights 11:30 p.m.)

Drop the Dead Donkey Sun 11:30 pm & Mon 8:30

Absolutely Fabulous Sat. 4pm, Sun. 11pm, Mon. 8pm.

Who knows????

Freestyles Amanda Bearse will be hosting this program that focuses on lesbian, gay and bisexual lifestyles on VH-1. Unfortunately, during our attempts to get through to anyone at that network we were repeatedly sent into Voice Mail Hell, even when we begged to speak with a real person. If anyone finds out the time for this program, please tell us so we can pass it along!

Mid-Season Series

The creator of *Too Wong Foo, Thanks for Every Julie Newmar* is working on a sitcom with Werner Carsey (*Grace Under Fire*, *Roseanne*) centering around a gay man and a straight woman.

LGLV news

By Greg Valiga

Violence Survey

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters is conducting a study of violence and discrimination and its impact on our lives here in Northwestern PA. Not counting previous statewide studies sponsored by the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force (of which Erie was poorly represented), it is the first survey that focuses on the eight county region covered by the Erie Chapter.

The questionnaires for the study are divided into three parts—personal (anonymous) information, discrimination, and violence. The survey provides space for the participant to give details of any personal experience with violence relating to their sexual orientation.

League volunteers have been seeking participants since June. In July, surveys were sent to all of the area groups and organizations. Last month, the questionnaires were inserted in *EGCN*. In the coming weeks, we will focus on League members. Sexual minorities of any gender can participate, regardless of your experience with violence or discrimination—and *we strongly urge you to do so*.

This study is very important for our community. The League predicts it will show the overwhelming majority of individuals in our area have been the victim of violence. The completed study will be widely distributed to the media in our region, and the data will be presented to our elected officials to support our call for legislative protection. Regardless of the results, we feel any amount of violence and discrimination is unacceptable.

LGLV Mexican Dinner

The League will hold a Mexican Dinner at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie on Saturday, November 11th. This year's dinner will again feature live entertainment, at the low cost of \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. Details will be published in next month's *EGCN*. Proceeds benefit the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters and its projects.

Out-of-town bus trips

Our first bus trip on September 17th was an unexpected success; 20 people traveled with the League to view the movie *Jeffrey* playing at the Cedar Lee Theatre in Cleveland. We hope to make the trips a monthly, affordable event to promote community and allow individuals an opportunity to experience lesbigay life and culture in larger metro areas.

LGLV is planning another bus trip for October. Details have not yet been worked out, but the trip will be similar to our first—a movie, a bite to eat, and perhaps some shopping. Considering the nature of events and entertainment (the length of a movie's stay is determined by its popularity), it is difficult to provide information more than a few weeks in advance. The League will do its best to publish our trips in the pages of this newsletter when we have the itinerary set.

The trips are meant to be fund-raisers, with an eye toward low-cost entertainment. Pricing for the first trip was \$5 for adults, and \$1 for students. The price only included the actual trip, and each individual is responsible for any additional (movie, food and drinks, and shopping) costs. Our tickets to see "Jeffrey" were \$4 each with our group discount. Some college students actually spent less than \$10 for the entire trip, including a bite to eat.

Our best advice is to watch for signs at the bars and lesbigay-friendly establishments, or better yet, call 835-6712 or 833-3258 to be added to the bus trip phone list. We will call you when an event is fully planned. Join us for a relaxing, inexpensive day out of town!

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LGLV

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Upcoming LGLV meetings

League meetings are usually held the first Sunday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend; contact us for more information. Remember--the last day to register to vote is October 10th, and the last day to apply for an absentee ballot is October 31st. The General Election edition of the Voters' Guide should be available the last week of October. Call 833-3258 for the time and location of our meetings, to register to vote (any NW PA county) or apply for an absentee ballot (Erie County only), for a copy of the Voters' Guide, to help with our study, or to volunteer for a project.

Christian Coalition Rates Area Legislators Highly

The anti-lesbigay Christian Coalition has awarded Representatives Phil English (PA-21), William Clinger (PA-5), and Senator Rick Santorum its highest ranking,

100%, for their unflinching dedication to Coalition-supported legislation.

The Coalition's 1995 "Congressional Scorecard" tracks the voting records of every legislator on issues "identified by the Christian Coalition as having an important impact on our families and our nation". Those issues mostly included "Contract with America" items in addition to legislation dealing with lesbigay equality (such as lifting the ban on lesbigays in the military), which the Coalition virulently opposes.

Neither English nor Santorum were in office for the gay-related votes. However, English accepted campaign contributions from both the Christian Coalition and the Eagle Forum, but denied knowledge of the contributions during his 1994 congressional run. English's campaign manager, Jerry Knight, waged an all-out media war in opposition to opponent Linda Bebeko-Jones outspoken support for the Erie lesbigay community during his unsuccessful bid for 1st District Assembly.

Senator Santorum has cultivated support from the Christian Coalition and has spoken to the anti-gay right-wing Pennsylvania Family Institute as a guest of honor. While in Congress, Santorum opposed implementation of Washington, DC's domestic partners ordinance, voted to codify the ban against gays in the military, and voted to prohibit schools from having programs designed to help lesbigays.

Other ratings included Senators D'Amato (NY), 63%; Moynihan (NY), 0%; Glenn (OH), 14%; Dewine (OH), 66%; Specter (PA), 63%; and Representatives Latourette (OH-19), 82%; and Houghton (NY-31), 79%.

Local News—NW Pa

Donate to St Martin's

Do you have household items or clothing you'd like to pass along?

It's Domestic Violence Awareness month, and you might want to consider giving it to the St. Martin Center. They give clients of Hospitality House *free* stuff to start their life over.

They especially need household items (furniture, appliances, cookware, etc.) and *seasonal* clothing.

They are located at 1701 Parade Street in Erie. Call 452-6113.

PFLAG-New Castle/Western PA

There is now a chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays in the New Castle area. They meet the third Sunday of the month. For information, call Lois Skuta at (412) 652-6893.

October is National Lesbian & Gay History Month

For info contact the Gay Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network, 2124 Broadway, Box 160, New York, NY 10023, tel. 212-387-2098, email glstn@aol.com.

Lambda Rising has a 4-page reading list that you can get by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Lambda Rising, 1629 Connecticut Ave., NW Washington DC 20009-1013.

Entertainment Notes

Music

Music from the motion picture **To Wong Foo** is out on the MCA label, featuring various artists like Salt-N-Pepa, Cyndi Lauper, Crystal Waters, Chaka Khan and others.

There's now new music from a number of lesbian performers. Including: *All You Can Eat* (Reprise) by **k.d. lang** (must be one of them double entendres!), *1,200 Curfews* (Epic) by **Indigo Girls**, *Your Little Secret* (Island) by **Melissa Etheridge** (November release).

Boy George deals honestly with loving men in his new album *Cheapness and Beauty* (Virgin).

Movies

In an interview on First Person actor **Richard Gere** stated "I'm just a drama queen." Odd phrasing for someone who has gone to all lengths to deny that he is gay, including putting an ad in The New York Times proclaiming he and wife Cindy Crawford were straight.

We were happy to see that Cinema 4 brought in **The Incredibly True Story of Two Girls in Love**. The movie is a sweet romantic story about two women—the kind of stuff lesbians have been saying they wanted to see more of. Unfortunately, we didn't know about it in time to tell our readers, and a lot of people didn't notice the ad, or found out about it too late. The film stayed for about six days, and didn't have much of an attendance. If you want to see more movies like this in Erie, you might want to write the manager of Cinema 4, and say so. Also, praise them for being bold enough to bring something like that into Erie!

Theater

Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh's Flying Pig Theater will present the world premiere of **Tipton**, inspired by the life of lesbian jazz saxophonist Billy Tipton. Tipton disguised herself as a man in order to be able to play with some of the big jazz names, and eventually married her lover Kitty Oakes. The couple adopted three sons. After the Sunday performances (Oct. 15, 22, 29) there will be a free series of "Directors Forums." Reservations are recommended. Call (412) 363-3433 or 1 (800) N THE MUD for info or to reserve.

Cleveland

The gay-themed Tony-winning musical **Kiss of the Spider Woman** will be at Playhouse Square Theater Oct. 26-Nov. 4. Tickets/info (800)888-9941.

Angels in America will be playing December 5 through 10 at Playhouse Square Center. The gay AIDS epic is the only play in the world to ever win two Tony awards for Best Play—winning the award in both 1993 and 1994. Reservations/info (800) 888-9941.

Meadville

Equus will be performed at the Academy Theater in Meadville between October 20 and November 4.

Television

Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story picked up several Emmys e.g., Best Actress in a Miniseries or Special (**Glenn Close**) Best Supporting Actress: (**Judy Davis**), and screenplay **Alison Cross**.

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TV Station Apologizes for Remark

By Michael Mahler

During WICU's 11:00 news on September 5, the movie *To Wong Foo* was reviewed. Renee Phillips, one of the anchors, remarked that the movie looked enjoyable. When she asked the other newscasters if they wouldn't enjoy it, Chris Knowles seemed uncomfortable, and muttered, "If I wanted to see freaks, I'd watch *Jerry Springer*."

Many LesBiGay and transgendered people who heard it were offended by the remark, and after the broadcast the station received a lot of calls protesting what Knowles had said.

I had not seen the broadcast, but received a call from an irate Harry Miller, who told me about it. I then registered my protest by faxing a letter to the station. I also sent it out over email where it was read by LesBiGay people across the country. Some of these people then sent faxes and phoned the station.

The next day, Assistant Station Manager Bill Knupp faxed a letter to myself and others. Knupp expressed regret that people were offended by the remark. He stated that the station "is committed to presenting the news in an accurate, ethical and unbiased manner," and that this was the first time such a complaint had been made about Knowles. Knupp said Knowles did not mean to offend anyone, and that he would speak to me about it in person or by telephone.

Mr. Knupp seemed sincere, but I was angry because Mr. Knowles had said he hadn't meant to demean anyone by referring to them as "freaks". I just didn't see how anyone could call people "freaks" and mean it in anything other than a negative way. This really made me feel like our community was due a public on-air apology. Sure, the people who wrote in were getting replies from the station, but what about others who had been offended by this? I faxed another letter to Mr. Knupp telling him how I felt about it.

At this point, the station was getting deluged with faxes and phone calls from across the country.

On the September 8 11 p.m. broadcast, Mr. Knupp made a sincere apology about Knowles' remark. It went as follows:

It happened Tuesday night in the closing minutes of our late evening news.

Anchor Chris Knowles in an extemporaneous ad-lib remark in reference to a preview of the movie *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Neumar* used a word that was offensive to some viewers. Some of those offended have communicated their indignation by phone and by fax.

WICU-TV's policy is to present the news in an accurate, ethical and unbiased manner. We have been doing that for more than 46 years. We agree that Mr. Knowles comment was inappropriate and insensitive, and we have discussed the matter with him. WICU-TV has expressed our regrets for the comment through written communication with local representatives of the offended parties and Mr. Knowles has expressed a willingness to meet with these representatives.

In an effort to put an end to the issue, WICU-TV management now expresses that regret publicly, on the air, with the assurance that we will continue our effort to serve all the community with fairness and equity.

I spoke with Mr. Knupp about this afterward, and I have to say that one part of me feels bad for putting him through this, because he wasn't really the offending party, and he truly does seem committed to ethical and unbiased treatment of news (and people). At one point he implored me to put out an email message that the remark had been apologized for, because the faxes and such were getting unmanageable.

One of the topics I talked about with Mr. Knupp was that I felt that one shouldn't pitch a hissy fit lightly. I said that, for example, I preferred that gay people are referred to as gay and not as homosexual (which suggests a diagnosis for mentally-ill people), but I certainly don't think we should go jumping angrily all over anyone who uses the term homosexual. If you fly into a rage over every little thing, no one will take you seriously and you'll end up tiring yourself out. But it is worth standing up for justice and dignity.

And, I think I speak for most of us who registered protests, that we think the station has dealt with this matter in a very acceptable manner, and in writing this

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Media Watch

By Al Kielwasser

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation -San Francisco Chapter

The Latest from Letterman

The September 6 broadcast of The Late Show with David Letterman (CBS) featured yet another indication that the talk-show is veering toward a routine of defamation-as-comedy. For his regular "Top 10" list, Letterman presented the "Top 10 Horrifying Secrets about professional baseball player Cal Ripken. The Number One Horrifying secret was: "Two Words—Switch Hitter." This moldy epithet for bisexual people contains no remnant of humor in 1995, particularly when presented as the MOST HORRIFYING SECRET a sports hero could ever keep.

In late July, Letterman's "Top 10" list delineated "ways to discourage your teen from smoking cigarettes." Reason Number Two: "Tell them they'll end up like that fruity ass bastard in the Montclair ad."

The Late Show production staff have acknowledged that they desperately need new concepts in order to compete with rival Jay Leno's Tonight Show (NBC), which recently beat out Letterman for an Emmy. Apparently, however, Late Show staffers have confused fresh material with stale homophobia.

***ACTION: Let Letterman know who ISN'T laughing now. Contact Rosemary Keenan, Publicist,

TV Station Apologizes

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account I am hoping that this doesn't rile people up again. But I do think it's important for people to know that we need to let the media know how their treatment of us affects us. They do pay attention to the messages they receive, whether they are sent by mail, fax, email, or telephone. Amazing what happens when people work together. Although this article was written in the first person, I want to point out that this was something a lot of people put effort into. I especially appreciated Harry Miller, for his energy and perspectives on this issue.

The late Show with David Letterman, 1697 Broadway, New York, NY 10019, e-mail lateshow@pipeline.com; copy your comments to Peter Tortorici, President, CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90036, tel. 213-852-2345.

Media Briefs

Out Loud. . . Sales of Out Loud—a new compact disc (CD), featuring such artists as U2 and The Indigo Girls—will benefit the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC). Contact: IGLHRC, 1360 Mission Street, Suite 200 San Francisco CA 94103, tel 415-255-8680, email iglhrc@igc.apc.org.

Actors' Equity. . . USA Today's David Patrick Stearns joins the growing number of reporters who see a new level of queer visibility emerging in the nation's popular culture (Sept. 6) Stearns acknowledges homophobic resistance, but concludes that "gay characters show no sign of retreating from the mass media. The theater, which so often feeds movies and TV with ideas and talent, is teeming with gay plays.

Gay Gopher. . . The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Programs Office of the University of Minnesota operates the "Information and Referral Database" (IRD). The IRD utilizes the "Gopher" search program and provides on-line access to a broad range of informational sources, organizational listings, educational media/teaching resources, event information and action alerts. Contact: GLBT Programs Office, University of Minnesota, 425 Walter Library, 117 Pleasant Street S.E., Minneapolis MN 55455-0110, tel. 612-625-6042, fax 612-626-9622, e-mail gblt@maroon.tc.umn.edu.

Let the Media Know You're Watching!

To notify GLAAD/SFBA of any defamatory or affirmative media coverage, or to request GLAAD membership information, please call the 24 hour Media Watch hotline (415-861-4588) or write Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, 1360 Mission Street, Suite 200, San Francisco CA 94103; Fax 415-861-4893; email glaadsfba@aol.com; World Wide Web <http://www.gaytrek.com/gaytrek/glaad.html>.

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

HIV/AIDS News

HIV/AIDS - NW Pa

Friends from the Heart Murder Mystery Dinner Event

"You and your group are the invited guests of Mr. Marvin Megabills, owner and general manager of Radio/TV Station RIP, at the Season Premiere Party where plans for the upcoming new year of programming are to be unveiled. Unfortunately, no one knows that the night is also "prime time" for MURDER! With your help the culprit will be apprehended, but not before you sift through all the clues that are presented throughout the evening and put your super-sleuthing techniques to a test."

Media Mayhem will be performing the "mystery" for this Friends from the Heart fund-raiser, and 2 girls alone! will provide music. Plus, a buffet dinner will be provided. (B.Y.O.B.)

It all starts at 7:00 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7180 New Perry Hiway. Tickets are \$30

per person, \$50 per couple with all proceeds going to Friends from the Heart. Tickets or information from Becky Palmer (814)838-1547, la bella bistro (556 W. 4th St. 454-3616), The Pines Antique Gallery (West Lake Road in Ripley 716-736-PINE) or Well Being Center (710 Beaumont 838-0123).

Panel Making

Anyone interested in sewing or designing a quilt panel to remember someone who has/had AIDS will want to know that a Panelmaking Group has been set up. Plans are to eventually become a Circle Chapter of The NAMES Project Foundation in San Francisco. The panels will eventually be submitted to become part of The NAMES Project Memorial Quilt. The Panelmaking group will begin meeting Wednesday, October 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and is tentatively scheduled to be held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. If you wish to attend, bring ideas, scraps of fabric, a pair of scissors, a partial quilt, etc.—whatever you have and wherever you are in the process, the Group's organizers say, "WE WELCOME YOU!"

The group will be facilitate by the HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry and NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance. For info call

Sue Kuebler at 452-3779
DonPaul Lucas at 454-6937
Mary Richardson at 456-8849
Carrie Beckman at 456-2711.

Drop In Center

Plans for a drop-in center for people with HIV/AIDS have been put on hold until the spring, to allow time to better organize the effort. In the meantime, there will be some dinners and social gatherings put together by the drop-in center organizers. For more info call Sue Kuebler at 452-3779.

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CLEVELAND—Nationally-known Cleveland AIDS physician Dr. John T. Carey died September 1 after accidentally falling 30 feet. He was 41. Cleveland's September 24 AIDS Walk officially changed its name to the Dr. John T. Carey Memorial AIDS Walk in honor of the distinguished physician.

HIV/AIDS - W NY

NAMES Quilt in E. Aurora

Sixteen panels of the NAMES Quilt will be shown in East Aurora. They will feature panels created in memory of western New Yorkers. They will be shown at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 374 Main St. in East Aurora. Info (716) 652-0377.

NY State AIDS conference held in Jan.

Normally held in November will be held January 28-30 at the Omni Hotel in Albany. For info contact the AIDS Network of W. NY 24 Rhode Island Street, Buffalo NY 14213 (716) 883-7917.

HIV/AIDS - Sex

Talking head

BRAZIL—A talking penis in an explicit Brazilian safe sex ad will have his name changed after protest that males with the same name were being ridiculed. The chatty phallus was given the name "Braulio," which is a common Brazilian slang word for penis. But there are also a lot of men and boys named Braulio, and Braulios all over Brazil were not amused. The ad shows a fully-clothed, straight man negotiating with his penis about using a condom.

Safer Sex Column

Pittsburgh's Out newspaper has begun a safer sex advice column called "Ask Dr. Dick." The column uses humor and explicit language to talk about nitty gritty aspects of a safer sex lifestyle. The column is a service of the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force.

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What's Your Excuse?

by DonPaul Lucas

For almost 11 years, I had many excuses. I had children in grade school. How would they be treated? What would their friends think? Would they still have friends? What about school? Administrators? Teachers? Other students?

What about my wife, Jackie? Her co-workers? Employees? Friends?

Self doubt reared its ugly head. Was I up to the possible challenge? Would anybody listen? Would anybody care? Who was I anyway? No credentials. No letters after my name. Only a high school education. Why should/would anyone care?

But there it was, gnawing away at me. I was living a lie. I was hiding from life.

Slowly, I started testing the waters, letting the people who knew about my HIV status grow like the ripples of a stone dropped in a still pond.

Logically, I had reason to be concerned. Ryan White, the Ray family, countless men, women and children, unfairly and callously treated, threatened discriminated against, shunned.

But were these valid reasons, or just excuses? How often do we allow our lives to be run by the myriad of excuses that self-doubt raises? Lack of education, poverty, physical impairment or limitation. The ever popular "I was abused, neglected, unwanted, or unloved as a child." Although there may be some truth in any of these statements, which are valid reasons and which are excuses? Self-doubt, fear, will take any truth, no matter

The Other Ribbons

The red ribbon is a well-known symbol of AIDS awareness. Here are some other ribbons of interest:

Pink Ribbon: Breast Cancer Awareness

Purple Ribbon: Domestic Violence Awareness

Rainbow Ribbon: Dignity/USA has called on LesBiGay people around the country to wear rainbow ribbons as an act of coming out.

how small, and blow it out of proportion until it becomes unmanageable.

It's true, I can't run a marathon. A five mile walk-a-thon is out of the question. But where do I draw the line and say "I *can* do that"? A city block? Half a mile? One mile?

At some point, we have to test the limits that we have permitted fear to place on us.

My good friend, John, has a simple two rule system that I've found helpful in making decisions in my life.

Rule #1: Just show up!

No matter what the limitation, obstacle, fear or challenge, being present is 90% of the battle. It may be cliché, but this is not a dress rehearsal. Being honest with yourself and separating "reasons" from "excuses" is a first step.

Rule #2: Try to have fun!

Safe Journey
DonPaul Lucas

ORGANIZING A WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT?

WE WANT TO LIST YOUR EVENT IN OUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER (THE DECEMBER ISSUE WILL BE TOO LATE BECAUSE WORLD AIDS DAY FALLS ON DEC. 1

PLEASE GET YOUR INFORMATION TO US BY OCTOBER 20.

DETAILS DON'T NEED TO BE COMPLETELY FIRMED UP; GIVE A NUMBER WHERE PEOPLE CAN CALL OR GO FOR UPDATED DETAILS.

WE MUCH PREFER TO DEAL WITH WRITTEN INFORMATION RATHER THAN TAKING DICTATION OVER THE PHONE. SO MAIL, FAX, OR EMAIL YOUR INFO SO WE CAN LET OTHERS KNOW!

Edinboro University HIV/AIDS Awareness Week

All events held in the Multipurpose Room at University Center (formerly known as the Student Union) unless otherwise noted.

Friday, October 27

One World Tribe Performs Eclectic musical group will kick off the week with a performance at the Kilt in the University Center.

Monday, October 30

10 a.m.-2 p.m.—Educational Fair Tables, demonstrations, etc.

2:00 - 2:50 p.m.—Film: Time Out Magic Johnson film.

3:00 - 3:50 p.m.—HIV/AIDS and the Community Lecture and film *Los Altos*.

4:00 - 4:50 p.m.—HIV/AIDS 101: Living with AIDS—a personal perspective with DonPaul Lucas.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.—Legal Implications of HIV/AIDS: Act 148 Dave Korman

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Overview and History of HIV/AIDS Mary Ellen Reitz, M.D. Pathology, Saint Vincent.

Tuesday, October 31

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.—HIV/AIDS 101: Campus Life Linda Martin

11:00 - 12:15 a.m.—Prejudice and HIV/AIDS Christopher Rowe

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.—HIV/AIDS Testing and Pre- and Post-Test Counseling

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.—HIV/AIDS on the College Campus Mary Anne Weiner from Ghering Health Center.

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.—Women and AIDS Charlene Bushyager, educator, N.W. PA Rural AIDS Alliance.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.—Alternative Lifestyles and HIV/AIDS Christopher Rowe.

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.—Psychosocial Aspects of AIDS

8:00 - 10:15 p.m.—Brief Overview and History of AIDS plus film *And the Band Played On*.

Wednesday November 1

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.—HIV/AIDS 101: Prevention and Transmission Sue Kuebler, HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Paul.

11:00 - 11:50 a.m.—HIV/AIDS 101: Global Issues and Concerns—The Pandemic Sue Kuebler, HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Paul.

1:00 - 1:50 p.m.—HIV/AIDS 101: The Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS—The Disease in Erie Co., Pa., and the Nation John Schroeck, Erie Co. Health Dept.

2:00 - 4 p.m.—Social Issues Surrounding AIDS Prejudice, AIDS, and Workplace and Legal Concerns Brief intro, then the movie *Philadelphia* will be shown.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.—Intro to Candlelight Vigil and Personal Perspectives **6:00 - 7:00 p.m.—Candlelight Vigil at Pavilion** Luminaries and candles.

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.—Film: Philadelphia

Thursday November 2

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.—Film: Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.—HIV/AIDS 101: World AIDS Day Sue Kuebler, HIV/AIDS Ministry of Cathedral of St. Paul.

11:00 - 12:15 p.m.—HIV/AIDS 101: AIDS and the Affected—The Unending Grief Personal perspectives.

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.—The Quilt Goes to Washington: An Icon of Hope, Healing, and Remembrance Sue Kuebler, HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Paul.

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.—The Quilt: A Workshop NAMES Project Presentation and Panel-making session.

Friday November 3

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.—Safer Sex/Risk Reduction Workshop DonPaul Lucas

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.—HIV/AIDS Testing and Pre- and Post-Test Counseling

10:00 - 2:00—Workshop/Questions/Demonstrations Table By John Schroeck, Erie Co. Health Dept.

11:00 - 11:50 p.m.—Safer Sex/ Risk Reduction DonPaul Lucas

1:00 - 1:50 p.m.—STDs Linda Martin

2:00 - 2:50 p.m.—Safer Sex/Risk Reduction Workshop Linda Martin

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.—Women and HIV Charlene Bushyager from NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance and John Schroeck from Erie Co. Health Dept.

For more information call Jan Kinch at 734-7670

Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

It takes a lot of people to get this newsletter out. We again had volunteers to collate the September issue. Thanks go out to Dan & Paul, Lynne, Christopher, Dave Muhlolland, Larry, Richard, and all the folks who helped get the word out! What nice folks we have here!

I recently heard from Greg about the plaque at the Cascade Street Playground. Some of you may recall that in May of 1992, various people from many lesbigay groups in Erie donated time and effort to the playground which is behind Emerson School. It was one of the factors leading up to the formation of Bridges and some of the ways in which our community is still working together. There was a listing of many groups and categories of supporters. There was a list of about 8 groups and organizations who had volunteered 40+ hours and yes, "Gay Community of Erie" is listed as one of them. It is very gratifying to see a concrete example of how we are a positive part of the greater Erie Community.

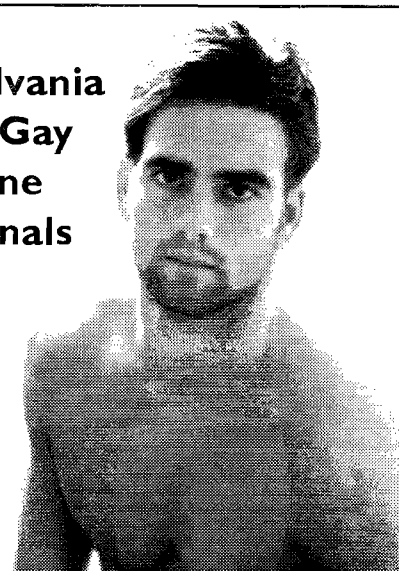
As a sequel, Bridges has purchased a Bicentennial brick in the wall being built at Dobbin's Landing reading "Erie's Lesbiganay Community." We will be part of the registry that will be maintained. I myself also got a brick reading "Mike Miller & Mike Mahler."

You have probably read already the article in this issue about the ad lib remark made by a local news anchor referring to gay and transgendered people as "freaks" and that the station did indeed apologize on the air and publicly. Although I believe that the remark was off the cuff, I think our community was owed an apology. I am very proud of all the people who took time to express their outrage and also proud of WICU-TV for putting an end to the matter by publicly acknowledging that the remark was inappropriate and insensitive. See, people are basically decent after all. Cool, huh?

Seeing "To Wong Foo" was delightful. Mike and I went with a bunch of friends, who were at the theatre first. As Mike and I walked in, a van let out a group of about 5-7 teenage boys and girls, who looked to be in 9th-10th grade. When we all walked up to the ticket booth, I momentarily was worried about hearing anti gay/drag remarks. As it turned out, the kids were there to see "To Wong Foo" and seemed to be quite looking forward to it. While we all were watching the movie, I noticed there were some kids (maybe elementary school age) playing in the front of the theatre. The movie was very funny and uplifting. One reviewer thought it was good, but tended a bit toward the saccharine. But you know what? After decades, maybe centuries, of lesbiganay folks being portrayed as dangerous psychopaths, pitiful comic buffoons and other nasty stuff, it is nice to see us portrayed as loving & capable people who bring goodness into the world.

See you for the Family Portrait on the 28th!!

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Stories for Halloween

Daughters of Darkness: Lesbian Vampire Stories Pam Kesity, ed. (Cleis \$9.95). Stories by a variety of lesbian writers including Katherine Forrest, Robbi Summers, Jewelle Gomez and Pat Califia.

Embracing the Dark by Eric Garber (Alyson \$9.00). Eleven horror stories: gay werewolves, lesbian vampires, and more.

Gardenias Where There Are None Molleen Zanger (Naiad \$10.95) Romantic lesbian ghost story.

Out of Time: A Novel by Paula Martinac (Seal, \$9.95) After Susan discovers a women's photo book from the twenties, lesbians from the past seem to be haunting her.

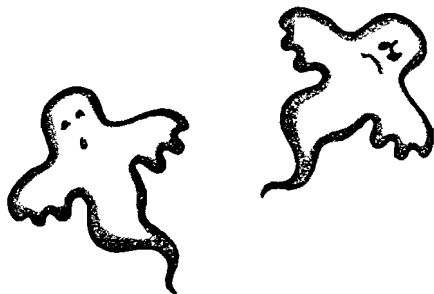
Out There: Stories of Private Desires, Horror and the Afterlife by Perry Brass (Belhue, \$10.95) Gay male erotic scary stories.

Silverwolf by Roger Edmonson (Banned Books \$8.95). Is a gay werewolf killing Seattle gays?

Somewhere in the Night by Jeffrey N. McMahon (Alyson, \$8.00) Eight scary stories, and all the heroes are gay men. Winner of Lambda literary award.

Vampires Anonymous by Jeffrey N. McMahon (Alyson \$8.95). The author of *Somewhere in the Night* (see above) brings back the vampire Andrew.

And of course there are all those books by Anne Rice, especially those in **The Vampire Chronicles**, which are scary and homoerotic as well!



Families

Youngstown gives tribute to lesbian commitment ceremony

YOUNGSTOWN, Aug. 6—Glorianne Leck and Susan Savustuck publicly acknowledged their lifetime commitment to each other on Sunday, August 6. The ceremony was held in the historic Stambaugh Auditorium and was well attended by friends and community representatives. The *Youngstown Vindicator* devoted a half page of the family section to the event.

Glorianne, a gay rights leader on the local and state level, was the first female member of People of all Colors Together (PACT)—Youngstown. Susan is also an outspoken advocate of gay rights. The couple have been devoted friends for more than twelve years. We share their joy.

—From *PACT-Youngstown Newsletter*

Lesbian/Gay TV Parents

Lesbian and gay parents are shown on three shows this fall: *Courthouse* (Wed. 10:30 p.m. on CBS), *Party of Five* (Wed. 9 p.m.) and *Friends* (Thurs. 8 p.m. NBC).

Same-sex marriage okay with many French Canadians

A survey in Quebec showed 53 percent of respondents support same-sex marriage rights. In the Canadian House of Commons, gay House member Real Menard, backed by the opposition Bloc Quebecois proposed to establish these rights. The House rejected it by a vote of 124-52.

Briefs

New Zealand: A gay couple is fighting to be able to marry here, claiming their lack of marriage rights are a violation of the 1993 Human Rights Act and New Zealand's marriage act, which makes no reference to gender.

Canada: A Brazilian man can stay with his Canadian partner, because immigration officials here ruled that requiring the Brazilian to leave the country would cause "undo" hardship to the male couple.

Oklahoma: The Oklahoma Supreme Court has ruled that gay and lesbian parents should not be considered unfit because of their sexual orientation.

National/World News

Anti-Gay Actions in Education

Washington: A House subcommittee will conduct a hearing regarding how public schools will teach about homosexuality. The hearing is scheduled tentatively to begin October 13. Lou Sheldon, of the anti-gay Traditional Values Coalition, has claimed credit for initiating the hearings. Gay rights activists condemn the hearings as providing a platform for Sheldon's hate message.

Merrimack, N.H.: The school board here has voted 3-2 to bar teachers and guidance counselors from presenting homosexuality in any sort of positive light. More than 150 people held a candlelight vigil in protest outside the school board meeting on August 14.

Des Moines, Iowa: An openly gay incumbent school director was defeated in his bid for re-election after national radical Right organizations targeted the race. In the record-breaking election, the two top vote-getters were candidates endorsed by the Christian Coalition.

Dole snubs gay Republicans

The campaign of Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole solicited and gladly accepted \$1,000 from the Log Cabin Club, a gay Republican organization. But when a columnist revealed the contribution, the Dole campaign returned the contribution, saying that Dole disagrees with the group's goals.

Attorney General Janet Reno meets with gay groups

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13—The U.S. Attorney General and Department of Justice officials met with representatives of organizations working for gay civil rights. The meeting was requested after Reno decided not to file an amicus ("friend of the court") brief in the U.S. Supreme case regarding Colorado's Amendment 2.

Pizza Hut: No more Limbaugh

After many, many people across the country complained about Pizza Hut using Rush Limbaugh in their ads, the ads were discontinued, and Rush was shown the door.

Toronto school for g/l/b teens

Gay and lesbian teens who quit school because of homophobia now have a school for other kids like them. The Toronto school district started up their Triangle program this fall. It is the first such program in the country.

Lesbians at U.N. Conference on Women: win some, lose some

Lesbians from around the world made their presence known at the U.N. Conference on Women held in Beijing last month. The platform for action originally had language that affirmed the rights of women to express their sexuality regardless of sexual orientation, but that was struck down after several countries protested. However, for the first time, lesbians were discussed in a U.N. body, and many lesbian activists say this has offered them an unprecedented opportunity to bring lesbian issues into international debate.

Briefs

Romania: Anti-gay laws here have been eased, with gay sex being a crime only if it creates a "public scandal" or involves an underage person.

Austria: A leading Austrian gay activist has outed four bishops here, in an effort to push gay rights legislation.

Costa Rica: For the first time, the government has registered a gay organization.

Argentina: The conservative governor of Buenos Aires province condemned anti-gay discrimination, calling it "absurd" and "outdated."

Obituaries

Rob Eichberg, 50, cofounder of the National Coming Out Day, of AIDS complications. He died on August 11. Eichberg wrote *Coming Out: An Act of Love* and founded the coming-out workshop called The Experience.

Frank Maya, 45, of AIDS complications. A stand-up comedian and performance artist who appeared on last year's *Out There*.

Groups & Organizations

10% Network and Social Group (Chautauqua County)

Meets 3rd Saturday of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. No smoking or alcohol. Call John at (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 with loved ones/friends who have died with AIDS. Cofacilitated by The Rev. Canon F. Kay Johnson and Sue Kuebler. Meets 1st and 3rd Tues, 8-9:30pm. Safe & confidential. Call Kay Johnson at the Cathedral Ofc, (814) 452-3779

Bridges

Community building, also publishes *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* and sponsors community events. Write to Bridges, PO Box 3063, Erie, PA 16508-0063. Call (814) 456-9833. Email to CompuServe 70431,1622 or from Internet: egcn@aol.com or fax to (814) 452-1392.

Chautauqua County Gay Lesbian & Bi Community Svcs

Works to increase visibility & support for lesbian/gay citizens in Chautauqua County, NY. Meets 1st Mon of month at 7pm. 716-484-8434 or 679-3560

Chautauqua North County Support Grp (NY)

Support for lesbians in northern half of county. Meets 3rd Mon 7-9pm. Call Vince 716-672-6355 or N County Infoline 716-679-3560

Cl 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.

Comte 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. Write to CSGLP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. Call Paula at (814) 332-4356 or Erny at 332-4375. Email to Roy Cerise at csglbp@alleg.edu

Erie Sisters

Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Saturday, newsletter. Meetings in even numbered months are social events held at accepting establishments. Interview with a club officer required before 1st mtg. Write: Erie Sisters, 2115 W 8 St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505.

Friends from the Heart

Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transportation, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call Deb Monohon at (814) 838-0123 to see how you can help. Donations *greatly* appreciated.

Gay Catholic Community

Write to Ignatius at 533 East 10th Street, Erie PA 16503

HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of St. Paul Cathedral

Call 452-3779.

Identity (formerly Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO))

Student group for lesbian/gay & allies at Edinboro University. Meets ever Wed at 8:30pm in Hendricks Hall, Rm 125. Social activities (♿). Call Christie Hudson at 732-3779 or John Wetsell at 398-8005 or Dr. Dave Herendeen at 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

Integrity

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

JCC Support Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group

Peer counseling & support attempting to live fulfilling, open, integrated lives as lesbian/gay people in W NY & NY PA. Open to college & non-college people. Meeting

date, time & place vary. Contact: Greg Rabb. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020 or call (716)665-5220 ext 204 or 664-9174.

Lambda Group AA

Alcoholics Anon. 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. Participate in our 1995 Violence and Discrimination Study-completely anonymous, takes ten minutes. Contact us for questionnaires. Meets first Sun. Call Greg at (814) 833-3258. Call before faxing to (814)833-3258.. Write to LGLV-Erie, PO Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505-0083. Email to kidithart@aol.com

Menspace

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

PFLAG

Support group for Parents & Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals & Transgendered. **Erie PA:** 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:** Meets 7pm on 2nd Tues of month. Call Jack & Karen Kressley at (814) 371-8962 or write to PFLAG-DuBois, 1191 Treasure Lake, DuBois PA 15801 **New Castle PA:** Meets 7-9 pm on 3rd Tues of month at Human Svcs Ctr, 130 West North St, New Castle. Call Lois Skuta at (412)652-6893 **Jamestown NY:** Meets last Tues of the month, call for site. (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529. **Ashtabula OH:** (216)964-3350

Pitt-Bradford/BiGALA

Support group for students. Meetings are Fridays, alternate Tues 12noon & 3pm. Call 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 meeting info. Fred or Marshall at (814) 726-1808.

Rainbow Families

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

SUNY-Fredonia B-GLAD

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

Support Groups for Persons with HIV/AIDS

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 ☎

Trigon

Support group for Behrend students, faculty, alumni. For more info, call Al & Ginny at (814)825-8211 or 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
- ☛ 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
- ☛ 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 7:30 am-11 pm, Thurs-Fri. 7:30 am-12 mid., Sat 9 am-midnight. 456-1511. A gay-friendly coffeehouse. 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 8 pm-2 am. Live DJ music Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 10 pm-2 am. Pool table. Country Line Dancing on Tuesday nights.

Lizzie Bordon's Part II, 3412 West 12th. Open Mon-Sat. Pool night on Tues. County Line Dancing on Wed 9:30-12, regular dancing 12-?. Dart night on Thurs. 90s dance music DJ on Fri. (10pm-2 a.m.) & Sat. (9pm-2a.m.) Shows on some Fridays.

Jamestown & Southwest NY

Nite Spot, 201 Winsor, Jamestown. Open Tues-Sun 7 pm-2 am. Closed Mon. DJ Fri & Sat 10 pm-2 am. 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.

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Political/Advocacy Organizations:

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Publications:

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