



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 lesbigay people. If you know of an event that should be listed here, please get the info to us in writing by the 15th of the month. For out of town events, call a day or two before to confirm that it is still on; mistakes can occur and circumstances can change at the last moment. **New email address!** From Internet egcn@aol.com or fax to (814) 452-1392. World Wide Web page: <http://public.navisoft.com/pub/egcn>

☛ **Nov 2-5—Boys on the Side (1995) (Penn State Brethren)** Reed Bldg. Cosponsored with Student Programming Council. \$2 students/\$3 nonstudents. Info: Al & Ginny at 825-8211.

☛ **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.-midnight.

☛ **Nov 4—Womynspace Coffeehouse: 2 girls alone!** Womynspace coffeehouse welcomes the talented and always enjoyable 2 Girls Alone. Come, relax and listen to the sounds of this wonderful duo. Music starts at 8 pm/ For more info, call Sal weeknights at 454-2713.

☛ **Nov 4 & 5—Ain't Nothin But a She-Thing Weekend** On MTV. On Saturday it's on from 3-6p.m., on Sunday from 2-8p.m. Focuses on Women's talents. Melissa Etheridge, Luscious Jackson, Patti Smith, Salt-n-Pepa, Come, Annie Lennox, Des'ree, Vanessa Williams. The album (of the same name)—on

the London label) benefits the Shirley Divers Foundation for Women, which funds research on breast cancer, women and AIDS and leukemia.

☛ **Nov 5—Pancake Breakfast by Gannon's AIDS Action Team** In the Lower Lounge of the Student Services Building, Gannon University from noon - 2pm. Tickets will be \$3 for adults, \$2 with Gannon University ID, and \$1 for children under 12. Part of the proceeds will help establish the NAMES Quilt Chapter at St. Paul's. Any questions, call 871-7233.

☛ **Nov. 6—Law & Order: "Pride"** On A&E at 11 pm. A gay city councilman is murdered after speaking at a forum on lesbian and gay medical issues.

☛ **Nov 6—Visions Meeting (Chautauqua Co.)** Info (716)484-7285. Community-building organization for lesbians, gays and bisexuals in Chautauqua County.

☛ **Nov 7—Election Day**

☛ **Nov 8—Polyester (1981)** Comedy Central, 3 pm and 8 pm Tasteless campy comedy by director John Waters.

☛ **Nov 8—Trigon Open Forum (POSTPONED!)** Friends, family, relatives of lesbians and gays on panel, telling their side of the story. 7 p.m. Reed Lecture Hall. Info Al& Ginny 825-8211.

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

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



You still have time to leave a Bicentennial message

Our next issue is the one that will be buried with the Time Capsule on First Night Erie, to be opened in the year 2095.

We have invited those of you who wish to leave a message to the people of 100 years from now to send in your Bicentennial message.

Prices for the messages are the same as other ads, with a special 1/16 page ad message for \$10. Also, if you don't have the money now, don't let that stop you. If you want to go along for this journey, we don't want money to get in the way.

We have extended the deadline to November 15, 1995, so mail or fax or email us now!



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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. Although we appreciate the importance of fiction and poetry, we are primarily an information publication, and like most general lesbigay publications, we are mainly interested in nonfiction prose. We will be happy to direct you to the many lesbigay publications that do welcome fiction and poetry, and we will support through free publicity any local publication that publishes lesbigay poetry or fiction. Before submitting please send SASE for writer's guidelines. Querying before submitting an article is strongly recommended.

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.

We will not publish any material which promotes hatred or discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, race, gender, religion, age, class, physical ability or any other reason. We do not support exploitation of minors.

All materials submitted must be signed so we can contact the authors should we need to consider editorial revisions. However, within these pages, articles may appear anonymously, upon request, and strict confidentiality will be observed. If you wish to have your full name published, you must send a written and signed note that gives us permission to do so. This publication will not "out" anyone.

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- 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**
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Nov 11—LGLV Mexican Dinner At the UU of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway. Serving begins at 6 p.m. and ends at approximately 9 p.m.; live music is scheduled for 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$9 for couples, and \$4 for students or low income individuals. If your group of 10 or more would like to attend, please call us for group rates. PWAs are encouraged to attend: have your case manager call our office for complimentary tickets. Presale tickets will be available for purchase after November 1 by calling 833-3258, by sending a check made payable to "LGLV" to: LGLV Tickets, P.O. Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505, or from active League members at the bars or area events. See article in EGCN Local News

☛ **Nov 11—Dog Day Afternoon (1975)** TBS 8:05 pm. Well-done, sensitive story about a man (Al Pacino) who attempts to rob a bank to finance his male lover's sex-change operation. Based on a true incident.

☛ **Nov 12—Integrity Meeting** Eucharist at 6 pm, 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 bistro (556 W. 4th 454-3616), The Pines Antique Gallery (West Lake Road in Ripley 716-736-PINE) or Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont (838-0123).

☛ **Nov 12—Bjork, Goldie in Concert (Cleveland)** Agora Theater. Tickets from Ticketmaster.

☛ **Nov 13—CANCELED: Joan Nestle Lecture and Slide Show at Allegheny College** Ms. Nestle is recovering from an accident (she was hit by a truck and has a broken leg)

☛ **Nov 14—HIV/AIDS Support Group** Transportation if you need it! Info from Cheryl Weber 825-1085.

☛ **Nov 15—HIV/AIDS Network of Erie Co.** Cathedral of St. Paul. 4 p.m. Education Committee, 5 p.m. Services Committee. Info Sue Kuebler 452-3779

☛ **Nov 16—Movie Legends in Conversation: Kathleen Turner and John Waters** A&E 10:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. Actress Kathleen Turner talks with director John Waters whose campworks include *Pink Flamingos*, *Hairspray*, *Polyester*, and *Desperate Living*.

☛ **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

☛ **Nov 18—Menspace Meets** 7:30 pm. For more details about this social organization and this month's get-together, please call Larry at 835-6712.

☛ **Nov 18—10% Network: 3rd Anniversary Celebration (Jamestown)** Potluck dinner, bring dish to pass and beverage. Settings provided. Info John at (716)484-7285.

☛ **Nov 18—Boy George in Concert (Pittsburgh)** At Metropol, tickets 1-800-628-5971.

☛ **Nov 18—Echobelly, Electrafixion in Concert (Cleveland)** Odeon Theater. Tickets at Ticketmaster.

☛ **Nov 19—The Conformist (1971)** TMC 8 p.m.

☛ **Nov 21—No Irish Need Apply** On WNET (PBS-Buffalo) 11 pm. Documentary about Irish immigrants and the blatant prejudice they faced; an interesting bit o' history to pull out when some loyal Son of Eire supports keeping gays out of the Saint Patrick's parades.

☛ **Nov 22—Wild Turkey Raffle at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** "We'll raffle wild turkeys and drink wild turkeys." 1022 Bridge.

☛ **Nov 23—Sex in the '90s VI** On MTV 10 p.m.

☛ **Nov 22—HUGS East: Thanksgiving Potluck Followed By Open Rap (Mentor OH)** 7:00 p.m. Topic of Rap: And What Brings You Here? East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 8181 S. Center. Info (216)974-8909.

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☛ **Nov 23—Buddies Seventh Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens (Buffalo)** Buddies is a popular gay Buffalo bar. Festivities for those seniors in attendance include traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, cocktails for those who imbibe, live entertainment, bingo and raffles. Buddies is located at 31 Johnson Park. For info call Mike Campbell at (716)855-1313. RESERVE ASAP!

☛ **Nov 25—Karaoke at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** from 9 pm to 1 am. 1022 Bridge St.

☛ **Nov 25—Q Classic: "The Women" (1939)** WQLN (PBS-Erie) at 11 pm. Clare Booth Luce, the playwright who wrote this, knew that this story of cattiness, divorce and competition among friends would appeal to gay male audiences, and stipulated that men must not be allowed to play the parts. Stars Joan Crawford, Rosalind Russell, and Joan Fontaine.

☛ **Nov 27—Puzzle Place Holiday Special** Patti LaBelle joins the Puzzle Place kids on an ice-skating extravaganza in New York City. (WQLN (PBS-Erie) 7:30 p.m.)

☛ **Nov 28—Comedian Michael Rasky at Penn State Behrend** Sponsored by Trigon. 7 pm. Gay comic Michael Rasky has been on *Comedy Store* and *Improv*. Event is free, \$2 donation appreciated. 7 p.m. Reed Lecture Hall. Reception to follow. For more info, call Al or Ginny at 814-825-6211

☛ **Nov 28—HIV/AIDS Support Group** Newcomers always welcome! St. Mark's. (Secluded location). Info from Cheryl Weber 825-1085.

☛ **Nov 30—3rd Annual Poetry Reading & Music at Cup-a-Ccino's** 7 pm Everyone is invited to bring poetry to be read. Original or previously published poetry welcome. See fliers at Cup-a-Ccino's to find out who our musical guests will be! Donations will be accepted, and given to Friends From the Heart. Info from Gannon's AACT at 871-7233. (Connected w/World AIDS Day—see p. 15)

☛ **Nov 30—The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994)** Showtime 10:30 p.m.

Dec 1—World AIDS Day See *World AIDS Day Events Section*

☛ **Dec 2—8th Year Anniversary at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge

☛ **Dec 2—Laura at Cup-a-Ccino's** 18 N. Park Row

☛ **Dec 2—Womynspace: RESCHEDULED for Dec. 9**

☛ **Dec 6—HUGS East: Topic-Homoerotic Art (Mentor OH)** 7 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church 8181 South Center St. Info (216) 974-8909.

☛ **Dec 9—Womynspace Coffeehouse** "Yes, Dec. 9 not Dec. 2. Brave the cold and try your luck at Xmas bingo. We'll have cookies and eggnog and Xmas prizes. Can't wait to see you there! Newcomers welcome. For info call Sal at 454-2713 weeknights."

☛ **Dec 10—Integrity Meeting** Meeting 6pm. Scripture reflection. At St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 West 6th Street

☛ **Dec 16—Christmas Party at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge.

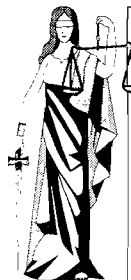
☛ **Dec 16—10% Network Christmas Party (Jamestown)** First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. Cookie exchange for those who wish to participate in it. For info call John (716)484-7285.

☛ **Dec 16—Lost and Found: Amnesia Lane** On Fox. Two lesbians are reunited.

☛ **Jan 6—Womynspace Coffeehouse: Wild Womyn Go Comedy Improv!** "Prepare your jokes, stories, acts... (Sign up at Nov. Coffeehouse)... We promise to laugh and have a great time. For more info call Sal weeknights at 454-2713."

Festivals, Conferences etc.

☛ **Nov 3-20—Serving With Honor: A Grateful City Remembers (NYC)** Honoring the experiences and memories of Gay, lesbian & Bisexual Veterans. Commemorative display of photographs and other memorabilia, reflecting the dedication of the city's and nation's gay, lesbian and bisexual veterans. Reception Nov. 9. American Federation of Veterans. For more information: Cale Lehman (212)349-3455.



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Repeating Programs

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Belle Epoque (1992) TMC 11/5 at 8pm 11/16 at 11:05pm

Boys On the Side (1995) Pay Per View 11/9, 11/12, 11/13.

Cat On a Hot Tin Roof (1958) Encore 11/3 at 9am & 5:30pm, 11/7 at 3 a.m. 11/8 at 8:30 am & 3:45pm, 11/14. Neutered version of Tennessee Williams play.

Exit to Eden (1994) HBO 11/6 at 12:05am, 11/10 4:05am. Rosie O'Donnell and Dana Delaney. Heterosexualized version of the Anne Rice novel; still quite funny.

Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994) TMC 11/4 5:20pm, 3:30am 11/9 at 3am.

Hollywood Fashion Machine AMC 11/9 5pm, 11/20 10am.

I Was a Male War Bride (1949) AMC 11/22 8pm, 11/12:45am Cary Grant.

Indigo Girls in London Disney 11/4 10:30pm 11/16 9:30pm

It's Pat (1994) TMC 11/6 12:45 pm, 11/10 at 11:20 a.m.& 7:40pm, 11/23 at 9pm, 11/26 at 10:40am & 5:10pm

Mame (1974) Encore 11/6 11pm, 11/7 11:30am, 11/17 4:45am, 11/25 4:45am, 11/26 12pm. Very campy musical.

Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle (1994) Cinemax 11/24 8pm, 29 1:45am.

Six Degrees of Separation (1993) Showtime 11/5 3:05am 11/14 3:20 am.

Threesome (1994) TMC 11/12 9:35am, 11/15 7:25pm, 11/29 12:45am.

Women's Sports:

Bowling LPBT 11/9 ESPN at midnight

Soccer KBL 11/9 at 2:30pm

Basketball 11/5 at 1:30pm ESPN; 11/10 at 10:30p.m. on ESPN2; 11/19 at 3:30pm on ESPN2; 11/19 at 3pm & 9pm on KBL; 11/20 on ESPN at noon; 11/21 ESPN at 12:30a.m.; 11/21 at 3am on SPC and KBL; 11/22 on SPC & KBL 1:30pm

*Deadline for each issue
is the 15th of the month!*

Letters

EGCN mentions several movie titles that are of interest to your readers but are on cable at odd hours of the day or night. We thought you would like to know that THE MOVIE STOP currently has in their inventory the following titles, taken from the TV listings of EGCN's September issue:

<i>Hairspray</i>	<i>Crush</i>
<i>Threesome</i>	<i>M. Butterfly</i>
<i>Backbeat</i>	<i>Olivier, Olivier</i>
<i>Manhattan</i>	<i>Peter's Friends</i>
<i>Savage Nights</i>	

The following are recent acquisitions or are on order:

<i>Bar Girls</i>	<i>Go Fish</i>
<i>Only When I Laugh</i>	<i>The Long Day Closes</i>
<i>Double Exposure</i>	<i>The Sum of Us</i>
<i>Sister My Sister</i>	<i>Buffalo Girls</i>

Our motto:

WATCH WHAT YOU WANT TO WATCH
WHEN YOU WANT TO WATCH IT.

Some additional titles we have in our collection to date are:

The Art of Touch I
The Art of Touch II
Erotic Choices
Sensual Men
Getting It Right: Safe Sex
Hin Yin: For Men
Gymnastikos: Power & Grace
Fantasy Men 1 & 2
Da Vinci Body Series II: Upper
Da Vinci Body Series II: Lower
Da Vinci Body Series III: Aerobic Workout
Well Sexy Woman: Safe Sex
Gay Man's Guide to Safer sex

Feel free to suggest other titles to us.

Maggie
The Movie Stop

Local News

Northwest PA

PFLAG Erie changes meeting date

Beginning Sunday, October 29 PFLAG Erie will meet the last Sunday of each month at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway. Each meeting will be a combination of support and education. Greg Valiga from the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters will be the speaker at the Oct 29 meeting.

Everyone, gay or straight, who supports PFLAG's goals of education, support and advocacy is welcome to attend. For questions or information, call Elaine, 864-0184.

Informal Lesbigan Student Group at Gannon University

There is a new Lesbigan Student Group forming at Gannon University. This is a student run group, and is not officially recognized by the University. Both current students, and alumni are invited to join by emailing us at ILSGatGU@aol.com. If you do not have email access, there should be a phone line up and running in the next few weeks, and should be listed in December's issue of EGCN, or check for fliers on campus. The group wishes to establish a safe, positive environment for those students who may feel isolated or ostracized because of their sexuality. We are not trying to "out" any of our members, and there is a strict confidentiality policy among group members.

LGLV Mexican dinner

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters is sponsoring a Mexican Dinner on Saturday, November 11 at the UU of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway. Serving begins at 6 p.m. and ends at approximately 9 p.m.; live music is scheduled for 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$9 for couples, and \$4 for students or low income individuals. If your group of 10 or more would like to attend, please call us for group rates. PWAs are encouraged to attend: have your case manager call our office for complimentary tickets.

Presale tickets will be available for purchase after November 1 by calling 833-3258, by sending a check

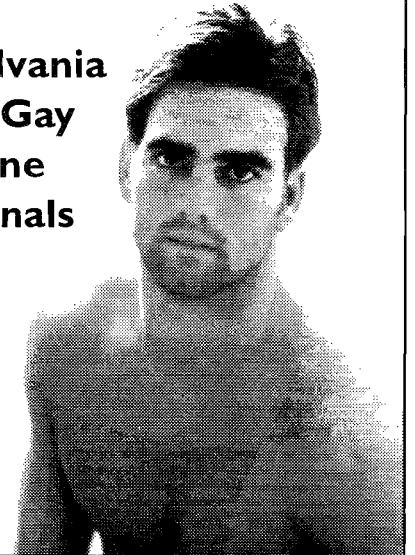
made payable to "LGLV" to: LGLV Tickets, P.O. Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505, or from active League members at the bars or area events.

Get involved while socializing: the League will have voter registration forms, violence and discrimination surveys, hate crime postcards, and information available at our booth. A representative will be available to answer questions. Of course, the proceeds will benefit LGLV work and projects.

Hate crimes article in Sunday paper

There will be an article about hate crimes ("The Rising Tide of Intolerance") in the *Erie Sunday Times News* October 29. Greg Valiga of LGLV was interviewed about hate crimes against LesBiGay people. We haven't seen it because we are going to press before it is published, but you can probably look it up at the library or pick up a copy at the Erie Times-News on 12th & Sassafras (back issues are available for 30 days after their publication date).

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Local News - NY

Chautauqua County Coming Out Day ad successful

The Chautauqua County Visions Committee organized an effort to get a Coming Out Day ad published in the Jamestown and Dunkirk newspapers. The ad was a success, with 150 names: individuals, businesses, physicians, and organizations. The Jamestown paper published the ad on page 3!

Michael Dithers

Yet another frantic month! I am very glad to see PFLAG growing in exciting and vital ways and to see a student group forming at Gannon, as well as so much stuff in our area for World AIDS Day. Let us give our support to these groups, as well as the others.

You may have seen the article about the e-mailing list and the World Wide Web page we have begun. If you're one of the many lesbigay folks in cyberspace, this is your opportunity to get plugged into the latest happenings in our region, as well as across the globe. Not that I would be biased in favor of computer stuff by virtue of having met my husband through a BBS and working as a programmer/analyst/geek, you understand. Nope.

As I write this, we are just about to take the Family Portrait. Hopefully, you were there! We are also preparing for the huge amount of work that will go into the December/Bicentennial issue. Miss it not!

Mike, Deb, Kel and I had an absolutely fabulous time at *Ladies on the Couch*, the lesbian duo who were part of Identity's National Coming Out Day Celebration. I hadn't seen lesbian music & comedy done live before and it was really fun, let me tell you. They said this was the first time they had performed in Pennsylvania, so it was a first for them too.

Well, that seems to be about it for now. See you in December!

A Year of Closet Culture

by Jeremy Snyder

It dawned on me the other day that Closet Culture would soon be a year old! I pondered for awhile, trying to come up with the exact date. I remembered that our first meeting took place sometime right before Thanksgiving; there were four people in attendance. After the holiday, the group met again, sometime in early December, I believe, with almost three times as many people there. When Michael and I started the group, we had never expected things to grow so quickly, so when the group shrank to a consistent core of about eight people, we weren't too surprised. It was great, even though we didn't know quite what to do with ourselves, to have the group meeting regularly. I know that I was fairly impressed with the way things were going.

At the end of January, the group—most of it, anyway—attended the Bridges Dance and Social at the UU church. We had an incredible time and picked up three new members (one of whom became my first-ever boyfriend, and another is now our coordinator.) Since then, being with the group has been like riding on a roller coaster that keeps jumping to different tracks. What I discovered was that we were dealing with people who, by and large, were guaranteed only one thing in common, and on occasion just sharing the same sexuality wasn't enough. Still, it has always been worthwhile, and a lot of fun. Even though the group had problems, I don't believe there was ever a time when it could have been said that the group wasn't working.

Currently, Closet Culture has about ten members. We still run into a lot of money problems, (we have none) but we are starting to get things together on that score as well. I believe that the kind of difficulties we ran into are the same kind that any organization will encounter. Different people have different goals and different ideas and sometimes communication is a little difficult. Nevertheless, Closet Culture is still here and going strong. We placed an ad in the issue of the *EGCN* destined to go into the time capsule, but I think I'm the only one romantic enough to think that there might be a Closet Culture around two-hundred years from now. Oh well, for now, Erie's only unaffiliated lesbigay youth group shall continue to thrive.

Families

Historic wedding in Buffalo

Author Madeline B. Davis married Wendy Smiley at Temple Beth Zion. It was the temple's first same-sex wedding. The Buffalo news listed the wedding announcement in its "Nuptial Notes" column; it is the first time that that publication ever listed a same-sex wedding. The wedding took place July 8.

—Info from *Volume*

Lesbian grandmothers wanted

The publishers of *And Then I Met This Woman* invite lesbian grandmothers to send letters/stories about your relationship with your grandchildren, and if relevant, their parents. Enclose SASE, send to Mother Courage Press, 1667 Douglas Ave., Racine WI 53405.

Same-sex spousal benefits

Among the employers who have recently given benefits to same-sex spouses are Walt Disney Corp., Canada's Scotiabank, Wayne State University (Michigan) and Nynex (New York).

Israeli colonel's life partner can't get pension

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28—The life partner of an Israeli army colonel will not receive a widower's pension. Although the Israeli Supreme Court previously ruled that El Al Airlines same-sex partners of employees were entitled to spousal benefits, this court ruled that the Israeli military isn't bound by that decision.

2nd parent keeps visitation rights

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6—Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens upheld an order giving a Wisconsin lesbian visitation rights to a child she helped raise when she and the child's mother were together. The two women were together for ten years and had a commitment ceremony during which they created a new name created from both their surnames. The child bears that combined surname.

Briefs

Anchorage Alaska: Two men have filed a lawsuit claiming the state's refusal to issue them a marriage license is in violation of Alaska's Constitution.

Lesbian Health

Lesbians Ages 50-79 needed for landmark women's health study

The Women's Health Initiative is a landmark study of older women's health. The study of 160,000 women will focus on the major causes of death and poor health in women: heart disease, breast cancer, colo-rectal cancer and osteoporosis. They are recruiting lesbians because they appear to be at higher risk of certain health conditions, and because there isn't a lot of solid lesbian health information out there. This will be one of the first studies to include a question about sexual orientation. The study has sites in various parts of the country; in our area you may wish to contact either the Pittsburgh or Buffalo site. The recruitments for these sites will be kept open until August of 1996. Participants will be expected to come to the site for 1 or 2 visits per year for ten years, so people who don't live right in those cities will need to be okay with traveling.

For information, call (ask to speak with a recruitment specialist):

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Or write the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Public Policy Office, PO Box 1747, New York NY 10009.

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Entertainment Notes

Art

The paintings of lesbian artist **Valerie Rizzo** will be on display at Cup-a-Ccino's from Nov. 12 - Dec. 10. "My paintings usually have stories behind them, and are drawn from my own life," says Valerie. "Many are inspired by ex-girlfriends. I would express my feelings through my paintings." The paintings, by the way are for sale.

Travel

The **League of Gay and Lesbian Voters** has been organizing bus trips out of town. The next trip will be to Buffalo for a show (not a movie) and some other activities. For information, or to get on the mailing list/phone list for the trip, call LGLV at 833-3258 or write LGLV-Erie P.O. Box 8083, Erie PA 16505-0083.

Music

Gay male singing group the **Flirtations** went through a lot of changes after lead singer **Michael Callen** died from AIDS complications a couple years ago. A couple members left and there was even the possibility the group might break up. Now lesbian singer **Suede** has joined the group on a part-time basis. The group sees it as a really important and unique bridge-building thing to have lesbians and gay men performing together.

A new compilation album of alternative music will benefit the Red Hot + AIDS Organization. Called **Red Hot + Bothered: The Indie Rock Guide to Dating** (Kinetic/Reprise) features acts like Freedom Cruise, Folk Implosion, Lisa Germano and more.

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Heartbeats: The AIDS Memorial Album (Rising Star) features instrumental piano performances with musicians like Steve Halpern, Liberace, and Lee Gannon. Proceeds benefit LifeBeat.

Ain't Nothin' But a She-Thing (London label) Various artists, like Melissa Etheridge, Luscious Jackson, Patti Smith, Salt-n-Pepa, Come, Annie Lennox, Des'ree, Vanessa Williams. Benefits the Shirley Divers Foundation for Women, which funds research on breast cancer, women and AIDS and leukemia.

Red Hot Chili Peppers members **Flea** and **Dave Navarro** kissed on the lips for the cover of the October Guitar magazine. The magazine's editor was taken aback by the anger and hatred that he received, especially from stores; he said the bigotry just strengthened his resolve. A kiss between Navarro and band member **Anthony Kiedis** in their new video "Warped" has not raised that many eyebrows.

Movies

The Movie Stop will be sending us news of new titles of interest to our readers, so watch these pages for updates! Also, read their letter in this issue for a number of titles you will want to know about.

Thanksgiving-themed **Home For the Holidays** will be released this month. Directed by **Jody Foster**, it features **Robert Downey Jr.** as the gay brother.

Carrington opens November 10. It's based on the relationship between painter Dora Carrington (**Emma Thompson**) and the gay writer Lytton Strachey (**Jonathon Pryce**). Lytton was a member of the elite "Bloomsbury group" whose members included Virginia Woolf. He was a historian, a pacifist and an early gay rights activist.

Theater

Cleveland

The Cleveland Public Theater will have a series of women's plays and shows throughout the 95-96 season. To get a copy of the "Women's Voices Women's Dancing" schedule call (216)631-2727.

Buffalo

Brooklyn Boys is a drama set in 1977 about the lives of three gay men dreaming of escaping the boundaries of the Brooklyn gay bar culture. It plays October 26-November 10 at Hallwalls. Info/reservations (716)855-2225.

Hag Theater presents **Four Plays By Carolyn Gage**.

The Second Coming of Joan of Arc is about an abused runaway who is a lesbian teen. *Calamity Jane Sends a Message To Her Daughter* "The Real Calamity Jane... is a bar butch..." *Jane Addams and the Devil Baby* shows Jane Addams, literary lesbian, confronting an elderly Irish immigrant woman bent on exposing a preternatural secret. *Cookin' With Typhoid Mary* is about three enigmatic Irish immigrants. At Hallwalls Dec. 1,2,8,9 at 8p.m. Reservations (716)884-5984.

Meadville

Playshop Theater (Allegheny College in Playshop Theater) will perform **Cloud 9**, November 16-19. This unconventional parody, set in 1880s Africa and modern-day London, twists the conventions of time and place and uses a cross-gender, cross-race cast to explore issues of Victorian oppression. Play by Caryl Churchill, directed by Associate Professor of Communication Arts Ernest Schwartz. Tickets: \$5 adults, senior citizens and under 17 \$3; Allegheny students free w/ID. Info (814)332-3414.

Television

TV Guide reports that Fox's **Deep Space Nine** will have an episode where female Trill Dax (**Terry Ferrill**) will be in love with Lenara, another female Trill. The two will even kiss. There's a qualifying fact to the story (of course): it seems the two were a married heterosexual couple when Dax inhabited a male host. When the two meet again as two females, they fall in love again. While not purely a lesbian romance, it is a first for any of the *Star Trek* series. (Nov. 4 episode, on Fox-66).

Nora Dunn's pregnant lesbian character on NBC's **Sisters** is delivering the week of Oct. 28.

Reportedly, ABC's **Murder One** will acquire a regular gay character.


The CBS' fluffo romantic miniseries called **Judith Krantz's "Dazzle"** had a lesbian subplot.

Around Coming Out Week, NBC had some interesting gay themes in their sitcoms. On **Caroline in the City** a straight male artist is presumed gay and his painting is hung in a gay art show. As he attends the show he experiences the uncomfortable experience of passing for something you're not, and then finally "comes out" On **The Pursuit of Happiness**, invited to a wedding and needs a date to make his ex-lover jealous. He takes his straight law partner, who also ends up having to pretend to be something he isn't. On **Friends** a man that Phoebe thought was gay turns out to be straight, and his "coming out" as straight hurts her feelings. Also in October, the main male character on CBS' **The Nanny** falls for a woman who, unbeknownst to him, is a lesbian, and all the gals go crazy for the gay hunk who shows up for an episode of ABC's **Hudson Street**. On NBC's **The Single Guy**, the show's star becomes friends with **Friends'** **David Schwimmer**; both think the other is gay, everybody around them thinks they're gay, and the story revolves around how these straight guys and other people deal with these perceptions.

All My Children's Michael Delaney (**Chris Bruno**) is playing a hunky middle-American masculine school-teacher who reveals he's gay. The show's executive producer told *TV Guide* that Delaney is an established character and that his "will become a story of homophobia among people who think they're liberal."

A kind reader called to tell us that they had seen VH-1's LesBiGay **Freestyles** between 3:45 and 4:30 a.m. late Sunday night/early Monday morning. No telling if this is the regular time slot. No telling why networks keep things like this a secret from gay publications either. But try taping it (start at 3:30a.m.) and enjoy it anyway.

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Shopping

Rainbow Pride is Buffalo's new (and only) store catering to the lesbian and gay community. Opening on November 2, it will carry jewelry, clothing, magazines, greeting cards, flags and more. Located at 175 Hodge Avenue, it will be open Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. (716)881-6126.

Shocking Gray, the large mail-order outfit that sold all kinds of gay and lesbian-themed merchandise, has filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy.

TV may still be edgy about showing one of the nicest sights in the world, but now there's a whole calendar devoted to smooching Sapphists! You can get the **Lesbians Kissing Calendar** from Beth Corwin, P.O. Box 419085-333 San Francisco CA 94141 (415) 821-2178. Price \$14.95 (shipping \$3.05 for one calendar, for 2 or more shipping is free).

RuPaul is an animal rights activist? Yes, and the self-declared "natural queen" is on the cover of the 1996 *Guide for Caring Consumers*, put out by People For the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The \$7.95 guide lists "cruelty-free" products, i.e., those made without testing on animals.

Shameless plug, shameless plug: Remember this holiday season, a subscription to *EGCN* is the gift that keeps on, well, you know... Anyway, subscription forms are found on page 2 of this issue

Sports & Fitness

Yay to **Nike** for their TV ad that encourages girls to play sports. The ad shows different girls saying things like "If you let me play sports, I will suffer less depression," "If you let me play sports, I will be 60 percent less likely to get breast cancer," "If you let me play sports, I will be more likely to leave a man who beats me." The statistics are true by the way, and most were provided by the Women's Sports Foundation.

You thought Thighmaster was a hoot? **Suzanne Sommers** has revealed her newest invention, guaranteed to get even more laughs and make more money for Sommers. Presenting...The Buttmaster!

New theater, new possibilities

When Roadhouse Theater moved out of its location at 15th and State, Directors Circle Theater moved in to fill a need in Erie.

"There are a lot of opportunities in area theater for actors," says Directors Circle founder Michael Weiss, "but there isn't much opportunity for people to get the chance to direct."

While each individual gets the chance to direct, Weiss will serve as executive producer, overseeing the operations. Each director will have the chance gain experience as a director, while benefiting from Weiss' guidance.

Weiss invites people to contact the theater if they are interested in directing. He has a lineup of plays already planned for the upcoming season, though things will open up a bit after that. A potential director may, in fact, bring in the script for a play that he or she would like to bring to the Erie area audience.

And what about plays with gay or lesbian content?

"I really think gay people would enjoy our next play, called *Run For Your Wife*," says Weiss. "It's a British farce and there's a gay character in it, played by a person well-known in the Erie gay community. Another production, which will probably run in the spring, is a campy show called *Dressing Room Divas*. There are some really great lesbian and gay plays I'd love to see us do, like *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*."

Weiss is from Erie but was involved in theater and television in New York and, most recently, in Los Angeles. Among his credits is his work on *The Trials of Rosie O'Neill*, *Beakman's World*, and *Lois and Clark*.

Playing at Directors Theater until November 11 is *Veronica's Room*, a psychological thriller. According to Weiss, "It's a great Halloween story!" The Directors Circle is located at 1505 State Street on the second floor.

For information about tickets or the Directors Circle Theater, call 454-0636.

HIV/AIDS News

HIV/AIDS - Northwest Pa

Lizzie's holds successful fundraiser

The Northwest Pa. Rural AIDS Alliance would like to thank Lizzie Bordon's for conducting a highly successful fund-raiser on October 13, 1995. Lizzie's raised \$1,720 for the Northwest Alliance. This money will be used to benefit people with HIV/AIDS in the 13-counties of northwestern Pennsylvania.

The fundraiser was terrific!

From the Staff of Northwest
Pennsylvania Rural AIDS Alliance

Do you have a case manager?

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HIV/AIDS - US & World

CDC meets with lesbian health advocates

An official of the US Centers for Disease Control HIV/AIDS branch James Curran met with 18 lesbian health advocates and promised to formally respond to a list of their recommendations related to lesbians' HIV infections. The meeting was apparently the first time CDC officials have formally sat down with activists to discuss the possibilities for doing research on woman-to-woman transmission. According to the CDC transmission, only women who have had sex exclusively with other women since 1972 are considered lesbians.

—from *Lesbian Health News*

Thanks

by DonPaul Lucas

November, a time for Thanksgiving. As I count my blessings for this year, I find my list includes:

Thanks to Spirit for a supportive, loving family who stand with me.

The gay community, especially Mike and Mike and Deb, for their support and encouragement and the opportunity to communicate my thoughts and feelings on a monthly basis. The *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* is a true jewel in the Erie and surrounding area.

I'm grateful to the HIV+ community for the words of encouragement, the newspaper clipping and the chance to serve through education.

A special thanks to all those who keep me in their thoughts and prayers, which gives me the strength, the continued health and the ability to keep on keeping on. I consider myself very fortunate to have so many people supporting and pulling for me.

I just got a letter from Jim Petretta. Jim was the PWA who bicycled 5000 miles this past summer for AIDS awareness and to support the Pediatric AIDS Project in Buffalo and ASO's across the country. He had been updating those who he had come in contact with across this nation. His big concern was letting people know about small grassroots organizations that helped PWA and the HIV+ community. His plan was to publish a journal of his trip to let those of us who met and helped support his efforts share his ups and downs during the journey. Over 400 people and organizations were on his mailing list. As of October 3, he had only heard from 12 people. Only 12 people felt they could, or had to, thank Jim for his efforts, his energy, his dedication. Jim had requested a donation of \$5 to help cover the cost of production and distribution of the journal. 12 people, a mere 3% of his mailing list, responded.

So, once again, I find myself counting my blessings, my family and friends and the community. Thanks to you all.

Safe journey,
DonPaul

World AIDS Day

Erie

World AIDS Day: Background

By John Schroeck
Erie Co. Health Department

The eighth annual observance of World AIDS Day will be commemorated on December 1, 1995. Locally, the events for World AIDS Day will take place at various sites throughout the community.

One hundred and ninety countries around the world have designated this day to draw public attention to the AIDS pandemic. In the US, activities for World AIDS Day across the country are coordinated by the American Association for World Health, in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan American Health Organization, and the US Department of Health and Human Services.

World AIDS Day will link communities throughout the United States in a unified observance of dimming lights. In Washington, DC, the White House will dim its lights from 7:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. as a visual demonstration of the commitment to the fight against the AIDS pandemic and in tribute to those living with and those who have died from AIDS. Here in the Erie Community churches will ring bells at 1:50 p.m. 15 times to represent the 15 years the AIDS pandemic has been with us.

The World Health Organization designated the theme for World AIDS Day 1995 as "Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities." The aim of the theme will be to emphasize the rights that each person has to avoid infection, receive health care if infected, and be given respect and personal freedom. It also urges the world to focus on the shared responsibilities of individuals, families, communities and governments in educating one another, caring for those infected and developing a strong support system.

All communities are being affected by the continuing spread of the AIDS pandemic. As of June 1995, WHO estimated that 20 million men, women and children worldwide had been infected with HIV and approximately 4.5 million of them had developed AIDS, a 20% increase from last year. In the United States, as of December 31, 1994, 441,528 people in the US had been

diagnosed with AIDS; of these, 270,870 have died. Here in Pennsylvania as of September 30, 1995, 14,399 people have been diagnosed with AIDS; of these 8,633 have died. In Erie County as of June, 1995 133 people have been diagnosed with AIDS (94) are considered Erie County cases. Of those 75 people had died.

World AIDS Day will be a day full of activities locally. Many of the organizations involved with the HIV/AIDS Service Network are planning activities. Saint Paul's Episcopal Church is bringing in four Quilt Panels which will be on display at the church. There will also be a multi-denominational church service held at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church starting at 7 p.m. on December 1st. For additional information on these and other World AIDS Day activities contact John Schroeck at 451-6700 or Charlene Bushyager at 1-800-400-AIDS.

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, Ecumenical Healing Service

By Sue B. Kuebler
Chairperson
HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry

The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul's HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry will be observing World AIDS Day again this year on December 1. The Ecumenical Healing Service is planned for 7pm and it is anticipated that 12x12 foot sections of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will again be present. (Last year two were displayed at the Cathedral, this year it is anticipated that there will be four 12x12 foot sections. A reception will follow the service.

Last year's observance was a tremendously powerful experience and an opportunity for individuals in our community to present quilt panels made for their loved ones. We hope to be able to return those panels to the Cathedral for World AIDS Day.

Scheduling of this service was incomplete when EGCN went to press, look for further information in Showcase and in the Erie newspapers as the date approaches.

Gannon University

HIV/AIDS Awareness Week Schedule Gannon University Nov. 26 - Dec. 1 Sponsored and organized by the AIDS Action Team (AACT) at Gannon.

Week-Long Events T-shirt Sale HIV/AIDS Awareness shirts will be for sale all week long. The cost per shirt is ten dollars.

Red Ribbon Campaign Red ribbons will be distributed all week, courtesy of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity.

Mon Nov. 27—Faculty Programming: Focus On the Family 7PM Zurn

Hugs InVited Program, campus wide, all afternoon Hershey's Hugs will be distributed with cards attached listing ways that HIV canNOT be transmitted.

Tues, Nov 28—Tuesday Night Dinner, Lower Lounge of the Student services Building, 5PM. Dinner will be served by the members of Gannon's AACT team. Dinner is free, but donations are welcomed.

Student Programming, 7PM, Zurn See fliers for more details, public welcome.

Wed, Nov 29—Play: Razors in the Bible 7PM, Scrounge "Razors in the Bible," is an original play by Rita Kilbane. It will be performed at 7PM with a roundtable discussion to follow.

Thurs, Nov 30—3rd Annual Poetry Reading & Music at Cup-a-Ccino's 7PM Everyone is invited to bring poetry to be read. Original or previously published poetry welcome. See fliers at Cup-a-Ccino's to find out who our musical guests will be! Donations will be accepted, and given to Friends From the Heart.

Fri, Dec 1 — World AIDS Day: "It Can Happen To You" All day, campus wide AACT members will go into classrooms all over campus, and inform people that they have "tested" positive for HIV. A simulation to bring about awareness that anyone, including ourselves, could contract HIV.

Call the AACT office at 871-7233 for questions concerning any of the events

Youngstown, Ohio

Activities for the general community will take place, and there may be something scheduled at the gay bars. For more information later in November you can call their Gay Outreach person (Jamie) at the Mahoning County AIDS Task Force (216)742-8881

Chautauqua Co.

Falsettos in Fredonia

SUNY Fredonia theater students and the Evergreen Foundation of Western New York will present an independent production of the Broadway show Falsettos. The musical play is about a gay man and his relationships with family, friends and lovers during the early years of AIDS. It will be performed at the historic 1891 Fredonia Opera House.

The play will run from Thursday November 30-Saturday December 2. All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from the Opera House Box Office: \$8.00 for general admission, \$7.50 for students and seniors. (716) 679-1891. \$5 of ticket price is tax deductible and proceeds are directed to AIDS Community Services of Western New York.

Of related interest, there will be several panels from the Mending of the Heart Memorial Project (memorializing western New Yorkers) will be available for viewing during the run of the show. Also, there will be a World AIDS Day reception on November 30, which will start at 6:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. All are invited to attend.

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Warren PA

Two Blocks of the AIDS Quilt will be on Display at the Warren Public Library, 205 Market Street in Warren. The blocks will be there from November 28-December 9. Library hours are Monday-Friday 9:30 AM to 9 PM & Sat 9:30 AM to 5 PM

On December 1, there will be a World AIDS Day memorial Service at First United Methodist Church, 200 Market Street, 7 p.m. The two blocks from AIDS Quilt will be on display here.

Cleveland

In downtown Cleveland at noon on December 1, there will be a rally called "Hands Around City Hall" which participants will be asked to join hands and circle around city hall. The reason for this rally is to raise the consciousness of Mayor Michael White and the Council members as to the importance of AIDS Prevention and education. One issue: To date the city of Cleveland under the direction of Mayor White has not spent allocated monies from state level grants. Another issue: The city of Cleveland spent zero dollars from its general fund on AIDS education and care. Any questions please call the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland at (216) 621-0766

Pittsburgh

The Eighth Annual World AIDS Day service will be sponsored by the Pitt Men's study. The nondenominational, multi-religious service will include ideas, rituals, dance, slide shows and other activities to reflect the diverse spiritual backgrounds and needs of people with HIV. Refreshments served after service. Location and time: First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh at Centre and Aiken Avenues in Shadyside at 7:30 p.m. Info from Matt Moyer (412) 624-5508. *Held Nov. 30*

Toronto

The "Paper Prayers" exhibit will be a sort of positive version of Day Without Art, i.e., the project will commemorate the artists, performers and others lost to AIDS and recognize those with AIDS. The project is inspired by the Japanese tradition of offering painted strips of paper as prayers to sustain good health and to cure the sick. The show opens on November 29 and runs six weeks. It is at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Info: Jessica Arcand (416)979-6660, ext. 272.

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(The following was written by Kelvin Wheeler on the night his partner passed away.)

Good-bye Douglas, Good-Bye

From the first time I met you and thought, What a handsome guy. To the almost 6 years we've had together.

Good-bye Doug, Good-Bye

The many hours spent fixing up the country house, thinking we would only spend weekends. And living there year round for three years.

Good-bye Doug, Good-Bye

The chickens, ducks, rabbits, cat and dog. Nanny goat having twin Kids who danced on our cars one too many times. The garden that grew beyond our imagination.

Good-bye Doug, Good-Bye

The many job experiences, each a life in itself, to constantly meeting people and being such an outgoing person.

Good-bye Doug, Good-Bye

The first time you flew on a commercial airplane that was a commuter plane seating 14 people. To visiting the monastery and wineries on Lake Erie each time we went to Pennsylvania.

Good-bye Doug, Good-Bye

The battle we've fought with AIDS and the struggle we've been through. You are at peace now and it is over.

Good-bye Doug, Good-Bye

We all have our memories and hold them in our heart. I ask that you remember them as you say.

Good-bye Douglas, Good-Bye

Died July 7, 1992
Much Love Kelvin Wheeler

Gays, Lesbians & Emotional Wellness

By Hal Dalrymple, Ph.D., CCDC I
Member, National Association of Lesbian and Gay Alcoholism Professionals

Everyone should have the opportunity to grow up with appropriate role models. We all learn from those around us. Because of societal homophobia, Gays and Lesbians are cut off from appropriate role models.

The absence of the opportunity to grow up with appropriate role models makes problem solving and decision making difficult in adult life. Lesbians and gays do encounter different problems than heterosexuals. Applying wrong solutions to life's problems can lead to more problems.

As problems increase and attempted solutions fail, people can seek harmful ways of coping. They may engage in self defeating behavior. They may find themselves in unbalanced relationships. They may resort to alcohol and drug use to ease the pain of overwhelming life problems.

These patterns do not need to continue until the problems are of large proportions. There is hope and help for a better way. A Gay/Lesbian oriented counselor can help. People can learn problem solving and decision making skills appropriate for themselves. When the person learns these skills, self defeating behavior, alcohol, drugs, and unbalanced relationships become unnecessary.

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We here at EGCN have always felt rather passionately that it is vital to keep our community informed about what's going on. Sometimes events or late breaking news come in too soon to be gotten out in print. This means that we can't let folks know about neat events right in our area, like the LGLV-Erie bus trip last month or the PFLAG meeting.

What we are trying to do is to build an email list so we can let folks know about this kind of information. Although we would obviously prefer getting info far enough ahead so that we can print it and let many more people know, there are more and more lesbigay people in cyberspace and some people are definitely better than nobody.

So here's what we are doing. We will send out news and events that will not be able to be adequately publicized in print to folks who want them. All you have to do is send an email message with a subject of "Subscribe to Mailing List" to our new email address (egcn@aol.com). If you hear of an event, please also send it to that address and include a first line of "Publish EMAIL". We'll take it from there.

We're trying this as an experiment as a supplement. We won't send all of EGCN in email format; just late breaking bulletins.

Also, we now have a World Wide Web Page! The address is:

<http://public.navisoft.com/pub/egcn>

This is currently under development, so we will doubtless be adding to it. We do have the updated version of the Groups and Organizations section online at this location and you can even send e-mail messages to us or any of the other groups with an online address right from the Web page!

If your group has an e-mail contact address or a Web page, please let us know so we can include it. We want everyone to be included.

Thanks for your help!

MediAlert

By Al Kielwasser

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

San Francisco Bay Area

Future FAQ . . . "Project Brighter Future," intended to address "self-esteem and suicide prevention for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth," is the current video project being developed by Children's Animated Television (CAT), a nonprofit organization that produces videos for children and teens on contemporary social issues. CAT has just issued a "Project Brighter Future for GLB Teens Volunteer FAQ." To find out "how and why you should help," request a copy by email (didom@usa1.com) or via the World Wide Web (<http://www1.usa1.com/~furball/info/vol-faq.html/>).

Dumber stickers . . . The "Albuquerque Journal" (September 24) reports that a number of highly offensive bumper stickers were prominently for sale at a recent convention of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). Among the tacky stickers were those with these slogans: "Roosevelt — A Chicken in Every Pot; Clinton — A Fag in Every Pup Tent," "The Miracle of AIDS Turned Fruits Into Vegetables," "Work — It's the White Thing To Do," and "Renuke Japan." As one observer noted: "If this is the attitude of Republican women, one can only guess at that of Republican men." Demand that the NFRW repudiate the message of these stickers and apologize for allowing them to be sold! Contact the National Federation of Republican Women, 124 N. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3011, tel. 703-548-9688.

Healthy curriculum . . . A training curriculum, intended to teach health providers about homophobia, has been developed by the Office of Gay and Lesbian Concerns, 125 Worth Street, Room 601, Box 67, New York, NY 10013, tel. 212-788-4310, fax 212-788-5243.

Queer nation . . . A recent made-for-television movie based on the sci-fi series "Alien Nation" has boldly gone where no homophobe has gone before. Not only did the movie include gay aliens, but the script made a point of condemning homophobia and promoting sex-positive

attitudes. "Alien Nation: Body and Soul" aired October 10 on "The FOX Tuesday Night Movie." Kudos should be directed to the Fox Broadcasting Company, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213-0900, tel. 310-369-1000, e-mail foxnet@delphi.com.

Covering Queers . . . "Diversity & Sexuality" is the cover theme of September-October 1995 issue of "Colors," a magazine dedicated to "Opinion & The Arts in Communities of Color." Contact: Jennifer Juarez Robles, Editor, "Colors," 2608 Blaisdell Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408-1505, tel. 612-874-0494, fax 612-874-0086.

Web watch... (1) The "MindStation X" web site (<http://www.slip.net/~rigged>) features, according to its publishers, "obscure African American/Native American history, bisexual information and resources, and an impressive collection of related links" (email, rigged@slip.net). (2) A new web site features out gay comic/actor Scott Thompson (<http://204.225.234.1/~scottlnd/index.html>). (3) International queer news, filed by Rex Wockner, is now posted on the World Wide Web (<http://www.qrd.org/qrd/www/world/wockner.html>). (4) The homepage for Hollywood Supports (<http://www.datalounge.com/hsupports>) features information about upcoming films and lesbian/gay/bisexual workplace issues in the entertainment industry. (5) For ready reference, web browsers can access the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual-Centered Movie List (<http://io.com/user/topman4u/glbohead.html>). (5) Information about "The Question of Equality" — a new four-part television documentary on the struggle for lesbian and gay civil rights — is available on the web (<http://www.itvs.org/ITVS/programs/QofE>), along with "a space to publicly discuss the issues pertinent to your community and a survey to test your Queer Quotient."

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>.

National/World News

Clinton endorses job protection for l/g/b employees

WASHINGTON—President Clinton has announced his endorsement for a bill that would protect LesBiGay employees from workplace discrimination.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) was reintroduced in June and enjoys wide bipartisan support. Currently, the bills have 29 cosponsors in the Senate and 128 in the House. The legislation explicitly prohibits job discrimination, quotas, and preferential treatment on the basis of sexual orientation.

Research by the Human Rights Campaign (formerly the Human Rights Campaign Fund) shows the vast majority of Americans favor preventing job discrimination against lesbians (74%), and surprisingly, 80% don't know that job protection is not covered by existing civil rights law.

Supreme Court hears landmark gay civil rights

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court heard arguments regarding Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2, which is the most important gay civil rights case to come before the court for ten years. Amendment 2 is a law passed by Colorado voters in 1992, which basically strikes down legislation protecting LesBiGays from discrimination. Many of the Justices were strong in their criticism, including those of Justices Kennedy and O'Connor. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said, "I would like to know whether in all of U.S. history there has ever been anything like this." The Justices ruling is expected in July of 1996. It could have profound effects on practices concerning civilian job discrimination and gays in the military.

Frank threatens to out Republican congressmembers

WASHINGTON—Gay congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) has threatened to out gay Republican congressmembers if Congress moves to overturn Clinton's ban on giving gays security clearances in government

jobs. The major argument against denying security clearances to gays has been that most gay people are in the closet and can be blackmailed. Frank responds that, in Congress, "most of the Democrats are out and most of the Republicans are not. "I'll make a list [of gay and lesbian Republicans] and ask them to please deal with their own security risks and have their closeted gay and lesbian staff come out." Congressmembers almost automatically receive security clearances because of their access to sensitive information.

Military can't recruit in Portland schools

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 31—The Portland School District Board passed a resolution banning military recruiters from its schools, because of the ban on gays in the military. The resolution came after the Board passed a resolution barring from Portland schools any recruiter that discriminates on the basis of ethnic group, gender, race, sexual orientation or other factors.

Lesbians and gays demand action from UN on human rights violations

NEW YORK, Oct. 17—As heads of state from around the world gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender activists convened an international tribunal in New York City to call attention to the widespread and systematic abuse of lesbian, gay and bisexual transgender people.

—Info from National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

Gay resort rejects gay rights ordinance

SAUGATUCK, Mich.—The City Council of Saugatuck unanimously rejected a proposal to ban anti-gay discrimination. The gay rights proposal was brought up after a local bed and breakfast refused to rent a room to a gay man. Merchants in this gay resort town fear a gay boycott.

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 - 9:30 pm. 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 7 pm. 716-484-8434 or 679-3560

Chautauqua North County Support Grp (NY)

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

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. Email to j586113s@edinboro.edu

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 CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. Call Paula at (814) 332-4356 or Erny at 332-4375. Email to Roy Cerise at csglbp@allegh.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.

HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of St. Paul Cathedral

Call 452-3779.

Identity

Student group for lesbian/gay & allies at Edinboro University. Meets ever Wed at 8:30 pm 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

Informal Lesbian/Gay Student Group at Gannon

Now forming. Email to ILSGatGU@aol.com

Integrity

A Christian-based spiritual and support group, sponsored by the Episcopal Church that welcomes people of all faiths. Meets 2nd Sun 6:00 pm 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 Elaine at (814) 864-0184 or 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 7 pm 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 Thurs 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 from 12 noon. Call Melanie Ostrowski at (814)398-9119 or write to: University of Pitt Bradford BiGALA, Attn.: Director of Student Activities, 300 Campus Drive / 235 Commons, Bradford, PA 16701 email to mhost4@vms.cis.pitt.edu.

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 Action Team (AACT) Gannon 871-7233
- ☛ 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. 90's dance music DJ on Fri. (10 pm - 2 am.) & Sat. (9 pm - 2 am.) 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.

Sneakers, 100 Harrison, Jamestown. (716)484-8816. Open Tues.-Sun. 2 pm to 2 am. DJ Fri and Sat 10-2.

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 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

E-Mail Addresses

CSGLBP/Allegheny College jgolden@alleg.edu
Closet Culture j586113s@edinboro.edu
EGCN/Bridges egcn@aol.com
Identity j663104w@vax.edinboro.edu
Informal Lesbigan Students at Gannon Univ
..... ILSGatGU@aol.com
LGLV-Erie kidithart@aol.com
Pitt/Bradford-BiGALA .. mhost4@vms.cis.pitt.edu
Trigon mxy122@psu.edu

Financial Advice:

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

Funding and Fund-raising:

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
Unitarian Universalist Congreg. of Erie .. 864-9300

Social Organizations:

Menspace Larry at 835-6712
10% Network (716)484-7285 or 664-5556
Womynspace Coffeehouse Sal at 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 732-3779 or 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 (716)673-3424
Teen Hotline (412)771-8336
Trigon (Penn State Behrend)825-8211 or 898-6164

Support Groups

Rainbow Families (716)672-6682 or 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 Sun, 8:00 p.m. Unitarian Univ. Congreg of Erie.
PFLAG-Ashtabula OH (216)964-3350
PFLAG-DuBois PA Karen or John at 371-8962
PFLAG-Erie Elaine 864-0184, Kathy 838-6020
PFLAG-Jamestown ... (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529
PFLAG-New Castle PA Lois at (412)652-6893

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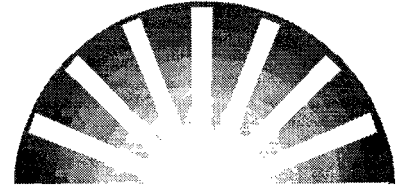
24 hour Hotline (Domestic abuse/Sexual Assault,
women and men) (814)726-1030
Erie Hospitality House (Domestic abuse, women
and men) (814)454-8161
Jamestown - YWCA Alternatives to Violence
(Domestic abuse, women and men) Daytime
..... (716)488-2237, evenings (716)484-0052.
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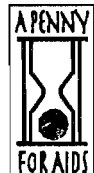


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