



Erie Gay Community Newsletter

Calendar

☛ = New or Modified Group/Event this issue

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

Jan 6—Laura at Cup-a-Ccino's 18 N. Park Row.

Jan 6—Together United: City of Good Neighbors Chorus (Buffalo) Buffalo's gay/lesbian chorus will perform at the Unitarian Church Elmwood & Ferry. Info (716) 883-0128.

☛ **Jan 6—Some Like It Hot (1959)** Straight drag comedy. Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe. TBS 1:50 a.m.

☛ **Jan 7—American Fashion Machine** On American Movie Classics 3 p.m. Includes the influence of lesbian and gay fashion in Hollywood.

Jan 8—Chautauqua Co. Visions Meeting Group (Jamestown) 7-9 p.m. Leave message at (716) 484-8434 for details.

☛ **Jan 8—C.H.A.M.P.S. proposed AIDS curriculum presentations on TCI-Millcreek** 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Millcreek public access Channel 16. Recently the religious right kicked up a stink about a K-12 AIDS curriculum in the Millcreek schools (The C.H.A.M.P.S. Program). TCI will broadcast actual puppet presentations (K-6) used in this program so that viewers can see for themselves what the children would see. Although this will be broadcast earlier in the month, we focused on this date as the most likely for our readers to catch. If you want to find if there will be other broadcasts later in the month, call TCI at 899-0625.

☛ **Jan 9—HIV/AIDS Support Group at St. Mark's** Newcomers always welcome. For info call Cheryl Weber at 452-6113 or 825-1075.

☛ **Jan 11—Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994)** Showtime 11:15 p.m.

☛ **Jan 11—Biography: J. Edgar Hoover** A&E 8 p.m., midnight. An investigation of the closeted gay man who persecuted gays, liberals, leftists, and others, and ruled the FBI with an iron fist for 48 years. Includes details about his personal life.

☛ **Jan 13—This Boy's Life (1993)** HBO 4:50 a.m.

☛ **Jan 13—Orlando (1992)** The Movie Channel 5:05 p.m.

☛ **Jan 14—LGLV-Erie Meeting** Info 833-3258.





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

Contributors: Our deadline is the 15th of the month! We welcome and encourage all readers to submit news, comments and opinions for publication in these pages. Although we appreciate the importance of fiction and poetry, we are primarily an information publication, and like most general lesbian/gay publications, we are mainly interested in nonfiction prose. We will be happy to direct you to the many lesbian/gay publications that do welcome fiction and poetry, and we will support through free publicity any local publication that publishes lesbian/gay 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.

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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 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

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♣ **Jan 16—Chantilly Lace (1993)** TMC 3:45 a.m.
 ♣ **Jan 16—Frontline: The Long March of Newt Gingrich** WNET (Ch. 17) & WQLN (Ch.54) 9 p.m. For more on those wacky Gingrich kids, check out the January 18 *Friends*.
 ♣ **Jan 17—HIV/AIDS Network Meeting** Cathedral of St. Paul. For more info call Sue Kuebler at 452-3779.
 ♣ **Jan 18—Friends: Susan and Carol's commitment ceremony** On NBC. Candace Gingrich will guest star as a lesbian minister who performs a wedding for Susan and Carol. This show is normally seen at 8 p.m., but since ABC moved the same-sex wedding ceremony of Leon and Scott (on *Roseanne*) to a later time than usual, you should check listings to see if NBC will do the same.
 ♣ **Jan 19—Northern Chautauqua County Fish Fry (Brocton NY)** "At St. Stephen Hotel. See the architecturally famous bar and the historic arches of Brocton. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the restaurant for 7:00 dinner reservations. RSVP to Vince at (716)673-3183 by Jan. 17.
 ♣ **Jan 20—Menspace: Movie & Popcorn Night** 7:30 pm. If you want to suggest a video or find out more about this event, please call Larry at 814-835-6712
 ♣ **Jan 20-26—Worlds Apart: M.F.A. Exhibit by Patrick Hiller** An exhibition of Patrick's ceramic and mixed media sculpture. Bates Gallery, Loveland Hall, Edinboro University of PA. An opening reception will be held on Sunday, January 21 from 6pm to 8pm at the gallery. For more info call 734-5721 or email: geomancr@moose.erie.net
 ♣ **Jan 20—10% Network (Jamestown)** 7-11 p.m. Call John at (716)484-7285 for details.
 ♣ **Jan 21—50+ Coffee Social at Common Grounds Coffeehouse (Pittsburgh)** 1 p.m. For info call Janet Cole at Persad Center (412) 442-9786.
 ♣ **Jan 22—Northern Chautauqua County Gay, Lesbian & Bi County Support Group (Fredonia NY)** 7-9 p.m. Call Vince at (716)673-3183 for details.
 ♣ **Jan 22—Biography: Rush Limbaugh—Always Right** A&E 8 p.m., midnight. Portrait of the right-wing talk

show host, focusing on his small-town roots, failed marriages, failed jobs, and rise to media superstardom.
 ♣ **Jan 22—Zorro, the Gay Blade (1981)** Comedy Central 3 p.m., 8 p.m.
 ♣ **Jan 23—HIV/AIDS Support Group at St. Mark's** Newcomers always welcome. For info call Cheryl Weber at 452-6113 or 825-1075.
 ♣ **Jan 25—Biography: Liberace—Mr. Showmanship** A&E 8 p.m., midnight. Portrait of the legendary musician and closeted celebrity who died of AIDS in 1987.
 ♣ **Jan 25—Partners (1982)** Two detectives pose as lovers in order to find the murderer of a gay man. Criticized as patently offensive when it came out, some gay viewers now have fun with its stupid camp humor. Written by the person who wrote *La Cage aux Folles*. Comedy Central 3 p.m., 2 a.m.
 ♣ **Jan 26—Dirty Laundry: Dirty Rotten Gossip** Discovery 8:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m. It's a popular pastime in the LesBiGay community, and this program (aimed at a general audience) will examine whether it's "just good clean fun or our single most common violation of the Golden Rule."
 ♣ **Jan 26—Tennis: Australian Open—Women's Final** ESPN 9:30 p.m.
 ♣ **Jan 27—Out and About: Cross Country Skiing (Chautauqua Co.)** Men and women from Buffalo, Chautauqua County and WNY and Erie area welcome. Call (716)366-5053 or (716)884-0814 for details.
 ♣ **Jan 28—PFLAG: Gay Teens** "Join us at 2pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway for a video and panel discussion with members of Closet Culture, Erie's lesbigay youth group." For more info, call Elaine at 814-864-0184.
 ♣ **Jan 28—Leeward Lounge: Super Bowl Party (Ash-tabula)** Open about an hour before kick-off. 1022 Bridge.
 ♣ **Jan 28—Discovery Sunday: What Sex Am I?** Discovery 9 p.m., 1:00 a.m. Examines issues for transsexuals.
 ♣ **Jan 28—Discovery Sunday: Skinheads USA—Soldiers of the Race War** On Discovery 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.



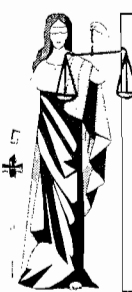
INTEGRITY

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

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

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♣ **Jan 29—Gotta Dance! Mambo & American Tango** American Movie Classics 7:30 p.m.

♣ **Feb 2—Evil Hearts and Minds: Hearts of Hate** On Discovery 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Examines the hate group called the Heritage Front of Canada, and how they get young minds to participate in their work.

♣ **Feb 3—Womynspace Coffeehouse** 7:30 p.m. The Core group says, "We'll think of something!" Newcomers welcome. For info call Sal 454-2713.

♣ **Feb 3—Leeward Lounge: Ellen's Birthday Party (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge.

♣ **Feb 4—The Women of Brewster Place** Lifetime 12:30 p.m.

♣ **Feb 4—The Color Purple (1985)** Lifetime 6:30 p.m.

♣ **Feb 4—Intimate Portrait: Maya Angelou** On Lifetime 10 p.m. Portrait of the phenomenal African-American poet, dancer, civil rights activist, author, composer, director and mother.

♣ **Feb 10—Integrity Valentine Dinner & Dance** Cathedral of St. Paul 133 W 6th St. Open to community. Dinner and Dance: \$10/person, dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. Dance only: \$5/person, and lasts from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. There will also be a Chinese auction and a 50/50. Info and reservations: 774-0903 or 459-2077.

♣ **Feb 10—2 girls alone! at Cup-a-Ccino's** 18 N. Park Row.

♣ **Feb 10—k.d. lang in Concert (Cleveland)** Cleveland Music Hall. Tickets from Ticketmaster.

♣ **Feb 14—Leeward Lounge: "Miss Fem Fag Contest" (Ashtabula)** Comedy drag. 1022 Bridge.

♣ **Feb 17—21st Annual Womyn's Variety Show (Cleveland)** Info from Gifts of Athena (216)371-1937.

♣ **Feb 17—Positive: Living With AIDS** WNEQ (PBS-Buffalo Channel 23) 4-part series begins. 10 p.m.

♣ **Feb 17—7th Annual Cause for Celebration (Jamestown-10% Network)** This auction for AIDS Community Services of Western NY will be held a week earlier than the events in Buffalo, so Southern Tier people can attend the festivities in Buffalo. If you're interested in traveling

up there with them or meeting them on Feb. 24 (see next item) contact John at (716)484-7285.

♣ **Feb 24—7th Annual Cause for Celebration! (Buffalo)** Big fundraiser for AIDS Community Services of Western NY. More info next month. Call 716-847-0212.

♣ **Feb 26—Northern Chautauqua County Gay, Lesbian & Bi Support Group (Fredonia)** Call Vince (716)673-3183.

Festivals, Conferences, etc.

♣ **Feb 15-19, 1996—9th Annual National Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum "Black Lesbians and Gays: Continuing the Struggle" (Dallas TX)** More than 1,000 participants from across the country will participate in the nation's largest gathering of African American lesbians and gays. Men's and womyn's issues, the radical right's efforts to exploit black churches, young adult issues, personal development, spirituality, more. For info contact Keith Boykin (213)964-7820.

Repeating Programs

♣ **Auntie Mame (1958)** Enc 1/10 6:30 pm, 1/14 9:45am, 1/23 6:45am, 1/2:45 pm. Comedy.

♣ **Backbeat (1994)** TMC 1/12 2:35am, 1/22 7:15pm,

♣ **Chorus Line (1985)** Cinemax 1/16 3pm, 1/22 10am. Much of the gay content in this adaptation of the Broadway musical was removed, but some of it is still there.

♣ **Ed Wood (1994)** TMC 1/7 9pm, 1/19 10:30 pm, 1/24 10:30am & 9pm. Bio-pic about the man known as the worst director in the business,

♣ **Ed Wood: Look Back In Angora** Showtime 1/16 2:05 am, TMC 1/7 11:10pm, 1/19 12:40am, 1/24 8:05 pm.

♣ **Fame (1980)** Encore 1/6 9pm, 1/12 11pm, 1/23 4:30am. On Cinemax 1/6 4:40 am. Paul McCrane plays a gay teen at New York's High School for the Performing Arts.

♣ **Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994)** Showtime 1/5 noon, 1/15 2:20 am,

♣ **Fright Night (1985)** USA 1/19 12:30 a.m. For fans of Amanda Bearse: a silly horror flick & her film debut.

♣ **The Gang's All Here (1943)** Showtime 1/10 5am, 1/15 11:30am, 1/23 9:45am. A camp delight...a Busby Berkely musical. Carmen Miranda does her famous "The lady in the Tutti-Frutti Hat," wearing fruit and surrounded by dancing bananas. Other wonderful dance numbers.

♣ **Philadelphia (1993)** TMC 1/8 7:55 am, 1/9pm 1/23 2:10am.

♣ **Six Degrees of Separation (1993)** TMC 1/17 2:25pm & 2:05am. Comedy.

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Local News

Western NY

Fredonia hate crime

Late in the last semester, a number of hate-related incidents affected SUNY-Fredonia.

Approximately seven to nine hours after students were asked to "Accept the Challenge" (against bigotry), a cross was burned on the campus. Students and faculty had been invited to listen to speakers and to sign the Pledge, a very large card-like banner, which tells bigoted individuals that you don't appreciate their comments, jokes, etc., and that you pledge to respect all people. The "Accept the Challenge" campaign came about after racial slurs had been discovered in various locations on campus. The slurs were described as "neo-Nazi in design and slogans, very hate-filled, and upsetting."

To its credit, the campus community took these instances as a signal that its diversity campaign (which has been going on for about ten years or so) had stirred up so antagonism either on campus or in town. The administration stood firm, saying that it only showed that there is much more that still needs to be done. The "healing seminar" that followed the incidents (and packed the King Concert Hall where it was held) was focused on racism, but it dealt with all kinds of bigotry and hatred, including homophobia. Panelists and students who commented included Jews, African-Americans, Hispanics, gays. "Felt like being back in the '60s-early '70s!" said one faculty member.

The FBI, campus security, Fredonia police, and NY State Police are all involved in the ongoing investigation of the incident. A \$2,000 reward has been announced for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the

perpetrators. It is being treated as a hate crime and as a violation of the Federal Civil Rights Act. A task force of Faculty and Staff of Color has been formed in addition to the normal committees dealing with issues of diversity on campus.

—Info from Vince

Empire Pride Agenda in WNY

The Empire State Pride Agenda, New York's statewide gay and lesbian political lobby is increasing its involvement with Western New York. For the first time, the Board of Directors meeting will be meeting in Buffalo (February 10). Also, on March 23, Buffalo will for the first time be the site of one of the Pride Agenda's annual fundraising parties, a statewide event called Night of 100 Parties (more details later).

The Pride Agenda is excited that an open lesbian (Barbra Kavanaugh) was elected to Buffalo's Common Council in the November elections.

For more information about Empire State Pride Agenda activities in Western New York, call Bill Goodman at (716) 836-6148.

—Information from Buffalo's *QNews*

Thanks to the people who helped with the December issue of *EGCN*

Many thanks to Dan, Dave Mulholland, Jeremy and Eric for helping us to collate the Time Capsule issue of *EGCN*! That was the largest that we had ever done (in terms of both pages and copies) and these great folks pitched in and helped us when we needed help the most! If you would like to volunteer, please give us a call at 456-9833.

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Andrezeski sponsors Hate Crimes Bill

State Senator Buzz Andrezeski has officially signed on as a cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Package, SB 701 and SB 702. The first bill amends the Ethnic Intimidation Act to include 'sexual orientation' and increases the penalty for hate-related violence or vandalism. The latter allows the PA State Police to collect information on lesbian/gay related hate crimes. Andrezeski becomes the 15th cosponsor of the package, the most ever for the legislation, and shows that he acknowledges and supports the need for the protection of lesbians/gays against hate crimes.

The legislation is currently in committee. People are urged to call or write Senator Andrezeski to thank him for his support at: 200 W. 11th St., Erie, PA 16501; 452-4783.

LGLV pleads for additional participants in local study.

After six months of survey distribution and canvassing, the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters' 1995 Northwestern Pennsylvania Violence and Discrimination Study is beginning to bear fruit. The study began last May and is set to conclude in January.

A preliminary count finds 25% of the surveys returned so far have included a participant-written account of violence. The remaining surveys reveal that many more individuals have been the victim of violence and discrimination, but chose not to detail the experience. The personal accounts range from police abuse, vandalism, and verbal harassment to stalkings and serious beatings.

However, a stagnant total—about 160 questionnaires returned as of this writing—is stalling work on the study. The initial goal sought by LGLV was 250 participants. Obstacles that have hindered completion include a poor response from most of the region outside of Erie County, a number of unusable surveys returned from other states, apathy, and lack of knowledge about the study. The League has indicated that data from the study will be made available for the more comprehensive Pennsylvania study conducted by the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force, which also ends soon.

The League encourages every lesbian/gay living in the northwestern PA area to fill out one of the anonymous

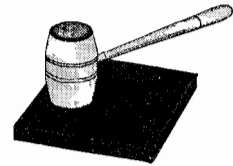
surveys, even if they have had no experience with violence or discrimination, and regardless of age, income, education, race, or gender status. It is also important for potential participants to understand that their own personal experience, no matter how trivial or acute, be reported.

LGLV has assembled survey mailers—complete with a questionnaire and a stamped, addressed return envelope—for easy, convenient completion. These mailers also allow our volunteers to easily distribute questionnaires at bars, events, or parties. If you or your organization would like to pass out surveys in the Erie, Crawford, Warren, Venango, Forest, Mercer, Clarion, or Lawrence County areas, call (814) 833-3258 to arrange home delivery at no cost.

What's Romantic to You?

Read a lesbian or gay romantic novel you'd like to tell us about? What keeps romance alive in a relationship? What's your idea of a romantic evening or weekend? Write us by mid-January so we can include it in our Valentine's issue!

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Entertainment Notes

Travel

Because we publicize so many out-of-town events in *EGCN*, and because many of our readers are younger people without a lot of driving experience, we'd like to take a moment to tell you to be careful on these winter roads. Weather conditions can change from one area to the next, so watch the weather report before heading out. Western New York gets more snowfall than the city of Erie; the snowstorm that recently dumped three feet on Buffalo closed portions of I-90. Route 17—connecting Erie and Jamestown—is bad news any time of year, but if the weather is bad that road is dreadful. And of course, Pennsylvania's snow belt runs south of I-90 and runs through southern Erie County through Crawford Co. and on to Mercer County. So watch the weather reports, and keep enough \$\$\$ on hand in case you need to stay the night at a motel.

Music

Atlantic Recording Corp. now has a Gay markets' division that will focus on promoting the label's music within the LesBiGay community. Atlantic is the largest record company in the country.

Recent recording releases:

Harvey Fierstein, *This Is Not Going to Be Pretty* (Plump)

Joan Armatrading, *What's Inside* (RCA)

Madonna, *Something to Remember* (Maverick)

Jimmy Somerville, *Dare to Love* (London)

Diana Ross, *Take Me Higher* (Motown)



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Television

ABC's **Grace Under Fire**, recently dealt with a lot of issues faced by older gay people in a very sensitive way. In the Dec. 6 episode, Grace and her boyfriend accidentally stop into a gay sports bar, where they are surprised to run into Grace's former father-in-law Emmet and his partner of 15 years. Emmet has been married to a woman for 25 years, and Grace is bothered by the unfaithfulness thing. Emmet explained what it was like growing up when he did, but the episode also showed the pain suffered by the wife who feels unloved and doesn't know why. In the Dec. 20 episode Emmet dies, and his partner insists he has a right to come to the funeral because he was Emmet's family, too.

A recent episode of **Picket Fences** made a lot of people uncomfortable. It showed **Pope John Paul** (played by an actor, of course) being cross-examined about his homophobia after taking the witness stand in a murder trial. The farfetched episode had the Pope making a special appearance in the small middle-American town of Rome. A parade is organized, and as the Pope passes by a man falls dead from a gunshot wound. The dead man's lover is arrested, and insists the dead man killed himself to protest the Catholic Church's homophobia. When the suicide story comes out in the media, the Pope says he saw the deceased being shot by the lover. Since he is the only one to say he saw such a thing, he is called to the stand, and his views on homosexuality are questioned. The defendant's lawyer is Jewish, and the judge (who is Catholic) is very insulting towards that lawyer. The defendant is a known brute.

ABC changed the same-sex wedding episode of **Roseanne** to a later hour (can't have the kiddies seeing two adults professing a lifetime of commitment and love to each other, now can we?). Actually, Roseanne wasn't happy when the network moved her to the 8 p.m. time slot, and promised to be controversial just to bug them.

Deserves mention: The Monday night CBS comedy **High Society**, obviously inspired by **Absolutely Fabulous**, and featuring an gay character (Stefano) who is able to open doors closed to others. Fans of the fantasy genre might want to check out **Xena: Warrior Princess**, a strong, amazon-type character who fights for what's right and saves a lot of damsels in distress. On WGN at 9 p.m. Fridays and FOX-66 Sundays at midnight.

Theater

Buffalo

The Broadway hit **Love! Valour! Compassion!** will be performed by Buffalo United Artists from January 12-28 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays). It's about the relationships between seven gay men who share holiday weekends of one summer. For information and reservations call (716)832-7320.

Pittsburgh

Coming up at Pittsburgh's Heinz Hall: Fans of the **Pointer Sisters** will want to catch them in **Ain't Misbehavin'**, February 6-11. And the musical **Cats** will play February 20-25. Call (412)392-4900.

Ashtabula

Fans of musical theater will want to catch **A Broadway Musical Revue**, at the G.B. Community Theater in the Ashtabula Arts Center. The show will run January 25, 26, 27 at 8 p.m. and January 28 at 2 p.m. For info and reservations call (216) 964-3396.

Film & Video

On January 30, HBO will present **The Celluloid Closet**, a documentary that examines how gays, lesbians and bisexuals have been depicted in film. The documentary is based on the pioneering book of the same name by author **Vito Russo**. The documentary will air 10 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

At **Uniplex Cinemas**, watch for **Strawberry and Chocolate** January 13 and 16 at Fredonia Opera House. Then, **Carrington** will be At The Center in Jamestown February 9 and 13, Library Theatre Films in Warren February 17 and 21, and the Fredonia Opera House

February 23 and 27. For more information call (814)723-7231.

Meanwhile, at **The Movie Stop**, these videos will arrive in January: **The Incredibly True Story of 2 Girls in Love** (arrives Jan. 16), **Wigstock** (arrives Jan. 31—New York City's annual drag festival), and **A Mother's Prayer** (arrives Jan. 30). Titles that have recently arrived are the sensual/erotic male titles **Wrestle, Viz, Sirocco**, and **Jerker**, and the sexy comedy **The Boys of Cellblock Q**; the lesbian comedies **Bar Girls** and **Go Fish**, the Oscar-nominated Cuban drama **Strawberry and Chocolate**, and the AIDS drama **The Cure**.

Actress **Cloris Leachman** will play a computer operating lesbian in a wheelchair in her upcoming film **Never Too Late**.

Shopping

Pittsburgh's alternative bookstore **Saint Elmo's** has relocated to 2208 East Carson Street. The gay-owned and operated store has a huge selection of gay and lesbian books, as well as magazines, videos, music, jewelry flags, etc. The owner reports they have the biggest selection of lesbian books west of Lambda Rising in Washington DC. They hope to have a patio ready in the spring, so patrons may go back and relax with a beverage. Also, Doug from Erie works there so if you see him, say hi! Saint Elmo's is open seven days a week Monday through Saturday 9:30-9:30, Sunday 9:30-5:30. For information call (412) 431-9100.

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National News

Lesbian activists murdered

PORTLAND, Ore.—Roxanne Ellis, 54, and her partner Michelle Abdill, 42 were found murdered execution style on December 7. Gay activists expressed concern that it was a hate crime, because the two women had been active in efforts to win gay civil rights. Robert James Acrement 27, was arrested December 17, and admitted to the murders. He at first stated that the murders were not hate-motivated, but the result of a botched robbery attempt. Later, he stated that their being lesbians may have had something to do with it, and at this writing he has stated that he won't divulge the true nature of his motivation until offered money to do so. He has expressed hostility and revulsion at the fact that the women were lesbians. Many Oregonians have said that the slayings have made them take a second look at the nature of hatred of people on the basis of sexual orientation. The women were described as "model citizens," business-women who shared a life together and had adopted a child. Acrement also admitted killing a friend, Scott George, on October 3, after spending the night drinking.

Voices of hate get hearing

WASHINGTON—The "Parents, Schools and Values" congressional hearing, held December 5 and 6, provided a taxpayer-funded platform for people opposed to serving the needs of LesBiGay youth. The hearings were requested by Lou Sheldon, Chairman of the right-wing Traditional Values Coalition, who claimed that he was concerned about the "promotion of homosexuality in public schools." The hearing was held before the House Economic and Employment Committee on Oversight and Investigations. No lesbian youth were called to testify at the hearing.

Three friendly congresspeople leave

WASHINGTON—Among the dozen or so members of Congress who have announced they will not seek reelection are three people who have been important in the effort to win gay civil rights. Openly-gay Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) and Steve Gunderson (R-Wisconsin) are leaving, making Rep. Barney Frank as the only openly-gay member of the House. Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-Colorado) was a strong supporter of gays in the military and has been supportive of efforts to do away with sexual orientation discrimination.

Families 'R' Us

by Christopher Sargent

I am gay. Period. I am a parent. Another period. These are basic facts about me and I wouldn't trade either of them for anything in the world. Being a gay parent is nothing new, I know, but as time goes on, I can't help but feel just how incredibly lucky I am.

If given the chance, parenting can be one of the most fulfilling, albeit demanding, roles one can play in the game of life. I know many gays and lesbians who would love to have children some time in their lives, but just don't feel the opportunity is there for them. Most will shy away from coupling with a member of the opposite sex for a hit or miss chance of conception. Many more just don't have the bucks to shell out for artificial insemination, surrogacy, or adoption.

As my daughter grew from an infant, to a toddler, to a beautiful human being of five now, I started looking for resources to help me grow along with her. Let's face it, being a parent can be tough, but being a gay parent can bring along some great challenges.

One of the best and most comprehensive resources I did find was Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI), based in Washington, D.C. In their quarterly newsletter, you can catch up on recently enacted laws concerning same-sex marriages and adoptions as well as the best-on-the-market books and videos for our 'special' families.

GLPCI is a coalition of 98 parent groups in 8 countries with over 3000 member families. The mission is SUPPORT, ADVOCACY, and EDUCATION. As an information clearinghouse for news, research, and projects, GLPCI is committed to lobbying for and protecting the rights of our families. GLPCI works in tandem with Children of Lesbian and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE), a San Francisco based organization which works to increase the visibility, rights, and acceptance of children with lesbian or gay parents.

If you are a gay or lesbian parent and would like to help start a local chapter of GLPCI, please give me a call at 835-4532. This is not intended as a dating or matchmaking service for parents. Please, only those parents with a keen interest in raising their kids to be the best they can be need respond.

Let's celebrate families!

Immorality and reality

by Christopher Sargent

In early November, a front page news story in Erie horrified and shocked our community. Allegedly, a nine month old baby girl was sexually abused so severely by her mother's boyfriend she required emergency reconstructive surgery in Pittsburgh.

Most of us needed answers, something to calm our rage, shock, and fear. How and why did a small child become a victim of such an adult crime? Do we place the blame solely on the abuser, obviously in need of a great amount of psychological help, or is the picture much bigger with the blame more to be focused on the decline of nuclear family values, the rise in corruption of innocence, or maybe it's just complete apathy that seems to have overrun our society?

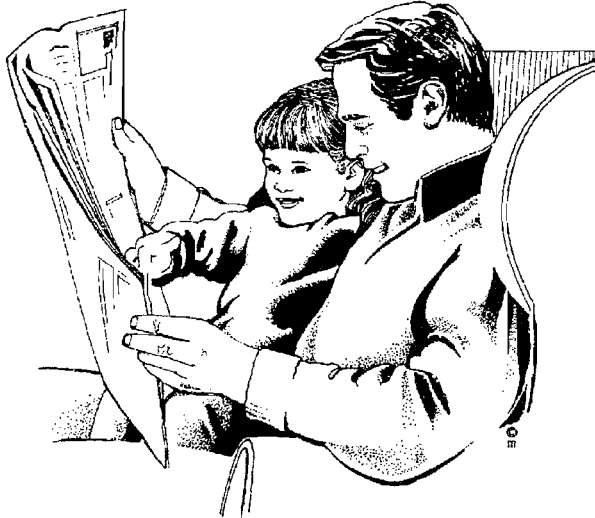
While most of us were trying to sort this all out, one individual in town seemed to figure out almost immediately just who was to blame. You see, it's all just simple answers to Pat Campbell, whose talk show on WFLP AM 1330 seems to serve only his warped sense of morality and decency. On a segment that aired shortly after the abuse in-

cident occurred, Campbell was voicing his own outrage and disgust of the situation when things took a sudden turn, a sudden wrong turn. In one breath he went from explaining the specifics of the case to educating us about the sexual practices of some gay men.

This throws us back to something that we've been dealing with for centuries. The fact that there are those who believe that we as members of the gay community somehow, by mere existence, contribute to the moral decline of society. The fact that Campbell was making a connection between the immorality of gay men and the immorality behind this brutal rape proves to us that

there are those who still prey on the ignorance of others by referring to archaic misconceptions.

What does one have to do with the other? Ignorance has always played a part in people believing that members of the gay community were after their children. Nothing could be further from the truth. If Campbell knew what he was talking about, he would know that a study published in the July 1994 issue of the *Journal of Pediatrics* showed that children are 100 times more likely to be sexually abused by a relative's heterosexual partner than by a gay man or lesbian. Additionally, there is no evidence here of homosexuality playing any part whatsoever.



What is he after? He wants to draw others into the realm of ignorance to increase ratings. Does he not completely condemn immorality and violence? If so, he is doing nothing but contributing to the atmosphere of such by implying that we are the cause of this rape. He has now become a part of that behavior which even he deems detrimental to society.

As I listened to Campbell's show that late afternoon not long ago, I looked down at the face of my five-year old sleeping daughter and felt complete sadness. Sadness for my daughter because she will eventually have to deal with attitudes and ignorance like his. In the future, how she will deal with those who verbally attack and condemn those like her father, I don't know. But through the teaching of love and acceptance I have all the confidence in the world that she will handle each situation for what it is; the chance to teach others the art of loving who we are, not what we are. Campbell could learn a thing or two from her.



HIV/AIDS News

Northwest PA

St. Mark's group resumes meeting

The HIV/AIDS Support Group at St. Mark's Center will begin meeting again on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, starting in January.

Lucas Honored

We did not have the chance to acknowledge that HIV/AIDS educator DonPaul Lucas, was presented with the Congressional Certificate of Merit on October 30, 1995. Fortunately, the mainstream media gave this the attention that this honor deserves. Congressman Phil English decided that Lucas deserved recognition after Lucas contacted him about bills regarding compensation to hemophiliacs infected by HIV because of blood company negligence. The congressman was impressed by the efforts Lucas was making as an HIV/AIDS educator, especially in the rural communities. English had first nominated Lucas for recognition as National Public

Citizen of the Year, an award presented by the American Association of Social Workers. When that did not pan out, English worked to get Lucas this special honor.

(Lucas, who is a regular contributor to our HIV/AIDS section, took this month off and will start appearing again in our February issue).

Peer educators wanted

By T. Alicia Manus, Erie Co. Public Health Department

The numbers continue to climb in the pandemic we call AIDS. According to Erie County Health Department November statistics Erie County has seen 9 new AIDS cases since June. As a result the HIV/AIDS Education & Training Team is going to use peer education as another weapon in the assault against the increasing AIDS cases in our community.

The Erie County Department of Health is seeking motivated individuals and volunteers within our community to do peer education (Training will be provided). Peer education meetings will begin in February. All interested parties should call the health department at 814-451-6727.

HIV-INFECTED ADULTS

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(All information kept strictly confidential)

Identity World AIDS Day Fundraiser

On Sunday, December 2, 1995, Identity sponsored a concert in recognition of World AIDS Day. Proceeds from the event will benefit Friends From the Heart. Identity was proud to have several local performers play including: Dave Calabrese, Tamara Brown, Dave Peters, Skip Concetta, and Michael Mahler. Identity would like to thank the performers as well as the audience. In January, Identity will be presenting Friends from the Heart with a check for \$50.00

World AIDS Day in Pittsburgh

The University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health commemorated World AIDS Day with a poster/performance exposition. Twenty-two authors from such diverse departments as Math and Statistics, Neuropathology, Theatre Arts, and Infectious Diseases contributed nineteen posters. Topics included eye infections in advanced AIDS, speech pathologies in HIV+ individuals, barriers and facilitators to consistent con-

dom use, accessing AIDS information on the Internet, and guidelines for pooling test results.

Local HIV/AIDS service agencies and projects staffed resource tables during the day, distributing both educational and informational materials. The highlight of the day was the afternoon program. Rich Keitel and CT Steele, faculty members of the Department of Theatre Arts performed selections from *Jeffrey*; Tom Waters, artist and member of the Neurobiology faculty, made a slide/lecture presentation entitled, "Arts, AIDS and Cultural Activism: Comments from the War Zone." And Donna Reed Smith from Pittsburgh AIDS Task force gave a brief presentation on HIV in the African American community.

Northeast Ohio

Ashtabula World AIDS Day Activities

The Ashtabula County AIDS Task Force commemorated the 15th anniversary of the AIDS epidemic in America by purchasing and selling keepsake Silver Bells at the Ashtabula Mall. Several of our members staffed the booth throughout the day. In the evening, the Hand Bell Choir from the First Presbyterian Church of Ashtabula under the direction of Kim Bayless (a member of the Task Force) played traditional Christmas Carols to the delight of the assembled.

Mary Elien Coneglio, Health and Safety Director of the Ashtabula County Chapter of the American Red Cross said, "The money raised from this event will go into the Task Force fund to aids persons living with HIV/AIDS. We appreciate the community's support and the willingness of the First Presbyterian Church Hand Bell Choir to assist our efforts", She further added that about \$150 was raised.

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By Al Kielwasser
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation
San Francisco Bay Area

Broadminded broadcasting

While quick to tout their First Amendment rights, "hate radio" broadcasters seldom discuss the RESPONSIBILITY that frees speech implies (especially when that speech is delivered over the PUBLIC airwaves). In San Francisco, one radio outlet has attempted to strike a necessary balance between freedom and responsibility.

Last year, radio station KFRC fell into disrepute for hiring a profoundly racist and homophobic DJ. The hate-filled DJ was finally fired after, and the station's general manager was replaced, but only after KFRC had earned the scorn of the community and an investigation by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

Recently — and following many months of community education and pressure — KFRC management has taken a strident step towards stemming the hate-radio tide. KFRC's owners — Alliance Broadcasting —

have adopted a thoughtful "On-Air Speech Policy," which the station's employees are required to sign.

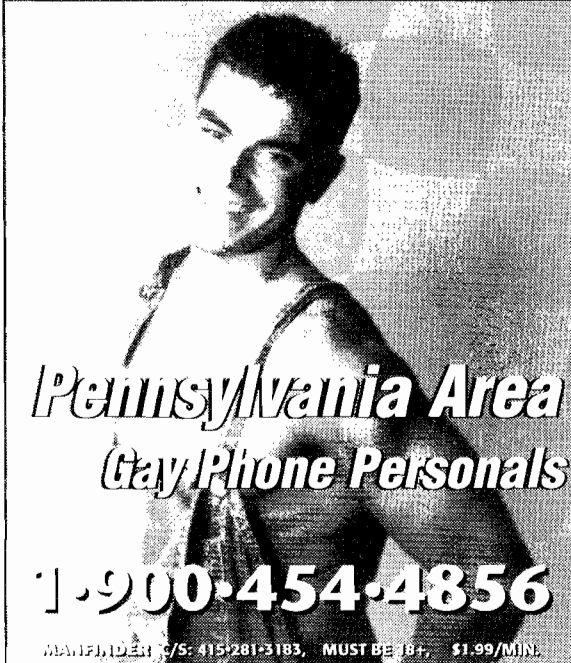
The new policy states: "Alliance Broadcasting and its affiliated radio stations recognizes and strongly supports the constitutional right of free speech and encourages the expression of legitimate opinions and comments on all subjects. We also expect our programs to be entertaining, humorous and occasionally controversial. The entertainment value of our programming should not be obtained, however, by the use of comments, opinions, or humor which pander to racial, ethnic or sexual prejudice."

The policy specifically indicates that: "Jokes, comments, or opinions which tend to subject individuals or groups to hatred, ridicule or embarrassment based upon race, national origin, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability are unacceptable. The station should never be put in the position of having to apologize for slurs or insults of this nature."

*** ACTION ALERT! Send compliments to Will Schutte, V.P. & General Manager, KFRC AM/FM, 500 Washington Street, San Francisco, CA 94111, tel. 415-391-9970, fax 415-397-7655; encourage your local "problem" station to adopt similarly responsible policies.

Homo video . . . "Out for a Change: Addressing Homophobia in Women's Sports" is an educational video suitable for high school or college classrooms and libraries. This broadcast-quality video "exposes the devastating emotional impact homophobia has on ALL women athletes" and "clearly shows that homophobia is a political tool used to retain straight male control over the multi-billion dollar sports industry." An accompanying curriculum is also available. Contact: Woman Vision, 3145 Geary Blvd., Box 421, San Francisco, CA 94118, tel. 415-346-2336, fax 415-346-1047.

Talking about talking . . . Offering a more-positive balance to the frenzied rhetoric of "anti-sleaze" TV critics, two recent magazine articles examine the talk-show phenomenon, from popular and academic perspectives, respectively. In the January/February 1996 issue of "Utne Reader," Joshua Gamson, a gay Yale sociology professor, deftly deconstructs the peril and the promise of TV talk — specifically in regard to queer subjects. According to Gamson: "To speak for and about yourself



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as a gay man or a lesbian on television, to break silences that are systematically and ubiquitously enforced in public life, is profoundly political." "TV talk shows may be crass and voyeuristic," the essay concludes, "but they give a voice to those who have been silenced." Contact: "Utne Reader," 1624 Harma Place, Suite 330, Minneapolis, MN 55403, tel. 612-338-5040.

On a much "lighter" side, journalist A. J. Jacobs provides a popular gloss on "Talkin' Trash," in "Entertainment Weekly's" December 8 issue. The author spoons up "five reasons why Montel, Ricki, Sally, and Geraldo Don't Stink." Reason No. 2: "They Break New Ground." Contact: "Entertainment Weekly," 1675 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

Report card . . . "Safe Schools" is a recent report published by the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment. For a free copy, call NCAMH (tel. 206-233-9136) or write to "Safe Schools" Report, Northwest

Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, P.O. Box 16776, Seattle, WA 98116.

The games some people play

This year, lesbians and gays have made unprecedented inroads in TV drama, comedy and talk. However, queers have remained conspicuously absent from one genre — the "relationship game shows" (programs like "Singled Out," "Love Connection," etc.).

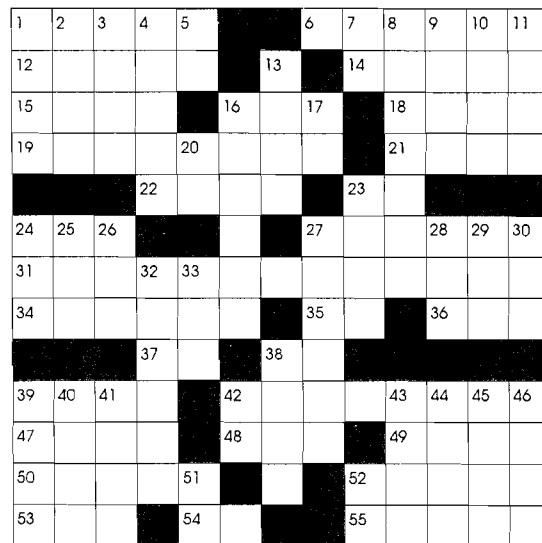
Two new relationship game shows will be added to the growing television genre for the Fall, 1996 season. "Swaps" is being billed as a "clean" program, in which couples who had been in a relationship decide whether to get back together or date someone else. The series will be produced by Tribune Entertainment.

All-American TV will produce a one-hour relationship show. As yet unnamed, the series intends to offer a "positive look at love in the '90s." Host John Schneider,

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EGCN Crossword:

"Funny Wymyn" by Mike Miller



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- 1 First name in lesbian comedy
6 She's Edith Ann
12 Trophy
14 ___ Loa
15 Columnist Barrett
16 Eve's progenitor?
18 Czech
19 Comic Kate's

- 21 Like a Broadway show?
22 Buffoon
23 Charles' future ex?
24 Buckeyes (abbr.)
27 Morning drink
31 Comic Suzanne's
34 Engraved
35 Newt's forte?
36 Wide shoe size
37 ___ Capitan
38 Syllable for Etheridge?
39 Ms. Tomlin
42 Comic Lea's
47 Construction material
48 Wymyn's best friend?
49 Needle case
50 Eatery
52 Foil for a grasshopper
53 Queer
54 Pop mag
55 Last name in lesbian comedy
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3 Gypsy lady
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13 Color
17 See 35 Across
20 ___ Sir with Love
23 Female deer
24 Have a debt
25 Harden
26 Trojans (abbr.)
27 Blue element
28 Surcharge
29 Before
30 Compass point
32 "_____ here!"
33 Electric fish
38 Low-fat
39 Boz Scaggs hit ___ Shuffle
40 In the same place (abbr.)
41 25% of Earth's surface
42 Washington, ___ (abbr.)
43 Lesbian shock comic or Nevada resort
44 Italian-American hangout
45 French distance
46 Type of bath
51 Ms. Paul?
52 Folk singer (init.)

of "Dukes of Hazzard" fame, "will travel around the country and bring together couples."

Built specifically around DEMONSTRATIVE romance, such shows COULD contribute uniquely to lesbian and gay visibility. For the most part, mainstream television has refused to portray lesbians and gay men as romantic — let alone SEXUAL — beings. The real-world consequences of such that refusal can be found in the homophobic hatred that surrounds public expressions of lover between queers. In her new book "Eight Bullets," for example, Claudia Brenner details the death of her lover, who was shot and killed by a man who happened to see the women KISS.

*** ACTION ALERT! Encourage the distributors of these programs to break new ground, avoiding the heterosexist bias of every game show that has come before them. Contact: Rick Jacobson, CEO, Tribune Entertainment, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611, tel. 312-222-4441, fax 312-222-3815; Henry Siegel, President, All-American Television, 875 Third Ave., 9th Floor, New York, NY 10022, tel. 212-418-3000, fax 212-418-3010.

Web watch . . . (1) World Wide Web browsers can now access the home page of the European Gay & Lesbian Sports Federation (<http://www.gaysport.org>). (2) October Films has set up a web site to coincide with the release of the new lesbian love story "When Night Is Falling" (<http://www.octoberfilms.com>). (3) AIDS/HIV web sites include the ArtAIDS Home Page (<http://artaids.dcs.qmw.ac.uk:8001/entrance/entrance.html>), the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt (<http://www.aidsquilt.org>), and the Safe Sex Page (<http://www.cmpharm.ucsf.edu/~troyer/safesex.html>).

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The Web Site is back! We have the Calendar of Events, Latebreaking News and pointers to area lesbian resources and web searchers. We're your one stop for info. The Web Site address is:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/egcn/>

If your group has an email 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!

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Groups & Organizations

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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@alleg.edu

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Informal Lesbian Student Group of Erie

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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.

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Lambda Group AA

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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 Sun 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 814-452-6113 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 Mailro.: - Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Road, Erie, PA 16563. Email to Ginny at vs121@email.psu.edu or Al at alr126@email.psu.edu

Venango-Forest AIDS Support

Meets Tues at 6:30 pm at Christ Episcopal Church, 16 Center Avenue, Oil City. ♣ 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

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 Grps 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 Information 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 - Tami 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) Hispanic American Council 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 Assoc (\$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-Cino'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. Wheel-chair 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

Financial Advice:

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

Funding and Fund-raising:

Lambda Foundation. P.O. Box 5169, PGH 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

Violence and Abuse:

24 hour Hotline (Domestic abuse/Sexual Assault,
women and men) (814)726-1030
Erie Hospitality House (Domestic abuse, women and
men) (814)454-8161
Jamestown - YWCA Alternatives to Violence
(Domestic abuse, women and men) Daytime
..... (716)488-2237, evenings (716)484-0052.
Women's Center of Warren & Forest Counties 24
hour Hotline (Domestic abuse/Sexual Assault,
women and men) 800-338-3460 or (814)726-1030

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