



Erie Gay Community Newsletter

Calendar

➤ **Aug 4—Community Picnic** Jill and MaryLynn have just moved to Erie, and they would like to invite people to their private picnic grounds for a community picnic (Bring a covered dish). From 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. "We want to meet good people, fun people, and have a nice afternoon. We welcome gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people, and gay-affirming straights. Family members and kids welcome, young old, in-between. We have picnic tables, volleyball court, softball, etc. Pop will be provided; if people choose to bring alcohol, please drink responsibly. RSVP please. Call for location and directions. Watch for rainbow arrows to guide you." Phone Jill or Mary Lynn 453-3227. (leave message if not home).

➤ **Aug 6—Kids in the Hall: "Gay Pride, Cops"** Comedy Central 1:30 p.m. and midnight.

➤ **Aug 6—Law & Order: "The Reaper's Helper"** A&E 11 p.m., 3 a.m.

➤ **Aug 6-8—The Celluloid Closet (Chautauqua NY)** Acclaimed, Emmy-nominated documentary that explores Hollywood's portrayals of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people. At Chautauqua Cinema, Chautauqua Institution. *Times*: Tues Aug. 6 - 9:45 only, Wed. Aug. 7 - 2:30 only, Thurs. Aug. 8 - 9:45 only. Info (716) 357-2352.

➤ **Aug 8—Cup-a-Ccino's Soccer Team Final** 6pm, Family First Sports Park.

➤ **Aug 8—Candace Gingrich on The Late late Show with Tom Snyder** On CBS, after David Letterman (check listings).

➤ **Aug 8—70s Music Explosion (Buffalo NY)** The Village People, KC and the Sunshine Band, Kool and the Gang, VickiSue Robinson, the Trammps. Gloria Gaynor, Deney Terrio & Motion. Darien Lakes Performing Arts Center, Darien Lake NY. Tickets at Ticketmaster.

➤ **Aug 9-11—Country Western & Murder Mystery Weekend at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** Join in the



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➤ **Aug 10—Gay Day at Paramount Canada's Wonderland (Toronto)** All day passports \$27 (Canadian). "Wear red T-shirts!" Proceeds benefit Lesbian Gay Bi Youth Line. Info from gay.day@wonderland or (416) 964-1916 or (416) 964-6600.

➤ **Aug 10—Real World** The new one; six hours worth, on MTV. Starts at noon.

➤ **Aug 11—HUGS East: Annual Mentor Headlands Beach Potluck/Picnic (Mentor OH)** Mentor Headlands State Park "Follow the signs!" Info (216)974-8909 especially on Wednesday 7-9 p.m.

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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.

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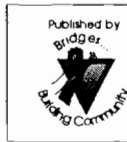
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Places to get EGCN...

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Leeward Lounge, 1022 Bridge St.

Clarion

NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance, RD #3 Box 75F

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The Embers, 1711 State Street

F&N Enterprises, 1115 State St

Filmore News, 2757 W 12th St

Hispanic American Council, 554 E 10th St

Lizzie Bordon's, 3412 W. 12th

NW. PA Rural AIDS Alliance, Baldwin Bldg.

Roadhouse Theatre, 145 W 11th St 456-5656

Unitarian Univer. Congreg/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, 413 N Main St, Jamestown

JCC Group Meetings, Jamestown

Nite Spot, 201 Winsor, Jamestown

Sneakers, 100 Harrison, Jamestown

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Aug 11—Barry Grossman speaks: "Talk Radio: Has it been co-opted by angry white heterosexual males?" 10:30 a.m., at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie 7180 New Perry Highway. Open to public. For three years, Barry hosted the "We the People," an afternoon talk show on station WFLP (1330-AM). Barry has practiced law in Erie, was a Political Science Professor at Mercyhurst College for 20 years, and now owns and manages two local restaurants (Stonehouse Inn and Rax).

Aug 13—Me'Shell NdegéOcello in concert (Pittsburgh) Star Lake Amphitheatre (800) LAKE MCI.

☛ **Aug 13—HIV/AIDS Support Group** Newcomers always welcome! Info: Cheryl Weber at 825-1085

☛ **Aug 13—Ellen DeGeneres: One Night Stand** Comedy Central 8pm & 10:30pm

☛ **Aug 14—Mary Chapin Carpenter (Buffalo)** Erie Co. [NY] Fairgrounds Tickets @ Ticketmaster.

Aug 16—NY State Residents: Last Day to Register for September 10 Primary

☛ **Aug 16—La Cage Aux Folles 3: The Wedding** Cinemax 6:30 a.m.

Aug 16-18—Mud Party Weekend at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY) "New event—wet, slippery, dirty, fun." For more info, call (716)567-8100

Aug 17—10% Network Annual Picnic (Westfield NY) Ottoway Park in Westfield (on Rte. 5, 1 mile east of light in Barcelona). Entrance is opposite a KOA campground. "Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. 4pm - 10 p.m. There is an enclosed pavilion in case of rain. Alcohol is not permitted in the park. There is a small fee for parking and we will take up a collection to pay this fee, as we did last year. We will have games, food, music, and fun. As at our last picnics, we hope that some of our friends from Erie can join us as well. Hope to see you there!" Info (716)484-7285.

Aug 17—Bears in the Woods '96 Weekend at Camp Davis (Boyers PA) Sponsored by ARKTOS (330) 434-4860 For info about Camp Davis, call (412) 637-2402

☛ **Aug 17—Laura at Cup-a-Ccino's** Acoustic guitar. 18 N. Park Row 9 p.m.-midnight. Note: there was a scheduling change from last month; Laura will indeed be performing on this date. Also, this performance will be during We Love Erie Days.

☛ **Aug 17—Citizen Cohn (1992)** Cinemax 4:35 a.m. Portrait of the despicable, homophobic homosexual who was part of the McCarthy witch hunt of the 1950s.

Aug 17—Donna Summer (Pittsburgh) IC Light Amphitheatre 800-628-5971.

Aug 18—Losing Chase Showtime 8 p.m. Helen Mirren (*Prime Suspect*, *Madness of King George*) plays a married woman who falls in love with a domestic worker (Kyra Sedgwick) who works in her home.

Aug 18—Shawn Colvin (Cleveland) Nautica Stage (216)621-3000.

☛ **Aug 18—Polyester (1981)** Comedy Central Noon and 8 p.m. Perverted John Waters comedy.

☛ **Aug 20—Liberace: Mr. Showmanship** A&E 8 p.m., midnight.

☛ **Aug 20—Me'Shell NdegéOcello in concert (Buffalo)** Darien Center (716) 852-5000.

☛ **Aug 20—Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars** VH-1 at 9 p.m. David Bowie performs, from the tour that made him an androgynous gay rock icon.

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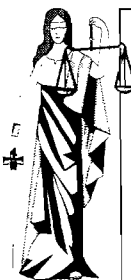


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General Civil Practice

♣ **Aug 20—Murder By Death (1976)** 3 a.m. on TNT. Comedy mystery. Truman Capote, Peter Falk.
 ♣ **Aug 21—HIV/AIDS Service Network of Erie County** 4 p.m. League Room of Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul. Info: Sue B. Kuebler 452-3779.
 ♣ **Aug 21—Once is Not Enough (1975)** Campy trash with a small but nice lesbian subplot. TNT 2:20 a.m.
 ♣ **Aug 21—thirtysomething: "Closing the Circle"** Lifetime 1:30 a.m. Peter makes a disturbing discovery. Gay writer Paul Monette served as consultant on this script.
 ♣ **Aug 22—Melissa Etheridge on David Letterman** 11:30 p.m. on CBS.
 ♣ **Aug 22—Getting From Out Here** 10:30 p.m. WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) A look at southern gay culture through the eyes of a southern expatriate.
 ♣ **Aug 22—Northern Exposure: Lucky People** WJET 1am. A cute subplot has Maggie and Chris inspired as they work on the car of the town's lesbian founders. (Note: because the *Northern Exposure* rerun schedule had changed, unbeknownst to us, we were printing the wrong episodes & dates. Hopefully, we are using the most current one now).
 ♣ **Aug 23—k.d. lang (Pittsburgh)** Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheatre 800-LAKE MCI
 ♣ **Aug 23-25—run, jane, run 1996 (Cleveland)** Amateur women's sports events. Dates are as follows: *Golf Tournament* August 23, *Volleyball Tournament* August 24, and *5K Run* August 25. Benefits Women's Center of Greater Cleveland. Info (216)651-1450.
 ♣ **Aug 23-25—Leather III Weekend at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** For more info, call (716)567-8100
 ♣ **Aug 25—PFLAG Erie: Segments from "Always My Kid: A Family Guide to Understanding Homosexuality"** "Producers Steve Baker and Russell Byrd designed this video to answer questions and fears of their own families. Watching this video provides the facts needed to overcome homophobia and build stronger, closer family relationships." 2 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie. Info: Elaine Hill 864-0184.

♣ **Aug 25—Nylons in concert (Pittsburgh)** IC Light Amphitheater 800-628-5971.
 ♣ **Aug 26—Northern Chautauqua Co. GLBT Support Group (Fredonia)** Garland Hall, Episcopal Church, Day St. (use side entrance facing post office.) Ample parking in rear. 7-9 p.m. Info Vince Courtney (716)673-3183 or courtney@fredonia.edu
 ♣ **Aug 26—Kids in the Hall: Chalet 2000** Comedy Central 5 p.m. A special half-hour Buddy Cole episode.
 ♣ **Aug 26—Marlene Dietrich: Shadow and Light** American Movie Channel 9:35 p.m.
 ♣ **Aug 27—HIV/AIDS Support Group** Newcomers always welcome! Info: Cheryl Weber at 825-1085
 ♣ **Aug 27—Aileen Wuornos: The Selling of a Serial Killer (1992)** Cinemax 5:30 a.m.
 ♣ **Aug 28—Kathy and Mo: Parallel Lives** On Comedy Central 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Kathy Najimy and Mo Gaffney do a lot of funny skits (they play all the characters) including a lesbian performance art act, a Jewish woman who's supportive of her gay nephew, and more. You'll learn memorable pick-up lines as Nijimy plays a man putting the moves on a woman in a country western bar.
 ♣ **Aug 28—Northern Exposure: "Bus Stop"** WJET 1am. A production of *Bus Stop* causes problems in Ron and Erick's relationship.
 ♣ **Aug 28—Ronald Reagan and the Rise of the Right** A look back at how the charismatic Reagan led America's his-

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toric shift to the political right. A&E 10 p.m., 2 a.m.

☛ **Aug 29—Archaeology: "Russian Amazons"** The Learning Channel 8:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m. Some lesbians strongly relate to the legendary Amazons. This program explores the society on which the Greeks probably based their accounts of this society.

☛ **Aug 30-Sep 2—Mr. Jones Pond Contest & Show at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** Mr. JP Saturday 9pm. Variety Show Sunday at 9pm. For more info, call (716)567-8100

☛ **Aug 31—American Playhouse: "Swoon"** 9 p.m. WNEQ (PBS-Buf./Ch.23)

☛ **Aug 31—Flea Market Weekend at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)** For more info, call (412) 637-2402

☛ **Sept 1—Melissa Etheridge in concert (Buffalo)** Darien Lake Performing Arts Center (716)852-5000.

☛ **Sept 1—Labor Day Pot Luck at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)** 7:00pm. For more info, call (412) 637-2402

☛ **Sept 1—Lesbian Labor Day in Mercer Co.** The women of Youngstown's LGB Coffeehouse will be at Amazing Grace women's land in northern Mercer County (a 125-acre secluded rural location). They are inviting other women from the area (people from Womynspace, like Jackie and Mary Anne, are planning on going). This will be an event for adult women (it's not really set up for kids). Rustic: cold running water, sort-of outhouse, but electricity, group cabin space, BBQ and phone. Lots of mowed tenting space. Bring your own food and beverages, utensils, hiking and camping gear (if you'll be hiking/camping), musical instruments, yard games, flashlight. RSVP Requested, especially if you'll want to stay in a cabin. Call Jean at home: (330)744-4126 or work: (330)742-3291. She'll send you written directions. (It's requested that participants not bring alcohol or drugs onto the land.)

☛ **Sept 2—Melissa Etheridge in concert (Pittsburgh)** Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheater. 800-LAKE MCI. Tickets at Ticketmaster.

☛ **Sept 2—Labor Day Picnic (Pittsburgh)** See story in "Entertainment Notes," page 8. Info (412)422-0114 M-F 6:30-9:30pm, sat 3-6pm.

☛ **Sept 6-8—Fantasy Weekend at Jones Pond Campground (Angelica NY)** What is your Fantasy? Will it happen here? For more info, call (716)567-8100

☛ **Sept 7—Womynspace Coffeehouse: Guest Musician** "Music starts at 8 p.m. Come and bring friends. Let's start the coffeehouse season off right! Newcomers welcome!" Info call Sal 454-2713.

☛ **Sept 7—Ohio Lesbian Festival** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. \$20 advance, \$25 gate. Send check with SASE to LBA Festival PO Box 82082, Columbus OH 43202 (614)267-3953. Free mammograms. Frontier Ranch near Kirkersville, off I-70 20 miles east of Columbus. Music, workshops, activities. Rhiannon, Heather Bishop, Ase, others.

☛ **Sept 7—Suzanne Westenhoeffer (Buffalo)** Marquee at the Tralf, 100 Theater Place (716) 852-0522. Show 8 p.m., doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets from Ticketmaster or Marquee at the Tralf.

☛ **Sept 8—We Are Family Picnic (Cleveland)** Wildwood Lake, 1100 East River Road (Copopa-Mallet Creek Road) just south of Sprague Road, Columbia Station. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$20 benefits N. Ohio Coalition funding of gay and AIDS programs. Info (216) 771-0369. (Advance tickets from NOCI, Box 15065, Cleveland OH 44115).

☛ **Sept 10—NY State primary**

☛ **Sept 11—HIV/AIDS and General Dentistry (Clarion)** \$25, dinner provided. Final registration date Aug. 28. Sponsored by NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance. More details and full training schedule call Alliance 456-8849 or 1-800-400-2437.

☛ **Sept 13—Dream On: "For Peter's Sake"** Comedy Central 6:30 p.m. An editor comes to terms with his own fears of homosexuality and AIDS.

☛ **Sept 25—Law Enforcement and the Legal Aspects of AIDS (New Castle)** September 25. (Final registration date September 10). Fee \$25; dinner provided. Keynote speaker: David Herrera-Korman, Esq. Sponsored by NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance. More details and full training schedule call Alliance 456-8849 or 1-800-400-2437.

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Taxicab Confessions 3 On HBO. 8/10 10:30pm, 8/13 11:30pm, 8/17 12:30am 8/20 10pm 8/26 235am.

Unzipped Cinemax. Humorous look at the world of gay fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi. 8/21 11pm, 8/28 5:15am

Entertainment Notes

Film & Video

Looking to consume **Disney** products to counter the Southern Baptist boycott on the company? Then check out **The Hunchback of Notre Dame**. Although the movie has been altered a little for children's audiences, its message of tolerance for others who are different comes through very clearly. The song "Out There," sung by Quasimodo (actually by Thomas Hulce, an out gay actor), as he looks longingly from his place of confinement, looks to be turning into something of a gay anthem. Reportedly, T-shirts with the message "Out There" were very popular at Gay Day at Disneyworld.

Sapphic cinephile **Heidi Streich** has been checking out the new 17-plex **Tinseltown**, and comments on the "plex" that shows alternative films. "Try to get there early enough so that you can sit away from the screen, because the room is small, and if you sit up front you'll be right up against the screen. Also, the air conditioning is cold, so bring a jacket or a blanket, but if you bring a blanket don't do an 'Alanis Morissette.'" She also says Tinseltown has homemade lemonade and humungous pickles.

At the **Movie Stop: Siren** (steamy lesbian erotic romance), **It's My party** (arriving 8/13, powerful highly-praised story about a gay man with AIDS who takes control over his life in the most profound way), **Diabolique** (some say Sharon Stone comes across like a "lesbian icon" in this). A couple not-new titles of interest: **Chippendales: Tall Dark and Handsome**, and **Strangers in Good Company** (a group of various women travellers on a bus—one a lesbian—get stranded and get to know each other as people).

Coming to theaters in August is **Bound**, a "heist" movie starring **Gina Gershon** and **Jennifer Tilly** as lovers. Also, watch out for **A Very Brady Sequel**.

Theater

Buffalo United Artists present the local premiere of James Kirkwood's madcap comedy **Legends!** This comedy is about two silver screen divas who hate each other (a la Bette Davis/Joan Crawford) and are completely broke, so they hesitantly agree to meet and discuss the possibility of appearing in a play together. In the original version that toured the country, Mary Martin and Carol Channing played the two divas; in the Buffalo version, Jimmy Janowki and Ben Kuhns will play these roles. Saturdays (8 p.m.) and Sundays (7 p.m.) through Aug. 11 at TheaterLoft. Reservations (7126)832-7320.

Travel

Traveling to a nearby big city? We've added the info-line numbers to our "Community Directory" (second to last page). When heading out of town, call them for info on the local scene.

Also, if you want to check out what other stuff (i.e. not gay) is going on nearby, pick up a copy of that city's paper on Friday. That's generally when they carry their *Showcase* equivalent (i.e., arts and entertainment publication).

If you like checking out the local gay scene in a town, pick up a gay travel guide. We've reviewed them in our pages before, but here's a quick list once again. *Gayellow Pages*, *Ferrari Travel Planner*, *Ferrari Places for Men*, *Ferrari Places for Women*, *Damron Address Book* (for

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And remember we would love for our readers to write about your travels for our pages!

Pittsburgh's annual **Memorial Day Picnic**, sponsored by the Lambda Foundation, probably won't be at the usual North Park site in the future. And the Labor Day picnic is without a site at this writing. A five-hour rain made the site a bit sloppy at the Memorial Day picnic, and since many people had to park in grassy areas, there was a lot of lawn destruction. Also, because of the weather, 1,800 people jammed into the lodge, which can legally hold only 600. As a result, Allegheny County revoked the permits for the **Labor Day Picnic**. However, Lambda Foundation president Bill Nist emphatically told Pittsburgh's *Out*, "There will be a Labor Day picnic." To find out the latest, call Pittsburgh's Gay/Lesbian Community Center Phonenumber (412)422-0114 6:30-9:30 pm. M-F, 3-6 pm. Sat., closed Sundays.

Television

MTV's *Real World* has begun a new season with a new set of roomies, including a gay member named **Dan**. *Real World* is on Mon.-Fri. 5 p.m., Sat. 6:30, 10:30 p.m. Also on MTV on June 28, same-sex couples were included on its dating game show *Singled Out*. Unfortunately, MTV, which usually is pretty bold on gay issues, canceled the show's 7 p.m. (prime time) broadcast, showing it four hours later at 11 p.m. On top of that, the gay episode was also only shown once (the regular, heterosexual, episodes are repeated several times).

Lily Tomlin will play *FYT*'s executive producer on next season's *Murphy Brown*, taking the place of Miles (Grant Shaud), whose character left this past season.

TV Guide reports that VH1 has committed to an 8-episode series order from **RuPaul**. One VH1 insider said, "What VH1 would like is for RuPaul to become a permanent fixture on a Friday or Saturday night."

Among the Emmy nominees in the "Presidents Award" is *The Celluloid Closet*.

The **OutVote '96** convention will be going on (August 16-18) right after the Republican Convention and about a week before the Democratic one, so there will hopefully be some media coverage of that event as well.

Comedy Central will put a spin on the presidential conventions with *InDecision '96*. Among the irreverent correspondents are **Bill Maher** and **Al Franken**, who will report live from the Republican National Convention in San Diego (Aug. 12-15) and the Democratic National Convention in Chicago (Aug. 26-29). Maher is host of Comedy Central's *Politically Incorrect*, which often brings gay and lesbian guests into their discussions. Al Franken is a liberal Democrat whose book *Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot and Other Observations* recently made the bestseller lists. Along with Maher and Franken will be **Arianna Huffington**, a conservative Republican, and comedian **Chris Rock**. The network will interrupt its regular programming from 8-11pm. during each night of the conventions. Special live one-hour editions of *Politically Incorrect* with Bill Maher will air at 11 p.m. each night of the conventions. Bill plays host to four guests each night as they discuss the political events of the day while Al Franken and Arianna Huffington will be featured in point/counterpoint segments as they return from the convention floors.



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Local news

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous

by Robert

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) is "a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other, that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from sexual compulsion." (SCA's Statement of Purpose).

SCA is a twelve-step fellowship, or group. Its "Twelve Suggested Steps" are modeled on those of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

By walking into an SCA meeting for the first time, you are working the first step: "We admitted we were powerless over sexual compulsion—that our lives had become unmanageable." You are saying "I can't stop"—can't stop cruising a certain parking lot or restroom, can't stop having sex at a bookstore or bath house, can't stop calling 900 numbers, can't stop renting pornography, can't stop going to a strip club, can't stop going to a strip club, can't stop meeting a prostitute or going to massage parlors. The list goes on and on.

You are not alone. There are countless people who cannot stop such behavior. Know this: It is impossible to stop on your own; you need the help of people like yourself.

One SCA meeting explained its purpose in these words: "We are not here to repress our God-given sexuality, but to learn how to express it in ways that will not make unreasonable demands on our time and energy, place us in legal jeopardy, or endanger our mental, physical or spiritual health."

SCA meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 4701 Old French Road.

For more information, call the Erie Hotline at 453-5656.

Check out the EGCN Web Page!

Latebreaking news, Pointers to area
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PFLAG chapter in Ashtabula

by Sharon

Ashtabula now has its own chapter of Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. We meet the last Friday of each month at the Donahoe Center on Route 20 East, Ashtabula, in the Conference Room, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dessert and beverages will be provided. If anyone has any questions, just call (216)964-3350 and ask for Sharon.

WLKK/WFLP flap

Although we had hoped to have information on this by the August issue, that has not happened. We hope to have more info in the September issue.

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HIV/AIDS News

New case manager at Alliance

EGCN invited the new case manager at the NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance to introduce herself to our readers:

My name is Sharon Cooper and I am a case manager for the Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance.

This position was previously held by Mary Richardson.

I have been working with the Alliance in the Erie office since June 5, 1996, but this is not my first experience working with the Alliance or in this type of field.

For the previous two and a half years, I was the AIDS Coordinator for the AIDS Service Program in Mercer County, doing both education and case management services throughout that country. I have worked closely with the Northwest Alliance during those years and I am glad to be an "official" member of their staff now. I encourage anyone needing services, case management or education, to call our Erie Office at 456-8849 or 1-800-400-2437.

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Families

US House: no on same-sex marriage

WASHINGTON, July 12—The US House of Representatives passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) by a vote of 342-67. The bill defines marriage as being only between a man and a woman. It also gives states the option not to recognize same-sex marriages performed in states where it has been legalized, and denies Federal benefits to partners in a same-sex marriages.

NY State marriage bill update

A bill was introduced in New York State that would ban any same-sex marriages performed in the state and would deny recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states, including Hawaii. The bill was introduced by Senator Serphin Maltese and Assemblyman Seminerio. The Empire State Pride Agenda began a strong lobbying and mobilizing campaign as soon as the bill was introduced in Albany, generating letters and phone calls from the membership to legislators around the state. With this year's session over, it is clear our community's response effectively stalled this anti-gay legislation, at least until next year.

(info from Empire State Pride Agenda)

PA House: marriage vote

The following is a list of Pennsylvania House Representatives and how they voted on the bill banning same-sex marriage (Egolf Amendment to SB 434).

Among those voting for the bill (i.e. for the ban) were a number of people who are our friends. That is, many of these legislators have been supporters of gay civil rights legislation, and are expected to continue to be supporters. The issue of gay marriage, however, is not as cut and dried as it might seem. Some allies as well as some LesBiGay people, believe the a "marriage equivalent" or domestic partner benefits would be a better way to go. Indeed, Linda Bebko-Jones—who stood up for gay civil rights in her first campaign for the house—stated from the beginning she was not in favor of same-sex marriage but did support a same-sex marriage equivalent.

Chirs Young, of the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters, has suggested that people politely communicate their disappointment to our friends.

Some gay leaders, however, point out that LesBiGay voters also need to keep in mind that one reason that conservative legislators are introducing these same-sex marriage bans is to drive a wedge between pro-gay, liberal politicians and us. When deciding who to vote for this fall, they suggest LesBiGay people keep in mind the candidate's entire record on the issues, not just this.

In favor of the bill banning same-sex marriage:

William Adolph, Jr., Bob Allen, David Argall, Thomas Armstrong, Matthew Baker, Ellen Bard, John Barley, Joseph Battisto, Linda Bebko-Jones, Fred Belardi, Robert Belfanti, Jr., Jerry Birmelin, Louise Williams Bishop, Kevin Blaum, Lisa Boscola, Karl Boyes, Teresa Brown, Pat Browne, Raymond Bunt, Jr., Alan Butkovitz, Ronald Buxton, Thomas Caltagirone, Italo Cappabiana, Patricia Carone, Gaynor Cawley, J. Scott Chadwick, Mario Civera, Jr., Daniel Clark, Paul Clymer, Nicholas Colafella, Anthony Colaizzo, Joe Conti, Roy Cornell, Joseph Corpora III, Thomas Corrigan, Sr., Ronald Cowell, Jeffrey Coy, Peter Daley, Tony DeLuca, Thomas Dempsey, Charles Dent, Frank Dermody, Gene DiGirolamo, Robert Donatucci, Thomas Druce, Kathrynann Durham, Allan

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Egolf, Russ Fairchild, Greg Fajt, Howard Fargo, Brett Feese, John Fichter, Patrick Fleagle, Robert Flick, Ron Gamble, Thomas Gannon, Richard Geist, Camille George, Frank Gigliotti, Joseph Gladeck, Jr., Robert Godshall, John Gordner, Michael Gruitza, Leonard Q. Gruppo, Jeffrey Habay, Gary Haluska, Michael K. Hanna, Julie Harhart, George Hasay, Jeff Haste, Timothy Hennessey, Lynn Herman, Arthur Hershey, Dick Hess, Mike Horsey, Scott Hutchinson, Kenneth Jadlovec, Stanley Jarolin, Ralph Kaiser, William Keller, George Kenney, Jr., David King, Edward Krebs, Frank LaGrotta, Susan Laughlin, John Lawless, Marie Lederer, Dennis Leh, Victor Lescovitz, David Levdansky, William Lloyd, Edward Lucyk, Jim Lynch, Stephen Maitland, Sandra Major, Joseph Markosek, Ronald Marsico, Albert Masland, David Mayernik, Keith Mc Call, Michael Mc Geehan, Eugene Mc Gill, Anthony Melio, James Merry, Nicholas Micozzie, Sheila Miller, Phyllis Mundy, Jerry Nailor, Steven Nickol, Robert Nyce, Dennis O'Brien, Richard Olasz, John Perzel, Timothy Pesci, Joseph Petrarca, Thomas Petrone, Albert Pettit, Merle Phillips, Joseph Pitts, Todd Platts, Ron Raymond, Harry Readshaw, Robert Reber, Roy Reinard, William Rieger, Lawrence Roberts, William Robinson, Samuel Rohrer, T.J. Rooney, Carole Rubley, Ruth Rudy, Matthew Ryan, Chris Sainato, Dante Santoni, Jr., Larry O. Sather, Stanley Saylor, Curt Schroder, Jere Schuler, Thomas Scrimenti, Paul Semmel, Frank Serafini, James Shaner,

Colleen Sheehan, Bruce Smith, Samuel Smith, Donald Snyder, Edward Staback, Jess Stairs, Sara Steelman, David J. Steil, Jerry Stern, Thomas Stish, Jere Strittmatter, Michael Sturla, Dan Surra, Thomas Tangretti, Elinor Z. Taylor, John Taylor, Thomas Tigue, Guy Travaglio, Fred Trello, Leo Trich, Katie True, Frank Tulli, Jr., Terry Van Horne, Patricia Vance, Michael Veon, Gregory Vitali, Don Walko, Michael Waugh, Chris Wogan, John Wozniak, David Wright, Matthew Wright, Thomas F. Yewcic, Leroy Zimmerman, Peter Zug

Opposing the bill banning same-sex marriage:

Andrew Carn, Lita Indzel Cohen, Mark Cohen, Lawrence Curry, Dwight Evans, Ivan Itkin, Babette Josephs, Kathy Manderino, Thomas Michlovic, Frank Oliver, Frank Pistella, Joseph Preston, James Roebuck, Jr., W. Curtis Thomas, Anthony Hardy Williams, Rosita Youngblood

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Independence Day?

by Sharon Sutter

I love action movies. *Die Hard*, *Die Hard 2*, *The Terminator*. The more special effects, the more I love the movie. So, of course, I was one of the first people in line to see this summer's self-proclaimed "hit," *Independence Day*.

This movie, about alien invaders attacking Earth, is full of great special effects: huge spaceships, helicopter crashes, buildings being destroyed. And, I was pleasantly surprised to see Harvey Fierstein show up as one of the scientists helping Jeff Goldblum, near the beginning of the movie. Fierstein, perhaps best known for his movie and play, *Torch Song Trilogy*, is one of Hollywood's few openly gay actors. So, I was happy to see him so visible in the movie, a scientist about to save the world. Then, disaster struck, both in the movie and for Fierstein's character. When people realized the aliens were going to attack, mayhem reigned. People ran, screamed, and generally panicked. And Fierstein remarked that he had to "call his mother." Augh. The audience laughed, I seethed. Why not your boyfriend, I mentally screamed at the screen. At first, I was angry with Fierstein for taking this role. His character: calls his mother, calls his analyst, hides under a desk, and generally acts as comic relief. I was upset that Fierstein would perpetuate such stereotypical behavior and beliefs. But then I calmed down and looked at the movie as a whole.

The movie is a great summer "disaster" movie because it is fun. I never takes itself seriously, and this alone will keep it from ever being shown on *MST3K* (a program that shows primarily old science fiction movies that did take themselves seriously, and as such, are now viewed as hilarious, for all the wrong reasons, such as the infamous *Plan Nine From Outer Space*).

But I digress. *Independence Day* is a fun movie, and a closer review of Fierstein's character reveals that: He is the one that tells the frightened people in the lab that there is a bomb shelter in the building and urges them to seek shelter; although he is under the desk talking on the phone to his mother, he is the only person who has remained in the lab with Goldblum's character; when it becomes clear to him that he can't escape death, he faces it calmly and with dignity.

Vito Russo, in his excellent book, *The Celluloid Closet*, points out that Hollywood has been giving us negative images of gays and lesbians and constantly reinforcing stereotypes (as they do by having Fierstein's character call his mother) since

the inception of cinema as an art form. This is no doubt true. Yet. I actually think I saw some progress in this movie.

When the super-macho heterosexual hero (Will Smith) is talking in the locker room to a buddy about his fiancée (Vivica Fox), the buddy is on his knees, holding a ring out to Smith. They are, of course, "caught" by a soldier who enters the locker room unexpectedly. This soldier simply backs out of the room, saying nothing. Smith and his buddy continue their conversation, barely acknowledging the interruption. In fact, the buddy moves closer to Smith and touches him on the shoulder, counseling him about career and love not necessarily mixing.

There are subtle messages here. If an intrusion occurs during what could be a conceivably private moment between two men, it is not amusing, or an occasion for insult. Also, there's a message in the touching: it's okay for two men to touch and show concern for each other. Interestingly, during the scene where the (supposedly amusing?) intrusion occurred, I only heard a few titters from the audience.

A similar scene, later in the movie, in which Harry Connick, Jr. lays his head on Will Smith's shoulder was met with almost complete silence from the audience. The subtle message is again clear: "Real men" can touch each other without fear of scorn.

Unfortunately, of course, the touching men are, in this movie at least, clearly heterosexual. Still, I'm hopeful that this is a sign of progress from Hollywood. After all, this movie has shown us a gay man who faces doom with dignity, an African-American woman who is able to survive without the help of a man (she kicks down a steel, padlocked door, saving herself,

Thanks to the people who helped with the July issue!

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her son, and naturally, the family dog), and an African-American hero, who with the help of a Jewish scientist, saves the world.

Hopefully then, it won't be long before we see this scene: Bill Pullman (as the President) is rushing to the side of his spouse, who was injured in a helicopter crash. He is holding their daughter in his arms as doctors softly tell him "there's nothing more we can do." Nodding, he quietly enters the room where his spouse lies injured, and in great pain. Gently, he hands their daughter to the man lying in the bed. The man holds their daughter, tells her he loves her, tells her to be good, then shoos her gently away so he can spend his final moments with his lover. In the background, the President's Press Secretary, a close friend of the couple, sobs into the arms of her lover, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a lovely woman, with soft, red hair.

After the death of his spouse, the President leaves the room, crying, as doctors, security staff, friends, and the military stand in respectful silence. Sitting next to their daughter, he takes her hand. The child climbs into his lap, and innocently asks, "Is Daddy sleeping? Holding her close, the President nods.

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National/World news

Lesbian hikers murdered on Appalachian trail

Virginia—Two lesbian hikers were slain on the Appalachian Trail in Virginia's Shenandoah National Park on June 1. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has encouraged the Justice Department to treat it as a hate crime.

Coretta Scott King at Atlanta Pride

Atlanta—Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke at Atlanta Pride, marking the first time she ever addressed a large gay and lesbian gathering. She told the crowd, "The church burners and the gay bashers drink from the same poisonous well. And very often they are one and the same."

New White House gay liaison

Washington—The new gay liaison to the Clinton White House is Richard Socarides, an out gay man.

Massachusetts passes hate crimes bill

Boston—The Massachusetts Senate voted to include sexual orientation in their state hate crimes law on June 21.

Denmark bans job discrimination

Denmark—The Danish parliament has voted to ban sexual orientation discrimination in the private sector.

Olympic Torch hidden in homophobic county

South Carolina—The Olympic flame was hidden as it went through Greenville County, S.C., because of that county's recently-passed anti-gay resolution.

Presbyterians and gays

Albuquerque, NM—The Presbyterian Church's governing body would allow gays and lesbians to be ordained as long as they are celibate and disavow their past sexuality. The decision was made on July 5.

The other stupid Southern Baptist vote

New Orleans—At the same Southern Baptist conference that called for the boycott of Disney, that body also voted to make stronger efforts to convert Jews to Christianity. Members of the Jewish faith and many in the interfaith movement expressed anger at the vote.

Sex & health

Hate condoms? Get over it!

Some men object to condoms. That's a fact of life. However, the reason most people find condoms difficult to use or uncomfortable is that they use them incorrectly.

Objections like, "They don't fit right," or "I lose sensitivity" can be overcome by placing a drop or two of water-based lubricant inside the condom before putting it on.

The extra moisture creates a seal against your skin eliminating air bubbles and providing that "squishy" feeling that makes sex so much fun!

(From OutLOUD, AIDS Prevention Project, Seattle, Washington.)

This column is a regular feature of EGCN, designed to get people talking about healthysex. Readers are invited to submit and offer input.

Where do you get dams?

Lesbians and bisexual women want to know...where the heck do you get dams?

Well, first of all, many lesbians and bisexuals women (or at least, those who actually *do* safer sex) use Saran Wrap, or other brands of plastic wrap. It should be the non-microwaveable variety (microwave version is porous). Plastic wrap is thinner than dental dams, and easier to get.

Also, you can cut a condom into a square (snip off the end and slit it up the side). You'll want a neutral-tasting brand, like Gold Circle Coin. And avoid brands with nonoxynol-9 unless you actually like a numb throat.

Dental supply places carry the real dental dams. Whether or not they ask you why you want them...no answer on our end. Try it and tell our readers!

Some sex stores sell them—adult bookstores, condom boutiques, sex boutiques, etc.

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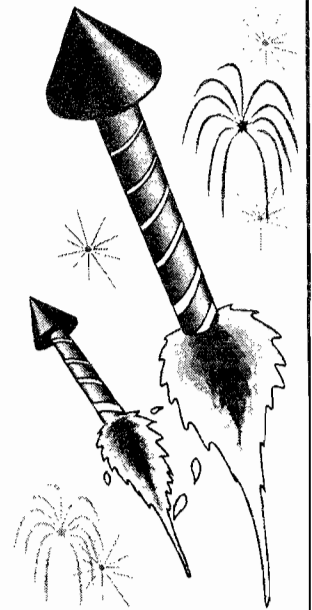
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But remember: *The* number one way lesbians and bisexual women get HIV from sex is with unprotected sex with men who have HIV. So, the most important thing is, once again, condoms! Also, note, a woman will be more infectious during her period or if she has an infection of any kind. Finally, although HIV transmission between women is pretty rare, there are other STDs—like hepatitis, herpes, chlamydia, genital warts, etc.—that can and do get transmitted between women.

Monkeys and oral sex

The controversy about the safety of oral sex continues with a new study, published in the June 7 issue of *Science*.

The study suggests that HIV *may* be transmitted through the mouth, even if there are no cuts or sores. Researchers applied SIV (the monkey version of HIV) to the linings of the mouths of seven monkeys. None of the monkeys had cuts or sores in their mouths. Six of the seven monkeys became infected with the virus.

The researchers point out that the study doesn't necessarily duplicate what happens to humans during sex. Nor does it put oral sex on the same level of risk as anal sex.

"Animal studies don't change what human studies have found," said Dr. Ruth Ruprecht, the researchers who led the study. "The number one risk is unprotected rectal intercourse." The main finding seems to be that transmission may occur through the mouth, even though there are no cuts or tears present.

Just a few months ago, the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association called on AIDS educators and organizations to recognize oral sex as a low risk activity, and to stop urging that gay men should wear condoms during oral sex. They, and some other AIDS prevention campaigns, promote oral sex without condoms as a trade-off for more emphasis on the promoting condoms use for anal sex.

However, Dr. Ruprecht says she would urge people to use condoms for oral sex.

Also, she emphasized that kissing or sharing eating or drinking utensils is still considered unlikely to transmit the virus.

Groups & Organizations

10% Network and Social Group (Chautauqua County)

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Chautauqua County Gay Lesbian & Bi Community Svcs

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Identity

Student group for lesbian/gay & allies at Edinboro Univ. On hiatus for summer. Call Christie Hudson at 732-3779 or Dr. Dave Herendeen at 732-2555. Write to Identity, c/o Dr. Herendeen, Edinboro Univ, Heather Hall, Edinboro, PA 16440

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Integrity

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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. Email to Greg at rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjcc.edu.

Lambda Group AA

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League of Gay and Lesbian Voters (LGLV)

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Northcoast Rainbow Families

Support, advocacy, and education group for lesbian parents and their families; play group for kids in western NY, northeast OH, and northwest PA. Affiliated with Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. Call Chris in PA at (814) 868-0069, or Judi in NY at (716) 366-1453. Write to: NCRF, PO Box 254, Fredonia, NY 14063. Email to: glpcerie@aol.com

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 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

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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, social group, activism, gay rights advocates, AIDS education & support for Warren, PA and surrounding area. Meets once a month. Call for meeting info. Fred Adams or Marshall Snyder at (814) 726-1808 or write to 220 Onandaga Avenue, Warren PA 16365.

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 Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Road, Erie, PA 16563. Email to Ginny at vls121@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, 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.

E-Mail

Now you can get vital information for EGCN through the Internet! To get on your emailing list, all you have to do is send an email message with a subject of "Subscribe to Mailing List" to us (egcn@ncinter.net). 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.

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://www.ncinter.net/~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!

E-Mail Addresses

CSGLBP/Allegheny College csglbp@alleg.edu
Chautauqua Cty NY Groups courtney@fredonia.edu
EGCN/Bridges egn@ncinter.net
Informal Lesbian Students of Erie
..... ILSGErie@aol.com
Jamestown Community College Group
..... rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjcc.edu
LGLV-Erie kidithart@aol.com
North Coast Rainbow Families glpcerie@aol.com
Pitt/Bradford-BiGALA mhost4@vms.cis.pitt.edu
Trigon vls121@email.psu.edu
..... or alr126@email.psu.edu

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the 15th of
the month!!!

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 - Sharon Cooper 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)764-6066

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

Leevard 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 Wed thru Sat 10 pm - 2 am. Pool table.

Lizzy Bordon's Part II, 3412 West 12th. 833-4059. Open Mon-Sat. 9pm-2am. DJ Music. Wed. Country Line Dancing. Fri & Sat-90's Dance Music. 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
Victims of Anti-Gay Hate Crimes 1-800-259-1536

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
Fredonia Office (716)679-3455
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:

Karen A. McLoughlin, Licensed Esthetician, skin care
specialist, facials & body treatment . (814) 838-4802
PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833
Patrick McNamara, Lic. Massage Therapist
..... 716-679-3430

Info-Lines:

Buffalo 716-883-4750
Cleveland 216-522-1999
Pittsburgh 412-422-0114 (M-F 6:30-9:30 pm, Sat 3-
6pm, closed Sun.)
Toronto 416-964-6600 (M-S 7-10pm)

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
Integrity Chaplain Rev. Kay Johnson 452-3779
Unitarian Universalist Congreg. of Erie 864-9300

Social Organizations:

Menspace Larry at 835-6712
10% Network (716)484-8434 or 664-5556
Womynspace Coffeehouse Sal at 454-2713

Rainbow Connection ... Fred or Marshall at 726-1808

Student Organizations/Youth:

Comte. in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People
(Allegheny College, Meadville) 332-4368
Closet Culture *Mail to PO Box 10274, Erie PA 16514*
Covenant House Teen Hotline 1-800-999-9999
Gay & Lesbian Youth of Buffalo (716)855-0221
Identity 732-3779 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)366-4153

EAGLES (Gay/Lesbian Elders) (716)882-2959

GLPCI (Lesbigay parents) 814-868-0069

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

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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