

Calendar

Note to television viewers: this month we received some conflicting info about broadcast times and dates of certain programs, so you are advised to double check with your weekly listings.

➤ **Dec 3—GLBSU-SUNY Fredonia Meets** Dr. Zebkowsky will be speaking to us about discrimination in the workplace and HIV. He was a doctor at Brooks Memorial Hospital until he was forced out of his job due to harassment by his co-workers because of his HIV status. This will be the last meeting of the semester and it's also going to be a reunion of all the people that went to see the AIDS Quilt and how it affected them. In Williams Center at SUNY-Fredonia. Call (716) 673-3139 or 673-3149 for more info, or you can also send email to glbsu0000@fredonia.edu.

➤ **Dec 7—Womynspace: Mistletoe Mixer** "DJ Karen will have tunes from the 60's 70's 80's and 90's. If you have any favorites for dancing, bring them along. (CD or vinyl only, no cassettes). Music starts at 8 pm. Info Sal at 454-2713."

➤ **Dec 7—That's Entertainment III** WNED (PBS-Buf./Ch. 17) 8 pm.

➤ **Dec 7—Elton John: Live in Barcelona Concert** VH-1 7AM.

➤ **Dec 8—Real World Marathon** MTV noon to 10 pm.

➤ **Dec 9—Friends from the Heart Meets** 6pm at Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont. Call Deb Monohon at 838-0123 for more info

➤ **Dec 10—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets: Dr. Mary Ellen Reitz speaks** *Note new winter hours: 6:30-8pm (same location.)* Staff pathologist at

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The *Erie Gay Community News* is published monthly as a source of information, support and affirmation for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men and their friends & families in the Erie area.

Contributors: Our deadline is the 15th of the month! We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments and opinions of interest to the Erie and surrounding area's LesBiGay community for publication in these pages.

We **STRONGLY** recommend sending SASE for writers' guidelines or at least inquiring of the *EGCN* staff before submitting articles! Please include contact information with any submissions (name, phone, email address, etc.) so we can contact you if we have questions.

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Thanks to those who helped out with the November issue!

Many thanks to Kathy Neuburger, Jim & Dave Mulholland for helping us to collate the November issue of *EGCN*!

If you would like to volunteer, please give us a call at 456-9833. You needn't feel obligated to become a regular or even to stay from start to finish. *Any help is always appreciated!*

Calendar

St. Vincent Health Center will present slides and answer questions. Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

♣ **Dec 11—MTV Unplugged Presents George Michael** MTV 8:30 pm.

♣ **Dec 13—HIV Prevention Awareness Workshop "Generation X: HIV and Risk Reduction"** Open to males ages 13 to 25 years. Sponsored by Erie Co. Department of Health-HIV/AIDS Training For reservations call 451-6727. 3 pm.-5 pm.

♣ **Dec 13 & 14—Renaissance City Choirs Holiday Concert (Pittsburgh)** On 12/13 starts 7:30pm, 12/14 8 pm. at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Info and res. 412-471-8208.

♣ **Dec 14—Leeward Lounge: Christmas Party (Ashtabula)** 1022 Bridge St.

♣ **Dec 14—Menspace: Post-Chanukah, Pre-Christmas Holiday Pot Luck Supper** 7:30 pm. "Come join us for some good food, a warm fire and good company; bring copies of a wonderful holiday recipe, if you wish!" Call Michael at 456-9833 for details and directions.

♣ **Dec 14—North Coast Rainbow Families: Sledding and Christmas Tree Museum** Bring the kids out for a winter wonderland of fun! Call Christopher at 814-868-0069 for more info or Patrick at 716-679-3430.

♣ **Dec 14—Edith Ann Christmas** WJET (ABC) 8 pm.

♣ **Dec 14 & 15—North Coast Men's Chorus Holiday Concert (Cleveland)** 216-473-8919.

♣ **Dec 15—Danny Kaye: Legacy of Laughter** WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54). 7 pm. Choice excerpts from the brilliant television and film career of the legendary Oscar and Emmy winner who was also a goodwill ambassador on behalf of UNICEF. Probably not included: his reported ten-year relationship with actor Laurence Olivier.

♣ **Dec 15—Spartacus (1960)** TNT 7pm, 11pm. This restored version also restores a mildly erotic scene between Roman master Crassus (Laurence Olivier) and slave (Tony Curtis), who loves only Spartacus, the rebel slave (Kirk Douglas). Roman senator Gracchus is played by gay actor Charles Laughton. 196 minutes long.

♣ **Dec 16—Lizzy Bordon's: 18 & Over Party** 9pm-1am. Bring either 1 canned good or a 50¢ donation to St. Paul's Episcopal Church Food Pantry. DJ Music. 3412 W 12th St, Erie.

♣ **Dec 18—Mercyhurst Film: I Shot Andy Warhol** Based on the bizarre life of Valerie Solanas, a lesbian who had no use

for lesbians, and thought married women and all men were degenerates. She gained notoriety in 1968, after shooting celebrated artist Andy Warhol and writing the SCUM Manifesto (Society for Cutting Up Men). This film recreates the 1960s Warhol milieu where Solanas was a hanger-on. At Mercyhurst College's Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center. Gen. Admission \$3, Discussion 7:15 pm., film 7:30 pm. Info (814)824-3000.

♣ **Dec 18—Brighidshaven Grove Yule Celebration** "Gay-friendly open Pagan circle celebrating Winter Solstice. 7:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Wear black and bring a drinking vessel. Donation of \$2 to help cover cost of room appreciated (more if you can, less if you can't.)" Call Sharon at 459-9081 or Mike at 456-9833 for more info

♣ **Dec 19—Melissa Etheridge on The Tonight Show** On NBC.

♣ **Dec 20—Lizzy Bordon's: Christmas Party** 9pm-2am. "No cover. Food and punch, 50/50 raffle benefits NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance. Why not help others during this holiday season by donating \$1 for an ornament on our Christmas tree? DJ Music." 3412 W 12th St, Erie.

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☛ **Dec 21—10% Network: Christmas Party (Jamestown)** At Unitarian Church at 7:00pm Bring munchies and beverage. Call John at (716) 484-8434 for more info.

☛ **Dec 21—The Embers: Christmas Show** 1711 State St, Erie 454-9171 for more info

☛ **Dec 22—Sneakers: Christmas Party & Sundown performs (Jamestown NY)** 100 Harrison Street. Sundown performs country, rock, etc.

☛ **Dec 23—Chautauqua North County Social Group Meets** Call Vince at (716) 673-3192 for more info.

☛ **Dec 24—HIV/AIDS Support Group: NO MEETING** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

☛ **Dec 25—A Trumpet of Conscience** TBS 6:05 a.m. A tribute to the sermon delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King on Christmas Eve 1967, expressing his hopes for social change and world peace.

☛ **Dec 27—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Call Sharon at (216) 964-3350 for more info.

☛ **Dec 27—Black Widow (1987)** Lifetime 9pm. Frustrating lesbo-erotic thriller with Debra Winger.

☛ **Dec 29—Breakfast with the Arts "Tchaikovsky: A Life"** A&E 9am. A special tribute to the gay Russian composer on the centennial of his death.

☛ **Dec 29—PFLAG-Erie: Christmas Party** "Come and bring a friend to our holiday celebration. We'll celebrate 1996 and toast the coming year. Bring a white elephant gift, wrapped for exchange." The meeting is at 2:00 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184 for more info.

☛ **Dec 30—Peter's Friends (1992)** Cinemax 5:15 a.m.

☛ **Dec 31—Happy New Year!!!** Check out our listing of New Year's Events on page 6.

☛ **Jan 4—Womynspace: "U Sweet Thing"** "Bring your favorite dessert and the recipe to share with the group. Prizes for low-fat recipe, easiest, most appealing, most popular. Come and indulge yourself! 7:30 pm". For info, call Sal at 454-2713. Newcomers always welcome.

☛ **Jan 4—Men's Gay Swap Fest (Jamestown)** At John's house at 7:00pm. "Bring gay-related book, magazines, videos (including porn) or whatever to trade. You can take whatever you want and as much as you want and you do not have to bring anything to swap. We will charge \$5 per person to buy pizza and pop for everyone and whatever money is leftover will go towards the expenses of the 10% Network Newsletter." Call John at (716) 484-8434 for more info and directions.

☛ **Jan 5—LGLV-Erie Meets** Call Dave Mulholland at 898-4210 for more info

☛ **Jan 6—In the Life #601** WNEQ-PBS Buffalo/Ch. 23

☛ **Jan 8—Dream On: "For Peter's Sake"** Comedy Central 10 pm.

☛ **Jan 9—1997 Winter Tour of Figure Skating Champions** Among the 20 big name skaters will be out skater and 1996 US champion Rudy Galindo. Tickets \$36. At the Erie Civic Center 452-4857 for more info.

☛ **Jan 11—Menspace: Post-holiday gift return/exchange** "So, maybe you got some stuff for the holidays that might



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☛ **Jan 15—Mercyhurst Film: *Antonia's Line*** Mary D'Angelo performing Arts Center, Mercyhurst College. \$3 gen. admission, discussion 7:15, film 7:30. Info (814)824-3000.

☛ **Jan 15—10% Network Meeting (Jamestown)** At Unitarian Church at 7:00pm. Socializing. Bring munchies and beverage. Call John at (716) 484-8434 for more info.

☛ **Jan 19—*Last Shout: Ab Fab* movie premiere** On Comedy Central 8 pm. See related info in Entertainment Notes.

☛ **Jan 20—Chautauqua North County Social Group Meets.** Call Vince at (716) 673-3192 for more info.

☛ **Jan 26—PFLAG-Erie: *Queer Son Video*** A deeply personal video documentary. The meeting is at 2:00 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184 for more info.

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☛ **Jan 31—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Call Sharon at (216) 964-335- for more info.

☛ **Feb 1—Womynspace: "Make a Statement—Wear It Your Way"** "T-shirt decorating. Bring a t-shirt and supplies if you have them. Fun time!" 7:30 pm. For info call Sal at 454-2713. Newcomers always welcome.

Festivals & Conferences

Feb 13-17 Black Gay/Lesbian Conference (Dallas) For more info National Black Gay/Lesbian Leadership Forum, 1219 S. LaBrea Ave, Los Angeles CA 90019. Call 213-964-7820

Repeating TV programs

Always check these against published TV listings.

☛ ***Bastard Out of Carolina (1996)*** Showtime 12/15 (9pm) and 12/18 (9:40pm). Also following each broadcast will be *Labor of Love: Making of Bastard Out of Carolina*.

☛ ***Piano Jazz: with Michael Feinstein*** WQLN FM 91.3 12/8 6pm. & 12/13 noon.

☛ ***Wild Reeds (1994)*** French movie about first love between two young men. Cinemax 12/25 at 11pm and 12/30 4:30 am. (We received conflicting info about the second broadcast date for this movie. Check out the dates and times in your weekly listings)

Women's Sports

College Basketball, (All on ESPN2) 12/13 7pm-11:30pm; NCAA Division I Semifinals 6pm & 8:30 pm.; NCAA Division I Champ. 12/21 4 pm.; N. Lights Inv. 12/21 12:30 a.m.

LPGA Golf, Wendy's 3-Tour 12/29 2-6pm on ABC.

Pro Billiards, ESPN2 12/16 at 9 pm.

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Sat. 12/21 Tom Stahl
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Sat. 12/28 Bored
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New Year's Eve

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FIRST NIGHT ERIE

Cup-A-Ccino's, will be open till past midnight.
Laura, Palace Centre lobby, 915 State, 6:30-8 pm.
(Check Showcase and final schedule to confirm time)

la bella bistro, 556 W. 4th 454-3616. Will be open but make reservations way ahead of time.

SHADES (BUFFALO) New Years Eve Dance. Hamlin House, 432 Franklin St., 9 pm-4am. Adv. \$15/person, \$25/couple \$12 Senior & Shades members, at door \$20/person \$30 couple. Food, cash bar, free champagne, DJ, entertainment. Tickets available from Shades members or call Ann (716-882-7373) or Janice (716-836-7441) or Rosie (716-893-4853.. Proper Attire. "Shades is a lesbians of color organization, ALL Gay Men and Lesbians Welcome!"

ON TV & RADIO:

Biography "Carmen Miranda: The South American Way", A&E 8 pm and midnight.

First Night Erie Coverage WQLN FM Starts 5:40 pm.

Intimate Performance: Vanessa Williams Lifetime 1a.m.

Richard Simmons New Year's Eve Party On QVC, starts 10pm.

Rocky Horror Picture Show, Comedy Central 10 p.m.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)

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UUC of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway
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In Memoriam: Ellen R. Beitel

Ellen R. Beitel, 37, passed away in her home from pancreatic cancer on Friday November 15, 1996. She is survived by her partner Charlotte Forsty-Kline, her parents Monte & Katie Erwin, her grandmother Mary Brewer, brother James, and sisters Kim Beitel and Sherry Seames. A lifetime resident of Ashtabula county, Ellen was the owner of the Leeward Lounge in Ashtabula.

Ellen was a model of strength and courage for Ashtabula's gay community. She always presented herself without apology, acted as a motherly defender of her sometimes-harassed bar patrons, and actively represented the gay community in local business organizations. She was also a champion fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and several other charities. In particular, Ellen devoted much of her time and energy to the Ashtabula HIV/AIDS Task Force, which she helped to found seven years ago.

Ellen played a pivotal role building and maintaining the Ashtabula community. She served as the welcome wagon for many Ashtabulans, whether they had just moved in or just come out. The church was filled to

capacity for her memorial service with friends who loved her, and who valued her support and counsel. There were many more who, at the very least, knew her to be a fabulous hostess who promised an outrageously good time with every visit to the Leeward. For her exit song, Ellen chose to remind us of her strength and courage with her favorite Elvis rendition of "My Way". She could not have picked a better song to remind us of her outlook on life. She will be missed.

—Kurt

Contributions in Ellen Beitel's name can be made to the following organizations:

HIV/AIDS Task Force of Ashtabula County, 433 Center Street, Ashtabula OH
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Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

Television

Well, she said that a character on her show would come out—someone you'd never guess. So on the November 26 episode of *Roseanne* guess who admits she couldn't have sex with her husband without stopping at the supermarket to check out *Playboy*? Only **Estelle Parsons**, Roseanne's uptight, button-down mom!

Lots of same-sex marriage and family material on TV during November. *Turning Point* did a special report, *Spin City* did an episode where Carter, a black gay activist, arranges a publicity stunt aimed at raising awareness around same-sex marriage rights, *20/20* did a segment on **Melissa Etheridge** and **Julie Cypher**, and the November 26 episode of *Roseanne* featured Leon (Martin Mull) and his partner talking about adopting a child.

Correction: **Ellen DeGeneres** will not be hosting the 1997 Emmy Awards, but will be hosting the Grammys, as she did last year, and she won an *Emmy* nomination for that performance.

Speaking of Ellen DeGeneres, her show was recently moved to a later time slot (9:30), a sign that perhaps this much ballyhooed coming out will actually happen.

Showtime will air *Bastard Out of Carolina* in December, debuting on the 15th. The movie is based on lesbian author **Dorothy Allison**'s semiautobiographical book of the same name, and focuses on a young girl who suffers great sexual abuse. It was originally to have aired on TNT, but Ted Turner said they didn't want to handle it. Unfortunately, while at TNT, the lesbianism of Aunt Raylene (Diana Sewid) was cut from the film. Director Anjelica Huston said the abuse was the important issue of this film, not lesbianism.

In honor of the premiere of the **Ab Fab** movie *The Last Shout*, Comedy Central presents *Ab Fab* Jan. On January 1, 8 and 15 (all Wednesdays), Comedy Central will run three back-to-back episodes of the sitcom, 8-10 pm. (Repeating 2-4am). The movie will premiere on January 19, with episodes on that day running prior to the movie (11 a.m. to 8 pm.).

It's not really new, but the British comedy *Are You Being Served?* has a flamboyant gay character, Mr. Humphries (played by John Inman) It airs on some PBS stations (WQLN/Ch. 54 11pm), (WNED/Ch. 17 on 9:30 pm. Saturdays).


A recurring gay character on *Chicago Hope* is researcher Dr. Robert Lawrence (Mark Benninghofen). The series has been exploring the interactions between Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Aaron Shutt (**Alan Arkin**).

Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher is supposed to move from Comedy Central to ABC in January. Should be interesting to see if the show keeps its bite when it moves to network TV.

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Film & Video

Coming to the Movie Stop on December 31 is *The Celluloid Closet*. (Film buffs will enjoy this look at Hollywood's gay history). Now at the store: *Our Sons*, (how two women deal with their gay sons in very different ways) and *Gay Games IV* (competition in various athletic events at the 1994 games).

John Ritter is a kind rural gay man in the small-town drama *Sling Blade*, coming to theaters soon.

Catherine Deneuve plays a philosophy professor who falls for a female student in the new French thriller *Les Voleurs (Thieves)*.

Out gay director **Nicholas Hytner's** new project is an adaptation of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, about the Salem witch-hunts. Hytner says there are powerful parallels with today's religious right, persecution of gays and those old witch hunts.

The new *Romeo and Juliet* features a gay Mercutio.

Citizen Ruth is a comedy (!) about abortion rights, featuring **Swoosie Kurtz** as a lesbian pro-choice activist and **Mary Kay Place** as a pro-life person, with **Burt Reynolds** playing a right wing pro-life activist. At the center of it all is Ruth (**Laura Dern**) a pregnant substance abuser who is caught shoplifting and given the option of having a lighter sentence if she aborts her pregnancy.

Sports

Fans of women's golf will want to check out *The LPGA: The Unauthorized Version* by Liz Kahn (Group Fore \$29.95).

Out ice skater and 1996 US champion **Rudy Galindo** has gone professional, so watch for him in those competitions. He'll be performing in Erie at the Civic Center on January 9.

Friends From The Heart

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Founded for the purpose of assisting individuals, and their families, who are HIV+. The underlying foundation of this organization and the services it provides are caring, dignity, and respect.

Shopping

The **Rainbow Card** was a credit card started about a year ago as a way for raise money for gay and lesbian causes. Recently the Rainbow Endowment awarded over \$100,000 to six gay and lesbian health and civil rights groups: AIDS Information Network, Astraea national Lesbian Action Foundation, Community Research Initiative on AIDS, National Breast Cancer Coalition, National Lesbian and Gay Health Association, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Several activist individuals also received \$10,000 awards to help them with their work for the community. If you're interested in this card, call 1-800-99-RAINBOW. Also www.rainbowcard.com

Reading

Pittsburgh's lesbian/women's bookstore, **The Gertrude Stein Memorial Bookstore**, has closed its doors. As with the Gifts of Athena bookstore in Cleveland, there was not enough business to keep the store going. "Gertie's,"

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Isabel Miller, best known as the author of the classic lesbian love story *Patience and Sarah*, (and other tales of love between women) died October 3 after a long illness. Born Alma Routsong she was 72.

Travel

We list a lot of out-of-town events, and that encourages travel and since a lot of our readers are younger inexperienced drivers or students new to the area, we're going to make winter travel tips a yearly feature.

First, give yourself extra time to get to your destination...allow *at least* an hour or more beyond what it takes to travel somewhere. This will allow for traffic problems, detours, missed turns, etc. Traveling at a relaxed pace is safer...if you do get there ahead of schedule, you can use the time to shop, sightsee, watch guys, watch girls, stop at a local coffeehouse, bar, or restaurant, etc.

Before traveling to an event out of town, *check the weather forecast*. This whole area gets weather that can be dangerous and even deadly in the winter. If you've never driven in snow that's zero- or near zero-visibility, you can't fully appreciate how frightening the experience is. If the weather is calling for that type of weather along your travel route, you're better off staying at home. (In fact, if it's really bad, the event organizers may have canceled the event). When you check the weather report, make sure you watch for what's going on along your travel route...things can be quite different from one area to the next.

Keep blankets in the car in case of trouble. Make sure there are enough for everyone.

It's a good idea to call ahead to make sure the event is still on (we provide phone numbers in our calendar

listings). If you can't get through to that number, you might try the Info-lines we have listed in our Resource Directory.

Be aware of the dangers of falling asleep at the wheel. A surprisingly large number of auto fatalities are caused by drivers falling asleep at the wheel. A number of you who travel to out-of-town events travel back the same night, so the risk of falling asleep is pretty strong. If you can afford to stay at a motel you'll probably enjoy your trip more. If you can't or won't do that, here are some tips: If there is more than one person in the car, at least one passenger should try to stay awake and keep the driver company. Don't keep the car too warm; in fact, the driver should crack the window a little to make sure some brisk air gets in. Don't listen to relaxing music...rock, high energy and talk radio are good to keep you awake.

And it goes without saying that if you're going to go drinking, someone should be a designated driver.

Happy trails!

Comics


In November, a story line in *Doonesbury* had a conservative character accidentally coming out during a radio interview.

A recent cartoon on the editorial page of the *Erie Daily Times* showed a terrified female recruit asking her commanding officer if he can assign a gay man to serve with her in the foxhole. Although the amount of sexual harassment, assault and rape that is being uncovered in the military is pretty dreadful, we can expect comedians and cartoonists to have a field day. After all, the whole attitude behind banning gays from the military is this idea that gay men can't control themselves and would be jumping all over the straight boys.



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Valentine's month submissions

Our Valentine's issue is coming up in February! Got a book on relationships you'd like to review? Want to tell what's romantic for you? Want to share a seduction experience with our readers? Well then do it...and remember: *Deadline for submissions for our Valentine's month issue is January 15!*

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PERSONALS!
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Michael Dithers

by **Michael Mahler**

The Erie Bicentennial Time Capsule was finally buried last month. Actually, they were gathering submissions on October 28, 1 year to the day after the family picture of our community was taken on the steps of the Erie County Courthouse. I reread the Bicentennial issue (December 1995) and once again felt moved that all of us were being included and speaking in so many different voices. I would also like to again thank Abby Conley, who was so helpful.

Congratulations to Trigon and Lizzie Bordon's for putting a delightful 18 and Over Party in November. It was great seeing so many different people come out to support them. The event drew upwards of 120 people and another is planned for December 16.

After yet another military sexual harassment scandal, has anyone bothered to consider that maybe it should be heterosexual males who should be barred from military service? After Tailhook, the Citadel/Virginia Military Institute, and the recent sexual harassment scandal, one wonders...

Those of us who have been taking the ballroom dance classes have been having a delightful time. If there are enough folks to make up another class at a different time, the studio would definitely be open to scheduling another section.

Micheal and I really enjoyed having our families (my grandparents, mom, stepfather, brother and their dog and his mom, brother and *their* dog) joining us for a family Thanksgiving at our house. Even all three dogs played together well.

Happy Holidays

from the staff of Lizzie Bordon's



Stevie, Julie, Lu, Mary, Jim, Jerry, Kathy,
Dearick, Nick & MaryLou

People

Christopher Sargent recovering

Chris Sargent, one of the moving forces behind the local Rainbow Families group, is recovering from surgery. On November 1, Chris had a cancerous tumor removed from his thyroid.

We're happy to report that he's recovering quite nicely.

Cards and healing thoughts are always appreciated, and can be sent to: Chris Sargent, c/o EGCN, PO Box 3063, Erie PA 16508.

Chris Messenger raising money for helper dog

Save those receipts/register tapes from your purchases at Tops Market!

Christine Messenger has diabetes, asthma and degenerative arthritis, and needs a multi-service dog. The specially-trained dog will cost \$6,500 but will help improve the quality of Chris' life immensely (these dogs can open doors, turn lights on and off, alert people if there are problems, etc.)

With Tops receipts, the company will make a donation toward the purchase of a dog for Chris.

She would love to be able to get the dog by Valentine's Day.

Please send your Tops receipts to "Dog" c/o EGCN, PO Box 3063, Erie PA 16508.

<i>If your event falls this date:</i>	<i>Notify us by this date:</i>
Jan 16-Feb 15	Dec 15
Feb 16-Mar 15	Jan 15
Mar 16-April 15	Feb 15

National News Bits

Episcopal diocese endorses blessing of gay relationships

The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania voted 176-96 to endorse the development of "a rite or rites for the blessing of committed relationships between persons of the same sex."

The diocese has 65,000 members, in Philadelphia and surrounding counties.

Source: AP 11/12/96

Allies support rites in Elizabethtown

ELIZABETHTOWN, Pa.—Heterosexuals in this district angrily protested an anti-gay resolution adopted by the Elizabethtown school board. The "pro-family" resolution, passed by the predominately conservative Christian board, condemned the idea of gay and lesbian parents, and was also critical of family units other than the traditional nuclear family ideal. On October 9 and 10, 250 students protested the resolution by walking out. Nearly 800 people protested at the board's October 15 meeting.

Same-sex domestic violence

Partners in same-sex couples are more likely to be hurt by domestic violence than by gay-bashers, according to a study by the National Coalition of AntiViolence Programs. The study was based on reports from six US cities, and found that in four of those cities, there were more cases of domestic violence than antigay violence.

Former task Force head appointed

Virginia M. Apuzzo, who served for several years as director of the National Gay Task Force (now the NGLTF) has been appointed as associated deputy secretary at the U.S. Department of Labor.

What we make

According to a poll by the Human Rights Campaign, 38% of gays and lesbians earn under \$25,000, 35% earn \$25,000 to \$50,000 and 21% earn over \$50,000.

How to make your meeting or event a success

by **Michael Mahler**

Keeping our region's lesbian community informed about what is going on is something we feel proud of. We deeply appreciate those who help us.

The single biggest problem we run into (by far!) is getting info after it's too late or as we are laying out the newsletter. You would not believe what we've left out because we get info after it can be used.

Let's look at the process backwards. Folks pick up and read the newsletter. If they see something only a day or two before it's happening (or the day of) they are much less likely to go. This is why if you have something in the early days of December, people need to read about it in the November issue. Before we can get the newsletter out, we obviously have to have it printed. We usually drop it off at the print shop on a Monday morning and get it back late Thursday or Friday afternoon and collate Thursday (or more likely Friday) night. So, that's an entire business week that nothing can enter the newsletter and that no one can read it. That's 1/6 of our entire cycle (1 month.)

Before we can drop the newsletter off, it has to be laid out. Fitting in all the articles and ads can be quite time consuming and frustrating at times. Sometimes stuff has to be cut because of space. Articles that arrive late are more likely to not be included if they aren't timely, or there is a space crunch and they arrived late. Let's face it, if you have moved into a new house and arranged the living room, a new sofa that is offered when you are rushing off to work is likely to be put on hold. This takes a couple of days to do, more if we try to accommodate last minute changes, or have to wait for pieces that are late.

And to accurately lay out the newsletter, we need to have all the pieces entered—articles typed in, ads laid out, etc. It's a good idea to have all the ingredients before you bake the cake. We also have to allow a few days to get someone a copy to proof, and enter the corrections. (And this someone needs to be someone who hasn't been staring it, until it becomes little black ants of type.)

A few times, folks have asked us whether it is easier to give something over the phone. When you send written copy, you are much more in control of what is said. You are much less likely to get misspellings. If you have looked at it first in written form, you are more likely to catch omissions (a starting time, contact info, etc.) It's also much more clear what needs to be run and what is just a

parenthetical remark. We'll take stuff over the phone if it is *really* unavoidable, but we are not stenographers nor do we take shorthand. This means that you will almost certainly spend more time waiting for us to type from spoken instructions than just writing down your information, and e-mailing it, faxing it or slapping on a stamp on it and mailing it. E-mail is our first choice if possible, as it eliminates rekeying (and decrease the likelihood of typos), but any written form is good.

The TV listings used to be one of the last things we got and the main bottleneck. We expect to now get it first class and maybe a week or so earlier. This is terrific, because it means that "hell week", when we frantically put the last items into the newsletter and lay it out, need not be quite so stressed and rushed. This also means we will need to be much tighter about the deadline of the 15th of the month. Go a day or two past, and you're probably okay. A week may very well be pushing it. Go past the last weekend of the month (or earlier, depending on when layout happens) and you are probably too late. When you ad in the time to edit, layout, proof and print, you can see why we need to get stuff by the 15th to get it to others by the first of the month.

Trigon did a wonderful job of getting their 18 and Over Party promoted. They had their plans at least partially set 4 weeks before their event. (If you are doing anything that you want some degree of publicity for, make sure you get at least the basic facts out by a bare minimum 4 weeks before the event.) There was still some details they had to settle, but at least there was something to go on. They made up a flyer with the facts, which they could not only give to us to type in, but they could post in other places and give to other people and sources. Womynspace sends us their very nicely worded event announcements about 6 weeks before they happen. Most of the people who go to the December meeting will get their copy of the December issue there. (Who needs to look down and read what you're doing, when you're already doing it?) So, in mid-October, Womynspace told us what they were doing in December, so the women at the November meeting would know what they had to look forward to at the December meeting.

Remember: plan at least 4 weeks ahead, write it down, and get your info in as many places as possible and you increase your chances of success!

Sex & Health

Study: Some are making up their own definition of monogamy

Ever since the early days of the AIDS crisis, monogamy has been promoted as the safest sex you can have. Some AIDS educators suggest that safer sex can be dispensed with once one is in a monogamous relationship.

In recent years, it has become plain that there are problems with that emphasis.

One problem is that much HIV transmission is going on between people (straight, gay and bi) in monogamous relationships. People fall in love, and abandon safer sex practices without getting tested for HIV. The results can be tragic.

Now researchers have found that while the number of gay men in monogamous couples tripled between 1984 and 1990, "what many individuals define as monogamy is highly suspect."

The researchers, from Pomona College in California, found that gay men now "talk more publicly about their long-term relationships, while often retaining the same number of partners." They stated that some "individuals hold two separate definitions of monogamy: One

is defined by sexual exclusivity and the other is defined by emotional exclusivity."

In other words, some gay men are developing and keeping an *emotional* relationship with one person, and calling that monogamy, even though they have *sexual* relations with other people.

"By deciding that love, not sex, is the critical defining element for monogamy," the researchers wrote, "individuals can rationalize that their relationship is monogamous because they are emotionally faithful to their partner."

HIV testing and counseling for couples

Couples can take their HIV tests together at the Erie County Department of Health. The Department can also provide information and counseling on safer sex issues for couples. Call them at 451-6700.

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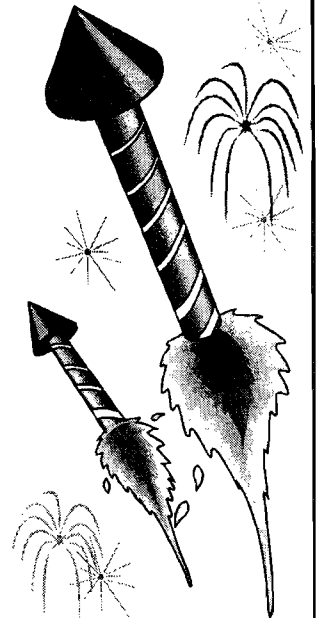
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We've got the hots for you!



MediAlert

by Al Kielwasser

Media Briefs

Making A List...

From the folks at Children's Animated Television (CAT), these questions: "Would you like to take part in open and informative discussion about the issues that face gay/lesbian/bisexual youth? Do you think it would be cool to make new friends from all over the world?" Also from CAT, this answer: "The GLB Youth List."

This GLB Youth List is the latest in a series of on-line public services from CAT, utilizing new media to combat old bigotry. All are welcome to join the e-mail group, though the service will be moderated. "Off-topic posts, advertisements, profanity, etc. will not be tolerated," CAT cautions.

To subscribe, simply send a message to: cat-glb-discussion-request@complete.org. Type the word "subscribe" (without the quotes) in the BODY of your message; the SUBJECT line is ignored. If you have an e-mail SIG, CAT asks that you "please turn it off; only one request per message."

Webwatch

Well Hung ... For "gay politics, gay politicians... and your Daily Dose of G/L/B/T news," WebActive's weekly tip sheet suggests "Hangin' Out" [<http://www.hanginout.com>]. For news-hounds who'd rather hunt than hang, the "WebActive Directory" provides a searchable database "connecting you to over 1,300 of the best progressive sites on the web" [<http://www.webactive.com/webactive/directory/directory.html>].

Higher sites ... Women Leaders Online [<http://wlo.org>] continues to master the web, winning an award for "website excellence" at the recent Nonprofits Online '96 Conference. Mobilizing over the Internet, WLO is dedicated to "empowering women in American society, the media and politics" and "opposing the anti-woman agenda of the radical right."

Postmodern Art ... Queer Arts Resource (QAR) has announced the launch of "the first Internet-based forum for the display and discussion of queer art on-line" [<http://www.queer-arts.org>]. According to QAR, the new site is intended to provoke and stimulate — "providing a

context for discussion about aesthetics, politics and censorship as it cybercasts the beauty of the homosexual/bisexual/transgender dynamic in the visual arts."

For more information ... Project Inform is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to providing "vital information on the diagnosis and treatment of HIV disease to HIV-infected individuals, their caretakers, and their healthcare and service providers...to inspire people to make informed choices amid uncertainty and to choose hope over despair." In keeping with that mission, the organization recently launched the Project Inform Home Page [<http://www.projinf.org>]. This new site offers details about the organization as well as "a large amount of treatment information."

Daily Planet ... Web crawlers can browse "daily international queer news," courtesy of the recent (and much-hyped) new venture, "PlanetOut" [<http://www.planetout.com/kiosk/newsplanet>]. The info-service is also available through Yahoo [<http://headlines.yahoo.com/planetout>].

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About EGCN Personals

Up to now we've never really been sure we had the resources to carry personal ads and we also weren't sure if some of our readers would object to having personals in EGCN. But, since we've had so many requests to run them, we thought we'd give them a try for a limited time.

We put out a call on e-mail and received the 2 personal ads you see above.

If you would like to see EGCN Personals continue, please write to one of the above addresses. If the personals are successful, we'll continue to carry them. If not, then we won't. It's up to you — our readers.

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Resource Directory

All phone numbers are area code 814 unless otherwise noted. Not all resources are necessarily gay-owned nor serve primarily lesbian/gay people; some may be just gay-friendly

▼ = Erie Gay Community News available here!

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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

Accommodations, Bed & Breakfasts, Campgrounds

Camp Davis (412) 637-2402
 311 Redbrush Rd, Bayers PA. Campground
 DunDonald House (800) 260-7227 or (416) 961-9888
 35 DunDonald St, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Bed & breakfast
 Jones Pond Campground (716)567-8100
 9836 Old State Rd, Angelica NY. Adult male camping, 135 sites, water & electric, camp store, pool, DJ weekends, theme events
 Rocking Duck Inn (716)968-3335
 28 Genesee Parkway, Cuba NY. Near Olean, 100 miles from Erie. Gay-owned Bed & Breakfast.
 Whistle Stop Bed and Breakfast ▼ (905)871-1265
 Niagara Region, Ontario, Canada. \$65 / Night including breakfast for two.

Bars

The Embers ▼ 454-9171
 1711 State St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat 8 pm - 2 am. Live DJ music Wed thru Sat 10 pm - 2 am. Pool table.
 Leeward Lounge ▼ (216)964-9935
 1022 Bridge St, Ashtabula OH. Open 7 days, 7 pm. - 2:30 am, food til 1:30 am. Fri & Sat - \$1 cover, half goes into 50-50 draw of end of night, other half goes to person taking cover. AIDS Food Pantry collection site.
 Lizzy Bordon's Part II ▼ 833-4059
 3412 W 12th St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat. 9pm-2am. DJ Music. Wed. Country Line Dancing. Fri & Sat-90's Dance Music. Shows on some Fridays.
 Nite Spot ▼
 201 Winsor, Jamestown, NY. 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.
 Sneakers ▼ (716)484-8816
 100 Harrison, Jamestown, NY. Open Tues.-Sun. 2 pm to 2 am. DJ Fri & Sat 10-2.

Coffeehouses and Restaurants

la bella bistro 454-3616
 556 W 4th St, Erie PA
 Cup-a-Ccino's ▼ 456-1511
 18 North Park Row, Erie PA. Mon-Wed 7:30 am - 11 pm, Thurs-Fri. 7:30 am - 12 mid., Sat 9 am-midnight. Sun 10 am-5 pm. 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.

Counseling

Chautauqua Co. Gay Infoline (716)679-3560
 Counseling Center ▼ 898 Park Ave Suite 12, Meadville PA
 David J Johnson MA MS 838-9408
 Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. (716)488-1971
 Fredonia Office (716)679-3455
 Christine L Gagliano LSW 836-9622
 Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 pm.- 11 pm. Mon.-Fri).
 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)
 Great Lakes Counseling-Ashtabula (216)992-5995
 Lake Erie Counseling Associates 455-4009
 Family Medical (Warren PA) 726-3310
 Well Being Center ▼ 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

Erotica/Adult Bookstores

Body Language ▼ (888)GAY-PRDE (429-7733) or (216) 251-3330
 3291 W 115th St, Cleveland OH
 Filmore News ▼ 2757 W 12th St, Erie
 Modern News ▼ 1115 State St, Erie

Financial Advice

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

Funding and Fund-raising

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

Health

PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833
 Patrick McNamara, Lic. Massage Therapist (716)679-3430

Info-Lines

Buffalo (716)883-4750
 Chautauqua County (North) (716)679-3560
 Chautauqua County (South) (716)484-8434
 Cleveland (216) 522-1999
 Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 pm.- 11 pm. Mon.-Fri)
 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)
 Erie 456-9833
 Pittsburgh (412) 422-0114 (M-F 6:30-9:30 pm, Sat 3-6 pm)
 Toronto (416)964-6600 (M-S 7-10 pm)

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Miscellaneous

Avenue Gifts & Collectibles 454-1629
 1027 East Ave, Erie PA

- Barnes & Noble** ▼ 864-6300
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- Movie Stop** 453-7696
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- Pal Prescription Pharmacy** 455-8597
1238 W 6th St, Erie PA
- Poppa Ropp's Home Video** ▼ 734-3014
Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA
- Poster Annex** 455-1999
717 Liberty St, Erie PA Poster, prints, cards, ceramic tiles
- Roadhouse Theatre** ▼ 456-5656
145 W 12th St, Erie PA
- Roses & Lace Floral & Gifts** 838-8518
3424 W Lake Rd Erie PA
- Talking Leaves** ▼ (716) 837-8554
3158 Main St, Buffalo NY

Political/Advocacy Organizations

- League of Gay & Lesbian Voters** 898-4210 (Dave Mulholland)
Nonpartisan voters group. Publishes Voters' Guide for elections, voter registration/education, lobbying, advocacy. Meets first Sun. Call for location. Write to LGLV-Erie, PO Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505-0083. Email to lglverie@ncinter.net

Publications

- Erie Gay Community News** 456-9833
PO Box 3063, Erie PA 16508-0063. Fax 452-1392, Email egcn@ncinter.net

Religious Organizations

- Integrity** 774-0903 (Dorothy)
..... or 452-3779 (Rev. Kay Johnson, Chaplain)
A Christian-based spiritual and support group, sponsored by the Episcopal Church that welcomes people of all faiths. Write to Integrity-NWPA, PO Box 1782, Erie, PA, 16507-1782.
- Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie** ▼ 864-9300
7180 New Perry Highway. For Commitment Vows, ask for Terry Kime.

Social Organizations

- 10% Network** ▼ (716)484-7285 (John)
Chautauqua County, NY. Meets 3rd Saturday of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. No smoking or alcohol.
- Chautauqua N County Social Grp (NY)** (716) 673-3192 (Vince)
..... or N County Infoline 716-679-3560
Social group for lesbians in northern half of county. Meets 4th Mon 7 - 9 pm, also fish fry 2nd Friday of the month.
- Menspace** 456-9833 (Michael)
Social group for gay/bi men. Meets second Sat (unless otherwise noted), location varies. Call 456-9833 for more info or email egcn@ncinter.net
- Rainbow Connection** Fred or Marshall at 726-1808
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. Write to 220 Onandaga Avenue, Warren PA 16365.
- Womynspace Coffeehouse** ▼ & 454-2713 (Sal)
An alcohol & smoke-free environment for lesbians, with a particular theme, topic or activity for each month. Meet 1st Sat at 7:30pm. at Unitarian Univ Congreg of Erie.

Student Organizations/Youth

- Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP, Allegheny College, Meadville)** ▼ 332-4368 (Nancy)
..... or 332-4375 (Erny)
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. Email to csglbp@alleg.edu
- Closet Culture** 899-6528 (Mark)
Focuses on social activities. Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area. Write to: PO Box 10274, Erie PA 16514-0274. Email ClosetCltr@aol.com
- Covenant House Teen Hotline** 1-800-999-9999
- Identity** & 732-3779 (Christie Hudson)
..... or 732-2555 (Dr. Dave Herendeen)
Student group for lesbigay & allies at Edinboro Univ. Meets every Wed at 8:30pm in 125 Hendricks Hall. Write to Identity, c/o Dr. Herendeen, Edinboro Univ, Heather Hall, Edinboro, PA 16440
- Informal Lesbigan Student Group of Erie**
Email to ILSGErie@aol.com
- Jamestown Comm. College Grp** ▼ (716)665-5220 ext 204
..... or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)
Peer counseling & support attempting to live fulfilling, open, integrated lives as lesbigan people in W NY & NW PA. Open to college & non-college people. Meeting date, time & place vary. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020. Email to Greg at robbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjc.edu.
- National Runaway Switchboard** 1-800-621-4000
- SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU** (716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
Meets Tuesdays at 8pm in Williams Center. All welcome. Email to glbsu0000@fredonia.edu.
- Teen Hotline** (412)771-8336
- Trigon (Penn State Behrend)** 898-6030
..... or (Sue Daley) 898-6164
For Behrend students, faculty, alumni. Write: College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Rd, Erie, PA 16563. Email to Danny at trigon@psu.edu

Support Groups

- Erie Sisters**
Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Saturday, newsletter. Meetings in even numbered months are social events held at accepting establishments. Interview with a club officer required before 1st mtg. Write: Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8 St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505.
- Lambda Group—Gay AA** ▼ 452-2675
Alcoholics Anon for Lesbigans. Open discussion. Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway. Open to all Lesbigans who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone.
- Northcoast Rainbow Families** 868-0069 (Christopher)
..... (716) 366-1453 (Judy)
Support, advocacy, and education group for lesbigan parents and their families; play group for kids in western NY, northeast OH, and northwest PA. Affiliated with Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. Write to: NCRE, PO Box 254, Fredonia, NY 14063. Email to: glpcerie@aol.com
- PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)** see below
- PFLAG-Ashtabula OH** (216)964-3350

Meets the last Friday of each month, 7:00 pm., Conference Room at Donahoe Center, Rt 20 East. Email: ssimmen@interlaced.net

PFLAG-DuBois PA Karen or John Kressley at 371-8962
Meets 7 pm on 2nd Tues of month at St. John's Oklahoma Lutheran Church at the corner of Maple Ave & Shaffer Road in DuBois. Write to PFLAG-DuBois, 1191 Treasure Lake, DuBois PA 15801 Email: peanutx@aol.com

PFLAG-Erie Elaine 864-0184
Meets last Sun of month 2:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie. Write to PFLAG-Erie c/o Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie, PA 16508.

PFLAG-Jamestown (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529
Meets last Tues of the month, call for site.

PFLAG-New Castle PA Lois at (412)652-6893
Meets 7-9 pm on 3rd Thurs of month at Human Svcs Ctr, 130 West North St, New Castle.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)
Meets Tuesdays 7:30 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Web site: <http://www.sca-recovery.org/>

Violence and Domestic Abuse (Women & Men)

Erie Hospitality House (814)454-8161
Jamestown - YWCA Alternatives to Violence
..... Daytime (716)488-2237, evenings (716)484-0052.
Women's Center of Warren & Forest Counties 24 hour Hotline
(Sexual Assault as well) 800-338-3460 or (814)726-1030
National Domestic Violence Hotline (800)799-SAFE (7233)

HIV/AIDS Directory

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 Grp (216)350-2554

Erie PA/Erie County

Case Manager - Sharon Cooper 456-8849
Case Manager - Cheryl Weber 825-1085 or 455-3786
AIDS Action Team (AACT) Gannon 871-7233
AIDS Bereavement Support Group 452-3779 (Kay Johnson)
Sponsored by HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul.
For families, partners, spouses, friends & caregivers with loved ones/friends who
have died with AIDS. Cofacilitated by The Rev. Canon F. Kay Johnson and Sue
Kuebler. Meets 1st and 3rd Tues, 8 - 9:30 pm. Safe & confidential

AIDS Network Information 451-6700
Friends from the Heart 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)
Direct Client Services. Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transporta-
tion, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call to see how you can help.
Donations *greatly* appreciated. Meets second Monday of the month at Well Being
Center, 710 Beaumont.

HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cath. of St. Paul (Episcopal)452-3779

NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie Ofc) ▼ 456-8849/(800)400-AIDS
1001 State St, Suite 808, Erie PA
St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group &
..... Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 455-3786
Open to people of all faiths. Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tues 6:30-8:00 pm (Note winter
hours!) at Catholic Charities, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd.

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

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):

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

HIV/AIDS Anonymous Testing Sites

(Ashtabula) Family Planning Assoc (\$30) (216)992-5953
Painesville OH (216)354-AIDS
Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (412)242-2500

E-Mail

To get on our emailing list, all you have to do is send an email message with a subject of "Subscribe to Mailing List" to us (egen@ncinter.net). If you hear of an event, please also send it to that address and include a first line of "Publish EMAIL".

Our Web Site is our one stop for lesbigay local info! The Web Site address is: <http://www.ncinter.net/~egen/>

Merry Christmas

from Robert, Michael, Doug, Brian,
Mike, TC & Tom



Christmas Show

Saturday December 21

New Year's Eve Party

Buffet & Champagne

Celebrate Our 3rd & Best Year Ever!

— *the Embers Staff*