

Calendar

Apr 1-4—AIDS Awareness Week at Edinboro University Info: Erie office of NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance 456-8849.

Apr 3—Jamestown HIV/AIDS Support Group Meets (Jamestown NY) Call Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070 for more info.

☛ **Apr 4—The Erie Community Has HIV** WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) "Local health officials and experts discuss the issues surrounding HIV in the region. A WQLN production."—*Q'd In*

Apr 4—Lizzy Bordon's: US Male Review Cover. "See bar for more details." 3412 W 12th St, Erie. 833-4059.

Apr 5—Womynspace: "Spring Fling Dance" "Back by popular demand is DJ Karen spinning the tunes from the 70's 80's and 90's. Come early and stay late. Music starts at 8 p.m. You are also invited to bring your favorite music—

CD's or vinyl only! For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713. Newcomers always welcome."

☛ **Apr 5—Leeward Lounge: Auction (Ashtabula)** Includes Ellen Beitel and Leeward memorabilia. Benefits American Cancer Society. Call bar about time. 216-964-9935.

Apr 6—LGLV-Erie Meets Call Dave Mulholland at 898-4210 for more info.

☛ **Apr 6—Family Video Diaries: Bubbeh Lee and Me** On HBO 9a.m. A young man interviews his grandmother.

☛ **Apr 6—Traditional Irish music session at Tremont bar (Cleveland)** Sponsored by Cleveland Irish Lesbian Bisexual & Gay Organization. Phone (216) 281-8384 or 255-2515 or email dxd24@po.cwru.edu (Dian) for more info.

April 7 [Date was changed to Mar 31!!! Sorry!]—"Kelvin's Dinner" Info from DonPaul at Erie office of NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance, 456-8849. Also see DonPaul Lucas' article page 12

Apr 8—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets. For more info contact Cheryl Weber at 825-1085, or email: cheryl1027@aol.com

☛ **Apr 8—Biography: Leonardo da Vinci—Renaissance Man** A&E 8 p.m. midnight. Profiles the gay 16th century genius—artist, inventor, scientist and mathematician.

April 11-13—Allegheny conference "History and Memory: Gay and Lesbian Literature Since World War II" Article in last month's issue, or call (814) 332-4339 or (814) 2604

Apr 11-13—LGLV Toronto Bus Trip Info Dave at 898-4210

☛ **Apr 11-13—Gay Lesbian and Straight Teachers: Midwest Regional Conference (Cleveland)** Info 216-943-1845. See page 11 for details.

☛ **Apr 12—The Embers: 3rd Year Birthday Celebration** "With Coco Vega and Gene Brandt. Buffet and cake. Come celebrate with us!" 1711 State St, Erie. 454-9171.

☛ **Apr 12—Austin City Limits: Mary Chapin Carpenter** 8 p.m. WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch.54).



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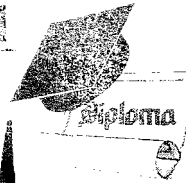
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Info to send us in April

Graduations & Commitment ceremonies
 Memorial Day, Any Events in May
Apr 15 - Deadline for Pride Month events
 happening before June 11th!



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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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Views and opinions appearing in this newsletter do not necessarily represent those of EGCN staff.

Thanks to those who helped out with the March issue!

Thanks to **Bernie Bright, Larry Sawdy, Greg Knowles, Paul Grubbs, Dave Mulholland, and William Sherow** for helping us to collate the March 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

➔ **Apr 12—Suzanne Vega: Live at the El Rey** 10:30 p.m. WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54).

➔ **Apr 13—Breakfast at Random House: Colette** 4:30 pm on WQLN FM 91.3. Profiles the French writer who loved women.

➔ **Apr 13—L7 in concert (Pittsburgh) Graffiti** 412-682-4120.

➔ **Apr 13—Not in this Town II: Citizens Respond to Hate** WNED-PBS Buff./Ch. 17). 10:30 p.m. Repeats 4/14 2:30 p.m. "This program travels to communities inspired to act against intolerance by the story of Billings, Montana residents who stopped an upsurge of hate violence"—WNED/WNEQ *Program Guide*. (See also April 16 listing for the dramatized version of the story on USA Network and *It Takes Just One* in Repeating Programs listing.)

➔ **Apr 14—Friends from the Heart Meets** 6 pm Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont, info Deb Monohon at 838-0123

➔ **Apr 15—Deadline for Lambda Foundation Grants** See story in local news page 11.

➔ **Apr 16—Not In This Town** USA Network 8:59pm. Premiere of "a real-life account of Tammie Schnitzer (Kathy Baker) who took on a hate group in Montana. Adam Arkin, Ed Begley Jr. and Max Gail." —*TV Guide*. Repeats 4/19 10 pm, 4/26 2:30pm.

➔ **Apr 17—2 girls alone! at Aromas** 7:00-9:30p.m. Located at 2174 W. 8th (near Pittsburgh Avenue.).

➔ **Apr 17—This Boy's Life (1993)** TNT 2:30 a.m., 10:35 p.m. Leonardo DiCaprio plays a troubled teen, who is close friends with a gay boy. "It is one of the finest portraits of gay youth ever put on screen."—*Images in the Dark*

➔ **Apr 17—Best of Taxicab Confessions** HBO 11 p.m.

➔ **Apr 17—HIV/AIDS: A Medical Symposium for Dentists and Hygienists** Marketplace Grill, Erie PA 5:00pm-8:30 pm. Organized by Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance. Call (814) 764-6006 or 800-359-2437 for more info or to register.

➔ **Apr 19—Menspace meets** (NOTE DATE CHANGE!!) 7:30 pm. For information and location, call Michael at 456-9833.

➔ **Apr 19—10% Network meets (Jamestown)** Call John at (716) 484-7285 for more info.

➔ **Apr 19—Presque Isle Beach Clean-Up** Fresh air, some spring sun, doing a good deed with folks who are fun... (per-

haps coffee or lunch afterwards?) Info Dave Mulholland at 898-4210.

➔ **Apr 19—Families in Crisis: A Dangerous Affair** 3:30 p.m. on HBO3 "A woman who contracted AIDS as the result of a college romance offers insights on love and sex."—*TV Host*

➔ **Apr 20—Pride Erie '97 Committee meets** 2:00 pm at the home of Elaine Hill. See article on page 8. For information and location, call Elaine at 864-0184 or Michael at 456-9833.


➔ **April 20—In the Gloaming (1997)** HBO at 9 p.m.. Premiere of drama about a young man with AIDS who returns home to reconcile with his family. Directed by Christopher Reeve. Repeats 4/21 5:25am, 4/24 1:45pm & 11:55pm, 4/26 4:30pm, 4/29 12:45pm & 10pm

➔ **Apr 20—HUGS East: Hike at Chapin Forest (Mentor OH)** Info 216-974-8909.

➔ **Apr 20—TV Nation: AIDS Brokers Com.** Central 9:30 pm

➔ **Apr 21—PA voters: Last day to register for primary elections.**

➔ **Apr 21—Lizzy Bordon's: 18 & Over Party** 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Must have valid ID. Note: Lizzy Bordon's will be



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hosting an 18 and over party every month. The dates for these 18 and over parties will vary. Check EGCN or at the bar for exact dates, times, and/or themes.

✦ **Apr 21—Biography: Richard the Lionhearted** A&E 8 p.m. & midnight. Profiles the gay British king, hero, composer, diplomat, and hero, said to have been freed from prison by his lover and troubadour Blondel.

✦ **Apr 22—Happy Passover!**

✦ **Apr 22—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

✦ **Apr 22—Dream On: "Courtship of Martin's Father"** Comedy Central 6 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Martin's father breaks up with his lover and Martin's real feelings about his father's sexual orientation come out.

✦ **Apr 23—Ellen DeGeneres interview on PrimeTime Live!** (tentative) The actress *herself* is expected to come out. Still not confirmed, so keep an eye on *Prime Time Live* listings. (Wednesdays 10 p.m. ABC). See Entertainment Notes, page 15.

✦ **Apr 25—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Call Sharon at (216) 964-335- for more info.

✦ **Apr 25—HIV * Substance Abuse * Public Health** Registration: April 11, 1997. Registration and details (814) 451-6727. Sponsored by Erie. Co. Dept. of Health.

✦ **Apr 25—Biography: Elizabeth Taylor** A&E 8 pm, 12pm.

✦ **Apr 27—PFLAG-Erie: "The Rhetoric of Intolerance"** Viewing of Mel White's video. Dr. White is the Minister of Justice of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church and author of *Stranger at the Gate*. He was a ghost writer for Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell during his 30 year struggle with homosexuality. More in PFLAG newsletter. 2:00 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

✦ **Apr 28—Suzanne Vega: Live at the El Rey** 10 p.m. WNED-PBS-Buff./Ch. 17. Repeats 4/29 at 2 p.m.

✦ **Apr 29—Take Back the Night!** 7:00 pm. Details from newspaper or television.

✦ **Apr 30—Ellen's coming out episode!** See Entertainment Notes page 15 for update.

✦ **May 1—Jamestown HIV/AIDS Support Group Meets** For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. Call Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070 for more info.

✦ **May 2-4—Jones Pond New Years Celebration (Angelica NY)** Celebrate 1997 opening of camp for gay and bi men. Fri DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat Bonfire, Semi-formal Ball 9pm-1am. Balloon drop at midnight. For more info, call (716) 567-8100

✦ **May 3—2 girls alone! at Caffe Royale** 9pm-midnight. Caffe Royale is located at 10th & French.

✦ **May 3—Womynspace: Swap Meet & Raffle** "Bring items to trade...good working condition only. Extra items will be donated to the U.U. for their garage sale [see May 17]. Have fun and take home a prize! For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713. Newcomers welcome."

✦ **May 3 & 4—Virginia Slims Legends 1997 Tour (Pittsburgh)** "The Virginia Slims 1997 Tour is coming May 3 & 4. Lead by Billy Jean King, tour features Martina Navra-



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☛ **May 4—LGLV-Erie Meets** Info: Dave Mulholland 898-4210.

☛ **May 7—HIV/AIDS: Update for First Responders and other Medical Personnel** Inn at Franklin, Franklin PA. 5:00pm-8:30 pm. Topics: Life issues of HIV/AIDS, HIV/AIDS Update, Summary of Act 148. Register by April 23. Organized by Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance. Info/registration (814) 764-6006 or 800-359-2437.

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☛ **May 16-19—Jones Pond Queen-for-a-day (Angelica NY)** Fri, Sat & Sun DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat-Continental Breakfast, Sun-Tea Dance, Mon-Victoria Day (Canada). For more info, call (716) 567-8100

☛ **May 16-18—Rabbi David Saperstein: Issues in Church-State Separation** At Temple Anshe Hessed, co-sponsored by NW PA Chapter of Americans United. Article page 9. For more information call Temple at 454-2426.

☛ **May 16-18—PACT/Youngstown 14th Anniversary Celebration (Youngstown OH)** People of All Colors Together celebrates all weekend! Info 330-550-0805.

☛ **May 17—LGLV Victoria Day Fundraiser** Call Dave at 898-4210 for more info.

☛ **May 17—Unitarian Universalist Garage Sale** Items should be in good condition. For info or to leave off items

Always check TV listings against your weekly or daily listings. Sometimes the information we get is incorrect or changes; sometimes, since we are a very small group of volunteers here, we make mistakes and don't catch them.

We have noticed a good number of gay and lesbian publications in other communities have been reprinting our TV listings and accompanying blurbs. Permission is granted for doing so, but because a good bit of time is invested in locating these listings, we request that you give credit to EGCN where it is due. Thanks and Happy Viewing!

call 864-9300 between 9 a.m. and noon. People are strongly encouraged to call before dropping stuff off.

☛ **May 17—10% Network meets (Jamestown)** Call John at (716) 484-7285 for more info.

☛ **May 17—Ellen Beitel Memorial Reverse Raffle (Ashtabula)** Benefits Ashtabula Co. HIV/AIDS Task Force & Friends Support Group. O'Leary Hall, Mother of Sorrows School, 1514 W. 6th St. Doors open 6 p.m. Open bar, dinner, entertainment. Donation \$50, checks payable to American red Cross. Tickets available at Leeward Lounge.

☛ **May 17—Women's Golf Outing (Pittsburgh)** Hosted by Renaissance City Choirs. Info 412-766-5088. Beginners and experienced alike can enjoy this scramble tournament.

☛ **May 20—Pennsylvania Primary Election**

☛ **May 23-36—Jones Pond Memorial Weekend (Angelica NY)** Fri, Sat & Sun DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat-Continental Breakfast, JP Comedy Show at 9:30 pm. Mon-11AM Morning Service in Memorial Garden. Pool Opens. For more info, call (716) 567-8100

☛ **May 25—PFLAG-Erie: (Topic TBA)** 2:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

☛ **May 25—Renaissance City Men's Choir & The Flirtations (Pittsburgh)** Info 412-471-8208.

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- **May 26—Memorial Day**
- **May 26—Pittsburgh Memorial Day Picnic** Details next month, or at W. Pa. Bars, *Planet Q* or Pittsburgh's *Out*.
- **May 27—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.
- **May 29—Gays Educating Gays About Sexual Health Issues (GEGASHI) meets** 3:30 pm at Erie County Dept of Health, 606 W 2nd St, Erie. Phone 451-6727 or e-mail ecdh@ncinter.net
- **May 30—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Call Sharon at (216) 964-335- for more info.
- **May 30-Jun 1—Jones Pond Leather I/Rawhide Weekend (Angelica NY)** With the "Cactus Kickers" Buffalo NY. Fri, Sat & Sun DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. For more info, call (716) 567-8100
- **June 7 & 8—Pride Erie 97** See article page 8 or call 456-9833 for details or if you'd like to get involved.
- **June 21—Pittsburgh Pride** Details in May.
- **June 29—Toronto Pride** Events all week. Details in June issue of EGCN.

Festivals & conferences

- **Apr 25-27—Cherry Jubilee II: A return to Oz (Washington DC)** All-night parties, other events. Benefits the Whitman-Walker Clinic. Info 1-800-201-0807 website: www.friendsbeingfriends.com
- **May 9-11—Pridefest Philadelphia** Over 70 events. Info 215-732-3378.
- **May 22-26—Pensacola Memorial Day weekend (Florida)** Parties all over, 35,000+ expected. Info 904-433-0353.
- **June 7—Gay Day at Disney (Orlando FL)** Events 6/5-6/9. "Join more than 80,000 gay and lesbian visitors at the most magical place on earth." 407-843-4297. Web: <http://www.gayday.com> E-mail: questions@gayday.com
- **Aug 22-27—Provincetown Carnival** Info 1-800-637-8696. Reserve accommodations early!

Repeating programs

It Takes Just One USA Network. "People share stories of their experiences with hate and intolerance."—*TV Host*. (See also listings for *Not in This Town*.) 11 7 p.m., 13 12pm, 14 4p.m.
Coming Plague: part I 4/20 9 p.m. & 4/22 12:05a.m., ***part II*** 4/27 9pm. & 4/29 12:35 a.m. Based on the best-selling book by Laurie Garrett. On TBS.

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Letters

Jesus wept...

From the "would you believe" department—In five years of being a gay-operated bed and breakfast, welcoming *all* comers, as we are a totally non-discriminatory establishment, we just had our first visitation! No, not the triple A inspector, not an alien, not President Clinton. *We* have been visited by the proselyting fundamentalist Christians!

They came in the guise of being Torontonians on their way to Myrtle Beach for a smart senior citizen's holiday. We greeted—no, correction, *I* greeted them—in my usual smiling fashion (David was making dinner) with the usual introductory comments and questions (breakfast time? regular, decaf or tea? etc.), gave them the key and suggested a nice place for dinner. They were to leave early in the morning, so we wouldn't see them then. In their room, though, these, actually very pleasant and chatty, folks left us, no *me*, a smart note to be sure we would remember them... We *do encourage* our guests to comment on our facilities, food, etc—we do *not* invite their comment on our lifestyle, *assuming* they *assume* we are participants in "an alternative life style." (They didn't even meet David!) But we got their comment anyway.

Now mind you, we do not greet our guests in our best heels, OR our best leather, no ear bobs, and we do not offer our video collection—not *that* collection anyway. (Maybe it was the purse?) The response, left on a tiny note:

Dear Ted:

God loves you and Jesus died for you and for me and for everyone's sins. REPENT and STRAIGHTEN out your life.

Your sister in Christ, Lily

In this wide, wide world, we, as gay and lesbian people, have come a long way, but it's evident we've got a long way to go. They're still out there, gang!

P.S. She *refused* to tell me her lipstick color too! How RUDE!

Ted (and David)

Rocking Duck Inn, Cuba, NY

New music

For your dancing and listening enjoyment, Lizzy Bordon's is proud to announce a new and exclusive contract with Sony Music. Sony Music, in conjunction with Media Play, will be premiering new, as of yet unreleased music at Lizzy Bordon's. This new music will be heard first at Lizzy Bordon's, before it is available to the general public. So if you like what you hear, please let us know.

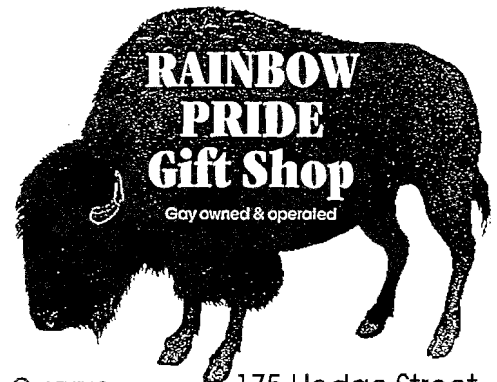
We at Lizzy Bordon's would also like to extend our thanks to Jeni and Media Play for providing us with some of the music you hear at Lizzy Bordon's.

So if you enjoy the dance music you hear at Lizzy Bordon's, or would like to check out some of the new music from Sony Music, stop in at Media Play.

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LGLV News

by **Dave Mulholland**

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters would like to remind you that the last day to register to vote in this spring's primary election is April 21. If you need assistance to register please contact the League at 898-4210.

Important in the current session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly is the reintroduction of the Hate Crimes Bill. This legislation adds the category of sexual orientation to existing hate crimes legislation. Needless to say, this is an absolute necessity to our community. As of this writing, the legislation has been reintroduced in the House, but not the Senate. Your support is needed. Phone calls and letters to your State Representative and Senator are vital to show support for this bill. When contacting your representative, please refer to House Bill 730 (the hate crimes bill) and House Bill 731 (the bill that allows for the collection of crime statistics.) Make it clear that you will not support any politician that will not support your freedom from violence.

Remember: a targeted attack on a lesbian or gay man is a terroristic act against our whole community.

The League is also seeking volunteers to help on specific projects. Upcoming projects include, lobbying trips to Harrisburg, Voters Guide distribution, voters registration drives, fund raising parties, and Presque Isle beach clean up. Most importantly volunteers are needed from Crawford, Mercer, Warren, Forest, Clarion, Lawrence, and Venango counties. At least one person is needed from each of these counties to collect data for the Voters Guide.

For more information on LGLV-Erie please call 898-4210 and leave a message, e-mail at lgverie@ncinter.net, or write to LGLV-Erie, PO Box 8083, Erie, PA. 16505.

**Remember our DEADLINE for
the MAY ISSUE is April 15**

Pride Erie '97 plans announced

by **Michael Mahler**

The Erie PA region will be holding its annual Pride festivities the weekend of Saturday June 15th-Sunday June 16th. This will be a two day event for the first time.

There will be a picnic Saturday the 15th at Presque Isle State Park at Cabin #2 (near Beach 6). This is the same site that has been used in previous years. The picnic will begin at 1pm and will run to no later than sundown. There is no cost for attendance, but donations will be received quite gratefully. Some food will be provided, but folks are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. We will also have games and other activities.

Parents, children and our straight friends are definitely welcome (as always!) There will be activities for children. Groups (local or not) wishing to display informational materials are encouraged to contact the Pride Picnic organizers for table arrangements by June 7th.

We will be taking another family portrait at the picnic at 5pm. Being in the portrait is entirely optional; the picture will be put on our web page and also run in the July *Erie Gay Community News*.

Please note that Pennsylvania State Law forbids alcoholic beverages at State parks.

Sunday will feature some new events and activities! There will be an Interfaith Pride Celebration at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. This will begin at 10:30 am. We will also be getting together at Waldameer park, a local amusement park by Presque Isle that celebrated its centennial recently. This will begin at 1pm and folks are encouraged to wear rainbow ribbons and/or attire. Rainbow ribbons will be available at the Pride Picnic on Saturday. Please note that the outing to Waldameer Park is not sponsored by Waldameer.

For any additional questions, please contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or Elaine Hill at 864-0184. You can also e-mail us at egcn@ncinter.net

The next meeting of the Pride Committee will be on Sunday, April 20th at 2pm at the home of Elaine Hill. Contact her at 814-864-0184.

Thanks!

Local news

Homophobe runs for county exec

Jerry Knight, who ran the most homophobic campaign in Erie County election history, announced March 10 that he is seeking the Republican nomination to run for the office of Erie County Executive.

In 1992, Knight ran an extremely homophobic campaign in the race for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. His opponent, Democratic candidate Linda Bebko-Jones, had stated in the LGLV Voters Guide that she supported gay and lesbian rights and better AIDS education and prevention efforts. Knight made these stands the major issue of his campaign, and distorted Bebko-Jones' statements. He used the Voters' Guide as "documented proof" of Bebko-Jones' stands on these issues, and frequently referred to the guide in his campaign literature and ads. The League prohibits use of the Voters Guide in partisan campaigns and had sought legal action against Knight.

Knight lost the 1992 election.

In his March 10 announcement, Knight said he will not conduct a "mean-spirited campaign." He further stated, "Far too often, political candidates employ the scorched earth policy of torching everything that is good and leaving nothing for the voters to feel positive about."

Gannon receives terroristic threat

On March 10, Gannon University's security office received an anonymous letter which threatened a terroristic incident unless the school's International Night event was cancelled. The event was scheduled for March 15.

The event is a celebration of the school's ethnic diversity, and features foods and costumes from the native lands of students attending the school.

Gannon administrators insisted that they would not be intimidated, and that the event would go on. Erie Police and the FBI investigated the incident, and the security office circulated flyers asking students to report suspicious parcels and bags to the security office. Gannon stepped up security for the event, which was held as scheduled. No terroristic incidents were reported.

McDowell hate incident

On March 11, several non-students came onto McDowell High School property and severely beat a student there. Because the assailants were black and the assault victim was white, it was originally thought possibly to have been a racial incident; that explanation seems less plausible now. However, it is possible that some individual or organization may have preferred to interpret it as a racial incident, because shortly after the assault, hate literature was placed under some cars in the McDowell parking lot. The leaflet, which has been described as "disjointed" was signed "Christian Militia." The content was largely racist, but also made some disparaging remarks about Jews and homosexuals.

It is not known if the leafleting has any connection to the terroristic letter received by Gannon during the same time period.

Rabbi David Saperstein in Erie

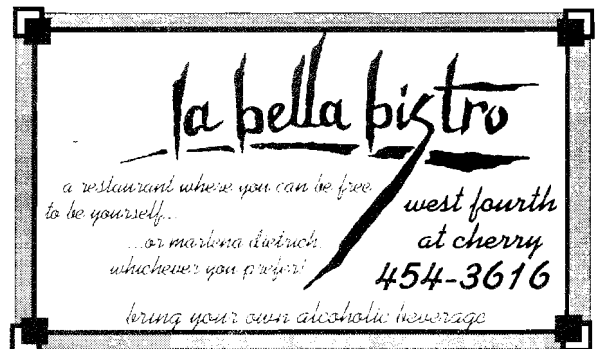
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Americans for Separation of Church and State

Rabbi David Saperstein—Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism—is coming to Erie for a weekend program at Temple Anshe Hessed, co-sponsored by the Northwest Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

He will be talking on church-state separation issues, the role of religion in promoting social justice, and other related topics.

Rabbi Saperstein will speak to area clergy at a special Interfaith Clergy Luncheon on Friday afternoon, and



evening (8 p.m.) and Saturday morning (10:30 a.m.) Additional talks are being planned for Saturday luncheon, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning (details to be announced).

The Rabbi is a Professor of Law at Georgetown University, a nationally acclaimed lecturer and social justice activist, and may be the most exciting speaker you will hear anywhere, ever.

For more information call the Temple at 454-2426.

Penn State denies status to anti-gay student group

From Penn State Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Alliance

The Penn State Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Alliance is seeking the support of LGBT organizations (and organizations representing other under-represented or minority groups) from around the country. Our Undergraduate Supreme Court recently denied student organization status to a proposed group called STRAIGHT. (Students reinforcing adherence in general heterosexual tradition). From STRAIGHT's constitution:

"The purpose of STRAIGHT is to provide students with an official and formal organization in which they

can express their views regarding the refusal to accept or support homosexuality, as well as provide peer support for inter-heterosexual matters. STRAIGHT will also function as a lobby organization providing such students the ability, and means, to participate in furthering their related political agendas. Furthermore, STRAIGHT is committed to deterring the inclinations of intolerant individuals who engage in any actions that are not purely political, or in any way suggest animosity."

The last line of this statement was added after we intercepted an email message between STRAIGHT members in which specific gay-bashing acts were discussed.

We are proud of our student Justices, and hope this major step toward a tolerant and respectful campus community sets the standard for other Universities. We agree with the Court's decision which in no way infringes upon the rights of individuals to exercise their First Amendment rights to free speech and freedom of assembly.

There are several things you and your organization can do to help.

1.) Pass this message along to other minority organizations. Here at Penn State we are witnessing something spectacular....this controversy has galvanized the spirit and hope of our many diverse organizations; we feel this can happen at other Universities as well.

2.) Send letters of support to our Justices, who have courageously established an unprecedented standard of hope.

3.) Send us your suggestions, advice, comments, and hopefully, support, as we prepare for the legal battle that looms ahead if the leader of STRAIGHT takes this matter to court.

4.) Make this issue the focus of a discussion group at your next meeting or workshop event. We've found many of our members were inspired and empowered by this campus-wide debate.

5.) Contact your campus media and encourage them to cover your group's reaction. The media attention surrounding this story is growing; use it to enhance visibility of your group on the local level.

To email our brave Supreme Court Justices, please contact: Jit Chatterjee, Dawn Brown, Desha Girod, Aaliya Bokhari, Tonilyn Chippie, Bryan Weis, and Winfield Turpin. Emails: bxc137@psu.edu, dnb106@psu.edu, dmg190@psu.edu, tmc143@psu.edu, bcw118@psu.edu, wnt103@psu.edu

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Johnstown incidents

Johnstown, Pa.—Since January, there have been a number of anti-gay incidents here, including a March 9 shooting at the Casa Nova Bar. We will include a detailed report in the May issue of EGCN.

Teachers conference in Cleveland

The Gay Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) will be holding a Midwest Regional Conference at Cleveland State University April 11-13. The conference theme is "Beyond Tolerance: Strategies for Change" and is dedicated to the memory of Michigan music teacher Gerry Crane. Crane was harassed into quitting his job after he came out to a student and recently died of a heart attack at age 32.

The event is being hosted by Cleveland GLSTN. They are expecting 400 people, with welcoming proclamations from Mayor Ehite, Cleveland City Council, and the Ohio City Legislature. Confirmed keynote speakers are Kevin Jennings (cofounder and Executive Director of GLSTN National) and Andrew Sullivan (former editor of *The New Republic* and author of the book *Virtually Normal*.) They are negotiating for Joycelyn Elders as third keynote. More than 20 practical workshops are planned addressing issues facing students, teachers and GLSTN organizations. There will also be two special events, with comic Karen Williams entertaining at the opening reception and the North Coast Men's Chorus presenting their Spring Concert Saturday night. For more information on the conference or to get a program booklet call 216-943-1845.

Lambda Foundation scholarship

\$3,000 scholarships are available to any full-time sophomore or junior student who has made a positive contribution toward the integration of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people, their culture or their organizations into the college or university community.

Applications can be obtained through your student affairs office, financial aid office or by writing The Lambda Foundation, PO Box 5169, Pittsburgh PA 15206. Phone (412) 521-5444 for more info.

The application deadline is April 15 and grants will be awarded in July.

Obituary

Thomas Stoddard, February 12, of AIDS complications at the age of 48. Stoddard was a major national leader in the fight for gay and lesbian civil rights, often appearing as a gay spokesperson on mainstream news programs about gay and AIDS issues. He was a former director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, and during his time with Lambda (1986-1992) helped the organization to grow in size and stature.



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I have a vision

by **DonPaul Lucas**

It's been too long since I sat down to write. The desire has been there, but like everyone, my time has been at a premium. I really have to learn how to "just say no!" In addition to my regular schedule of speaking to groups about HIV/AIDS, I've agreed to co-chair the annual meeting of The National Hemophilia Foundation. (Oh well, it will be worth it. I get to spend five days in New Orleans in October.)

Okay, enough whining. Like I said, everyone's busy.

Vision: I am in the process of starting The Richard A. Lucas Rural AIDS Center. Its primary purpose will be to:

- 1) provide resources, information and education to persons infected with HIV disease.
- 2) provide information and education for the prevention of HIV infection.
- 3) provide information and education to create an atmosphere for those individuals infected and directly affected by HIV disease.

What I see is a place where people can either call, or stop into, and get the latest information on HIV/AIDS. The Internet is a wonderful world of news and support. As an example, I found out yesterday that a new drug has been approved in the fight against HIV. Unfortunately, not everyone has access to it. That's one thing I would like to offer. The Center for Disease Control, The Journal of American Medicine, The International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care and The NAMES Project are just some of the resources available. There are also e-mail support groups, newsletters and chat lines for people living with HIV disease. In the e-mail groups and

chat lines I have met so many knowledgeable and supportive people it's amazing.

With the CDC projecting about 80,000 new infections a year, the need for educational programs is still a priority. 50% of those are predicted in people under 25, 25% under 20. This is another project I would like to continue. The Lucas Center (thought it would probably be a good idea to have a shortened version) would hopefully be an integral part of the educational efforts of those who are meeting this challenge. My dream is to name projects after those who have died in our area.

The first of these will be Kelvin's Dinner. On August 28, 1996 Kelvin Wheeler died of opportunistic infections associated with AIDS. He had a vision. He saw a drop-in center for those living with HIV disease and AIDS. He wanted to create a safe place where those infected and affected could just "be." Although this dream was not realized in his lifetime, the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul and The Lucas Center have planned the first "Kelvin's Dinner." It will be (was) held on Monday, March 31, 1997 in the Great Hall of the Cathedral. There will be an update next month on this event.

At this point, there is more planning than substance. I will be looking for interested parties to serve on the board of directors, people for outreach programs and, most importantly, words of encouragement. Stay tuned, as things fall into place, I'll keep you updated. Speaking of...

Update: My experiment with my medications was a resounding flop. After six months off all meds, my t-cell count came back at 94, viral load - 43,000. It was quite a shock to find out I wasn't invincible. When I got the results in early January, I started back on the triple combo-AZT, 3TC & Crixivan. The last test came back much more acceptable, t-cells 243, viral load undetectable. What they say seems to be true, if you can tolerate these drugs, they are a near miracle.

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HIV/AIDS News

Embers AIDS Benefit raises \$840

by Mark A. Davis
Cathedral of St. Paul

Many thanks to The Embers, who raised \$840 at their March 8 fundraising event. The proceeds were donated to the Food Pantry at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (Episcopal), which services people with HIV/AIDS.

The volunteers and staff of the Food Pantry are very appreciative for the support shown by the gay community and particularly the patrons and management of The Embers, and the local performers who generously donated their talent.

I'd like to take a few moments to tell you about the worthy project that will benefit from this fundraiser.

The Cathedral Food Pantry has served the residents of the city of Erie for about nine years and began helping people with HIV/AIDS about four years ago when the Erie AIDS Council ceased to exist. Any person with HIV/AIDS-- regardless of where they live--is eligible to receive food weekly; however, they must be referred to the Food Pantry by a case manager.

Among the volunteers who staff the Food Pantry is a retired registered nurse who helps with ordering food and personal items to insure each person receives a variety of nutritional items. Special effort is made to obtain supplements which are needed by people with HIV/AIDS.

All volunteers who do paperwork and work with clients must sign a statement of confidentiality and understand they can not discuss any client or their condition outside of the Food Pantry. Some volunteers are able to deliver food to individuals who are in a situation of distress and can not come to the Food Pantry in person. Currently there are only enough volunteers to provide this service every other week and arrangements must be made in advance.

If you are able to volunteer with the Food Pantry, especially to help make deliveries on Fridays, or if you know of someone eligible to benefit from the Food Pantry please call the Cathedral of St. Paul at 452-3779. The Food Pantry is open every Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. The entrance is at 133 W. 6th St on the east side of the Cathedral directly across the street from the Erie County Courthouse.

Exhibit

The Burchfield Penney Art Center at Buffalo State College is presenting an installation called "DIS . EASE."

"Through sensory and allegorical means, Paulo Buennos' site-specific installation addresses the paradox of love and loss that the AIDS crisis has brought to bear on us all."

The Center's hours are Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., (open till 7:30 p.m. Wed.) Info 716-878-6012. On display till May.

WNY AIDSWalk

AIDSWalk 97 will take place on Saturday June 1. The five-mile walk through a historic section of Buffalo benefits AIDS Community Services of Western New York. Last year Chautauqua County, which sent a bus, had the largest contingent in the walk.

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Video reviews

by **Greg Ropp**

This month, I am pleased to review three exceptional movies, only one of which is currently available on home video. The other two titles will be released next month, and I urge you to check them out at your local video store as soon as they arrive.

Currently on video is the re-release of **Sex Is...**, a revealing documentary about sex and sexuality, as seen through the eyes of 15 gay men, who share their life stories, bluntly and honestly, in the course of this 1993 feature from Water Bearer Films. The film is often shocking, at times funny, but ultimately, very moving. A word of warning though: *Sex Is...* does contain several VERY explicit scenes and may offend most straight people. My rating: *** 1/2 out of ****. Check it out.

Stonewall, a fictitious comedy-drama set in the infamous gay bar, circa 1969, is due out on video from BMG Independents on May 13th. The film centers around two main characters, Matty Dean and his transvestite lover, LaMiranda, who are both searching for love and accep-

tance in a world where gays can't even be served alcohol in a public place. The film follows their ups and downs and eventually climaxes with the riot that forever changed the rules... **Stonewall** is a fun movie, with its share of tragedy, and I highly recommend it, although if it's a history lesson you're expecting, you will be disappointed. My rating *** 1/2 out of ****.

On May 20th, look for the release of **Beautiful Thing**, a 1996 British film about two teenage boys who fall happily in love with each other, despite the hostility that exists for both of them outside of their world. This may be the single best film that I have ever seen dealing with teenage homosexuality... and, believe it or not, no one has AIDS, no one gets shot, and more time is focused on the positive, in this case the romance between the two main characters, than on the negative. Even your straight friends will be cheering for these two guys by the end! See it. Don't miss it! My rating: **** out of ****.

All three films should be available at your local video store, underline should. Most stores still continue to ignore gay and lesbian titles, and it is doubtful that these titles will ever make it into most rental places. If not, ask why. Demand an explanation. If your store does carry these titles, be sure to thank them. As a video store manager, I can tell you that a simple compliment means a lot.

Until next time... happy viewing!

(All three titles are/will be available at Poppa Ropp's Video. 734-3014)

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Do you know
something
we don't know?
See page 18

Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

Travel

Just to remind folks who might be traveling to Buffalo...If you want to know what's going on, call or stop into **Rainbow Pride Gift Shop**. Frank Ball, the owner of the store, is really knowledgeable about all kinds of LesBiGay stuff there and is happy to help visitors. He's located at 175 Hodge (just around the corner from Elmwood) or you can call (716)881-6126. Check out his ad in this issue for hours.

Film & Video

The Movie Stop has new titles: *Bastard Out of Carolina* (4/29 somewhat de-lesbianed version of Dorothy Allison's book about an abused girl), *Romeo & Juliet* (4/8 features a gay Mercutio), *Set it Off* (4/22 Queen Latifah plays a butch lesbian bank robber). Already there: *Total Eclipse* (dramatized depiction of the relationship between French poets Paul Verlaine and Arthur Rimbaud), plus two widely acclaimed but disturbing fact-based murder stories— *Heavenly Creatures* and *Swoon*.

Television

Unless you've been on a total news fast, you know that ABC and Disney have agreed to let **Ellen** finally come out of the closet on April 30. The episode will feature Laura Dern as the woman Ellen falls for, and Oprah Winfrey as Ellen's therapist. Also, Melissa Etheridge will perform the show's opening number, and k.d. lang will play a singing waitress in a "coffeehouse frequented by lesbians". Also in the star-studded cast will be Gina Gershon (from *Bound*), Demi Moore and Dwight Yoachim. In the audience at the taping were a large number of lesbian activists, according to reports. Ellen DeGeneres (herself) is expected to come out a week earlier on April 23 on *PrimeTime Live*.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRC), which is a national gay rights organization, tried to get ABC to let them air an ad during Ellen's coming out episode. ABC refused, citing a policy of not airing controversial advertisement of any sort (except presidential campaign

ads, which they are required to air). However, 29 local ABC affiliates will air the ad, including WJET in Erie!

One Erie woman suggested that people might want to get together and watch the episode at Ellen parties on April 30. "This is a historic occasion," she said, "and we should treat it as such." (Ellen will make TV history by being the first gay or lesbian main character in an American TV sitcom). I personally won't be doing that since I snarl and throw things at people making noise when I'm trying to watch something (and therefore avoid group viewings) but if you have a different attitude, it could be fun. Michael Mahler (of course) will be a contact for an Ellen Coming Out Party. Call him at 456-9833 or email at egcn@ncinter.net for more info on this celebration!

Another way of celebrating this occasion is by thanking those who helped make it possible:

TV Guide— who repeatedly ran articles encouraging support of the show and Ellen's coming out. Recently they've been running a regular "Ellen Watch" in every issue, telling what the week's episode would be about, building up to the April 30 episode. Write them at: TV Guide, Box 500 Radnor PA 19088-0500.

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Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)— which has been pushing ABC and Disney all along, and

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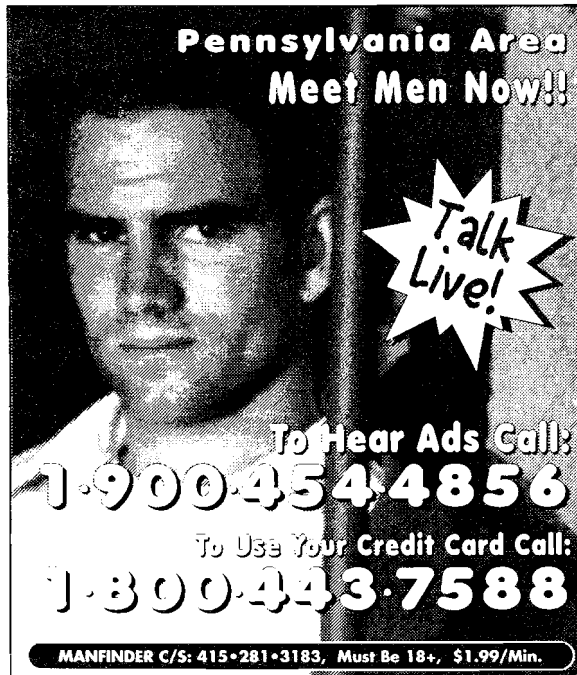
carrying on a campaign to get people to contact those companies to let Ellen come out. They'd like hearing thanks, and a contribution to continue their great work would be nice if you're willing and able (checks payable to GLAAD). Contact them at: GLAAD, 150 W. 26 St. #503 New York NY 10001 e-mail: GLAAD@glaad.org

WJET-TV—Thank them for airing the Human Rights Campaign ad...this took a lot of courage. Write Mr. John Kanzius, President, WJET Broadcasting, 8455 Peach Street, Erie PA 16509.

Theater

The **Directors Circle Theatre** will be presenting Agatha Christie's famous mystery, **The Mousetrap** Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm from April 17 to May 3. This class mystery holds the record for the longest running play in London. General admission is \$8 and students and seniors are \$5, The For reservations, call 454-0636. Directors Circle is located at 1505 State Street on the second floor and is wheelchair accessible.

The **Roadhouse Theatre** will be presenting **The Balcony** by gay playwright and author Jean Genet in October and Terrence McNally's Tony-award winning **Love!**



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Valour! Compassion! in July and August of 1998. The director will be Richard Davis, who directed their production of *Jeffrey*.

Pittsburgh's **Upstairs Theatre** has rescheduled **Love! Valour! Compassion!** this year beginning April 17 through May 3. Reservations required (412) 361-5443.

I never cease to be amazed at the ability of some Christians to hate: in March, producers of an Easter play in Newark, New Jersey received death threats because they cast a black man in the role of Jesus.

Reading

Rachel Carson is regarded as the mother of the modern environmental movement. Some (including Vice President Al Gore) have called her book *Silent Spring* the most important book of the century. Why is this information in a gay and lesbian publication? Well, except for the fact that the environment affects us all, and this is only the month most of us give a second thought to our poor old planet, I wanted to tell about a wonderful book about Carson called *Always, Rachel: The Letters of Rachel Carson and Dorothy Freeman*, ed. by Martha Freeman (Beacon Press \$18). It is the correspondence between Carson and the woman she loved. The cover blurbs and introduction refer to their relationship as friendship, perhaps because the family member who is sharing Freeman's letters felt more comfortable with that. The letters reveal not only the women's intimate feelings toward each other, but the events and discoveries in Carson's life during that time.

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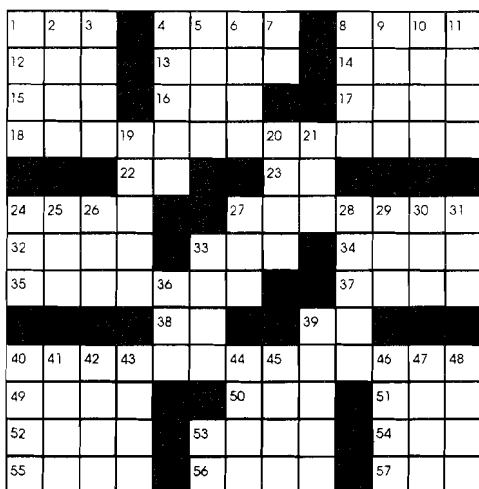
Please note that **The Embers** has changed their Internet Service Provider (ISP). Their new e-mail address is embers@erie.net and the new website is <http://www.eric.net/~embers>.

The Movie Stop now also has a web page. Check them out at <http://www.moviesrop.com/>

Out magazine (National, not Pittsburgh) has closed their website. Some of the same information is being carried on <http://www.datalounge.com>

New e-mail addresses: **Roadhouse Theatre**, **HIV/AIDS Support Group at St. Martin's Center**, **Erie Sisters**, and **Talking Leaves**. You can find them in the Resource Directory in the back of EGCN.

EGCN Crossword by Mike Miller



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EGCN has always been very much devoted to having up-to-date information on our region's resources. Once a year we do a major review of our Resource Directory, and send out forms to everyone presently listed in it. We'd like to request your help in allowing us to provide the community with accurate information.

Do you know other resources in our area that should be listed? We consider "our area" to be within about a 50-mile radius of Erie, plus some isolated rural/small-town locations. (Because of space limitations, we don't typically provide listings for the big cities around us unless they are advertisers, EGCN distributors or info-lines.)

Are we printing incorrect information about a group? Please let us know. Can you imagine how awful it would feel to a person who finally mustered up the courage to call or go to a meeting, only to find a disconnected phone or empty room? We have sent out forms to all groups we list. Have we received yours? (Please send them back to us, even if information hasn't changed).

Are you interested in being listed in the *Gayellow*

Pages? This is a North American directory of LesBiGay resources, and an important guide for people who want to find out about our area. In 1992, our area had an eighth page of a few groups, a few bars and the adult bookstores. Now we have almost a half a page of many different kinds of resources!

If you received a form, please return it to us by April 15. If you have new information, we'd love to hear from you!

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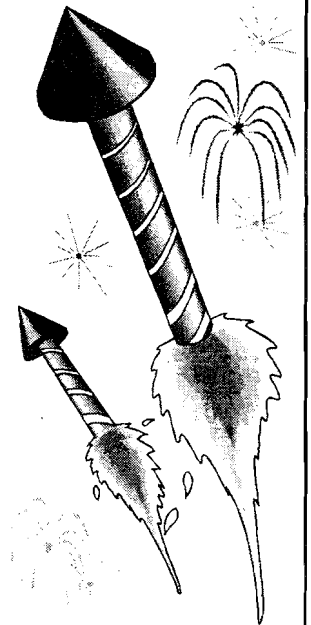
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GLAAD TV Scoreboard

With all the speculation about Ellen Morgan on *Ellen* coming out of the closet, a variety of numbers have bandied about as to the total sum of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender characters on television today. At one point, *Entertainment Weekly* cited 23 characters on primetime. GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) is now keeping a TV scoreboard. We welcome you to join in!

Television Show	Characters	Network
<i>E.R.</i>	Emergency Room Intern Dr. Maggie Doyle (Jorja Fox)	NBC
<i>Ellen</i>	Ellen Morgan's (Ellen DeGeneres) friend Peter (Patrick Bristow) and his boyfriend Barrett (Jack Plotnick), who is also Paige's (Joely Fisher's) assistant.	ABC
<i>NYPD Blue</i>	Officer Abby Sullivan (Paige Turco)	ABC
<i>Friends</i>	Ross' (David Schwimmer) ex-wife Carol Wylick (Jane Sibbett) and her girlfriend Susan Bunch (Jessica Hecht)	NBC
<i>Spin City</i>	Director of Minority Affairs Carter Heywood (Michael Boatman)	ABC
<i>Relativity</i>	Leo's (David Conrad) sister Rhonda Roth (Lisa Edelstein)	ABC
<i>Mad About You</i>	Paul's (Paul Reiser) sister Debbie Buchman (Robin Bartlett) and her girlfriend Joan (Suzie Plakson), who is also Jaimie's (Helen Hunt) gynecologist.	NBC
<i>Melrose Place</i>	<i>Melrose Place's</i> resident gay man Matt Fielding (Doug Savant)	FOX
<i>Party of Five</i>	Claudia's (Lacey Chabert) violin teacher Ross (Mitchell Anderson)	FOX
<i>Roseanne</i>	Roseanne business partner Leon Carp (Martin Mull), his lover Scott (Fred Willard), bisexual friend Nancy Bartlett (Sandra Bernhard) and mother Beverly Harris (Estelle Parsons).	ABC
<i>The Simpsons</i>	Mr. Burn's assistant Waylon Smithers (Harry Shearer)	FOX
<i>The Larry Sanders Show</i>	Hank's (Jeffrey Tambor) secretary Brian (Scott Thompson)	HBO
<i>Cybill</i>	Waiter (Tim Maculan)	CBS
<i>Bedtime</i>	Banker Liz (Susan Gibney) and stage designer Donna (Felicity Hoffman)	Showtime
<i>Chicago Hope</i>	Doctor Robert Lawrence (Mark Benninghofen)	CBS
<i>All My Children</i>	Teacher Michael Delaney (Chris Bruno), student Kevin Sheffield (Ben Jorgensen), TV station stage manager Rudy (Lance Baldwin) and Michael's orthopedic specialist boyfriend Dr. Brad Phillips (Daniel McDonald)	ABC
<i>Nash Bridges</i>	Nash's (Don Johnson) sister Stacey Bridges (Angela Dorhmann)	CBS
<i>Frasier</i>	Food critic Gil Chesterton (Edward Hibbert)	NBC
<i>Unhappily Ever After</i>	Ryan and Tiffany's best friend Barry Wallenstein (ANT)	The WB

There are now 28 characters on television!

NETWORK BREAKDOWN

ABC - 13 characters
 NBC - 6 characters
 CBS - 3 characters
 FOX - 3 characters
 The WB - 1 character
 HBO - 1 character
 Showtime - 1 character

Report gay and lesbian characters on television!

Comments/Information GLAAD@glaad.org
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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!

♿ = Handicap accessible

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, Boyers 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. Email embers@erie.net or browse http://www.erie.net/~embers/
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 drawn at 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

Aroma's Coffeehouse ▼ 456-5282 (452-JAVA)
1024 W 8th St, Erie. M-Thurs 7am-11am Fri 7am-1am. Sat 9am-1am, Sun 9am-11am. Gay-friendly, non-smoking coffeehouse, retail store, whole bean sales. Sandwiches, salads, soups and desserts. Large quiet deck in good weather. Bike rack. Plenty of free reading material and games. Smoking permitted on deck.

la bella bistro 454-3616
 556 W 4th St, Erie PA. Lunches Wed-Fri 11:30 am-2:00 pm. Dinners Wed-Sat 5:00-10:00 pm. No liquor license, but welcome to bring own alcoholic beverages. Fine dining restaurant, price range from 10.00-25.00, average \$12.00 per entree. Gay friendly, transgendered individuals welcome. Romantic ambience, wheelchair accessible. Smoking and non-smoking sections available. Catering services and party rooms available.

Coffeeright © 451-6976
 Located in the main concourse of the new library/maritime museum complex, 17 East Front Street. Hours: (Same as the library-will change as library/museum hours change) Mon & Tue 9-9, WT & F 9-8 and Sat 9-5. Gay friendly, non-smoking coffeehouse serving a wide array of baked goods, desserts, sandwiches, soups, salads and snacks. Wheelchair accessible.

Cup-a-Ccino's ▼ 456-1511
 18 North Park Row, Erie PA. Email: cups@erie.net. Mon-Wed 7:00 am - 9 pm, Thurs-Fri. 7:00 am - 12 mid., Sat 9 am-midnight, Sun 10 am-7 pm. Gay-friendly coffeehouse. Cyberbean Computer Club. Nonsmoking section, retail store. Poetry and story nights on alternating Thursdays, live music most Saturdays, some Fridays. Wheelchair accessible. Bike rack for cyclists.

Computer/Graphics Services

DannyBoy Web. Design Services 476-0108 (Voice or Fax)
 Email DannyBoy@erie.net or check their website at <http://www.erie.net/~dannyboy>

Counseling

Louanne Barton, Ph.D. 871-7682
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)
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

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) 781-6736
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)

Legal

Solymosi Law Offices, PC 452-4473
John Cooper, Esq. 455-3436

Miscellaneous

Allegheny College Bookstore ▼
Cochran Hall Lower Level, Meadville PA. Full service independent book store
 Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA
Avenue Gifts & Collectibles 454-1629
 1027 East Ave, Erie PA
Barnes & Noble ▼ 864-6300
 5909 Peach St, Erie PA
Directors Circle Theatre ▼ 454-0636
 1505 State St, Erie PA
Karen A. McLoughlin 838-4802
 Licensed Esthetician, skin care specialist, facials & body treatment
Movie Stop 453-7696
 1229 State St, Erie PA. Also stores in McKean, Meadville & Oil City. Web site <http://www.moviestop.com/>
Pal Prescription Pharmacy 455-8597
 1238 W 6th St, Erie PA
Poppa Ropp's Video ▼ 734-3014
 Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA
Poster Annex/U Frame It 455-1999
 717 Liberty St, Erie PA Poster, prints, cards, ceramic tiles, creative custom framing
Rainbow Pride Gift Shop ▼ (716) 881-6126
 175 Hodge St (corner of Elmwood Ave), Buffalo NY
Roadhouse Theatre ▼ 456-5656
 145 W 12th St, Erie PA. E-mail Roadhous@erie.net
Roses & Lace Floral & Gifts 838-8518
 3424 W Lake Rd Erie PA
Talking Leaves ▼ (716) 837-8554
 3158 Main St, Buffalo NY. Email talklvbk@fcs-net.com

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 lgverie@ncinter.net

Publications

Erie Gay Community News 456-9833
PO Box 3063, Erie PA 16508-0063. Fax 452-1392, Email egcn@ncinter.net or
see our website at <http://www.ncinter.net/~egcn/>

Religious Organizations

Temple Anshe Hesed (Reform Congregation) 454-2426
930 Liberty St, Erie PA.
Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal) 452-3779 (Rev. Kay Johnson,)
134 W 7th St, Erie PA
Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie ▼ 864-9300
7180 New Perry Highway. For Commitment Vows, ask for Rev. Terry Kime.

Social Organizations

10% Network ▼ (716)484-7285 (John)
Chautauqua County, NY. Meets 3rd Sat of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitarian
Society of Jamestown. No smoking or alcohol.
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
Womynspace Coffeehouse ▼ 454-2713 (Sal)
An alcohol & smoke-free environment for lesbians, with a 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 529, Edinboro PA 16412. Email
ClosetCtr@aol.com
Covenant House Teen Hotline 1-800-999-9999
Identity & 732-2555 (Dr. Dave Herendeen)
Student group for lesbian & allies at Edinboro Univ. Write to Identity, c/o Dr.
Herendeen, Edinboro Univ, Heather Hall, Edinboro, PA 16440
Informal Lesbian 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
lesbian 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 rabbgp@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
glsu0000@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, Be-
hrend College, Station Rd, Erie, PA 16563. Email to danny@trigon@psu.edu

Support Groups

Erie Sisters
Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Saturday,
newsletter, Interview with a club officer required before 1st mtg. Write: Erie Sisters,
1903 W 8 St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505. Email eriesister@aol.com
Lambda Group—Gay AA ▼ 452-2675
Alcoholics Anon for Lesbians. Open discussion. Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm of Uni-
tarian Universalist Congreg of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Open to all Lesbians
who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone.
Northcoast Rainbow Families 868-0069 (Christopher)
..... (716) 366-1453 (Judy)
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. Write to: NCRF, PO Box 254,
Fredonia, NY 14063. Email to: glpcierie@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
Women's Services of Crawford County (24 hour) ▼ (814)333-9766
National Domestic Violence Hotline (800)799-SAFE (7233)
HIV/AIDS Directory
National
AIDS Fatline 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 - Tami Shilling 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, transportation, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call to see how you can help. Donations greatly appreciated. Meets 2nd Monday of the month at Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont.

GEGASHI 451-6727

Gays Educating Gays About Sexual Health Issues. Sponsored by Erie County Department of Health (ECDH). Meets 3:30pm on selected Thursday in selected months at ECDH, 606 W 2nd St, Erie PA. Email ecdh@ncinter.net.

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. Email them at nwpaids@erie.net

St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group &

..... Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 452-6113

Open to people of all faiths. Fax to: 459-7310 or e-mail to: cheryl1027@aol.com
 Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tues 7:00-8:30 pm at Catholic Charities, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. Use main entrance and follow signs for Support Group.

Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.

AIDS Community Services ▼ (716)664-7855

Jamestown AIDS Group (716)488-1070

For HIV infected and affected people. Meets 1st Thursday at the home of Hop and Cindy Chose, 1115 Prendergast Ave in Jamestown.

Meadville PA/Crawford County

Case Manager - Sue Bobosky (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 - Sue Bobosky (800)359-AIDS

Case Manager - Tami Shilling (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

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Our Web Site is our one stop for Lesbian/gay local info! <http://www.ncinter.net/~egcn/>



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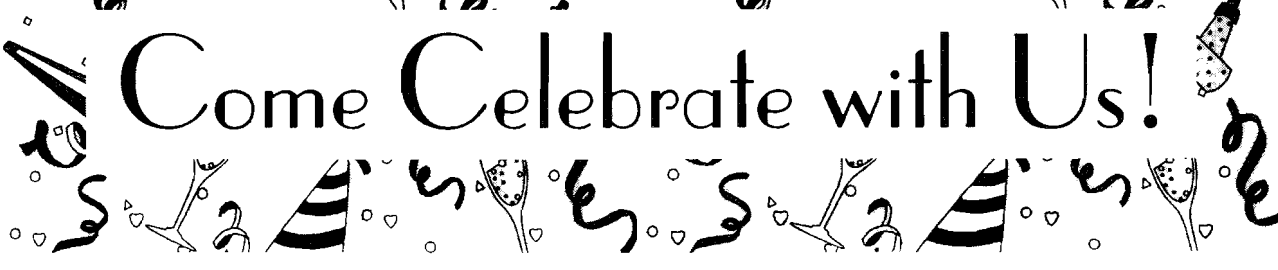


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