

### Calendar

**Jun 1—Western New York AIDS Walk '97 (2 locations Buffalo & Jamestown)** This year the AIDS Walk will take place in Buffalo and Jamestown at the same time. The Walk benefits AIDS Community Services of Western New York. For details 716-487-2498

**Jun 1—"Rites of Hope Summer Celebration" Party by AIDS Coalition of Chautauqua County (Jamestown)** Post-party for AIDS Walk (see previous entry) and fundraiser at Hundred Acre lot at JCC Campus, Curtis Street. 5 Bands, food vendors, beer tent, vendors, raffles. 2 pm - 8pm. Zeta Cauliflower, Porcelain Bus Drivers, 5 Cubic Feet and 2 other bands. (716) 661-3039 from Russ Tiler

**Jun 1—LGLV-Erie Meets** Info: Dave Mulholland 898-4210.

**Jun 5—South County Support Meets** For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. Call Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070 for more info.

**Jun 5—NWPA Rural AIDS Alliance Meeting/Social Gathering (Clarion PA)** "Open to both consumers and their guests. Meeting will focus on consumer issues and the social event will be a time for relaxing and getting acquainted. This is an opportunity for interested individuals to meet other consumers and staff members. Free of charge, with all food and beverages supplied. For further details and to RSVP, please call (800) 359-2437."

**Jun 6-8—Jones Pond Arts & Crafts Festival (Angelica NY)** Artists and craftsmen set up booths and display their

crafts. Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat & Sun: Craft show & sale. For more info, call (716) 567-8100

**Jun 6-8—Buffalo Pride** See last month's issue.

**Jun 7—Womynspace: Music featuring Laura P.** "Come, relax, enjoy. For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713. Newcomers welcome."

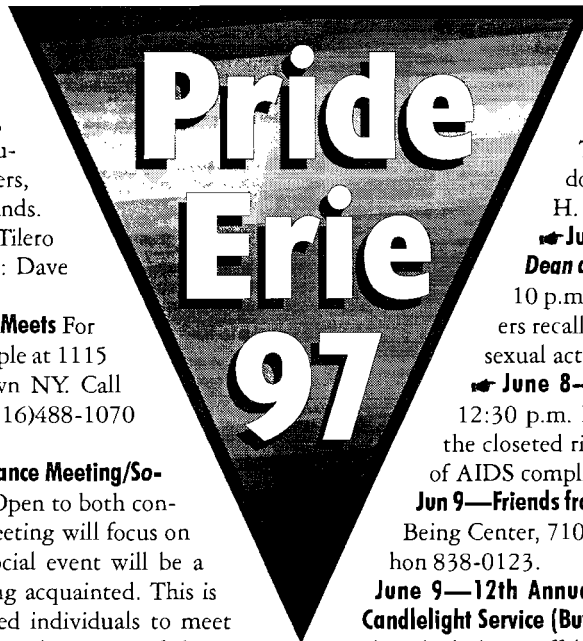
✦ **Jun 7—Shades Annual June Gay Pride Dance (Buffalo)** Hamlin House, 432 Franklin St, 9pm-4am. DJ, Food, All Lesbians and Gays welcome. Tickets: \$8 adv/\$10 at the door. For info/tickets, Call Ann H. at (716) 882-7373.

✦ **June 7—Human Beings: James Dean and Me** The Learning Channel 10 p.m., 1 am. Eartha Kitt and others recall what it was like to know bisexual actor James Dean.

✦ **June 8—Citizen Cohn (1992)** A&E 12:30 p.m. Bio-drama about Roy Cohn, the closeted right-wing gay man who died of AIDS complications.

**Jun 9—Friends from the Heart Meets** 6 pm Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

**June 9—12th Annual Interfaith AIDS Memorial Candlelight Service (Buffalo)** At Saint Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Buffalo, 8 pm. Sponsored by Interfaith AIDS Network and AIDS Family Services. Info 716-881-7655.



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#### Items to send us in June

4th of July/Independence Day Events  
Late Summer events, Labor Day events  
May 15— Deadline for events happening in July  
and August



# EGCN

Erie Gay Community News

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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.

We will consider for publication any nonfiction article or illustration graphic which broadens our understanding of our lives and each other. We will not publish any material which promotes hatred or discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, race, gender, religion, age, class, physical ability or any other reason. We do not support exploitation of minors.

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

## Thanks to those who helped out with the May issue!

Thanks to Greg Knowles, Jessica Chaffee and Billy for helping us to collate the May 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

☛ **June 9 & 10—Biography "Judy Garland: Beyond the Rainbow"** On A&E. Part 1 6/9 8pm and midnight, Part 2 6/10 8pm and midnight. Features never-before-seen footage, and takes an honest look at Judy's gay father.

**Jun 10—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

**Jun 11—Happy Shavuot!**

**June 12—Indigo Girls in concert (Cleveland)** At Blossom Music Center 216-566-8184.

☛ **June 12—MTV Movie Awards** 9 p.m. Nominated for "Best Kiss" are Gina Gershon and Jennifer Tilly from Bound. To vote, visit <http://www.mtv.com/mawards/>

**June 13-15—Gay Invitational Fellowship Bowling Tournament (Cleveland)** Buckeye Lanes, N. Olmsted. "Pajama party theme." Info from Bob at 216-226-3471.

**Jun 13-15—Jones Pond Yard Sale/RV Show (Angelica NY)** "Now's the time to clean out those closets! Wilkins RV will have units on display all weekend. Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: Sock Hop 9pm-1am. Sun: Family & friends invited for a day visit 9am-9pm. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

**Jun 14—Happy Flag Day!**

**Jun 14—Menspace: Moved to Pride Picnic** "See you at Presque Isle on Saturday, the UU and Waldameer on Sunday with everyone else! For information, call Michael at 456-9833."

**Jun 14—Happy Father's Day!!!**

**Jun 14—Pittsburgh AIDS Walk '97** Sponsored by Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force. Info: 412-242-WALK (242-9255) or Email: [patf@trfn.clpgh.org](mailto:patf@trfn.clpgh.org). (Please note that their email address was wrong last issue!)

**June 14—GIFT Cruise on Lake Erie (Cleveland)** On Goodtimes III. Info from Bob at 216-226-3471.

**Jun 14-15—Pride Erie 97 Picnic** at Presque Isle State Park, Cabin 2 on Saturday June 14th beginning at 1 p.m. Interfaith Pride Service at UU on Sunday June 15th, followed by trip to Waldameer Amusement Park. Contact Michael at 456-9833 for more info. Call 456-9833 for details or if you'd like to get involved.

☛ **June 15—Gay Day at Cedar Point (Sandusky OH)** Wear red or a rainbow pattern.

**June 16—Dream On: "What Women Want"** Comedy Central, midnight. "Martin's manhood is threatened when he finds out that his girlfriend Stephanie's former lover

'Ryan' [Jennifer Tilly] is a woman. Things get worse when he finds himself competing against Ryan for Stephanie's affections." —David Chapman

☛ **June 17—Arthur** WQLN (at 12:30 pm) and other PBS TV stations (check listings for their times). Arthur and his pal overhear fey Mr. Ratburn talking about his need for more "boy-heads." Convinced that he is a fiend, they spy on him and find out he is totally the opposite. (See more on *Arthur* in "Entertainment Notes").

**Jun 20-22—Jones Pond Spring into Summer (Angelica NY)** "Seasonal appreciation Extra Special Event. Summer-time, fun-time activities of games and lots more! Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 11am-2pm Volleyball, croquet, basketball, etc. free hot dogs, pop & ice cream, novelties. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

**Jun 18—HIV/AIDS Service Network Meets** 4-6 pm at the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Paul, 134 W 7th St, Erie. Call 452-3779 for more info.

**June 20—TV Industry's "Day of Compassion - AIDS Awareness Day"** Check TV listings for programming about AIDS and safer sex issues.



*Jones Pond Campground*

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Angelica, NY 14709  
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**June 13-15 yard Sale/RV Show**

**June 20-22 Spring into Summer**

**July 3-6 Independence Day Weekend**

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**Jun 21—10% Network: Pride Month Potluck (Jamestown)** "Bring a dish to pass. Is there interest in a talent show?" Info: John at (716) 484-7285.

☛ **June 21—In the Life: Lights, Camera, Activism** WNEQ (PBS-Buff./Ch.23) 11 p.m. "From documentaries, to activist videos and independent films, gay men and lesbians are producing work that ranges from the hilarious, to the thought provoking to the disturbingly serious. (60 min.)—WNEQ program schedule.

☛ **June 21—Q Classic: "The Times of Harvey Milk" (1984)** WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch.54) 9 p.m. Powerful, entertaining, and Academy Award-winning documentary about the man who became the first gay person to serve as a San Francisco city supervisor. The film captures a lot of the excitement that was going on around the San Francisco gay and lesbian community during that time.

☛ **June 21—Suzanne Vega: Live at the El Ray** WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch.54) 10:30 p.m. Because of technical difficulties, this program was not aired when it was originally scheduled (April 12). This is its rescheduled date.

**June 21—North Coast Mens Chorus presents Wizard of Oz in Concert at CSU (Cleveland)** Info 216-473-8919.

☛ **June 21—Pittsburgh Pridefest '97** Details in Pride listings, see page 7

☛ **June 21—Cris Williamson and Tret Fure in concert (Pittsburgh)** Point State Park Stage. Free concert—part of Three Rivers Arts Festival. <http://artswire.org/Artswire/traf/dates.html>

☛ **June 21 & 22—Erie Women's Modified Softball Tournament** Games at East 11th & 12th & Hess. Sat. 8 a.m. - 11 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**June 22—AJ Productions Family Picnic at Edgewater Park (Cleveland)** 216-556-1046.

☛ **June 22—TLC Presents: Marilyn—What Happened & Marilyn—the Last Interview** TLC 9 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Marilyn Monroe...documentary and interview.

☛ **June 23—Kathleen Turner and John Waters** A&E 5:30 a.m. Actress Kathleen Turner and gay writer/director John Waters converse.

**Jun 24—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

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

☛ **June 27—Bop 'n' the Blues: Little Richard** 8 p.m. FM 91.3 WQLN. With the ex-gay (yeah, right) "Architect of Rock and Roll."

**Jun 28—Cleveland Pride Parade & Festival (Note date has been changed from June 21)** Details in Pride listings, see page 7

**Jun 28 & 29—Toronto Pride** Events all the previous week. Details in Pride listings, see page 7

☛ **Jun 29—Shades Bus Trip to Toronto Pride Parade (leaves from Buffalo)** Departs at 9 am. Boards at Elmwood & Johnson Pk at 8:45 am. Bus leaves Toronto at 6:30 pm. Round trip fare: \$16. Info: Ann H at (716) 882-7373. "SHADES is a lesbians of color organizations."

**Jun 29—PFLAG-Erie: "Becoming a Welcoming Congregation"** Pastor Terry Kime of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie will speak about the process they are going through to make their church a welcoming and affirming place for gays and lesbians. She will also talk some about the church in general. 2:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

☛ **Jul 3—South County Support Meets** For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. Info: Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070.

☛ **July 3—Dance Across America (Cleveland)** La Bouche, Amber, Quad City DJs, Crush, Jocelyn Enriquez, Robin S. Nautica Stage, tickets at Ticketmaster.



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☛ **Jul 3-6—Jones Pond Independence Day Weekend (Angelica NY)** “Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: ‘Twister; Team competition at the Pool, 3rd Annual 300 Block party (open to everyone) Comedy Drag Show 9:30 pm. For more info, call (716) 567-8100”

☛ **Jul 4—Happy Independence Day!**

☛ **Jul 5—Womynspace: Annual 4th of July Picnic** “No gathering at the U.U. Bring a dish to share. For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713. Newcomers welcome.”

☛ **Jul 6—LGLV-Erie Meets** Info: Dave Mulholland at 898-4210.

☛ **Jul 6—Pittsburgh Three Rivers Boat Cruise** Dancing, food, good times on aboard the Gateway Clipper! Tickets available locally at Embers. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate. Sponsored by Pittsburgh Tavern Guild. For details see ad on back page!

☛ **Jul 8—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

☛ **Jul 11-13—Jones Pond Leather II (Angelica NY)** “Pride Weekend featuring Leather themed events/.Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: ‘Jock’ Contest. For more info, call (716) 567-8100”

☛ **Jul 12—Menspace: Bonfire at Paul’s** For information, call Michael at 456-9833.”

**July 13—Dancin’ in the Streets (Cleveland)** AIDS fundraiser/street party. Info: AIDS Taskforce of Cleveland at 216-621-0766 or check their website at <http://www.atfgc.org>.

☛ **Jul 14—Friends from the Heart Meets** 6 pm Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

☛ **Jul 16—HIV/AIDS Service Network Meets** 4-6 pm at the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Paul, 134 W 7th St, Erie. Call 452-3779 for more info.

☛ **Jul 17—1997 Prom (Pittsburgh)** 8 p.m. at The Irish Centre, 6886 Forward Avenue, Squirrel Hill. Tickets \$15 adv./\$17 door from 5368 Sardis Road, Murrysville PA 15668, checks payable to TNL.

☛ **July 17—Lilith Fair (Cleveland OH)** Fiona Apple, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Paula Cole, Tracy Bonham, Sarah McLachlan. Blossom Music Center. Res. 216-566-8184

☛ **Jul 18-20—Jones Pond Mud Party (Angelica NY)** “2nd Annual Naturists Weekend. Come bare it all. Fri & Sat: Bonfire, DJ & Dancing 9pm-1am Sat Afternoon-Mud Party, Sun Pot Luck Luncheon 2pm. For more info, call (716) 567-8100”

☛ **Jul 19—10% Network: Annual Picnic at Ottoway Park (Westfield)** Info: John at (716) 484-7285.



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Director, Center for HIV-Related Malignancies  
1-800-685-6825 ext. 8884**

- ☛ **Jul 19—Gunewongo/Radical Faerie Gathering (Chautauqua Co.)** More info on this pagan men's event next month or call Michael at 456-9833.
- ☛ **Jul 22—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.
- ☛ **Jul 25—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Call Sharon at (216) 964-3350 for more info.
- ☛ **Jul 25-27—Jones Pond Christmas in July (Angelica NY)** "A weekend of campsite decoration and lighting with prizes. Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 'Santa Claus Lane' Float Parade, 'Santa on the Rooftop'. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"
- ☛ **Jul 27—PFLAG-Erie: (Topic TBA)** 2:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184.
- ☛ **Aug 1—Peter, Paul and Mary (N. Tonawanda NY)** Melody Fair, 716-692-6601.
- ☛ **Aug 2—Womynspace: CANCELLED!!!!** "No gathering at the U.U. See you in September. For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713. Newcomers welcome."
- ☛ **Aug 9—Gay Day at Canada's Wonderland (Toronto)** Benefits Lesbian Gay Bi youth Line and AIDS Committee of Toronto youth work. Stage shows, late night dance, other activities. Wear red or rainbow attire. Info: 1-800-268-YOUTH or 1-416-962-7967.
- ☛ **Aug 12—Lilith Fair (Pittsburgh)** Indigo Girls, Jewel, Shawn Colvin, Sheryl Crow, Sarah McLachland. Tickets from Star Lake Amphitheater 800-LAKE MCI.
- ☛ **Aug 16—10% Network: Sunday Trip to Chautauqua Institution** Info from John at 716-484-7285.
- ☛ **Aug 16—Worldwide TV Broadcast: k.d. lang, Seal, Rod Stewart, Steve Winwood from Wembley Stadium** Watch TV listings for air time and channel.

## Festivals & conferences

- ☛ **June 20-22—LandFest 97 (Holmes Co., OH)** "Wimmin, fun, food, wimmin, music, workshops, playing, primitive camping." Presented by Kimbilio Farm and Egg Moon Farm. Registration is appreciated so they will know how many to expect. Info 330-378-2481.
- ☛ **July 24-27—Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International (Philadelphia)** Info 202-583-8029.
- ☛ **Aug 2-9—Gay and Lesbian Family Week in P'Town (Provincetown MA)** Info 202-583-8029.
- ☛ **Aug 7-10—Hotlanta River Expo (Atlanta)** Info 404-874-3976 or Hotlanta River Expo PO Box 8375 Atlanta GA 31106. Men's events, river-rafting, parties, more.

# EGCN Personals

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GWW, early 40's non-smoker enjoys camping, long drives and quiet evenings. Seeks GWW with similar interests for friendship and a possible relationship Box# 007

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Info from [egcn@ncinter.net](mailto:egcn@ncinter.net)

# Pride events

## Erie

### Saturday June 14

*Picnic:* At Presque Isle State Park, Cabin #2 (near Beach 6). This is the same site that has been used in previous years. The picnic will begin at 1 p.m. and will run till no later than 8pm. There is no cost for attendance, but donations will be received quite gratefully. Some food will be provided, but people are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. There will also be games and other activities. In the event of rain, the picnic will move into the cabin, which is roomy and has a large fireplace.

Parents, children and straight friends are definitely welcome (as always!) There will be *activities for children* (*Clumsy Clemsy the Clown* will be entertaining!) Groups (local or not) wishing to display *informational materials* are encouraged to contact Pride organizers by June 7. There will be a *book exchange table* for people who want to pass along their gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender books (for free), so if you have any books you'd like to pass along please bring them (no periodicals or porn please).

Another *"family portrait"* (group photo) will be taken at the picnic at 5 p.m. *Being in the portrait is entirely optional.* The photo will be put on the EGCN web page and also run in the July or August issue of EGCN.

Please note that State law forbids alcoholic beverages at State parks.

*Accessibility:* For info on accessibility for mobility-impaired persons call 456-9833.

### Sunday June 15

*Interfaith Pride Celebration* at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, 10:30 a.m.

*Waldameer Park.* Beginning at 1 p.m., people will be getting together at Waldameer Park, a local amusement park near Presque Isle. You are encouraged to wear rainbow ribbons and/or attire, or red t-shirts. Please note that this activity is not sponsored by Waldameer.

*Info or to volunteer:* Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184 or Mike Mahler at 814-456-9833. email at [egcn@ncinter.net](mailto:egcn@ncinter.net)

## Chautauqua Co.

### Saturday, June 21

10% Network will hold a Pride Potluck at the First Unitarian Society in Jamestown. "Bring a dish to pass." There is still time to organize a Pride Talent Show if anyone is interested in performing.

Info: John at 716-484-7285.

## Pittsburgh

### Saturday June 21 in Shadyside

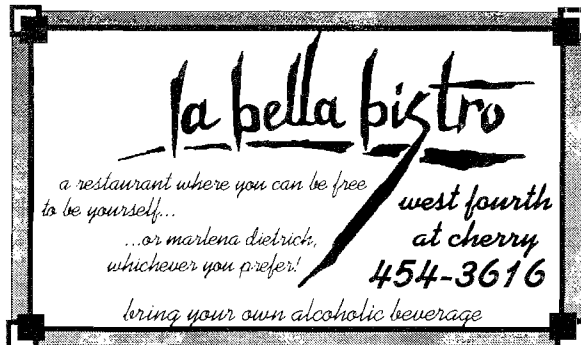
*Parade:* Line-up at 11 a.m. at Westminster Place. Step-Off at Noon.

*PrideFest '97 Festival:* in Mellon Park about 1:30 p.m.

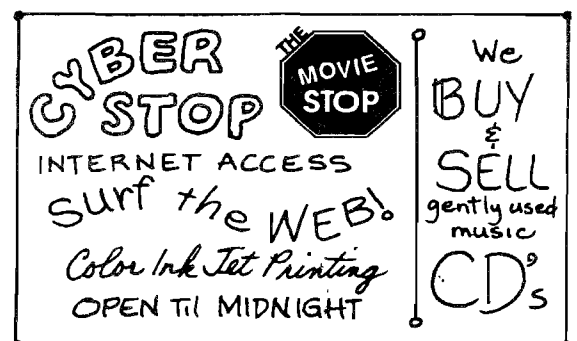
*Accessibility:* Interpreted for deaf & hard of hearing.

This is all the information we have. For detailed, updated info, pick up June issues of Pittsburgh's *Out* and *Planet Q*, or e-mail [LeeKikuchi@aol.com](mailto:LeeKikuchi@aol.com) or phone 412-422-3060 (they will send you a copy of the 1997 Pride Guide, published first week of June). Website: <http://www.3pghnet/~dscort/pride.html>

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## Cleveland

### Saturday, June 27

*Interfaith Service at Temple East* Sponsored by Chevrei Tikva. 8 p.m. Info 216-932-5551.

### Sunday June 28

*Parade:* Assemble at 11 a.m. (Trinity Church, E. 22nd & Euclid). Rally at 11:30, Pride March step-off at noon.

*Festival:* Noon to 7 p.m. at Voinovich Pier Park (east end of Ninth, behind Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Lake Erie). Food Court, Pride Beer Garden, "Love Makes a Family" traveling photo exhibit about gay & lesbian families, Gay Games Alley, Dance Stage, Mainstage Entertainment, Gospel Jam ("bring your percussion"), 100 vendors, plus "lots of grass—bring blankets & frisbees." Also, organizers request: "No balloons of any type...due to proximity of Burke Lakefront airport—planes will crash and totally ruin the party."

*Accessibility:* Entire event wheelchair accessible, many events with sign language interpreters.

*Info:* Phone 216-556-5070 or website at <http://members.aol.com/clevepride>

## Toronto

About 850,000 people are expected to take part in the Pride Parade. (Pssst—make accommodations reservations now!)

### Saturday June 28

*The Run for Pride and Remembrance* (fundraiser for AIDS memorial and Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives. 10 a.m. *PFLAG Family Picnic* at Riverdale Farm, Gerrard & Sumach. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. *The Labatt Stage* filled with exciting performances, 1:30 p.m.-11 p.m. *The Dyke March* (starts at Labatt Stage) 3 p.m. *Church Street Closes down to traffic* from 8 p.m.-midnight. 10 p.m. *508 Church Street Beer Garden*.

### Sunday June 29

*Church Street closed for Pride*, 8a.m.-midnight, *MCC Church Service: "Honor our Heroes of the Community"*, Maple Leaf Gardens 11 a.m., *Labatt Stage* presents entertainment 1:00 p.m. till 11 p.m. and *Beer Gardens* open.

3:00 p.m. *The Parade*. Starts on Church. (Labatt Stage closed till parade ends.)

*Accessibility:* Braille, large print and taped programs, accessible stages and toilets, professional attendant care. All stage events ASL interpreted. Access/Information/resource tents for more info or from website (see below).

*Info:* <http://www.torontopride.com>

## Buffalo

Because their events are happening so early in the month (June 6-8), we ran their schedule in the previous issue of EGCN. You can get last-minute info from <http://members.aol.com/bfloprde97/pride97.htm>

## Other communities

People wanting to check out Pride events in their favorite cities (and around the world) can visit the IAL/GPC Global Pride Calendar at <http://www.interpride.org/igc/nsaigc.htm>

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Remember our deadline is  
**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>**



# Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

This column features a variety of arts, leisure and entertainment info bits in various categories. People who would like to write reviews or other materials related to entertainment and such should not feel that their own submissions would not be welcomed. It is, however, preferable if you send for EGCN writer's guidelines before submitting.

## Restaurants & Bars

**Harry Miller**, owner of *la bella bistro*, is opening another restaurant, called **Tapas**. Located at 17 W. 9th St (in the Tullio Towers), Tapas features "leisurely grazing in a European style." If you like smaller portions, or go in for a lot of variety in meals, this concept should be appealing to you. Tapas will be open Monday through Wednesday from 1 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday 11a.m.-11p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11a.m. - 4.a.m. (perfectly convenient for the after-concert crowd, since it is less than a block from the Warner Theatre) and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Harry, who has done a great deal for our community, also has several other establishments going. Besides *la bella bistro*, he also owns **coffeeright** (the upscale coffeeshop in the new Blasco Memorial Library) and is co-owner of **Aromas** coffeehouse on West 8th St.

**Lizzy Bordon's** patio is now open from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

## Film & Video

Coming to **The Movie Stop**: *When Night is Falling* (a very erotic lesbian love story..."conventional lifestyle takes a dramatic turn, life becomes an erotic adventure, forcing a woman to choose between an adoring fiance and her own irresistible desires." Arrives 6/16). Also arriving in June is *Citizen Ruth*, a comedy(?) about abortion issues, with Swoosie Kurtz as a lesbian pro-choice advocate.


Looking for something to rent that features Ellen's sweetie **Anne Heche**? Try *Wild Side* (1995), with lots of soft-core sex between Heche and Joan Chen.

## Sports

Lynne S. asks me to remind readers that you can almost always catch **women's softball games** in Erie on Mondays and Wednesdays at the fields at E. 2nd and Pennsylvania, E. 2nd and Wallace, and East 11th & 12th & Hess. And then there's this disclaimer that some female athletes always insist we include: Women's softball is played by all kinds of women, not just lesbians. So now you know.

Some of the bigger cities do have teams that are lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender (LGBT). In **Pittsburgh**, you can catch the Steel City Softball League at Schenley Park fields 1 and 2—12:45 & 3:45 on Saturdays, 12:45, 2 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on Sundays (monthly schedules printed in *Out*). **Buffalo's** Queen City Softball League plays at Front Park on Sundays at noon. For info call Tom at 716-885-7199. By the way, Tom expressed interest in having them play a game with an Erie team.)

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## Theater

The Erie Playhouse will be presenting **Mame** throughout June. This is a musical adaptation of the play and film *Auntie Mame*, and is adored by many gay men. For info and tickets call 814-454-2852.

In Pittsburgh, the Upstairs Theater presents **Making Porn**, an Off Broadway comedy hit about the gay pornography industry. And here's a surprise—Contains nudity and strong language. Runs June 4-22; for info/reservations: 412-361-5443.

Also in Pittsburgh, the Civic Light Opera will be presenting the Tony-winning musical version of **La Cage aux Folles** from June 17-29. For info and reservations call 412-456-6666.

## Travel

Ted and David of the **Rocking Duck Inn** in Catskills, NY would like to extend their thanks to the community for their patronage. Sadly, the gay-friendly bed & breakfast will likely be closing in mid-June, so you will want to call ahead if you plan on staying there. We wish them the best of luck.

The **Toronto Pride Parade**—which is the largest in North America—just keeps growing, and will probably hit a million by the year 2000. Organizers are expecting 850,000 this year, so if you're planning to head up to be among their number, you'll need to take accommodations plans seriously. **Accommodations Toronto** can help you find lodging without having to call around (They can also help you with other visitor information). Also, they really are over the homophobia thing, so feel free to tell them where you're going so they can steer you to lodging that would be most convenient for you. Their number is 416-203-2500. When they give you price quotes,

keep in mind that the Canadian dollar is not exactly equivalent to the US dollar, so the prices may seem much higher than they actually are. Hotels, motels and bed & breakfasts should be able to tell you what it costs in US dollars, so ask. And once again a reminder...when traveling to Canada, bring proof of US birth (if born outside US, bring proof of citizenship or legal residence).

## Television

We put most Ellen info into its own section so it doesn't overwhelm this column, which is already hogging up too much space as it is. One note, though, ABC *will* be renewing **Ellen** for a fifth season. Ellen, reportedly is not happy with ABC and would like to leave.

The series finale of **Roseanne** aired May 20. While many people are ready to canonize Ellen DeGeneres. I hope we don't forget the importance of Roseanne (the person and the program) in breaking new ground for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals in television. *Roseanne* made it normal to be gay. Intermingled in the daily lives of the Conner family were five LesBiGay characters (played by Sandra Bernhard, Martin Mull, Fred Willard, Estelle Parsons, and Ruta Lee.) *Roseanne* viewers saw a same-sex kiss (that Roseanne fought with the network to keep), a visit to a lesbian bar, a same-sex wedding, a gay Halloween party, a social evening with two older same-sex couples, LesBiGay people as friends, co-workers, employers and business partners, and a woman (Roseanne's mom) coming out late in life.

The season finale of **Drew Carey** found the cast dressed in drag, doing two big dance numbers—"Shake Your Groove Thing" from *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* and "Time Warp" from *Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

During "Ellen week" **Married...with Children** featured an expanded episode that introduced Marcy's lesbian cousin (both Marcy and cousin were played by out lesbian Amanda Bearse).

If you have younger children, you will want to know about the delightful PBS program **Arthur**. The show is based on the *Arthur* book series, by author Marc Brown (who attended McDowell High School in Millcreek). Among the show's characters is Mr. Ratburn, Arthur's *trés fey* teacher. Mr. Ratburn has a major lisp and wrist thing going (he kind of reminds me of a wholesome John Waters)...in real life, kids these days would probably call him Mr. Fagburn and rag on him, behind his back or

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otherwise. But the only thing *Arthur's* kids object to about him is the fact that he makes them work hard. There are a lot of other great things about this show, from its pro-tolerance theme song (sung by Ziggy Marley) to the way it encourages kids to get away from restrictive gender roles.

June 20 is the television industry's **Day of Compassion**, when networks and cable channels are encouraged to run programming that increases the public's understanding of HIV/AIDS. Look through your TV listings for movies, talk shows, and episodes dealing with HIV/AIDS (especially daytime programming). You might also try Hollywood Supports at <http://www.hsupports/compassion/index.html>

Throughout the month of June, Comedy Central will be airing the 1985-1986 season of **Saturday Night Live**. That season features **Terry Sweeney** as writer and cast member, who was very out in the material he wrote and performed, as well as being open about being a gay man. The late **Danitra Vance** was also a cast member during this season, although at that time she was not out. Aired weeknights at 12:30 a.m.

It is really annoying that some straight people think there are just too many gay and lesbian characters on

television these days. I wonder if anyone anywhere has ever tried to calculate the number of *non-gay* characters on TV and compared it with the teeny numbers that are just coming out recently. Television has been around for a half a century, and we've just now seen our first gay or lesbian lead character on a series. As I root and scrounge through the various TV listings looking for shows with *any* LesBiGay characters or content to put in the EGCN calendar, it can often feel like I'm playing an advanced game of "Where's Waldo?"

Speaking of TV listings, our main source for them has not arrived by press time...some networks and cable channels do a nod to gay pride on this month, which seems to fall around June 21. You might want to pay close attention to listings on or around that date.

**GLAAD** indicates there are now 34 LesBiGay characters on TV now. To the list that we published (you can always catch the updated version on the GLAAD website), add Ellen (of course), **Fired Up's** publicist Ashley, **Profiler's** VCTF Computer Specialist George Fraley, **Babylon 5's** Lt. Commander Susan Ivanova and telepath Talia Winters. Subtract from the list: Chris Bruno, who plays gay school teacher Michael Delaney on **All My Children**, and is leaving the show.

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# Ellen updates

## Reactions

"We're going through post-Ellen depression. I have rarely felt so overcome in my life as I did during that episode. That moment when Ellen said 'I'm gay' I actually got tears in my eyes. We've even kept a scrapbook about all this." This local woman's reaction to Ellen's coming-out episode (its name is "The Puppy Episode"), was typical for many in the LesBiGay community.

"It was not only an incredibly empowering and essential moment for us," said Christelle, from Erie. "But for those out there who suffer from homophobia and fear, it brought a little more understanding about what it's like to be gay. Ellen showed the world in a big way that we are real people, in real lives, with real joys and struggles."

There were many accounts of people finding that the episode made it easier to come out, or that in real ways it affected the way the non-gay community looked at our community. Laurie Ruth, co-editor of the DuBois PFLAG newsletter, wrote that, the morning after the episode, a straight friend she had lost contact with "called to tell me she finally understood why I am lesbian and that she accepts me." The friend apologized for not understanding and wanted Laurie to know she was okay with it. "We had a nice talk," writes Laurie, "and it was all because of a sitcom. How funny that Ellen has done

in a humorous way what others have tried to do for decades—help people understand and accept." Many others had similar experiences.

## Local media coverage

Two TV stations covered our community's reactions to the Ellen phenomenon—WSEE-TV-35 (a CBS affiliate) and WJET-TV 24 (ABC affiliate).

Carol Wilson from WSEE-TV 35 covered the story on Tuesday April 29, to tie in with *Oprah*, which airs on that station. Wilson talked about the Ellen parties going on locally, starting with the one at Lizzy Bordon's. Shane Hipple, bouncer at Lizzy's was interviewed on camera. She also interviewed Sally Meiser, noting that Meiser said there is a large gay and lesbian community in Erie, but most are not comfortable coming out because of a fear of losing their jobs.

WJET-TV 24 news covered the story twice on Wednesday April 30, the day "The Puppy Episode" aired. The segment on the 6:00 broadcast, reported by Sean Lafferty, featured an interview with Mike Mahler at his home. (Mahler was hosting an "Ellen Party" and most of the interviews in the news stories took place at his and Mike Miller's home.) That broadcast also featured Rev. Jack Risner from the First Assembly of God, predictably making anti-gay remarks, although it was unclear why this was part of the story. The Catholic Diocese declined comment.

The 11:00 p.m. broadcast, which came on after the episode aired, featured interviews with people at the Ellen party at Mike and Mike's. The story was covered by Jeanetta Maddox. Laura Bean said the episode was "one more boost of my morale and my courage and my strength." Dave Mulholland noted that "gays and lesbians constitute a large enough demographic that we deserve to be portrayed in leading roles on TV...we're part of this society." Malcolm and Mary Keiller were also at the party, and Mary talked about the couple's reactions to their son Scott being gay, and how they are now trying to be supportive of him for who he is. Tamara Brown's reaction to the episode and to being out was "I get to live my life. I get to not have to hide. I get to be happy."

There were others at the party who were not shown on camera.

### Top three rated TV specials of all time

1. Dallas "Who Shot J.R.?"
2. M\*A\*S\*H final episode
3. Ellen "The Puppy Episode"\*  
*\*(42 million viewers in the US alone)*

## Ratings and ads

"The Puppy Episode" had the third most watched Nielsen ratings of any show during the week it was broadcast (with 42 million viewers tuning in).

Although polls seemed to indicate that viewers were not going to tune in after Ellen came out, the final two episodes of the season did well also. The episode where Ellen comes out to her parents (airing May 7) ranked #10 in the Nielsens. The final episode (May 14), dealing with her employer's reaction, was ranked #17.

A number of sponsors pulled out of the controversial episode. But the network was able to find replacements, and, in fact, when it became clear that the episode would be a ratings winner, ABC was able to raise the rates for a 30-second spot from \$170,000 to \$335,000 (figures from syndicated columnist Tom Shales, citing *Advertising Age*).

La bella bistro restaurant had an advertisement in a local time slot. WJET ran the Human Rights Campaign ad locally. The HRC ad addressed the fact that discrimination on sexual orientation grounds is legal in 41 states, but most people don't know that. The HRC had not been able to get ABC to broadcast the ad nationally because the network has a policy against accepting any "controversial" ads. Although 33 local affiliates agreed to accept the ad, in the end the HRC could not afford to run the ad in all those markets. (The ad would originally have cost \$175,000 to run on national television, but \$315,000 to run on all the local affiliates that had accepted it.)

The network refused to air an ad from Olivia Cruise Lines, which is a travel company catering to lesbians. HRC is asking ABC to explain that decision, which looks a bit more like discrimination than their policy toward the HRC ad did.

## More info

The Human Rights Campaign can be reached at 1101 14th St NW #3200, WASHINGTON DC 20005 202-628-4160 <http://www.hrcusa.org>

Websites of interest: GLAAD has extensive Ellen information and links (advertisers, background, more: <http://www.glaad.org>). A very lesbian-oriented Ellen forum can be found at Q-Ellen Forum <http://www.lpage.com/wgb/wgbview.dbm?owner=kellybook>. The Ellen DeGeneres Internet Fan Club is at <http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/4566/>

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## Local news

### UU working to become "Welcoming Congregation"

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie is working toward becoming certified by the UU Association of Congregations as a "Welcoming Congregation" (a congregation that actively welcomes, includes and supports lesbian, gay and bisexual people). At the April 27 service, called "Becoming a Welcoming Congregation," members from the First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh shared their experiences of working with the program in their congregation. There was a workshop after the service led by the Pittsburgh group. This was the beginning of a class entitled "Becoming a Welcoming Congregation," which will continue on Wednesday evenings and to educate and help the congregation to explore their attitudes and understanding about lesbian and gay people.

### Attorney changes

Two attorneys who have been listed in our resource directory will no longer be appearing.

David Baxter has accepted a position with Northwest Legal Services, and has closed his private practice.

Tibor Solymosi has not returned our calls or requests for information, so we have to assume he is no longer interested in being connected with us.

Attorneys wishing to be listed in our resource directory should contact us. Also, if you would like to serve LGBT clients but don't wish to be listed, we can simply pass the information on when people call and ask which attorneys want to work with our community.

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## Michael dithers

by Michael Mahler

Wow! What a busy and eventful month! I hope we will be seeing all of you at the Pride Erie festivities the weekend of June 14 and 15.

It was so exhilarating to see Ellen, the actress and the character, come out. When you think about it, a huge amount of progress has been made in the past three-five years. Case in point: Micheal and I were shopping a few weeks ago and I happened to look at the magazine rack and saw the *MAD* magazine had a feature on the *MAD* guide to same-sex marriages. I didn't have time to look at it in any depth (it looked like silly fluff-but not nasty and derogatory.), but think of what this says: a humor magazine, aimed at adolescent males, can at least think and joke about equal marriage rights for lesbigay people. Would this have even been conceivable by *anyone* three years ago? There is still a lot of progress to be made, but we are definitely moving forward folks!

Having folks over for the Ellen Party meant a lot as well. Only Sally, myself and Dave had ever been on TV before, The Keillers, Laura Bean and Tamara Brown had never been on camera before. I first met the Keillers some 15 years ago when I was in Student Summer Theatre with their son Scott. Scott and neither of us knew the other was gay. (I didn't know that I was at that point.) Ironically, Jeff Natalie, who is now the station manager for WCTL, the local Christian radio station, was also in Student Summer Theatre at the time as well. The Keillers and their two sons were always a very happy and loving family, and I am glad that is still the case. I was on a panel last winter with Tamara and her mom (and other folks) at Mercyhurst College. I first met Laura when she was the representative for LGLV-Erie in its first days. It was wonderful that someone I hadn't seen since those still secretive days in 1992 was joining so many people in a seeming avalanche of honesty and openness.

Anywho, exciting and wonderful times! Please join us at the picnic on June 14 at Presque Isle and at the festivities the following day. This year, we have a lot to celebrate and be proud of!

On a sad note, we extend our sympathies to Robin, who lost a sister in an automobile accident this past month.

# Cancer screening for women

The Cancer Screening Program for Women provides free cancer screenings for women ages 35 and up who would not otherwise be able to afford them. The screenings are for breast and cervical cancer.

## Who qualifies?

1. Women 35 and up who meet income eligibility guidelines (Example: if you live alone and make up to \$19,350 you qualify; higher guidelines for families of two or more.
2. Women with no insurance or private insurance not covering services provided, or who are unable to meet their deductible.
3. Women who are eligible for and/or currently enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid.

## What services are provided?

For women under 50 - Taught breast self exam, clinical breast exam, screening mammography, pelvic exam under sliding scale fees, pap tests under sliding scale fees, diagnostic breast cancer tests, follow-up and referrals.

For women over 50 - Taught breast self exam, clinical breast exam, screening mammography, pelvic exam, pap tests, diagnostic breast cancer tests, follow-up and referrals.

## Where are these services provided?

Family Health Council, 1611 Peach Street, Erie PA 453-4718.

Family Health Council, Edinboro Ghering Center, Edinboro PA 734-7600.

Community Health Net Locations, 1202 State Street, Erie PA (Call Patient Relations) 454-4431.


## How Do I enroll or get more information?

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# Scam artist part 1

by DonPaul Lucas

I thought I'd take this month's article to share my experience with the scam artist that tried to take advantage of the good nature of individuals in the Erie area in late April. This is a bit embarrassing for yours truly, but it was a valuable lesson in the continued need for networking.

The first collect call came at about 8:00 pm on Monday, April 28th from a Robert Gordon. He identified himself as an HIV+ person who had traveled to Altoona to see his brother and seek his support. He had a very convincing story of rejection, physical abuse and abandonment. (A story all too familiar to those in the HIV community.) He was able to give me details of my living arrangements, including questions about my family. Because I'm not that good with names it didn't alarm me that I did not remember his. His appeal for train fare back to Erie, seemed like a good investment to help get this man out of a potentially life threatening situation.

His second collect call came in Tuesday morning at 5:50 am and was much more urgent than the first. This

time his brother had caught up with him, beat him up and stole everything. He was hysterical as he related the incident to me, how could his brother have done this to him, what did he do to deserve this, how his clothing was scattered all over the place, how threatened he felt, not trusting anyone even the police. I was on the telephone with him for over 90 minutes, talking him out of suicide, offering to drive to Altoona to pick him up and trying to figure out how to help. We finally agreed on making arrangements for him to fly from Altoona to Pittsburgh to Erie, at my expense. I even arranged to meet him at Erie International to make sure he got home safely. I was enraged, frustrated and totally embarrassed to discover I'd been conned.

As I drove home from the airport, I vowed never to try to help anybody ever again. My faith in humanity was at an all time low. I felt betrayed. I felt embarrassed. I felt stupid.

But with time comes insight and the ability to "Monday morning quarterback." My mom raised a very good question at the start of this whole affair. She asked, "What's in place to help a person in a situation like this?" I honestly didn't know. Is it possible to be available to help without being taken? The answer now is easy, yes, this type of situation can be handled with a little help from our friends (saw parts of the Beatle special yesterday on VH-1.) If I had been able to make a few calls to someone here in the Erie area and they could make a few calls to someone in the area (Altoona in this case), the story could have been verified and help would have been available. As I look at how the scam started falling apart, I can see the mechanisms are in place already. Next time, I won't be so gullible.

So, just a short note to Robert Gordon / Robert Goldman / Robert Goodman / Robert Goldberg / Norman Herbert / David Ryan (all names used by this individual, who probably used this newsletter to do his homework) to finish up: you asked me to trust you, I did, and put myself, and my family, in a tenuous situation. Unfortunately, for someone who will find themselves in a real situation like this, trust will not be a part of the equation.

Safe Journey,  
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# Scam Artist part 2

by **Michael Mahler**

On Monday, April 28, I received a phone call from a man in Altoona who was claiming to be a PWA looking for emergency help because of being kicked out by his straight brother. I referred him to a number of area people and resources. The next day I got a call from another person who went under the name of Robert Gordon and also claimed to be in dire straights in Altoona. When I asked whether he was the person who called yesterday, he said that he wasn't. He claimed to know me, to be an e-mail contact and close friend of Rev Terry Kime (she had no recollection of the name) and to have been the caterer in the tux who greeted us at the door when Micheal and I were married (no one wore a tux—Mike and I didn't even wear shoes!— and it was a potluck.) When he referred to Terry having performed the ceremony (our friends John and Paula performed the ceremony), I called Terry Kime and confirmed that "Robert" was lying.

I felt awful, embarrassed and guilty that I might have inadvertently helped him get access to rip off other regional folks. I called and e-mailed everyone I could think of to alert them. Jack Kressley of PFLAG-DuBois had been called the past weekend and realized it was a scam. Joe Ellis of LGLV-Johnstown/Altoona had also been called and had not been snagged. Joe believes he met the con man at the gay bar in Altoona that weekend. It turns out that Sue Kuebler didn't get the message I sent her because she was on vacation and "Robert" called up Sue claiming to be me and that Micheal and I were in Pittsburgh, desperately stranded with smashed car windows.

Sue knows me and my rather, um, distinctive speaking voice, and figured something was up.

However, he did cheat DonPaul Lucas (see DonPaul's article.) Rabbi Michael Feshbach of Temple Anshe Hessed was also contacted. Rabbi Feshbach forwarded some e-mail from rabbis in Buffalo and Texas who had been scammed/attempted to be scammed by what sounded like the very same person.

I am still angry about this person, who exploited the good and compassionate nature of some of the people in our area. I also feel guilty for having had any part in getting him information (which is why I subsequently warned so many people.) The worst thing that can happen is for people to now start casting a suspicious eye towards every new person looking for help. Probably the best guard against this happening in the future is for area folks and resources to talk with each other as much as possible. (Which is part of why we here at *EGCN* do what we do.)

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See page 6!**

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RD #3, Box 75F  
Clarion PA 16214

1001 State, Suite#808  
Baldwin Bldg  
Erie PA 16501  
nwpaids@erie.net

# Letters

## Open face

Dave Mulholland

I am just beginning to come out and read my first issue of *EGCN* this month. I saw you and your friends on channel 24 news after the *Ellen* episode. It was nice to see a face out to a name from *EGCN*. Also, a sincere thanks for the hope and strength for the hope and strength you and your friends gave with your openness and honesty on TV!

Thanks again,  
**Suzanne**

Dear Suzanne,

Deb here. Dave says hi! and invites you to call him if you like (898-4210). He's chief organizer for the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters-Erie, and writes for *EGCN* about the LGLV, but he's not actually part of *EGCN*...He (and those other people) did come across well on TV, wouldn't you say?

Anyway, we're not being mysterious by not showing our faces in our publication, but frankly there's not

much of a demand for us to put them in. If you'd like to see some of the people in our community (us included) visit the *EGCN* website, where you can see the "Family Portrait," a group photo we took in late 1995 for the Bicentennial Time capsule. I also understand the *Gay People's Chronicle* will run it in their Pride issue this month. By the way, we'll soon be replacing the photo on the *EGCN* website with the one to be taken at the Pride Picnic on June 14. (Oh, and don't let that scare you away if you're thinking of coming. People can be in the photo or not, whatever they're okay with).

How are you doing with coming out? *EGCN* has an annotated listing of Coming Out Resources (books and such), so if you think you'd like some guidance and support in that area, send an SASE for a free copy.

Thanks for writing!

## First Assembly Oh God

I saw a wonderful bumper sticker yesterday as Sharon and I were returning from [Slippery Rock]. It was for the First Assembly o' God, so of course it had the usual cross/holy symbol. Beside that was written the following:

"I love my FAG family."

And yes, FAG was in big, bold letters.

**Randy**

## Fox/James Kennedy

Dear Editor:

This morning (Sunday, April 27, 1997) while waiting for CBS' Sunday Morning to come on, I was "channel-surfing" when I came upon a program being aired on Toledo's Fox station (Channel 36-WUPW). In the television listings, it was entitled "James Kennedy."

Sponsored by the Coral Ridge Ministries of Ft Lauderdale (D. James Kennedy, PO Box 750, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33302) and part of the Evangelical Council to Reform [Taxes], this half-hour "religious" program was an attack on gay men and women, anti-AIDS/"safer sex" campaigns as well as an attack on the National Endowment for the Arts.

While there were a few innocuous scenes from gay pride parades, there were also excerpts of films depicting

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men engaged in S/M, (I think that was the intention of these excerpts, I saw nothing wrong with any of them, but I could see where they would shock ignorant, gullible and spiteful people.) And, of course, pictures taken by Robert Mapplethorpe with censored boxes to titillate.

However, there was also a picture of a naked child with its genitals blocked out. What is the implication here?

While I only saw the last fifteen minutes, I was not surprised to see the likes of Henry Hyde (Rep. IL), Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina and former representative of California, Bob Dornan. On the other hand, I was astounded to see a man claiming to be a "former" homosexual speak. Again, what is the implication?

I am completely aware of the fact that the goal of this show is to rake in the dough by feeding on the homophobia of the naive, the un-educated and those that are mean-spirited. But I wonder if the Fox Network would air a program destined to raise funds for the defense of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols and sponsored by the Aryan Nation or the Christian Identity Movement.

I doubt it.

Please check your local listings for "James Kennedy" on Sunday morning. Contact your local Fox station about this program. Remember, Fox also aired "In Living Color."

Thank you for your attention.

**Rick Bansh**  
Fremont OH

P.S. Those who send money to D. James Kennedy will receive a brochure by Paul Marrow on tax dollars and the homosexual agenda as well as a "Citizens Survey" whose results will be sent to Congress, the media, etc. One of the questions was: "Do you think disease research funding should be based on the number of people with the disease?" Those aren't the exact words, I'm quoting from memory.

Oddly enough, while the President's summit on volunteerism is taking place in Philadelphia, I am reminded that all my free time is taken up fighting homophobia and working for gay men and women's rights. I don't have time "to volunteer."

*{Editors' note" Erie's Fox affiliate runs something called Coral Ridge at 10 a.m. Sundays. We don't know if this program features "James Kennedy."}*

## Erie's Most Popular Adult Theater/Bookstores

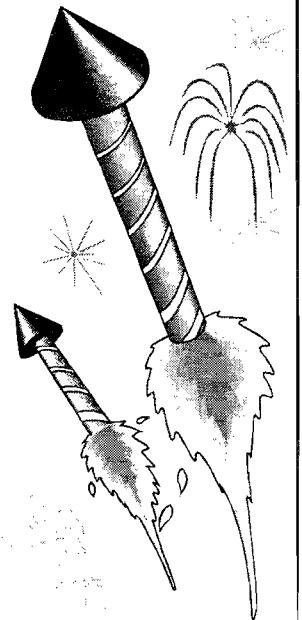
**FILMORE  
NEWS**

**2757 W.12th Street**

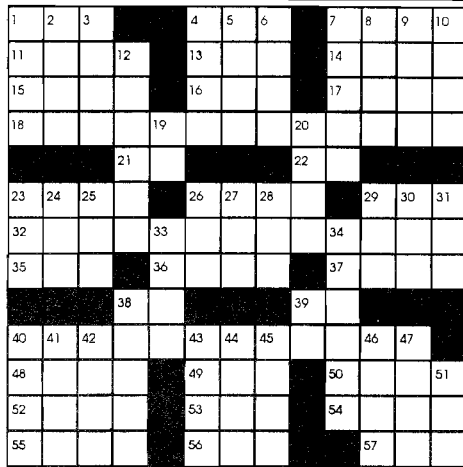
**MODERN  
NEWS**

**1113 State Street**

- ★ Private Video Rooms
- ★ XXX- Magazines
- ★ Video Trade Rental Program
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- ★ Video-Go-Round Booths
- ★ Buddy Booths



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- 1** Illuminated
  - 4** Good shot, for Martina
  - 7** Notice
  - 11** Commotions
  - 13** French for certain
  - 14** Showy flower
  - 15** Sang *99 Luftballons*
  - 16** Prefix meaning three
  - 17** Civil rights activist Parks
  - 18** June, to a gay rights activist
  - 21** June 15 is his day
  - 22** Beat poet Ginsburgh, for short\*
  - 23** Arithmetic
  - 26** Building block of matter
  - 29** Motoring club
  - 32** Gay June event for a Unitarian?
  - 35** Genetic material
  - 36** Movie director Preminger
  - 37** *Laugh-In* regular Johnson
  - 38** *I Am What I* \_\_\_\_\_
  - 39** Looking for \_\_\_\_\_ *Goodbar*
  - 40** Riot site, June 27 1969
  - 48** His name's on a pair of jeans
  - 49** Whitney or Wallach
  - 50** Every
  - 52** Fonzie says "Sit \_\_\_\_\_!"
  - 53** \_\_\_\_\_ Francisco
  - 54** *Rob Roy* actor Neeson
  - 55** Employment Nondiscrimination Act
  - 56** Trinitrotoluene, to Wile E. Coyote
  - 57** \_\_\_\_\_ Vegas
- Down:**
- 1** Tunesmith k.d.
  - 2** Inkling
  - 3** *The Odd Couple* actor Randall
  - 4** Where to find Spumante wine
  - 5** Milk solid
  - 6** Port city
  - 7** Swashbuckling actor Flynn\*
  - 8** Shortly
  - 9** Attention getting sound
  - 10** Slangy affirmative
  - 12** Lesbian poetess, of old
  - 19** Egyptian sun god
  - 20** 1974 Lucille Ball role
  - 23** Wet soil
  - 24** Advice columnist Landers
  - 25** Spanish aunt
  - 26** AIDS activists \_\_\_\_\_-UP
  - 27** Vietnamese New Year
  - 28** Spanish gold
  - 29** 'Album orientated', to a DJ
  - 30** Picnic pest
  - 31** Yes, to a ship's captain
  - 33** Alaskan city
  - 34** *Personal Best* actress Hemingway
  - 38** Homophobic '70's juice peddler Bryant
  - 39** 1050, to Caesar
  - 40** Fruit used to flavor gin
  - 41** Below Ken. and above Ala.
  - 42** Roman poet
  - 43** *Sextette* diva Mae \_\_\_\_\_
  - 44** Computational genius Turing\*
  - 45** Clothes dryer annoyance
  - 46** Metal fastener
  - 47** Collegiate sports org.
  - 51** Gilbert & Sullivan's \_\_\_\_\_ *Pinafore*
- Solution on page 22*

# 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. May be closing in mid-June! Call first!
- 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. Mon \$1 burgers, Wed Wings 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 Mon-Sun 2pm-2am (Tues Open 2-10pm) DJ Fri & Sat (10-2) Karaoke every other Sun 7pm-12 mid. Email artemis@epix.net

## Coffeehouses and Restaurants

- Aroma's Coffeehouse ▼ ..... 456-5282 (452-JAVA)  
2164 W 8th St, Erie. M-Thurs 7am-11pm Fri 7am-1am. Sat 9am-1am, Sun 9am-4pm. Gay friendly, nonsmoking 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. Web site <http://www.ncinter.net/~aromas/>
- la bella bistro ..... 454-3616

556 W 4th St, Erie PA. Lunches Wed-Fri 11:30 pm-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 nonsmoking sections available. Catering services and party rooms available.

**Coffeefright ©** ..... 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, nonsmoking 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.

**Tapas** ..... 454-8797

17 W 9th St, Erie PA. In Tullio Towers. Open Mon-Wed 7am-3pm, Thurs 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11am-4am, Sun 10am-9pm.

#### 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

Lic. psychologist. Private & consulting svcs. 4845 West Lake Rd, Erie

**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

Individual, family & couples counseling; psychological evals; psychiatric evaluations & medication management

**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. Email bodylanguage@juno.com Web <http://members.aol.com/bodyla3649>

**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

**John Cooper, Esq.** ..... 455-3436

#### Miscellaneous

**Allegheny College Bookstore ▼**

Cochran Hall Lower Level, Meadville PA. Full service independent

book store

Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA

**Barnes & Noble ▼** ..... 864-6300

5909 Peach St, Erie PA

**Directors Circle Theatre ▼** ..... 454-0636

1505 State St, Erie PA

**Karen's Skin Care Studio** ..... 833-3355 or 838-4802

2554 W 8th St, Erie PA. (Execu-Fit) Licensed Esthetician

**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. Email Roadhous@erie.net

**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 [lglerie@ncinter.net](mailto:lglerie@ncinter.net)

#### Publications

**Erie Gay Community News** ..... 456-9833

PO Box 3063, Erie PA 16508-0063. Fax 452-1392, Email [egcn@ncinter.net](mailto:egcn@ncinter.net) or

see our website at <http://www.ncinter.net/~egcn/>

### Religious Organizations

- Temple Anshe Hessed (Reform Congregation)** ..... 454-2426  
 930 Liberty St, Erie PA. Website is <http://www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/congs/pa/pa007/>
- 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

- 100% Network** ▼ ..... (716)484-7285 (John)  
 Chautauquo 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](mailto:egcn@ncinter.net)
- Rainbow Connection** ..... 814-726-1808 (Fred Adams)  
 220 Onondaga Ave, Warren PA 16365. Social group for Warren PA area. Call for meeting time/place.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:ClosetCtr@aol.com)
- Covenant House Teen Hotline** ..... 1-800-999-9999
- GLBSU/SUNY-Fredonia** ..... (716) 673-3149 or 673-3139  
 Meets 10pm Fall & Spring semesters at Resource Room/Old Bookstore at SUNY-Fredonia. Email [glbsu000@ginko.alt.fredonia.edu](mailto:glbsu000@ginko.alt.fredonia.edu)

- Identity** & ..... 732-2555 (Dr. Dave Herendeen)  
 Student group for lesbigay & allies at Edinboro Univ. Write to Identity, c/o Dr. Herendeen, Edinboro Univ, Heather Hall, Edinboro, PA 16440
- 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 lesbigay 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](mailto: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 [glbsu0000@fredonia.edu](mailto: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](mailto:Danny at trigon@psu.edu) or check their website: <http://www.clubs.psu.edu/trigon>

### 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](mailto:eriesister@aol.com)
- 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 lesbigay 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: [glpcerie@aol.com](mailto: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 Danahoe Center, Rt 20 East.
- 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: [jackk1pflag1pa@juno.com](mailto:jackk1pflag1pa@juno.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/a 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

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## Crossword Solution:

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 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 - 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 (Sue Kuebler)  
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. Call for info. Meets. At St. Paul's Cathedral, 134 W 7th St. "In  
our church there will be no outcasts"

- 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 ..... 451-6784 (Caryn) or 451-6727 (Fran)  
Gays/Lesbians Educating Gays/Lesbians 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 [gegashi@aol.com](mailto:gegashi@aol.com).

- 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](mailto: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 email to: [cheryl1027@aol.com](mailto: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  
South County Support ..... (716)488-1070

For HIV infected and affected people. Meets 1st Thursday at the home of Hop and  
Cindy Chase, 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

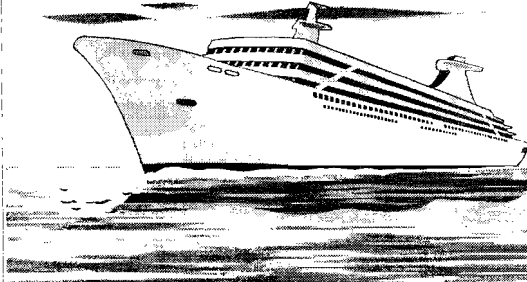
- (Ashtabula) Family Planning Assoc (\$30) ..... (216)992-5953  
Painesville OH ..... (216)354-AIDS  
Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force ..... (412)242-2500

## Email

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 ([egcn@ncinter.net](mailto:egcn@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! <http://www.ncinter.net/~egcn/>

# Pittsburgh Three Rivers Cruise



**Sunday, July 6th**

Boarding time 5:30pm

Leaves 6 until 9:30pm

**Tickets:**

\$15 in advance

(available at Embers, 1711 State St, Erie)

\$20 (if available!) at the boat

**Door Prizes:**

Trip for 2 to Atlantic City

10 Sets of Tickets to Labor Day Picnic

5 Sets of Tickets to Frank Borelli City

Theatre AIDS Foundation

Sponsored by Pittsburgh Tavern Guild

# DANCIN' the streets



**CLEVELAND  
SUNDAY**

**JULY 13, 1997**

**1:00 to 10:30 p.m.**

● **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

DJ DEAN RUFUS of Cleveland's Jamin' 92.3  
Detroit DJ CHUCK ARIDA  
GUILTY PARTY- improv comedy from Chicago  
Including other national and regional performers

● **MALL "B"**

Located between Lakeside and St. Clair Ave.  
just West of the Cleveland Convention Center

● **INFORMATION**

ADVANCE TICKETS are 10. (\$15. day of event)  
For more information or to purchase tickets by phone you may  
call us at the AIDS TASKFORCE OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
at 216.621.0766 (ext.244)  
Dancin' in the Streets will be held rain or shine  
No bottles, cans, or coolers  
Proper I.D. required