

Calendar

Aug 1-3—9th Annual Buddies Summer Festival (Buffalo) "Under the big top" at 31 Johnson. Casino gambling, bar, food, contests, live bands, plus raffle (1965 Coupe de Ville convertible). Buddies is "Buffalo's gay and lesbian community bar." Event benefits AIDS Community Services of WNY. Info 716-855-1313.

Aug 3—LGLV-Erie Meets Info: Dave Mulholland at 898-4210.

Aug 7—South County Support Meets For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. Info: Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070.

➤ **Aug 7—Garth Live from Central Park** HBO 8 pm. Concert by the country mega-star (who's also an ally and PFLAG member).

Aug 8-10—Jones Pond Murder Mystery (Angelica NY) "Join in the fun, participate and solve the crime, Saturday a mock murder will be committed, solve the mystery by Sunday morning. Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

Aug 8—Ani DiFranco, Bob Dylan, BR5-49 (Darien Lake NY) Darien Center, tickets at Ticketmaster.

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. Info: 1-800-268-YOUTH or 1-416-962-7967.

➤ **Aug 10—Six Comics in Search of a Generation** On Lifetime 12 am. Ellen Degeneres, Margaret Cho, Dave Chappelle, Wendy Liebman, others.

Aug 11—Any Mother's Son: The Dorothy Hajdys Story Lifetime 9 pm. In 1992, Dorothy Hajdys' gay son, Allen Schindler, was murdered by two of his Navy shipmates because he was gay. This is the story of Hajdys' struggle to bring these two men to justice.

➤ **Aug 11—Biography "Malcolm Forbes: High Flying Millionaire"** A&E 8 pm. Profiles the gay tycoon.

Aug 11—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 pm Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

Aug 11—Luscious Jackson, Live, Fun Lovin' Criminals (Pittsburgh) Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheater, 1-800-LAKE MCI

Aug 12—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

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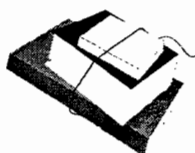
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Items to send us in August



Labor Day events
Back to School stuff
Aug. 15— Deadline for September and early
October Events, Preliminary info for National
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The *Erie Gay 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 EGN 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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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

Aug 12—Lilith Fair (Pittsburgh) Indigo Girls, Jewel, Shawn Colvin, Sheryl Crow, Sarah McLachlan, others. Tickets from Star Lake Amphitheater 800-LAKE MCI.

☛ **Aug 14—Best of Taxicab Confessions** HBO 11 pm.

☛ **Aug 14—Paul Monette: The Brink of Summer's End (1997)** Cinemax 11:30 pm. Documentary about the celebrated gay writer, poet and essayist.

☛ **Aug 15—DEADLINE for September issue**

☛ **Aug 15—Michael Feinstein: Sing a Song of Hollywood** 5:30am on AMC.

Aug 15-17—Jones Pond: Leather III (Angelica NY) "Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Info: 716-567-8100"

Aug 16—10% Network: Trip to Zoar Valley "It has been suggested that we take a trip to hike around Zoar Valley rather than Chautauqua. If interested, call Vince at 716-673-0359.

Aug 16—Cleveland Black Pride (Cleveland) "Our day of self-recognition, Pride and communal recognition" in Cleveland's African-American gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Info 216-556-4704.

☛ **Aug 16—Meth's Deadly High** A&E 9 pm, 1am. In some communities, methamphetamine has become a popular sex and party drug among gay and bi men. This program, aimed at the general population, takes a close look at the drug methamphetamine—more dangerous than users think it is, and notorious for inspiring unsafe sex.

☛ **Sep 16—The Best of "Are You Being Served" & The Lost Episode of "Are You Being Served"** WNED (PBS-Buff./Ch.17) 8 pm & 10 pm, respectively. The Lost Episode is available for broadcast in the US for the first time, and involves Mr. Humphries organizing the Grace Brothers ballroom dancing team.

Aug 16—Carlsberg Concert: Worldwide TV Broadcast: k.d. lang, Seal, Rod Stewart, Steve Winwood from Wembley Stadium No info available on air time and channel; watch TV listings. Also check <http://www.rockontv.com/>

Aug 16—run, jane, run: Volleyball Tournament (Cleveland) See Aug. 22-24 listing, for other events and info.

☛ **Aug 17—Make Me Laugh** With gay comic Jason Stuart, Comedy Central 9:30 am.

☛ **Aug 18—The Flip Wilson Show** On Nickelodeon 9pm to midnight. Fans of drag will probably enjoy Wilson's regular character Geraldine, who popularized the excuse "The Devil made me do it!"

Aug 19—Sandra Bernhard (Cleveland) Agora Theater, tickets from Ticketmaster.

☛ **Aug 19—Saturday Night Live** With special guest Paula Poundstone (this episode is from 1984). Comedy Central 11 a.m.

Aug 20—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.

☛ **Aug 20—Gilda Live (1980)** This film adaptation of her Broadway show includes her famous characters like Judy the Brownie and Roseanne Rosannadanna. No, she wasn't gay, but a lot of lesbians really loved Gilda. Comedy Central 4 pm and 8 pm.

☛ **Aug 20—San Francisco Symphony** Gay classical pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet performs. 9 pm WQLN FM 91.3.

☛ **Aug 22—Ellen Degeneres: One Night Stand, 215 and 403.** Comedy Central. Two half hour shows. Episode 215 shows at 8 pm and episode 403 shows at 10 pm. (Repeats 8/24 at 1pm/3pm and 5pm/7pm).

Aug 22-24—Jones Pond: Mr. Jones Pond (Angelica NY) "Contestants chosen from Seasonal campers including Mr. Con-



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Aug 22-24—run, jane, run 1997 (Cleveland) "The only amateur sports festival for women in Northeast Ohio". *Golf tournament*-Aug. 22, *3-On-3 Basketball tournament* - Aug. 23, *5K Run* - Aug. 24. Benefits Women's Center. For info 216-651-1450.

☛ **Aug 23—Menspace: gathering at Robert & Mike's** For information, call Michael at 456-9833.

☛ **Aug 23—Meth's Deadly High** A&E 3 pm. See Aug. 16 listing.

☛ **Aug 23—Un-Cabaret** Six comedians perform, including openly gay comic and former Kids in the Hall member Scott Thompson. Comedy Central 11 pm.

☛ **Aug 23—Movie Legends: Whoopi Goldberg and Herbert Ross** A&E 5:30 am Whoopi and director Herbert Ross discuss what they do.

Aug 23—2 Girls Alone at Caffe Royale 9 pm-midnight.

☛ **Aug 24—South Bank Show: Peter Allen—The Boy from Oz** 8 pm on Bravo. Profiles the late gay dancer.

☛ **Aug 24—PFLAG-Erie: Deb Monohon will be speaking** 2:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184. Meeting day/time may be moving in September. Watch for changes!

☛ **Aug 24—Hard Rock Live!** Featuring the Indigo Girls. VH-1 at 8pm.

☛ **Aug 24 & 26—Dazzle (1994)** CBS 9 pm. Soap opera movie with small lesbian subplot. If you can sit through it till the end there is a lesbian-positive ending.

☛ **Aug 25—Potpourri** This show marks the birthday of gay composer Leonard Bernstein by playing his recordings. 1-4 pm on WQLN FM-91.3.

Aug 26—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

☛ **Aug 26—Ani DiFranco, Bob Dylan, BR5-49 (Cleveland)** Blossom Music Center. 216-566-8184.

Aug 29—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets Info: Sharon at (216) 964-3350.

Aug 29-Sep 1—Jones Pond: Labor Day Weekend (Angelica NY) "Fri, Sat & Sun DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-2am. at gay/bi men's campground. Sat: 'Continental Breakfast, Keg Party at the "A" Frame, Comedy Drag Show 9:30 pm', Sun afternoon 'Hat Party', 'Puttin' on the Hits' Lip-Synch contest 9pm.. For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

☛ **Aug 30—John Leguizamo: Mambo Mouth** Comedy Central 7 am and 8 pm He played Chi Chi in *To Wong Foo*, and does a cute drag segment in this program.

Aug 31—PFLAG-Erie: Meeting changed to August 24 Meeting changed to August 24. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

☛ **Aug 31—Divine Madness! (1980)** Comedy Central 8 pm and 2 am. Bette Midler's bawdy stage show that helped make her a gay icon.

☛ **Sep 1—Happy Labor Day**

☛ **Sep 1—Labor Day Picnic at North Parka (Pittsburgh)** North park Lodge 11am-6:30 p.m. Rain or shine. \$17 adv./\$20 at gate (for sale in Erie at The Embers). "Proceeds benefit the gay and lesbian community." Non-stop dance music, food snacks, beverages available all day, game booths. Sponsored by Delta Foundation.

☛ **Sep 4—South County Support Meets** For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. Info: Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070.

☛ **Sep 5-7—Jones Pond "Country/Western" (Angelica NY)** "Country theme and dancing. Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 'Western BBQ sponsored by WPIG-95.7 FM. Texas Two-Step/Line Dance Lessons' For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

☛ **Sep 6—Womynspace** For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713. Newcomers welcome."

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☛ **Sept 6—Ohio Lesbian Festival (near Columbus OH)** 11 am to 11 pm. Performers, workshops, vendors. \$20 adv/ \$25 gate. Send check with SASE to LBA, PO Box 82086, Columbus OH 43202. Phone 614-267-3953.

☛ **Sept 7—LGLV-Erie Meets** Info: Dave Mulholland 898-4210.

☛ **Sept 7—We are Family Picnic (Cleveland)** Wildwood Lake, 11200 East River Rd. (Coppa-Mallet Creek Road), south of Sprague Rd. in Columbia Station 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Reservations recommended; call 216-771-0369. Sponsored by N. Ohio Coalition, benefiting AIDS and gay funding.

☛ **Sept 8—Friends from the Heart Meets** 6 pm Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

☛ **Sept 9—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

☛ **Sept 12-14—Steel Party (Pittsburgh)** Benefits Persad Center (counseling agency for sexual minorities). Details in Pittsburgh's *Out* and *Planet Q*, or call (412)441-9786 ext. 315. Also see page 8.

☛ **Sept 13—Menspace: Event TBA** For information, call Michael at 456-9833.

☛ **Sept 17—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.

☛ **Sept 17—The Life and Times of Allen Ginsberg, An "American Masters" Special** WNEB (PBS-Buff./Ch.17) 10 pm. Profiles the important and controversial poet, writer, Buddhist, pacifist and gay activist.

☛ **Sept 19-21—Jones Pond "Falling Leaves Festival" (Angelica NY)** "Autumn begins with a walking rally on the grounds. Fri & Sat DJ, dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: Foot-O-Cross Rally For more info, call (716) 567-8100"

☛ **Sept 20—10% Network: Regular meeting (Jamestown NY)** "Socializing. As always, we may move the meeting to John's if there is a small number attending." Info: John at 716-484-7285.

☛ **Sept 23—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

☛ **Sept 26—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Info: Sharon at (216) 964-3350.

☛ **Sept 26-28—Jones Pond "Halloween" (Angelica NY)** "Fri & Sat, DJ dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 'Monster Mash' 6 pm. Costume judging 9:30 pm. 716-567-8100.

☛ **Sept 27—NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance Training: Invisible and Excluded? Issues Impacting the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community (Clarion PA)** Registration deadline Sept. 13, fee \$20. Detailed info in "HIV/AIDS News" or from the Alliance at 1-800-400-AIDS

☛ **Oct 20-21—Tri-State Conference on HIV/AIDS (Chautauqua NY)** Involving service providers from Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. For more complete conference information and a registration form contact the NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance at 1-800-400-AIDS. Also more information in "HIV/AIDS News"

Not all LesBiGay events are listed in the EGCN calendar. Some event organizers and performers have asked us not to list them, and we generally respect such requests. Also, if we aren't notified of an event (and sometimes we aren't), we won't be able to tell people about it!

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☛ **Early Sept—Sisterspace Pocono Weekend: CANCELLED!**
☛ **Oct 31-Nov 2—"Behind Our Masks" Mid-Atlantic Gay and Lesbian Writers Conference (Washington DC)**—Registration deadline Oct. 10 (fee \$50-\$70).. Sponsored by Lambda Book Report. Info: Conference, Lambda Book Report, PO Box 73910, Washington DC 20056-3910 or call 202-462-7924 (ask for Jim Marks) or email Lbrcdiago@aol.com Group rates available at Washington Plaza hotel (group #5492 rates) 1-800-424-1140.

Repeating shows

Any Mother's Son: The Dorothy Hajdys Story (1997) The story of a mother who struggles to bring to justice the two shipmates who killed her Navy son because he was gay. On Lifetime 8/11, 8/14, 8/17, 8/23, 8/31.

The Making of The Kids in the Hall: Brain Candy—HBO 8/21 and 8/29.

Paul Monette: The Brink of Summer's End (1997) Cinemax. Documentary about the celebrated gay writer, poet and essayist. 8/14, 8/22, 8/26.

Women's Sports

Basketball (WNBA) ESPN: Semifinal Playoffs 8/28 7:30-11:30 pm. Also 8/29 10 pm. Full WNBA schedule info at <http://www.wnba.com/>

Bowling—ESPN 8/29 at 12:30pm.

Golf—ESPN 8/8 at 1 pm, 8/9 at 1:30pm. ESPN2 8/30 at 3:30pm and 8/31 at 1:30 pm.

Tennis—USA Network will carry Men's and Women's U.S. Open coverage (84 hours). Check listings for times on these dates: 8/25-27, 8/28-29, 8/30, 8/30-9/1 9/2, 9/3, 9/4.

Volleyball (College)—ESPN2 12 pm

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Letters

Malcolm and Mary Keiller are members of PFLAG-Erie who have been very supportive of our community. They have given permission to reprint their letter to Dave Thomas of Wendy's.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We understand that Wendy's saw fit to withdraw their ads from the *Ellen* show.

As a heterosexual couple with gay relatives and many friends, we find this decision to be offensive and personally insulting. Since we are not saints, we will try to take action against you in retaliation for the pain your action has brought to us, so we will never again eat at (or spend money at) a Wendy's.

We interpret your decision to mean you are more than willing to dismiss a number of people within our society (to exclude them and somehow deny their identity) in order to placate those who suffer from a phobia and seek to discriminate.

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Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

Film & video

The Oscar-winning rural tale *Sling Blade* is now out on video.

Two French movies at **The Movie Stop**: The French drama *Thieves*, starring **Catherine Deneuve** as a professor who's romantically involved with a female student (arrives 8/26.) *Wild Reeds* (tale of gay first love) is also there.

Both the Movie Stop and Poppa Ropp's Video now have copies of *Wild Side*, the sexy thriller with Joan Chen and **Anne Heche**. I won't mention names, but if you find a certain person's voice too Anne-oying to listen to for a whole movie, you can always fast forward to the good parts and then press the "mute" button. Seriously, though, it does have a lesbian-positive story line.

Television

Among the choices on **Comedy Central** this month is the hour long special *Un-Cabaret*. The show is hosted by Beth Lapidès, who created the underground comedy phenomenon when she realized there was a comedy audience out there that wanted something different. "She found an audience 'hungry' for alternative comedy," says a spokesperson at Comedy Central. "Comedy that was un-misogynistic, un-homophobic, un-xenophobic—comedy based on reality, not hackneyed joke premises." The special debuts August 23 at 11:00 p.m. with gay comic Scott Thompson (from *Kids in the Hall* and *Larry Sanders*), as well as Julia Sweeney, Kathy Griffin, Andy Dick, Taylor Negrón, and Dana Gould. There is an *Un-Cabaret* audio cd featuring other comics, including gay comic

Terry Sweeney doing a bit on the Mine Shaft. There is also an Internet site (www.uncabaret.com) and a documentary film in the works.


MTV viewers already know this, but the new season of **The Real World** has a lesbian named Genesis among its roommates. *The Real World* can be seen on MTV Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Danny Pintauro, who played the boy on the sitcom *Who's the Boss?* recently came out in the *National Inquirer*.

Theater

Another first: **Laura Bean**'s performance piece *The Toilet Brush Two-Step*, presented on July 26, would appear to be the first time that a specifically lesbian or gay work or works was presented at the Erie Art Museum Annex. The event was quite enjoyable, by the way, with three pieces by Bean, several lessons from Kel, who presented Aunt Killer's School of Charm for young lesbians, and drumming by honorary lesbians Jen and Mike. About 45 people attended.

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Gatherings

The **Pittsburgh Labor Day Picnic** will go on. It will be held at the same place it's been held for years—North Park Lodge. Because of limited parking spaces, picnic attendees will have to park in the lower area and be shuttled to the picnic area. A new organization, called the Delta Foundation, will take over organizing the Memorial Day and Labor Day picnics. In Erie, you can get advance tickets at The Embers.

Also coming up in Pittsburgh is the **2nd Steel Party**, to be held September 12-14. On Sept. 12, there will be a welcoming party at the Andy Warhol Museum (8:30 pm) and an "After Andy party" at the Eagle 11 p.m. Steel Magnolias—a women's benefit party—will happen on Sept. 13 at the Icon from 6 p.m. to midnight (\$20 advance). Entertainment includes singer-comedian Lisa Koch. The Main Event happens at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center 10 pm till 6 am, with DJ dance music (\$40...tickets to both parties \$50). Sept. 14 there will be a brunch (1-6 pm) at Heaven, with DJ Chuck Arida (8:55). The Steel party benefits Persad Center, Pittsburgh's sexual minorities counseling center. For info and tickets, call Persad Center at 412/441-9786 ext. 315.

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Miscellaneous

Gene Kuffel, Mr. USA International 1997, came out in the July 22 issue of *The Advocate*. Kuffel, who teaches middle school, says, "I'm doing this because I know that there are kids out there...who need to be told and shown that it's OK to be who they are."

To the **two girls holding hands while going down State Street**: Pretty cool! Of course, most gay people still aren't too comfortable doing that, but it is the only way straight people will get used to us being ourselves.

In the meantime, straight discomfort with same-sex affection can have certain unexpected rewards. One lovely summer evening, my sweetie and I cleared out an entire section of beach for ourselves simply by holding hands. A word of caution, though: heterosexual beachgoers will tolerate obnoxious public groping and grinding *only* from other heterosexuals.

A lot of us in the "Family Portrait" (see pages 10-11) are doing Popeye imitations because the picture was taken later in the day than the Pride committee had planned, and the sun was painfully looking us all right in the eyes. It still turned out pretty nicely.

If you are an aspiring writer or poet, you'll be interested in the "Behind Our Masks" Writer's Conference that *Lambda Book Report* is organizing in October 31-November 2. This type of conference can help motivate and direct your creative efforts. (See the listing on page 6 under "Festivals and Conferences.").

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New Hawaii domestic partners law

A new state law in Hawaii gives same-sex partners some of the privileges and rights of heterosexual marriage. The law was enacted July 8, 1997.

The new law gives about 60 rights and privileges to same-sex couples, as well as blood relatives who want to give their household legal status (such as two siblings living together). These rights include health care decisions, insurance and state pensions, and property inheritance without a will. Traditional heterosexual married couples in Hawaii have about 160 rights and responsibilities.

Hawaii State Sen. Scott Matsunaga told the *Washington Blade*, "While everyone else gets to go to the buffet line, gays will now be allowed to go to the salad bar. They're still not getting the full buffet, but at least they're getting a partial meal."

It is believed the legislature passed the bill into law in an attempt to avoid giving legal status to same-sex marriage. The Hawaiian Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex marriage, and directed the state government to show "compelling state interest" for discrimination against same-sex marriages. According to the Partners Task Force for Gay & Lesbian Couples, "They [state legislators] hope it will persuade the court that the state no longer discriminates, thereby eliminating the need to order access by same-sex couples to legal marriage. Bizarrely enough, the Christian Coalition's chief lawyer, Jay Sekelow, campaigned vigorously in support of this bill—*anything* to stop legal marriage."

The rights and responsibilities that same-sex couples have under this new law apply to couples residing in Hawaii only. Outside Hawaii, these relationships will probably still have no legal status.

Resources

Partners Gay Task Force for Gay & Lesbian Couples provides up-to-date information on domestic partner and marriage laws, same-sex relationship resources (wedding ceremonies, surveys, etc.) and more. Contact them at Partners Task Force for Gay & Lesbian Couples, PO Box 9685, Seattle WA 98109-0685 206-935-1206. Web site: www.buddybuddy.com

Local and area news

WICU interviews

Dearick Lafferman was interviewed on WICU's 11:00 news on July 19. The interview took place before the AIDS benefit that was to be held that night. Lafferman was asked about several things, but the comment that aired had to do with concerns for his safety while Andrew Cunanan was at large.

PFLAG-Erie changes

PFLAG-Erie is considering some changes. Your input is encouraged in making these decisions. The first change under consideration involves the meeting date. The group presently meets the last Sunday of the month. Many in the group would like to change the day to the first Thursday. The proposed time change is 7 pm. The second possible change is a change in location. If you have an opinion on these changes, please contact Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

Also note that August's meeting has been changed from August 31 to August 24.

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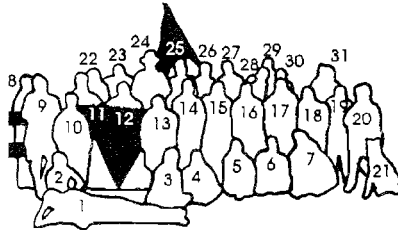
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Family Portrait

This Year's Family Portrait of Erie's LesBiGay Community and its supporters was taken at the Pride Erie Picnic at Presque Isle's beach 11 Saturday, June 14th. The people in this year's picture are:

1. Micheal A. Miller, 2. Marilyn J. Borawski, 3. Deb Spilko, 4. Patrick Connors, 5. Ondi Lynn, 6. Jessi Chaffee, 7. Mark R. Ricker, 8. Malcolm Keiller, 9. Scott Keiller, 10. Dawn Blakley, 11. Vince Courtney, 12. Paul Grubbs, 13. Luella Clayton, 14. Eric Hertz, 15. Conrad/Connie, 16. Shannon, 17. Nancy Rickeard, 18. Robin, 19. Jim Tingue, 20&21. Jerry McCumber & Katey O'Hara, 22. Larry Sawdy, 23. Mary Keiller, 24. Robert A. Santos, Jr., 25. Dave Mulholland, 26. Dearick Lafferman, 27. Patrick McNamara, 28. Valerie K. Pettis, 30&29. Mary Kate McDevitt & friend, and 31. Michael K. Mahler.





HIV/AIDS news

Lizzy Bordon's AIDS fundraiser

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone who helped in the AIDS Benefit this year at Lizzy Bordon's. This year we raised \$1,450 to donate to The Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance and Friends of the Heart. I would like to send a special thank out to Scott, Ray (Ginger), Doug, JR, Scott, "BUNNY", Bobbi B., Gene Brandt, Mazie Lacroix, Vivien Powers, Jacinda Mia Mann, Eartha Quake, Angelica, Ivana, Heavenly Deavenly, and all those who donated their time and talent to help raise money for those who need it. I would also like to thank all the businesses who donated to the benefit:

Avenue Gifts and Collectibles, Directors Circle, Karen's Skin Care, Colonial Bakery and Tea Room, Saint Vincent's Hospital, The Poster Annex, Modern News, The Cookie Boutique, Consumer Caskets, Harry Miller Enterprises (la bella bistro, Tapas, etc), Pal Pharmacy, The Heart of Erie, Gilbert's Natural Hair Centre, and many more.

I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and I hope to see them for the next Benefit. And if you couldn't make it to the fund raiser, please take the time to write a check out to a local agency or do something for someone who can't do for themselves.

Once again, Thank you,

Your friend in Erie,
Dearick Lafferman

Tri-State Conference on HIV/AIDS

The Tri-State Conference on HIV/AIDS will be held October 20-21 at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua NY.

New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio rank number 1, 8, and 14 respectively in reported AIDS cases. The continuing challenges of HIV infection mandate a need for education of health care professionals and human service providers.

This conference is designed for physicians, clinicians, social workers, counselors, clergy, educators, and professionals who provide or plan to provide HIV/AIDS services in the tri-state area. Emphasis will be placed on raising the level of HIV/AIDS knowledge among the par-

ticipants by offering workshops that provide up-to date treatment and prevention models.

For more information, contact the NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance at 456-8849 or 800-400-AIDS,

New WNY case manager

Persons with HIV/AIDS should note that there is a new case manager in Chautauqua County. She is Margaret Geer, RN and she can be contacted at Visiting Nurse of Western NY, 421 East 2nd Street, Jamestown NY 14701. Phone 716-483-1940 or 800-743-1940.

Prevention Committee forms

by Michael Mabler

The State of Pennsylvania will be giving out grants to two local communities in 1998. Erie is one of the eight communities in the running. A group of concerned professionals and concerned average folks are going to be putting together a proposal for a project. This is a community-based project.

I was recently elected one of the two co-facilitators for the group, the other being Tracy Thomas, who works at Serenity Hall. The group has been making an effort to include folks from various communities that have been hit hard by HIV/AIDS (drug & alcohol, African-American, gay men, Hispanic, etc.) I must say that I have a very good feeling about the people whom I am working with. Right now things are in the planning stage, but we will need input from our community. This is where you come in. I am planning on writing more about this, and I and other folks on the committee would really appreciate hearing from you. The plan is to come up with a pilot project dealing with a limited scope and hopefully expand it in the future. The CDC has wisely been pushing community-based efforts, so we obviously need to hear from the community.

The group is in a planning stage, so folks who would want to be active should be in the mood for relatively serious commitment of time and thought. Later on people who want to be involved at a less intense level will be needed as well.

NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance 1997-1998 Training Calendar

This calendar provides basic information about the Alliance's training schedule. More information can be obtained by stopping at the Alliance office (1001 State Street, Suite 808) or calling them at 800-400-AIDS. All day-long programs include continental breakfast and lunch in fee, dinner in evening program. For continuing education credit information, call 814-764-6066.

Care for the HIV Community: Dentists, Hygienists and Supportive Staff (Franklin PA) Date: September 18, 1997. Registration deadline September 4. Fee \$30, includes dinner.

The Journey, The Struggle, The Hope: HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse (DuBois) Date: September 25, 1997. Registration deadline September 10, 1997. Fee \$30, cont. lunch & breakfast provided.

Invisible and Excluded? Issues Impacting the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community (Clarion) Date: September 27, 1997. Registration deadline Sept. 13, fee \$20, continental breakfast & lunch provided.

Tri-State Conference (Chautauqua NY) See details in article in this section.

The Future of AIDS Ministry: Barriers and Hope (Ludlow PA) Date: November 5, 1997. Registration Deadline October 22. Fee \$30.

HIV/AIDS Shared responsibilities: Working Together to Educate (New Castle) Date: November 12. Registration deadline October 28. Fee \$30.

The Journey, the Struggle, the Hope: HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse (Erie PA) Date: January 29, 1998. Registration deadline January 15, 1998. Fee \$30.

Turning the Tides: HIV and Cultural Diversity (Erie PA) Date: February 26, 1998. Registration deadline February 12, 1998. Fee \$30

Trends in HIV/AIDS care and Treatment (Sharon) Date: March 12, 1998. Registration deadline February 25, 1998. Fee \$30.

HIV/AIDS: Mental health Concepts and Tools for Action (Warren PA) Date: April 8, 1998. Registration deadline March 24, 1998. Fee \$30.

Women and HIV/AIDS: facing the Future (Clarion) Date: April 15, 1998. Registration deadline April 1, 1998. Fee \$30.

Health Dept. Program Calendar

Here is the Aug. Dec. Program Calendar for the HIV/AIDS Education & Training Program of the Erie County Department of Health. All programs free of charge unless otherwise indicated. Registrations are needed by the date indicated for each program. For more info or to register call 814-451-6727. Details also at <http://www.ncinter.net/~ecdb>

AIDS...A Chronic Disease Update. October 10, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Penn State Behrend. Fee: \$10. Registration October 3, 1997.

The Impact of HIV on Females, Infants & Children November 21, 1997 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Blasco Memorial Library. Audience: Cost \$10 per agency. Registration: November 14, 1997.

HIV/AIDS Instructor Certification. Date Sept. 25-26, 1997 9 am-4 pm. Blasco Memorial Library. \$30 for both days. Registration: September 19, 1997

HIV—An Update for MH/MR Staff. Date: November 1997 time & location TBA. Co-sponsored by Sarah Rees Children's Facility.

World AIDS Day...Tree of Hope Celebration. December 1997 5:30-6:15 pm, Perry Square. Audience: All people affected by HIV/AIDS. Activities: Lighting of the Tree of Hope, Short Prayer Service, Candle Light Procession.

Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance

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Clarion PA 16214

1001 State, Suite #8
Baldwin Bldg
Erie PA 16501
nwpaids@erie.pa.us

Spirituality

Dalai Lama meets with gay activists

On June 11, the Dalai Lama met with a small group of gay and lesbian Buddhists and human rights activists. The historic meeting had been requested because of concerns about remarks made in the Dalai Lama's recently-published book *Beyond Dogma*, in which he seemed to characterize homosexuality as sexual misconduct. The Dalai Lama is considered a spiritual leader by millions of Buddhists (although not with the same sort of power that the Pope has in the Catholic Church), and he is a Nobel Laureate and a world leader for peace. The group meeting with him stated that they were concerned that his remarks could be used to support discrimination and psychological and physical violence against gay people.

During his meeting with the group, the Dalai Lama pointed out that the texts that described sexual misconduct for Buddhists were written when such beliefs were the norm. He suggested that there is "a possibility of understanding these precepts in the context of time, culture, and society...If homosexuality is part of the accepted norms, it is possible that it would be acceptable [in Buddhism]." He also pointed out that he is not empowered to change Buddhist tradition himself, but encouraged people attending the meeting to talk with Buddhist teachers to discuss issues of sex, gender, and diversity and to explore these issues in upcoming conferences. The Dalai Lama explained that he had not thought much about these issues, but seemed to be open for dialogue.

Resources

Your best source for discussions around Buddhism and lesbian/gay/bisexual issues is *Tricycle: The Buddhist Review*. The quarterly general Buddhist publication can be found on some newsstands; subscriptions are \$24/four issues. *Tricycle: The Buddhist Review*, 92 Vandam Street, New York NY 10013. Phone 212-645-1143.

Maitri Dorje Gay and Lesbian Buddhist Society Web site. <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/9033/> Discussions on homosexuality and Buddhism (and other meditation based spiritualities), plus more complete details about the historic meeting with the Dalai Lama.

Michael dithers

by Michael Mahler

Hope everyone is having a great summer. You may notice we are making some format changes to this publication. We will probably have some more next month. We do this every once in a while to keep it looking fresh and because of new technical changes. We are also planning on revamping some of the web site as well. The e-mail address, web site address and staff are the same.

Micheal and I recently took some vacation and went up to visit my very dear friend Aelis, who lives in Rochester. She happens to be straight and blind. (We used to be in a medieval re-creation group together, and she was my favorite dance partner.) While we were there, she wanted us to meet her friend Lila, an older woman who does landscaping and has a fantastic garden. Aelis had never talked with Lila before and wasn't certain how cool she would be about gay folks. So we all went over for lunch. Lila, as it turns out, was an absolute delight. She mentioned having been one of the first Jewish couples to buy a home in her neighborhood back in the 60's. My thought that she might be cool about lesbian/gay people having understood bigotry as having experienced anti-semitism was indeed confirmed. Lila pointed out that the rainbow bandanna she was wearing (which doofy me hadn't even noticed! Minus 10 gay points!) had been a gift from her dear gay friend Rick, who owned Rochester Custom Leather. Lila also suggested we check the store out! We did, as well as the very cool Pride Connection.

I am very definitely aware that there are very definitely legitimate reasons for some people to be closeted in certain areas. Some families have done truly awful things to lesbian/gay family members. (Though some have been not so great at first and gone on to be much better.) The Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) is being considered because lesbian/gay people do indeed get fired or suffer discrimination in the workplace. Actually, I am surprised by the number of folks who aren't aware that it is 100% legal in 39 states to fire someone for being gay.

The point of all this is that, although some people do have very legitimate reasons for being closeted, that maybe more often than we think our fears may be greater than they need to be. Sometimes the big bad ogre turns out to be Elmo or at least eventually comes around.

Back then...

5 years ago...

In 1992, gay activism in the Erie area was at an all-time high. There were about 16 organizations, and most of them were active and well. In the spring of 1992, activists in LGLV-Erie and Integrity were tossing around the idea of doing some projects together; a community dance was specifically suggested. When it seemed like there might be some misunderstanding between two of those groups, some activists began talking about the need for groups to communicate with and understand each other. Jacquelyn, who was active with Integrity, became particularly concerned about this issue, and called members of different groups (and some unaffiliated folks) to meet and talk. About 20 people showed up for the first meeting. People coming to these meetings often disagreed on why they were there. Jacquelyn wanted there to be an organization that adopted the community-building philosophy of M. Scott Peck's *Different Drummer*. Paul Grubbs and Deb Spilko wanted it to remain a council or coalition of organizations that didn't have a philosophy of its own but served as a place where groups could talk to each other. After a couple meetings the group decided to be a coalition, but to work together on certain projects, the first of which would be a community dance. There were several other forms that participants suggested the group should take, and in fact, till its dying day there was disagreement over what Bridges actually was. However, until the time of the dance, it did pretty much remain a coalition. The group needed a name, and after members made several suggestions, they voted for Paul Grubbs' choice—Bridges. The name suggested connections between separate LesBiGay organizations as well as the straight community.

Bridges would go on to organize numerous events and projects: several community dances, the Erie Gay Community Newsletter, the LesBiGay Book Fair, providing condoms and safer sex info for the bars, community forums and potlucks, the 1994 & 1995 Pride picnics and more. In addition, individual members of Bridges were active with other projects and groups in the community.

Why did Bridges die? Depending on who you asked, you might get several different answers. One major reason was that, although EGCN was a part of Bridges, they really were two different organizations with very different needs; EGCN's needs won out, and that may have hurt the development of Bridges. Other reasons: lack of agreement on what type of organization Bridges was supposed to be; burn-out among some members; and the fact that the main movers and shakers in Bridges withdrew and others didn't step in. It might be, too, that Bridges accomplished many of the things it set out to do, and simply expired at the end of its natural lifespan.

—Deb Spilko

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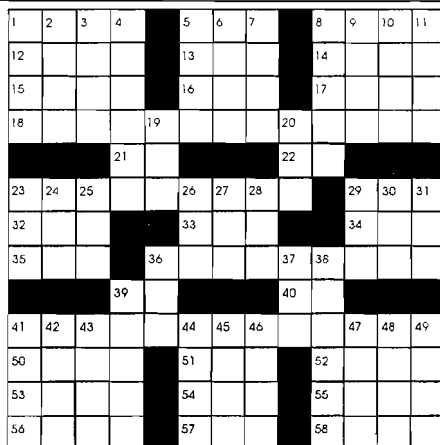
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EGCN Crossword by Mike Miller



- Across:** *August Birthdays met Tom Arnold
1 Ms. Streisond, affectionately? **2** *Inter* _____, 'among other things' in Latin
5 Arrange, quickly **4** Hairless
8 *A Chorus Line* author James **3** French century
12 Sport, jai _____ **5** Pop artist, with 38 down*
13 'New and different' prefix **6** Coral barrier
14 French, 'to you' **7** Piano playing Muppet dog
15 Irk **8** Hearty cereal
16 Morning moisture **9** Willow genus
17 Peddle **10** Throw the dice
18 *The Well of Loneliness* author* **11** Exterminate
21 So. Cal. city **19** Malaysian ape
22 1001, to Caesar **20** Wide letter widths, to printers
23 Belongs to gay historian Martin* **23** 650, to Nero
29 *Miserables* **24** United Press International
32 Chief Petty Officer **25** "Lowdown" singer Scaggs
33 Grow old **26** Follower of Christ or Candle
34 Emergency Medical Technician **27** Sound of disgust
35 Diva and AmFAR founder Taylor **28** born, indicating maiden name
36 *The Berlin Stories* (later adapted to *Cabaret*) author Christopher* **29** Lion's share of the zodiac*
39 George Clooney series **30** Bizarre comedian Phillips
40 Every single one, shortly **31** Sexually Transmitted Disease
41 James Baldwin's classic gay novel* **36** Retirement savings
50 Largest continent **37** Resolution, to a computer artist
51 Cash on delivery, to a UPS worker **38** See 5 down*
52 Ward before sexual or sapiens **39** '50's horse opera queen Dale
53 *My Favorite Year* actor Mark _____ - Baker **41** Gay and Lesbian Alliance
54 *Saks, Fifth* _____ **42** Egyptian mother goddess
55 Unique individual **43** Sex pig's mating call?
56 Breaks military policy on gays? **44** Collegiate sports grp.
57 Motorists grp. **45** Exploding star, or GM car model
58 Comes after stimu- or petu- **46** Brainstorm
47 Mrs. Chaplin
48 Portent
49 *The Boys in the Band* author Crowley*
- Down:**
1 Roseanne's last name, before she _____

Resource Directory

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

▼ = Erie Gay 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. Email lizzbords@aol.com
 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. Nitey specials.
 Sneakers ▼ (716) 484-8816
 100 Harrison, Jamestown, NY. Open Mon-Sun 2pm-2am. Musical Mastery Mary as DJ on Friday and Saturday. Also Karaoke every other Sunday. 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.

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 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
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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>

Integrity Computers 453-3227
 3119 Pine Ave, Erie PA. Contact Jill Wiggins and Mary Lynn Rote

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

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 3291 W 115th St, Cleveland OH. Email bodylanguage@juno.com Web <http://members.aol.com/bodylo3649>

Erotic massage 474-5356

Filmore News ▼ 2757 W 12th St, Erie

Modern News ▼ 1115 State St, Erie

Funding and Fund-raising

Lambda Foundation (412)521-5444
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Info-Lines

Buffalo (716)883-4750

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Chautauqua County (South) (716)484-8434

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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

Barnes & Noble ▼ 864-6300
 5909 Peach St, Erie PA

Directors Circle Theatre ▼ 454-0636
 1505 State St, Erie PA

Disc-Go-Round 864-1844
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Karen's Skin Care Studio 833-3355 or 838-4802
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Movie Stop 453-7696
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Pal Prescription Pharmacy 455-8597
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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 lgverie@ncinter.net

Publications

Erie Gay 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 Heseid (Reform Congregation) 454-2426
 930 Liberty St, Erie PA. Website is <http://www.shomosh.org/reform/uahc/cong/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

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

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

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Crossword Solution:

Covenant House Teen Hotline 1-800-999-9999
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)

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National Runaway Switchboard 1-800-621-4000
SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU (716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
 Meets Tuesdays at 8pm in Williams Center. All welcome. Email to glbsu0000@fredonia.edu.

Teen Hotline (412)771-8336
Trigon (Penn State Behrend) 898-6030 or (Sue Daley) 898-6164

For Behrend students, faculty, alumni. Write: College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Rd, Erie, PA 16563. Email to Danny at trigon@psu.edu 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

Lambda Group—Gay AA ▼ 452-2675
 Alcoholics Anon for Lesbians. Open discussion. Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway. 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) or 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: 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.

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

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 8:00 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 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 - Jim Stamper 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 Monahan)
 Direct Client Services. Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transporta-
 tion, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call to see how you can help.
 Donations *greatly* appreciated. Meets 2nd Monday of the month at Well Being
 Center, 710 Beumont.

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 of ECDH, 606 W 2nd St, Erie PA. Email 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

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
 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 Monahan 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

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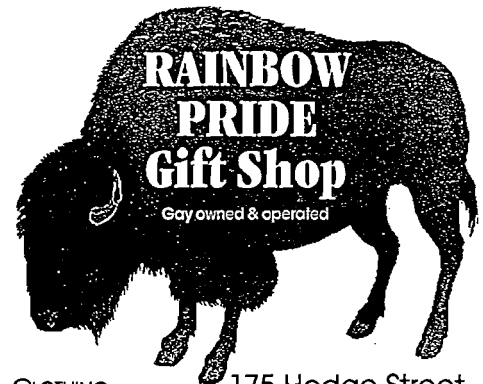
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