

## Calendar

**Sep 1—Labor Day Picnic at North Park (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 3—Ellen: coming out episode rerun** On ABC, 9pm. If you missed it, or want to see it again, here it is!

✦ **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 4—Bravo Profiles: Edward Albee** Bravo 5am. Profiles the gay playwright.

✦ **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: Book Exchange:** "Bring a book to swap. Hope to see everyone there! For info: call Sal at 454-2713 or Caroline at 456-1315. Newcomers always welcome."

✦ **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.

✦ **Sep 7—LGLV-Erie Meets** Info: Dave Mulholland 898-4210.

✦ **Sep 7—We are Family Picnic (Cleveland)** Wildwood Lake, 11200 East River Rd. (Copopa-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.

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

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

✦ **Sep 9—HIV/AIDS Prevention Planning Committee meets** Info: Tracey Thomas at 459-4775 or Michael Mahler at 456-9833

✦ **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.

✦ **Sep 13—Straight Talk with Derek McGinty "Women in Sports: The Title IX Generation"** 10 pm WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch.54) "Exploration of the issues surrounding women and girls in sports."—*Q'd In*

✦ **Sep 14—49th Annual Emmy Awards** CBS 8pm. Lots of gay-friendly shows included; Ellen DeGeneres has been nominated for leading actress in a Comedy series.

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## Items to send us in September



National Gay History Month  
 National Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
 Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
 Sept. 15-- Deadline for National Coming Out Day, National Gay History Month & Halloween

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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

➤ **Sep 17—Bravo Profile: Stephen Sondheim** Bravo 2:30 pm. Profiles the gay Broadway composer-lyricist.

**Sep 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.

**Sep 17—The Life and Times of Allen Ginsberg, An "American Masters" Special** WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) and WNED (PBS-Buff./Ch.17) 10 pm. Profiles the important and controversial poet, writer, Buddhist, pacifist and gay activist.

**Sep 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"

➤ **Sep 20—Menspace: Event TBA** For information, call Michael at 456-9833.

**Sep 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.

➤ **Sep 20—Q Classic: Deathtrap** 9 pm WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54). Murder mystery with Michael Caine and Christopher Reeve.

➤ **Sep 21—Morrissey in concert (Cleveland)** Lakewood Civic Auditorium, tickets at Ticketmaster.

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

➤ **Sep 24—Season Premiere: Ellen ABC** 9:30 pm. See "Entertainment Notes" for more info on the upcoming season on Ellen.

**Sep 25—Elton John on Late Night with Conan O'Brien** NBC.

➤ **Sep 25—Designing Women: Killing All the Right People** Lifetime 10:30 am.

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

➤ **Sep 26—Lizzy Bordon's: Mr. Bunz Contest** Cash prize awarded. 3412 W 12th St. Call 833-4059 9pm-2am for more info or email lizzbords@aol.com

**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.

➤ **Sep 27—Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953)** Family Channel 11 pm. Camp musical comedy.

**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 1-800-400-AIDS

➤ **Sep 27—The Embers: Miss Embers Pageant** 1711 State.

➤ **Sep 27—Suzanne Vega Live at the El Ray** 10:30 pm on WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54). Twice WQLN has tried to air this and both times they had problems. Maybe third time is a charm...

➤ **Sep 27—On Tour** Includes Me'Shell Ndegacello WNED (PBS-Buff./Ch.17). 11pm.

➤ **Sep 28—PFLAG-Erie: Claiming America's Promise** This video was produced by PFLAG Houston and is based on the 1996 "Moms and Dads Go to Washington" trip. About 200 of us "moms & dads" made the trip to ask for our Representatives and Senators support for ENDA (the Employment Non-Discrimination Act). The story of the video, that of one specific group with one specific project, is the story of many of us in PFLAG. Come see it and help us decide how we might best use it in our community to stand up for equality and against discrimination.

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Sunday 1-5pm

2:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Call Elaine Hill at 864-0184. *Important note to all paid PFLAG members:* at 1:30 pm, 1/2 hour before the regular meeting, all paid members of PFLAG will be having their Annual Meeting to vote on next year's officers and to make a final decision about a new meeting day/time. (See Local News)

➤ **Sep 28—Great Performances "Dance in America: The Wrecker's Ball, Three Dances by Paul Tyler** WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54).

➤ **Sep 28—Straight Talk with Derek McGinty: Women in Sports** WNED (PBS-Buff./Ch. 17). Repeats 9:30 1 p.m.

➤ **Oct 2—South County Support Meets** For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. Info: Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070.

➤ **Oct 2—PFLAG-Erie: New meeting date and/or place** 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!

➤ **Oct 3—Real America/48 Hours: On Hate Street** The Learning Channel. 8 pm, 11pm. "Hate crimes plague America despite efforts to combat them. Look at cases from a Ku Klux Klan rally in Colorado to crimes against homosexuals in Boston and other cases in New York, Ohio, and Oregon."—*Discovery Monthly*

➤ **Oct 3-5—Jones Pond "Closing Weekend" (Angelica NY)** "Fri & Sat, DJ dancing & bonfire 9pm-1am. Sat: 'Octoberfest & Pot Luck Dinner' Sauerkraut & Bratwurst + Pot Luck 6 pm. 716-567-8100.

➤ **Oct 4—Womynspace: Anniversary Celebration** "Come and celebrate with old friends and make some new ones. For info call Sal at 454-2713 or Caroline at 456-1315."

➤ **Oct 5—LGLV-Erie Meets** Info: Dave Mulholland 898-4210.

## Behind Bars Again

Mary Douglas & Brian Ritter

have been working behind bars for the past 3 years. They recently broke out and can now be seen behind bars again at

**Lizzy Bordon's**

➤ **Oct 7—HIV/AIDS Prevention Planning Committee meets** Info: Tracey Thomas at 459-4775 or Michael Mahler at 456-9833

➤ **Oct 10—Kathy Mattea in concert (Cleveland)** Palace Theater. 800-766-6048.

➤ **Oct 11—Happy Yom Kippur**

➤ **Oct 11—Menspace: Event TBA** For information, call Michael at 456-9833.

➤ **Oct 13—Friends from the Heart Meets** 6 pm Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

➤ **Oct 14—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

➤ **Oct 15—Deadline for World AIDS Day Events!!!** Since World AIDS Day is on December 1, we need to run news about local events in the November issue. You are taking your chances if you submit after this deadline.

➤ **Oct 15—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.

➤ **Oct 16—Happy Sukkot**

➤ **Oct 18—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.

**Oct 20-21—Tri-State Conference on HIV/AIDS (Chautauqua NY)** For 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" in last month's issue

➤ **Oct 24—Lizzy Bordon's: Miss Erie '97** 3412 W 12th St. Call 833-4059 9pm-2am for more info or email lizzbords@aol.com

➤ **Oct 28—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 for more info.

➤ **Oct 31—Happy Halloween!**

➤ **Oct 31—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Info: Sharon at (216) 964-3350.

➤ **Nov 1—Womynspace** For information and location, call Sal at 454-2713 or Caroline at 456-1315. Newcomers welcome."

➤ **Nov 2—LGLV-Erie Meets** Info: Dave Mulholland 898-4210.

➤ **Nov 9—"Phantom of the Soap Opera"** Friends from the Heart Benefit Annual Murder Mystery will be at Stephany's Grove, 1099 Wyoming Ave, Erie. 6 pm social hour, 7pm dinner and murder! BYOB. Tickets are

\$25 single, \$40 couple. Phone 838-0123 or 838-1547 for more info. More details next month.

*Not all LesBiGay events are listed in the Erie Gay News 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!*

## Festivals & conferences

➤ **Oct 8-14—Black & Blue '97 (Montreal PQ, Canada)**—“The world's largest non-stop gay benefit party festival.” Sponsored by Bad Boy Club Montreal; proceeds go to gay and AIDS groups. Info 514-875-7026 Web site: [www.bbcm.org](http://www.bbcm.org)

➤ **Nov 12-16—10th Annual Creating Change Conference (San Diego CA)** National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's national conference for the LGBT movement. 120 workshops, small group networking sessions to develop skills and confidence of organizers at local and state levels. Info <http://www.nglhf.org/cc97> or phone 202-332-6483 ext. 3329.

## Repeating shows

**Bubbeh Lee and Me: Family Video Diaries** HBO 9/5, 9/10, 9/20 9/29. Loving profile of a gay man and his Jewish grandmother.

**Elton John: Tantrums and Tiaras (1997)** Cinemax, debuting 9/3 8pm. Repeats 9/18, 9/21, 9/30. Filmmaker David Furnish's documentary profile of his marriage to Elton John.

**LPBT Bowling** ESPN 12:30 am on 9/5, 9/19 and 9/26.

**September 15  
is deadline for**

**Coming Out Day Events  
Halloween Events  
Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
Domestic Abuse Awareness Month**

# Michael dithers

by Michael Mahler

I had a couple of phone calls from my mom this month. At one point, she was rather depressed and angry because the road in front of her house was being built up ridiculously high to accommodate a rebuilt bridge. All of a sudden, she was living in a valley and her driveway was a ski jump she had to drive up. Well, about a week later I got a call. She said, “You know, I finally figured out where you get all your activist stuff from. Me!” She had gotten together with some of the other neighbors who were affected as well (some of them she hadn't really known or spoken with much before), contacted the paper, township legislators, and state legislators, and seemed to be making some progress. I was really proud of her, because she had encountered a bad situation and worked with others to improve her community.

Micheal and I recently went up to Jones Pond Campground in Angelica NY. They have been advertising with us for a few years and we had heard good things from the folks who had been there. Apart from the weather that weekend being a tad changeable, it was pleasant. Everyone was quite friendly and we hope to go back some time!

## Honor the memory of those we've lost to AIDS

We want to publish memorials of gay, bi and lesbian people from the Erie area who have been lost to AIDS. These will appear in the November issue of EGN, in conjunction with World AIDS Day.

The memorials are free.

*Please send us:*

- (1) Their name (Full name or initials).
  - (2) Year of passing.
  - (3) County they lived in.
  - (4) A short message if you want.
  - (5) If you want to sign the message, please do.
- If we receive two or more submissions for one person, we'll list you all.

## Local and area news

### PFLAG Changes

For the Sunday, September 28 meeting, there will be a special Annual Meeting for all paid PFLAG Erie members at 1:30 pm, a half hour before the regular meeting to vote on next year's officers.

They will also be making a final decision about a possible change to the meeting date, time and place. (So be very sure to check next issue's calendar for updates!) One option being considered is the first Thursday of the month at 7pm at the same location.

It is rather likely at this point that the group may choose the first Thursday. If this is the case, then there will be no October meeting (because it would only be four days later), and the group would then be meeting in November. Again, please be sure to check the calendar.

If you aren't able to make it to the September 28 meeting and you would like to make your views known, feel free to leave a message at Elaine Hill's 864-0183. If you've attended only one or two meetings, please take a second also to let them know how they could encourage you to attend more frequently.



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## Letters

### An open Letter to the Erie Gay community- "Bar Wars"

I am very concerned by what is happening to the gay community in Erie. The so called "Bar Wars" between the Erie gay bars has become ridiculous. False rumors are being spread with the sole intention of hurting someone. Instead, we are hurting ourselves as a community. Do we want to become a city with only one gay bar to go to? Do we want to give up our right to choose where we want to go?

In the last few weeks I have talked to people from outside Erie who are shocked by what we have become. And I am embarrassed for us, as a community. We have become more interested in hurting each other and in retaliation, than in supporting each other. Isn't it hard enough living within the constraints of a "straight" world, or do we really have to make our lives more difficult by fighting amongst ourselves?

It's time to put our petty differences aside, time to become a community we can all be proud of again. We need to stop the rumors, and the hate. The success of the recent AIDS benefit has shown that we can rise above our childishness. If we can do it for one night, why not every day? Or are we happy being spiteful, hurtful, and ignorant? How many more people need to be hurt before we put an end to the games? If we fell under this type of attack from the straight community, we would be outraged. So why is it acceptable to gay-bash ourselves?

I challenge everyone in Erie to put your personal differences aside, to treat each other with respect, and to put an end to the hurtful behavior before more lives are destroyed. Let's become a community we can all be proud of again.

Sincerely,  
Scott Schriener

**Remember our DEADLINE is  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

# Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

## Groups

October 4 will mark the eighth anniversary of **Womynspace!**

Womynspace has turned out to be the longest-lasting and most stable group in the LesBiGay community. It's also one of the healthiest. Somehow, over the years, the group has managed to remain a mellow, happy community where back-stabbing, bitchiness and head games are not acceptable behaviors. If you've been thinking about dropping in to Womynspace but weren't sure what to expect, let me try to give you feel for it.. The age range tends to be mid-thirties to very early fifties...but younger and older women are certainly welcome. The group welcomes new people, but, as with most new social situations, unless or until you know someone there it's normal to feel a little awkward.

And, naturally, all the single women often want to know...can I find a girlfriend there? Well, most of the women who attend are in couples, but new people are always coming in, and some of them are definitely single. Of course, couples do occasionally break up, though it is considered a tad rude to hover impatiently over a relationship in its death throes.

It's important to point out, however, that Womynspace is first and foremost a place to make friends and be part of a community.

Thanks to all the women who have volunteered at Womynspace over the years, and a big, big thanks to Caroline, who has really kept the group together and going since 1994!

## Food

**Coqui's** is a new deli that dedicates itself to providing tasty low-fat and fat-free dishes. Owned by Richard Clark Jr. and Gary DeLuke, who are partners in every way, the "gourmet deli" provides a variety of pizzas, sandwiches, salads, and homemade bread, crusts and rolls. Coqui's is located at 3443 West Lake Road; watch for the sign with the frog (Coqui's was named for the Puerto Rican Coqui frog that Clark was intrigued by on his trip to that country) as well as a window full of flamingos. Hours: Mon-Thurs. 11am-10pm, Fri 11am-11pm, Sat

noon-11pm, Sun. noon-9pm (hours will change after September; Sunday might be dropped.). They also do catering. Phone 835-2272.

**Too Hot Tamales** will be returning to the TV Food Network this September. For those who are unaware, this enormously popular cooking team consists of Susan Feniger (who came out in *Out* magazine in 1994) and sidekick Susan Milliken. They have a new book out (*Cooking with Two Hot Tamales*, written by Milliken), an audio CD of jazz classics for dinner background (*Cocktail Hour*), a web site ([www.bordergrill.com](http://www.bordergrill.com)) and a new TV series. Their new show, called *Tamales World Tour* should begin airing on the TV Food Network in September, and will feature recipes that will feature a wider variety of cuisines. By the way, Feniger is quite adamant that, although the two women have a very real rapport and chemistry between each other, they are not lovers. "I struggle enough to get balance in my life," she told *Out* magazine, and explained that it was important for her to be able to go home to someone who is not in the business. (Feniger does have a longtime girlfriend, and says it is probably just a matter of time before she talks about her on the show in the same way that Milliken discusses her husband and family).

## Film & video

At **The Movie Stop** this month: *The Last Don* (k.d. lang pays a sleazy filmmaker in this **Mafia drama**,. arrives 9/9) *Last Summer at the Hamptons* (**family** reunion story with Jon Robin Baitz, 9/16) and *Volcano* (drama with Anne Heche, arrives 9/30).



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Thanks to **Sharon M.** for her recommendation of *Grace of the Heart*, a film very loosely based on the life of singer-songwriter Carole King, which contains a short lesbian segment. By the way, readers are invited to submit mentions of videos with lesbian, gay, bi, and transgendered subplots and such (except for those straight guy porn movies with that stupid lesbo sex thing they throw in there).

## Television

Information on the **new fall season** can be found in the "Fall TV" feature on pages 10 and 11.

Canada's **Molson Brewing Company** is considering whether or not they should run a TV ad that shows two lesbians making out in a bar.

When **Murphy Brown** returns for its tenth season, Candace Bergen's character will be battling breast cancer. Answering criticism that the sitcom shouldn't be used to address such a serious issue, the producers say the storyline will help some women deal with the issue and give support to those who are or who have had the disease.

The big question this season seems to be "What's going to happen on **Ellen**?" Jamie Tarses, CEO of ABC says there may be a same-sex kiss in Ellen's future, but

they're still doing "baby steps" with the viewing public. Ellen DeGeneres doesn't want to stay with ABC because, she says, they took so long to do the coming out episode, and didn't hype the two episodes after she came out. Methinks the lady doth need some perspective...ABC took a big chance on the *Ellen* show, especially with the Southern Baptists breathing down their necks. It's kind of a kick in the teeth to a company that is really trying to find its way in the whole gay thing. Would the other networks have done a better job? As Suzanne Westenhoffer asks, "Have we become that spoiled?"

## Theater

**Directors Circle** recently announced its 1997-1998 season, and among their offerings is the lesbian drama *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*. If I'm not mistaken, this will mark the first time that a lesbian play has been presented in the Erie area. But you'll have to wait a bit...the play's run will be July 16-Aug. 1 of next year.

**Cleveland Public Theatre** presents *Cyberqueer* October 2-November 1. A boy finds love on the net... Info/reservations: 216-631-2727.

## Back then...

A popular rumor circulating among lesbians in 1977 proposed that *Charlie's Angel* star **Farrah Fawcett** was gay or bisexual. It was never proven or disproved (?), although there were those who claimed they saw Fawcett on the *Tonight Show* saying that she was "most attracted to women and young boys" One woman who saw the show said that that line was bleeped out; the viewer claimed, however, that she could read Farrah's lips.

## Honor the memory of those we've lost to Breast Cancer

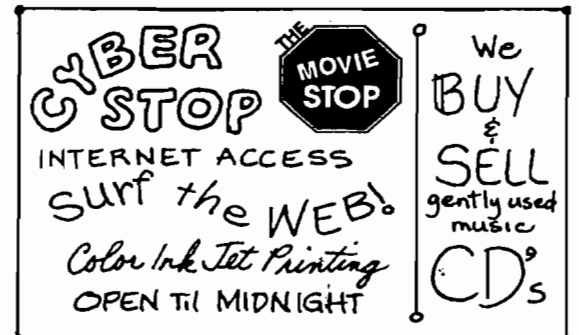
We want to publish memorials of Erie area women from our community who have been lost to breast cancer. These will appear in the October (Breast Cancer Awareness month) issue of EGN.

The memorials are free.

Please send us:

- (1) Their name (Full name or initials).
  - (2) Year of passing.
  - (3) County they lived in.
  - (4) A short message if you want.
  - (5) If you want to sign the message, please do.
- If we receive two or more submissions for one person, we'll list you all.

Also, we'd love to list survivors!





# Fall TV

Compiled by Deb Spilko

*Here's the schedule of shows that are of interest to gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered viewers.*

*We did our understaffed best to make sure the information is up-to-date and correct, but as always, check against your TV listings (especially the TV Guide Fall Preview issue, which should be out sometime in September.)*

*Next month we will include updates and any last minute changes that were made.*

*Particular thanks go to GLAAD and the Ultimate TV web site in compiling this list.*

## Sunday

*The Simpsons* 8 pm FOX. Waylon Smithers returns for another season of pining after stupid old Mr. Burns.

*Unhappily Ever After* 8:30 pm WB. ANT (Barry Wallerstein) plays a gay teen in this sitcom.

## Monday

*Melrose Place* 8 pm FOX. Matt Fielding (Doug Savant) returns to this prime time soap.

*Fired Up* 8:30 NBC. Out gay comic Mark Davis plays gay publicist Ashley on this roommate sitcom.

*Cybill* 9 pm CBS. Comedy with recurring character of gay waiter (Tim Macaulan).

## Tuesday

*Mad About You* 8 pm. NBC. Sitcom features occasional appearances by Paul's lesbian sister Deb (Robin Bartlett) and her lover Joan (Suzie Plakson). Deb and Joan played an important role in the season finale when Jamie (Helen Hunt) had a baby.

*Frasier* 9 pm ABC. Witty comedy features writing by out gay writer Joe Keenan, a snippy gay food critic Gil Chesterton (Edward Hibbert), and two of the nelliest straight boys you've ever seen (Kelsey Grammer and David Hyde Pierce).

*Head Over Heels* 9:30 pm UPN. Patrick Bistrow, the out gay actor who plays the Ellen's gay pal will play Ian, a celibate bisexual.

*NYPD Blue* 10:30 pm ABC. Officer Abby Sullivan (Paige Turco) returns in this police drama.

## Wednesday

*Spin City* 8 pm ABC. Sitcom features a black gay man (Michael Boatman as Carter Heywood) who is Director of Minority Affairs in a big city administration.

*The Nanny* 8 pm CBS. This isn't gay (or usually isn't) but a lot of gay men find Fran Drescher's character delightful, and she has inspired a lot of imitations among drag artists.

*Party of Five* 9 pm FOX. Out gay actor Mitchell Anderson returns as the out violin teacher on this drama.

*Third Rock from the Sun* 9pm NBC. Clever comedy features a transgender alien (Kristen Johnston).

*Murphy Brown* CBS 8:30 pm. Story line has Bergen's character struggling with breast cancer.

*Ellen* 9:30 pm. ABC. She's back for a fifth season! Should be interesting to see what the writers and producers do now that Ellen is finally out. Season Premiere: September 24.

*Chicago Hope* CBS 10 pm. Dr. Robert Lawrence (Mark Benninghofen) returns.

## Thursday

*Friends* 8 pm NBC. Carol (Jane Sibbett) and Susan (Jessica Hecht) are partners and recurring characters in this sitcom.

*413 Hope Street* 9 pm FOX. Drama about urban teens; Karime Prince will play Melvin, an HIV + black teen.

*Veronica's Closet* 9:30 pm NBC Wallace Lingham's character Joshua will come out on this new NBC sitcom.

*ER* 10 pm NBC. Dr. Maggie Doyle (Jorja Fox) is expected to return to duty this fall.

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#### Friday

*Nash Bridges* CBS 10 pm. Police drama set in San Francisco features Nash's lesbian sister Stacey (Angela Dohrmann).

#### Saturday

*Total Security* 9 pm ABC. Steven Bochco drama about high-tech security company features gay actor Bill Brochtrup in his usual position as gay receptionist.

*Profiler* 10 pm NBC. Peter Frechette will be Computer Specialist George Fraley in this crime drama.

#### Weekdays

*Northern Exposure* will be airing noon and 6 pm on A&E, starting on October 6. The Emmy-winning series set in a small Alaskan town founded by a lesbian couple, and featured a gay couple as recurring characters.

*All My Children* ABC. Teacher Michael Delaney (Chris Bruno) has left, but other gay characters remain, including student Kevin Sheffield (Ben Jorgenson) and TV manager Rudy (Lance Baldwin).

*Interior Motives*. Host Christopher Lowell returns to the Discovery Channel with home decorating tips. Starting September 29, show airs weekdays at noon and 3pm.

#### Syndicated

*Babylon 5* Lt. Commander Susan Ivanova (Claudia Christian) and telepath Talia Winters (Andrea Thompson) are expected to return. (No time available yet).

*Xena* WGN Thursday 4am, Saturday 1pm, Monday 1:30 am. WFPX info not available yet.

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## GLAAD announces '97 TV lineup

from Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

NEW YORK, August 13— The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) announced today that the 1997 fall television lineup will include a record setting 30 lesbian, gay and bisexual characters. This 23% increase compared to the historic 1996 fall lineup is the result of three characters introduced during the 1996/1997 year and four new characters this fall.

This year television welcomes four new primetime lesbian, gay and bisexual characters. Bill Brochtrup, who also played gay characters on Steven Bochco's *NYPD Blue* and *Public Morals*, will portray a receptionist on ABC's *Total Security*. On NBC, *Veronica's Closet*, starring Kirstie Allie, will introduce Joshua, played by Wallace Langham. While closeted during the season opener, sources tell GLAAD he will soon bust out. *Head Over Heels*, on UPN, will feature recurring *Ellen* actor Patrick Bristow as Ian, a celibate bisexual. And on FOX's *413 Hope Street*, Karime Prince will portray Melvin, a flamboyantly fierce HIV-positive black gay youth.

"Television has been at the forefront of reflecting the lives of the community over the years," said Chastity Bono, GLAAD Entertainment Media Director. "This increase is simply a reflection of a growing trend of inclusive programming. This historic number of characters signals America's increasing appreciation of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community as part of their own lives."

*413 Hope Street*'s Melvin is only the second gay character of color currently on primetime TV. He will share that distinction with Michael Boatman's Carter of the GLAAD Media Award-winning *Spin City*. "GLAAD is particularly pleased to see the introduction of Melvin, a black HIV-positive youth, to the fall line-up," said Joan M. Garry, GLAAD's Executive Director. "We hope that future programming looks at the true diversity within the lesbian, gay and bisexual community."

Throughout the 1997/1998 year, GLAAD will continue to monitor how television represents the lives and lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people. Our award winning Web site ([www.glaad.org](http://www.glaad.org)) will feature an up-to-date scoreboard of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender characters on television. GLAAD will also continue to work behind the scenes of the television industry to encourage portrayals that are inclusive and diverse.

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# National Coming Out Day at Allegheny

Here is the tentative list of events that we have planned for coming out week. We can e-mail the official schedule when it is ready. We have concentrated the fun/social events on Friday and Saturday so that people from Erie and Edinboro, etc. could attend the majority of our events.

*Allegheny College is hoping to extend their celebration of National Coming Out Day to include more members of the community. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to come!!!!*

We are also hoping that other groups in the area will be willing to help us make this celebration work. If you have time, funds, or ideas, and are willing to work with us, please contact us at one of the following accounts:

csglbp@alleg.edu  
macnism@alleg.edu

The more of us there are involved in the preparations, the more we can accomplish - so please consider helping out!

## Tentative schedule

*(Important! Dates may change. For official, updated schedule check next issue of EGN or email csglbp@alleg.edu).*

Wednesday, October 8:

Information table at the community open house

Location: Campus Center Lobby. Time: 5:30 -8:30

Thursday, October 9:

Movie with gay theme (TBA)

location: Schafer Auditorium. Time: 9:00 p.m.

Friday October 10:

Noon Event Speaker:

Rob Bragg will talk about gay parenthood. Location: Walker room in the campus center. Time: 12:00

An Evening at the Coffee House

events will include a play, open mike poetry, art exhibit, and possible performance artist. Location: Grounds for Change (3rd floor of campus center). Time: 7:30 -??

Saturday, October 11

The Gay Community Makes a Difference

We will participate as a group in Allegheny's "Make a Difference Day." All gay or gay-friendly people attending our other events are invited to join us in a few hours of volunteerism!! Location: TBA Time: 8am - 2pm

Come Out and Play

Non competitive volleyball. Location: TBA. Time: 3pm.

NCOD Party

Hopefully we will have live music fun, food, games!!!! Location: McKinley's in the campus center. Time: 7:30pm

Sunday, October 12

Guest Preacher for morning service Location: Ford Chapel.

Time: 10:45am

Wednesday, October 15

Lunchtime Storytelling -Paul Bonin-Rodriguez "Mentiritas"

Location: Walker Room in the Campus Center. Time: 12:15pm

One-Man Play - Paul Bonin-Rodriguez location: TBA Time: 8:00pm

There will also be a week-long display in the Campus Center Lobby, and we will be passing out ally ribbons.

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# HIV/AIDS news

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## Speech from AIDS Benefit at Lizzy Bordon's

*I gave this speech at the AIDS Benefit on July 18, 1997 at Lizzy Bordon's:*

"Hello, my name is Jerry and I am from Erie and I have been HIV+ for 12 years. Over the years I always wanted to speak at one of these AIDS benefits, but I've always chickened out. No more! It's very emotional to go to an AIDS Benefit and think of all the friends who have died from AIDS or have been HIV+.

I just wanted the Erie gay community to wake up and realize AIDS is here in our provincial community. I feel you really do stick your heads in the sand about it. I'm hoping everyone is having safer sex. I say "safe" because no sex is 100% safe.

These names are all Erie area people who I've been lucky enough to have known:

Steve, Michael, Louio, Bill, Fran, Mark, Lester, Bob from Conneaut Lake, Julia, Veronica, Rick, Philip, Father Patrick, Carl, and my good friend Gerry who died on October 11, 1996. Please take care of yourselves, so sometime in the future your name won't be read at one of these AIDS Benefits."

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## World AIDS Day publicity

If you or your organization is doing something for World AIDS Day (December 1, 1997), please have that information to us by mid-October. Because the event happens so early in December, we must run information about it in the November (*not* December) issue.

If you haven't firmed up your plans by mid-October, please just send us what you have and tell our readers where they can find updates and further information.

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# Spirituality

*These two press releases were released July 25, 1997 by Integrity at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in Philadelphia. For more information contact Integrity, Inc., PO Box 5255, New York NY 10185-5255 <http://members.aol.com/natlintegrty> or phone 301-474-4495.*

## Episcopal Church apologizes to gays and lesbians.

The 72nd General Convention apologizes on behalf of the Episcopal Church to its members who are gay or lesbian and to lesbians and gay men outside the Church for years of rejection and maltreatment by the Church; and that this Church seeks amendment of our life together as we ask God's help in sharing the Good News with all people.

Today the Episcopal Church corporately recognized its participation in the hatred directed toward gay and lesbian persons. In doing so it also declared its desire to seek a new way of life together.

While division remains within the Church over particular issues related to sexual orientation, conservatives and liberals joined together in this resolution. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor in both Houses of the Convention. Many saw this as an attempt not only to confess past sin, but also to help create a new climate of conversation within the Church.

Integrity is pleased by this resolve of the Church and prays that all its members will seek to live into it. We look forward to these words of apology being translated into deeds of tolerance and inclusion.

## Episcopalians vote to study same-sex blessings

Episcopalians will continue to study issues related to the blessing of same-sex commitments over the next three years, and will receive recommendations on how to proceed at their next triennial meeting in 2000.

The General Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, directed the Standing Liturgical Commission "to continue its study of the theological aspects of committed relationships of same-sex couples, and to issue a full report

including recommendations of future steps for the resolution of issues. . ." The vote was overwhelmingly positive in both the House of Deputies and the house of Bishops. The study is to be completed by November 1999 for dissemination in the Church before the July 2000 General Convention.

Integrity gives thanks for this vote and the commitment of the Church to a deeper spiritual awareness and theological exploration of lesbian and gay persons living in committed relationship. We call on the Liturgical Commission to fully include gay and lesbian members of the Church in their deliberations. We commit to them our prayers and whatever support and expertise we can offer.

We also give thanks for our Church and its willingness to explore boldly controversial and difficult issues. And we pray for the day when our relationships may be fully celebrated and supported in the life of the Church.

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# APA deals setback to "conversion" therapy

By the Human Rights Campaign

WASHINGTON, August 14 — The American Psychological Association passed a resolution that represents a serious setback to proponents of so-called "reparative" or "conversion" therapy, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"These therapies amount to nothing more than psychological terrorism and are usually performed by practitioners who harbor intense bias against gay people," said David M. Smith, HRC's senior strategist. "These practitioners usually are affiliated with extremist religious groups that promote the illusion that sexual orientation can be changed to further their political aims."

The resolution, which passed overwhelmingly at the APA convention in Chicago, asserts that there is no sound scientific evidence on the efficacy of these therapies. So-called reparative therapy seeks to convert gay people to heterosexuality, which many mental health professionals agree cannot be done. Some have compared these techniques to efforts to make some left-handed people right-

handed; they may learn to use their right hands but they still are innately left-handed.

Supporters of reparative therapy demanded that the APA make a statement on these therapies because they have been under intensive debate within the profession and in the larger society.

"This resolution reaffirms the fact that since there is nothing wrong with homosexuality, there is no reason that gay, lesbian or bisexual people should try to change their orientations," said Kim Mills, another HRC spokesperson. "We stand with the APA in calling for an end to discrimination against people based on their sexual orientation."

The resolution strongly reaffirms that homosexuality is not a mental illness and that psychologists must not "participate in or condone discriminatory practices with sexual minority clients."

In addition, the APA resolution calls on psychologists to "respect the rights of individuals, including sexual minority clients, to privacy, confidentiality, self-determination and autonomy." And it directs psychologists to obtain appropriate informed consent to therapy when working with sexual minority clients, including minors.

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# 'Focus' Founder apologizes for org's bigotry

From the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

WASHINGTON, DC—Embargoed until August 15, 1997—A co-founder of Focus on the Family, the largest right wing organization in the United States, today apologized to women, people of color, gay men and lesbians, and non-Christians for the misleading and hateful words that are now the hallmark of the organization he helped to create.

"I apologize to lesbian and gay Americans who are demeaned and dehumanized on a regular basis by the false, irresponsible, and inflammatory rhetoric of James Dobson's anti-gay radio and print materials," stated Gil Alexander-Moegerle, one of seven founders of Focus on the Family. He also urged fair-minded Americans to "report the truth about the threat [current Focus on the Family head] James Dobson and other religious extremists pose to the American tradition ... and the separation of church and state."

"Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people have long been a favorite target of Focus on the Family," said Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Their politically charged rhetoric has become more forceful as James Dobson has increased the organization's reach and influence."

Alexander-Moegerle made his statement at the Gay and Lesbian PrideCenter in Colorado Springs, CO in the offices of Ground Zero.

While at Focus on the Family, Alexander-Moegerle was the executive producer of "Focus" radio and editor of "Focus" magazine. In addition to the apology, he called upon Dobson to step down from political activism. Of Dobson's political activities and continued misuse of his position, Alexander-Moegerle said "That is un-American" and "un-Christian."

## Notable deaths

**William S. Burroughs**, 83, Beat author and poet, on August 2 of a heart attack. Burroughs was the last surviving member of the three most prominent Beat writers (the other two being Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac). His most well-known work is *Naked Lunch*, which was the subject of a landmark censorship trial.

"James Dobson's entrepreneurial spirit and personal political agenda has turned racism, sexism, and homophobia into a profitable business," said Lobel.

Focus on the Family, founded in 1977, has become the largest right wing organization in the United States. Their 30 state affiliates do grassroots political organizing on anti-choice, anti-gay, and anti-sex education issues. They have also become a Christian media empire, with magazines reaching over three million readers, a daily radio program reaching over 5 million people on 3,000 stations worldwide, television programs, and books. They have sponsored a number of organizing projects outside their organizational umbrella, including Promise Keepers. Their annual budget exceeds \$110 million dollars and over 1,300 staff people. They are based in Colorado Springs, CO.

Contact NGLTF at: Mark F. Johnson, Media Director, [mjohnson@ngltf.org](mailto:mjohnson@ngltf.org) 202/332-6483 x3314 pager 1-800/757-6476, NGLTF, 2320 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009. <http://www.ngltf.org>

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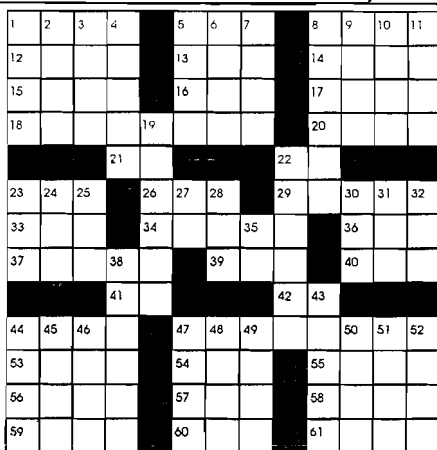
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#### Info-Lines

- 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
- Barnes & Noble** ▼ ..... 864-6300  
 5909 Peach St, Erie PA
- Directors Circle Theatre** ▼ ..... 454-0636  
 1505 State St, Erie PA
- Disc-Go-Round** ..... 864-1844  
 6825 Peach St, Erie between Taco Bells & Fridays
- 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-

**Publications**

**Erie Gay 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.shomash.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](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)

**Closest Culture** .....  
 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 [ClosestChr@aol.com](mailto:ClosestChr@aol.com)

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**Crossword Solution:**

**Covenant House Teen Hotline** ..... 1-800-999-9999

**Identity** & ..... 732-2555 (Dr. Dave Herendeen)  
 Student group for lesbigoy & 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 lesbigoy 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.suny/jcc.edu](mailto:rabbgp@jccw22.cc.suny/jcc.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: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 Lesbigsays. Open discussion. Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway. Open to all Lesbigsays 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 lesbigoy 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: [glpaerie@aol.com](mailto:glpaerie@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](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/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 Monohon)  
Direct Client Services. Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transporta-  
tion, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call to see how you can help.  
Donations *greatly* appreciated. Meets 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

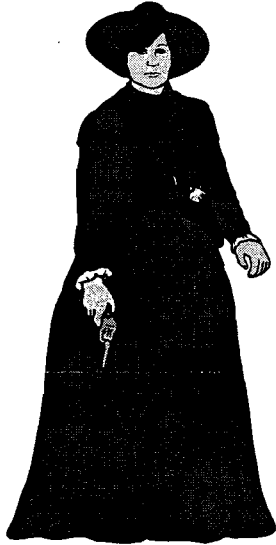
**HIV/AIDS Anonymous Testing Sites**

(Ashtabula) Family Planning Assoc (\$30) ..... (216)992-5953  
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