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Erie Gay News

Calendar

Feb 1—League of Gay & Lesbian Voters- Erie Meets Info: Dave Mulholland 898-4210.

✦ **Feb 3—National Arts Calendar: Bill T. Jones** Bravo 12am With the black gay HIV+ choreographer and dancer.

✦ **Feb 4—GLBT Christian Group meets** 7:00 PM. Call (814) 734-3959 or email julie.sue@juno.com for location/more info.

✦ **Feb 4—Erie Community Planning Committee (ECPC) meets** 6-8 pm. *Please note date change! Now meets first Wednesday in even months, first Tuesday in odd.* Info & location: Tracey Thomas at 459-4775 or Michael Mahler at 456-9833

✦ **Feb 4—Imbolc Open Grove** Wear black, chalices are optional really, and a potluck feast will follow. A donation of \$3.00 is requested to defray costs. 7:30 PM, doors close at 8 PM. Celebration of Pagan festival at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry



Hiway. For more info, contact Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net or (814)838-3184

✦ **Feb 5—PFLAG-Erie: Gay Male Parents speak** 7:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

✦ **Feb 5—South County Support Meets** For HIV infected & affected people at 1115 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. Info: Hop and Cindy Chase at (716)488-1070.

✦ **Feb 6—In The Life (WQLN Ch 54)** 10 PM

✦ **Feb 6 & 7—Hallwalls Foreign film: Fire (Buffalo)** Hallwalls 8 p.m. Info <http://www.pce.net/hallwall> or 716-835-7362.

✦ **Feb 7—Womynspace: "Valentine's Celebration"** "Featuring Aunt Killer's Dream Date Video and a live presentation of Aunt Killer's School of Charm for Lesbians. A must-see event for newcomers and veterans alike! For information and location, call Helen at 451-0359 or Carolyn at 456-1315. or email Helen at aichess@hotmail.com"

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

✦ **Feb 10—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

✦ **Feb 10—Interior Motives: Isn't It Romantic?** Discovery 12:30 pm. Ideas for Valentine's Day or a romantic evening.

✦ **Feb 12—Aromas Coffeehouse: 2 Girls Alone** 7-10 pm, 2164 W 8th St

✦ **Feb 12 and 13—Certification for HIV/Counseling/Testing** Sponsored by Erie Co. Health Dept. See "HIV/AIDS News"

✦ **Feb 13—Bravo Profiles: David Bowie** Bravo 4am, 6pm.

✦ **Feb 13—Footnotes: The Male Dancer in Ballet** Bravo 11am, 7pm.

Feb 14—Happy Valentine's Day

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by Micheal A. Miller

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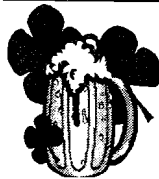
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lesbigay resources, and more.
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Items to send in to us in February



Feb 15—Deadline for info related to March
and early April events:
Saint Patrick's Day
Easter, Passover, Purim
Beginning of Spring, April Fools

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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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Thanks for the January issue collators!

Thanks to Paul Grubbs, Jerry McCumber, Gary, Neal, Suzanne Pessa, Tina Phillips, Billy Herd and Micheal Miller for helping us to collate the January issue of *EGN*!

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

Feb 14—Menspace Meets "At da Mikes. Bring a snack to pass if you wish. For information, call Michael at 456-9833 or email to egcn@ncinter.net."

☛ **Feb 14—Austin City Limits: Mary Chapin Carpenter** 8 p.m. WQLN (PBS-Erie/ch.54).

☛ **Feb 14—Shades: Women of Color presents Valentine Dance (Buffalo NY)** 8 p.m. At Compton's 1239 Niagara 10pm. Donation requested.

☛ **Feb 15—la bella bistro : Gay Valentine's Day** Info/reservations 454-3616. In 1996, Harry Miller developed Gay Valentine's Day at la bella bistro to provide a place where same-sex couples can gaze into each other's eyes, hold hands, and enjoy a romantic dinner together. It is becoming something of a tradition. By the way, some singles have made the event an occasion to get together with other singles. The event is held on Sunday, so there isn't a lot of chance of straights wandering in unprepared, but the staff asks that when you make reservations you specify "Gay Valentine's Day" (don't be shy, it's la bella bistro!). There are plenty of nonalcoholic beverages on the menu, but if you want an alcoholic beverage, you should bring your own. For those who have never been to la bella bistro, it is located inside the mini-plaza at 4th and Cherry Streets.

☛ **Feb 15—Liz: The Elizabeth Taylor Story** Lifetime 2 pm.

☛ **Feb 16—National Arts Calendar: Michael Feinstein** 4:45pm.

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

☛ **Feb 18—GLBT Christian Group meets** Schedule tentative. Call to confirm. 7:00 PM. Call (814) 734-3959 or email julie.sue@juno.com for location/more info.

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☛ **Feb 20 & 21—The Roots of Prejudice** Discussed on WQLN FM91.3. At 12:01pm on 2/20 and 11am on 2/21. Outside Erie County check out alternate frequencies.

☛ **Feb 23—Town Meeting** 7-9 PM at Public Library. Please note date change!!! Will normally meet the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2 PM at the Library, but had to be moved for February only. See article on page 6.

Feb 21—Cause for Celebration! (Buffalo) Elegant fundraising event for AIDS Community Services of Western NY. Formal attire is worn by most attendees. For info call AIDS Community Services at 716-847-2441.

Feb 21—Womyn's Variety Show (Cleveland) Music, comedy, dance, etc. by and for the lesbian community. Produced by Oven Productions. Info 216-321-7799.

Feb 21—10% Network (Jamestown NY) 7 pm Unitarian Church 1255 Prendergast Ave. Info: John 716-484-7285.

☛ **Feb 22—Breakfast With the Arts: The Life and Loves of Oscar Wilde** A&E 9am. Profiles the life of the 19th century gay Irish playwright and wit.

Feb 24—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

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Feb 27—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets Info: Sharon at (216) 964-3350.

☛ **Feb 27—National Arts Calendar: Paul Taylor** Bravo 5:15am. With the choreographer and head of the Paul Taylor Dance Company.

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☛ **Mar 2—Queen performs on Saturday Night Live** Comedy Central 3pm. (This is a repeat, obviously).

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☛ **Mar 14—Menspace Meets: Pizza and Open Bowling** "We are going to be chipping in for pizza at Larry's, followed by open bowling. You will need to RSVP to Larry by Thursday the 12th. For information or to RSVP, call Larry at 452-6959 or email LariSaad@aol.com"

☛ **Mar 17—Happy St. Patrick's Day**

☛ **March 17—St. Patrick's Day Party hosted by CILBGO (Cleveland OH)** Cleveland Irish les-bi-gay Organization will host party at Barbary Lane. Features Irish dancing (instruction provided) live Irish music, and raffle. Traditional Irish food available for purchase, admission free. Info: 216-531-5188 or 216-255-2615

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☛ **Mar 18—Managing AIDS in the Healthcare Setting** Sponsored by Erie Co. Health Dept. See "HIV/AIDS News"

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☛ **Mar 29-Apr 5—Penn State Pride (Main Campus)** For info on events contact the Lesbian Gay & Bisexual Student Alliance at 814-865-3327, lgbsa@psu.edu or visit their web site at <http://www.clubs.psu.edu/lgbsa/main.html>

☛ **Mar 30—HIV/AIDS and Workplace Policies** Sponsored by Erie Co. Health Dept. See "HIV/AIDS News"

☛ **Apr 2—PFLAG-Erie: TBA** 7:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

☛ **Apr 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.

☛ **Apr 6—"Friendship in the Age of AIDS"** 8 PM Memorial Auditorium, Edinboro Univ. Sponsored by Erie Co. Health Dept. See "HIV/AIDS News". Call 451-6727 to register.



Festivals & conferences

☛ **Feb 21-23—Outwrite: the 7th National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Writers' Conference (Boston MA)** 617-262-6969. email outwrite@terra.net 1500+ attendees, major writers will be speaking and attending. Publishers, poets, writers, interested persons, filmmakers, booksellers, and more.

Repeating & multiple shows

(Note that some of these movies may also be available at local video stores).

Billy Budd (1962) Flix 2/19 8pm, 2/20 5:30am 2/27 10am, 10:45pm. Based on Herman Melville's 18th century sea tale. "The homoeroticism in the film comes as much from [Terence] Stamp's angelic embodiment of Melville's Billy as it does from the lechings of the fascinated Claggart." —*The Celluloid Closet*

Butley (1974) Flix 2/17 8pm, 2/18 4am. "[Alan] Bates is splendid as an acerbic, self-destructive professor who drives away both his long-suffering wife and his younger male lover with his bitter verbal assaults." —*Images in the Dark*

Gia (1998) HBO 2/1 4am, 2/3 9pm, 2/8 10:30pm, 2/13 12am, 2/17 12:15am, 2/19 2:30am. Biodrama based on the life of Gia Carangi, a lesbian supermodel who slid into serious heroin addiction and died of AIDS complications at the age of 26. Gia is played by Angelina Jolie, who was featured on the cover of a recent issue of *Girlfriends*. In that issue, she reveals that she fell in love with Jenny Shimizu while working with her on another film.

I've Heard the Mermaids Singing (1987) Showtime 2/10 6am, 2/18 1:15pm. Romantic lesbian comedy from the director of *When Night is Falling*.

Janis (1975)— Bravo 2/12 5:15pm, 11pm 2/13 12pm 2/20 4pm, 2/21 1:30pm, 2/26 8pm, 2/27 2am, 2pm. Documentary about the tragic life of the bisexual rock/blues star.

Lifestories: Families in Crisis "More Than Friends: The Heidi Leiter Story" HBO 2/1 3pm, 2/5 4pm, 2/9 1pm, 2/22 6pm. Based on a true story about two high school girls who fall in love, and some of the troubles they encounter.

VIEWERS: It is recommended that you check our TV listings (times and dates) against the TV Guide or your newspaper's listings.

PUBLICATIONS and WEBSITES: If you wish to reprint our TV listings, permission is granted to do so, but because a good bit of time is invested in locating these, we request that you give credit to Erie Gay News where it is due.

Thanks and Happy Viewing!

Longtime Companion (1990) Starz 2/2 10pm, 2/27 12:30am. Starting in 1980, follows a group of gay friends and how the AIDS crisis affects their lives.

The Look: Featuring Yves St. Laurent Bravo 2/1 7pm, 2/2 2:05am, 2/4 10pm, 2/5 1am.

Strangers in Good Company (1990) Bravo 2/7 12:30pm 11pm, 2/8 3am, 2/27 8pm, 2/28 1:05am, 11am. Good-natured drama about a group of elderly women who get to know each other when their bus breaks down and they are stranded in the Canadian countryside. One of the women is a 70-year-old lesbian artist.

Tracey Takes On... HBO "Marriage 2/11 12:30pm, 2/19 2:30 pm, 2/28 11:30am. "Religion" 2/15 10pm, 2/18 12am, 2/22 4:10am. "Man's Best Friend" 2/22 10pm, 2/25 12am.

Woman's sports on TV

College Basketball "The NCAA Women's Tour is split between ESPN2 (11 games) and ESPN (15 games) with the Final Four airing March 27 & 29 on ESPN"—*TV Guide*

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The Gay Community "Town Meeting"

by Ross

On January 17, Erie gay history (and herstory) was made as 36 lesbigay folks from around the county assembled for the first-ever Erie Gay Community "Town Meeting" at the Blasco Library. The meeting came about as the result of lesbigay folks realizing the need for a unifying force in the area and making it happen. The meeting, planned by committee and led by Michael Mahler, was a tribute to the power of group synergy, as we brainstormed a myriad of projects and events to undertake as a unified group of citizens.

The purpose of having such a meeting, according to the planning committee, is so that folks will realize that in order to gain respect and acceptance in the Erie community, we need to undertake projects which will represent us as visible, viable citizens, and as a unified group. Not only that, but by having planned, coordinated events, we may in turn be better able to 1) encourage the involvement of folks who choose not to be particularly visible in gay society, and 2) be able to provide those com-

ing out with a social, meaningful outlet for networking and making friends. After all, it's time that we all "take control of our lives," and there's nothing wrong with us having a little fun while we're doing it.

We decided to undertake some projects in the near future, and contact information is listed here. If you are interested in being involved with any of these projects, feel free to contact the committee chair listed below. Any and all help is appreciated! (All of our brainstorming ideas aren't listed, but Michael Mahler has notes from the meeting.)

The next "Town Meeting" will be Monday, February 23 from 7 - 9 PM. *Please note the special date!*

Normally, we will be meeting at the Public Library the 3rd Saturday of the month from 2-5 PM, but all the Saturdays in February were unavailable.

Each of these committees will be expected to meet regularly, so new involvement is welcome at any time!!! Please feel free to contact the person(s) listed below for events you are interested in or more information.

Project	Contact name	Phone	E-mail
Area Lesbigay Chorus	Rick Graham	(814) 796-4142	rick.l.graham@usa.net (that's an "l", not a "1")
Increase Support for College & Youth Organizations	Jeremy Snyder	(814) 835-6966	gttiomino@aol.com
Fine Arts Planning (film series, art exhibit, etc)	Pat Hiller	(814) 455-9235	gcomancr@erie.net
Safer Sex Info Dissemination	Caryn	(814) 451-6784	gegashi@aol.com
Pride Rally	Michael Mahler	(814) 456-9833	egcn@ncinter.net
Pride Picnic on 6/13	Dave Mulholland	(814) 898-4210	lgilverie@aol.com
Volunteer Activities (Day of Caring, etc.)	Ross	(814) 898-6299	cusak@hotmail.com
Community Organization	Michael Mahler	(814) 456-9833	egcn@ncinter.net

Local news

Erie Sisters Club raises \$000 in toys for needy

by the Erie Sisters

Our Christmas Party was a Great Success! Thank you to our friends and family for their generous donations. Our club brought over \$600 in toys for the needy this year, but it is only one small candle to bring joy to some child in our area. If every one lit just one candle we could light the world with love.

Erie Sisters members went out for New Year's Eve for the first time in our club's history. Had a great time... and the management brought over grape juice for those of us who do not drink. February meeting will be out for dinner. The Erie Sisters web site is at <http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/1614/>

Mercyhurst Gay Straight Alliance now official

In January, the Mercyhurst Student Government officially voted the Mercyhurst Gay Straight Alliance as a campus group with 4 abstentions and no opposing votes (and about 40 favorable votes!) The group began to come into existence in September/October. There had been an unofficial group at Mercyhurst around 5 years ago for about a year and a half. The group meets Tuesdays at 8:30 in Room 213 Zurn.

Punxsy student sues anti-gay teacher

A 17-year-old Punxsutawney High School student has sued his gym teacher, stating that the teacher's anti-gay taunts nearly drove him to suicide. According to the boy, the teacher, Gale Shields, harassed him so much over a period of two years that he became emotionally ill

and had to be hospitalized for depression. Although the boy tried to get help from the nurse and counselor, they didn't give him the counseling, and the district didn't investigate. The lawsuit also says that Shields sometimes physically attacked the boy, and that some of the boy's fellow students copied the teacher's behavior.

State College school board mandates gay issues talk

The State College Area school board now includes discussion of gay and lesbian issues in the diversity workshop it mandates for all school district employees.

The inclusion of gay issues in the workshop had been controversial. When a group of about 60 people from an evangelical church met with the school superintendent to protest the inclusion of gay issues, it was dropped. However, several students from the district presented a petition (with 134 names) encouraging the gay/lesbian speakers be kept on, and the school board reversed its decision.



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In the Life in Pittsburgh

People in the southern reaches of EGN's reading area will be happy to know that they will be able to see *In the Life* after Pittsburgh's WQED/WQEX discontinues in the fall. This past fall, a controversy followed in the Pittsburgh gay and lesbian community. In response to a request from EGN, we recently received this explanation from George Hazimanolis, Director of Corporate Communications at WQED about what was going on:

In the Life will be returning to the WQED 13 schedule in March with the February/March episode. It will air every other month, which is how often it is available to stations. The date is Saturday, March 28 at 11 p.m.

In the Life will air under a banner program title called "WQED X-Change." "WQED X-Change" will feature programs and documentaries by independent film makers and producers with a different point of view—voices that do not ordinarily get heard in more mainstream media. We look forward to showcasing some interesting and thought-provoking programs on "X-Change" this year.

Our intention was never to permanently pull *In the Life* (never). We began simulcasting WQED 13 and WQEX 10 on November 1, so we had to try and squeeze two channels into one without expanding the programming hours. We've made several scheduling changes since then to include more programs that people said they wanted to see, and the addition of *In the Life* in March is the next step in this progression. We hope that we will soon be able to expand the hours of programming on WQED, which will free up the schedule to add more programs.

In the Life has always had a loyal following in Pittsburgh since we began airing it several years ago, and we hope that viewers continue to support the show. Pittsburgh has the 15th highest gay population in the country, according to the *Gay Almanac* market research, with an active community that sponsors many events throughout the year. In fact, the director of the Andy Warhol Museum was featured in a segment of *In the Life* earlier this year.

Sincerely,
George Hazimanolis
Director of Corporate Communications
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Books

This list of books was developed using the Barnes and Noble Web site, which includes some annotations. Prices included here are list price, though B&N does discount some titles. Most of these books are available through the web site (<http://www.BarnesandNoble.com>), or through the B&N or gay/lesbian bookstores like Rainbow Pride.

Go the Way Your Blood Beats: An Anthology of Gay & Lesbian Literary Writings by African Americans Edited by Shawn Stewart Ruff, E. Lynn Harris (Henry Holt & Co., \$16.95). Short stories and novel excerpts from gay, bi and lesbian African-Americans.

One More River to Cross: Black & Gay in America by Keith Boykin (Anchor, \$14). Writings by leader of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum.

Shade: An Anthology of Fiction by Gay Men of African Descent by Charles H. Rowell, Bruce Morrow, ed. (Avon, \$12) The first anthology devoted exclusively to fiction by black gay men...23 stories in a variety of styles.

Afrekete: An Anthology of Black Lesbian Writing Catherine E. McKinley, L. Joyce Delaney, editors (Anchor, \$14.00). Fiction, poetry and nonfiction, by almost 20 writers and poets, in a variety of styles.

Bayard Rustin: Troubles I've Seen: A Biography by Jervis Anderson. (Hyperion, \$14.89). "Organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, the Montgomery bus boycott, architect of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference..." —Barnes and Noble. Rustin was also a gay African-American.

In the Life: A Black Gay Anthology, ed. by Joseph Beam (Alyson \$8.95) 1986 classic anthology of writings. (The phrase "In the life" is black slang for gay, lesbian, bisexual, etc.)

Speaking in Whispers: African-American Lesbian Erotica by Kathleen E. Morris (Third Side, \$11.95).

Ain't Gonna Be the Same Fool Twice by April Sinclair, (Avon \$12.00). Coming-of-age novel set in San Francisco 1971. Sequel to Sinclair's bestselling *Coffee Will Make You Black*.

Lesbians Talk Making Black Waves (Lesbians Talk) Valerie Mason-John, editor (Scarlet Press \$8.50).

Loving Her (Northeastern Library of Black Literature) Ann Allen Shockley (Northeastern University \$12.95).

Movement in Black: The Collected Poetry of Pat Parker, 1961-1978 by Pat Parker (Firebrand \$8.95).

Milking Black Bull: 11 Gay Black Poets Alden Reimonenq, ed. (Vega Press \$12).

Lush Life: A Biography of Billy Strayhorn by David Hajdu (Farrar, Strauss & Giroux \$27.50). Well-researched biography of the brilliant jazz composer ("Take the 'A' Train", "Lush Life") who collaborated with Duke Ellington's band. His story will be coming out on film soon. Strayhorn was openly gay at a time (1940's) when few others would have done so, and it probably affected the way his musical career ran.

Honey, Honey, Miss Thang: Being Black, Gay and on the Streets by Leon E. Pettitway (Temple University Press, \$19.95). "Accounts of five black, drug-using transvestites who struggle to create realities that are not mired in misery and deviance but proclaim their membership in the human family"—Temple University Press

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Spirituality

The Good Book: Reading the Bible With Mind and Heart, by Peter J. Gomes (William Morrow Co. \$25) Gomes has been minister of Memorial Church of Harvard for 25 years, and came out during a period of homophobic incidents at that school. He attempts to interpret what the Bible says about gays, races, women, homosexuality, joy, compassion, evil, science, temptation and more. High level of scholarship but easy to read.

Lavender Light Choir: The Black and People of All Colors Lesbian and Gay Gospel Choir This past fall, the Winans gospel duo created a controversy with their anti-gay song "It's Not Natural," inspired by their negative reactions to the *Ellen* coming out episode. If you'd like an antidote to that kind of "spiritual" music, maybe Lavender Light Choir will do it! The choir's CD (called *Lavender Light*), includes new and traditional gospel, spirituals, and anthems. You can get the CD through gay and lesbian bookstores or directly from the choir: Lavender Light, 7-A Greenwich Ave. #315, New York NY 10011 212-714-7072, mcjellyrol@aol.com. They also have a Web address at <http://www.nycnet.com/lavenderlight/general1.htm>

Periodicals

There are a lot of publications out there for LGBT people of color. But BLK puts out several magazines for a variety of tastes, boasting they are "the world's most honored publishing company by and for black people in the life." To receive info on subscriptions or sample copies, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to BLK Publishing, Box 83912 Los Angeles CA 90083-0912. They are also looking for people to submit materials.

BLK has articles, profiles, interviews, commentary, news, arts, gossip.

Blackfire is an erotic magazine featuring black men in fiction and photography, plus other features.

Black Lace is an erotic magazine for African-American lesbians, including short stories, photography, advice, art, poetry and some general news items.

Kuumba is a "journal of poetry dedicated to the celebration of the lives and experiences of black women and men in the life. Named for one of the Ngubo (Seven Principles) which are celebrated at Kwanzaa, Kuumba means creativity. The all-verse publication, which includes the work of both new and experienced writers is spiced with occasional drawing."

Black Dates is a free monthly calendar of events and personal ads by and for black people in the life.

Cyberspace

The BLK web site is the absolute best place to start a search on the Net. Great links, all kinds of organizations, party places, humor, features, news, calendar of events, marketplace, classifieds, personal pages, "The BLK Family" and adult pages (for men and women). Address for the BLK "Homie page" is <http://www.blk.com/blkhome.htm>

The **Blacklist** provides information on African-Americans who are or were gay, bi, lesbian or transgender. Angela Davis, Billy Strayhorn, Langston Hughes, Alice Walker, Bessie Smith, Barbara Jordan, dozens of others, plus links. <http://www.udel.edu/nero/lists/blacklist2.html>

The **National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum** is a national organization with a number of projects. Their web site has NBLGLF history, facts, events calendar, news, project info and more. <http://www.nblglf.org/>

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SistahNet is a friendly Web site for lesbian, bi and transgendered women of African-American descent. Features include chat, calendar, links, mailing list, calendar and more. <http://persephone.hampshire.edu/~sistah/>

The same-gender-loving website (**SGL**) offers information on Ancient African same-gender-loving, gay politics and history "loving ourselves in our own image, information on <http://www.amassi.com/sgl.htm>

Two online zines are **SBC Online** at sbc-online.com/ and **Out in Black** at <http://www4.ncsu.edu/eos/users/jj/jdhardy/public/OIB.html>

Some national events

The following events will be organized by the National Black Lesbian & Gay Leadership Forum. For more info, contact them at: 202-843-6786 NBLGLF 1436 "U" Street NW #200 Washington DC 20009 phone: 202-843-6786

Feb 13-15—**Black Gay & Lesbian Conference** (Washington DC)

Memorial Weekend—Black Lesbian/Gay Pride Weekend (Washington DC) Washington Pride celebrations will also be going on at this time.

July 24-26—**Hotter Than July Weekend** (Detroit) For men and women.

October (date TBA)—**Sistah Fest**

Area groups

(Visitors are welcome to attend!)

People of All Colors Together Youngstown Box 1311 Youngstown Oh 44501-1131

Gay Black Men, Buffalo NY. For info call Eugene at 716-847-0315,

SHADES Women of Color PO Box 608, Buffalo NY 14209. 716-716-882-7373.

Cleveland Black Pride Box 602093 Cleveland OH 44102 216-556-4740.

People of All Colors United/Pittsburgh, Box 101430 Pittsburgh PA 15237 412-782-0635.

We are not aware of any "open" lesbian or gay groups in the Erie area, but if there are any, please contact EGN and we will gladly publicize them.

Michael dithers

by Michael Mahler

Wow! I was really very pleased with the amount and quality of participation we had at the Town Meeting in January! Some truly wonderful people showed up with some fabulous ideas and have begun work on a number of extremely exciting projects, not the least of which is a Pride Rally. We will have more details on all of this as it develops. If you're interested, the next Town Meeting will be at the Public Library on Monday, February 23rd from 7 PM to 9 PM. Normally we will be meeting the third Saturday of the month there from 2 - 5 PM.

I was also very pleased to hear that the Christian group being led by Sue Laurie is getting off to a terrific start and that the group at Mercyhurst has now been officially recognized. Do we have some great folks in our community or what?

Micheal and I went down to Youngstown the weekend after Christmas to visit Micheal's mom, Carol, and his brother Matt. His mom has always been very supportive of us as a couple. While we were there, she mentioned she had read about the gay male couple in New Jersey having been able to legally co-adopt a child and then asked if Micheal and I were planning to do the same. She also asked whether we had gotten wills naming each other as beneficiaries. We told her that we had decided that at this point in time, we weren't particularly geared up to be parents, and figured we should look into getting wills. It really made me feel that she was dealing with us effectively as a married couple—she could easily envision us as staying together to raise a child and making a lifelong commitment to each other. What a nice warm fuzzy feeling!

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NJ adoption landmark; other family issues

from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

WASHINGTON, DC—December 18, 1997— The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force praised the New Jersey class-action victory granting same-gender couples equal status with heterosexual couples in adopting children in state custody.

Noting the intense debate of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) family issues across the country in the past few years, Task Force executive director Kerry Lobel praised the decision as a major breakthrough. Based on the upcoming Hawaii marriage decision, the recent improper removal of a foster child from a lesbian couple's home in Texas, and the significant increase in bills pertaining to GLBT family issues in state legislatures in recent years, the Task Force anticipates that 1998 will be marked by even more social and public policy debate on the issue of GLBT family rights.

"The American public, the courts, and public policy makers are understanding more and more that not only do our families exist, but that they are loving, healthy, nurturing environments, and that we make excellent parents," stated Lobel. "But we know from hard experience that with every gain there is a backlash. 1998 is likely to be a very hot year," added Lobel.

According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, as many as 75 GLBT family-related measures were introduced in nearly 40 state legislatures in 1997, a slight increase from the previous year. While the vast majority of these bills were related to marriage, an increasing number were related to domestic partnership issues and adoption and foster care.

In Texas, one of these bills became law. It stipulates that only a man and a woman can be listed as parents on a birth certificate. NGLTF will monitor state legislative activity throughout 1998 and expects even more such measures to hit.

Also in Texas recently, a state adoption worker improperly removed a foster child from the home of a lesbian couple simply because they were lesbians. The child has since been put back into the care of the women. It's also worth noting that in the Hawaii same-gender marriage case, the state's major argument was that gays and lesbians do not make suitable parents. The court's rejection of this argument is indicative of the ongoing shift in public opinion on this issue. A ruling in this case is expected soon, and it's predicted it will be in favor of same-gender marriage.

In a soon to be published NGLTF report on the economic status of gay and lesbian people in the U.S., Professor Lee Badgett of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, documents that nearly as many lesbians and gay men have children living at home as do heterosexual men and women. In one survey, 31 percent of lesbians and 23 percent of gay men had children under 18 living at home, compared to 37 percent of heterosexual women and 33 percent of heterosexual men. In another study 67 percent of lesbians were parents compared to 72 percent of heterosexual women. The gap was wider between gay and straight men in this same study, showing that 27 percent of gay men and 60 percent of straight men were parents. Nevertheless, both studies illustrate that many gay men and lesbians are parents.

Lobel took exception to the response to this decision by many conservative groups, who characterized the settlement as a "victory for the homosexual agenda." "This is not a victory for the homosexual agenda. It's a victory for children and a victory for families," stated Lobel.

Activists in New Jersey also lauded the decision. "This historic settlement challenges the foundation of the far right anti-gay propaganda that gay people are not fit to be the caretakers of children," stated Wendy Berger, political director of the New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition. Berger can be reached at (908) 828-6772.

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NGLTF publications relating to family issues include *Here to Stay: A Working Paper on Lesbian and Gay Family Issues*, and *Capital Gains and Losses: A State by State Review of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV/AIDS Related Legislation* (1997, 1996, and 1995). To obtain any of these publications, contact NGLTF.

Contact NGLTF at 2320 17th St. NW, Washington D.C. 20009 202-332-6483 ext 3314, email mfjohnson@nglrf.org Web at <http://www.nglrf.org>

"I love you"

Here's how to say it in several different languages:

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French: je t'aime
je t'adore

Russian: Я тебя люблю (ya te-BYAH lyoo-BLYOO)

Spanish: Te quiero

Italian: Ti amo
Ti voglio bene

Swahili: Nakupenda

Czech: Te miluji

Polish: Kocham Cie
Kocham Ciebie

German: Ich liebe dich

Mohawk: Konoronhkwa

Japanese: Kimi o ai shiteru (which could also probably double as a vague insult in English).

Letters

The "Norm" and children

Why does our society let our children suffer alone? Our society says that there is a "norm." People wonder why children take their lives. Think about it. If a child is different they are singled out and made fun of. So the child learns not to be different. But we are all made different. How can our society say what is right or wrong, normal or abnormal?

I have given my life to helping others and I plan on having a career in doing so. I am now a successful college student; I am one of our nation's children. I have tried to follow the "norm" our society has set, but that is what I am unsuccessful at. To live day by day, I have to hide part of myself. I have experienced in life what it is to be different from the norm. This is what some of our children are going through. They feel alone. To acknowledge themselves they must face abandonment from their religion, their family, even their friends. To them ending everything is better than facing society,

Why do we let them face everything alone? Can't anyone understand that they are scared? We run from ourselves, we struggle to change, but we can't. We were created different. We are what our society labels as being "gay."

Please support our children

Thank you,
T.R.

"A study done in the Des Moines public schools showed that the average high school student hears anti-gay comments like 'dyke' and 'faggot' a stunning 26 times a day, and that teachers who witness such incidents do nothing a shocking 97% of the time. The results of this kind of behavior for gay and lesbian students is terrifying."

—Martina Navratilova
addressing the Gay, Lesbian & Straight
Education Network

HIV/AIDS News

Upcoming Erie County Health Dept programs

For any of these programs, contact the HIV/AIDS Education department at the Erie County Department of Health at (814) 451-6727 or email them at aidsed@ecdh.org

Feb 12 and 13 - Certification for HIV Counseling/Testing. 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Bayfront Classroom-4th Floor. 300 State St. Audience: Nurses, Counselors, Case Managers. \$20 both days. Register by Feb 4.

Mar 18 - Managing AIDS in the Healthcare Setting 1:30-4:30 PM. Blasco Memorial Library. \$10. Register by Mar 11.

Mar 30 - HIV/AIDS and Workplace Policies 12:30-4:30 PM. Blasco Memorial Library. \$10 per business. Register by Mar 25.

Apr 6 - "Friendship in the AGE of AIDS 8 PM. Memorial Auditorium, Edinboro University. Joel Goldman and T.J. Sullivan. Call 451-6727 to register.

Protease inhibitors brochure

They've given people with HIV a new lease on life and given others the idea that HIV/AIDS is easy-to-treat.

Now US Food and Drug Administration has published a free brochure on these "miracle drugs" called The Protease Inhibitors Backgrounder. Copies are available for free. The brochure gives detailed information on use, storage, interactions, most frequent adverse effects, and more.

Failure to use the drugs properly is a major problem and consequences are especially serious with HIV treatments, particularly protease inhibitors.

The Protease Inhibitors Backgrounder is available under FDA's HIV/AIDS Therapeutic Index, found at: <http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/piindex/html>

Safer sex educators might consider keeping some of these on hand, considering that people's misconceptions about them seem to be contributing to the rise in unsafe sex.

(Thanks to Shepherd Wellness Center in Pgh. for info).

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Spotlight on Nushawn

The November/December edition of *Pathways*, AIDS Community Services of WNY's outreach publication, was devoted to the events in Chautauqua County surrounding Nushawn Williams.

The edition, with the front cover story called "AIDS in the Middle of Nowhere..." can be obtained through AIDS Community Services offices in Jamestown (716-664-7855).

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Tutu meets with head of gay church

From the Metropolitan Community Church

West Hollywood, CA--A meeting of historic significance to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities took place on Dec. 12 as two internationally recognized human rights activists met in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Rev. Troy D. Perry, moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, met with Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu in Johannesburg for a wide-ranging discussion of human rights issues. Others in attendance for this historic meeting included the archbishop's wife, Leah; Rev. Perry's spouse, Phillip DeBlicek; and the Rev. Andre Muller, UFMCC area coordinator for South Africa.

The meeting began with cordial greetings, followed by Archbishop Tutu's request that the group open in prayer. The archbishop led the group in a prayer of welcome and affirmation.

During the meeting, Rev. Perry expressed thanks to Archbishop Tutu for his work to include protections on the basis of sexual orientation in the new South African constitution. Perry shared how this accomplishment has helped to mobilize the American Gay Rights Movement in seeking protections from the United States Congress, including laws that would ensure basic rights to lesbian, gay, transgendered and bisexual citizens to work for a living without the fear of discrimination.

Both Archbishop Tutu and Reverend Perry discussed the roles that religion plays in the on-going debates around sexual orientation. Archbishop Tutu noted that religious fundamentalists have questioned the right of the government to add sexual orientation to the South African Constitution and want simple answers to life's hard questions. "Some people always try to take the Bible literally and legalistically," he said, adding "Quoting the Bible is not enough."

The Archbishop further stated, "Parents must love their children. It is a shame that fathers still teach their sons not to cry as though that would make them seem like a woman. Fathers teach their sons not to have real feelings. Every human being should rejoice and celebrate both our masculine and feminine sides."

Reverend Perry and Archbishop Tutu also reviewed a range of other human rights and spiritual justice issues, including their common opposition to the death penalty.

Archbishop Tutu discussed his work as chair of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which will conclude its work in June of 1998. At that time, Tutu will become a visiting professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Reverend Perry extended an invitation for Archbishop Tutu to address the 1999 General Conference and World Jubilee of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in Los Angeles, California, at which the denomination will dedicate its new \$5 million UFMCC World Center complex. The archbishop indicated his residence in the US at that time made it more likely that he might be able to accept the invitation.

The meeting finished with Reverend Perry assuring the Archbishop that he is surrounded with the prayers of all MCCers for continued good health after his recent bout with prostate cancer.

UFMCC is composed of more than 300 local congregations in 15 countries. With a combined budget in excess of \$15 million, the UFMCC churches comprise the largest predominantly gay organization in the world.

Additional information on UFMCC is available at the organization's website at <http://www.ufmcc.com> or by e-mail at info@ufmccchq.com James N. Birkitt, Jr. UFMCC Director of Communications Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches 8704 Santa Monica Boulevard, 2nd Floor West Hollywood, CA 90069 Phone: (310) 360-8640 Fax: (310) 360-8680 E-mail: info@ufmccchq.com

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Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

Out on video now is the goofy roommate comedy **Kiss Me, Guido**.

Now at **The Movie Stop** is **All Over Me**, the teenage coming of age story with the alternative soundtrack.

Welcome to our new advertiser **Pride Gifts by Christopher**, a mail-order business located in Erie. The business sells jewelry, rainbow chains, stickers, flags, and other items. Now, because of the similarity of names, there is a possibility that customers may get this business confused with the **Rainbow Pride Gift Shop** in Buffalo. So please do take note that these are two different businesses, located in two different cities.

The **Larry Sanders Show** will return to HBO on March 15. David Duchovny, whose character had a crush on Larry, is expected to return.

TV Guide announces that Al Franken will be on a new sitcom this spring called **Lateline**. Franken will play a news reporter: the pilot will include Candace Gingrich, Joycelyn Elders, Ralph Nader, and G. Gordon Liddy. No air date as of yet.

According to *Entertainment Weekly*, the Lifetime Channel will be running repeats of the **Ellen** series this fall. Should be interesting to watch its evolution, starting out as an obvious *Seinfeld* knock-off (originally entitled *These Friends of Mine*), with DeGeneres' character dolled-up and de-dyked.

In the 1980s, *the* lesbian icon for baby dykes everywhere was Jo (**Nancy McKeon**) on the sitcom **Facts of Life**. Jo's character was played like a young lesbian who didn't realize it yet...especially in the first couple seasons that she was on. (She joined the show in 1982). Jo was probably also the most mature and well-adjusted teenage character on American television at the time. Anyway, USA Network is showing *The Facts of Life* again, weekdays at 8:30am. If you were a big fan of the show, you may want to visit the Unofficial *Facts of Life* Web site at <http://fly.hiwaay.net/~djberry/mainbody.htm>

Pittsburgh's PBS affiliate WQED is once again airing **In the Life**, so readers in that viewing area will want to check out the letter the station sent us about their *In the Life* decision (see page 8).

We still haven't heard anything from **PBS's Buffalo affiliate** (WNEQ/WNED) about their decision to stop

airing the program. PBS members in Western New York might want to consider writing them polite letters asking what's happening.

Michael Weiss at **The Director's Circle Theatre** was featured in a story in the *Erie Daily Times* in which he stated his concern for the loss of audience when the theater moved to the area known as Little Italy. Apparently people are afraid of the neighborhood. As someone who often walks through that neighborhood after I leave my second shift job, I can say that, at least these days, I don't have any problems going through there (of course, when you're 5'8" and walk like a plowhorse, people tend to give you a wide berth). But seriously folks, once you get away from the circus on West 18th Street, Little Italy is just another low-income neighborhood. Statistically-speaking, I don't know if it's more or less prone to crime than the theater's old location (and in good conscience I can't suggest that others go hiking through this or other areas at night), but Little Italy certainly isn't a wild or violent area like what you now have on the city's east side.

Although in this column I try to keep up with a lot of what is happening with entertainment and related areas, the fact is there is too much going on for this little column to catch. It's a great change from when we were doing Erie's other two gay/lesbian publications (P&ALS newsletter and Erie Gay Task Force): we'd really have to scrape to find stuff to tell readers about. Now, you just can't keep up! But there are other **resources**, and if you'd like to get a more complete idea of what's going on out there, check them out! As far as I know, *the* most complete source is the *Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation* Web site at <http://www.glaad.org>. There are a number of magazines, and they vary a lot...you can look them over at the newsstands at Barnes & Noble, Rainbow Pride Gift Shop in Buffalo, etc., to see what fits you. The most obvious ones are *The Advocate* and *Out* magazine, but there's also *Genre* (aimed at men), *Girlfriends* and *Curve* (aimed at women), and others. Pittsburgh's *Out* and *Planet Q* are available for free in bars and other locations in western PA, and the *Gay People's Chronicle* is available in Ohio and northwest PA bars. You can also subscribe to any of these publications.

GLAAD media awards 1998 nominees

NEW YORK January 15, 1998 — The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is proud to announce the nominees of its 9th Annual GLAAD Media Awards, which will take place in three ceremonies to be held in New York City on March 30 at the New York Hilton Towers, in Washington, DC on April 4 at the George Washington Marriot and in Los Angeles on April 19 at the Century Plaza Hotel.

General event and ticket information for this year's GLAAD Media Awards can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.glaad.org>.

THE 1998 GLAAD MEDIA AWARD NOMINEES:

OUTSTANDING FILM (Wide Release):

As Good As It Gets

In & Out

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil

My Best Friend's Wedding

OUTSTANDING FILM (Limited Release):

All Over Me Bent

Different For Girls Lilies

My Life in Pink (Ma Vie En Rose)

OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTARY:

Behind the Music: Boy George (VH1)

Hide and Seek (PBS)

I Shall Not Be Removed (PBS)

Licensed to Kill

Paul Monette: The Brink of Summer's End (Cinemax)

OUTSTANDING TV MOVIE:

Any Mother's Son Breaking the Code

In the Gloaming Twilight of the Gold

OUTSTANDING TV DRAMA SERIES:

ER (NBC)

413 Hope Street (Fox)

NYPD Blue (ABC)

OUTSTANDING TV COMEDY SERIES:

Ellen (ABC) Mad About You (NBC)

Spin City (ABC) Suddenly Susan (NBC)

OUTSTANDING TV INDIVIDUAL EPISODE:

America Undercover "Drop Dead Gorgeous (A Tragicomedy): The Power of HIV-Positive Thinking" (HBO)

The Practice "Civil Rights" (ABC)

The Simpsons "Homer's Phobia" (Fox)

South Park "Big Gay Al's Big Gay Boat Ride"

(Comedy Central)

Xena: Warrior Princess "Here She Comes, Miss Amphipolis" (Syndicated)

OUTSTANDING TV TALK:

RuPaul Show "The Family Show"

Geraldo "Ellen Coming Out: Celebration or Catastrophe?"

Oprah Winfrey Show "Ellen's Coming Out" Episode

OUTSTANDING DAYTIME DRAMA:

All My Children (ABC)

OUTSTANDING TV JOURNALISM:

20/20 (ABC) - "TOPS Cops"

20/20 (ABC) - "Married Lesbians Come Out"

Legal Cafe (Court TV) - "Domestic Partnership"

Entertainment Tonight (syndicated) - Body of Work

AIDS: A Journal of Hope (Time Warner/NY1)

OUTSTANDING MUSIC:

Ani DiFranco - Living in Clip

Erasure - Cowboy

Indigo Girls - Shaming of the Sun

Janet Jackson - The Velvet Rope

White Town - Women in Technology

OUTSTANDING MAGAZINE ARTICLE:

"Her Son/Daughter" New York Times Magazine

"A Daughter's Story" Seventeen Magazine

"I'm Just Like Any Other Mom" McCall's

"1997 Entertainer of the Year" Entertainment Weekly

"Yep, I'm Gay" Time Magazine

OUTSTANDING MAGAZINE OVERALL COVERAGE:

Time Magazine

The Progressive

Advertising Age

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"[My lesbianism] is something I'm fine with as a political statement. But I still want a private space for carrying out my relationships."

1970s Revolutionary icon
Angela Davis
in Out magazine February 1998

OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:

"Death of a Sailor" by Cheryl Lavin (Chicago Tribune)
"What A Difference A Modem Makes" by Matthew McAllester (Newsday)
"A Self Made Man" by David Tuller (San Francisco Chronicle)

"Nowhere to Hide: When Love Turns Mean" by Katherine Seligman (San Francisco Examiner)

OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER COLUMN/ COLUMNIST:

Clarence Page "What Kids and Their Parents Should Know About Gay Rights" (Tribune Media Service)

"Outlooks" (Miami Herald)

OUTSTANDING COMIC:

The Invisibles The Flash
Superboy and the Ravers For Better or For Worse

OUTSTANDING INTERACTIVE MEDIA:

Ann On-Line gay.com
GLORadio Sol's Activist Page
Oasis Magazine

OUTSTANDING LA THEATER PRODUCTION:

The Sum of Us Mountains
Gay 90's Musical Rent
The Normal Heart

OUTSTANDING NY THEATER PRODUCTION:

A Question of Mercy
Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde
Hedwig & The Angry Inch
In-Betweens
Tell-Tale

NGLTF: more action on hate crimes

from NGLTF

WASHINGTON, DC, January 9, 1998—The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has urged Congress to expand the federal mandate for prosecution of hate crimes so that crimes against people because of sexual orientation are prosecuted like all other hate crimes.

The Hate Crimes Prevention Act (S 1529 and HR 3081) would add hate crimes based on an individual's real or perceived sexual orientation to the list of bias crimes that the federal government can prosecute.

NGLTF sent this message on the day that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released its annual report on Hate Crime Statistics for 1996.

The FBI report noted 8,759 total reported hate crimes in 1996. Of that total, 1,016 were based on the victim's sexual orientation. This is a higher total than the 7,947 incidents report in 1995. However, 1995 had three more (1,019) crimes based on sexual orientation. NGLTF Executive Director Kerry Lobel compared these numbers to a report recently released by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Projects. That 1996 national report shows a six percent increase in hate crimes against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people in ten U.S. cities with large GLBT populations. She pointed out that the discrepancy between these and FBI figures could be attributed to a number of factors.

According to Lobel, "GLBT people often do not report hate crimes based on their sexual orientation because of their fear of discrimination by police; lack of interest or diligence on the part of the police; and lack of training in many police departments in working with members of the GLBT community."

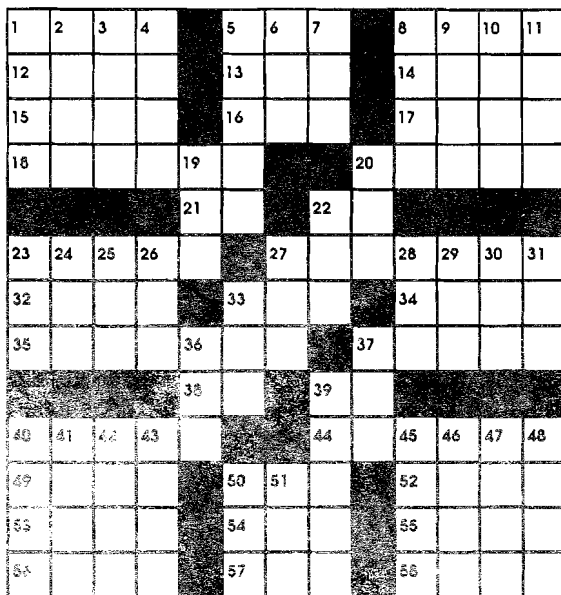
NGLTF sponsored a nine-city hate crimes tour through the heartland in 1997. During community forums, Lobel heard dozens of stories of hate violence targeted at GLBT people and got hundreds of people to sign petitions urging President Clinton to take additional steps to address the high number of hate crimes against GLBT persons. She delivered those petitions to the Administration at last November's White House Summit on Hate Crimes.

"...if we spent half as much time dealing with the government as we've spent yelling at each other, we would have had our rights 20 years ago."
—Lea DeLaria
lesbian comedian

Check our website (<http://www.ncinter.net/~egcn>) for late-breaking news, messages from our readers and more!

EGN Crossword

by Mike Miller



Down:

- 1 *Birdcage* actor Azaria
- 2 Game, jai _____
- 3 Long Island Railroad, to engineer
- 4 Have need of
- 5 Shared a bed
- 6 Unacceptable lubricant base for most condoms
- 7 Observe secretly
- 8 Napoleonic boast, "L'____, C'est moi."
- 9 '74 Lucille Ball flop
- 10 Blue eye-shadowed Drew Carey foil
- 11 'Unknown' abbreviation
- 19 Ornamental vase
- 20 Asian country, ____ Lanke
- 22 That lesbian
- 23 Arrangement, to conductor
- 24 Flower garland
- 25 Take it on the run
- 26 Jujube
- 27 DOMA prevents same sex couples from getting it
- 28 *Rocky Horror Picture Show* actor Curry
- 29 Miss Piggy, to herself
- 30 Ocean, to cartographer
- 31 Negative vote
- 33 Romanovsky & Phillips, for example
- 36 Years gone by
- 37 *Green Acres'* Gabor
- 39 Escort, as through a dark theater
- 40 "My lovers... they are the suburban and rural workmen" poet Verlaine*
- 41 Fishing enticement
- 42 Jason's mythical ship
- 43 Enamored, to a poet
- 45 Squares of butter
- 46 Proper, prissy
- 47 Nature walk
- 48 Garfield namesis
- 50 Overrated college entry exam?
- 51 Chic resort or mineral springs

Across:

- 1 "As a lump of fine crystal, wonderfully wrought, is the soul of the woman I love" poetess Radclyffe*
- 5 '75 ABBA hit
- 8 Actress Thompson who had lesbian guest shot on *Ellen*
- 12 *Inter* _____, among others in Latin
- 13 Kiss requirement
- 14 Tin plate in crosswordese
- 15 Drug enforcement officer
- 16 Former Tarzan and game show host Ron
- 17 Bullets and such
- 18 "The Love that Dares to Speak its Name" poet James*
- 20 "I love my love with an A because she is a queen" poetess Gertrude*
- 21 Right Tackle, to Coach
- 22 Elder namesake, for short
- 23 "Please Master Can I Touch Your Cheek" poet Ginsberg*
- 27 "We Two Boys Together Clinging" poet Walt*
- 32 Genuine
- 33 *Gidget* actress Sandra
- 34 Minuscule amount
- 35 "My mouth is often joined against his mouth" poet Arthur*
- 37 "Her breast is fit for pearls/ But I was not a 'diver'" poetess Dickinson*
- 38 *Alimony*, collect \$200
- 39 *Butter* cream
- 40 "My love, the Alexis is beautiful... everyone stares, ogles it everywhere." Greek poet*
- 44 "Desire darts about your loveliness..." Greek poetess*
- 49 Distinctive air
- 50 Quieting sound
- 52 Desert-like
- 53 Compulsion
- 54 Hairy beast
- 55 Polynesian torch
- 56 Man's name
- 57 Smoker's concern
- 58 Diving bird***

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1-800-359-AIDS or 1-800-400-AIDS

Northwest Alliance
RD #3, Box 75F
Clarion PA 16214

1001 State, Suite#806
Baldwin Bldg
Erie PA 16501
nwpaaid@erie.net

Resource Directory

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

▼ = Erie Gay News available here! ♿ = Handicap accessible

24 Hour Counseling

- Erie Hotline 453-5656 or (800) 628-0190
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 Family Crisis 456-2014
 Hamot 877-6136
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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
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 Whistle Stop Bed and Breakfast (905) 871-1265
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Bars

- The Embers ▼ 454-9171
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 Leeward Lounge ▼ (440) 964-9935
 1022 Bridge St, Ashtabula OH.
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 Rascals ▼ (716) 484-3220
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Crossword Solution:

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Coffeeshouses 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.
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 Counseling Center ▼ 898 Park Ave Suite 12, Meadville PA
 David J Johnson MA MS 838-9408
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 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).
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- Lambda Foundation (412)521-5444
 P.O. Box 5169, Pittsburgh PA 15206
 Imperial Court 266 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo NY

Health

- PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833
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Info-Lines

- Buffalo (716)883-4750
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 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
ARTSline 452-2000 then "ARTS" (2787)
Barnes & Noble ▼ 864-6300
 5909 Peach St, Erie PA
Directors Circle Theatre ▼ 454-0636
 652 W 17th St, Erie PA <http://www.eriefun.com/dc>
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Howard Hanna/Spiegel Realtors 864-3200/Cell 449-0405
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Roadhouse Theatre ▼ 456-5656
 145 W 12th St, Erie PA. Email Roadhouse@erie.net <http://www.njipro.com/rta>
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 3158 Main St, Buffalo NY. Email talklvbk@fcs-net.com

Political/Advocacy Organizations

- NWPA Chapter of ACLU** 734-3458 (Bob Cogan)
 PO Box 1413 Erie PA 16512.
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
 1115 W 7th St, Erie PA 16508-0063. Fax 452-1392, Email egcn@ncinter.net
 WWW: <http://www.ncinter.net/~egcn/>

Religious Organizations

- Dignity** 451-0593 (Jerry)
 Support group for lesbian/gay Catholics and their friends and family.
Ecumenical Christian group 734-3959 (Susan Laurie)
 Now forming. Open to Christians of all denominations/orientations.
Temple Anshe Hessed (Reform Congregation) 454-2426
 930 Liberty St, Erie PA. WWW: <http://www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/congs/pa/pa007/>
Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal) 452-3779
 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.

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- 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 Coffeeshouse** ▼ 451-0359 (Helen) or 456-1315 (Carolyn)
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. Email to aichess@hotmail.com.

Student Organizations/Youth

- Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP, Allegheny College, Meadville)** ▼ 332-4368 (Nancy)
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
- Closest Culture** 899-6528 (Mark)

Focuses on social activities. Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area. Write to: PO Box 529, Edinboro PA 16412. Email ClosestClt@aol.com

- Covenant House Teen Hotline** 1-800-999-9999
- Identity** & 732-4357 (Amy)
Student group for lesbigay & allies at Edinboro Univ. Meets in the room 101 of Hendricks Hall Wed 8:30 pm. Write to Identity, Edinboro Univ, 374 Dearborn Hall, Edinboro, PA 16412
- Jamestown Comm. College Grp** ▼ (716)665-5220 ext 204 or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)
Peer counseling & support attempting to live fulfilling, open, integrated lives as lesbigay people in W NY & NW PA. Open to college & non-college people. Meeting date, time & place vary. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020. Email to greg@rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjc.edu.

- Mercyhurst Gay/Straight Alliance** ▼ . 824-2468 (Vivian Tamburello or Ofc Mgr) or 824-2700 (Tara)
Meets Tuesdays at 8:30 PM in Rm 213 Zurn. Mail to Mercyhurst GSA, 501 W 38th St Box 443, Erie PA 16546-0001. Email to Tara at tsamios@hotmail.com or

Email

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

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

- National Runaway Switchboard** 1-800-621-4000
- SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU** (716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
Meets Tuesdays at 10 pm 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
Meeting open to the public. Write: College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Rd, Erie, PA 16563. Email to caraballo@psu.edu WWW: <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 esc@sonline.net
- 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 Hwy. Open to all Lesbians who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone.
- Northcoast Rainbow Families** 868-0069 (Christopher) (716) 366-1453 (Judy)
Support, advocacy, and education group for lesbigay parents and their families; play group for kids in western NY, northeast OH, and northwest PA. Affiliated with Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. Write to: NCRF, PO Box 254, Fredonia, NY 14063. Email to: glpcerie@aol.com
- Partners** (814) 664-7090 (Luella)
Support group for lesbigay people and their supporters in Corry PA area. Call or email for meeting time and place. Email to: partn5896@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 1st Thurs 7:00 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Congreg 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 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. WWW: <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 - Sandra Decker 456-8849
 Case Manager - Andrea Cathcart 814-764-6066
 Case Manager - Cheryl Weber 825-1085 or 455-3786
 AIDS Action Team (AACT) Gannon 871-7233
 AIDS Bereavement Support Group 452-3779 (Sue Kuebler)

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AIDS Network Information 451-6700

Friends from the Heart 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

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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). 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 806, Erie PA. Email them at nwpoids@erie.net

St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group &

..... Cheryl Weber at 455-3786, if no answer 825-1085

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 E. Grandview Blvd. Use main entrance & follow signs for Support Group.

Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.

Case Manager - Margaret Geer, RN (800) 743-1940

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

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(Corry) Erie Co. Dept. of Health 663-3891

(Erie) Erie Co. Dept. of Health 451-6727

Call for info on CD4 and Viral Load Testing 451-6727

(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

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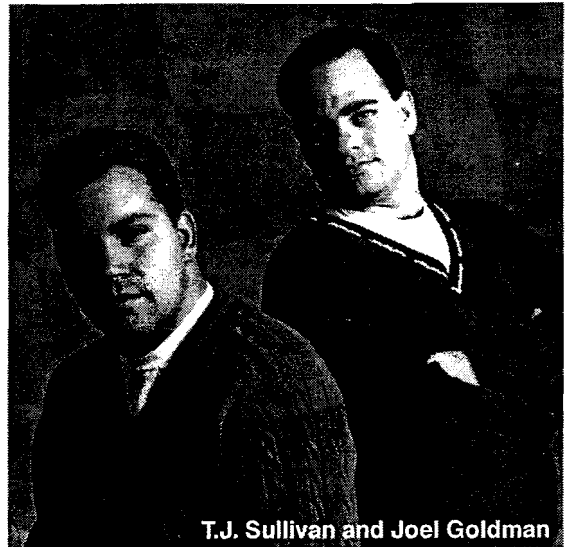
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