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Erie Gay News

Calendar

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

Apr 3—*In the Life* (Erie) 10pm on WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) The national program that examines gay and lesbian culture, politics and news.

Apr 4—Womynspace: NOT MEETING!!! Womynspace will not be meeting, however, a musician, Pat Humphries, will be performing for the general public at our usual time and location. Tickets can be made available to Womynspace folks in advance, for \$4.00 (\$8.00 at the door!) For information, call Helen at 451-0359 or email aichess@hotmail.com"

Apr 5—Corry Partners group meets (Corry PA) Call for times 814-664-7090 (Luella).

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

➤ **Apr 8—Pride Rally committee of ECPO meets** 7 PM at da Mikes. For more info, contact Michael Mahler at 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net

Apr 8—Christian Spirituality group meets 7:00 pm Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or phone 734-3959

➤ **Apr 8-11— "We're Funny That Way" Canada's International Gay & Lesbian Comedy Festival (Toronto)** At Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, tickets from 416-975-8555 or Ticketmaster.

➤ **Apr 8—National Day of Silence** "Students from across the US will remain silent from 8am to 5pm to protest the silence that is forced upon GLBT people." For more info visit <http://wsrv.clas.virginia.edu/~mkp6n>

➤ **Apr 9—*Biography: Tyrone Power: The Last Idol*** A&E 8pm, midnight. Profiles the gay matinee idol.

➤ **Apr 10—Tori Amos on *David Letterman*** CBS.

➤ **Apr 10—*Biography: Liberace: Mr. Showmanship*** A&E Profiles the legendary musician and gay celebrity. 8am, noon.

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➤ **Apr 11—Youth/Intercollegiate committee of ECPO meets** 4 PM at SGA room at Mercyhurst College. For more info, contact Jeremy Snyder at 835-6966 or email gtriomino@aol.com

➤ **April 11—Queer U 1998 (Cleveland)** Conference for Ohio college organizations and individual students. Info 216-522-1999 or r.gallagher@popmail.csuohio.edu

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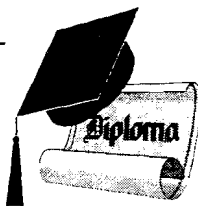
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Thanks!

Items to send us in April

April 15— Deadline for info related to May and early June events:
Beginning of Spring, Mothers' Day, Memorial Day, Graduations, Commitment Ceremonies



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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 March issue collators!

Thanks to Paul Grubbs, Ross, Jeff, Gary, Billy Herd, Dave Amy, Brian Skelly, Greg and Bernie Bright for helping us to collate the March 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!*

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Apr 14—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Apr 14-17—HIV/AIDS Awareness Week at Edinboro University See article on page 14

Apr 14-17—NAMES Project Quilt Display (Edinboro PA) For information call 412-343-9846. Part of HIV/AIDS Awareness Week.

Apr 14—Sandra Bernhard on *Viva Variety* Comedy Central 10pm & 1am.

Apr 16—Fine Arts committee of ECPO meets 7 PM at Scapers, 2508 Peach St. For more info, contact Pat Hiller at 455-9235 or email geomancr@erie.net

Apr 17-19—Out and Equal 98 (Rochester) Conference on workplace issues. National speakers, comedians Kate Clinton, musician Leslie Nuchow. Info 716-234-4646 or www.outnequal.org See the ad (p. 7) or article (p. 12),

Apr 17—Passover Seder (Buffalo) Hosted by WNY Jewish Lesbian & Gay Mishpacha, 1-716-877-6094.

Apr 18—50-50 Drawing to benefit Erie's First Pride Rally Drawing at ECPO meeting. Info 456-9833. (Pride Rally in October).

Apr 18—2 Girls Alone at Cup-A-Ccino's 18 N. Park Row, 9-11:30pm.

Apr 18—Erie Community Pride Organization (ECPO) 2-5 pm at Admiral Room at Blasco Memorial Public Library. Formerly known as Town Meeting. Call Mike at 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net

Apr 18—10% Network (Jamestown NY) 7 pm at Unitarian Church 1255 Prendergast Avenue. Info: John at 716-484-7285.

Apr 18—Menspace Meets: DATE CHANGED!!! At Jeff and Jim's For information or to RSVP, call Michael at 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net.

Apr 18—"Am I Gay?" Helping youth search for answers (Pittsburgh) Sponsored by Diversity project and PFLAG Pittsburgh. At Carlow College Community Center, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15213. For information, call (412) 833-9559

Apr 18—First Annual Mr. Buddies Leather (Buffalo) 31 Johnson Park, info 716-855-1313.

Apr 19—History Special Presentation: *The Fifties: A Burning Desire* 4pm on the History Channel. Deals with

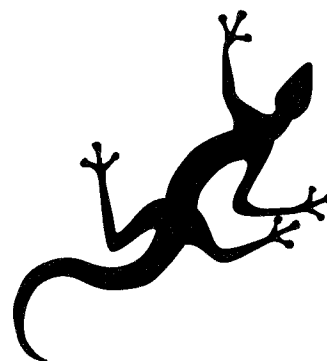
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the changing attitudes around sexuality in that decade, including sexual orientation issues. Part of a series about the 50's running from noon to 9 p.m.

☛ **Apr 20—Northern Exposure: Cicely** A&E noon, 6pm. Tells the wonderful story of how the lesbian couple Roslyn and Cicely founded the town at the turn of the century and turned it into "The Paris of the North." This remains the best dramatic work about lesbians ever shown on network TV.

☛ **Apr 20—Biography: Greta Garbo: The Mysterious Lady** A&E 8pm, midnight. Profiles the glamorous lesbian film star of the 1920's and 1930's.

☛ **Apr 21—Movie or Billiard Night** Sponsored by ECPO, contact Michael at 456-9833 or egcn@ncinter.net for more info.

☛ **Apr 21—Panel Discussion: "The Experience of Homosexuality" (Mercyhurst)** Sponsored by Mercyhurst's Academic Celebration week. 8-10 PM in Sullivan 1 of Sullivan Hall at Mercyhurst College. Contact Veronica Ledoux at Mercyhurst College Gay-Straight Alliance at vledoux@alchemy.student.mercy.edu or 824-2899

Apr 22—Christian Spirituality group meets 7:00 PM. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or call 734-3959

☛ **Apr 22—Live from Lincoln Center: New York City Opera: Benjamin Britten's Paul Bunyan** 11pm WQLN (PBS-

Erie/Ch.54) Operatic collaboration between two gifted gay men—Benjamin Britten, one of England's most distinguished composers, and W.H. Auden, one of England's best-known poets.

☛ **April 23-26—Imperial Court of Buffalo: Coronation '98** Gala weekend of glamorous drag, with many events, attendees from all over. Contact IMB, 266 Elmwood—Suite 231, Buffalo NY 14222.

☛ **Apr 24—PFLAG-Ashtabula meets** Info: Sharon at (216) 964-3350.

☛ **Apr 24—20th Century with Mike Wallace: Outbreak! The New Plagues** A&E 10pm, 2am. Some experts believe that changes in the environment and human behavior are responsible for modern-day diseases like AIDS and hantavirus.

☛ **Apr 25—Karen Williams in Pittsburgh "Let's Laugh About Sex"** African-American lesbian comic named "The funniest woman on the comedy stage today" by the *SF Bay Times*. DJ Dance after the performance. During the afternoon, Karen will be giving her "Healing with Humor" workshop. Info 412-795-5141.

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☛ **Apr 28—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

☛ **Apr 26—Bravo Profiles: Bjork** On Bravo 8pm.

☛ **Apr 27-28—"HIV/AIDS education and training"** 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Blasco Memorial Library. Cost is \$30.00/both days. Lunch is on your own. This training is for teachers, healthcare professionals or anyone interested in becoming a volunteer HIV/AIDS instructor. Registration deadline: April 20, 1998. Call 451-6727 to register.

☛ **Apr 29—American Masters "Lou Reed: Rock and Roll Heart"** 10 pm WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch.54) and WVED (PBS-Buff./Ch. 17) story of Lou Reed, gay rock poet, composer guitarist. Features interviews with Patti Smith, Sonic

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Youth, Suzanne Vega, David Bowie, and others, with vintage footage of Andy Warhol at the Factory

☛ **May 2—Womynspace: Video Nite!!!** "We will be featuring one or more lesbian films for your viewing enjoyment. Popcorn & sodas provided - or bring your own snacks. Please bring friends! For more info, please call Helen at 451-0359 or email: aichess@hotmail.com."

☛ **May 2—20th Century with Mike Wallace: The Televangelists** A&E 4pm. Examines the popularity and political power of TV evangelists including Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Jimmy Swaggart and Oral Roberts.

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

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

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☛ **May 12—Tori Amos on Jay Leno** NBC.

☛ **May 13—Christian Spirituality group meets** 7:00 PM. Info Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or call 734-3959

☛ **May 15-17—"We Are Family/People of All Colors Youngstown Crystal Celebration"** "Inviting our extended family members [i.e., you are welcome to attend!] to share our 15th year anniversary. Friday: Welcome reception. Saturday: pool party, bar crawl, Midland Regional Meeting, lunch on your own, workshop, free time for sight seeing and shopping, cocktails at The Bistro, Awards Banquet, talent show. Sunday: Barbecue party. Info: John Vivo at 330-788-5693 or Bob Tillman 330-534-5904.

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☛ **May 21-24—International Gay Bowling Organization Annual Tournament (Cleveland)** Parties, AIDS Quilt display, and of course bowling, at Palisades Palace Lanes, call Jim at 216-252-8933 or Blair at 330-645-6833.

☛ **May 21-31—Inside Out Lesbian & Gay Film Festival (Toronto)** Over 200 works from around the world, 18 short programs, 40 feature programs, 4 special presentations. Info 416-925-9872 ext 2229. Email inside@insideout.on.ca http://www.insideout.on.ca

☛ **May 22—Compton's Annual Miss Buffalo Cruise (Buffalo)** 716-885-DARK. Benefits Gay & Lesbian Youth Services of Western NY. See more on Compton's on page 8.

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☛ **June 6—Womynspace: Open Mic Nite!!!** "Womynspace is excited to offer an open-mic coffee house — a nite for

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womyn to showcase their original work or that of another—prose, poetry, dramatic readings, one act plays, musical instrument, etc. We want to hear YOU! Please join us to show your work and to hear others' in a supportive, workshop space. To participate, and for further info, please contact Helen at 451-0759 or email richess@helen.com.

Pride events

- June 13—Pride Film Tonic
- June 20—Buffalo Pride 98
- June 26-28—Columbus, Ohio
- June 27—Cleveland
- June 27-28—Toronto Pride
- October 10—Erie's 1st Pride Rally!

More details in the future. For info on other communities, check http://www.interpride.org/igc98/usa_98.htm

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Video review

All Over Me

Directed by Alex Sichel

by Q.D.

Last summer, Alex Sichel's indie film gem *All Over Me* silently took a leap forward in the world of independent cinema. Refreshingly, the homosexuality of the main character was taken for granted and told a story about life and those who live it, instead of wasting 90 minutes leading up to the not so shocking revelation that one of the characters might be gay.

All Over Me is a character study in the true sense of the word. From beginning to end we see the wayward evolution of a conflicted teenage girl named Claudia. At first glance she seems nothing more than a brooding tomboy. As the tale unfolds, a picture is painted of an oppressed dreamer fighting to throw off the shackles of a closed minded world, and of her own pretentious behavior. Allison Folland gives a riveting performance as Claudia, showing a tremendous amount of dramatic maturity in her soulful reciting of potentially flat lines.

In the emotionally challenging thrill ride, we see a gritty magnification of the complexities of human nature, and the painful fallout of self discovery. *All Over Me* achieves greatness with a refreshing lack of sensationalism.

A superb young cast merits a high recommendation!

In the Life

Broadcast dates from PBS affiliates around the area. Mark your calendar so you don't miss it. Check against your local listings.

Pittsburgh (WQED) March 28 11 p.m. (Airing under a banner program called *WQED X-Change*).

ERIE PA (WOLN) April 3 10 p.m.

State College (WPSX) April 9 at 10 p.m.

Western New York (WNE/D/Ch. 17) Starts May, every Tuesday It's back! Yay! 10 p.m. (following *Frontline*) running for six weeks.

Women's Festivals

Lilith Fair was cool, but Sarah MacLachlan had it wrong when she said it was the first women's festival. There've been women's music festivals for over two decades now, most of them organized by lesbians or with heavy lesbian involvement. Here is a listing of some of this year's events, which include music, comedy, workshops, outdoor activities, dancing, drumming, playing, talking, films, video, music and lots of women. They vary a lot too...some are rustic, some are not. Except for National Women's Music Festival they are pretty much lesbian events, though there is a strong lesbian presence at that festival as well. Contact them and see what they have!

Our source for this list asks us to include this: "This list first appeared in Lesbian Connection, the free nationwide forum of news and ideas for lesbians. For more info or to get on LC's mailing list, lesbians should write LC, c/o Ambitious Amazons, PO Box 811, East Lansing, MI 48826."

GULF COAST WOMYN'S FESTIVAL April 9-12 at Camp Sister Spirit. GCWF, Box 12-LC, Overt, MS 39464, (601)344-1411 email sisterspir@aol.com

CAMPFEST May 20-25 (Memorial Weekend) near Oxford, PA. Campfest, PO Box 559, Franklinville, NJ 08322 phone (609)694-2037 TTY (301)598-9035 (eves) email camfest@aol.com

WIMINFEST May 22-24 (Memorial Weekend) WIMINFEST, PO Box 80204, Albuquerque, NM 87198-0204 phone (505)899-3627, (800)499-5688, email wimin@wiminfest.org

FROM GAIA'S HEART (Formerly In Gaia's Lap) May 27-31 in Maryland. Box 65237, Baltimore, MD 21209. (888)740-GAIA email Resssonate@aol.com

VIRGINIA WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL May 28-31 INTOUCH, Rt 2 Box 1096, Kent's Store, VA 23084 phone (804)589-6542

WOMONGATHERING June 11-14 in Poyntelle, PA PO Box 559, Franklinville, NJ 08322, phone (609)694-2037 email womongathr@aol.com

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JULY 4th KICKBACK July 3-5. INTOUCH, Rt 2 Box 1096, Kent's Store, VA 23084 phone (804)589-6542

MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL August 11-16 near Hart, Michigan. WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458 phone (616)757-4766

NORTHEAST WOMEN'S MUSICAL RETREAT September 4-7 (Labor Day Weekend) NEWMR, PO Box 597, Branford, CT 06405, ph (860)293-8026 email NEWMR98@aol.com

MIDWEST WOMYN'S AUTUMNFEST Sunday, September 6 Arhena Productions, 217 S 2nd St #193, DeKalb, IL 60115 phone (815)748-5359

10th OHIO LESBIAN FESTIVAL Saturday, September 12 near Columbus, Ohio LBA, PO Box 82086, Columbus, OH 43202, ph (614)267-3953

WILD WESTERN WOMEN'S WEEKEND September 18-20 INTOUCH, Rt 2 Box 1096, Kent's Store, VA 23084 phone (804)589-6542

"Geee - a nice 'spot'" - in Buffalo..."

by Helen

Just want to share a little secret with local womyn...In the past several years, I have often visited Buffalo, specifically for the SHADES dances. (Womyn of Color organization.) I want to tell everyone, first of all, that I ALWAYS have a wonderful time at SHADES gatherings! There is usually a buffet, a good mix of dance music, and lots of wonderful womyn! I'm a middle-aged white woman, and have always been warmly welcomed by the black lesbian community in Buffalo. The majority of attendees are also middle-aged womyn, which is a welcome change from the usual "bar scenes" which rarely have a notable attendance of people over 35. (Some of us still LOVE to party and dance!) I'd like to encourage womyn who are frustrated with the local party scene (or lack thereof), to check out Shades' dances!! Secondly, check out COMPTON'S AFTER DARK, a bar on Niagara Street in Buffalo. Compton's is a fun place for womyn, and again, I have usually found lots of friendly older womyn at Compton's, a bar owned and run by Cheryl, a warm and cheerful woman who never forgets a face! A new feature coming with the warm weather will be weekend barbecues on Compton's new, private patio. Sounds like fun to me! Check it out!

Editors' note: We'll keep you updated on upcoming SHADES events.

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Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

Harry Miller has sold **Tapas** to Clemens Zehender. Clemens was the manager at la bella bistro and will be the chef at Tapas, so fans of la bella bistro's cuisine will now be able to enjoy it at Tapas. The menu's a bit more upscale than Tapas' but you can still buy lunch or smaller sized entrees from \$4.50-\$8.50.

Danielle, a local woman, is interested in forming a **softball league**. Call her at 725-1550 if you're interested.

More Tales of the City, the next installment in Armistead Maupin's San Francisco saga, will *finally* be aired. Showtime will debut the series in June.

Actress/director **Jodie Foster** has announced she is pregnant. Revealing no details about the father or method of conception, Foster told *Access Hollywood* she intends to raise the child as a single mom, "Just like I was, myself." Interesting, since her brother outed Jodie in a book last year and noted that Jodie's mom was a lesbian who gave her daughter the name of her life partner.

At **The Movie Stop**: *In & Out* (very successful comedy about "outing"), *L.A. Confidential* (police drama), *Kiss Me, Guido* (roommate comedy), *Twilight of the Gods* (an expectant couple that knows their child will be born gay wrestles with whether or not to abort it) and *Female Perversions* (psychological drama).

Just a note regarding **TV profiles** that we include in the "Calendar" section (like the one about gay film star Tyrone Power)...we don't always know if a profile is going to include discussion of a gay person's sexual orientation (even if they do mention that they were married to someone of the opposite sex) so sometimes our readers wonder what's going on. Well, even if they don't go into everything, some viewers might still be interested in the lives of famous lesbigay people, so they're still included.

Mary Chapin Carpenter will be appearing at Chautauqua July 3. For ticket info and reservations call 1-800-836-ARTS.

If you don't have enough reason to find the **Spice Girls** annoying, try this: Buffalo's *QNews* reports that at a Dec. 18 press conference, during a disagreement with the press, Geri Halliwell (a.k.a. Ginger Spice) responded with "Calléte...maricón!" which basically means "Shut up...faggot!"

According to the folks organizing the "We're Funny That Way" Gay & Lesbian Comedy Festival in Toronto, they will be presenting a free sneak preview of *In Through the Out Door*, "the first **gay and lesbian sketch comedy show** which will be airing on CBC and Showtime." Hmm! Will keep you updated when we find out more.

With three **Toronto** events listed this month, it's time for another reminder to folks who want to travel there: don't forget your birth certificate or proof of residency status. You may not ever be asked for it, but if the border guards ask for it and you don't have it, it can be a pain.

Rainbow Alliance at University of Pittsburgh has organized the **Triangle Project**, which collected fabric triangles decorated by themes of homophobia. The collection will be shown from April 6 to 17 at the Kimbo Gallery in the William Pitt Union at University of Pittsburgh. For info contact Nicole through at 412-648-2105 or send email to rainbo@pitt.edu. You can also find information online at <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/4461/triangle.html>.

Lilith Fair will be back again, starting in June.

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Local news

Lambda Car Club forming

If you are interested in antique and classic automobiles, then you might want to join the Lambda Car Club, an organization for gay and lesbian antique/classic car enthusiasts. The Lambda Car Club has more than 1,400 members throughout the United States and Canada and is divided into local regions. The Finger Lakes Region, based in Rochester, serves Western New York and the Lake Erie Region, based in Akron, serves northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

Throughout the year, the regions hold a variety of social activities, most related to antique/classic cars, such as trips to car shows and museums, road rallies and parades. For example, the Finger Lakes Region sponsors an antique car parade and show each year as part of Rochester's Gay Pride Festival (this year scheduled for July 18-19). There are also many national club events that draw members from across the country.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the club, contact Bob at 456-9643. You do not have to own an antique/classic car in order to join.

Activities sponsored by Erie Community Pride Organization

The Erie Community Pride Organization (ECPO, formerly referred to as the Town Meeting group) is organizing a few activities that are open to everyone. We will be having either a billiards session or a trip out to a local movie theater on Tuesday, April 21st. Contact Michael Mahler at 456-9833 or email him at egcn@ncinter.net

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Circuit parties: a response

by Ross

OK, as I'm sitting here waiting for customers to come in, I've gotten the chance to read even more of the EGN, and feel compelled to respond to the questions raised regarding circuit parties.

Jeff and I have been to a number of circuit parties (some local, some not)—in many cases it's just been the luck of the draw that we happened to be around when they were going on. In October we were lucky enough to happen across the Grey Party in Houston. Picture this, Houston, 1997. We're in a huge dance club (str8 every other night during the year) with thousands of men around. The bar was very cool - multiple levels, multiple bars, and an expansive dance floor. For most of the hours during the party, the place was absolutely packed. We were probably there for 5 or 6 hours and there was not any point where either Jeff or I saw drugs of any sort. To tell you the truth, I really was surprised. Now, we don't consider ourselves the "clueless" or "out of touch" type who might miss something like that, especially during the course of 5 hours. We weren't even propositioned about drugs. And we had a great time there.

And about the issue of regular-looking guys going to these parties. There is nothing unique about the way Jeff or I look or act, and we still felt completely comfortable and "at home" in this type of a setting, so I really can't give any credence to a claim that "regular guys" don't or can't fit into this scene. I enjoy the scenes (and scenery) and have never thought that I was "out of place" by being there.

Now, this example holds for this particular party so it may go on in other settings, but I personally haven't experienced it in the settings I've been in.

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Jill's New England journey

I left Erie on February 25th of this year after selling my house, putting my stuff in storage, quitting my job of 8 1/2 years and leaving my kitties with my friend Christelle. I headed east on I-90 for a six month journey in New England. I thought it might be fun to share some of my adventures with you. (I think it will also help me feel less homesick.)

My home base is at Rowe camp and conference center in the Berkshires of Massachusetts (It's approximately 45 miles northwest of Northampton...better known by many as "lesbianville." OK, I know you're thinking "now I know why she went to New England" but the truth is I'm here to do a vegetarian cooking apprenticeship under one of the most talented chefs around. The food we create is really culinary works of art... homebaked breads, soups, pasta, cereal and much more.

Why else do people come to Rowe besides for the food? Well, Rowe has been around since 1924 and offers an opportunity for people of all backgrounds and orientations to come together in a safe and loving space for a variety of workshops and camps. Groups can also rent the facilities for retreats. I wish I could tell you all of the sessions coming up over the next several months, but I'll give you a sample: Rekindling the Flame: Fun, Romance and Communication in Lesbian Relationships; Leaders

with Heart: The New Management Paradigm, The Sixties and the Coming Millennium; and Build Your Own Sacred Drum. There are also summer camp sessions for kids and adults and the end of summer brings a Labor Day retreat for Gay & Bisexual men.


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Rowe is an eight hour trip from Erie and is on the way to lots of fun places in New England including Boston and Provincetown. I'll write again next month and tell you about my adventures in Northampton.

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Out and Equal '98

LGBT Workplace Issues Conference

The 6th National OUT & EQUAL Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Rochester on April 17-19, 1998. This national conference on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) workplace issues draws several hundred participants and is being held in the Eastern United States for the first time.

National speakers will present discussions and workshops on a variety of issues during the three-day conference. The first day, Friday, is an all-day session focusing on LGBT workplace issues for the human resources professional. Topics will include: sexual harassment, employment law, benefits discrimination, human resource policies, helping to create a diverse and LGBT-friendly work environment, learning from EFLAG. Some of the speakers at the conference are much respected in the LGBT community and their lives. Topics will include: creating a safe and maintaining employee resource groups, building relationships with management, sexual harassment, deaf-gay employees, employment law, employee assistance programs, homophobia and racism, diversity training upgrades, strategic employee issues, overcoming organizational resistance, and learning from EFLAG.

There are a number of events taking place during the Out and Equal '98 National Conference, including a performance by popular comic Kate Clinton and acclaimed musician Leslie Nuchow. This special one-night-only event is open to the general public and is not to be missed.

Kate Clinton is a self-described "feminist + humorist" (that's feminist + humorist), and has appeared across the country as a stand-up comic. She started her professional stand-

up career in 1981 using politics, Catholicism, and her lesbianism to compose a repertoire of topics. Her former one-woman show "Out Is In" played to sold-out crowds in Los Angeles and ran for 3 months off-Broadway. She was part of Comedy Central's "Out There II" stand-up special, and her television appearances include "Arsenio Hall", "Good Morning America", "Nightline", and many others. She hosted "In the Life", a televised gay news-variety show and collaborated on a summer series "The World According to Us" which aired on Lifetime.

Leslie Nuchow is a performer of immense power, whose arresting voice Annie Lennox says "stands alone, in [her] very own category." That voice, together with the poetic intensity of her songwriting, creates a moving connection with all of her audience, whether she performs in a small club or in a large arena. In 1995, she was named one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" by Time magazine. She was the first woman to be named "Most Influential" in the category of "Entertainment". Leslie's songwriting has been featured in a number of films, including "The Hours" and "The Piano". She has also written and performed songs for the film "The Hours" and "The Piano". Leslie's songwriting skills have won her accolades including the grand prize from the Thirteenth Annual Mid-Atlantic Songwriter's Contest, and twice the National Academy of Popular Music Best Songwriter National Search.

The show will take place on Saturday, April 18th at 8:30pm in the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in downtown Rochester. General admission tickets are \$18 in advance (\$15 for conference participants) and \$25 at the door. Advance sale tickets are available at the following Rochester locations: The Pride Connection, Rochester Custom Leathers, and Silkwood Books. Tickets are also available on-line at www.ticketweb.com. The show will be signed for the hearing impaired.

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HIV/AIDS News

Update: HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry

by Sue B Kuebler

I'm still here, and so is the HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul. Let me first begin by saying that the face of AIDS has changed some in the Erie area. Several educators are no longer with us, there is new case management at the NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance, there are new and exciting risk reduction programs, but the reason for our existence has not changed. HIV disease and AIDS is still part of the life of all of us. In English we'll hear those words, "your time is up, it's a period." Or all there's a cure. (If I may be so bold to phrase it) we'll be here.

I am one of the HIV/AIDS Service Network. We had been meeting for several years on the third Wednesday of each month at the Episcopal Cathedral. We are currently in the thick of the separation process effectively meeting the needs of all and accommodating those individuals who would like to participate but cannot due to scheduling schedules. As an all group of us are reevaluating our strengths and weaknesses. Until we discern what is our most effective use of the talent of those involved, we have suspended meetings. You will be informed when we resume meeting. Thank you for your patience.

Currently, many Service Network members are on the planning team for the Annual AIDS Awareness Week at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (EUP). This is always a well organized week of activities, complete with NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt (generously provided by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the NAMES Project).

The kick off event is on April 6, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium (EUP) with a special presentation by T.J. Sullivan and Joel Goldman, partially underwritten by the Erie County Dept. of Health of. They are portrayed as "the nation's most popular college program" and have brought their humorous program to more than 350,000 students and 300 campuses. This is free and open to the public.

Additional events begin on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 and run through Friday, April 17, 1998. [editors' note: see schedule on pages == =]. Also listing should appear

in newspaper and will be posted on EGN web page.] For more information contact Dr. Jan Kinch at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania at 732-2617.

A belated thank you to all of you out there who have been so wonderfully supportive of our World AIDS Day's Healing observance. It is very gratifying to see the change in attitude over the years. The first World AIDS Day observance five years ago was so suspicious an event to our beloved Erie that only 35 brave souls attended. Last year's observance was attended by over 180 persons. Approximately 80 people joined in the candlelight procession that preceded the event. We even had to set more places at the table to feed the overflow crowd at Kelvin's Dinner following the service. These are wonderful problems to have. I thank you all for your vote of confidence in our work.

Julia's Hope, our NAMES Project panel making group is working diligently on the creation of a very special Quilt panel for a very special lady. This group will be available in the future to help other individuals in creating panels.

Finally, do not forget that this ministry offers AIDS Education to groups or individuals religious or secular. We provide grocery items to persons with HIV disease and AIDS on a weekly basis with delivery available to those who cannot come to the church. We are also here to respond to emergency needs and hold occasional special social events such as "Kelvin's Dinners" a drop-in meal for the infected and affected. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the church and leave a message for me (I am frequently working outside the church) all inquiries are strictly confidential and I never return phone messages identifying myself as "the AIDS ministry."

"In our church there will be no outcasts...." Sue-B. Kuebler, for the HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry, Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, 134 West 7th St., Erie, PA 452-3779.

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HIV/AIDS Awareness Week at Edinboro

(Tentative Schedule of events)

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display April 14-17

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.: The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display Four 12 x 12 sections comprised of quilt panels as tributes to loved and remembered ones will be housed in the Edinboro University Center lobby. Whenever and wherever The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is displayed, it may not be unattended; therefore volunteer quilt sitters form campus-wide clubs and organizations always will be in attendance during the times which The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display.

Workshops, presentations, events

Tuesday, April 14

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.: STD's and The Talk Box - Erie County Department of Health (Alicia Manus)

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.: AIDS 101 - Education, Transmission, Prevention. (Sue Kuebler)

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.: Risk Management for College Students - Assessing Activities with the NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.: Legal Issues of HIV/AIDS itself and work related issues. (Mark Wassell)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.: Accessing Support Services: A panel discussion with Catholic Charities (Monsignor Mike McGraw); St. Martin's Outreach (Cheryl Weber); Chairperson, HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry (Sue Kuebler); and Erie Gay News (Michael Mahler)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.: HIV Testing/Pre-Post Counseling/Mock Test (absolutely anonymous and confidential) (Ms. Fran Reinsel)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.: Curricular Issues - Edinboro Schools

McKean Elementary (Patricia Davis) Parker Middle School (Bob Santas) General McLane (Sid Manchester)

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Overview: The Early Days of HIV/AIDS and Pathology Reports. (Mary Ellen Reitz, M.D.)

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.: HIV and Our Legislation: Office of Phil English (Jerry Knight)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Reception

7:00 - 9:30 p.m.: President Pogue - Welcome/Introduction HIV/AIDS Awareness Week at Edinboro University, 1998

The Politics of AIDS: Panel- Blood Issues (DonPaul Lucas) Reporting Status (Fran Reinsel) Funding Streams (Sue Kuebler)

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.: The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display; Edinboro University Center lobby.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.: Medication Update; (DonPaul Lucas)

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.: Alternative/Complementary Therapy; (DonPaul Lucas)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.: Serenity - "Shout Outreach Program" (Tracey Thomas)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.: " Active Learning Strategies to Promote HIV/AIDS Education" ; (Dr. Kenneth Felker and Linda Mukina, Health and Physical Education Department, Edinboro University.)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.: Quilt Presentation; (Sue Kuebler)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.: Safer Sex: (DonPaul Lucas)

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Educational Issues: "Addressing the Issue of HIV As An educator" (Dr. Susan Criswell, Chairperson Educational Services, Dr. Salene Cowher, Counseling & Human Development, and Dr. Jean Faieta, Special Education & School Psychology)

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.: HIV/AIDS Concerns in the Prison System - (Dr. Mark Baker) Medical Director, S.C.I., Albion

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6:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Reception
 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.: Genesis: A Wake-Up Call Toward Enlightenment; (Dr. Robert Berke,) Mayville Public Health Department, and (Fran Reinsel) Erie Public Health Department

Thursday, April 16

8:00a.m. - 11:00p.m.: The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display; Edinboro University Center lobby

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.: Medication Update: Alternatives and Complementary Therapy; (DonPaul Lucas)

11:00a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: HIV/AIDS Question and Answer; (Dr. Martin Mitchell, Edinboro University Biology Department)

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.: "People Like Us": Moral and Ethical Issues of HIV/AIDS (Dr. Dana Bushnell and Dr. James Drane Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Edinboro)

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.: HIV and the College Campus (Mary Anne Weiner)

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.: Women and HIV (Jane Stock and Charlene Bushyager)

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.: Personal Testimonials; (Lori and Jerry)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Reception

7:00 - 9:30 p.m.: Voices of AIDS - Presentation "Circle of Life" - The General McLane High school Choir Quilt Slide Show and Testimonials

Friday, April 17

8:00a.m. - 11:00 p.m.: The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt; EUP University Center lobby

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.: HIV and the College Campus (Mary Anne Weiner)

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.: "A Women s Story: A Personal Testimonial (Jane Stock)

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.: Testimonials (Lori and Jerry)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.: Blood Issues/Blood Safety (DonPaul Lucas)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.: The Quilt (Sue Kuebler, Chairperson, HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.: Safer Sex Workshop (DonPaul Lucas)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.: HIV Testing/Pre-post counseling (absolutely anonymous and confidential) (Fran Reinsel)

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Closing Ceremony (candlelight) " Amazing Grace" - Ms. Lauren Hughes, solo

Booths: Tuesday - Friday

Tuesday, April 14

9:00 - 12:00 p.m. 1. MHEDS - Agnes Priscaro 2. Women s Care Services - Carla Smith

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. 1. Erie County Public Health Department 2. Serenity - SHOUT Outreach Center 3. Family Health Council 4. Ghering Health Center (Edinboro University)

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. 1. Family Health Council

Wednesday, April 15

9:00 - 12:00 p.m. 1. Common Threads - Sister Sally 2. Women s Care Center - Carla Smith

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. 1. Erie Veterans Affairs Medical Center - Sue Sucharski/Joy Kronenberger 2. Family Health Council 3. AIDS Angel - Ms. Wanda Habas 4. MHEDS

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. 1. Erie County Public Health Department 2. Family Health Council

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Friday, April 17

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. 1. Family Health Council 2. Ghering Health Center (Edinboro University) 3. PFLAG

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MARRIAGE:

On February 27, a Superior Court in Alaska rejected the state's request to dismiss a lawsuit filed by two men for the right to marry. Similar to the way the Hawaii court case progressed, the judge ruled the State of Alaska must show a compelling reason to prohibit same gender couples from marrying. In his ruling, Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski stated, "The Court finds that marriage, that is the recognition of one's choice of a life-partner, is a fundamental right." The state will likely appeal the ruling to the State Supreme Court. If the lower court ruling is upheld, then a trial would be held where the state would be made to demonstrate a "compelling reason" to discriminate against same-sex couples. An anti-gay lawmaker has since introduced a state constitutional amendment that would restrict marriage to a man and woman. It has passed the state legislature by a two-thirds vote. It has already passed out of one committee and now moves on to another. If the amendment does pass the legislature, it would then go before voters in November. For more information, contact Dan Carter at EQUAL, Inc., 907/274-9226, equal907@aol.com or Sara Boesser at the Committee for Equality, 907/789-9604.

In other marriage news, Washington became the 26th state to adopt an anti-same-sex marriage ban (see NGLTF Marriage Map at <http://www.nglftf.org>), while New Mexico activists were successful in killing an anti-marriage bill in their state. Measures to ban marriage remain alive in eleven states (AL, AK, CO, IA, KY, MD,

NE, NJ, VT, WV, WI). The Nebraska bill is a holdover from last year and very unlikely to get far. In Maryland, in addition to the anti-marriage bill, the "Protection of Marriages" measure, a pro same-sex marriage bill, has been introduced.

CIVIL RIGHTS:

On February 10th, Maine's civil rights law was repealed through a voter referendum. The law was passed last spring. Opponents put it up for a vote in a process known as the "people's veto." Only 30 percent of the electorate voted, and it was repealed by less than two percentage points. Had the vote occurred during a regular election when a majority of the electorate was participating, it is likely the law would have been preserved. Maine is now the only state in New England without a civil rights statute that bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

At least nine states (AZ, CO, DE, IL, IA, MD, MO, NE, NY) and Puerto Rico had broad-based civil rights measures introduced. The Arizona, Nebraska and Delaware bills are limited to employment, while the rest would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, credit, and public accommodation. The Colorado bill is officially dead, and the Iowa measure is effectively killed. The others remain pending. In California, there is a bill that would extend the time allowed to file an employment discrimination complaint, while in Kentucky there is a bill prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination in the provision of health insurance and health care.

Three states (CA, HI, WA) have anti-civil rights measures pending. The Washington bill would prevent cities and counties from amending their landlord-tenant laws to include, among other things, nondiscrimination ordinances (such as sexual orientation) that are not included in state law. The California measure would exempt all non-profits from a law banning employment discrimination, and the Hawaii measure would allow legislators to overrule state court decisions by a simple majority. This bill is motivated by court rulings in the state favorable to same-sex marriage.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP:

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partner benefits. The Wisconsin bill would forbid any entity in Wisconsin from receiving state dollars to offer domestic partner health insurance coverage. A similar measure in Michigan passed the Senate and now awaits action in the House. The California bill would prevent the University of California from providing domestic partner benefits to faculty and staff. This bill has passed the Senate and is now in the Assembly.

On the positive side, California has a number of favorable domestic partner bills, as does Massachusetts. Also, in Illinois there is a measure to extend health and insurance benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of state employees. Republican governor Jim Edgar is on record as supporting these benefits.

HATE CRIMES:

At least seven states (CA, CO, IN, MI, SC, VA, WY) had hate crime bills introduced that are inclusive of sexual orientation. While Virginia and Wyoming's hate crimes bills are dead, favorable measures in Colorado, California, Indiana, and South Carolina are still alive. The California bill would include gender identity in the state's hate crimes law. The law already includes sexual orientation. Meanwhile Kentucky has a bill to establish a hate crimes law; however, the measure does not include crimes based on sexual orientation. In PA, there is a measure that would establish a hate crimes law inclusive of sexual orientation. However, it is attached as an amendment to a bill that is considered by many to be an infringement on first amendment rights. The bill would make it illegal to wear a mask on public or private property except under specific circumstances. The entire bill, along with its hate crimes amendment, is therefore being opposed by most GLBT groups.

SODOMY:

Sodomy repeal measures have been introduced in at least six states (AZ, GA, MA, MO, RI, VA).

FAMILIES:

A bill was introduced in Rhode Island that would allow individuals to designate the person they want to be considered immediate family for the purpose of hospital visitation. Along with Rhode Island, at least one other state, Arizona, has a pro-families measure. Meanwhile attacks on gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender families continue in at least four states (AZ, GA, OK, TN). The Tennessee measure is not likely to go anywhere. In Oregon there is a broad sweeping anti-gay initiative that is likely to appear on the November ballot (see NGLTF Legislative Update (1/31/98).

HIV/AIDS & HEALTH:

A slew of HIV/AIDS-related measures have been introduced in at least 16 states. Ten states (CA, CO, GA, IL, IN, MN, MS, MO, RI, VA) have measures that are considered favorable. These measures range from needle exchange programs to increased funding for education and prevention programs. In at least thirteen states (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, IN, IA, MN, MS, MO, NY, WA, WV) there are unfavorable measures ranging from the criminalization of HIV transmission to a bill in West Virginia that would allow HIV testing without consent. It would apply to a broad and nebulous array of situations involving people who are exposed to blood, such as funeral home directors, health care workers, and those persons helping at accident scenes. The West Virginia measure has already passed out of one house.

On the non-legislative front, the California Supreme court let stand a lower court ruling prohibiting commercial enterprises from furnishing marijuana for medicinal purposes (marijuana is used by many people with AIDS to alleviate pain). Also, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced mandatory reporting by health-care providers of HIV using a number identifier rather than a patient's name.

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In the area of health, there is a bill in Kentucky that would exclude same-sex couples from domestic violence protections.

TRANSGENDER:

In Maryland, there is a bill allowing the reissue of birth certificates for persons who have a sex change operation.

CAMPUS:

In Kansas, the legislature requested that the Board of Regents submit a list of all academic courses with subject matter directly related to homosexuality or bisexuality. The request has since made it through the chain of command to department heads at some schools. It is not known which legislator(s) made the request, only that it was made through Legislative Research Services, which ensures the source of the request remains anonymous. The request and the fact that is being carried out by school officials have chilled many in the academic community who see it as an aggressive attack on academic freedom and the gay lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. For more information, contact Christine Robinson at the Freedom Coalition, 785/841-0992.

A measure in California would prohibit state schools from removing armed forces recruiters from campus. Some schools across the country have banned ROTC units because the military's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy conflicts with their state or campus nondiscrimination policy. In Illinois there is a bill to add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination policy for the state's community colleges and universities.

SCHOOLS:

Measures pertaining to schools have been introduced in at least six states (CA, CO, GA, IN, RI, WA). Two unfavorable bills in Indiana would create an abstinence education study committee and mandate teaching abstinence in sex education classes. The Georgia bill would restrict information about homosexuality. There are two favorable bills. They are a safe schools measure in Washington and a resolution in Rhode Island requesting the Department of Education to make available sensitivity training about homosexuality.

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Ellen: news & views

GLAAD & Chastity Bono

LOS ANGELES, Monday March 9, 1998—Recently, remarks by GLAAD's Entertainment Media Director, Chastity Bono, regarding the sitcom *Ellen* were taken out of context to suggest that she felt the program was "too gay-specific." When she was asked why some individuals may not be tuning in, she responded with a number of theories that are currently being discussed in the media, including that some viewers might feel the show deals too heavily with gay storylines. What the article fails to mention is that Ms. Bono and GLAAD strongly believe that the program contains themes that transcend issues of sexual orientation, and are entertaining and appealing to audiences gay and straight.

The article also does not cite the work that she and GLAAD have been doing in support of *Ellen* over the past year and a half, and that we are working diligently to ensure the sitcom's return for another season of quality television. "GLAAD recognizes that *Ellen* is a milestone for our community and of the contributions she has made towards television programming that accurately portrays the lives of lesbians and gay men," said Joan M. Garry, GLAAD Executive Director. "The body of GLAAD's work around *Ellen* speaks volumes about our recognition that Ellen DeGeneres has given our community an extraordinary gift."

Deep Inside Hollywood (excerpt)

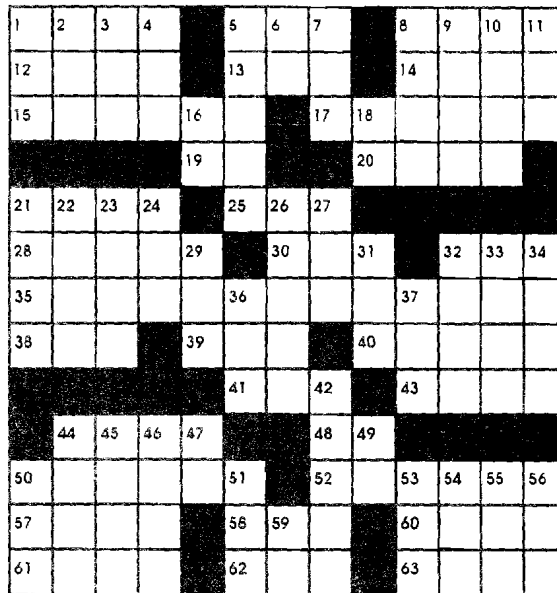
"Before making any knee-jerk judgments that would likely follow *Ellen*'s cancellation, it should be noted that the show is steadily losing viewers. Through Feb. 25th, *Ellen* was ranked 45th in the Nielsens, down 15 spots from last year and 32 from the show's first full season (1994-5). And it's not holding onto the audience from its lead-in, *Drew Carey*, which in the most recent Nielsens finished 28th for the week. *Ellen* was 63rd.

To be fair, *Ellen*'s audience is much different from the one *Drew Carey* attracts. And the network's ratings are down overall this year. One thing's for certain: if *Ellen* does return, ABC execs will insist she tone down this season's emphasis on Ellen Morgan's love life."

For more Deep Inside Hollywood, visit www.gay.net.

EGN Crossword

by Mike Miller



- 7 Pen point
 8 '69 Maggie Smith tour de force *The Prime of Miss Brodie*
 9 Trieste wine measure
 10 Secrete, often in a closet
 11 Non-Commissioned Officer
 16 Dorothy's Auntie
 18 "Rally sport", to Lambda Car Club member
 21 Indian royalty
 22 Saudi
 23 No longer applicable Rolling Stones' hit ____ *Is on My Side*
 24 Large shoe size
 26 Nichelle Nichols' *Star Trek* role
 27 Fond du ____, Wisconsin
 29 Fast plane
 31 70's retro to 50's "greaser" group ____ *Na Na*
 32 Shear off quickly
 33 Speed contest
 34 Aces
 36 Bruce Wayne's mammalian super-hero inspiration
 37 Chicken ____ King
 42 American novelist Henry*
 44 Genuine
 45 Latin existence
 46 Late AIDS afflicted tennis star Arthur
 47 Sm. state
 49 Rap star or game show host
 50 Scouting group legally embattled by its own anti-gay stance
 51 Enjoy a meal
 53 Redundantly named racist sheet-heads
 54 Prefix for 'one'
 55 Even, to 52 across perhaps
 56 Someone who's not a Poz?
 59 Blues singing matron Rainey*

Across: *April birthdays

- 1 Fairy tale writer ____ Christian Anderson*
 5 Gay porn cartoonist, or Attila
 8 Be-knighted Shakespearean actor Gielgud*
 12 Maria Callas' forte
 13 *Love Story* actress MacGraw
 14 Cartman on *South Park*
 15 *Our Town* author Thornton*
 17 *Last Tango in Paris* actor Marlon*
 19 John Preston classic ____ Benson
 20 Crossword dagger
 21 Level of interest or taxation
 25 *The King and I* actor Brynner
 28 Zodiacal ram*
 30 Possesses
 32 Sign at sell-out show
 35 Only "confirmed bachelor" US president*
 38 Only "honest" president?
 39 Blacktop
 40 Gertrude Stein's "Pussy" ____ B. Toklas*
 41 Indian landmark ____ Mahal

- 43 Edgar Rice Burroughs classic *Jarzan of the ____*
 44 Derriere
 48 *La Cage aux Folles* tune "I Am What I ____"
 50 Blues singer Smith, believed to have trusted with 59 down*
 52 *Seasons in the Sun* self-proclaimed "non-poet" Rod*
 57 Tie up at the waist
 58 French soul
 60 Leg joint
 61 Sheltered from the wind
 62 Cartoon Devil, for short
 63 Senator and close associate of 35 across, nicknamed "Miss Nancy", Rufus DeVane ____*

Down:

- 1 70's Country & western show *Hee ____*
 2 Aristotle Onassis, to Jackie?
 3 Little or none
 4 Melancholy
 5 Mattachine Society and Radical Faeries co-founder Hoy*
 6 Underwriter Laboratories

Back then....

1988: Lesbians and trash TV

In 1987 and 1988, trashy talk shows were beginning to show a surge in popularity.

Comedians commenting on the shows almost always referred to the fact that lesbians were sometimes featured as guests. Typical of the sort of jokes that comics made was that of Betty White, who referred to "lesbian clowns from Mars." A sort of standard reference to trash talk's guests, though, was "lesbian transvestite nuns."

Even a program so evenhanded as *Nightline* was not above including lesbians as trash; in a June 1988 broadcast of the program, Judd Rose included a list of trashy topics that had been included on Geraldo Rivera's talk show. In amongst "Male Strippers" and "Murderers" was the topic "Lesbian Mothers."

--Deb

Resource Directory

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

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- Saint Vincent 452-5151
- Family Crisis 456-2014
- Hamot 877-6136
- Victims of Anti-Gay Hate Crimes 1-800-259-1536

Accommodations, Bed & Breakfasts, Campgrounds

- Camp Davis (412) 637-2402
311 Redbrush Rd, Bowers PA. Campground
- Jones Pond Campground (716)567-8100
9836 Old State Rd, Angelica NY. Adult male camping, 135 sites, water & electric, camp store, pool, DJ (wed on Sat), theme events

Bars

- The Embers ▼ 454-9171
1711 State St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat 8 pm - 2 am. Live DJ music Wed thru Sat 10 pm - 2 am. Pool table.
- Leeward Lounge ▼ (440) 964-9935
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- Ma's Club ▼
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- Rasrals ▼ (716)484-3220
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- Sneakers ▼ (716)484-8816
100 Harrison, Jamestown, NY. Open Mon-Sun 2pm-2am. Musical Mastery May as DJ on Friday and Saturday. Also Karaoke every other Friday. Email artemis100@mid-dp.org
- The Village (formerly Lizzy Bordon's) ▼ 100 block of W 18th in plaza

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Crossword Solution:

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- Scapers ▼ 456-7002
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3158 Main St, Buffalo NY. Email talklvbk@fcs-net.com

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- Louanne Barton, Ph.D. 871-7682
- Chautauqua Co. Gay Infoline (716)679-3560
- Counseling Center ▼ 898 Park Ave Suite 12, Meadville PA
- David J Johnson MA MS 838-9408
Lic. psychologist. Private & consulting svcs. 4845 West Lake Rd, Erie
- Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. (716)488-1971
- Fredonia Office (716)679-3455
- Christine L Gagliano I SW 836-9622

Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 pm.- 11 pm. Mon.-Fri.)
 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)
 Lake Erie Counseling Associates 453-4009
 Individual, family & couples counseling; psychological evals; psychiatric evalua-
 tions & medication management
 Family Medical (Warren PA) 726-3310
 Well Being Center ▼ 838-0123 (Deb Monahan)

Entertainment

ARTSline 452-2000 then "ARTS" (2787)
 Directors Circle Theatre ▼ 454-0636
 652 W 17th St, Erie PA <http://www.eriefun.com/dc>
 Extreme Truthline 868-3825
<http://www.njlpro.com/eti>
 Movie Stop 453-7696
 1229 State St, Erie PA. Also stores in McKean, Meadville & Oil City. WWW: <http://www.moviestop.com/>
 Poppa Ropp's Video ▼ 734-3014
 Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA <http://www.angelfire.com/biz/prv/>

Roadhouse Theatre ▼ 456-5656
 145 W 12th St, Erie PA. Email Roadhaus@erie.net <http://www.njlpro.com/rtrc>

Erotica/Adult Bookstores

Body Language ▼ (888)GAY-PRDE (429-7733) or (216) 251-3330
 3291 W 115th St, Cleveland OH. Email bodylanguage@juno.com WWW: <http://members.aol.com/bodyla3649>

Filmore News ▼ 2757 W 12th St, Erie
 Modern News ▼ 1115 State St, Erie

Funding and Fund-raising

Lambda Foundation (412)521-5444
 P.O. Box 5169, Pittsburgh PA 15206
 Imperial Court 266 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo NY

Health

PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833
 Patrick McNamara, Lic. Massage Therapist (716)679-3430

Info-Lines

Buffalo (716)883-4750
 Chautauqua County (North) (716)679-3560
 Chautauqua County (South) (716)484-8434
 Cleveland (216) 781-6736
 Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 pm.- 11 pm. Mon.-Fri.)
 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)
 Erie 456-9833
 Pittsburgh (412) 422-0114 (M-F 6:30-9:30 pm, Sat 3-6 pm)
 Toronto (416)954-6600 (M-S 7-10 pm)

Legal/Housing

Howard Hanna/Spiegel Realtors 864-3200/Cell 449-0405
 5100 Peach St, Erie PA Contact Linda Fall-Johnson.
 John Cooper, Esq. 455-3436

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NWPA Chapter of ACLU 734-3458 (Bob Cogan)
 PO Box 1413 Erie PA 16512.
 League of Gay & Lesbian Voters 898-4210 (Dave Mulholland)
 Nonpartisan voter. group. Publishes Voters' Guide for elections, voter registration/
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 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/>

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Dignity 451-0593 (Jerry)
 Support group for lesbian Catholics and their friends and family.
 Ecumenical Christian group 734-3959 (Susan Laurie)
 Now forming. Open to Christians of all denominations/orientations. Email
julie.sue@juno.com
 Temple Anshe Hesed (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
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 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

Pittsburgh Frontrunners (412) 687-6055
 Runners and walkers of all speeds and capabilities. Email parkmanpp@earthlink.net

Womynspace Coffeehouse ▼ 451-0359 (Helen)
 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 ClosestCtr@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.sunyjcc.edu.

Mercyhurst Gay/Straight Alliance ▼ . 824-2468 (Vivian Tamburello or Ofc Mgr) or 824-2700 (Tara)
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SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU (716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
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Teen Hotline (412)771-8336

Trigon (Penn State Behrend) ▼ 898-6030 or (Sue Daley) 898-6164
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Support Groups

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Lambda Group—Gay AA ▼ 452-2675
 Alcoholics Anon for Lesbians. Open discussion. Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway. Open to all Lesbians who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone.

Partners (814) 664-7090 (Luella)
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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: pflagdubois@key-net.net

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

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)
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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)

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

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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 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)
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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 nwpaids@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
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Meadville PA/Crawford County

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

Case Manager-Deb Monohon 838-0123
 Case Manager-Andrea Cathcart. 1(800)359-AIDS or (814)764-6066

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

(Erie) Erie Co. Dept. of Health

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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