

# EGN

## Erie Gay News

### Calendar

**May 5—IN THE LIFE RETURNS TO WESTERN NY!** The national series on gay and lesbian news, views and culture is back. See page 7 for schedule. (It will run for six consecutive weeks).

**May 7—PFLAG-Erie meets** 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.

**May 7—Bill T. Jones** Bravo 6:30pm. Special about the HIV+ black gay dancer/choreographer.

**May 7—Speaker: "Religion, Morality and Patriotism"** A talk by Rev. Barry W. Lynn, Executive Director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, author, weekly radio commentator. 7:30pm Hirt Auditorium, Blasco Memorial Library. Sponsored by NW PA Americans United for Separation of Church & State. 455-9730.

**May 8—Absolutely Fabulous Block** Comedy Central. Nothing but Edina and Patsy from 7pm through 3am.

**May 9—Menspace Meets: TBA** At Brian and Dave's. For information or to RSVP, call Michael at 456-9833.

**May 9—Renaissance City Choirs Second Annual Women's Golf Outing (Pittsburgh)** 412-766-5088.

**May 9—Ani DiFranco on King of the Hill** Ani will be featured on this episode of this FOX animated series 8:30 p.m.

**May 10—Hairspray (1988)** Comedy Central . 7am, 8pm John Waters' socially-conscious comedy.

**May 10—Absolutely Fabulous Block** Comedy Central Noon-7pm.

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

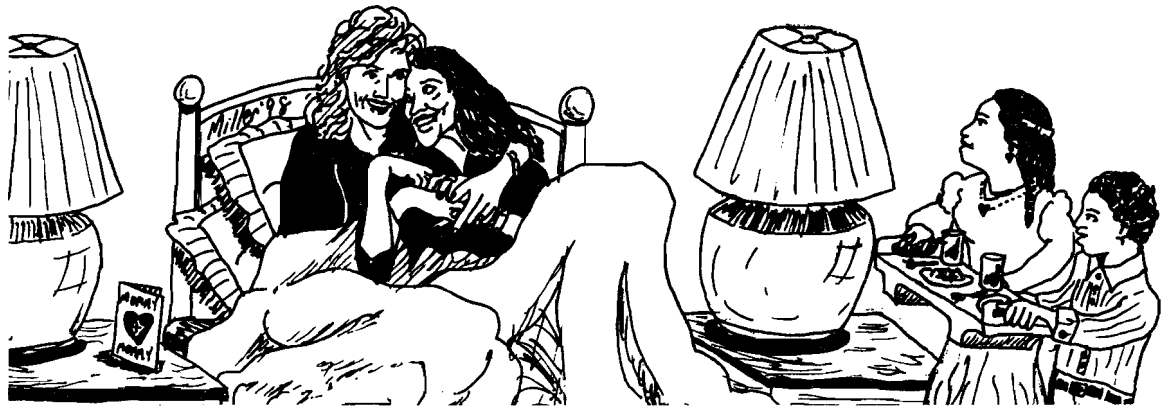
**May 12—Beltane Celebration at UU** 7:30 pm. Pagan holiday celebrated by lesbigay/trans-friendly Coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Wear green, bring a drinking vessel for the ritual and a dish to pass for the potluck feast following. Contact Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net for more info.

**May 12—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

**May 12—Tori Amos on Jay Leno** NBC.

**May 13—Ellen Season Finale** On ABC.

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Thanks!



## Items to send us in May

May 15—Deadline for info related to June and early July events:  
Pride Month, Fathers' Day, Beginning of Summer, Independence 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.

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

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## Thanks for the April issue collators!

Thanks to Paul Grubbs, Gary, Brian Skelly, Dave Mulholland, and Bernie Bright for helping us to collate the most recent issue of *EGN*!

Thanks also to Pat Hiller for some ad layout!

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!*

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

**May 15—South Park: Tom's Rhinoplasty** Comedy Central, midnight. Miss Ellen—a lesbian substitute teacher—takes over when Mr. Garrison goes in for plastic surgery. This episode is followed by *Big Gay Al's Big Gay Boat Ride* at 12:30 am. And actually, if you're a big *South Park* fan, you'll want to know that they have a block of episodes running from 11pm till 3:30am.

**May 15-17—Jones Pond: Open House (Angelica NY)** "Friends and family weekend. Public invited," (716) 567-8100"

**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. Info: John Vivo at 330-788-5693 or Bob Tillman 330-534-5904."

**May 16—The Embers: Anniversary Party** Show with Martika De Vaine, Michelle Michaels and Marilyn Powers. Buffet, no cover. 1711 State St, Erie PA 454-9171

**May 18—Bette Midler** guests on *Murphy Brown* CBS.

**May 19—Ellen DeGeneres** guests on *Mad About You* NBC.

**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](mailto: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. (For those who want to know, it's about 90% women). Reservations *definitely* recommended.

**May 22-25—Memorial Day Weekend at Jones Pond** "Memorial Park Service, Pool Opens. (716) 567-8100"

**May 23—Village People & Disco Inferno in Concert (Cleveland)** Great American Rib Cook-Off. At Lakefront Airport.

**May 24—Compton's Annual Fire Island Party (Buffalo)** 716-885-DARK. Barbecue, drink specials, and an "island atmosphere."

**May 24—Bravo Profiles: Edward Albee** Bravo 1pm. Profiles the gay playwright.

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**May 25—Memorial Day Picnic (Pittsburgh)** North Park Lodge. Food, snacks, beverages available all day, non-stop DJ dance music. 11am-6:30pm rain or shine. 21 and over, must have ID. Sponsored by Delta Foundation, benefits gay and lesbian community. Tickets available at Scapers 2508 Peach Street. For more details see ad on page 3, to read about important changes in picnic, see "Entertainment Notes" (p.12)

**May 26—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

**May 27—"BYKOTA": Christian Spirituality group meets** 7:00pm Info Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or phone 734-3959.

**May 29-31—Jones Pond: Woodstock Party (Angelica NY)** "Black-Light Evening. (716)567-8100"

**May 30—AIDS Walk (Jamestown)** To register and get a pledge sheet, call 716-664-7855 or email acsedu@aol.com for more info.

**May 30—"Happy Birthday Robert" Party at Embers** 1711 State St, Erie PA 454-9171.

**May 31—AIDS Walk (Buffalo)** 11 Am in Niagara Square. To register and get a pledge sheet, call 716-847-0340 or email acsedu@aol.com for more info

**May 31—Inside the Actors Studio: Nathan Lane** Bravo 9pm. Profiles gay actor Nathan Lane.

**June 4—PFLAG-Erie meets -TBA** 7:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

**June 6—Womynspace: Open Mic Nite!!!** "Womynspace is excited to offer an open-mic coffee house — a nite for womyn to showcase their original work or that of another: prose, poetry, dramatic readings, one-act plays, musical instrument, voice, etc. We want to hear you! Please join us to share your work and to hear others' in a supportive womyn's space - To participate, and for further info, please contact Helen at 451-0359 or email: aichess@hotmail.com. *Participants, please respond by May 20th so we can effectively plan and organize this program. Thanks and hope to see many of you there!!!*"

**June 7—Pittsburgh AIDS Walk** 8:30am at Flagstaff Hill in Schenley park. Info PATF 412-242-walk or http://trfn.clpgh.org/patf

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

**June 8—Biography: Andy Warhol: A Life at the Edge** A&E 8pm, midnight. Profiles the flamboyant and controversial artist, filmmaker and the center of a whole cultural milieu.

**June 9—Biography: Tennessee Williams** A&E 8pm, midnight Profiles the gay playwright.

**June 9—Northern Exposure: Mister Sandman** A&E noon. A weird atmospheric condition causes the townspeople to swap dreams. Homophobic straightlaced Maurice is humiliated when his dreams end up in Ron's head.

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**June 11—Biography: Truman Capote: The Tiny Terror** A&E 8pm. Profiles the witty and nasty author.

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**June 12-14—Broadway Nights at Jones Pond (Angelica NY)** "Puttin' On the Hits. Lip Sync Contest. 567-8100"

**June 13—Pride Erie Picnic** At Presque Isle State Park, Beach 11 Pavilion. Begins with games at 11 am, Family Portrait at 4 pm For information, see article page 11 or call Michael at 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net.

**June 13—Menspace NOT MEETING: TBA** Join us at the Pride Erie Picnic at Presque Isle

**June 14—Storytellers: Culture Club** on VH-1 7pm.

**June 18—Ani DiFranco (Buffalo NY)** Art park Lewiston NY. 716-800-659-PARK

**June 18—Law & Order: The Reaper's Helper** A&E 11pm. "Greevey and Logan probe the mysterious death of a gay man who had AIDS—was it a mercy killing or murder?"—A&E

**June 19—In the Life (Erie)** 10pm WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch. 54) Episode details next month.

**June 19-21—LandFest (Holmes Co. OH)** Primitive camping, lesbians, woman-centered. 330-387-2481.

**June 19-21—Jones Pond: Spring Into Summer** "Gazebo Ice Cream Social. 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica NY (716) 567-8100"

**June 20—Face to Face: Live in Vienna—Elton John and Billy Joel** On HBO. Air time not known.

**June 20—10% Network (Jamestown NY)** 7 pm at Unitarian Church 1255 Prendergast Avenue. Info: John at 716-484-7285.

**June 20—Mysteries of the Bible: Cities of Evil: Sodom and Gomorrah** A&E 4pm "Are the twin cities of Bab Edhra and Numeira the cities of sin destroyed by God? The program probes the archaeological evidence and also studies the view, held by some scholars, that the cities were destroyed in wars between rival kingdoms." —A&E

**June 22—Pink Ribbon Tournament (Edinboro PA)** Culbertson Hills Golf Course 866-5077.

**June 22—Northern Exposure: I Feel the Earth Move** Ron and Erick's wedding is featured. A&E noon.

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**June 26-July 3—Jones Pond: V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N Week** "Day Trips. Disco fever night 6/26. 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica NY (716) 567-8100"

**June 26-27—Johnny Mathis in Pittsburgh** Heinz Hall 412-392-4900

**June 27—Ani DiFranco in Pittsburgh** IC Light Auditorium 800-628-5971.

**June 27—National HIV Testing Day**

**July 2—Mary Chapin Carpenter (Buffalo area)** Artpark 800-659-PARK.

**July 2-5—Jones Pond: 4th of July** "300 Block Independence Day Party. (716) 567-8100"

**July 3—Mary Chapin Carpenter (Chautauqua)** For reservations, call 716-357-6250.

**Jones Pond Campground**



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**May 15-17—Open House**  
**May 22-25—Memorial Day Weekend**  
**May 29-31—Woodstock Party**

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## Repeating programs

**Johnny Mathis Live By Request** A&E 5/28 9pm, 5/29 1am, 5/30 10pm, 5/31 2am. New York concert.

**Labor of Love (1998)** Lifetime 5/4 9pm, 5/6 9pm, 5/10 4pm 5/16 6pm Two friends—a gay man and a straight woman—consider having a child together.

**Reno Finds Her Mom** HBO. Lesbian comic Reno goes in search of her biological mother. 5/10 2:40am, 5/11 10pm, 5/25 2:35am

**Viva Variety** The Martha Stewart song, musical guest Luscious Jackson. Comedy Central 5/5 10pm, 5/9 10:30pm.

## Women's sports

**LPGA Golf MacDonalds** 5/16 and 5/17 4pm on CBS. *J.C. Penney* 5/23 4pm, 5/24 3:30pm on ABC. *Wegmans* 5/29-31 ESPN2 (afternoons). *Michelob Light Classic* on ESPN2 6/5 5pm, 6/6 1:30pm, 6/7 3:30pm.

**WNBA** info in Entertainment Notes.

Always check program times against your local listings.

## In the Life

**WESTERN NEW YORK (WNED/Ch. 17)**

*Here are air dates and times for In the Life in Western New York. The station will be having a pledge drive during the last two Tuesdays of June, so ITL won't air then. That would be a good time, however, to thank the station for carrying the program, and consider making a pledge to show your support.*

5/5 11:00 pm  
5/12 10:00 pm  
5/19 10:00 pm  
5/26 10:30 pm  
6/2 10:00 pm  
6/9 10:00 pm  
6/16 10:00 pm

**OTHER COMMUNITIES:**

**ERIE PA (WQLN) June 19** 10pm  
**State College (WPSX) May 28** 10 p.m.

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# Local news

## Times carries same-sex personals

Starting May 17, Times Publishing Co. will begin carrying same-sex personal ads.

"We decided it's time to do this" says Jane Brown, Sales manager at the Times. "We've had requests through the years. We are changing to a new vendor who will accept those ads."

While in the review process of selecting a new vendor, the company reviewed the entire program, making changes as a result.

"It's not about 'legitimizing' this or that group, it's about not discriminating," says Chris Mead, "I've been encouraging them to do this for a long time."

The personals are intended for people seeking relationships or friendships. They are not sex-oriented ads.

They are also carried on the Times web site at <http://www.goerie.com>. Click on the lifestyles button.

Times Publishing publishes the *Morning News* and the *Erie Daily Times*. The personals will be running in the Wednesday edition, *Showcase* (Thursday) and the Sunday edition.

To thank the paper, write Jane Brown, Times Publishing Co., 205 W 12th St, Erie PA 16534 or email [newsdesk@timesnews.com](mailto:newsdesk@timesnews.com).


## Ecumenical Christian Group

The ecumenical Christian group organized by Sue Laurie now has an official name - "BYKOTA" - Be Ye Kind One To Another. The group meets every other Wednesday. Call Sue at 734-3959 or email her at [julie.sue@juno.com](mailto:julie.sue@juno.com) for details.

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## Pat Campbell show cancelled

WFLP-1330 has cancelled Pat Campbell's local right wing talk show.

As the host of "The Right Way" radio talk show, Pat Campbell specialized in anti-gay tirades. He fanned the flames of homophobia when it was announced that the "Lesbigay" float would appear in Erie's Bicentennial parade, regularly trashed certain straight allies, falsely asserted that certain local gay male activists were supporters of the North American Man/Boy Love Association, and often made remarks associating gay males with pedophilia, AIDS, and excrement.

Other targets included childhood immunizations and the Benedictine nuns, as well as the usual right wing list of things and people to hate.

Campbell's show will be replaced with the nationally syndicated "Dr. Laura," an extremely popular nationally-syndicated advice program.

In the April 25 edition of *Weekender*, Station Manager Chris Hagerty is quoted as saying the move was a gamble, but would also free up time Hagerty has spent dealing with complaints about Campbell. Hagerty said he made the move because talk radio is moving away from reliance on "conservative schtick," which has been the foundation of talk radio.

Local activists had made unsuccessful attempts to get WFLP to show more responsibility in its programming—including a boycott of the station's advertisers.

Campbell reportedly said he is not sure what he will do now, but indicated he may return to teaching.

## Erie Hotline future up in air

The United Way announced in April that it had decided to cut funding to the Erie Hotline, a 24-hour service that provides advice and support for a variety of needs.

**Note our new mailing address:**  
**Erie Gay News**  
**1115 West 7th Street**  
**Erie PA 16502-1105**



The Hotline fielded 37,000 calls last year. Many gay people trying to connect with resources in the gay community have used the Hotline, and volunteers use the *Erie Gay News* to keep apprised of those resources.

Consultants for United Way suggested that the Hotline, which operates out of the United Way, could be cut because there were seven other hotlines operating in Erie County. Some community members are questioning whether other hotlines duplicate what the Erie Hotline does (e.g. 911 was mentioned as a duplicate service, although the types of calls Erie Hotline generally fields should not go to an emergency number like 911).

A group of volunteers has organized to appeal for support to keep the phone lines open. The United Way is looking into having Community Integration Inc. take over running Hotline. Some volunteers oppose this move, because CIH is a mental health counseling service and Hotline fields a variety of types of calls.

## Erie Sisters Club

from the Erie Sisters

On February 28, after a brief meeting at the church, we all headed to la bella bistro for another fine meal. After a good meal and good conversation, we all headed to Embers to finish the night off with more conversation and dancing.

On March 28, our meeting was held at the church. After supper, ESC member, DeAnn, who is also the owner of the Victorian City Salon in Franklin, PA, styled wigs and did makeovers for any club member who wanted to get a new look. She is truly an artist and everyone who wanted a new look was more than satisfied. After our program, we all headed to Lizzy Bordon's. Much to our surprise, we were treated to a drag show, which everyone enjoyed.

As much as we were saddened by the closing of la bella bistro and Lizzy Bordon's, we are anxious to join Clemens at Tapas and Papa Nick at The Village.

Erie Sisters is a club for Cross Dressers, their wives/significant others, family and friends. If anyone would like more information about our club, you can write, Email or fax us. Email: Diane- esc@mail.csonline.net Kara- gustibizzarri@usachoice.net Fax: Kara- 814-437-5996 Mail: Pam- ESC, 1903 W. 8th St., Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505

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# ECPO news and logo contest!

by Mike Mahler

Local community group, Erie Community Pride Organization (ECPO), will next be meeting at the annual Pride Erie Picnic on Saturday, June 13 at Presque Isle. The decisions we will make will be the schedule and location for future meetings and a logo for the group. Some have thought it might be good to combine a social activity with the business meeting and possibly rotate the location. Currently, the group has been meeting at the Erie County Public Library the 3rd Saturday of the month. Because of other summer activities, we have decided not to have a meeting at the Library for either May or June. Do we have any volunteers for hosting an ECPO meeting/get-together? What social activities would folks like? When should we next meet, given the usual slow-down that takes place over the summer? Drop us a line or email us to let us know what you think!

Heidi Oldaker was the winner of the 50/50 drawing for the Pride Rally (which will come in handy as she is currently buying a house. Congrats, sweetie darling!).

The Rally will be on October 10th and the drawing was held on April 18th. Special thanks go to Susan Laurie, Jeremy Snyder, Jeff and Ross of Scapers, Gary, Heidi Oldaker (for also selling tickets), Rick Blair and especially Helen for designing, printing and selling so many tickets! People generously bought \$266 worth of tickets!

Dave Mulholland has suggested that ECPO might march in the Cleveland Pride Parade on Saturday, June 27th. If you would like to participate, contact him at 898-4210 or email [lglverie@ncinter.net](mailto:lglverie@ncinter.net)

We are also going to be picking out a logo for ECPO which will be also used for the upcoming Pride Rally in October, and other events. This is where you come in! We are opening this contest to our community. We will also be choosing the logo as a community by popular vote at the Pride Picnic.

Local restaurant Tapas Bodega has graciously and generously offered to donate a dinner for 4 plus \$200 cash to the winner. Tapas Bodega is at 18 W 9th St, between Peach & State. Phone is (814) 454-8797, fax (814) 459-8440, email [taboerie@aol.com](mailto:taboerie@aol.com). Many thanks to the new owner/chef Clemens Zehender!

All submissions should have at least a line art, black and white rendition on paper no larger than 8 1/2 by 11. You may optionally include a color version if you wish. Bear in mind that the logo will be used for letterhead, in addition to being used at a larger size on posters and signs. Therefore, it should look good at a small size.

You can mail your copy to us at 1115 W 7th St, Erie PA 16502-1105. All submissions **MUST** be received by no later than Tuesday, June 9.

Good luck and get those art supplies out!


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## Pride Picnic '98

The Erie PA region will hold their annual Pride Picnic on Saturday, June 13th at Presque Isle State Park from 2 PM until sundown. The event will be at the picnic shelter at Beach 11, just like last year and signs will be posted. There is a map at the Park office near Beach 6. Beach 11 is an uncrowded picnic and beach area (the beach does have a life guard).

Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. We will have paper plates and plastic silverware available. Donations will be most gratefully accepted!

As always, our straight friends and families are most heartily welcome! Feel free to bring your children or parents, but parents are responsible for taking care of their children.

We'll begin at 2 PM with games (including the perennial favorite, volleyball.). The annual Family Portrait will be taken promptly at 4 PM and anyone who wants can be in the picture or not. We will be publishing the picture in the August issue of *Erie Gay News* and on our web site. After the Family Portrait, we'll be choosing the new logo for ECPO (see article on page 10).

We will have a literature table and also a book exchange. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, rollerblades and sunscreen. Volunteers are asked to help with clean up, cook and set up.

Because of state law, alcohol and sales by outside vendors are not permitted.

The next day, Sunday June 14th, we will be holding our second annual Interfaith Pride Service at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. The service begins at 10:30 AM.

Looking farther ahead, Erie will be having its very first Pride Rally on Saturday, October 10th from noon to 4 PM in Perry Square. Speakers, performers and displays are currently being coordinated. Please contact us if you are interested.

For more information, contact Michael Mahler, 1115 W 7th St, Erie PA 16502-1105, phone (814)456-9833, Fax: (814)452-1392, E-Mail: [egcn@ncinter.net](mailto:egcn@ncinter.net) Web: [http://eriegaynews.com/pride\\_98.html](http://eriegaynews.com/pride_98.html)

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More details in next month. For info on other communities, check [http://www.interpride.org/igc98/usa\\_98.htm](http://www.interpride.org/igc98/usa_98.htm)

**June 13—Pride Erie Picnic** On Presque Isle's Beach 11. See article page 11 or info (814) 456-9833

**June 20—Buffalo Pride 98—???** There seems to be a question about what's going on, or if there will be a Pride event this year. If you had wanted to go, check back with us next month, or you may want to check with Buffalo's Rainbow Pride at 716-881-6126.

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# Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

## Television

Looks like mainstream society is really opening up to the idea that there are many kinds of families. Right now (as a Mother's Day tie-in) we find not one, but two, films about a straight woman, a gay guy and a baby. One is in theaters now, the other's on TV. Lifetime television is presenting an original movie about a straight woman and a gay man who are best friends and decide to try to have a child together. The film, **Labor of Love**, reunites Marcia Gay Harden and David Marshall Grant, who co-starred in *Angels in America*. The movie deals with same-sex adoption rights, nontraditional families, and other issues of interest to parents in our community. The movie debuts May 4; other dates can be found in the "Repeating Programs" section of the calendar.

*The Advocate* tells us to expect Aaron Spelling's new **Love Boat: The Next Generation** to "openly cruise the waters of gay and lesbian romance." It's on the UPN network—does anyone know how area viewers can get it?

ABC has officially canceled **Ellen**. Ultimate TV News reports that the only *Ellen* episode that will air this season is the season finale, scheduled for May 13. The show that took *Ellen*'s spot while she was on hiatus (*Two Guys, A Girl and a Pizza Place*) is a big hit, and will replace *Ellen*, which had been losing ratings. The two unaired *Ellen* episodes may be shown during the summer. *Access Hollywood* reports that *Mad About You*'s **Helen Hunt** is "begging" DeGeneres to become a recurring character on that sitcom next season.

ABC has permanently pulled the plug on the highly-acclaimed and conservative-bashed religious drama **Nothing Sacred**.

## Film & video

*The Object of My Affection*, in theaters now, is another film that considers gay fatherhood. George (Paul Rudd) breaks up with his lover and moves in with Nina, a pregnant, straight social worker (Jennifer Aniston). Nina thinks George would make a great father for her child, and the complications begin. This movie is based on a book of the same name by Stephen McCauley (Pocket Books). It has received major praise from the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), and GLAAD's entertainment director Chastity Bone states "This film will most certainly go down in history as a landmark portrayal of a gay man."

Opening in theaters in May is the British film about Irish wit Oscar Wilde, appropriately called **Wilde**.

Now on video *Boogie Nights*. Coming soon: *As Good As It Gets* (5/19) and *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* (6/2).

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## Places

I haven't been there myself, but have heard lots of good things about the new place called **The Village** at 133 West 18th Street.

The **Pittsburgh Memorial Day Picnic** will once again be held at North Park Lodge. The Delta Foundation, who organizes the picnic, asked us to pass on information some people will want to know about: (1) No illicit drugs on the premises. (2) You must be 21 and able to show ID at gate, and (3) Certain woodland traditions will change, because new homes have been built around the park area and residents can see into the woods. Picnic organizers are saying "No inappropriate behavior will be tolerated. If it occurs, you will be ejected from the grounds." Also, they want to remind certain people that the Porta-Jons aren't there for decorative purposes. Anyway, as always the picnic has dancing, games, and all-day food and beverages. For reserve tickets (\$17), you can stop by Scapers at 2508 Peach St. in Erie, phone 456-7002.

Pittsburgh's under 21 dance club **Prizm** is back—it's now located in the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, and will be open 9pm-1am every other Saturday. Info 412-422-0714.

## Theater

Buffalo's United Artists will be presenting **The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me**, a one-man show written by Dan Butler (from *Frasier*). According to BUA, "The play juxtaposes ten gay characters in 14 vignettes. The characters question, contradict, and especially challenge one another's credo of what being gay really means." Running May 8-23 at the Frick Theatre 716-832-7320.

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Directors Circle will hold auditions for its summer production of Jane Chambers' **Last Summer at Bluefish Cove**. Nine women ranging from 21 to 60 years of age are needed. The story is a drama set in the lesbian resort of Bluefish Cove where a group of women live every summer. The play will be directed by Jo Laurie. Managing Director Michael Weiss says, "The Directors Circle takes pride in the fact that this will be the first time a totally lesbian full-length play will be presented at an Erie community theater. Auditions will be held 7 pm on June 1 and 2. Any aspiring performers are encouraged to come." For information call 454-0636." (Theatre is at 652 W. 16th at Poplar in West wing of Columbus Square).

The Broadway musical **Rent** will be touring the area this summer with two different companies: In Pittsburgh it runs at Heinz Hall May 26-June 7 (412-392-4900); Cleveland 6/17 through 7/5 at Palace Theatre; Buffalo 6/17 through 6/21 at Shea's Performing Arts Center.

## Sports

LPGA golf champion **Patty Sheehan** came out in the March 27 issue of *Golf World*. In the magazine, she discusses her partner, Rebecca Gaston, and the adopted daughter they are raising together.

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Getting an early jump on the **Women's National Basketball Association** TV broadcasts coming up in June...For the most part, the schedule will go like this: NBC will air the games Saturday afternoons, ESPN will broadcast Monday evenings, and Lifetime will broadcast Friday evenings. For *complete* WNBA info visit their web site at <http://www.wnba.com>

## Music

Local recording artist Greg Ropp announces that the response to **Five Empty Chambers'** CD (*Wasted & Spent*) has been overwhelming, so they plan to take their music out of the studio and perform for "all-ages" venues (i.e., not bars) like campuses, festivals, etc. We'll list them in our calendar, but keep an eye on *Showcase*.

So **George Michael** finally came out...following his arrest for alleged "lewd conduct" in a public restroom. During an April 10 CNN interview, Michael discussed the fact that he is involved with a man right now, and has not been in a relationship with a woman for ten years. The coming out circumstances are ironic, however. For years Michael was extremely protective of his privacy and ignored encouragement from friends who told him he could drop the act and because everyone knew anyway. (Really—how many straight men would create a My-Butt-Is-a-Cathedral video like *Faith?*) Lots of background info on the Net. Best place to start is <http://vintageclothing.simplenet.com/gmsindex.html>



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With a little less hoopla, *The Advocate* reported that **Alicia** ("I Love the Nightlife") **Bridges** is an out lesbian who has a partner of nine years. The couple operates a DJ business and pet grooming company in Atlanta.

Coming up a little later: At Cleveland Heights' Cain Park **Janis Ian** will perform 8/15. **Janet Jackson** dates: Cleveland (Gund 7/11), Pittsburgh (Star Lake 9/22), Toronto (Skydome, 9/29). Area **Lilith Fair** dates: Cleveland (Blossom 8/6), Pittsburgh (Coca-Cola Star Lake 8/9), Toronto (8/15 & 8/16 Molson Amphitheater), and Buffalo (Darlen Lake 8/17). In Western NY, **Johnny Mathis** will be at Chautauqua 8/27.

## Etcetera

**Pride Gifts by Christopher** now as a web site that you can order from online. Check out <http://www.lesbianation.com/PrideGifts/>

Yay—local hate jock **Pat Campbell** is leaving the airwaves. One of the more ridiculous things he asserted over his talk show was that the vandalism against the lesbian float in Erie's Bicentennial parade was done by gay people. Actually, a Millcreek teenager boasted loudly to his classmates that he did it, and a teacher turned him in to the administration. The Millcreek Police were reportedly notified, but I assume he didn't do much boasting to them, and we never heard anything more about it.

I'm going to indulge myself here in a lesson I recently learned about the importance of **friends**. This past month, my relationship of several years broke up. It hurt a lot, as these things usually do, but my now-ex (ouch!) and I did part on friendly terms. What really profoundly hurt was how isolated I felt in the weeks following the break-up. Like many lesbians (especially older lesbians), my lover had become my best friend and made up much of my social life. I have always valued my friendships, but in recent years have neglected them. Under such circumstances, I would have felt like a twit if I had suddenly started calling people and asking "Hey wanna do something? I could really use the company." When some of those neglected friends got in touch and offered support (and company), I was reminded that friendship has its own rewards and pleasures. Not just as a prop to hold you up when your love life falls down, but as something that has its own value and is all too often taken for granted.

# The 1998 GLAAD Media Awards

Hosted in three cities (New York, Washington and Los Angeles), more than 3,000 people attended the combined events of the 9th Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Awards. For detailed information on these events visit the GLAAD web site at <http://www.glaad.org/>

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# Millennium March

A major controversy is now taking place in the national gay rights movement. The issue is a proposed national gay rights march, to be held in the year 2000. The March has been called "Millennium March"; because of the year in which it would take place.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRC) and the Metropolitan Community Church (UFCMC) announced plans to organize the march.

Although the idea was welcomed by some activists, the announcement drew a flurry of criticism from many organizations and activists.

Some of the major criticisms:

(1) The year 2000 will be an election year. Instead of spending time and money getting people to a march, some critics suggest that the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) movement should be trying to get civil rights legislation passed and gay-supportive candidates elected.

(2) Many organizations and individuals criticized the HRC and UFCMC for declaring they would organize the march instead of working on the idea with the rest of the GLBT movement.

(3) Some feel that the GLBT movement should be focused on state and local politics, and away from the national level.

Two web sites will give you access to some more detailed discussion of the proposed march. They are:

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force <http://www.nglftf.org/press/kerrymar98.html>

Metropolitan Community Church <http://www.ufmcc.com/dcmarch1.htm>

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Now, obviously, Mr. Graves' language is very confusing. Surely he doesn't mean that adult pedophiles breed, train, or recruit children to become future pedophiles. But what is not confusing is Mr. Graves's homophobic and misguided belief that homosexuals are more likely to be pedophiles than heterosexuals.

In 1994, a study reported in the journal *Pediatrics* found that a child is more than 100 times as likely to be sexually abused by the heterosexual partner of a relative than by a gay adult. In fact, the study found that only 2 of 269 child sexual abuse cases even involved a homosexual adult. All the rest of the pedophiles were heterosexuals and, no surprise, predominantly men.

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*A Matter of Justice: Lesbians and Gay Men in Law Enforcement*, by Robin A. Buhrke, (\$19.99 Routledge).

*Coming Out of the Blue: British Police Officers Talk About Their Lives in 'the Job' As Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals*, by Marc E. Burke (\$21.95 Cassell). Interviews with officers.

"Good Cop, Gay Cop," *The Advocate*, March 3, 1998 (back issue info 1-800-827-0561).

## Groups

**LEGAL international** is a federation of gay and lesbian law enforcement groups from around the world. Their web site maintains a list of these groups, plus related sites, Internet discussions, quarterly newsletter. <http://users.aol.com/LEGALint/who.html> or write Legal International, PO Box 1161, Old Chelsea Station NY, NY 10011-1161, [legalint@aol.com](mailto:legalint@aol.com)

**Gay Officers Action League** at Based in NYC, connects other cities with GOAL groups. Articles, guestbook, awards, links, communications. They also organize two big social- festival-retreat-networking events for gay and lesbian cops, firefighters, and EMTs from everywhere (in June). GOAL, NYC Region One, PO Box 2038, Canal Street Station, NY, NY 10013, 1-212-NY1-GOAL,NY1@aol.

## Events

**Sept 17-20—Fifth Annual International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Criminal Justice Professionals (Vancouver BC)** Info: <http://members.aol.com/legalint/conf.html> or Legal International (PO Box 1161, Old Chelsea Sta. New York, NY 10011-1161.)



# Michael dithers, okay, rants

by Michael Mahler

Well, it's been a while since I've written anything. Micheal and I celebrated 5 years together last month. We met on Good Friday, April 9th, 1993 at around 5 PM. (But who's keeping score, right?) We had talked online and on the phone before that. Anywho, many happy years and we're hoping many more!

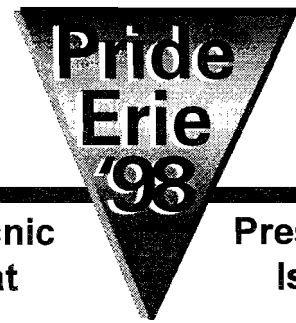
There has been a spate of various panels at local colleges that I have either sat in on or observed. Public speaking doesn't tend to faze me at all, but I must admit to having been a bit on edge when Caryn of GEGASHI, Jeremy Snyder of Closet Culture, Dale Allgeier of Lake Erie Counseling, and I spoke at Gannon.

The genesis of this came from when my father was dying, back in 1995. Sandy Saliga counseled my dad and put together his funeral mass. She was taking a graduate course at Gannon and the class was required to break into small groups and present counseling issues for various cultures. Most of the other groups' presentations were about ethnic/national groups, but Sandy figured that since Gannon's curriculum doesn't seem to currently cover lesbian issues that this would be a useful topic. She happens to be straight. She contacted me and I contacted the others. Several friendly faculty guests from related departments attended.

What made me (and some others) apprehensive was hearing that Monsignor David Rubino, the president of Gannon University, was also planning on sitting in. This could have been anything as positive as an attempt to learn and be supportive to as negative as semi-covertly suppressing people. I had resolved to be polite and friendly, but definitely not to back down. (Again, I wasn't certain whether that would even be an issue.)

As it turned out, Dr. Rubino ended up not showing up at all and everyone who contributed to the discussion was very cool and supportive. The pre- and post-surveys that were filled out showed an apparent major change in comfort level in the students in dealing with potential lesbian clients/issues. This made me feel good that we had all done something.

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# Notable deaths

## Bella Abzug

Former New York Congresswoman Bella Abzug died at the age of 77 on March 31. Abzug worked tirelessly on many issues of social justice, not the least of which was equality for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. In 1975 she introduced the first gay and lesbian civil rights bill in the U. S. Congress. She also worked for the environment and peace and social justice, but is best known for her pioneering and steadfast work for women's rights.

## Scott O'Hara

Controversial sex activist Scott O'Hara died February 18 of complications due to AIDS. He was 36. A porn star, author and editor, O'Hara was often criticized for his support of public sex, the North American Man/Boy Love Association, and "bareback sex" between HIV+ people. He appeared in about 20 porn releases, published magazines, and columns that appeared in Pittsburgh's *Out*, *The Advocate* and other publications, as well as authoring two books.

Let me state that I have never been clear on what the real situation at Gannon is. I had asked Jeremy how the students there that he knew seemed to feel and he indicated that their attitude ranged from pretty much total comfort in being out to fear about being expelled for being openly lesbian. I am quite aware that some or all of this could be individual students' emotional baggage.

Is the apparent lack of a visible lesbian community at Gannon the result of the administration being repressive (overtly or covertly)? The students/faculty being needlessly scared? Pressure from further up the Catholic hierarchy? Since there are supportive groups at all the other colleges, do comfortably open lesbian people avoid Gannon? Have I misunderstood the situation?

You probably have read in the *Weekender* about WFLP's decision to drop talk show host Pat Campbell. Pat has been irresponsibly slamming gays and other people for quite some time now and it is very edifying that Erie is following the national trend of moving away from the adolescent bombast that has all too often characterized talk radio.

Probably the total elapsed time that I listened to his show maybe totaled 5 minutes, but he did say some alarmingly vicious things. Someone claimed that he said on air "You better not bend over in front of Michael Mahler." About 3 years ago, Pat's week-long string of haranguing our community for having a very innocuous float in Erie's Bicentennial was just one apparent example of the irresponsible and venomous nature of his programming. I will never forget Sue Kuebler calling me and telling me that Pat had been vilifying me (and I wasn't even really closely involved in the float) and other gay people on air. My reaction was "Yeah, and water's wet, And???" Within 2 days, the float had been vandalized and Pat claimed (and continues to claim to the best of my knowledge) that our community had vandalized our own float in a cheap bid for sympathy.

The only 2 things that I found mildly disturbing about the article was station owner Chris Hagerty's remark that "Campbell was a victim of a talk radio trend away from right-wing politics." Victim to me implies someone unfortunate and undeserving. The other disturbing thing is Campbell's statement that he has a current Pennsylvania teaching certificate. If our school board would even consider unleashing someone capable of such mean-spirited vitriol on our young people, then our tax dollars are being wasted indeed.

Anywho, end of ranting.

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- 33 Compass point
- 34 Rock Hudson costar Lollobrigida in
- '65's *Strange Bedfellows*
- 35 How you would 'be', in Spain
- 37 Record company
- 38 Love god
- 43 Final letter
- 45 Bi *Mark of Zorro* leading man Tyrone\*
- 47 From a distance
- 48 International Lesbian and Gay Association
- 49 *Beetle Bailey* cartoonist Walker
- 51 L-Q connector
- 52 Repetition
- 53 Nickname for Remington
- 54 When this armed establishment asked, Keith Meinhold told -- and sued.
- 56 *Facts of Life* matron Charlotte
- 58 Lesbian shock comic DeLaria
- 59 The Nashville Network, to TV Guide staffer


**Across:** \*May birthdays

- 1 Polish or shine
- 5 Medieval cross-dresser Joan of \_\_\_
- 8 Rogers' musical partner on "My Funny Valentine"\*
- 12 Bacteria growing medium
- 13 '64 Tony Randall tour de force 7 *Faces of Dr. \_\_\_*
- 14 Butter substitute
- 15 Olden times
- 16 Gilbert's musical partner on *The Pirates of Penzance*\*
- 18 Bi silent screen hunk Valentino\*
- 20 '60 Connie Francis hit *Where the Boys \_\_\_*
- 21 Mr. Paul?
- 23 Washington, \_\_\_, \_\_\_.
- 24 Rd. or ave.
- 26 '94 Sweeney gender-blender \_\_\_ *Pat: The Movie*
- 28 Syndicated TV warrior princess
- 32 Gay *Bus Stop* playwright William\*
- 36 Gay *Auntie Mame* author\*
- 39 '86 Spike Lee breakthrough movie \_\_\_ *Gotta Have It*

**Down:**

- 40 Maple genus
- 41 Letters after name of ear, nose and throat doc
- 42 Dorothy landed there
- 44 Operation, for short
- 46 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 47 Target or goal
- 50 Poet Rolph Waldo known to have had homosexual crush at Harvard\*
- 55 Pioneering English nurse Nightingale\*
- 57 *We Two Boys Together Clinging* poet Whitman\*
- 60 Taj Mahal site
- 61 Unit of electrical resistance
- 62 Not at all odd
- 63 Word with heart or interest
- 64 Food at future Hawaiian gay wedding reception?
- 65 Streisand co-star D'Neal in '72's *What's Up, Doc?*
- 1 Word with San Francisco or Misery
- 2 '78 *La Cage Aux Folles* star Tognazzi

## Contest



### Design a Logo

for the Erie Community Pride Organization  
to use at October's Pride Rally in Perry Square

**Win**  
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**Send**  
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**Vote**  
For the best Logo June 13th at the Pride Picnic  
at Beach 11 of Presque Isle

# Resource Directory

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

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

## 24 Hour Counseling

- Erie Hotline ..... 453-5656 or (800) 628-0190
- Saint Vincent ..... 452-5151
- Family Crisis ..... 456-2014
- Hamot ..... 877-6136
- Victims of Anti-Gay Hate Crimes ..... 1-800-259-1536

## Accommodations, Bed & Breakfasts, Campgrounds

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

## 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  
1022 Bridge St, Ashtabula OH.
- Nite Spot ▼ .....  
201 Winsor, Jamestown, NY. Open Tues-Sun 7 pm - 2 am. Closed Mon. DJ Fri & Sat 10 pm - 2 am. Sun. Drag show, DJ after 9:30 pm, no cover. Nitely specials.
- Rascals ▼ ..... (716) 484-3220  
701 North Main St, Jamestown, NY. Handicap accessible. Open Mon-Sun 3pm-2am. DJ Thurs-Sun.
- Sneakers ▼ ..... (716) 484-8816  
100 Harrison, Jamestown, NY. Open Mon-Sun 2pm-2am. Musical Mastery Mary as DJ on Friday and Saturday. Also Karaoke every other Friday. Email artemistoo@mindspring.com
- The Village (formerly Lizzy Bordon's) ▼ ..... 452-0125  
133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Tue 8-2, Wed-Sun 4-2. Appetizer menu, darts, 2 pool tables, Karaoke in basement on Friday. Dance hits of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Happy hours 5-7 on days open.

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## Crossword Solution:

## Coffeehouses and Restaurants

- Aroma's Coffeehouse ▼ ..... 456-5282 (452-JAVA)  
2164 W 8th St, Erie. M-Thurs 7am-11pm Fri 7am-1am. Sat 9am-1am, Sun 9am-4pm. Gay friendly, nonsmoking coffeehouse, retail store, whole bean sales. Sandwiches, salads, soups and desserts. Large quiet deck in good weather. Bike rack. Plenty of free reading material and games. Smoking permitted on deck. <http://www.goerie.com/aromas/>
- Coqui's Gourmet Deli ..... 835-2272  
3443 W Lake Rd, Erie PA. Home of delicious guilt-free food. Pizza and sandwiches. Open Mon - Thurs 11-10, Fri 11-11, Sat 12-?, Sun 12-9
- Cup-a-Ccino's ▼ ..... 456-1511  
18 North Park Row, Erie PA. Mon-Wed 7:00 am - 9 pm, Thurs-Fri. 7:00 am - 12 mid., Sat 9 am-midnight, Sun 10 am-7 pm. Gay-friendly coffeehouse. Cyberbean Computer Club. Nonsmoking section, retail store. Poetry and story nights on alternating Thursdays, live music most Saturdays, some Fridays. Wheelchair accessible. Bike rack for cyclists.
- Tapas ▼ ..... 454-8797  
17 W 9th St, Erie PA. In Tullio Towers. Mon, Tues, Wed 4 pm - 9 pm. Thur 4 pm - 11 pm Fri & Sat 11 am - 11 pm. May-Oct, open every night but Sunday for dinner

## Books, Gifts, Retail

- Allegheny College Bookstore ▼ .....  
Cochran Hall Lower Level, Meadville PA. Full service independent book store
  - Barnes & Noble ▼ ..... 864-6300  
5909 Peach St, Erie PA
  - Disc-Go-Round ..... 864-1844  
6825 Peach St, Erie between Taco Bells & Fridays
  - Integrity Computers ..... 453-3227  
3119 Pine Ave, Erie PA. Contact Jill Wiggins and Mary Lynn Rote
  - Lavender Loafer Cards ..... 333-6282  
PO Box 1458, Meadville PA. Email [Julia@alltel.net](mailto:Julia@alltel.net). Specializing in cards for gay women.
  - Pal Prescription Pharmacy ..... 455-8597  
1238 W 6th St, Erie PA
  - Poster Annex/U Frame It ..... 455-1999  
717 Liberty St, Erie PA Poster, prints, cards, ceramic tiles, creative custom framing
  - Pride Gifts by Christopher ..... 796-8023  
11846 Martin Rd, Waterford PA 16441. E-Mail [PrideGifts@aol.com](mailto:PrideGifts@aol.com) <http://www.lesbianation/PrideGifts>
  - Rainbow Pride Gift Shop ▼ ..... (716) 881-6126  
175 Hodge St (corner of Elmwood Ave), Buffalo NY. Also second location inside Buddies, 31 Johnson Park in Buffalo. Phone is (716) 855-0222.
  - Scapers ▼ ..... 456-7002  
2508 Peach, Erie PA [scapers@aol.com](mailto:scapers@aol.com) Lesbian/pride gifts, gallery
  - Talking Leaves ▼ ..... (716) 837-8554  
3158 Main St, Buffalo NY. Email [talklvbk@fcs-net.com](mailto:talklvbk@fcs-net.com)
- ## Counseling
- Louanne Barton, Ph.D. .... 871-7682
  - Chautauqua Co. Gay Infoline ..... (716) 679-3560
  - Counseling Center ▼ ..... 898 Park Ave Suite 12, Meadville PA
  - David J Johnson MA MS ..... 838-9408  
Lic. psychologist. Private & consulting svcs. 4845 West Lake Rd, Erie
  - Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. .... (716) 488-1971

Fredonia Office ..... (716)679-3455  
 Christine L Gagliano LSW ..... 836-9622  
 Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 pm.- 11 pm. Mon.-Fri).....  
 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)  
 Lake Erie Counseling Associates ..... 455-4009  
 Individual, family & couples counseling; psychological evals; psychiatric evaluations & medication management  
 Family Medical (Warren PA) ..... 726-3310  
 Well Being Center ▼ ..... 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

**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.njipro.com/etl>  
 Movie Stop ..... 453-7696  
 1229 State St, Erie PA. Also stores in McKean, Meadville & Oil City. WWW: <http://www.moviesstop.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 [Roadhous@erie.net](mailto:Roadhous@erie.net) <http://www.njipro.com/rthca>

**Erotica/Adult Bookstores**

Body Language ▼ (888)GAY-PRDE (429-7733) or (216) 251-3330  
 3291 W 115th St, Cleveland OH. Email [bodylanguage@juno.com](mailto: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)964-6600 (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

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

**Publications**

Erie Gay News ..... 456-9833  
 1115 W 7th St, Erie PA 16508-0063. Fax 452-1392, Email [egcn@ncinter.net](mailto:egcn@ncinter.net)  
 WWW: <http://www.eriegaynews.com/>

**Religious Organizations**

Dignity ..... 451-0593 (Jerry)  
 Support group for lesbigay Catholics and their friends and family.  
 BYKOTA- Be Ye Kind To Another ..... 734-3959 (Susan Laurie)  
 Ecumenical. Open to Christians of all denominations/orientations. Email [julie.sue@juno.com](mailto:julie.sue@juno.com)  
 Temple Anshe Hessed (Reform Congregation) ..... 454-2426  
 930 Liberty St, Erie PA. WWW: <http://www.shamash.org/reform/uahc/congs/pa/po007/>  
 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. Email [uuerie@juno.com](mailto:uuerie@juno.com). Web <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/7660>

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- TimeSavers, Etc.** ..... 866-1081  
PO Box 3014 Erie PA 16508-0014. Grocery/Errands, Car maintenance pickup/delivery

## Social Organizations

- 10% Network** ▼ ..... (716)484-7285 (John)  
Chautauque County, NY. Meets 3rd Sat of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. No smoking or alcohol.
- Menspace** ..... 456-9833 (Michael)  
Social group for gay/bi men. Meets second Sat (unless otherwise noted), location varies. Call 456-9833 for more info or email [egcn@ncinter.net](mailto:egcn@ncinter.net)
- Pittsburgh Frontrunners** ..... (412) 687-6055  
Runners and walkers of all speeds and capabilities. Email [porkmanpp@earthlink.net](mailto:porkmanpp@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Email

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

Our Web Site is our one stop for lesbigay local info! <http://www.eriegaynews.com/>

date, time & place vary. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020. Email to [greg@robgbp@iccw22.cc.sunyjcc.edu](mailto:greg@robgbp@iccw22.cc.sunyjcc.edu).

**Mercyhurst Gay/Straight Alliance** ▼ . 824-2468 (Vivian Tamburello or Ofc Mgr) or 824-2700 (Tara)

Meets Wednesdays at 9:00 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](mailto:tsamios@hotmail.com) or Vivian @ [vtambure@paradise.mercy.edu](mailto:vtambure@paradise.mercy.edu)

**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](mailto: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 [trigon\\_behrend@hotmail.com](mailto:trigon_behrend@hotmail.com) 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@conline.net](mailto:esc@conline.net) <http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/1614/>

**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)

Support group for lesbigay people and their supporters in Corry PA oreo. Call or email for meeting time and place.

**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: [pflagdubois@key-net.net](mailto: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. Email Elaine Hill at [loislane@velocity.net](mailto:loislane@velocity.net)

**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)

Meets Tuesdays 8:00 pm. Call Erie Hotline for location. 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)

Sponsored by HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul. For families, partners, spouses, friends & caregivers with loved ones/friends who have died with AIDS. Call for info. Meets. At St. Paul's Cathedral, 134 W 7th St. "In our church there will be no outcasts"

AIDS Network Information ..... 451-6700

Friends from the Heart ..... 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)  
 Direct Client Services. Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transportation, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call to see how you can help. Donations *greatly* appreciated. Meets 2nd Monday of the month at Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont.

GEGASHI ..... 451-6784 (Caryn) or 451-6727 (Fran)

Gays/Lesbians Educating Gays/Lesbians About Sexual Health Issues. Sponsored by Erie County Department of Health (ECDH). 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 of the month at Hop and Cindy Chase, 1115 Prendergast Ave in Jamestown.

### Meadville PA/Crawford County

Case Manager - Sue Bobosky ..... (800)359-AIDS

Crawford Co. AIDS Coalition ..... 337-3241

HIV+ Support Grps ..... Rosemary Buzzard at 333-5800

### Venango/Forest County

Venango-Forest AIDS Support ..... 1-800-359-2437

Case Manager - Sue Bobosky ..... (800)359-AIDS

Case Manager - Andrea Cathcart ..... (800)359-AIDS

### Warren County

Case Manager-Deb Monohon ..... 838-0123

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

### HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing Programs (free):

*Free, confidential counseling, testing, and referral.*

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

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

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

### HIV/AIDS Anonymous Testing Sites

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

Painesville OH ..... (216)354-AIDS

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force ..... (412)242-2500

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