

<u>Calendar</u>

Sept 2–Biography "Steve Rubell: Lord of Disco" World premiere, A&E 8pm. Profiles the interesting and short life of the Brooklyn kid who opened Studio 54, *the* night-club of the late 1970's. Includes interviews with his lover, his brother, and several friends and associates.

Sep 2-Women: Stories of Passion Showtime 12:35am. "A woman in a singles bar is drawn to a dark-haired woman." —TV Host

Sep 3–PFLAG-Erie meets 7:00 pm Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

Sept 3-Biography "Billy Jean King" World premiere, A&E 8pm. Profile of one of the most important female athletes ever. Includes interviews with Martina Navratilova, Elton John, Chris Evert, and others. King recently finally came out.

Sep 4--In The Life 10 pm. WQLN (PBS-Erie/Ch.54) Nationally syndicated GLBT newsmagazine.

Sep 4-7—Jones Pond: Labor Day Celebration "400 Block Hat Party, Pool Closing. (716) 567-8100"

Sep 5-Womynspace date change, see Sept. 11

Sep 11-(Note: that's a FRIDAY!!!)-Womynspace: Mask Making (part 1) "Please note that we are meeting on a FRIDAY and not Saturday for September only. The activity is mask making, supplies provided, donations as always accepted. Those not interested in making masks are welcome to come and watch, socialize, listen to music, etc. In addition, we will be making signs and a banner for display at the First Annual Erie Pride Rally to be held Sat Oct 10 at Perry Square. Please come with ideas, slogans, and any supplies you'd be willing to donate.

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Thanks!

Items to send us in September



<u>Sept 15</u>— Deadline for info related to October and early November events:

National Coming Out Day, National Gay History Monan, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Halloween



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The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of information, support and affirmation for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men and their friends & families in the Erie area.

Contributors: Our deadline is the 15th of the month! We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments and opinions of interest to the Erie and surrounding area's LesBiGay community for publication in these pages.

We <u>STRONGLY</u> 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 *nonfittion* 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 August issue collators!

Thanks to Jerry McCumber, Tom Foursprings, Bernie Bright, Adam, Robert, Greg Knowles, and Neal for helping us to collate the most recent 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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Sep 9–BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or phone 734-3959.

Sep 9—Sports Heroines WNED (PBS-Buff/Ch17) "A documentary depicting the struggles and accomplishments in the evolution of women's athletics. Rare archival footage from the 1920's through the late 60's chronicles the history of women's sports and salutes legends such as Babe Didrickson, Patty Berg, Althea Gibson and Wilma Rudolph." —WNY Pub. Broadcasting 9pm.

Sept 12–Ohio Lesbian Festival (Columbus OH) 614-267-3953. Music, workshops, vendors, activities.

Sept 12-Elton John in Concert (Cleveland) Gund Arena, tickets at Ticketmaster.

Sep 11-13–Jones Pond: Red, Hot & Spicy "400 Block Hat Party. Pool Closing. (716) 567-8100"

Sep 12-Menspace At Paul's. Call Michael at 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net

Sept 13-NOCI We Are Family Picnic (Cleveland) Wildwood Lake, 216-371-0325. Reservations recommended. Benefits gay and AIDS groups.

Sep 14–Friends from the Heart Meets 6 pm, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

Sep 16-Mercyhurst film: *Ma Vie En Rose (My Life in Pink)* "Ludovic is a little girl born in a little boy's body. For him, nothing is more natural than to change his gender. What starts out as amusing turns into drama and heartbreak as Ludovic is victimized by his family, neighbors and school system."—MDPAC event schedule. The film won a Golden Globe. At Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center (Mercyhurst) 501 E. 38th, 8pm.

Sept 16—KC & the Sunshine Band in concert (Lewiston NY) Artpark 800-659-PARK.

Sep 19-Cruise for Life Tickets sold out.

Sep 19-10% Network meets (Jamestown, NY) 7 pm at the Unitarian Church in Jamestown, 1225 Prendergast Ave. Socializing and planning future meetings. For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285.

Sep 21–Jane Street Reunion and Dance Party (Pittsburgh) Pittsburgh's All Woman Dance Band of the 80's returns after 11 years at the Irish Center in Pittsburgh at 6886 Forward Ave. Squirrel Hill, Pgh., PA 8pm to 1am. The dance will benefit the Lesbian Health Care Collective. Tickets are \$15 adv/\$18.00 door Info: 412-882-1966

Sept 21–Investigative Reports: Transgender Revolution World premiere, A&E 9 pm, 1am.

Sep 21–Happy Rosh Hashanah

Sep 22—Mabon 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 black, bring a drinking vessel for the ritual and a dish to pass for the potluck feast following. Info: Contact Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net

Sep 22—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

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The Matriarch Mayhem

Stromboli Family Revnion A Murder Mystery Dinner Event Benefitting "Friends From The Heart"

Saturday October 3, 1998

6 PM Social Hour 7 PM Dinner and Murder

Stephany's Grove 1099 Wyoming Avenue Erie PA

For Ticket Information Call Becky Palmer **814-838-1547**

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Sep 23–*P.O.V. "Licensed to Kill"* WNED (PBS-Buff/ch. 17) "Filmmaker Arthur Dong goes to prison to probe the minds and souls of men whose attitudes toward homosexuality have led them to murder."—WNY Public Broadcasting Association schedule.

Sep 25–Rascals: Hardbodies of OH Male strippers at 10 pm, \$3 cover, 701 North Main St, Jamestown NY (716) 484-3220

Sep 25-27-Jones Pond: Haunted Halloween "600 Block Costume Party (716) 567-8100"

Sept 27-Open Book: Tommy Tune "Footnotes" A&E 10:30am. The acclaimed gay dancer, singer and choreographer discusses his book.

Sep 27-*Paul Taylor* Bravo 5:30pm. Interview with the choreographer.

Sep 29—In the Life #706 (WNY) "Lights, camera, activism!" Focuses on films made by gay men and lesbians. 11pm WNED (PBS-Buff./ch. 17)

Sep 30-Biography: Greta Garbo: The Mysterious Lady A&E 8pm, midnight. Profiles the film actress who lived like a hermit. Greta reportedly had many women lovers. Sep 30-The Real Ellen Story Bravo 8pm. Looks at the real story behind Ellen's coming out episode. Sep 30-Happy Yom Kippur

Pride Gifts Order Center & Gift Shop

210 High Street Waterford PA 814-796-6255.

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Oct 9—"Voice from the Other Room" reception at Scapers. More details in October issue

Oct 10—Erie's first Pride Rally!!!! Noon to 4 PM in Perry Square. See article page 8.

Oct 10-Menspace Moved to Oct 24!!! We figured the Pride Rally was enough for one day.

Oct 10–Saints & Sinners Ball (Cleveland) "Cleveland's premiere circuit party weekend." Benefiting the Lesbian Gay Community Service Center. Music by DJ Darin Arrowood, main party will be at the Agora Ballroom, 9pm to 4am, adv \$25, door \$35, (order by phone 216-241-5555 or Ticketmaster. Info 216-622-6279. Also see ad back page.

Oct 10-National Coming Out Day

Oct 11–3 Rivers Boat Cruise (Pittsburgh) Tickets likely to be available at Scapers, if not call Donny's Place in Pittsburgh. 412-682-8598. Reservations recommended. Oct 11–Janet Jackson on HBO Check listings for times. Oct 12–Friends from the Heart Meets 6 pm, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon 838-0123.

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Oct 31-Rocky Horror Picture Show opens at Roadhouse Theatre Plays through sometime in January. Opening

night party. 145 W 11th St. Call box office at 456-5656 Oct 31–Happy Halloween Nov 3–Election Day

Repeating Programs

Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City Returns to Showtime 9/6, 9/7, 9/8; 9/21, 9/22, 9/23, 9/24, 9/25. Check listings for times.

Women's Sports

Golf: The Solheim Cup 9/18-20 (Dublin, Ohio) ESPN 9/ 18 1pm, NBC 9/19 3pm, NBC 9/20 3:00pm. **Soccer:** ESPN 9/15 3pm and 9/18 8pm. **Tennis: US Open** On USA Network 9/8-10 11am, 7:30pm.9/13at1pm.

Keep us updated on what your group bas been up to!



<u>Letters</u>

In July, we published some of the publicity written by organizers of the AIDS fundraiser, Cruise for Life.

Unfortunately, because it was a chaotic month, and because we also failed to get the copy to our proofreader, an important error went uncorrected. That error was the statement that no organization exists in Erie to provide for the nonmedical needs of people with HIV/AIDS. In fact, Friends from the Heart has been doing this for several years.

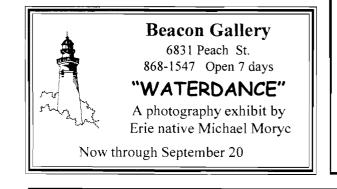
Friends from the Heart wrote us the following letter to inform our readers about their organization's important work.

We find this whole matter very disturbing. Friends has done some very important work over the past few years. And the Cruise for Life should be an event our community should be very pleased with. We hope that this misunderstanding does not take away from two very important commendable efforts.

From Friends from the Heart

In response to the article in your August issue relating information on the Cruise for Life, you stated that "there is no funding available for the non-related expenses such as general costs, bereavement counseling, funeral travel expenses and general expenses for the most basic of personal needs which we take for granted, including toiletries, haircuts, transportation to and from grocery stores, utility companies, drug stores, etc."

Friends From the Heart is an all volunteer organization founded in 1992, whose only purpose is to raise money and provide those nonmedical needs of the HIVindividual and their families. We have provided air fare to family members, paid for non-covered drugs, purchased clothing, paid for car repairs, etc.



We remain here and will be as long as we have funds. Our annual fund raiser is a Murder-Mystery dinner theatre October 3. Tickets are \$25 single and \$40 a couple. We would hope the community remembers.

> Sincerely Deb Monohon, President The board of Friends from the Heart Deb Monohon, President Becky Palmer, Vice President Marilyn Intrier, Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Lorraine, Board Member

Editors' reply: First, we need to make clear that we didn't write information about the cruise; it was sent to us from the Cruise's organizers. We apologize to the Friends from the Heart Organization for not catching this information. Please note that like Friends, we are all volunteers here and some months, like the one in which that statement appeared, we are overworked, tired, preoccupied with something, not feeling well, etc. Usually at least one of us will catch a mistake. That month, we didn't (in fact a lot of mistakes got through during that month; see corrections list).

Corrections

Random thoughts about the WNBA, written by Claire. Claire's first sentence should read "I love the WNBA." It incorrectly states that "I love the NBA," which doesn't make sense, because she compares the NBA unfavorably against the WNBA. Also, further along, in "A Tale of Timms," Claire tells how she realizes "I've got way too many acres in one basket." That was typed in by Michael, who may have had some other type of basket on his mind when he typed it in. Claire used the usual phrase "eggs." [From Michael—"actually, I was trying to use some voice dictation software and didn't adequately proof."]

The Cruise for Life publicity incorrectly stated that there was no organization that deals with the nonmedical needs of people with HIV/AIDS.



Michael dithers

by Michael Mahler

Hey gang! Is everyone getting geared up for the Pride Rally on October 10? I am really excited by what a neat range of people that will be speaking from various perspectives about our community. Please join us and help us make local history!

As I write this, I am 2 days away from turning 35. Our dog, Morgaine Imelda, turns 2 years the same day. I really feel like I have a huge amount to be grateful for: a wonderful husband, a house, friends, a family, a job, pets, my "birdy buddies" (we have a bird feeder in the back yard and it's cool watching them) and neat stuff to work on, like the Pride Rally and the newsletter. Everyone once in a while, I think it's good to stop and count your blessings.

There is a misconception that I would like to clear up. I do not write or edit most of the newsletter. Mostly I handle the computer geek and accounting stuff. My husband Micheal does most of the layout stuff, art direction and ad design.

Deb Spilko has been our principle writer and editor since we have been publishing in this form. She has freely given huge amounts of time and effort to this and other projects which have benefited our community, usually out of the limelight. She is also active in several other causes. Sometimes when people praise me for the newsletter, I feel guilty because Deb and Micheal don't get to hear the accolades that they deserve for their efforts. So I would just like to publicly thank them as a member of our community for all that they do!

See you at the Pride Rally on October 10!



National Gay and Lesbian Task Force The Eleventh National Conference for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Movement November 11-15, 1998 Westin William Penn Hotel Pittsburgh, PA



For details regarding the Conference, including information on registration, volunteering, and housing, call (4 | 2)-242-9966

or write

Creating Change Local Host Committee P.O. Box 81739 Pittsburgh, PA 15217-0739

Pride Rally Update

by Michael Mahler

On Saturday, October 10, Erie area GLBT people, their friends, families and supporters will make local history in the first ever Pride Rally in support of our community. The event is scheduled to run from noon to 4 PM in Perry Square, right next to Erie City Hall and Erie County Courthouse. This will also coincide with National Coming Out Day. The speakers and performers will begin at 1 PM and there will be a Family Portrait taken at 2 PM.

There is no charge for admittance and all GLBT people and our supportive straight friends and families are most welcome. The event is being coordinated by Erie Community Pride Organization, a coalition of area people and groups working on projects to improve our community.

We are anticipating an openly gay Presidential appointee from Washington DC who will be reading a letter signed by President Clinton in support of Gay and Lesbian Pride. Other political figures participating include Greg Rabb, who ran as an openly gay Democratic



candidate for City Council in Jamestown NY in 1997 and Abby Conley, who is a past Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee Member, former candidate for Erie City Council, and commissioner for Erie's Bicentennial festivities. After the lesbigay float was vandalized and rebuilt less than a day before Erie's Bicentennial Parade in 1995, Ms. Conley rode in the truck as a supporter.

Slated artistic performers include local musician Greg Ropp and Directors Circle Theatre, who will be presenting a scene from the lesbian drama "Last Summer at Bluefish Cove"

As has become traditional, we will be taking a Family Portrait at the gazebo in Perry Square at 2 PM. Our straight friends and family are welcome to be in this as well and persons may be in the picture or not as they wish.

Addressing religion/spirituality and justice for GLBT people will be Sr. Mary Louise St. John, OSB. Speaking for human services will be local counselor Deb Monohon, president of Friends from the Heart and HIV/AIDS case manager.

Representatives from the family and youth perspectives will be Elaine Hill, coordinator of PFLAG-Erie, Jeremy Snyder, coordinator of Closet Culture and Mark Ricker, local youth activist.

There will be informational displays of area groups and resources. Scapers, 2508 Peach Street, will be hosting an art exhibition during the month of October entitled "The Voice from the Other Room" and a reception will be held the night before the Pride Rally on Friday, October 9 (more details next month or at our web site at http://www.eriegaynews/pride_98.html)

This event will mark the first time in Erie history that GLBT people have gathered in an area that is open to the general public.

For more info, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833, mail 1115 W 7th St, Erie PA 16502-1105, fax (814) 452-1392, email egcn@ncinter.net. Donations to help finance this event are gratefully accepted.



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Local news

PrideGifts Expansion

Dear Friends. I would like to announce the Grand Opening of PrideGifts Catalog order center and Gift shop, located on 210 High St in Waterford joining hands with "Earthsongs" metaphysical shop. We are currently expanding our catalog to over 1,200 items and we will deliver free of charge to all customers (within Erie County), We will be offering various items to choose from, more of the selection of bumper and pride stickers, flags, jewelry. You will be able to place catalog orders through our catalog ordering center as well. Orders will generally take 1 week to fill. All orders over \$30 will receive a free rainbow keychain, compliments of PrideGifts, please stop in to Earthsongs, and check out their great selection of items. Please, look forward to our newest and convenient location, and our other various locations opening soon in Pittsburgh, and Cleveland. Thank-you for all your support!

Christopher

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Sep 11-13 Red Hot & Spicy

Sep 25-27 Haunted Halloween

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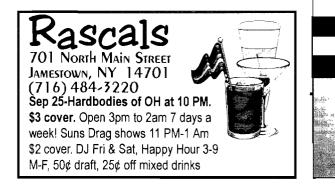
Theme Events

DJ Weekends

Cyber News

Jones Pond now has a web site with their schedule. The address is http://www.jonespond.com. You can also make reservations there. Email is info@jonespond.com.

Scapers has revamped their web site. Their in-store publication newScaperS is on line. Check it out at http://members.aol.com/scapers/



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Open Letter To All Resource and Service Organizations and Social Groups

On Saturday, October 10, 1998, the Erie Community Pride Organization will hold Erie's first annual Pride Rally from noon to 4 pm at Perry Square in downtown Erie. We are naturally very excited about this event, which has been nearly a year of planning. We expect a variety of activities, and hopefully, a respectable turnout of gays and gay-friendly persons in the area.

At this time, we would like to welcome all resource and service organizations, social groups, etc. to represent yourselves at the Pride Rally with a table or small stand containing informational brochures, a banner or sign with your group's name and/or logo, and some photos of folks participating in your group either as members, staff, or volunteers. We hope to present a very positive image of the gay community in Erie. Your enthusiastic participation would be most appreciated! Please contact Helen at 451-0359 or e-mail me at aichess@hotmail.com for additional information and assistance. Hope to see you at the Rally!!!!



Entertainment notes

by Deb Spilko

Friends from the Heart will present its annual murder mystery/dinner theater fundraiser on October 3. Tickets are \$25 single, \$40 per couple. The Matriarch Mayhem-Stromboli Family Reunion The event, held at Stephany's Grove, 1099 Wyoming Avenue, benefits the work of Friends from the Heart. For ticket info call Becky Palmer at 814-838-1547.

Ms. Whoopi Goldberg plays a lesbian cop in the film Deep End of the Ocean, opening in theaters September 29. The story is based on the book of the same name, by Jaqueline Mitchard

Pittsburgh's **Persad Center** will not hold its **3rd Steel Party** this year, because it lost money on the 1997 event. The organization may try again, with a different sort of party event.

It's kind of interesting listening to people reacting to the new *Times* same-sex personal ads. One woman wistfully noted that there was one gay man currently listed who was exactly what she wanted in a man.

Here's a little tip for getting better access to **Movie Stop**'s GLBT titles: if you know they have a certain title, but you can't seem to find it on the shelf, ask the staff about it. Many GLBT titles, because they are single copies, will circulate among the Movie Stop's various stores. If you tell them you are interested in a certain title for a certain date, they are generally helpful in trying to make sure it'll be there for you.

Buffalo's **HAG Theatre** presents *Gertrude Stein and A Companion, A Play by Win Wells* This is the love story of Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas told in dialogue in a combination of Gertrude Stein's own words and those of Win Wells in imitation of her style. September 18 through October 3. At Hallwalls; info 716-835-7362.

I guess after all the apologizing for corrections from last month's issue, I felt like I wanted to also say, we really do our best here. To the best of my knowledge no other Erie-size city has a publication like this, and it's a tough task. Please try to understand that when we miss the mark.

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Fall TV schedule

Schedules are subject to change. Check the TV Guide Fall Preview Issue in September or local listings.

Monday

Will & Grace "They're not a couple, they're a couple of friends!" So goes the network publicity about this sitcom featuring a gay male character (Eric McCormack) and straight female character (Debra Messing) as co-leads. Although Will & Grace shows there is gay TV after Ellen, this sitcom really will take baby steps with its audience. NBC at 9:30pm.

Tuesday

Mad About You NBC 8pm. Paul's sister Deb and her lover Joan are occasional characters in this romantic sitcom.

Spin City 9pm. Sitcom features a black gay man (Michael Boatman as Carter Heywood) who is Director of Minority Affairs in a big city administration.

NYPD Blue 10pm. Police drama with Officer Abby Sullivan (Paige Turco) as a lesbian officer.

Wed

The Nanny 8pm CBS. Not gay (or usually isn't) but Fran Drescher delights gay audiences.

Third Rock from the Sun 9pm NBC. Wacky extraterrestrials with a transgender family member.

Chicago Hope 10pm CBS Hospital drama; Dr. Dennis Hancock (Vondie Curtis-Hall).

Thursday

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

Frasier 9pm. Since flamboyant restaurant bitch Gil Chesterton (Edward Hibbett) announced his heterosexuality in the past season, it might not seem this show belongs here. But Niles and Frasier have wonderfully gay sensibilities and the show is very gay-friendly.

ER 10 pm NBC. Medical drama featuring lesbian intern Dr. Maggie Doyle (Jorja Fox)

Always check program dates and times against your local listings.

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Friday

Nash Bridges CBS 10pm. Police drama with two characters of interest: Nash's sister Stacey (Angela Dorhmann) and receptionist Pepe (Patrick Fischler).

Sat

Linc's 10 pm Showtime. Black sitcom set in Linc's Bar and Grill. In the first episode, Linc's daughter comes home from the army and comes out to her father. Repeats Sundays 11:45pm and Thursdays at 10pm.

The Profiler 10pm. Peter Frechette is Computer Specialist George Fraley.

Daily

The Roseanne Show A talk show that debuts on September 14. CBS 10am.

New Hollywood Squares Whoopi Goldberg has decided to get out of making movies for a while in favor of doing this game show. Debuts Sept. 14. Network unknown (it's syndicated.)

Ellen Episodes from her five-year sitcom will air 6pm and 6:30pm on The Lifetime Channel, weekdays. New-



comers to the show should note, it's only been the last couple years that the show had actually had gay content *ER* TNT Airs Mon-Fri 7pm beginning Sept. 7.

Various

In the Life The national gay newsmagazine is broadcast over PBS at various times. We try our best to get the dates for this program, but people who are members of PBS receive a monthly programming guide that will keep them up to date. (The In the Life Web sit is sometimes up-to-date with that info: http//:www.inthelifetv.org

Xena: Warrior Princess The lesbian producer of this female adventure show says that this past season any homoeroticism you saw between Xena and her faithful companion Gabrielle were intentional. *Xena* tends to be aired on Fox, USA and WGN, check listings.

Rude Awakening Showtime. Check listings for dates and times.

Other

E! News Featuring Greg Louganis' significant other, Steve Kmetko. On E!

20/20 ABC Wed 10pm, Fri 10pm Sun 9pm. This newsmagazine was noted for its fairness of GLBT issues by GLAAD.

Upcoming

What Makes a Family On USA. Produced by Barbra Streisand, this is the story of a woman whose partner dies and then must fight for custody of their adopted daughter. Date: TBA

Cunanan sensationalism: Watch for at least one movie that sensationalizes the horrible and tragic life and actions of alleged serial murderer Andrew Cunanan. No dates known.

Not...

Star Trek: Voyager In an online talk (TheGlobe.com) Jeri Ryan, who plays the former Borg Seven of Nine, addressing reports that the show's producers were considering making her character a lesbian, stated, "This is an enormous, enormous rumor on the Internet, and it's not true. Somebody posted supposedly official press releases from the producer's office saying that Seven would be a lesbian, and it's not true. Now."

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PFLAG Responds to ad campaign

from PFLAG

A coalition of conservative organizations sponsored three full-page advertisements, which ran in the *New York Times* (7/13/98), *The Washington Post* (7/14/98) and *USA Today* (7/15/98). This ad campaign is the latest in a series of on-going attacks directed against gay Americans by religious political activists. These ads assert, among other falsehoods, that in order to be a person of faith, one cannot be gay and that lesbians and gay men need to be "cured" through "reparative" therapy.

Many PFLAG parents have seen first-hand how damaging this "therapy" has been to their children. It is important that we recognize and educate based on facts and reputable professional opinions.

As part of a coalition calling for acceptance and support, PFLAG's answer to the religious right is that if you really love someone, you'll fight for their right to live with dignity and fairness, rather than trying to make them someone they are not.

PFLAG has a number of resources dealing with "reparative therapy." You can contact their national office at PFLAG 1101 14th St, NW Wash DC 20005 202-638-4200 email info@pflag.org Web http://www.pflag.org

"We subjected our son to four years of psychoanalysis beginning at age 8 to 'cure' him of his homosexuality. Not only was this unsuccessful, it was abusive and destructive to his self-esteem. We are extremely grateful that he survived and did not resort to suicide as so many of our gay young people do. Now, through his courage and conviction to be true to himself, he thrives as a happy, successful adult. Through our mutual love and with his help, we have learned to fully cherish and celebrate his life and happiness. Our hearts go out to the gay people and their families who cannot overcome the misery caused by homophobia and homo-ignorance."

> -Dr. Jonathan and Catherine Tuerk PFLAG members, Washington, DC

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Experts: gays don't need "cure"

In the past couple months there has been a lot of discussion in the media around "curing" heterosexuality. Here are some interesting quotes from professionals in the health care and mental health fields:

From the American Psychiatric Association

"There is no published scientific evidence supporting the efficacy of 'reparative therapy' as a treatment to change one's sexual orientation. It is not described in the scientific literature, nor is it mentioned in the APA's latest comprehensive Task Force Report, Treatments of Psychiatric Disorders (1989).

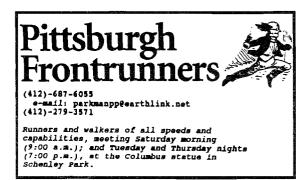
"There are a few reports in the literature of efforts to use psychotherapeutic and counseling techniques to treat persons troubled by their homosexuality who desire to become heterosexual; however, results have not been conclusive, nor have they been replicated. There is no evidence that any treatment can change a homosexual person's deep-seated sexual feelings for others of the same sex

'Clinical experience suggests that any person who seeks conversion therapy may be doing so because of social bias that has resulted in internalized homophobia, and that gay men and lesbians who have accepted their sexual orientation positively are better adjusted than those who have not done so.'

-From an American Psychiatric Association fact sheet, September 1994.

American Medical Association

"Most of the emotional disturbance experienced by gay men and lesbians around their sexual identity is not based on physiological causes but rather is due more to a



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sense of alienation in an unaccepting environment. For this reason, aversion therapy (a behavioral or medical intervention which pairs unwanted behavior, in this case, homosexual behavior, with unpleasant sensations or aversive consequences) is no longer recommended for gay men and lesbians. Through psychotherapy, gay men and lesbians can become comfortable with their sexual orientation and understand the societal response to it."

-Excerpts following are from "Health Care Needs of Gay Men and Lesbians in the U.S.: A Report Presented by the Council on Scientific Affairs to the AMA House of Delegates Interim Meeting," December 1994.

From the American Psychological Association

"Even though homosexual orientation is not a mental illness and there is no scientific reason to attempt conversion of lesbians or gays to heterosexual orientation, some individuals may seek to change their sexual orientation or that of another individual (for example, parents seeking therapy for their child). Some therapists who undertake this kind of therapy report that they have changed



their clients' sexual orientation (from homosexual to heterosexual) in treatment. Close scrutiny of their reports indicates several factors that cast doubt: Many of the claims come from organizations with an ideological perspective on sexual orientation, rather than from mental health researchers; the treatments and their outcomes are poorly documented; and the length of time that clients are followed up on after treatment is too short.

"In 1990, the American Psychological Association stated that scientific evidence does not show that conversion therapy works and that it can do more harm than good. Changing one's sexual orientation is not simply a matter of changing one's sexual behavior. It would require altering one's emotional, romantic and sexual feelings and restructuring one's self-concept and social identity.

"Although some mental health providers do attempt sexual orientation conversion, others question the ethics of trying to alter through therapy a trait that is not a disorder to an individual's identity.

"Not all gays and lesbians who seek therapy want to change their sexual orientation. Gays and lesbians may seek counseling for any of the same reasons as anyone else. In addition, they may seek psychological help to

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'come out' or to deal with prejudice, discrimination and violence.

"Fot nearly three decades, it has been known that homosexuality is not a mental illness. Medical and mental health professionals also now know that sexual orientation is not a choice and cannot be altered. Groups who try to change the sexual orientation of people through so-called 'conversion therapy' are misguided and run the risk of causing a great deal of psychological harm to those they say they are trying to help."

---The American Psychological Association overwhelmingly passed a resolution on "reparative therapy" at its annual convention, Aug. 14, 1997.

The American Academy of Pediatrics

"Confusion about sexual orientation is not unusual during adolescence. Counseling may be helpful for young people who are uncertain about their sexual orientation or for those who are uncertain about how to express their sexuality and might profit from an attempt at clarification through a counseling or psychotherapeutic initiative. Therapy directed at specifically changing sexual orientation is contraindicated, since it can provoke guilt and anxiety while having little or no potential for achieving changes in orientation."

"Pediatricians should be aware that some of the youths in their care may be homosexual or have concerns about sexual orientation. Caregivers should provide factual, current, nonjudgmental information in a confidential manner."

"The psychosocial problems of gay and lesbian adolescents are primarily the result of societal stigma, hostility, hatred and isolation. The gravity of these stresses is underscored by current data that document that gay youths account for up to 30 percent of all completed adolescent suicides. Approximately 30 percent of a surveyed group of gay and bisexual males have attempted suicide at least once. Adolescents struggling with issues of sexual preference should be reassured that they will gradually form their own identity and that there is no need for premature labeling of one's sexual orientation."

--From a policy statement entitled "Homosexuality and Adolescence," published in the journal *Pediatrics*, Oct. 1993.

Remember our deadline is Sept 15

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Religious "cure": resources

If you have a book, video, or other resource you think should be listed, please send information about it to <u>exexlink@aol.com</u>. This list is from Ex.Ex, "The Online Resource for those seeking honest information about the ex-gay movement in America." Their Web site is at http://members.aol.com/exexgay/ indexhome.htm

Books

Stranger at the Gate, by Rev. Mel White, Simon & Schuster: From inside cover: "In this remarkable book, Mel White looks at his own life in the church and details the struggles he went through to deny and overcome his own natural sexual desires....It is a deeply personal story of torment and triumph..." This is a must read!

The Preacher's Son, by Mark Adams, This great book about the gay son of a conservative Christian preacher and his struggle to accept his orientation. Read more at http://vangar.com/zpreach.htm.

The Good Book, by Rev. Peter Gomes: Rev. Gomes is the Harvard University Chaplain that happens to be a gay African-American male. This book is a brilliant and inspirational look at the Bible today from a man Time magazine called one of the seven best preachers in America

The Word is Out, by Chris Glaser, Harper Collins: This collection of 365 daily meditations provides gays and lesbians with a new look at the Bible.

Coming Out to God, by Chris Glaser: This short book is designed to help individuals reconcile their homosexuality with their Christian spirituality.

Living in Sin: A Bishop Rethinks Human Sexuality, by Bishop John Shelby Spong, Harper Collins: Although this book is focused on the broader subject of human sexuality, its content on homosexuality is some of the best available.

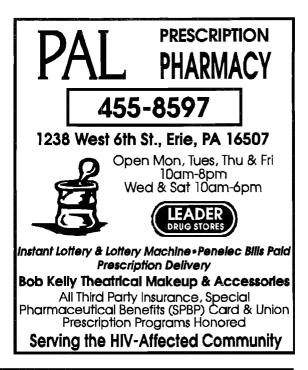
Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?, by Letha Dawson Scanzoni & Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, Harper Collins: Originally published in 1978 and updated in 1995, this book is a powerful wake up call for Christians to reexamine their attitudes toward gay and lesbian people.

Holy Homosexuals: The Truth About Being Gay or Lesbian and Christian, Rev. Michael S. Piazza, Sources of Hope Publishing House: From the introduction: "My purpose in writing this book is in the hope that it may be a resource for those who are still struggling to reconcile their faith and sexual orientation. My goal is to spare others the agony that some of us suffered while struggling to keep our faith, or perhaps regain it."

On Being Gay: Thoughts on Family, Faith & Love, by Brian McNaught, St. Martin's Press: This wonderful book is great for the gay or lesbian that is still struggling with how to practically reconcile their sexual orientation with their spiritual life. It is easy reading that deals with some very core issues regardless of your spirituality.

Outing Yourself, by Michelangelo Signorile, Random House: Although not related to spirituality in any way, this great book can be very helpful to the gay or lesbian leaving "ex-gay" groups. Another great basic book.

Letters from the Closet, by Tony Ferrante & Paulette Jacobson, Tzedakah Publications: This interactive book follows the lives of two college friends and their experience of coming out to each other many years later. One of the characters is a Catholic priest and learns to reconcile his sexual orientation with his spiritual beliefs. A wonderful gift book.



Just As I Am, by E. Lynn Harris, Doubleday: This novel explores the conflict of spirituality and sexuality as it relates to several of the key characters. Its message is very powerful. The main characters experience their own understanding of the fact that God loves them just as they are.

Fr. John McNeil, the former Jesuit, now openly gay and still practicing in ministry has several books that tell of how God can be intimately involved in a gay relationship. The Second Book John has published: (I do not have the first one available but it is called "The Church and The Homosexual" and was written by John when he was still an active Jesuit Priest. However, his second book is entitled: "Taking a Chance on God" Liberating Theology for Gays, Lesbians and their lovers, families and friends. The book (paperback) was first published in 1988 but is still in print. It is published by the Beacon Press, 25 Beacon Street, Boston MA. 02108. It is published by the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. John is now practicing Psychotherapy in new York City. The Third Book is entitled: "Freedom, Glorious Freedom" The spiritual journey to the Fullness of life for Gays, Lesbians, and everybody else. It too is published by the Beacon Press. John McNeil is no lightweight. He has his Doctorate in Philosophy from the Louvain University in Belgium. John himself is 'out' and has had a lover for many years.

Videos

"One Nation Under God," This wonderful video explores the lives of 2 men who co-founded Exodus International and then later were married to each other. Available at many local gay and lesbian bookstores.

If you have a book, video, or other resource you think should be listed, please send information about it to exexlink@aol.com.



Religion & <u>spirituality</u> Why is Solidarity Sunday important?

Solidarity Sunday began in 1995 when the Dignity/ USA board noted that 78% of American Catholics support civil rights for gays and lesbians. The board wondered, "How can we tap into that support and invite our friends to show it publicly." Initially the effort was to ask our relatives and friends to wear the rainbow ribbon to show their support in society. Because of the reported frequency of hate crimes against all people, including hate crimes based on sexual orientation or gender identity, we decided to ask those wearing the ribbon to take the four point pledge to help end verbal and physical abuse.

Far too often verbal abuse has led to physical abuse and even murder. One murder occurred in Texas after the murderer heard a sermon in which it was declared that God demanded death for homosexuals. We want to give people of good will a tool to counteract this kind of atrocity. Dignity/USA celebrates the Sunday before National Coming Out Day, October 4 this year, as Solidarity Sunday, a day when Catholics, other Christians and all people are invited to show support for and solidarity with God's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender children. This nationwide outreach invites bishops, priests, ministers, religious and lay people - the whole Church and all people - to counteract the words and actions of those who would harm any of God's children with emotional, religious or physical abuse.

Solidarity Sunday invites our many loved ones and friends to wear the rainbow ribbon, to pray the Solidarity Prayer and to take the Solidarity Pledge to work to end verbal and physical abuse of any person, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders.

Dignity/USA, founded in 1969, is the nation's largest organization of Catholic lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered persons, and their loved ones, families and friends.

For more info contact Dignity USA at 1500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, #11 Washington DC 20005 202-861-0017 800-877-8797 or email dignity@aol.com

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Emmy awards feature GLBT-nominees

from GLAAD

LOS ANGELES, July 23 — The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) today congratulated lesbian- and gay-inclusive programs, outstanding performances, and openly lesbian actress Ellen DeGeneres on garnering nominations for television's most prestigious award, the Emmy. The nominees for the 50th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards were announced earlier today in Los Angeles by actors Jane Leeves (Frasier) and Anthony Edwards (ER). The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' award ceremony will be broadcast live on Sunday, September 13, 1998 on NBC.

"Only a few short years ago, lesbian and gay images on primetime television were few and far between," said William Horn, GLAAD Assistant Entertainment Media Director. "GLAAD is enthusiastic about the continuing inclusion of a more diverse portrait of our community on TV. We congratulate all of this year's Emmy-nominees for receiving such an outstanding acknowledgment from their industry."

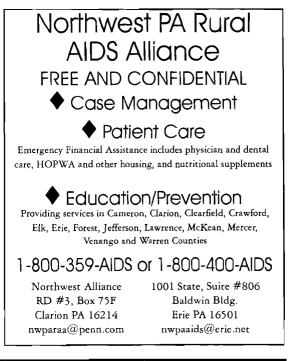
Ellen DeGeneres was acknowledged by the Academy with a nomination for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series. DeGeneres-who was recently honored with a lifetime achievement award at GLAAD's Media Awards ceremony-made television history last year when both the actress and her title character on the sitcom *Ellen* came out. At last September's Emmys, both DeGeneres and the *Ellen* writing team were honored with an Outstanding Comedy Series Writing award for the "Puppy Episode," the sitcom's groundbreaking coming out episode. The same episode won a Peabody Award this year.



Television programs with recurring lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender characters nominated this year include ER (Dr. Maggie Doyle), The Larry Sanders Show (Brian), NYPD Blue (Officer Abby Sullivan) and The Simpsons (Waylon Smithers). Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City was honored with a nomination for Outstanding Miniseries. The HBO movie Gia was nominated for Outstanding Made for Television TV Movie and Golden-Globe winner Angelina Jolie was nominated for her title role as the lesbian supermodel. In all, More Tales garnered five nominations, and Gia six.

Oscar-winners Olympia Dukakis and Emma Thompson were both nominated as well. Dukakis, who reprised her role as transgender den mother Anna Madrigal in Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City in the category of Outstanding Lead Actress in a Miniseries or Movie; Thompson in the category of Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series for her role as a closeted lesbian on Ellen.

For A Complete Listing of Emmy Nominations Visit: http://www.emmys.org/releases/index.html



Back to school...

Would it change your old history teacher's thoughts on gay people if you wrote him or her a letter about what it was like being a gay teen?

The Gay Lesbian and Straight Educators Network (GLSEN) and the Tzabaco Safe Schools Initiative organizes the Back-to-School Campaign. The campaign encourages people to write to the teachers, guidance counselors, policy-makers and administrators at their old schools and tell them what they experienced. Here are some sample letters.

For more letters, or more information on GLSEN, contact them at http://www.glsen.org/ or 202-727-0135.

"While I am sure that many of the faculty, including some of those in the counseling department, would have been supportive had any of us had the courage to tell our secret, there was no encouragement to believe that homosexuality was discussible. My guidance counselor, Brother Duffy, in fact, announced to our senior class, 'If you guys come in and tell me you've screwed a chick, I'll talk to you. If you tell me you're queer, I'll kick you out of my office.' He will never know the long term impact of his inappropriate, unprofessional comment. As I am sure you agree, no one's religious beliefs are comprised by common decency."

Brian R. McNaught Class of '66, Brother Rice High School, Bloomfield Hills MI

"I often wonder how different my life would have been if I had once heard the words gay and lesbian uttered. Our sexuality education then was restricted to the obligatory menstrual education provided to girls. I knew no one, certainly not one of my teachers, who was gay or lesbian. I'm not even sure I knew the words. I certainly was not given the information that would have helped me figure out what was missing, that might have spared me 25 years of a marginal, numb life."

> Eilen Raymond Class of '58 Hull High School, Hull MA

"I hated myself for being gay for a multitude of reasons. I hated being gay because when I was young, my father told me that when he was a Sergeant in the Marines he and his buddies used to beat up gay men and leave them unconscious in the street. How could I feel good about myself knowing that my father used to practically kill people like me? In the classrooms of Shenendehowa, teachers would allow students to use words like 'faggot' and 'dyke' and teachers themselves would even use those words. How could I fully concentrate on my studies and be the student I want to be, knowing that the adult in the front of the classroom considered people like me worthy of that torment? And on the athletic fields coaches I had would say, 'You're all playing like a bunch of faggots.' Little did my coaches know that their star player was a faggot."

> John Spear Class of '87 Shenendehowa High School, Clifton Park, NY

Obituary

Val Muma Adkins

Val Muma Adkins passed away on May 26 from lung disease and Crohn's disease. She was 50.

She grew up in Meadville and lived in Erie for several years in the 1970's. In Erie she attended Gannon College, and also participated in the Catholic peace and justice community. She moved to New York City, where she became—to use her words—"debonair dyke about town." After several years in the big city, she returned to Erie, and from there moved to Maine. In Maine, she raised pigs and vegetables, wrote columns for various newspapers and had various longish term relationships. She and her partner, Mary-Lib Whitney, were married in Maine five years ago, and Whitney accompanied her when Adkins returned to Meadville to be near her children and grandchildren.

She was a graphic artist and a writer. She combined these talents in a book published by North Light Books, titled "Creating Brochures and Booklets" and was working on a semi-biographical novel when she died. Her hobby was genealogy and she spent many hours a day doing research for people searching for ancestors. Her partner says that, "According to all the posts I got (close to 200) her most outstanding attributes were her sense of humor and her willingness to be of help."

Adkins is survived by her partner, three children, a stepdaughter, and several grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to Mary-Lib Whitney, 19226 Mulligan Lane, Meadville PA 16335.

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Next Month in EGN.

October will be a special edition of EGN in honor of the First Pride Rally and will feature the Erie Community Pride Logo on its cover and the 3rd Family Portrait, taken at the Pride Erie Picnic on June 13th, 1998, in the centerfold.

Commemorative Ads

Because October's issue is likely to have greater than normal distribution to the wider Erie area community due to the Pride Rally, we will be accepting special commemorative ads, similar to the ones we published in the Erie Bicentennial issue that was placed in the time capsule. You can take out an ad to celebrate your pride, to honor a loved one, or just to say "We're here!" Deadline is September fifteenth and ad rates are as usual (see rates/sizes table on page 20.)

Advertise in EGN!

Below is a table of the rates and sizes for all ads. Please note that any ad that is paid for by the 25th of the month previous to the cover date (i.e. an ad in the September issue if paid for by August 25th) is eligible for a 10% discount. All checks are payable to "EGC Coalition".

If you are sending an ad in, you can either mail in camera ready copy or we can lay out an ad. Please do not fax us ad copy that will be directly reproduced as it is too grainy to use.

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Family Portrait will appear in our special October issue for Erie's first Pride Rally on Oct 10!

Commemorative Ads available! Deadline to get them in is September 15th!

Resource Directory

This is an abbreviated version! The full version is on our web site. You may also request a complete version by mail. All phone numbers are area code 814 unless atherwise nated. Not all resources are necessarily gay-owned nor serve primarily lesbigay people; some may be just gay-friendly

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David J Johnson MA MS	838-9408
Lic. psychologist. Privote & consulting svcs. 4845 West Lake Rd	, Erie
Family Service of Jamestown N.Y.	716)488-1971
Fredonia Office	
Christine L Gagliano LSW	836-9622
Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 pm 11 pm. Mo	
1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)	
Lake Erie Counseling Associates	455-4009
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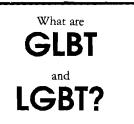
NWPA Chapter of ACLU 734-3458 (Bob Cogan) PO Box 1413 Erie PA 16512.

League of Gay & Lesbian Voters 898-4210 (Dave Mulholland) Nonpartison voters group. Meets first Sun. Write to LGLV-Erie, PO Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505-0083. Email to lglverie@aol.com

Religious Organizations

Support group for lesbigay Catholics and their friends and family.

BYKOTA- Be Ye Kind One To Another 734-3959 (Susan Laurie) Ecumenical. Open to Christians of all denominations/orientations. Email



Because there are people who prefer to be called gay or lesbian or bisexual or transgender, and because this can be a little unwieldy in talking about our community, more organizations and publications are abbreviating the term to GLBT or sometimes LGBT. You will be seeing this abbreviation more often in this publication.

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Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal)	452-3779
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Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Frie 🛡	864-9300

Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Erie 🔻 864-9300 7180 New Perry Highway. For Commitment Vows, ask for Rev. Terry Kime. uuerie@juno.com. http://www.geocities.com/Athens/7660

Services

Bella's Home Cleaning Svcs	459-4283 10 AM-10 PM
Suite 204 Le Salon	454-4691
233 W 8th St, Erie PA	

1215 Liberty St, Fronklin PA. Lesbigay and Trans-friendly

Social Organizations

- Chautauqua County, NY. Meets 3rd Sat of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitorian Society of Jamestown. No smoking or alcohol.
- Social group for gay/bi men. Meets second Sat (unless otherwise noted), location vories. Call 456-9833 for more info or emoil egrn@ncinter.net
- Runners and walkers of oll speeds and copobilities. Email parkmonpp@earthlink.net
- An alcohol & smake-free environment for lesbions, with a theme, topic or activity for each month. Meet 1st Sat ot 7:30pm. of Unitarion Univ Congreg of Erie. aichess@hotmail.com.

Student Organizations/Youth

Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexu	ual People (CSGLBP,
Allegheny College, Meadville) 🗸	332-4368 (Nancy)
Write to CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College,	Meadville, PA 16335.
csglbp@alleg.edu	

Closet Culture
Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area
Write to: PO Box 529 Ediphoro PA 16412 Closet (Itr@nol.com

Covenant House Teen Hotline	1-800-999	-9999
Identity 🔄	732-4357 (Amy)



Crossword Solution:

Student group for lesbigay & allies of Edinboro Univ. Write to Identity, Edinboro Univ. 374 Dearborn Hall, Edinboro, PA 16412

Univ, 374 Dearborn Hall, Edinboro, PA 16412
Jamestown Comm. College Grp 🔻 (716)665-5220 ext 204
or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)
Open to college & non-college people. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20,
Jamestown NY 14702-0020. Email Greg ot rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjcc.edu.
Mercyhurst College Gay/Straight Alliance ▼
Taro at tsamios@hotmoil.com or Barbara ot bwatters@mercyhurst.edu
National Runaway Switchboard
SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU
Meets Tuesdays of 10 pm in Willioms Center. All welcome. Email to
alhsu0000@fredonio edu
Teen Hotline
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. trigon behrend@hotmail.com http://
www.clubs.psu.edu/trigon
Support Groups
Erie Sisters
Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Soturday,
newsletter, Write: Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8 St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505.
esc@csonline.net http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/1614/
Lambda Group—Gay AA 🔻 452-2675
Alcoholics Anon for Lesbigays. Open discussion. Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm at Uni-
tarion Universalist Congreg of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hiway. Open to oll Lesbigays
who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone.
Partners
meeting time and place.
PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)
PFLAG-DuBois PA
Meets 7 pm on 2nd Tues of month at St. John's Oklahoma Lutheran Church at the
corner of Maple Ave & Shaffer Rood in DuBois. Write to PFLAG-DuBois, 1191 Trea-
sure Lake, DuBois PA 15801 pflagdubois@key-net.net
PFLAG-Erie Elaine 864-0184
Meets 1st Thurs 7:00 pm at Unitorian-Universalist Congreg of Erie. Write to PFLAG-
Erie c/o Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie, PA 16508. Emoil Elaine Hill at loislane@velocity.net
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

Jamestown - YWCA Alternatives to Violence

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

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HIV/AIDS Directory

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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			
Case Manager - Andrea Cathcart			
Case Manager - Cheryl Weber	825-1085 or 455-3786		
AIDS Action Team (AACT) Gannon			
AIDS Bereavement Support Group			
Sponsored by HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of th			
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Friends from the Heart	
Direct Client Services. Volunteers helping	deliver help with food, rent, transporta-
tion, moving and clothing ta people wi Meets 2nd Monday of the month at Well	th AIDS. Donations <i>greatly</i> appreciated. Reing Center, 710 Renument
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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. nwpooids@erie.net

St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group 🔄

Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.

Case Manager - Margaret Geer, RN	(800) 743-1940
AIDS Community Services V	
South County Support	
For HIV infected and affected people. Meets 1st Thursday at t	he home of Hop and
Cindy Chase, 1115 Prendergast Ave in Jamestown.	

Meadville PA/Crawford County

Case Manager - Sue Bobosky	(800)359-AIDS
Crawford Co. AIDS Coalition	337-3241

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HIV+ Support Grps Rosemary Buzzard at 333-5800

Venango/Forest County

Venango-Forest AIDS Support	1-800-359-2437
Case Manager - Sue Bobosky	
Case Manager - Andrea Cathcart	. (800)359-AIDS

Warren County

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			
Call for info on CD4 and Viral Load Testing	451-6727		
(Erie) MHEDS	453-6229 or 453-4728		
Jamestown or Buffalo			
Meadville PA	(814)332-6947		
Pittsburgh	(412)578-8332		
Sharon PA	(412)983-5150		
Youngstown OH	(216)747-4805		
HIVIAIDS Anonymous Testing Sites			

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(Ashtabula) Family Planning Assoc (\$30)	(216)992-5953	
Painesville OH	(216)354-AIDS	
Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force		

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