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Erie Gay News

Calendar

Jan 1—Happy New Year!

Jan 1—*Biography-Judy Garland: Beyond the Rainbow* (A&E) 8 PM and 12 midnight.

Jan 2—Womynspace For more info, call Helen 451-0359 or email aichess@hotmail.com

Jan 2—Personal goal setting and New Years resolutions (Mentor OH) 7-9 PM. Coffee and bring dessert to share. Sponsored by HUGS-East. 8521 East Ave, Mentor OH. Call 440-974-8909 for more info.

Jan 3—*In The Life* 11 PM WQLN (PBS-Erie, Ch. 54). See details last issue.

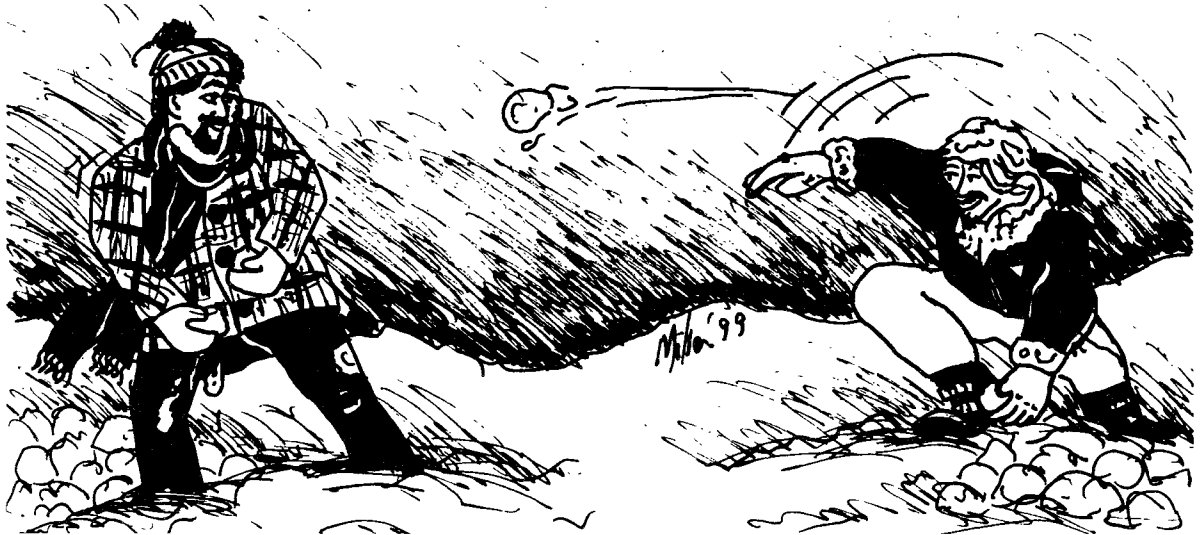
Jan 5—*LifeStories: Families in Crisis* (HBO Plus) 5 PM. An 11 year old deals with AIDS.

Jan 6—Be Seen! Be Heard! March (Washington, D.C.) Rally organized via Internet to promote Congressional passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Info <http://www.gocities.com/CapitolHill/2047/march.html>.

Jan 6—*Out of the Past* 8 PM WNED (PBS-Buffalo, Ch. 17). "Traces the history of the emergence of gays and lesbians in America. This program is presented through the eyes of a Utah teenager who faces difficulties while trying to form a Gay-Straight Alliance at her high school in 1996, and examines her historic counterpoints." *Please note that this is being followed by In The Life and P.O.V. Licensed to Kill.*

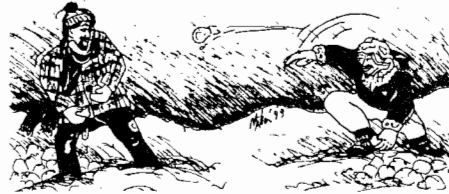
Jan 6—*In The Life* 9 PM WNED (PBS-Buffalo, Ch. 17). See details last issue.

Jan 6—*P.O.V. Licensed to Kill* 10 PM WNED (PBS-Buffalo, Ch. 17). Filmmaker Arthur Dong takes viewers inside the walls of prison for a provocative and disturbing exploration of the minds and souls of men whose attitudes towards homosexuality have led them to murder. The men are asked in face to face interviews the common question: **WHY?**" *Continued on page 3*



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On the Cover:
Snowball Fight
 by Micheal A. Miller

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Thanks!

Items to send us in January

Jan 15— Deadline for info related to February and early March events:

Valentine's Day, Black History Month, Mardi Gras



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The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of information, support and affirmation for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, transgendered people, their friends, families and allies 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 December issue collators!

Thanks to Stan King, Brian Skelly, Paul Grubbs, Neal and Greg Knowles 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!*

Jan 6—"Always Our Children" meets Support group for Catholic parents of gay children. Meets 7-9 PM at Catholic Charities, 329 W 10th St. 456-2091 for more info.

Jan 7—2 girls alone at Aromas 7 to 9:30 PM. 2164 W 8th St.

Jan 7—PFLAG-Erie meets 7:00 PM Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Elaine Hill at 864-0184.

Jan 7—In *The Life* 11 PM WQED (PBS-Pittsburgh, Ch. 13). See details last issue.

Jan 8—*All Over Me* (HBO Plus) 2:35 AM. A teen finds lesbianism in New York's Hell's Kitchen.

Jan 9—Menspace Call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net for more info.

Jan 9—10% Network Men's Video and Magazine Exchange (Jamestown, NY) 7 PM at John's house. For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285.

Jan 11—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 PM, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon Cleer 838-0123.

Jan 11—26th Annual American Music Awards (ABC) 8 PM. Performances by Whitney Houston, Garth Brooks, Cher.

Jan 11—*Biography-Anthony Perkins: A Life in the Shadows* (A&E) 8 PM and 12 midnight. Includes material on his life as a closeted gay man.

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

Jan 12—In *The Life* 12 Midnight WNEO/WFAO (PBS-Cleveland, Ch. 45/49). See details last issue.

Jan 13—Venango-Forest AIDS Support Group meets 6:30 PM at Rowe Building at Northwest Medical Center in Oil City. For more info, call (814) 677-9901 or email clmiller@usachoice.net.

Jan 13—Great Performances: *The Rogers and Hart Story* 8 PM WNEO (PBS-Buffalo, Ch. 17). Richard Rogers first collaborator, lyricist Lorenz Hart, was gay.

Jan 13—Great Performances: *The Noel Coward Story* 8 PM WNEO (PBS-Buffalo, Ch. 17). Profiles the life of the famous musician/lyricist/entertainer, who was a semi-closeted gay man.

Jan 14—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Jan 16—10% Network Women's Dance (Jamestown, NY) 7 PM at the Unitarian Church in Jamestown, 1225 Prendergast Ave. For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285.

Jan 16—AIDS Benefit at Directors Circle Theatre Sponsored by Tapas Bodega and Gary's Flower Shoppe. Details page 6.

Jan 18—Martin Luther King Day

Jan 19—FTD Champions on Ice 1999 Includes openly gay skater Rudy Galindo. At Erie Civic Center. For more info call 452-4857.

Jan 20—*Biography-Roy Cohn: Joe McCarthy's Right-Hand Man* (A&E) 8 PM and 12 midnight.

Jan 20—*All Over Me* (HBO Plus) 4:20 AM. See Jan 8.

Jan 20—"Always Our Children" meets Support group for Catholic parents of gay children. Meets 7-9 PM at Catholic Charities, 329 W 10th St. 456-2091 for more info.

Jan 21—*Different for Girls* (Cinemax) 12 AM. Childhood pals share love after one's sex change.

Jan 22—*Austin City Limits: Indigo Girls, Kim Richey* 9 PM WNEQ (PBS-Buffalo, Ch. 23).

Jan 22—*Maybe... Maybe Not...* (Showtime) 4 AM. Ousted womanizer moves in with a gay pal.

Jan 22—*Suddenly, Last Summer* (TCM) 10 PM.

Jan 23—*In & Out* (Cinemax) 1:30 PM.

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Jan 27—*Some Like It Hot* (TCM) 11:30 PM.

Jan 28—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Jan 29—*The Birdcage* (Showtime) 2 AM.

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Serving the HIV-Affected Community

Jan 29—Kids in the Hall Marathon (Comedy Central) 11:30 PM - 4 AM. Includes out gay comedian Scott Thompson and his over the top character, Buddy Cole.

Jan 29—A Streetcar Named Desire (AMC) 1 PM.

Jan 30—The Birdcage (Showtime) 2:30 AM.

Jan 30—LifeStories: Families in Crisis (HBO Plus) 2:30 PM. An 11 year old deals with AIDS.

Jan 31—Absolutely Fabulous Marathon (Comedy Central) 2 - 8 PM.

Jan 31—My Best Friend's Wedding (TMC) 10 PM.

Jan 31—Fried Green Tomatoes (USA) 8 PM.

Feb 3—Margaret Cho (Comedy Central) 2 PM.

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

Feb 5—A Streetcar Named Desire opens at the Roadhouse Theatre 145 W 11th St. See *Q-list* page 12. Call the box office at 456-5656.

Feb 6—Erie Community Pride Organization (ECPO) Kickoff Meeting 2 PM at Blasco Memorial Library. We'll be meeting to start work on existing and new projects. For more info, contact Mike Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net

Feb 6—Womynspace: Dinner and Movie Night Please bring a potluck dish to share (enough for about 8 people will probably be fine). We'll eat together and watch a movie - considering showing the new-ish and wonderful *When Night Has Fallen*. If you have other suggestions, or ques-

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Feb 14—Happy Valentines Day

Feb 18—La Cage Aux Folles opens at the Erie Playhouse American stage musical version of the popular French movie about a gay male couple and their son's impending marriage to the daughter of a conservative politician. Later remade as *The Birdcage*. Runs Thursdays through Sundays through March 13. At 13 W 10th St. Call the box office at 454-2852.

Feb 18—Trials of Oscar Wilde at City Theatre (Pittsburgh) Fundraiser for Shepherd Wellness Center & Frank Borelli AIDS Fund (Pittsburgh). \$25 includes open bar (top shelf), food and Hors d'oeuvres. 100% of proceeds will be split between these 2 organizations. For more info, call (412) 682-9869.

Feb 20—1999 Womyn's Variety Show (Cleveland) More details next month. For more info, contact Oven Productions at (216) 321-7799.


Feb 20—10% Network meets (Jamestown, NY) 7 PM at the Unitarian Church in Jamestown, 1225 Prendergast Ave. For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285.

Feb 21—Bowl-a-Thon for Venango-Forest AIDS Support Group (Tentative) (Oil City) 12 lanes open from 1-3 PM & 12 lanes open 3-5 PM. For more info, call (814) 677-9901 or email clmiller@usachoice.net.

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Feb 23—"Lust in the Dust" (Comedy Central) 9 AM. Features drag queen Divine and Tab Hunter

Feb 24—Wilde (1998) at D'Angelo Center at Mercyhurst College Drama about the life and loves of wit/author/playwright Oscar Wilde.



**Erie
Community
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Organization**

ECPO Kickoff Meeting Feb 6

At the Blasco Memorial Library 2 PM
To work on projects for 1999
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Remember our deadline is Jan 15

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Feb 27—"Cause for Celebration" (Jamestown & Buffalo) Annual AIDS fundraiser with activities in both Jamestown and Buffalo. More details next month

Mar 2—Love Janis opens at the Cleveland Playhouse Drama about 60's bisexual singer Janis Joplin. Check out their web site at <http://www.cleveplayhouse.org> or call box office at (216) 795-7000. At 8500 Euclid Ave, email is cph@en.com.

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Mar 23—Ignite '99 Rally at the Rotunda (Harrisburg) Part of NGLTF's Equality Begins At Home (EBAH) program. Sponsored by Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition. Check web site at <http://www.lions.psu.edu/sparc> or email Deni Scott at dscott@pgh.net or call her at 814-863-8415.

Festivals and conferences

Jan 7-10—Radical-Feminist Lesbian Festival (Greenfield MA) Limited space. Contact L. Keith, PO Box 813, Northhampton MA 01061.

Jan 29-31—9th Annual Blue Ball Weekend (Philadelphia) AIDS fundraiser. 2,000 attended last year. For tickets, call Box Office Tickets, inc. (800) 494-8497 or web site <http://www.blueballphilly.com>.

Feb 11-Feb 14—12th Annual Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Conference (Atlanta) Registration deadline January 21. Kenyatta Dorey Graves (202) 483-6786 or ForumConf@aol.com.

Feb 26-Feb 29—OutWrite '99 (Boston) GLBT writers' conference. Boston Park Plaza, Boston MA. <http://www.bsef.org/outwrite> or outwrite@bsef.terranet.com or (617) 262-6969.

Feb 26-Feb 29—True Spirit Conference '99 (Laurel MD) "For people born female for whom that is not an adequate or accurate description of who they are" and friends and allies. Best Western Hotel, Laurel MD; PO Box 1118 Elkton MD 21922 or transman@netgsi.com.

Repeating Programs

And the Band Played On AIDS drama based on Randy Shilts book. HBO 1/10 11:30 AM, 1/14 3:30 PM, 1/27 11 AM.

Gia Lesbian model takes drugs HBO Plus 1/7 12:55 AM, 1/17 2:40 AM, 1/22 9 PM, 1/29 1:15 AM.

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil Based on the book about the murder HBO 1/3 10 PM, 1/7 1:30 AM, 1/11 11 PM, 1/25 12 AN & 1 AM. HBO Plus 1/9 9:30 AM, 1/19 4:15 PM 1/24 4:30 PM, 1/28 9 PM.

Out at Work 3 gay people cite alleged discrimination as the reason they lost their jobs. HBO 1/6 10:30 PM, 1/12 1:40 AM, 1/21 5:40 AM, 1/26 12:30 AM.

Red, Hot & Rio AIDS benefit. Bravo 1/28 11 PM, 1/20 3 AM, 1/30 8 PM, 1/31 1 PM.

What Sex Am I? TS/TV/TG Discovery 1/17 10:30 PM, 1/18 2:30 AM, 1/24 7:30 PM.

Women's Sports

Basketball (College) ESPN2 1/3 5:30 PM 1/10 11 AM 1/17 1 PM 1/24 12:30 AM, 12 PM & 2 PM ESPN 1/18 2 PM.

Soccer ESPN 1/30 2 PM.

Tennis (Australian Open, Quarter, Semi and Final Rounds) ESPN-2 1/25 1 PM 1/26 12 AM 1/27 1:30 AM ESPN 1/28 12:30 AM, 1/29 9:30 PM.



Local AIDS benefits

Hospice for AIDS benefit at Directors Circle's *Jacques Brel*

from Gary Maas

Tapas Bodega and Gary's Flower Shop will be presenting an AIDS benefit at a performance of *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris* at Directors Circle on Sunday, January 16 at 3:30 PM. The proceeds will benefit Hospice of Metropolitan Erie's AIDS program. The tickets, which are limited to 100 are fifty dollars each which includes a cocktail/champagne party before and at intermission as well as the performance. They have also acquired a challenge donation so if they sell all 100 tickets, the \$5000 will be matched, making the total donation \$10,000.

If you need to book tickets or need more info, Call 825-4663 or email maasgary@webtv.net

Village benefit for Friends from the Heart

by Bobbi B

Well, after the final tally was in, we raised \$674 for the Friends from the Heart group. Thanks go out to the performers—Sharon Sharalike, Veronica, Jackee Regina, Gene Brandt, and the MC's for the event Ginger and Bobbi B. Also, thanks to Jeff Rodland and Sean Morgan from the cast of *Rocky Horror* for their participation. Your speakers for the event were Thomas Lee of Pitt Men's Study Group and Becky Palmer from Friends from the Heart. Other thanks go out to Media Play, Tapas Bodega,

the Roadhouse Theatre, and the Director's Circle theatre for their generous donations for door prizes. A hand also for the house karaoke guy, CJ, for his last minute help with the sound system. And finally, a thanks to everyone who attended and made this event the success it was. Anytime a call goes out, it's good to know that there are people like these to help. And one more quick thanks also for the people at *Erie Gay News* for all their help in publicizing this event.

Passion For Life benefit

by Gary Snyder

From December 10 - 12, 1998 the Erie, PA was treated to the World Premiere of "Passion For Life: A Journey From Tragedy to Hope", an original collection of theatrical works by Rita Louise Kilbane. Since a young age, Rita Kilbane has been involved in some shape or form of theatrics. Having attended and graduated from Gannon University with a degree in theatre, Rita spent her educational years pursuing her goal of creating plays that provoke thought and action. During the time she attended Gannon, Rita wrote several one act plays for the AIDS Action Team—a student organization that promotes HIV/AIDS education—one for World AIDS Day every year on December 1st. Having recently performed parts of her latest piece entitled "Silent Inequity," community members who attended October's Pride Rally, approached her in request of seeing more of her works on a grander scale. The dramatic response to that request took place for three terrific nights in December and brought together the most unbelievable talents in Erie's acting community.

Over a period of seven weeks, myself, Heather Malobisky and Rita Kilbane held auditions, rehearsals, and ran three production nights with a spectacular cast and crew. At first word of having a space and time to perform the show, the directors approached Friends From the Heart, a local HIV/AIDS Service Assistance Organization, to be the recipients of 50% of the admissions brought in from the production on those three nights. Having plugged away at rehearsals and promotions which included readings at Cup-a-Ccino's (thanks Kurt, Thomas Lee, and Sam), and speaking 'on-air' with the radio



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personalities of Classy 100 FM at 7:55 am the day of opening (thanks again folks), we performed, educated, and entertained folks while helping a worthy cause. Thanks to the patronage we received, Friends From the Heart is able to assist others in need with the \$200 we took in from admissions and donations.

Many thanks go out to those who helped with the production. None of this would have been possible if it were not for the generosity of Michael Weiss, Directors Circle Theatre. (And you're welcome Michael.) Thanks to the EGN, Menspace and Womynspace for supporting the cause with ad purchases! Sponsorship was done by Hamot here in Erie. Without them, the production would have been incomplete. The Department of Health and the Northwest Pennsylvania Rural AIDS Alliance were incredibly supportive with advertising and passing out information at the production. Playbills, playbills, playbills! A BIG HUG and thank you go out to Scapers Limited for their donations of clothes, and ad space but especially to Ross Berrier for his commitment and talent in graphic illustration and design. (Please talk to him about help with your event - he's phenomenal!) Thank you again. Kinko's...what's to say? They came through with an unbelievable offer and support. Kinko's, on upper peach street, especially Helen Streett (Asst. Mgr.) & Dan McFarland (General Mgr.), handled our copies with expertise and efficiency, not to mention for FREE to boot! THANKS, THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!

And, of course, how could we forget the cast and crew who made it all possible and three-dimensional! Linda Beezub, a spectacular actor who showed the depth of religion and lesbian love. Dan Burwell, a splendid personification of anger in the age of AIDS. Rob Bronakoski, excellent stage management we must say! Mike Gregorek, achieving a level of lighting great for an amateur. Laurie Tapper and Janice Hanusik, wonderful vets of the stage who knew just how to place everything to keep it all in perspective. (Where is Pandora's Box anyways?) Eric Holloran Jr, who gave a perceptive and intriguing representation of a Greek god of wisdom and fearful youth afflicted with HIV. Beth Huggins, a brilliant actor who portrayed true affection and emotion as

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

our 'madre.' KC McCloskey, who gave an astounding performance at the tender age of seventeen portraying a goddess with precision in vocabulary and tender loving as a lesbian. Scott Silvis, our most prolific role adapter, from the struggling and suicidal student to future of unknown fate, and finishing with loving but flamboyant gay guy - kudos! Not to mention the multi-talented facets to our married on and off stage couple, Jen Sutter-Thompson and Scott Thompson, who rarefied the relations of brotherly, fateful, and marital love in all respects. (May we all be so blessed with that love.) And who could forget my cohort in crime and co-director Heather Malobisky, who was able to move from a caring and naive friend outspoken to a tender lesbian lover - a true inspiration embodied. And last but not least, my soul friend - Miss Lez Bean herself, Rita Louise Kilbane, a thought-provoking, soul searching lesbian, passionate to the end. I too played a role, but my performance paled in comparison to the ensemble with which we were granted. Thanks again to everyone involved, forgive those not mentioned here - hopefully you were thanked in the playbill (and I still have copies left over to give out - hint, hint). Please don't forget the lesson here, Live with a "Passion For Life."

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Michael dithers

by Michael Mahler

Hope everyone's holidays were happy! I have been working on entering some genealogy info I had inherited from various sources. One branch of my maternal grandmother's family was traced all the way back to the late 17th century. I posted it on the web.

I was thinking that I really wanted to include Micheal's family as well. I really rankled at listing Micheal (or me) as the wife since that seemed to play into the "all relationships are really about sharply and universally defined roles" bit. However, my brother in law (who was also using the same program after I sent him and my sister the data file), pointed out that it was possible to set an alternate term for marriage partners and also that the software doesn't force married couples to be male and female. Hey, maybe the software engineers are already planning for where equal marriage rights will eventually end up. I ended up choosing the term "Partner" for both spouses. I was really almost giggling over using "Top" and "Bottom", but that would seem odd to apply to one's great grandparents. Since one of my great-grandfathers was gay, I can't be sure about how to apply the label. (I'm stopping there-that weirded me out!)

One other amusing note about all the genealogy is that a large amount of info came from my cousin John, who is also gay. Many of you have doubtless heard me ramble about the rather phenomenal number of gay folks in my family. I was reading a quote from John Paulk, a former drag queen and currently spokesperson for Focus on the Family, that said "there is no evidence that homosexuality is 'biologically predetermined'." I guess I should invite him to a family reunion some day. It might be educational for him indeed!

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Local news

Partners of Corry

from Luella Clayton

Partners of Corry would like to thank and acknowledge the contribution of Gary and Dave for their support in buying Christmas gifts for children who would not otherwise have a Christmas. Our group decided to forego our Christmas party this year as most of us had to work.

Calvin and I decided that again this year we'd buy presents for children who were in need. Some members contributed either by donating money or presents or by wrapping. In all 12 children were assisted and the presents were delivered on December 22.

We are trying to organize a Valentine's get away to Niagara Falls or, at the least, a nice dinner out. Anyone interested, please contact us at (814) 664-7090 and we'll get together.

We have a pager number now: 453-0530. Insert your phone number followed by 999 and the # sign.

Review: 2 girls alone

by Georgia Carpenter

On December 10, I went to Aroma's to listen to 2 girls alone. I was not expecting such a large amount of people to be there. It was so relaxing to come from work and just chill out for a few hours with good music and acquaintances. I have never really listened to 2 girls alone and was pleasantly surprised. If anyone has a chance to check them out the next time they're around, do so! They have a strong mellow sound that is similar to other artists, but uniquely their own. Thanks to the 2 girls alone for the entertainment; also, thanks to the guests for such a warm atmosphere!!

Editors' Note: Erie Gay News plans to run an article about the new 2 girls alone CD in next month's issue. In the meantime, look for their next performance at Aromas on January 7th

HIV/AIDS news

Erie World AIDS Day events

by Patty Puline, HIV/AIDS Educator (ECDH)

The fourth observance of World AIDS Day was commemorated on December 1, 1998. Locally, the events for World AIDS Day took place in East Park, Perry Square and at the Cathedral of Saint Paul as coordinated by the HIV/AIDS Education & Training team of Erie County Department of Health (ECDH), the Cathedral of Saint Paul and the HIV/AIDS Service Network.

Special thanks go out to the following for helping: Quality Markets, Shout Outreach, Tops Markets, Media Play, Erie Playhouse, Harborcreek High School, Father Mike McGraw, Wanda Habas, Jerry McCumber, Hispanic American Council, Minority Health Education Delivery System, Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance, Tom Lee, Visiting Nurses Association, American Red Cross, Gannon AIDS Action Team, Hospice of Erie and the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

This year's World AIDS Day theme was "Be a Force for Change." The purpose of this theme was to recognize the millions of young adults worldwide affected—directly and indirectly—by HIV/AIDS.

World AIDS Day this year served to increase understanding of the magnitude of the HIV/AIDS epidemic globally and the fact that the epidemic continues despite new hopes in treatment. Worldwide implementation of the theme promotes action and sound policies to prevent HIV transmission and minimizes the epidemic's impact on teenagers and young adults.

The AIDS pandemic has already resulted in the deaths of almost 11.7 million people worldwide. AIDS results from the last stage of infection with HIV. In adults, the onset can take up to 10 or more years. HIV is transmitted through the exchange of any HIV-infected body fluids. Transfer can occur during all stages of the disease.

HIV testing is available at the Erie County Department of Health – call 451-6700 to arrange an appointment. Confidentiality is assured, and privacy is available for discussion.

Young adults are quickly becoming the most at-risk age group, now accounting for an estimated 50% of all new infections in the U.S. Keeping that in mind, the HIV/

AIDS Education & Training decided to hold a poster contest entitled "Draw the Face of AIDS"

A traveling art exhibit, "The Face of AIDS", hung in the lobby of the Cathedral and illuminated us about how students view AIDS in the 90's. These young artists, students at Harborcreek High School, took on the challenge of being the force for change in their community by taking place in a poster contest. Mr. George Humes, art teacher, was the driving force behind this successful collaboration.

You can help stop the spread of HIV! Get involved in community efforts. World AIDS Day is every day. Join the effort to stop the spread of HIV – it is happening to sons, daughters, neighbors, friends, and relatives. You have your own unique circle and sphere of influence where you can be that illumination. Go for it – Be a Force for Change!

Venango/Forest County events

The next meeting for the Venango-Forest AIDS Support Group will be held on January 13, 1998 at 6:30 PM. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month and are held at the Rowe Building at Northwest Medical Center in Oil City. If you are interested in attending and need more information, please call (814) 677-9901 or email to clmiller@usachoice.net

The annual Bowl-A-Thon for AIDS sponsored by the Venango-Forest AIDS Support Group is scheduled to be held on February 21. For more information, please contact the Support Group at (814) 677-9901 or clmiller@usachoice.net. They will have 12 lanes open from 1-3 PM and 12 lanes open from 3-5 PM.

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1998: the year in review

By Michael Mahler

Our local GLBT community can look back on 1998 as a quite eventful year.

Beginning in February, local ecumenical Christian group Be Ye Kind One To Another (BYKOTA) began actively meeting. There had not been an active group serving the needs of Christians in our community since Integrity became dormant. For more info about the group, contact the organizer, Sue Laurie at (814) 734-3959 or email julie.sue@juno.com

In January, many local people gathered together to begin work on several projects. The group eventually chose the name Erie Community Pride Organization (ECPO) and they went on to take over organizing the annual Pride Picnic (which has been around since 1992) and Erie's very first Pride Rally on October 10. The group also organized some more modest social events. The kick-off meeting for the upcoming year, which is open to anyone interested in working on a project/projects, will be on Saturday, February 6th at Blasco Memorial Library at 2 PM. For more info, call (814) 456-9833 or ecgn@ncinter.net.

For the first time, Erie has a local GLBT Pride store to call its own! Ross and his partner Jeff opened Scapers at 2508 Peach Street in late February. The store is open Thursdays and Fridays from 5 - 9 PM and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 PM. Their web site is <http://www.scapers.com>, email is scapers@scapers.com and their phone is 456-7002. They are currently exploring a community resource center, and are looking for materials the centers and a PC and printer have already been donated.

In late March, local gay bar Lizzie Bordon's closed its doors and reopened as the Village at 18th and State on April 1. The site of the former bar is now a showroom for Munn's furniture. The other Erie bar, Embers was sold to new owner Bob Regan the end of November who renamed the bar the Zone. Ashtabula's gay bar, The Leeward Lounge was sold by its owners, the parents of Ellen Beitel. The bar seems to no longer be gay.

The Mercyhurst Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) was organized as an official student group by student government. The vote was about 40 in support with 4 ab-

staining. They had a very successful panel discussion in April as part of Mercyhurst's Academic Festival. Mercyhurst had an unofficial student group about 5 years before that for a year and a half. This leaves Gannon University as the only area college/university with no officially recognized student group.

Long time gay favorite restaurant la bella bistro closed its doors at the end of February, but owner Harry Miller was able to have one last Gay Valentines Day Dinner for our community. Tapas Bodega was considering continuing this fine tradition as of this writing.

Local entertainment magazine *Pure Entertainment* began running an anonymous columnist "Big Mo Freakey" in February, who wrote supposedly humorously-intended off-the-wall hateful comments, many of them anti-gay. An example: "...the only thing equal to the number of fags in Erie is the number of whores." After many people protested, several local distributors ceased carrying the publication. *Pure Entertainment* has recently begun carrying the column again. Big Mo Freakey is still being his rude self, but he has not specifically targeted gay people. He *has* continued to target women and other groups.

The Times-News began including same sex personals in their Rendez-Vous ads in May. This was not technically prompted by an organized action at that time period, but it may possibly have been the result of people making requests and complaining about the previous policy of not publishing same-sex personals.. Long time WFLP 1330-FM right wing talk show host Pat Campbell had his show cancelled in late April. Station manager said the cancellation was due to talk radio moving away from "conservative shtick" Pat Campbell had ridiculed the float sponsored by the GLBT community in Erie's 1995 Bicentennial Parade for about a week. He also continued to insult specific members of the gay community as well as the GLBT community as a whole during his on-air stint at WFLP.

ECPO did a pretty good job of running the annual Pride Picnic the 2nd Saturday in June at Presque Isle Beach 11. There was a great turnout and folks had a good time playing volleyball, having a cook out and participating in the annual Family Portrait. New to this year was a contest to choose a logo for ECPO, which was se-

lected by anonymous vote by attendees. The winner was none other than *EGN* co-editor Micheal Miller, who promptly donated the \$200 prize money back to ECPO and the dinner for 4 to the first runner up. Both prizes were generously donated by Tapas Bodega. The annual family portrait had even more people than the previous year. Jeff Hill made a very nice banner with the new logo and a contingent from Erie marched with it in the Cleveland Pride Parade a few weeks later. The banner was also displayed at the Pride Rally in October.

For the second time, an Interfaith Pride Service was held the day after the picnic at the UU. Participating were Rev. Terry Kime, Sue Beats, Jan, Lisa, Sr. Mary Louise St. John and Elaine Hill.

In mid-September, a local man's scheme to put on a fraudulent "Cruise for Life" was discovered and charges were filed with the police. The 2 HIV/AIDS organizations that were supposed to have been the beneficiaries were as much the victims of this scheme as were the people who purchased tickets. Gladly, they continue to do excellent work for the HIV/AIDS affected community. A warrant has been issued for the man's arrest and he was last heard of in the Cleveland area.

Erie's first Pride Rally, held on Saturday, October 10 in Perry Square from noon to 4 PM was a smashing success! Over 300 people attended an uplifting and positive event. All 3 local TV news outlets and the Erie paper covered the event. There were many speakers representing a number of viewpoints. President Clinton sent an openly gay Presidential appointee from Washington DC to read an address. Erie City Councilwoman Rubye Jenkins-Husband spoke to TV-24 news to express her support for diversity at the Rally. Also speaking were a representative from US Congressman Phil English, and Erie County Councilwoman Joy Greco. Among the legislators sending in letters of greeting or otherwise recognizing the event were Gov. Tom Ridge, US Sen. Arlen Specter, State Sen. Jane Earll, State Rep. Italo Cappabianca, and State Rep. Linda Bebeko Jones (who also sent a Legislative Acknowledgment.)

In response to the tragic murder of Matthew Shepard, local student group Identity organized a candlelight vigil. BYKOTA organizer Sue Laurie spoke and her partner Julie performed on the guitar. It was a deeply human reaction to a senseless tragedy. About 70 people attended.

A support group for the Catholic parents of gay children called "Always Our Children" began meeting in the

fall. They are named for the recent Bishop's pastoral letter. They meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 7 to 9 PM at Catholic Charities. Call (814) 456-2091 for more info.

Local theatre troupe the Roadhouse Theatre for Contemporary Arts put on a production of *The Rocky Horror Show*, which contains many GLBT themes and characters. Our community went as a semiofficial group on November 20 and were welcomed by theatre manager Scott McClelland.

The KKK came to Erie and held a rally on the Courthouse steps the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Citizens Against Racism in Erie (CARE) held a peaceful alternative called "Unity in Our Community" the same day at Mercyhurst College. Among the speakers was local gay man Michael Mahler.

Local playwright Rita Kilbane compiled 5 of her one act plays dealing with HIV/AIDS, from which a cutting was performed at the Erie Pride Rally, into a fund-raising performance entitled "Passion for Life." The play benefited Friends from the Heart and was performed at Directors Circle Theatre, who donated the space. Co-directing were Gary Snyder and Heather Malobisky, Rita's partner.

Here's to 1998 and looking forward to 1999!

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Q-list

by Mike Miller

The EGN Q-List is intended as a brief listing of upcoming or recent entertainment events like speakers, concerts or shows; book, movie, video or product releases; as well as brief commentary on issues of potential interest to GLBT people, family and friends. Since this can in no way ever claim to be a complete list of such events, things and issues, Q-list will tend to favor inclusion of items local to the greater Erie area and items that specifically target a GLBT sensibility, although some "mainstream" or non-local items may appear as well. If there's an item that you feel should be mentioned in an upcoming Q-List, please send in a brief written description of the item to EGN along with your contact information.

Theatre

If you hurry you might still be able to reserve tickets to a special performance of **Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris** at **Directors Circle** Sunday January 16th, 3:30 PM. The event, presented by Gary's Flower Shoppe and Tapas Bodega, will benefit Hospice of Metropolitan Erie's AIDS program and include champagne and cocktails before the show and during intermission. See article on page 7.

Buffalo United Artists is putting on a production **Martin Sherman's** landmark drama, **Bent** for the grand opening of its new theater located at 884 Main Street, (between Virginia and Allen in downtown Buffalo). The theater is upstairs with a cocktail lounge on the first floor which opens one hour before shows. The grand opening



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is scheduled for January 29th and the play will be performed Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM and Sundays at 7:00 PM through February 14. For further information and reservations, call (716)-886-9239. Patrons mentioning this newsletter when making a reservation, receive \$3.00 off the price of admission. **Bent** is a critically acclaimed, intense study of a gay man struggling to survive in a Nazi concentration camp, and a theatre milestone not to be missed.

If you didn't get to see it in November and December, **The Rocky Horror Show** has been held over by popular demand at the **Roadhouse Theatre for Contemporary Art**, January 8 & 9 and 15 & 16, giving you a chance to let your hair down, down, down and dance along with scantily clad transvestite aliens for just a little while longer. See ad on the back page or last month's issue for more info. After that, the Roadhouse is scheduled to open **A Streetcar Named Desire** on February 5th. Besides being penned by the openly gay **Tennessee Williams**, the play features a gay subplot involving the lead character Blanche DuBois. Some critics also believe that the character of Blanche DuBois herself is actually Williams' tragic portrait of what it felt like to be a gay man living at the time he wrote **Streetcar**. In any case, the play is an American stage classic.

La Cage Aux Folles is slated to open at the **Erie Playhouse** on February 18. Look for more info in next month's *Q-List*.

Music

2 Girls Alone, will soon be releasing a CD entitled **Invisible Me**. We plan to give more details in next month's EGN, but, if you can't wait to hear more from or about the Erie duo, they also have a new web site, so you can find out when they're playing next. Look for them at <http://home.att.net/~sgaia/2girlsindex.html>.

Fans of diva and ally **Bette Midler**, can pick up her latest release, **Bathhouse Betty** (Virgin), now available in stores.

Those who wax nostalgic for the '70's can pick up **The Crown Jewels** (Mercury), the boxed set of **Queen's** first eight albums which features some of the gayest anthems ever to find their way onto every straight (or oth-

erwise) 'rocker's shelves, including "My Fairy King" and "Flick of the Wrist" as well as the more well known "We are the Champions". On the flip side of the same '70's nostalgia trip, if you're more interested in show tunes, there's also a new **Follies: The Complete recording** (TVT) which features such anthemic gems by the openly gay **Stephen Sondheim** as "I'm Still Here."

In the "he who laughs last, laughs loudest" department, **George Michael** dresses up in police drag and dances in a restroom full of gay couples in the video for "Outside", one of the new singles released in his retrospective **Ladies and Gentlemen: the Best of George Michael** (Sony). Since his arrest and outing, the pop singer/songwriter has enjoyed more *radio* exposure, anyway, than he has in years.

Awards, awards...

Elton John is one of the nominees this year for all-time favorite musical performer for The People's Choice Awards airing January 10th on CBS. The following night you can watch **Whitney Houston** open the 26th annual American Music Awards on ABC, which will include performances by **Garth Brooks**, the **Backstreet Boys** and **Cher**, among a host of others.

Word is that out British actor **Sir Ian McKellan** is a favorite for the Oscars this March for his role in **Gods and Monsters**. He's already received best actor nods by the National Board of Review, (which also picked *G&M* as best film), and the Los Angeles Film Critics Association. Both McKellan and the film have been nominated for Golden Globe Awards which will air January 24 on NBC. If you haven't seen the film, McKellan gives a fascinating if slightly mad portrayal of *Frankenstein* director James Whales' relationship with his gardener (played by hunky **Brendan Frasier**). Co-star **Lynn Redgrave** is also up for a Golden Globe as best supporting actress.

Stephen Fry vies against McKellan for Golden Globe's best actor for his moving and extremely convincing portrayal of Oscar Wilde in **Wilde**, which you can see at Mercyhurst's D'Angelo Center on February 24.

The National Board of Review awarded **Christina Ricci** best supporting actress for her work in **Buffalo 66**, **John Waters' Pecker**, and **Dan Roos' The Opposite of Sex** (named one of *Time's* favorite films of 1998). Ricci received a Golden Globe best actress nomination for *Sex*.

TV and video

Just coming out on video is **High Art**, in which **Ally Sheedy** plays a lesbian reconnected to life through the love and influence of the beautiful "woman next door" (**Radha Mitchell**). Sheedy was elected best actress by the Los Angeles Film Critics' Association for the role. If you can't make the Buffalo United Artists' production of the play **Bent**, then look for the film adaptation also just coming out on video.

If you can't get enough of Hollywood's recent penchant for pairing up straight female leads with gay male second bananas a la **Will and Grace**, **My Best Friend's Wedding**, or **The Opposite Sex**, then keep an eye out for a new series due out sometime soon on NBC that's based on the funny **Dennis Hensley** novel **Misadventures in the (213)** (Rob Weisbach Books, \$24.00). Read the book while you wait for the series. While you're scanning the TV listings, be sure to watch for **Execution of Justice**, (on Showtime), and **The Mayor of Castro Street**, (HBO). Both tell, from very different perspectives, the story of openly gay San Francisco politician Harvey Milk and his assassination by jealous and homophobic election competitor Dan White. The Showtime project will feature Tim Daly

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as White, and the HBO project is being worked on by Craig Zadan and Neil Meron, the makers of *Serving in Silence: the Margarethe Cammermeyer Story*.

If you get channel 17 (PBS in Buffalo), be sure to tune in the night of Wednesday, Jan 6th for a triple dose of GLBT programming. At 8 PM, they are showing *Out of the Past*, which traces the roots of the American GLBT movement from the viewpoint of a teenager trying to start a GLBT group at her Utah high school. The new edition of *In The Life* follows at 9 PM, which is then followed at 10 PM by a special episode of *P.O.V.* by Arthur Dong entitled *Licensed to Kill* in which the controversial filmmaker delves into the psyches of penitentiary inmates convicted of anti-gay hate crime murders to find the elusive answer to "Why?"

Books

Becoming Visible: An Illustrated History of Lesbian and Gay Life in Twentieth-Century America, by Molly McGarry and Fred Wasserman (Penguin Studio, \$34.95), presents an ambitious overview of gay life in predominantly post-Stonewall America through hundreds of pictures and well researched and written historical accounts,

a necessary resource for anyone interested in where modern GLBT identity came from. An interesting companion volume to look at might be *The Pleasure Principle*, by Michael Bronski (St. Martin's Press, \$24.95), which gives us the always controversial author's own views of the gay movement

Looking for lighter fare? *May I Kiss You on the Lips, Miss Sandra*, by Sandra Bernhard (Rob Weisbach Books, \$24), promises a provocative diversion. *The Truth Can Get You Killed*, by Mark Richard Zubro (Stonewall Inn Mysteries, \$11.95), was called "the year's best gay mystery" by *Booklist*. *Reel Time*, by Julia Willis (Alyson Books, \$11.95), offers "a fabulously comic novel on love, art, old movies, and wild women." If you just want to look at the pictures, try *LaChapelle Land*, by David LaChapelle (Simon and Schuster, \$50), for the out gay photog's more-colorful-than-real-life studies of more-colorful-than-real-life personalities like Leonardo DiCaprio and Madonna.

For the gay man between relationships, there's *Husband Hunting Made Easy and Other Miracles for the Modern Gay Man*, by Patrick Price (St. Martin's Griffin, \$12.95). Web aficionados will want to browse through the latest edition of *Gay and Lesbian Online: Your Indispensable Guide to Cruising the Queer Web*, by Jeff Dawson (Alyson Books, \$17.95).

Other

You can watch openly gay **Rudy Galindo** among a host of other world class skaters skip the ice fantastic in the **FTD Champions on Ice 1999 Winter Tour** at the Erie Civic Center January 19. Tickets available through TicketMaster or at the Civic Center box office. For more info, call 452-4857.

People wishing to join the fight against breast cancer can do so at their local post office by requesting the **Postal Service's Breast Cancer Stamp** whenever buying postage. The stamp, on sale up until July 2000, has already raised millions of dollars dedicated to "Fund the fight. Find a cure."

January 6th, 50,000 rallyers for the **Hate Crimes Prevention Act** are expected to "**Be Seen! Be Heard!**" in the nation's capitol hoping to remind the new Congress on its first day back in session of the need for protection against hate crimes, especially in light of the recent Matthew Shepard murder. For info browse <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/2047/march.html>. Better yet, phone/write your Congressman to pass the HCPA.

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GLBT and **LGBT?**

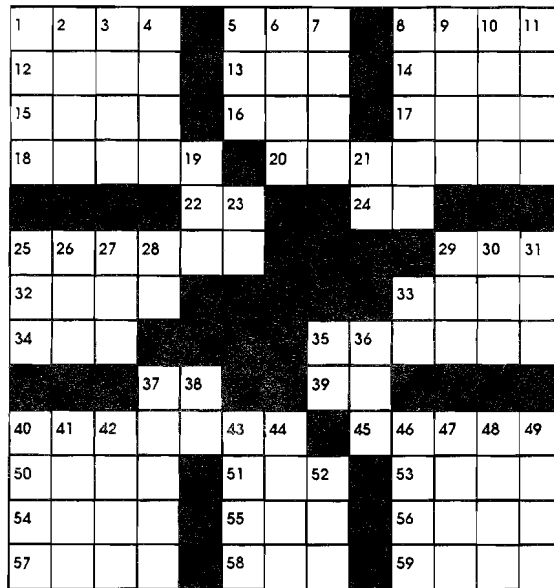
Because there are people who prefer to be called gay or lesbian or bisexual or transgender, and because this can be a little unwieldy in talking about our community, more organizations and publications are abbreviating the term to GLBT or sometimes LGBT. You will be seeing this abbreviation more often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

"You used to go to the Gay Pride Parade. Now you go to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual... By the time you're done saying it the parade's over!"

Lea DeLaria from her album Box Lunch

EGN Crossword

Straight women, gay sidekicks by Mike Miller



Across: *Themed clues

- 1 Gay sidekick to 20 across Rudd*
- 5 Gay themed Kline-Cusack film *In and* _____
- 8 Gay sidekick to 45 across McCormack*
- 12 Clever lie
- 13 Exist
- 14 Nevada city, or lesbian shock comic
- 15 Middle east country
- 16 Mao _____ Tung
- 17 Prefix for against, often with discrimination
- 18 Straight woman Marsha in 1981's *Only When I Laugh**
- 20 Straight woman Jennifer in *The Object of My Affection**
- 22 '81 Fonda-Hepburn vehicle _____ *Golden Pond*
- 24 Santa _____, New Mexico
- 25 Gay sidekick to 40 across Everett*
- 29 That gay man
- 32 Late tennis legend Arthur, dead from complications due to AIDS

- 33 Gay sidekick to 18 across James*
- 34 Long distance provider
- 35 Gay sidekick in 58 across Donovan*
- 37 Santa syllable
- 39 Fourteenth letter of alphabet
- 40 Straight woman Julia in *My Best Friend's Wedding**
- 45 Straight woman Messing on TV's *Will and Grace**
- 50 Egg shaped
- 51 Unit of electrical resistance
- 53 Gay sidekick to 37 down Kinneer*
- 54 Dry as a desert
- 55 Grass
- 56 Strip Poker or Spin the Bottle, for example
- 57 Support group for families dealing with alcoholism, Al-_____
- 58 Movie featuring Lisa Kudrow in straight woman role, *The Opposite* _____
- 59 Inflammation of the eyelid

Down:

- 1 Proper

- 2 Distinctive air
- 3 Belonging to America
- 4 *The Tonight Show* host Jay
- 5 Mr. Ed's favorite grain?
- 6 North star-containing constellation _____ Minor
- 7 Adolescent
- 8 Rub out, frequently with a pencil
- 9 Monthly bill, or gay-themed Broadway show
- 10 '85 Goldblum-Pfeiffer cult film _____ *the Night*
- 11 Dime, nickel, or Susan B. Anthony Dollar, for example
- 19 Partner to neither
- 21 '96 Anne Heche film tackling abortion issues _____ *These Walls Could Talk*
- 23 Nontransferable, to a banker
- 25 Male sheep
- 26 Trojans' home, University of Southern Cal.
- 27 Greek letter
- 28 Electrical Engineer, for short
- 29 Gershwin-compilation CD benefiting AIDS Prevention and Direct Care Red, _____ + *Rhapsody*
- 30 Here, in France
- 31 First day of wk.
- 33 Costa Rica, to a cartographer
- 35 Film about lesbians in Hell's Kitchen *All Over* _____
- 36 Also
- 37 Straight woman Hunt in *As Good as it Gets**
- 38 Partner to either
- 40 '60's bus-riding black equal rights activist Parks
- 41 Cooking appliance
- 42 Barometer, to a meteorologist
- 43 Hurl a softball
- 44 Doc Marten product
- 46 Ova
- 47 Spoiled child
- 48 Nickname for Remington
- 49 Not straight
- 52 1510, to Caesar

In memoriam

Charles "Tom" Fourspring, 57, passed on Dec 1. Tom was a kind and gentle soul who took the thought and the time to offer whatever small, or not so small, help he could for our community. He helped with decorations and preparations for our first Pride Rally. He helped collate EGN a number of times. He will be missed.

If you would like, please consider sending a donation to either Emmau's Soup Kitchen, 218 E 11th St, Erie PA (814) 459-7564, or a donation to the Burton Funeral Home, 602 W 10th St, Erie PA 16502 (814) 454-4551, to cover the cost of the funeral.

This is a wonderful chance to do something good and to honor a deserving member of our community.

This month in GLBT history

1993

The then *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* was first published in a format roughly similar to what you now hold in your hands, reporting news and events of GLBT interest in the greater Erie area. That premier edition was launched by the hard work of members of a coalition of many area groups called Bridges and monies collected from that group's first GLBT dance, not to mention the support of many other contributors, advertisers and, of course, readers.

Previous to that, *EGCN* was only a single sheet that listed local resources printed by a local gay man named Nikita. Today, even our *abbreviated* list of resources covers more than three pages.

Thanks to all the people who have made *EG(C)N* possible over years. Here's to another 6 (and many more) years growth and increasing visibility for Erie's GLBT community!

1995

The American Medical Association's governing body issued a report recommending against trying to 'cure' gay men and lesbians with therapies purporting to somehow 'change' them into heterosexuals. In the report, the AMA pointed out that the special problems that gay men and lesbians faced were due to an unaccepting society, and that therapists would be of greater support by giving "nonjudgmental recognition of sexual orientation."

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Crossword solution

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 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

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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. http://www.jonespond.com	
Josiah Manor	(440) 599-8010
810 Main St, US Rt. 20, Conneaut OH 44030 B&B	

Bars

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. Nitey specials.
Rascals ▼	701 North Main St, Jamestown, NY. Handicap accessible. Open 3 PM to 2 AM 7 days a week! Suns Drag shows 11 PM - 1 AM \$2 cover. DJ Fri - Sun, Happy Hour 3-8 M-F, 25c off mixed drinks, draft and bottled beers. Mondays, Karaoke
Sneakers ▼	100 Harrison, Jamestown, NY. Open Mon-Sun 2pm-2am. Musical Mastery Mary as DJ on Fri and Sat. Also Karaoke every other Fri. artemistoo@mindspring.com
The Village ▼	133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sun 8 PM - 2 AM. Appetizer menu, darts, 2 pool tables, Karaoke in basement on Saturday 10 PM - 2 Dance hits of yesterday, today and tomorrow.
The Zone Dance Club ▼	1711 State St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat 8 PM - 2 AM. Daily drink specials, darts, pool table. Live DJ music playing your requests Wed thru Sat. Previously was Embers under different management.

Coffeehouses and Restaurants

Aroma's Coffeehouse ▼	2164 W 8th St, Erie. M-Thurs 7am-11pm Fri 7am-1am. Sat 9am-1am, Sun 9am-4pm. http://www.goerie.com/aromas/
Cup-a-Ccino's ▼	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.
Tapas ▼	17 W 9th St, Erie PA. In Tullia Towers. Mon, Tues, Wed 4 PM - 9 PM, Thu 4 PM - 11 PM Fri & Sat 11 am - 11 PM. May-Oct, open every night but Sunday for dinner

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- Earthsongs ▼ 796-6255
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- Lavender Loafer Cards 333-6282
PO Box 1458, Meadville PA. Julia@alltel.net. Specializing in cards for gay women.
- Pal Prescription Pharmacy 455-8597
1238 W 6th St, Erie PA
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175 Hodge St (corner of Elmwood Ave), Buffalo NY. Also second location inside Buddies, 31 Johnson Park in Buffalo. Phone is (716) 855-0222.
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- 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 evats; psychiatric evaluations & medication management
- Well Being Center ▼ 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

Entertainment

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652 W 17th St, Erie PA
- Movie Stop 453-7696
1229 State St, Erie PA. Also stores in McKean, Meadville & Oil City. http://www.moviesstop.com/
- Poppa Ropp's Video ▼ 734-3014
Edinboro Mall, Edinboro PA http://www.angelfire.com/biz/prv/
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Erotica/Adult Bookstores

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3291 W 115th St, Cleveland OH. bodylang@en.com http://www.body-language.com
- Modern News ▼ 1115 State St, Erie

Health

- The Angel & Eagle 459-7412
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PA Breast Cancer Coalition 455-7833

Info-Lines

- 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 864-3200/866-8881 Home)
5100 Peach St, Erie PA Contact Linda Foll-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 452-6643 (Abby Conley)
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Email to AbbyConley@hotmail.com

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- ConsumerCasket USA** 866-7777 or 800-611-8778
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- Suite 204 Le Salon** 454-4691
 233 W 8th St, Erie PA
- Victorian City Salon** (814) 437-3361
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Social Organizations

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

Student Organizations/Youth

- Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP, Allegheny College, Meadville)** ▼ 332-4368 (Nancy)
 Write to CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. csglbp@alleg.edu
- Closest Culture** 899-6528 (Mark)
 Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area. Write to: PO Box 529, Edinboro PA 16412. ClosestCltr@aol.com
- Covenant House Teen Hotline** 1-800-999-9999
- Identity &**
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- Mercyhurst College Gay/Straight Alliance** ▼ 824-2700 (Tara)
 Write to Mercyhurst GSA, 501 W 38th St Box 145, Erie PA 16546-0001. Email to Tara at tsamios@hotmail.com or Barbara at bwatters@mercyhurst.edu
- National Runaway Switchboard** 1-800-621-4000
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- Teen Hotline** (412)771-8336
- Trigon (Penn State Behrend)** ▼898-6030 or (Sue Daley) 898-6164
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Support Groups

- "Always Our Children"** 456-2091
 For the Catholic parents of GLBT children. Supportive, but for parents only. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed from 7-9 PM at Catholic Charities, 329 W 10th St.
- Erie Sisters Transgender Support Group**
 Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Monthly meetings on 4th Saturday, newsletter. Write: Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8 St, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505. esc@csonline.net or lothar.lk@mci2000.com or biwnevegda@hotmail.com <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 lesbian people and their supporters in Corry PA area. Call for meeting time and place. candlewix@aol.com
- PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)** see below
- 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 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 loislone@velocity.net
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymus (SCA)** 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)
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 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.
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AIDS Network Information 451-6700

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 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. nwpaaids@erie.net

St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group ☺

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

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 Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tues 7:00-8:30 PM at Catholic Charities, St. Mark Catholic
 Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Use main entrance & follow signs for Support Group.

Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.

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

AIDS Community Services ▼ (716)664-7855

South County Support (716)488-1070

For HIV infected and affected people. Meets 1st Thursday at the home of Hop and
 Cindy Chase, 1115 Prendergast Ave in Jamestown.

Meadville PA/Crawford County

Case Manager - Sue Bobosky (800)359-AIDS

Crawford Co. AIDS Coalition 337-3241

HIV+ Support Grps Rosemary Buzzard at 333-5800

Venango/Forest County

Venango-Forest AIDS Support (814)677-9901

Meets 2nd Wed 6:30 PM at Rowe Bldg. of Oil City campus of Northwest Medical
 Center. dmliller@usachoice.net

Case Manager - Sue Bobosky (800)359-AIDS

Case Manager - Andrea Cathcart (800)359-AIDS

Warren County

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

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