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Erie Gay News



Calendar

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.

Mar 2—Biography: Calvin Klein (A&E) 8 PM, repeats at midnight.

Mar 3—"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.



Mar 4—Fox Files: Gay Gangs-PFLAG-Erie meets "We will be viewing the recent inflammatorily anti-gay 'documentary' that aired nationally on Fox Files and writing letters. 7:00 PM Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Gary and David at 898-4210 (email blugnu@velocity.net) or Robin and Nancy at 835-7432 (email npenglurv@aol.com)

Mar 5—PFLAG Ashtabula meets Newly re-forming chapter will be meeting at 7 PM. For more info, call (440) 992-9139 or email l_lee6@hotmail.com or jnk_nj@hotmail.com or see article in Local News, page 8.

Mar 5-7—Community Build 1999: A Gay and Lesbian Community Building Weekend (Pittsburgh) For more info, call Kirt at (412) 784-0921 or Carol at (412) 488-9339.

Mar 5—Cracker: Best Boys (A&E) 10 PM, repeats at 2 AM. Two gay lovers kill their landlady to protect their secret.

Mar 6—Womynspace "Please come and celebrate the rites of Spring with us! Bring a party favor to exchange: Something simple and inexpensive with Spring in mind. (e.g. seeds, a flower, silly sunglasses, a small stuffed critter that's a harbinger of Spring, etc.) Refreshments provided." Call Helen 451-0359 or email aichess@hotmail.com.

Mar 7—Biography: Rock Hudson (A&E) 8 PM, repeats at midnight.

Mar 8—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 PM, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon Cleer 838-0123.

Mar 9—SAFER (HIV/AIDS) meets (Oil City) For more information, call (814) 677-9601 or email clmiller@usachoice.net

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Items to send us in March



March 15— Deadline for info related to April and early May events:

April Fool's, Passover, Easter, Vernal Equinox, Beginning of Spring, Mother's Day, Earth Day, Take Back the Night, Cinco de Mayo.

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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 GLBT community for publication in these pages.

We **STRONGLY** recommend sending SASE for writers' guidelines or at least inquiring of the EGN staff before submitting articles! Please include contact information with any submissions (name, phone, email address, etc.) so we can contact you if we have questions.

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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!*

Mar 11—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Mar 12—Classroom: Tennessee Williams: Wounded Genius (A&E) 7 AM.

Mar 12—ECPO Social Committee meets Planning meeting. 6 PM at Aroma's, 2164 W 8th St. For more info, call Rick at 459-7327.

Mar 12—Law & Order: Manhood (A&E) 11 PM, repeats at 3 AM. A hate campaign against gays in the police force is revealed after a gay cop is killed when his backup arrives late.

Mar 13—Menspace At Neal's. Call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net for more info.

Mar 17—"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.

Mar 17—Happy St. Patrick's Day

Mar 19—Male Strippers at Rascals (Jamestown) 11-2 AM. 701 North Main St, (716) 484-3220.

Mar 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 or email otto@maddbbs.com.

Mar 20—A Time and Place for Us (Buffalo) Benefit for AIDS Community Services at Club Marcella, intended to promote a better community and demonstrate our ability to overcome hate. Performances by Tonia Campanella, Michael Buttiglieri, Cafe Mokka, Electra, Orgasmatron, your host Matthew Crehan Higgins and more. Come out and support your community.

Mar 20—ECPO Social: PeopleSpace Social gathering for everybody! For more info, call Rick at 459-7327 or Michael at 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net.

Mar 21—St. Patrick's Day "Drink and Drown" at Rascals (Jamestown) one price for all you can drink draft beer, 3 PM til midnight. 701 North Main St, (716) 484-3220.

Mar 21—Rally at the Ohio State House Part of NGLTF's Equality Begins At Home (EBAH) program. For more information visit Ohio's site at www.rainbow-akron.com/ebah or call 888-GAY-OHIO.

Mar 23—Safer Sex Cabaret at Penn State Behrend In Studio Theatre. Sponsored by Trigon. For more info, call Trigon at (814) 898-6030 or email trigonpsu@hotmail.com

Mar 23—Ostara (Spring Equinox) at the UU 7 PM. Pagan holiday celebrated by GLBT-friendly Coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie,

7180 New Perry Highway. Wear green, bring a drinking vessel and dish to pass for the potluck following. Info: Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net

Mar 23—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

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. See article page 10. 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.

Mar 25—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Mar 26—Glass Menagerie opens (Roadhouse Theatre) Drama by openly gay playwright Tennessee Williams. For more info, call the box office at 456-5656.

Mar 26—Cracker: Lemmings Will Fly (A&E) 10 PM, repeats at 2 AM. 14 year old boy ("effeminate" and possibly gay) is murdered.

Mar 26—Into the Woods opens (Academy Theatre, Meadville) Musical by recently-openly gay Stephen Sondheim. Runs Mar 26, 27, Apr 1,3,9,10,11. Adults \$8, seniors and children \$7, matinees \$7 all seats. Details (814) 337-8000.

Mar 27—Renaissance City Women's Choir: Women's Fest '99 (Pittsburgh) at Jewish Community Center. For more information call (412) 362-9484 or email RCChoirs@aol.com.

Mar 28—In The Life (PBS-Ch 54/WQLN) 11 PM. Details page 6.

Mar 29—Law & Order: The Reaper's Helper (A&E) 1 PM, repeats at 7 PM. Probes the mysterious death of a gay man who had AIDS—was it a mercy killing or murder?

Apr 1—PFLAG-Erie meets 7:00 PM Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info:

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Gary and David at 898-4210 (email blugnu@velocity.net) or Robin and Nancy at 835-7432 (email npengluv@aol.com)

Apr 2—Passover starts

Apr 3—Womynspace Activity to be determined. Call Helen 451-0359 or email aichess@hotmail.com.

Apr 4—Happy Easter

Apr 7—"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.

Apr 7—Fences (Pittsburgh) At Pittsburgh Public Theatre. April 7th will be 13th annual Pittsburgh Public Theatre's benefit for AIDS Task Force, call (412) 242-2599 for more info on this night. Performances continue April 8th through May 9th. For more info on subsequent performances, call (412) 321-9800.

Apr 8—BYKOTA meets Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Apr 8—HIV/AIDS and Spirituality Conference at Villa Maria, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. For more information call Erie County Department of Health at 451-6727.

Apr 10—Menspace: Hoe Down Come as your favorite cowboy, if you like. At Rob's. Call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net for more info.

Apr 10—Renaissance City Mens's Choir: Spring Concert (Pittsburgh) at Jewish Community Center. For more information call (412) 362-9484 or email RCChoirs@aol.com.

Apr 10—North Coast Men's Chorus Concert (Cleveland) For more information call (440) 473-8919.

Apr 11—Cleveland Lesbian and Gay Community Center 2nd Annual Marriage Expo (Cleveland) For more information call (216) 522-1999.

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Apr 15—2 girls alone at Aromas 7-9:30 PM, 2164 W 8th St. See article about new CD page 7.

Apr 16-18—Rainbow Wranglers Weekend Roundup (Cleveland) For more information, call (216) 961-5817.

Apr 17—Susan Westenhoeffer (Pittsburgh) Sponsored by GLCC of Pittsburgh. Reserve early, as she sold out last time! Call them at (412) 422-0114

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Apr 22—The Importance of Being Earnest opens at Mercyhurst Comedy of manners by gay playwright Oscar Wilde. Runs April 22-30 & May 1-2. All shows are at 8 PM except for Sundays (2:30 PM.) Contact Mercyhurst Theatre Department.

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Apr 23—2 girls alone CD Release Party At Glassgrowers Gallery, 701 Holland St. See article page 7.

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Apr 30 & May 1—Renaissance City Choirs 2nd Annual Cabaret (Pittsburgh) Featuring In Acchord Acapella group. At East Liberty Presbyterian Church. For more info, call (412) 362-9484 or email RCChoirs@aol.com or PMartin100@aol.com.


May 1—Paula Poundstone at Ohio Theater (Cleveland) For tickets, call (800) 766-6048

May 1—Human Rights Campaign Dinner (Cleveland) Renaissance Hotel grand Ballroom. Keynote speaker: The Honorable Willie Brown, Mayor of San Francisco. Tickets are \$150 per person. After April 1 the price will increase to \$175 per person. For more information call (440) 779-6444.

May 3—Beltane (Spring Equinox) at the UU 7 PM. Pagan holiday celebrated by GLBT-friendly Coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Wear green, bring a drinking

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Weekly meetings

Sundays—Lambda Group (Gay AA) Open discussion. 8 PM at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Call Erie Hotline at (814) 453-5656 for more info

Tuesdays—Identity (Edinboro University) 7 PM in Hendricks Hall room 101. For more info, call (814) 732-2647 or email dburdick@edinboro.edu

Tuesdays—Mercyhurst Gay-Straight Alliance 8 PM in Zurn Room 213. For more info, call Dr. Watters at (814) 824-2371 or email her at bwatters@mercyhurst.edu or Veronica Ledoux at vledoux@hotmail.com

Tuesdays—SUNY Fredonia GLBSU 10 PM in Williams Center. Has office in Multicultural Affairs Center, Thomson Hall, Fredonia NY. For more info, call (716) 673-3139 or email GLBSU@hotmail.com

Wednesdays—Trigon (Penn State Behrend) 5:15 PM in the Multi-Culture Center. For more info, call 898-6030 or email trigonpsu@hotmail.com.

HIV/AIDS news

Funding Alert

From NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance

The Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance is a social service agency whose mission is to provide quality services to individuals infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS. The Alliance is contracted by the PA Department of Health to provide education and prevention services to targeted populations to prevent the spread of HIV. Additionally, the Alliance provides case management services and conducts a Rural Health Care Clinic. The following funding is available to nonprofit organizations who can help the agency achieve its goals:

\$16,000 - Case Management Services in Mercer County; \$40,000 - Education; \$75,000 - Prevention; \$20,000 - Home Health.

Please contact the Alliance at RD#3, Box 75F, Clarion PA, or call (814) 764-6066 for your information packet and a work plan and budget. Proposals must be delivered to Northwest Alliance by 4:30 PM March 15, 1999 to be considered for a contract.

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In The Life

In The Life airs in Erie Sunday, March 28, 11 PM on WQLN channel 54.

IN THE LIFE, America's gay and lesbian newsmagazine series, returns to national public television with six all-new stories for its February/ March '99 episode.

Black and Gay in the Age of AIDS: While AIDS cases in general have decreased nationwide, the disease is still continuing to affect the African American community in epidemic proportions. This story will look into the reasons for this alarming trend and what is being done to combat it.

Bisexuality 101: This story focuses on the burgeoning bisexual visibility and the misconceptions both gays and straights have about bisexuals.

Transgendered Musicians: This story profiles three very different musicians with one important thing in common: Billy Tipton, the jazz band leader who lived his life as a man and who was upon his death discovered to be a biological woman; transsexual and heavy metal musician Christine Beatty; and classical pianist Sara Davis Buechner, formerly David.

Ms. Baldwin Goes to Washington: Tammy Baldwin is heading to the U.S. House of Representatives as the first woman to represent Wisconsin, and as the first openly gay non-incumbent ever elected to Congress. Her campaign drew on the support of an estimated 3000 volunteers and saw an unexpectedly high voter turnout in districts heavy with university students, resulting in severe ballot shortages at polling places. Also interviewed for this segment is Congressman of Barney Frank of Massachusetts.

Ethnic Parades – Crossing Lines: This story will focus on emerging gay and lesbian ethnic groups who have tried to march in ethnic parades with mixed reception: the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization in New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade; the South Asian Lesbian and Gay Association (SALGA) in New York's India Day Parade; and Kilawin Kolektibo, a lesbian Filipina collective, in New York's Philippine Independence Day Parade.

"Stop Kiss" at the Public "Stop Kiss" has become one of the brightest Off-Broadway offerings of the season. This sold-out, universally lauded play by Asian playwright Diane Son holds at its center the brutal beating of Sara (played by Sandra Oh), after she and Callie (played by "Friends" regular Jessica Hecht) are caught kissing — their first kiss — on a park bench in Greenwich Village. The play follows the budding relationship of Sara and Callie as they discover they are in love, even though neither had ever considered a lesbian relationship as a possibility in their lives.

And new for this season . . . "out artists SPEAK OUT" This episode continues a new series to IN THE LIFE. For "out artists SPEAK OUT" openly gay actors, writers, singers, poets, directors, dancers etc. serve up public service information in one-minute segments. Appearing on this episode are Kate Clinton (Off-Broadway — *Correct Me if I'm Right*), Quentin Crisp (Off-Broadway — *An Evening With Quentin Crisp*), and Pamela Sneed (her new book of poetry — *Imagine Being More Afraid of Freedom than Slavery*).

IN THE LIFE is produced by In the Life Media Inc., a not-for-profit, member-supported organization, and is presented by Thirteen/WNET in New York. It is distributed by American Public Television. A bimonthly newsmagazine series, IN THE LIFE chronicles the history and contemporary experience of the lesbian and gay community, and airs on nearly 120 public television stations nationwide. A complete list of airdates and more information can be found on the Internet at www.inthelifetv.org.



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2 girls alone release "Invisible Me" CD

It has been comforting to know that, on many Saturday nights in the past seven years, you could go to a local coffee house, order a cup of your favorite brew, relax, and wrap yourself in the rich lyrics and soothing harmonies of Two Girls Alone. With the April release of their first CD, "Invisible Me", you can now enjoy this beautiful acoustic-oriented music anytime, anywhere, or in the comfort of your own home. It's not just for weekends anymore.

Two Girls Alone is comprised of local musicians Shari Gross and Suzanne Csop. They have been playing local venues since 1992, performing both original songs written by Shari and covers by such artists as Sarah McLachlan and Joan Osborne. The duo has established a loyal following that has always seemed more interested in their original works than in their covers. "Whenever we played out, people would ask if we had a tape or CD they could purchase. And they requested our original music far more than anything else. So finally recording a CD seemed like a logical step for us. The timing just felt right for it," explained Suzanne.

But going into the studio and recording the songs they had played so many times before was a completely different experience than either of them expected. "Actually recording your own music without the live performance aspect forces you look more closely at your work," said Shari. "Your focus is on your voice, the use of the instruments, the arrangements. With the engineers, we had to evaluate each song and decide if this was the best performance for each one. But it was also a unique opportunity to let each of these songs develop and go where they wanted to go."

Both women agree that this labor of love was exhilarating for them. "For me, it was a chance to use more intricate guitar work and to hear the songs with additional instruments and musicians," said Suzanne. "And I had always wanted a professional recording of our work," added Shari. "It was just so much fun to sing without focusing on the live performance. We learned so much about the way we work together and how we play off one another," she said. "We've done this for so long and never really had the chance to see it from this angle."

Their hope for "Invisible Me" is that as many people as possible will get the chance to hear it. The CD will be available at all of their performances and at local music stores. A release party will be held on Friday, April 23, 1999 from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at Glass Growers Gallery, 701 Holland Street. It is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

"Our friends and fans have been so supportive over the years, said Shari. "It's the thing that has propelled us forward and we are so thankful for their encouragement. This is just one way that we can give something back for all they've done for us."



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Local news

Womynspace meetings

by Georgia Carpenter

The February meeting of Womynspace was the best meeting I have attended there since I started going last year. The food was very tasty and the movie was sweet. It was very relaxing and everyone was willing to help clean up afterwards. I want to thank everyone for coming; I enjoyed seeing people I haven't seen for awhile. Womynspace meets the first Saturday of every month at the UU church on New Perry Highway at 7:30 pm. Come out and see if this is a group for you!

LGLV has no coordinator for Erie

by Abby Conley

It is with both sadness and hope for a rebirth, that I inform members of the Gay and Lesbian community of Erie County, that the local chapter of League of Gay and Lesbian Voters (LGLV) is without a Chair. The call went out in the paper that you are reading now for volunteers to step forth. To date, there has not been even one inquiry for the post. I originally agreed to "fill in", the time has come that I must resign as Chair. The local primary is fast approaching and I have committed to several Democratic campaigns. It would be inappropriate for me to be involved with our Democratic party candidates and remain as LGLV Chair.

Sometimes folks, things need to be torn down before you can start to rebuild and I hope that is the case with the local LGLV. The cause is so worthy of your particular community's attention. Legislators are the folks that make the laws and if you are going to have an impact on your community's rights, social acceptance and laws that protect you, the political process is where it all begins.

So I leave respectfully with a challenge. If you are reading this article, I would like to ask you, to answer one question. That is; What can I do to help?

Anything helps, a good organizer, someone to stuff envelopes, someone to volunteer an hour on a Sunday afternoon. Everyone has special talents to bring to the table. So don't be shy, create another organization, rename the old one, take over the past LGLV. Take this

article and pass it around, bring the topic up at the next social gathering. Do something, don't drop this vital service for your community.

So let the challenge be heard.

Editors note: at the Erie Community Pride Organization (ECPO) meeting, one of the 3 committees formed was the political committee. A representative of the Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition (SPARC) was on hand. There is no Erie representative for SPARC. See the ECPO article on page 9 and also the Ignite 99 article on page 10.

Elaine Hill stepping down from PFLAG-Erie

Elaine Hill, long time coordinator of PFLAG-Erie and GLBT activist, is stepping down as the coordinator of the group due to some recent events unrelated to the GLBT community. We would like to acknowledge and celebrate the years of effort and support that she has given to our community.

The new contacts for the group will be Gary and David 898-4210 blugnu@velocity.net or Nancy and Robin at 835-7432 npengluv@aol.com.

GLBT Instrumental group

by Greg Knowles

2 Girls Alone are not the only family-friendly musical act out there in Erie. It just seems that way if you check the listings in the *EGN*.

How many readers have wondered if the numbers are out there to form a men's chorus, women's chorus, or GLBT-type chorus? What is preventing such groups from forming in Erie? I've been told that there are people out there with a piano, space, and an ability to sing and play.

Would you like to be in a band that would play original music? Playing pop or rock isn't that difficult. It takes a practice space, practice, and a willingness to put oneself on stage. Pro equipment isn't a must. Neither is formal training, so long as you can pick up the beat and play with it.

Be it chorus or a band, what it takes is organization. If you and some friends are ready to sing (or rock), put the word out. The best place to start is with an announce-

ment in the *EGN*. I, for one, don't possess much of a voice for choral use. My musical skills would mar any choral piece. I am one of those people with a guitar. And a bass. And drums. I am already in a band, but maybe I could help a band get going in some way.

For more info, email chumpire@alltel.net or call (814) 382-6555.

PFLAG Ashtabula reforming

PFLAG of Ashtabula Ohio is forming again. The PFLAG of Cleveland has offered to help. The contact person in Ashtabula is Lisa, 440/992-9139, email: l_lee6@hotmail.com or jnk_nj@hotmail.com. The first meeting will be on Friday, March 5 at 7 PM. Any interested people wanting to help are most appreciated.

Rainbow Pride closing March 1, others opening

Rainbow Pride, Buffalo's GLBT store, will be closing its 175 Hodge Street location as of March 1. The location inside Buddies will remain open. Two new stores are planned to be opened: a women oriented store inside Compton's After Dark, a lesbian bar, and Franklyn's Books & More, 206 South Elmwood Avenue, which will carry gay and lesbian literature and videos for sale and 'rent', the latest CD dance music, candles and upscale gift items.

Western NY update

by Greg Rabb

On the news side the Jamestown Community College (JCC) GLB group has produced 6X9 inches signs on heavy stock which have a pink triangle with the words SAFE PLACE in the middle and information for people wishing to contact the JCC group. These signs are suitable for posting anywhere. We have quite a few all over JCC but if someone wants one all we need is a mailing address and I will send one or more to you. Contact me at rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjcc.edu or (716) 665-5220 ext 204.

Other news: the JCC AM Rotary has invited me to talk about the JCC GLB group on 02/24.

I was also appointed by the US Civil Rights Commission to their NY Advisory Committee.

ECPO activities

By Michael Mahler

The Erie Community Pride Organization (ECPO) has gotten a number of activities going as a result of the January 1999 Kickoff meeting.

Three committees were formed to work on various projects. They are the social committee (working on the Pride Picnic, as well as some other get togethers and projects), the political committee (working on the Pride Rally, among others) and the communications committee (will be publishing a separate area Resource Directory this fall and some other projects.)

We are already confirmed for Saturday, June 12th at Presque Isle Beach 11 for the Pride Picnic. We wanted to get together socially to build community (and have fun!) on other occasions, so we will be having a "PeopleSpace" on Saturday, March 21st. The committee is also considering a camping trip in May. The contact for the Social Committee is Rick Blair and his phone is 459-7327 and email is rtblair@hotmail.com. The next organization meeting will be on Friday, March 12th at 6 PM at Aroma's, 2164 W 8th St. All volunteers are very much appreciated!

The political committee is very much looking forward to Erie's second Pride Rally (all three committees will have some involvement.) The group is also working on other projects. The contact for the political committee is Helen, whose phone is 451-0359 and whose email is aichess@hotmail.com.

Since the newsletter is no longer publishing the complete Resource Directory every month, we'll be working on a separate publication that will be published annually, which we expect to have out by this fall (in time for the Pride Rally.) We're also working on a speakers board and other projects. The contact for the communications committee is Michael Mahler, who is at 456-9833 or egcn@ncinter.net. Contact Mike for the next meeting.

So, there are lots of ways that you can help out and have a good time. Give a call/email and get involved!

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

Ignite '99 Rally in Harrisburg on Mar 23rd

by Billy Hileman/Planet Q

SPARC Leads Pennsylvania's Equality Begins at Home Event Ignite '99 Rally in the Rotunda set for March 23rd.

Two years before the 1993 March on Washington, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's (NGLTF) then executive director Urvashi Vaid was trying to convince people that the battle for civil rights would be waged at the state level. She called for 50 simultaneous state actions to bring pressure upon state legislators and governors regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues.

With the recent formation of the Federation of State-wide LGBT Political Organizations, the vehicle to move 50 state actions into reality was made. The amalgam of state actions, collectively known as "Equality Begins at Home" is set for the week of March 21-27 of this year. Pennsylvania's action, "Ignite 99 Rally at the Rotunda" is being coordinated by SPARC (Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition) and will take place starting at noon on Tuesday, March 23 in Harrisburg.

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters (LGLV) and the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force (PLGTF) are also members of the Federation. But, SPARC is the organization that is coordinating the Pennsylvania Equality Begins at Home event and recently received a \$5,000 grant from NGLTF to build the March 23rd event.

SPARC is coordinating buses from around the state to converge on Harrisburg on March 23rd.

"The goal of the rally is to bring together our diverse queer and ally communities from around the Commonwealth," said Sue Rankin, an Ignite 99 coordinator and cochair SPARC. Steve Glassman, also one of SPARC's two cochairs explained to Planet Q, "[the March 23rd rally] is an opportunity to show the public and elected officials that LGBT citizens will no longer tolerate second class citizenship. We are a powerful group of individuals who pay our taxes and are deserving of no less than full equality."

With the new momentum for hate crime legislation created by the publicity surrounding the murder of Matthew Shepard, Glassman says now is the time to put time and energy into working for LGBT civil rights at the state level.

Glassman agrees with Urvashi Vaid — working in Harrisburg has a lot more potential than working in Washington, D.C. State government has a tremendous impact on the daily lives of LGBT people. Most of the issues that affect LGBT people are decided at the state level. Marriage, for instance, is exclusively a state issue. Despite Congress' attempt to mandate the exclusion of same-sex couples from legal marriage by passing the Defense of Marriage Act, neither federal nor local government has the legal authority to determine who may or may not get married. Only state government can make that determination.

Other laws addressing issues related to LGBT families - such as adoption, foster care, wills, health care decision-making proxies for our partners - are uniquely determined by state legislatures as well. With few exceptions, sodomy laws exist only at the state level. Effective criminal hate crimes laws can be passed only at the state level. Strong, comprehensive civil rights laws are viable only at the state level, as most local governments lack sufficient constitutional authority to pass such laws, and

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there is no comprehensive federal civil rights law envisioned which would protect LGBT citizens.

SPARC is a coalition of organizations and individuals with the goals of passing inclusive statewide legislation that is built on the strengths and experiences of people working at the local level. Whether the work within the LGBT community includes lobbying city officials to pass local laws, swaying religious leaders, convincing an employer to adopt gay friendly policies, or building youth-centered programs for queers of color, the work helps create a climate for political change that must be heard at the state capitol. According to Glassman, that collective voice will be heard on March 23rd in Harrisburg.

SPARC has held several meetings and conference calls since its formation. In the meantime, SPARC members, Steve Glassman and Barb DiTullio and others including Sue Rankin and Andrew Park have been traveling the state in a campaign to organize people and groups to work for a civil rights bill, as well as meeting with state representatives and senators in Harrisburg.

But, because of the favorable climate for passage of hate crimes legislation, SPARC's emphasis has recently been on that type of legislation. In a December 17th meeting with Senator Joseph Conti (R) and Rep. Lita Cohen (R), SPARC members including Steve Glassman and Andrew Park helped to rewrite proposed hate crimes language to include sexual orientation, disability, and ancestry. Gender identity was included through redefining sexual orientation to mean "homosexuality, heterosexuality, bisexuality, and actual or perceived gender." According to Glassman, Cohen and Conti both believed that separating gender identity from sexual orientation would be a bill-killer. Glassman said that legislation that did not include gender identity was not acceptable.

Hate crimes legislation would amend Pennsylvania's existing Ethnic Intimidation Act to include new protected groups of people. The Ethnic Intimidation Act allows for increased penalties when crimes are committed against a person because that individual is a member or perceived to be a member of a particular group of people.

SPARC encourages people to contact Rep. Cohen at 610-397-0505 and Sen. Conti at 717-787-7305 to support them in their work on hate crimes legislation.

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Michael dithers

by Mike Mahler

Maybe PBS should go out and cut a check to Jerry Falwell for his stupid comments about the Teletubbies that gave them lots of free publicity. Micheal and I were out shopping for a new VCR and saw a display of teletubbies stuff. We figured that the purple ones were probably flying off the shelves. So we got a small plastic Tinky Winky. Micheal painted in the triangle pink, dressed it up with a small set of freedom rings that Abby Conley had fortuitously given us.

While flipping channels, I happened upon Lifetime, which was running the 2nd half of the Ellen coming out/Puppy episode. By sheer coincidence, the first commercial to air was for a video tape of the Teletubbies nursery rhymes. The next ad was for some kind of prescription discount card, so they must be in on the conspiracy as well.

We also taped and watched one of the shows because we figure it's usually good to see something first-hand before you go shooting your mouth off. Apparently Falwell is now trying to distance himself from basically having made a moron of himself. Anywho, the show was really very sweet and innocent. I can kind of see where an adult watching might see Tinky Winky as a possible gay figure, but, since none of the Teletubbies speak intelligible English and since none of the others are identifiably male, I don't really think the 2-5 year olds who are the primary target audience are going to become gay by watching it. If watching a purple figure whose gender, language and species isn't entirely clear makes you gay, I don't think you were so straight to begin with.

Have you noticed that a lot of the Religious Right's arguments against fair and positive depictions of gays basically work out to be "People will only be straight because they're too dumb to be anything better?"

Where are all these straight people who are so precipitously close to leaping the fence and why does no one seem to know them personally? None of my straight friends, co-workers and family seem to need cue cards reminding them that they are attracted to the opposite sex. Even Micheal and I having been head over heels in love for 6 years doesn't seem to have changed a single person. What's the big threat?

Q-list

by Mike Miller

Theatre and film

Gay playwright **Tennessee Williams'** classic ***The Glass Menagerie*** opens March 26th at the **Roadhouse Theatre** 145 West 11th Street in Erie 456-5656.

Whoopi Goldberg will play her third major motion picture LGBT role in ***Deep End of the Ocean***, a crime drama with Michelle Pfeiffer in which Whoopi plays a lesbian detective. Whoopi's previous queer roles, ***The Color Purple*** and ***Boys on the Side*** were both excellent, and helped pave the way for presenting lead characters in lesbian relationships to general audiences in a non-stereotypical way. For just that kind of work, the deserving Goldberg will be presented the 1999 Vanguard Award at the GLAAD Annual Media Awards in April.

Kids in the Hall alumnus **Dave Foley** has what sounds like a stereotypical gay supporting role as the roommate of **Alicia Silverstone** in ***Blast from the Past***, also starring **Brendan Fraser**. But, Foley reportedly gives a strong real-life performance without the prerequisite limp-wrist, screaming queen posturing that Hollywood too often requires of the "gay roommate" role.

Robert Downey, Jr., who's been talking recently in the press about a few gay past experiences will play a gay man married to **Brooke Shields'** character in the movie ***Black and White***.

Gay comic strip ***The Mostly Unfabulous Life of Ethan Green*** is scheduled to be made into a movie and, long time favorite among LGBT comic book collectors, the ***X-men*** is also being filmed – by **Bryan Singer** the openly gay director of the film ***Apt Pupil***.

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TV and video

Something seems to be turning people 'that way' in a small town in the comedy ***It's In the Water***, and a backward/forward look in time reveals a complex tale of gay love and betrayal in ***Lilies***, both fresh out on video. Also look for ***The Opposite of Sex*** in which a very trashy **Christina Ricci** tramps off with her brother's (**Martin Donovan**) boyfriend, and ***Object of My Affection*** in which **Jennifer Aniston** falls for upstanding gay teacher **Paul Rudd**.

For what, to many gay households, is the media equivalent of the Superbowl, The American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will televise its annual **Oscar Awards** ceremony Sunday, March 21 on ABC. There's actually a fair amount of queer stuff to root for this year: ***Gods and Monsters*** and ***Shakespeare in Love*** up for best picture, **Ian McKellen** for best actor in ***Gods and Monsters***, **Lynn Redgrave** for best actress in ***Gods and Monsters*** along with **Kathy Bates** for ***Primary Colors*** and **Gwyneth Paltrow** for her drag king performance in ***Shakespeare in Love***, just to name a few.

Music

Check out the info on the **2 girls alone** cd on page 7.

I would like to respond to a comment by one of our contributors (see Local News page 9.) Yes, it does seem like 2 girls alone is just about the only LGBT-friendly act playing in Erie if you read *EGN*. Truth is, being second shift I don't get a lot of chance to watch live music, and only having lived in Erie for 5 years, I don't really know who to look for with a queer, or at least queer-friendly sound. On the other hand, I've also helped edit this newsletter for those 5 years, and the 2 girls are one of only 3 local groups to come forward and advertise their music to the LGBT community. The other two are **The 5 Empty Chambers**, whose CD was reviewed in *EGN* about a year ago, and **One World Tribe** whose guitarist played so wonderfully at October's Pride Rally.

I admit that I like what I've heard from 2 girls alone, (as well as the other two), but I also admit that I would love to hear other acts that are gay or gay-friendly, because I've always had a diverse musical palate – pop, jazz, blues, metal, classical, folk, country, reggae, grunge, funk, thrash, ska, whatever.

So, I would like to issue a challenge to any lesbian, gay, bisexual, or friendly act to send us info on when and where your next gig is. If you even know of some act that has queer sensibilities, send in the info, so we, and our readers can go give it a listen.

Just out

19-year old French tennis star **Amelie Moresmo** came out of the locker room to have a hot run at the Australian Open and came out to the world by bringing along her girlfriend, publicly hugging her and showing affection for her throughout the Grand Slam event. In response to some comments from other players along the lines of "She plays like a guy" and "Why do they need to do that stuff in public?" Amelie proudly told the Aussie press, "I feel liberated and it shows in my game."

Interested in an engrossing study of the trials faced by other lesbian athletes and coaches? Try reading Pat Griffin's **Strong Women, Deep Closets: Lesbians and Homophobia in Sport** (Human Kinetics, \$19.95) which was a finalist in the American Library Association's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Awards.

A worthy cause

The **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie** is launching a "New Century Capital Campaign" to institute much needed expansion and renovations to the 7180 New Perry Highway site that has served as so much more than just a welcoming, friendly space for LGBT people to express their faith.

Over the years, the local "UU" has provided a variety of generous, needed services to Erie's LGBT community as a whole. Committed same-sex couples can exchange vows there. *EGN* and other resources can be found

there. Gay events such as the Bridges dances and the Womens Music concerts have been held there. And a number of LGBT groups have held and continue to hold regular meetings there.

If any group deserves our support, it's Erie's UU. So consider giving a donation to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie PA 16508 or contact Al & Peggy Richardson at 814-455-9730 or asrjr@aol.com for more info. It's a way to give something back to one of our greatest allies.

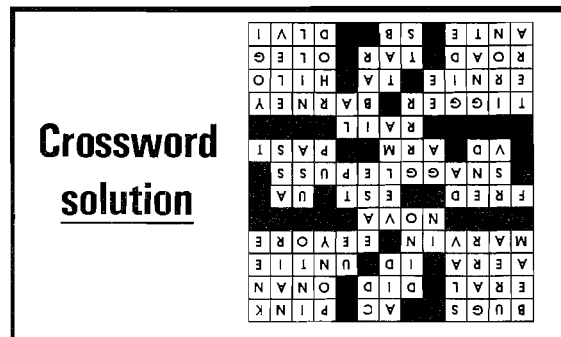
And a final thank you..

to **Jerry Falwell**, of all people(?!?!?) for giving preschoolers a positive gay role-model in the form of **Tinky Winky**. Tinky Winky is the name of the tallest character on PBS' weekday morning **Teletubbies** program. Because Tinky Winky is purple, wears a triangle on his head and carries a handbag, Falwell has decided to warn parents against the ominous danger that this Teletubby is promoting a gay lifestyle to children. Oh, Horrors!

Well it turns out, if you actually watch the program, that all of the characters jabber, bounce around, play very simple games, give each other hugs and basically behave as any happy three-year-olds might, without any homosexual subtext that I could see, and I was looking. If Falwell hadn't pointed it out, I would never have guessed.

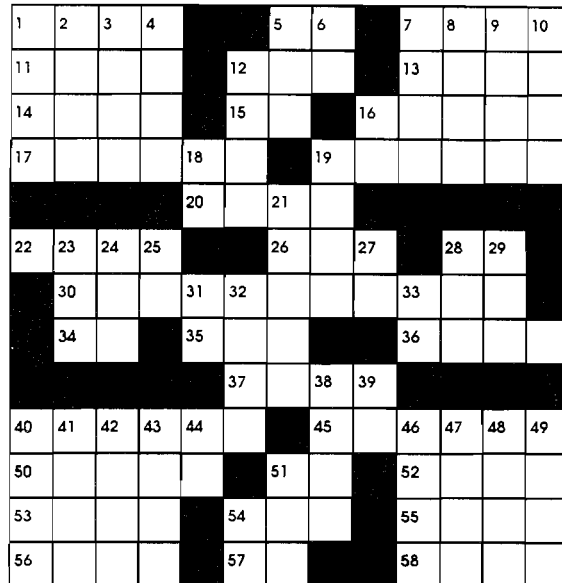
I *would* lay odds, however, that PBS has seen a jump in its ratings for the show, and that Tinky Winky toys are selling like hotcakes. I have one on top of my computer right now. I put teeny little rainbow rings on him and set him right next to my Ernie and Bert hand puppets and Lego Village People.

So, thanks Jerry for simultaneously making a chubby little TV character into a gay icon and making yourself look so, ahem, intelligent in the process.



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Across: *Themed clues

- 1 He sure dresses up in drag and kisses Elmer Fudd a lot*
- 5 Alternating Current
- 7 The ___ Panther — potential gay lobbyist/activist?*
- 11 Relating to a historic time period
- 12 '98 flick *I Know What You ___ Last Summer*
- 13 Bible character condemned for playing with himself
- 14 Atmospheric prefix, (var.)
- 15 Part of the mind that speaks during a Freudian slip
- 16 Unfetter
- 17 He's a very *fey* acting martian who wears one of those Roman kilt things*
- 19 He's purple, and he's always trying to recruit Christopher Robin to look for tail*
- 20 New star, old car, or PBS science program
- 22 He's blonde, always wears a scarf, and drives a Mystery Machine*

- 26 Superlative suffix
- 28 United Artists
- 30 He's pink, hates females and makes lots of theatrical references like "Exit, stage right, even"*
- 34 Venereal Disease
- 35 Appendage
- 36 '98 documentary on gay activism *Out of the ___*
- 37 Stairway safety device
- 40 He's bouncy, hangs around in the woods and jumps on unsuspecting Beers and Piglets*
- 45 He's purple, sings and dances, and is always trying to convince you that he loves you and you love him*
- 50 He co-habitates with Bert, engages in raucous laughter, and buys 'numbers' from sleazy street peddlers*
- 51 English goodbye, part of TTFN
- 52 Hawaiian city
- 53 LGBT people often must take the one less travelled
- 54 Blacktop

- 55 Fashion designer Cassini
- 56 Start a poker game
- 57 Abbreviation for Antimony
- 58 556, to Caesar

- 24 Finale
- 25 Leather boy's first word?
- 27 Toilet Paper
- 28 This country
- 29 Mascot of the Democratic Party
- 31 Georgia, on a postmaster's mind
- 32 Comment from 40 across?
- 33 Optimistic
- 38 Steel beam
- 39 A note to follow so, according to Julie Andrews
- 40 Prefix for a trillion
- 41 Press a shirt
- 42 Irksome insect
- 43 Nobel Prize winning gay, French author Andre
- 44 Electrical Engineer
- 46 Prefix meaning red
- 47 Not a thing
- 48 Elevation, to a cartographer
- 49 He shares a cave with BoaBoo, hangs around in National Parks with no pants, and is always grabbing unsuspecting campers' baskets*
- 51 Divine costar Hunter, in '81's *Polyester*
- 54 Initials for transsexual or for poet eliot

Down:

- 1 Gymnasts balance on it
- 2 What comes out of your bladder
- 3 *Toolsie* actress Teri
- 4 Czech
- 5 Assist
- 6 Crossdresser or compact disc
- 7 My Little ___ — he's pink and lovelier, prances and winks a lot*
- 8 Towards the interior of, say, a closet
- 9 Drag queen's need?
- 10 Leg joint
- 12 He's purple, jumps on Fred and Barney, and licks them all over*
- 16 Unified Electronics
- 18 Not out
- 19 In '78's *The Wiz*, Diana Ross told us to do this "...On Down the Road"
- 21 Jinkies! She wears sensible shoes, short hair and a big bulky sweater, and doesn't act like a dumb girl*
- 23 Revised Standard Version of the Bible — you know, the one funded by the gay King James

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 100 Harrison, Jamestown, NY. Open Mon-Sun 2pm-2am.
 The Village ▼ 452-0125
 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sun 8 PM - 2 AM.
 The Zone Dance Club ▼ 454-9171
 1711 State St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat 8 PM - 2 AM.

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Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. (716)488-1971
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 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
 Well Being Center ▼ 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

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10% Network ▼ (716)484-7285 (John)
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 Womynspace Coffeehouse ▼ 451-0359 (Helen)
 Alcohol, smoke-free environment for lesbians. Monthly theme, topic or activity.

Student Organizations/Youth

Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP, Allegheny College, Meadville) ▼ 332-4368 (Nancy)
 Closet Culture (GLBT's 22 or younger, Erie) 899-6528 (Mark)
 Covenant House Teen Hotline 1-800-999-9999
 Identity (Edinboro U.) & email: dburdick@edinboro.edu
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 write Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8th St, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505
 Lambda Group—Gay AA ▼ 452-2675
 Partners (LesBiGay group, Corry PA) (814) 664-7090 (Luella)
 PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)
 PFLAG-DuBois PA Karen or John Kressley at 371-8962
 PFLAG-Erie Gary & David 898-4210
 Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)

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AIDS Action Team (AACT) Gannon 871-7233
 AIDS Bereavement Support Group 452-3779 (Sue Kuebler)
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 AIDS Network Information 451-6700
 Friends from the Heart 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)
 HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cath. of St. Paul (Episcopal)452-3779
 NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie Ofc) ▼ 456-8849/(800)400-AIDS
 St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group &
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