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Erie Gay News

Calendar

Jul 30 - Aug 1—Jones Pond Campground: Canadian/American Naturist Weekend (Angelica NY) "Annual Mud Party." For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

Jul 30 - Aug 8—Jones Pond Campground: Vacation Week (Angelica NY) "'Rocky Horror Picture Show' Night, Bingo, Road Trip and other events" For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

Jul 30 - Aug 1—BlackOut 99 (Cleveland) See the article in last month's issue.

Aug 3—Lughnassadh 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 medhbbh@velocity.net.

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Aug 6-8—Jones Pond Campground: Beach Party Weekend (Angelica NY) "100 Block Hawaiian Luau Party." For info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

Aug 7—Womynspace-Special Event! "A performance by HAG Theatre (from Buffalo) at WOMYNSPACE's usual place & time entitled *GERTRUDE STEIN and... A COMPANION*. The show will begin promptly at 8 pm, so come early! Please come & enjoy this remarkable performance by some remarkable womyn!! Donation: \$5.00. *Please note!!! Due to an error on Helen's part (oops!), the last newsletter said that the donation was \$3.00. The correct amount*



is \$5.00. This is a special performance by a professional theatre group coming from Buffalo, who are graciously performing for us at a much-reduced ticket price. Please come and support them!! Refreshments provided." Call Helen Streett 451-0359 or email aichess@hotmail.com.

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This Month's Cover:
7 women levitating at Sarah's
by Helen F. Streett

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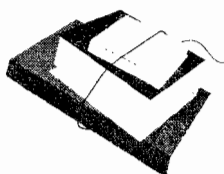
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Thanks!

Items to send us in August

July 15— Deadline for info related to September and early October events:

Labor Day events, Carnivals, Fairs, Back to School Stuff, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, National Coming Out Day.



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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 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.

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 July issue collators!

Thanks to Richard Mentz and Mick Boyle 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!*

Aug 7—Biography: Carmen Miranda (A&E) Consult listings for airtime.

Aug 8—Boost Boys at Large Circuit Party (Buffalo) Boost Boys from Toronto. Club E Buffalo, 393 Ellicott, Buffalo NY. (716) 856-5846. Browse <http://www.nypride.com>.

Aug 9—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 PM, Well Being Ctr. 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon Clear 838-0123.

Aug 12—BYKOTA meets At Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Aug 10—SAFER (HIV/AIDS) meets (Oil City) For more information, call (814) 677-9601 or email cmiller@usachoice.net.

Aug 10—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Aug 13-15—Jones Pond Campground: Leather & Levi (Angeles NY) "Play Party" and "J&L Contest." For more info, call (716) 337-8100, email info@jonespond.com or leather@jonespond.com.

Aug 13-15—HIV/AIDS Support Group Featuring Sarah Blain, Linda, Cheryl, and Jim at Fish, Dave Chick, Tom, and the staff at Fish & Amish House, Contact: <http://www.fishandamish.com>

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Aug 15—Shades Annual Picnic (Buffalo) Friendship House-Ellicott Creek park. 11 Am til Dusk. Shades will provide the music, hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and snacks. Feel free to bring a dish to share or your own grill and food. Games and Prizes for the children! Everyone is welcome, but drugs are not. This event is free. For information about Shades events: <http://www.bluemoon.net/~shades>, email shades@bluemoon.net, voice mail (716) 879-0945, or mail to: Shades, PO Box 608, Buffalo NY 14209.



Aug 15—Biography: Elton John (A&E) Consult listings for airtime.

Aug 18—"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.

Aug 19—LGSU at Kent meets (Ashtabula) At Kent State-Ashtabula 8 PM, room C-133. Teens, young adults, students, adults... Everyone welcome. For info, contact Jim at (814) 763-2032 or shiffen@rookcity.net, Lisa at (440) 992-9139 (after 8:30 PM) or lisann_27@hotmail.com or email jnk_nj@hotmail.com.

Aug 20—1st Annual Wine Village Various Wine contests. Call the bar after 9 PM for more details. The Village, 101 W 10th St. (814) 836-6715.

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Aug 20-22—Jones Pond Campground: Nativist Weekend (Angelica NY) “Best buns’ Contest” For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

Aug 22—Biography: Judy Garland (A&E) Consult listings for airtime.

Aug 24—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Aug 25—REM in concert (Cleveland) at Blossom Music Center (330) 920-8040.

Aug 26—BYKOTA meets At Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Aug 27-29—Jones Pond Campground: Bear Weekend (Angelica NY) “Taste of Jones Pond and Pajama Party. For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

Aug 29—Tri-County AIDS Coalition AIDS Walk (Canton OH) Walk, picnic, drag baseball. Stadium Park. (330) 456-8622.

Aug 30—Helena Troy’s Annual Drag Ball and Diva Party (Buffalo) Free admission 18+. Club E Buffalo, 393 Ellicott, Buffalo NY. (716) 856-5846. Browse <http://www.nypride.com>.

Sep 1—“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.

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Sep 3-6—Jones Pond Campground: Labor Day Weekend (Angelica NY) “400 Block Hat & Cock-Tail Party, Pool Closing.” For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

Sep 5—Annual Black Ball (Buffalo) Free admission 18+. Club E Buffalo, 393 Ellicott, Buffalo NY. (716) 856-5846. Browse <http://www.nypride.com>.

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Sep 6—Happy Labor Day

Sep 9—BYKOTA meets At Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Sep 10-12—Jones Pond Campground: Country Western Weekend (Angelica NY) “Scavenger Hunt, Hayride.” For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

Sep 10-12—Ohio Leather Fest (Cleveland) Workshops and demonstrations on consensual sadomasochism, parties, vendors, Cleveland. <http://www.ohioleatherfest.com>, email info@ohioleatherfest.com or call (440) 835-6946.

Sep 11—Womynspace-Date moved! “September’s meeting has been changed to the second Saturday, which is Sept 11, so as not to conflict with Labor Day Weekend. Probably activity will be a film and refreshments.” Call Helen Streett 451-0359 or email aichess@hotmail.com.

Sep 11—Happy Rosh Hashanah

Sep 11—11th Annual Ohio Lesbian Festival Over 60 booths, workshops, sports and food. 11 AM to 11 PM. \$24 in advance, \$30 gate. Send check with SASE to LBA Festival, Box 82086, Columbus OH 43202, call (614) 267-3953, or (614) 294-6034 or email jhbirkhoff@juno.com. See article page 11.

Sep 11—Menspace For info and location, call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net for more info.

Sep 12—21st Annual NOCI We are Family Picnic Benefit for Northern Ohio Coalition’s funding of gay and AIDS programs, 10 AM to 6 PM. Call (216) 781-6624 for more info.

Sep 12—Miss Gay Big and Beautiful New York (Buffalo) Club E Buffalo, 393 Ellicott, Buffalo NY. (716) 856-5846. Browse <http://www.nypride.com>.

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Sep 19--10% Network meets: Cottage fun (Jamestown, NY) Jim and Greg will be hosting a fun time at their cottage in the woods near Springville. Bring food and games. If you are interested in going, call Greg for details, information and directions to the cottage. Call Greg at (716) 664-4764.

Sep 19--AIDS Walk (Akron) For more info, call Chris Fournier of the AIDS Task Force at (330) 493-7779.

Sep 19--New York State Party (Buffalo) Club E Buffalo, 393 Ellicott, Buffalo NY (716) 856-5846. Browse <http://www.nypride.com>.

Sep 20--5K run

Sep 23--BYWOTA meets At Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

Sep 24-26--Jones Pond Campground: Horror in the Woods (Angelica NY) "600 Block Halloween Party." For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

Sep 26--Octoberfest and Contest (Buffalo) Club E Buffalo, 393 Ellicott, Buffalo NY. (716) 856-5846. Browse <http://www.nypride.com>.

Sep 28--HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Oct 1-3--Jones Pond Campground: Camp closing (Angelica NY) "Saturday Pot Luck Dinner" For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

Oct 2--Womynspace Call Helen Streett 451-0359 or email aichess@hotmail.com.

Oct 3--AIDS Walk Akron Walk and 5K run. 3 PM. (330) 375-2000.

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Octo 8-10--Out in Akron Queer Cultural festival. Call (330) 869-0065. See article in Local News page 6.

Oct 9--2nd Erie GLBT Pride Rally (Perry Square) For more info, contact Helen Streett at 451-0359 or aichess@hotmail.com. See article page 7.

Oct 9--Menspace-Cancelled?? May be cancelled/moved to accommodate Pride Rally. For info and location, call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@pointnet.net for more info.

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

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Oct 16--10% Network meets: Birthday bash for Don at Martin and Don's house (Jamestown, NY) This will be a big birthday for Don, so join us to celebrate at Martin and Don's home at 70 Prospect St. For more information and the time, call Martin or Don at (716) 484-9659.

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Local news

Pittsburgh Labor Day Picnic

from Delta Foundation

Once again, the Delta Foundation will be holding their annual Labor Day Picnic in North Park Lodge. Tickets are available at The Zone, 1711 State Street, Erie and all Pittsburgh area bars. Because of rising costs, ticket prices are being raised for the first time in 7-8 years. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate. The last picnic raised \$8,000 for community groups, many of whom were directly involved in the picnic. Please support this very worthwhile event. *{Editors note: This newsletter is one of the community groups that benefit from the Picnic! Please note the double page ad in the center of this issue.}*

Fierstein and Bono "Out in Akron" in October

The Out In Akron 1999 GLBT Queer Cultural Festival will feature a live stage performance by actor/comedian Harvey Fierstein and a conversation with activist Chastity Bono during the weekend of October 8, 9 and 10 at the Highland Theater in Akron's Highland Square.

The Out In Akron weekend celebration will begin on Friday at 8 pm with "Queer Shorts," (free) a one night film fest featuring GLBT shorts films.

Saturday at 2 pm includes a (free) movie matinee showing of Torch Song Trilogy starring Harvey Fierstein. A cash bar at 7 pm precedes a live stage performance by Harvey Fierstein at 8 pm. Fierstein will present a comedy and musical review entitled "An Evening With

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Harvey Fierstein: This Is Not Going to Be Pretty!" Tickets are \$20 each.

Chastity Bono will be the featured speaker at the Out In Akron Forum (free) on Sunday at 1 pm. Bono's presentation will be followed by a panel discussion entitled "It's OK. Mom knows: Taking the Next Step in Coming Out" discussing the coming out process and the next step individuals can take (free). A book signing by Chastity Bono of her book FAMILY OUTING will follow in the lobby of The Highland Theater (free).

Sunday at 7:30 pm will include the return of Cabaret Q (free) featuring local talent performing live on the stage of the Highland Theater.

Tickets for "An Evening With Harvey Fierstein" are now available. The \$20 ticket includes all service charges and can be purchased through gay-owned Box Office Tickets at 1-800-494-TIXS. The TDD number at Box Office Tickets is 1-877-TDD-TIXS. Contact Out In Akron for group sales at outinakron@aol.com. Tickets are also available at the Highland Theater Box Office located at 826 West Market Street in Akron.

"We're confident that 'An Evening with Harvey Fierstein' will sell out," said Chris Hixson, Cochair of Out In Akron. "That's why we're releasing our plans to the GLBT community first so they'll have the first chance to purchase tickets."

The Highland Theater is handicapped accessible. All Out In Akron Cultural Festival events, with the exception of the films, will include American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation. Potential volunteers can contact Sandra Kurt for more information about volunteer opportunities at 330-869-0065 or at outinakron@aol.com.

Out in Akron is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering awareness of GLBT culture. More information is available at the Out In Akron Home Page at www.rainbow-akron.com/oia.

Remember: Deadline for submissions to September's EGN is August 15!

Pride Rally update

by Helen Streett

The rally will be held at Perry Square in Erie, PA on Sat Oct 9th, 1999 from noon to 5:30 pm. We have a list of speakers and entertainers (following), as well as a variety of info tables, gift and refreshment vendors.

Here is a list of speakers *committed* to us at this writing:

Terry Kime, minister, UU Church of Erie; speaker (name unconfirmed at this time), Erie Chapter ACLU; Robin Green, director, Erie Chapter PFLAG; speaker (name unconfirmed), Erie Sisters (trans group in Erie area); speaker (name unconfirmed), Citizens Against Racism in Erie (CARE); Dan Hawes, speaker for NGLTF (National Gay and Lesbian Task Force)

Probable speakers: (names unconfirmed) from GLAAD and LLDEF

Due to the GORE 2000 activities (everybody down there is really busy & committed), we will *not* have a presidential appointee present this year.

Confirmed entertainers: HAG Theatre from Buffalo, NY (one-act play); Greg Ropp (musician); Bobbi B. et al (drag show); 2 Girls Alone (musicians), DJ (Erie); Erie Clowns/Jolly Jesters

Budget: The cost for bringing in the speaker from NGLTF from Washington, DC is approximately \$160. In addition, we expect confirmation from the Lambda Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LLDEF), and the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) for speakers. Both organizations gave me a positive response, and are currently looking into schedules to see who they can send to us. In these 2 cases, the air fare costs would probably be close to the same. Room and board are not confirmed, however, Jeff H. has agreed to provide rooms for two speakers. NGLTF has agreed to waive the speaker's fee. I have no information yet regarding whether or not GLAAD or LLDEF will do the same.

Anyone with extra accommodation space in their apartment/home who would be willing to house one out-of-town speaker, please contact me (Helen Streett) 451-0359 or aichess@hotmail.com or Michael Mahler 456-9833 egcn@ncinter.net.

At this point, the MINIMUM required for speakers would be: (assuming ALL 3 confirm...) Transportation (\$160 x 3) = \$640.

If we need to provide Room & Board at a motel for one speaker, (\$90 x 1) = \$90.

If we need to provide speaker's fees (unspecified amount at this time), but I would guess something like (\$50(?)x 2) = \$100.

That would be a grand total of \$830.00 as the maximum expenditure for speakers alone. Again, this is still an estimate at this point. I expect to hear from GLAAD and LLDEF in the very near future, in order to clarify these particulars for our budget. A number of activities in addition to the speaker budget will require funding, such as face-paint, paint & supplies for signs (\$50 or so) and the permit for use of Perry Square (\$125).

Income: An offer was made to sponsor the Pride Rally at a bingo nite from Patty Puline of the Erie Health Dept. She said she could expect to bring in about \$500. It would be good if lots of GLBT people & friends attended that bingo to help bring in money. We need 5

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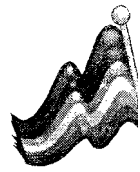
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Monday, September

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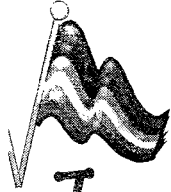
Individuals wishing to sell arts and crafts may acquire space for a \$100 fee (benefit)

Tickets are \$20 in advance

Tickets available at The Zone, 1711 State

Mark your calendar for October 10-15th Anniversary

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Labor Day Picnic

• 6, 11am to 6:30pm

• Park Lodge, Pittsburgh, PA

• Shuttled to the Lodge from the lower parking areas. Car pooling is encouraged.
• Bikes are a good idea.

Midway Madness

Country and Western Dancing from Bill Kailen of
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• (Including the gay and lesbian community). Contact Ray Reitmeyer (412) 687-9425 for details

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• Ferry Boat Ride - Only 600 tickets will be available!

• Proceeds Benefit Gay and Lesbian Community

volunteers to help staff this event!!! Please contact Helen Streett 451-0359 aichess@hotmail.com to volunteer! This is our single major fund-raiser! We are dependent on its success. Bring your family and friends - it should be a lot of fun, and will be the number one element of this year's rally's success!!!

Other income: two individuals have offered a donation of \$100 each, and our first 50/50 drawing, which was drawn on June 12 at the pride picnic, brought in a \$75 profit.

Mark M. has offered to organize a 5K run/walk/bike as a fund-raiser as well. I don't have any details yet, but will pass info on as I get it.

We have a commitment from Greg K. for use of a PA system, including mics, mic stands, amp & speakers. We will have to get a podium. I will try to get the podium from the UU again.

Mark R. has a volunteer commitment from a DJ also. I thought we'd put him on at the end of the day, to play music for as long as he wants and as long as people want to stay. Mark also has a friend who has volunteered to do face-painting. Mike Miller has volunteered to make signs and to work with others to make signs. Amy M. and Mike Mahler have made contacts to various organizations to set up info booths. Rick B. is contacting book and/or gift vendors.

Another task STILL not being tackled:

Contact snack/drink vendors/request donations from local stores, etc.

Things are generally looking very good - EVEN the funding, if all goes as foreseen... Many thanks to everyone who has put in so much time so far. We can make this happen with continued cooperative effort!

Helen Streett 451-0359 aichess@hotmail.com

Boys in the Band

from Directors Circle

The Directors Circle Theatre announces the opening of *Boys in the Band*, by Matt Crowley. Making its debut in 1968, the play broke all barriers for the way gays were routinely treated in plays, and opened the door for countless plays and films that treated homosexuals with a more open and honest approach.

Michael has invited some close friends over to celebrate another fellow's birthday. Untowardly, Michael's "straight" roommate at college calls up in desperation and then shows up, uninvited. It makes for a nasty encounter, for one of the guests is so effeminate that the roommate beats him senseless. The birthday boy arrives, dives into the party atmosphere with drinks and presents, and pulls out one plum: a male hustler, prepaid for the evening, makes the best gift. Because Micheal suspects his old roommate is gay, he devises a game of having everyone phone the person he best remembers loving. When the roommate makes his call and confesses his love, Michael is stunned at the outcome.

This is not a play about a homosexual, but a play that takes the homosexual way of life totally for granted and uses this as a valid basis for human experience.

Directed by Michael Weiss, who appeared in the Erie Playhouse's 1973 production of *Boys* amid threatening letters and boycotts (it sold out every night and held over an extra weekend), the power of the play is the way it remorselessly peels away the pretensions of its characters.

Jeff Rodland (*Jeffrey*, *Rocky Horror Picture Show*) will star as Michael supported by Pat Welsh, Bobbi B. (*Women Behind Bars*, *Rocky Horror*) as Emory, Doug Massey as Bernard, Mark Leffingwell (*La Cage Aux Folles*) as Alan, Bill Shade as Hank, Rob Tredway as Larry, Bruce Schneider as "The Cowboy" and Scott Priesel (*Jeffrey*, *The Mousetrap*) as Harold.

The play will open Thursday, August 19th and play Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Mid September. No performance August 27th or 29th. All curtain times are at 8 PM and tickets are \$9 general admission and \$6 for seniors and students.

You don't want to miss this production, so uncompromising in its honesty. For reservations, please call the Directors Circle's new phone number at (814) 452-0036.

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More than 34 million people are now infected with HIV/AIDS in the world today. Most of them live in countries where testing is not an option. *Exercise your right to know.* If you have reason to suspect you might have been exposed to HIV, find out today for your own peace of mind. Get tested!

{Editor's note: Most sites can accommodate different times if you ask. SHOUT Outreach/Serenity has also arranged for different locations, as well as different times.}

Women's Music Festivals range from East to West Coast, large to small, with attendees from colorful to relatively tame. The Ohio Lesbian Festival is a medium-sized, more tame than not, day-long event in its 11th year, this year scheduled for Saturday September 11th from 11 AM to 11 PM: 4 hours to the South West in Columbus, Ohio. The festival offers more than 60 merchants, including local syrup-makers Jan and Lisa (Hurry Hill Farm), workshops, sports, drum circle, and concession-style food. This year's Main Stage features Kate Clinton, Melanie DeMore, Alix Dobkin, and Erie's own 2 Girls Alone (performing from 3 PM to 4 PM.) One of the more inexpensive festivals, tickets are only \$24 in advance and \$30 at the gate. The festival has always drawn a number of Erie women over the years, and it's expected that even more will attend this year due to the increased local flavor.

Since the festival takes place completely outdoors at a campground, women need to bring blankets and/or chairs to sit on, rain gear, flashlights and whatever else they need to enjoy the day. Though concessions are available, some women might enjoy bringing a cooler with their own food and drink. Festival brochures are not yet printed as of this writing; once available, they give detailed information regarding directions, accommodations, and events. Tickets and information are available from : Lesbian Business Association Festival, PO Box 82086 Columbus, OH 43202 (614) 267-3953

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Q-list

by Mike Miller

Theatre and film

Buffalo United Artists is proud to present the western NY premiere of **Paul Rudnick's** *The Most Fabulous Dirty Ever Told*. In this, his latest play, the wickedly funny Rudnick, (who also wrote *Jeffrey* and *In & Out*), puts an irreverent gay spin on Bible stories reimagining Adam and Eve as Adam and Steve, and Cain and Abel as Jane and Mabel. The play just closed its successful run in New York City and BUA is one of the first companies to produce it. The production opens on August 7 and runs on Saturdays at 8:00 PM and Sundays at 7:00 PM through August 29 at BUA's Upstairs Cabaret, 884 Main St. in downtown Buffalo. For further information and ticket reservations, call 886-9239. No one under 18 admitted.

More locally, the **Directors Circle**, 652 W 16th St, Erie, PA will be putting on a production of *The Boys in the Band* in August. See article on page 10. For show times and ticket info, call 452-0036.

Out at theatres in limited release is *Out of Season* about Micki, a lesbian that prefers one night stands to relationships, who returns to a small town to care for her dying uncle Charlie. Micki tries to put the moves on Roberta who rejects her because of previous bad relationships, making for some hard feelings. But since Roberta and the uncle are best friends, she and Micki can't escape each other and eventually learn against all odds to form a relationship. Also in limited release is *Reverie* about a couple of fraternity brothers who come out of the closet as a result of a gay-bashing incident.

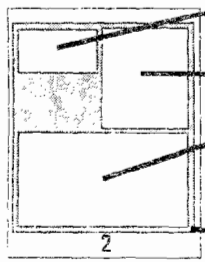
When Vegas goes Hollywood: **Johnny Depp** may be trading in scissor hands for sequins. According to *Time* magazine the cult movie hero Depp has shown interest in playing **Libraire** in an upcoming film based on the vivacious Vegas pianist's life scripted by the same authors who scripted *Ed Wood*. Vegas' flamboyant, Teutonic masters of beast and illusion **Siegfried and Roy** also have a biopic due out soon entitled *Siegfried and Roy: The Magic Box*. **Sir Anthony Hopkins** has already agreed to narrate. Of course, in the arena of sexual orientation, it remains to be seen how much of either film will be truth and how much will be illusion. The glitzy tiger-tamers of questionable stripe have also been chosen to have a star placed in their honor on Hollywood Boulevard's Walk of Fame next year. So has the actress that many a lesbian would like to be tamed by - **Jodie Foster**.

Out on video is the critically acclaimed 1997 Indian import *Fire* about two women trapped in loveless relationships who turn to each other for companionship and ignite a relationship of mutual erotic desire. *Fire* is frank and witty, if occasionally melodramatic and features lavish direction and two of the finest actresses in all of India. You need not be a lesbian to enjoy it, but you may need to hunt to find a copy. Which reminds me...

Some folks have written us that they never see some of the movies mentioned in *Q-list* at the local theatres and video stores. Fact is that a lot of the gay-themed indies never make it outside of larger cities. So, what to do? Call your local theatre or video store and ask for your favorite GLBT title. If they have enough requests, they might start carrying them. But let's face it, there's already a glut of theatres in Erie, and another one com-

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ing to the Pavilion, and they still all show the same tired selection of main stream movies, even though at least one, Tinseltown, had initially promised to show more cutting edge films when it first opened. So, while you're holding your breath, travel to Buffalo, Cleveland or Pittsburgh to see the GLBT titles that never come here. Michael and I have had good luck going to the **Cedar Lee Theatre** in Cleveland at the corner of Cedar and Lee. It shows lots of alternative films and is situated near an artsy-alternative part of the city called Coventry, which is also close to museums, stage theatres, shops, restaurants and coffee houses. You can call the box office at (216) 321-8232 or browse their website at <http://www.cedarlee.com> to find out what's playing.

The movie *Trick* opens there on August 20. *Trick* is a sort of boy meets boy story. Boy meets boy. Boy cruises boy. Boy decides to have night of unbridled lust with boy. **Christian Campbell** plays Gabriel the good-natured boy looking for love in the big city and a hunky **John Paul Pitoc** plays the go-go boy seeking, um, whatever it is that go-go boys seek. The real "trick" is, once boy meets boy, how they can keep from meeting all kinds of comical coital interruptions from het roommates and nutty ex-girlfriends (played outrageously by an over the top **Tori Spelling**). By the end, naturally, what starts off as a failed trick turns into more.

If you didn't catch the movie *Go!* when it was out at theatres, and even if you did, apparently there's a "very sexual scene" between **Jay Mohr** and **Scott Wolf** that was cut from the general release that can be seen in the DVD version according to director **Doug Liman**. Even if that weren't the case, the film is definitely a winner worth checking out when it hits video stores.

TV

Jay Mohr apparently enjoys being cast in controversy on both the big screen and the small screen. He stars as a trash mouth movie producer in the new series *Action* set to pilot this fall at 9:30 on Thursdays on **Fox**. One of Mohr's foils on the show is a gay studio executive named Bobby G. (not to be confused with Bobbi B.) who's out of the closet to friends yet maintains a very public marriage with the ex-wife of Mohr's character. According to **GLAAD** the show is hysterical and trashy with characters that are absolutely hateful and reportedly inspired by some of the biggest wigs in TV-land. Sounds like a

Hollywood attempt to capture the feel of *Absolutely Fabulous*, the short-lived British television trash-fest long a favorite of gay folks here in the States.

Music

Scene recently appearing on *The Drew Carey Show*:

Kate: "We're going to Lilith Fair... Finally a concert where I don't have to worry about anyone grabbing my ass."

Lewis: "Umm, you know, some of those women..."

Drew Carey: "Don't worry. She'll figure it out."

If you like women's music or if you just want to piss off Jerry Falwell (see last month's Q-list) **Lilith Fair** will be at **Starlake Amphitheater** August 13th and at **Blossom Music Center** August 17th. For less gynocentric alternative music **REM**, whose lead man **Michael Stipe** recently came out as bi, will also be at Blossom August 25th. Those feeling more nostalgic for polyester and plats may prefer to "camp" out on the Blossom lawn to watch **Barry Manilow** on August 5th.

Country fans may be interested to know that **Trisha Yearwood** and the **Mavericks** recently performed a benefit at a gay bar in Nashville.

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Books

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For the more serious minded man or woman, **Witness to Revolution** (Alyson, \$16.95), edited by **Chris Bull**, offers a compilation of the **Advocate's** best articles reporting on the gay and lesbian rights movement during the 33 year history of the standard setting (LGBT) news magazine. Too hot to concentrate on gay politics or history? Laugh it up with **That's Mr Eggot to You!** (Alyson, \$11.95), a collection of witty essays by **Michael Thomas Ford**, winner of the 1988 Lambda Literary Award's best humor book **Alice Baldwin Doesn't Love Me & Other Tales from My Queer Life**. Comics have completed a full volume of **Isaiah's Honor** to **Frank Liebowitz**, who has always made Lee always compared **Frank Liebowitz** to the best of all of a gay man.

Sex

Oh yes, maybe we are all size of dentists and dentists are leaving the industry unable to dent is not to be taken July 1999 edition of the small journal **Sexual Health & Behavior** gay men are found to be larger penis size than their straight counterparts. The study used ultrasound measurements of penis size on over 3000 subjects and corroborated an earlier study which, unfortunately, I did not conduct. The researchers speculated that the discovered size differential might possibly be due to a difference in prenatal hormone levels between gay- and straights. To confirm that hypothesis (sorry, I can't resist) - my guess is that they would probably need more *hard* evidence.

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Michael dithers

by Mike Mahler

Micheal and I were recently out at a fabric store shopping for some materials for a project Micheal was working on. While we were there, another guy was shopping and, I think, a tad threatened that he had entered a stereotypically female domain. "Oh good", he told the saleswoman. "Other guys!" When he walked away, I said something like, "but we're gay." The saleswoman said, "Oh, I don't care." I explained that what I meant was if the gentleman was looking for reassurance by having other straight men around, he was still out of luck. We ended up joking around and having a good time.

I have been active for the past few years with the Community Wide Planning committee, an HIV/AIDS prevention group, that is affiliated with the Pennsylvania Prevention Project. There are several groups across the state. The group covers Erie County, PA.

I am stepping down as co-coordinator but stepping out. However, there have been a number of meetings where I have been the only representative of the gay community. There are many people who are interested in this area and I will be happy to help in any way possible.

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Primarily what the group does is try to determine what works in our area for preventing HIV/AIDS. The CDC has published a manual that gives a model.

If you think you might be interested, please consider participating. Feel free to contact me (416-853-1177) or (number.net) if you have more questions.

Serenity Hall has been involved pretty heavily. They were able to help us get insurance coverage for the Pride Rally last year and this year which made the event possible. As I have said often in the past, neat stuff can happen (sometimes not necessarily related to what the original purpose was) when you become active in something.

Resource directory

Please note that this an abbreviated listing! For a more complete listing, either check <http://www.eriegaynews/areasrc.html> or mail a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to 1115 W 7th St, Erie PA 16502-1105 or call us at (814) 456-9833.

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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 ▼ 459-1711
 1711 State St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat 4 PM - 2 AM.

Counseling

Virginia Ayres, PHD 835-3829
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 Fredonia Office (716)679-3455
 Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 PM. - 11 PM. Mon.-Fri.)
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 Lake Erie Counseling Associates 455-4009
 Well Being Center ▼ 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

Info-Lines

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 Chautauqua County NY (South) (716) 484-8434
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 Temple Anshe Hased (Reform Congregation) 454-2426
 930 Liberty St, Erie PA.
 Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal) 452-3779
 134 W 7th St, Erie PA
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 1255 Prendergast Ave.
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 Chautauqua County, NY.
 Menspace 456-9833 (Michael)
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 Womynspace Coffeehouse ▼ 451-0359 (Helen Streett)
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Student Organizations/Youth

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 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
 Jamestown Comm. College Grp ▼ (716)665-5220 ext 204
 or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)
 Mercyhurst College Gay/Straight Alliance ▼ 824-2371 (Dr. Watters)
 National Runaway Switchboard 1-800-621-4000
 SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU (716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
 Teen Hotline (412)771-8336
 Trigon (Penn State Behrend) ▼ trigonpsu@hotmail.com or (Sue
 Daley) 898-6164

Support Groups

Erie Sisters Transgender Support Group (TV/TS/CD)
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 Gay AA 459-7262 (Bernie)
 Partners (LesBiGay group, Corry PA) (814) 664-7090 (Luella)
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 Friends from the Heart 838-0123 (Deb Monohon)
 HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cath. of St. Paul (Episcopal) 452-3779
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