Calendar

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 1-All Over Me (1996) (Cinemax) 4:30 AM. "A teen finds lesbianism in New York's Hell's Kitchen."

Oct 2—Womynspace-CANCELLED! "Look for our banner at the Pride Rally on October 9. Share your opinions on whether to continue the coffeehouse-or to volunteer."

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

Oct 4—Biography: Rock Hudson: Acting the Part (A&E) 8 PM, repeats at midnight.

Oct 4-Threesome (1994) (TBS) 12 AM. "UCLA suitemates fall into a love triangle."

Oct 5-Biography: Anthony Perkins: A Life in the Shadows (A&E) 8 PM, repeats at midnight.

Oct 6—Hollow (1996) (Cinemax) 4:30 AM. "Homosexuality, abuse are issues in custody battle."

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Oct 6-Biography: Liberace: Mr. Showmanship (A&E) 8 PM, repeats at midnight.

Oct 7—PFLAG-Erie meets: Banner making party "Come join us as we make a banner and signs for the 2nd Annual Erie Pride Rally (which happens on Saturday.) Bring art supplies and join in. If you are artistically challenged, please come anyway to socialize! We'll be getting together at 7:30 PM at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Call Nancy at (814) 835-7432 or email npengluv@hotmail.com for more info."

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Oct 7—Investigative Reports: Anti-Gay Hate Crime (A&E) 9 PM, repeats at 1 AM.

Oct 8—Quentin Crisp (Cleveland) Reductant gay poster child will share stories with his dark, scathing wit. At



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This Month's Cover: Out on the Square by Michael A. Miller

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Items to send us in October

Oct 15— Deadline for info related to November and early December events:

Elections, Thanksgiving, Native American History Month, World AIDS Day, Advent, Hanukkah





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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.

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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!

Cleveland Public Theatre, 6415 Detroit Ave, Cleveland OH. For more info, call the theatre at (216) 631-6727. **Oct 8—"Queer Shorts"/Out in Akron** Film festival (Free.) At Highland Theatre, 826 West Market St, Akron, OH. Part of Out in Akron 1999 GLBT Queer Cultural Festival. For more info, email outinakron@aol.com or browse http://www.rainbow-akron.com/oia, or call Sandra Kurt at (330) 869-0065.

Oct 8—Biography: Montgomery Clift: The Hidden Star (A&E) 8 PM, repeats at midnight.

Oct 9-The Lion in Winter (1968) (Cinemax) 6 AM. Historical drama about Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine. Their son and Henry's successor, Richard the Lion-Hearted, has an affair with the king of France.

Oct 9-2nd Erie GLBT Pride Rally (Perry Square) For more info, contact Helen Streett at aichess@hotmail.com or Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com.

Oct 9—"An Evening with Harvey Fierstein: This is not going to be pretty"/Out in Akron Cash bar at 7 PM, performance at 8 PM. Tickets are \$20, include all service charges and can be purchased through Box Office Tickets at (800) 494-TIXS. TDD number is (877) TDD-TIXS. At Highland Theatre, 826 West Market St, Akron, OH. Part of Out in Akron 1999 GLBT Queer Cultural Festival. For more info, email outinakron@aol.com or browse http://www.rainbow-akron.com/oia, or call Sandra Kurt at (330) 869-0065.

Oct 9-Menspace-MOVED TO OCT 30!

Oct 10-15th Annual Pittsburgh Boat Ride Sponsored by Pittsburgh Tavern Guild. Boarding begins at 4:30 PM, leaves 5 PM and returns at 9 PM. Tickets are available at The Zone, 1711 State St, Erie PA and at all Pittsburgh area gay bars.

Oct 10-Chastity Bono/Coming Out Panel/Out in Akron Bono will speak, followed by a panel discussion, "It's OK. Mom knows: Taking the Next Step in Coming Out" A book signing by Chastity Bono for her book "Family Outing" will follow in the lobby (Free). At Highland Theatre, 826 West Market St, Akron, OH. Part of Out in Akron 1999 GLBT Queer Cultural Festival. For more info, email outinakron@aol.com or browse http://www.rainbow-akron.com/oia, or call Sandra Kurt at (330) 869-0065.

Oct 11-National Coming Out Day

Oct 11—Myra Breckinridge (1970) (Cinemax) 1:10 AM "Myron has sex change, becomes shapely Myra." From the novel by gay author Gore Vidal.

Oct 11—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 PM, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon Cleer 838-0123. Oct 12—Columbus Day

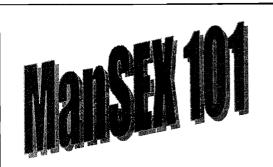
Oct 12—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

Oct 13—Sandra Bernhard: I'm Still Here... Damn it! (HBO) 3:40 AM. "Comedian targets sex, music, religion, fashion, motherhood."

Oct 13—Gods and Monsters (Mercyhurst College) 8 PM at Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center. General admission is \$3. Openly gay Oscar-nominated Sir Ian McKellen plays openly gay director James Whale.

Oct 14-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.

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.



Fall Semester Starts October 18th

7 – 9 PM.
Unitarian Church of Jamestown
1255 Prendergast Ave.
contact:

Greg (716) 664-7855 Bill (716) 488-1917 Oct 16-17—Champions for Breast Cancer Awareness LPGA on Lifetime Channel. Consult local listings for times.

Oct 18—ECPC meets "Community-wide planning for HIV/AIDS prevention in Eric County. Meets at Serenity Hall, 414 W 5th St. Refreshments served from 5:30 PM to 6 PM. Meeting from 6 to 7:30 PM. For more info, call Sonny Concepcion at the Hispanic American Council at (814) 455-0212 or hayso@eric.net or Sandra Quigley at the NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance at (814) 456-8849."

Oct 18—In The Life (PBS WNED Ch. 17/Jamestown NY) 10 PM. GLBT news magazine. See last issue.

Oct 18—ManSEX 101: How to Meet the Man of Your (Wet) Dreams (Jamestown NY) 7-9 PM at Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave. Series of discussions and workshop "Are you sick of the 'scene'? Still looking for Mr. Right? We'll talk about how to meet the man you want, where to find him, and how to let him know he's the one." For more information, contact: Greg (716) 664-7855 or Bill (716) 488-1917.

Oct 19—Out at Work (HBO) 5:20 AM. "Three gay people cite discrimination as the reason they lost their jobs."

Det 21—2 girls alone at Aroma's 2174 W 8th St. 7-9 PM.

Three info, email TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net.

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Oct 21-28—14th Annual Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival For more information, call (412) 232-3277 or browse http://www.pilgff.org

Oct 21—Doing Time on Maple Drive (1992) (Lifetime) 8 PM. "Family falls apart when son brings home fiancee." Son later comes out.

Oct 24—What Sex Am I (Discovery) 10 PM, repeats at 3 AM. "Transsexuals and transvestites discuss their lifestyles."

Oct 25—ManSEX 101: Is Your Man a Dog? (Jamestown NY) 7-9 PM at Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Avc. Series of discussions and workshop "Can you trust your man? If you do, are you being naïve? If you don't, are you just being paranoid? We'll talk about how you can build trust with someone while still keeping yourself from getting hurt." For more information, contact: Greg (716) 664-7855 or Bill (716) 488-1917. Oct 26—HIVIAIDS Support Group meets Call Cheryl We-

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Oct 28—Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil (1997) (HBO) 3:50 AM. "A reporter covers a socially prominent man in Savannah GA who kills his lover. Also includes appearance by the Lady Chablis."

Oct 30—Menspace-Halloween Party at Jeff Hill's Moved to accommodate Pride Rally. For info and location, call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email info@eriegaynews.com (note new email address!) for more info.

Oct 30—Halloween Party at The Zone 1711 State St, Erie PA. For more info, call (814) 459-1711.

Oct 30—Conference on Youth (DuBois PA) "Invisible people, Visible Pain—Supporting Gay & Lesbian Youth" 8 AM -4 PM at Penn State DuBois campus. Sponsored by DuBois PFLAG. Conference on understanding gay youth, aimed at law enforcement, health care personnel and educators in the central PA area. If you are interested in attending or know someone who would benefit

from the conference call 814-371-8962 or email jackklpflaglpa@juno.com.

Nov 1—Samhain 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 black, bring a drinking vessel and dish to pass for the potluck following. Info: Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net.

Nov 1—ManSEX 101: Men SUCK! (Jamestown NY) 7-9 PM at Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave. Series of discussions and workshop "Love oral sex? Want to learn more about it? Have some tips to share? We'll put our money where our mouth is for a candid discussion about going down including safety, semen, and skills for making you the hottest mouth of the north." For more information, contact: Greg (716) 664-7855 or Bill (716) 488-1917.

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Nov 5—Coco Vega at The Village Drag performer. 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. For more info, call (814) 452-0125.

Nov 8—Friends from the Heart Meets 6 PM, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon Cleer 838-0123. Nov 8—ManSEX 101: A Trip to Uranus (Jamestown NY) 7-9 PM at Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave. Series of discussions and workshop "Top? Bottom? Versatile? All are welcome for a frank discussion of



the ins and outs of our love for ass. We'll talk about foreplay, safety, the condom issue, toys, and techniques for keeping it fun. "For more information, contact: Greg (716) 664-7855 or Bill (716) 488-1917.

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public sex? Sex Clubs? Anonymous sex? We'll talk about places to meet men for a quick hook up, how to score, and how to stay safe and healthy." For more information, contact: Greg (716) 664-7855 or Bill (716) 488-1917.

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Nov 18—More Light Presbyterians meets GLBT supportive group within the Presbyterian church. Meets 7:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Waterford PA. For more info, contact Evon at (814) 864-1920 or email evon@erie.net.

Nov 18-21—Erie Lakeside Gala Transgender event put on by Erie Sisters Club. For more info, browse http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/1614/elg99.html, email lothar.lk@cwix.com or write to 1903 W 8th St, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505.

Nov 20–10% Network meets At Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY. For more info, call John (716) 484-7285 or email octo@madbbs.com.

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Northwest Alliance RD #3, Box 75F Clarion PA 16214 nwpataa@penn.com 1001 State, Suite #806 Baldwin Bldg. Erie PA 16501 nwpaaids@erie.net Nov 22—ManSEX 101: Body Talk (Jamestown NY) 7-9 PM at Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave. Series of discussions and workshop "Do you feel invisible in a room full of hunks? Feel that you need to be buff to be someone? That beauty is skin deep? Let's talk about the pleasures and pressures of our obsession with body image" For more information, contact: Greg (716) 664-7855 or Bill (716) 488-1917.

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Nov 25-Thanksgiving

Nov 29—ManSEX 101: *The ABC's of Sexual Health* (Jamestown NY) 7-9 PM at Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave. Series of discussions and workshop "Want to know more about all the critters out there? We'll discuss gonorrhea, hep, HIV, warts, and all the rest. How to prevent them, how to recognize them, and how to take care of them. Biology was never this fun." For more information, contact: Greg (716) 664-7855 or Bill (716) 488-1917.

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Dec 6—ManSEX 101: *I Touch Myself* (Jamestown NY) 7-9 PM at Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave. Series of discussions and workshop "Do you like to reach out and touch yourself or others? Come learn creative new techniques to use yourself or with a partner. We'll discuss the joy of self-love and how masturbation and erotic touch can be used as a hot method for making love." For more information, contact: Greg (716) 664-7855 or Bill (716) 488-1917.

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Repeating programs

As Good as It Gets (1997) A waitress, a gay painter and a dog help a misanthrope. Showtime: Oct 2 5:30 PM, Oct 11 8 PM, Oct 20 9 PM.

Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss (1998) A gay photographer (played by Sean Hayes, who is Jack on Will and Grace) dates a man who may not be gay. HBO: Oct 11 1:35 AM, Oct 21 5:20 AM.

Kiss Me, Guido (1997) A heterosexual unknowingly gets a gay roommate. **TMC**: **Oct 5** 6:35 AM, 3:20 PM, **Oct 6** 4:50 AM, **Oct 16** 9:05 AM, **Oct 29** 7:30 PM.

Love and Death on Long Island (1997) Infatuated Briton pursues a two-bit US actor. HBO: Oct 3 2 PM, Oct 6 4 PM, Oct 14 10:30 AM, Oct 19 2:30 PM.

Making Love (1982) TV exec discovers husband's boy-friend. TMC: Oct 10 12:20 AM, Oct 18 1:50 AM.

Orlando (1992) Hero/heroine lives 400 years: from novel written by Virginia Woolf for her lover, Vita Sackville-West. Bravo: Oct 22 9 PM, Oct 23 12:30 AM, 1:30 PM.

Weekly recurring

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—Identity (Edinboro University) 8 PM in Hendricks Hall room 101. For more info, call (814) 732-2647 or email dburdick@edinboro.edu or mail Amy Terrizzi, Box 173 Shafer Hall, Edinboro University, Edinboro PA 16444.

Know of an event that should be listed in our Calendar?

Send details to EGN 1115 West 7th St. Erie, PA 16502 or email us at info@eriegaynews.com

Local news

Thanks from Directors Circle

from Michael Weiss

Michael Weiss of Directors Circle Theatre would like to express a heartfelt thanks to the gay community for its outstanding support in attending *Boys in the Band*, making it the highest attended show of the season.

Womynspace Coffeehouse

from Kel

There are some womyn who say that this monthly gathering of womyn has outlived its usefulness. Some say that they don't attend anymore because they don't need it. Others say that the Coffeehouse has been replaced by the Internet.

I did not get all of the opinions because I don't have everyone's phone numbers. But if you have an opinion, bring it to the Pride Rally on Saturday, October 9 in Erie at Perry Square. Look for the Womynspace banner. Thanks!

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Corry/Warren group news

by Luella Clayton

Partners has dwindled down in size to 2 people and has decided to help revive the Warren group, as the area is without an active group.

Also, we are going to attempt to organize a PFLAG group in our area. We have considered this for a very long time.

An initial mission was to provide help and assistance to the heterosexual (straight) and gay and lesbian communities (gay-straight alliance) and provide supportive services needed for persons just coming out to friends, family and for family members who are having difficulty dealing with GLBT issues.

We are reactivating our teen line (hopefully) with the high school so that teens in crisis will have an outreach

Also, we'd like to acknowledge a new member, Jo Linda Dexter from Warren County. She's 25 years old, a very talented individual and has joined our group. We welcome her and hope our group will assist her journey into her path of life and acceptance and relationships. Welcome.



Letters

Future of Womynspace

by Helen Street (aichess@hotmail.com)

The "usefulness" of Womynspace as I see it, is primarily as a social group for womyn who are not members of the many small groups of womyn who gather privately in Erie. There are lots of such private gatherings, however, many womyn new to the community in the past few years have not had the opportunity to become part of those groups.

In the past 2 years, I would guess that well over 20-25 womyn have contacted me regarding Womynspace because they were either new in the community, just coming out and looking for support, or in town temporarily and in need of some friends to hang out with. I enjoyed meeting these womyn and introducing them to the small group of womyn who still chose to attend Womynspace.

I think the "usefulness" of Womynspace is still very significant, especially if you're not one of "the old gang" - and specifically if you're a newcomer to Erie. It is disappointing to me that people find an organization "useless" because "THEY don't need it" anymore. I will always be grateful that Womynspace was there for me in the early 90's when I needed it, and I was happy to have a few hours a month to give back to the group. I understand that peoples' priorities and schedules change, but I hope that someone else out there sees Womynspace as a valuable organization worth preserving.

This past spring, some womyn expressed an interest in having the coffeehouse take on a different direction, such as being a place primarily for viewing lesbian films, and having occasional live entertainment, such as the HAG theatre performance in August. Now would be the time for some of those womyn to step forward and make the changes they wanted to happen. As was suggested often in the past, womyn who want the group to continue could rotate the responsibility of planning and organizing the coffeehouse so that not any one person would have to do it every month.

There are many options to be considered, and I really hope that there are others out there who feel that Womynspace should continue to exist in some form.

Domestic Violence

On Sunday, October 17, 1999 The Walk Against Domestic Violence begins at noon at SafeNet HQ, at 17th & French Streets. We will proceed to 18th Street and over to State Street. From there, we walk along State Street, stopping at 4 relay points, and down towards the Erie County Library. Our destination is the Admiral Room in the Bayview Commons of the library.

The relay points will be dual purpose: 1) to allow our relay teams (two women for each stretch) to exchange the *baton* (in this case, a basket of purple hearts), and 2) to allow all of our walkers (and escorts) to rest, start, or stop the walk. The relay points will have volunteers waiting for us with water and juice. A red silhouette (representing victims) will also wait for us at each point. The planned relay points are: the Unemployment Office, the Palace Business Centres, the Federal Building, and Hamot's grass plot between 2nd and 3rd streets. We will exchange the *baton* again before we enter the library, and the last relay team will present the *baton* at the ceremony in the Admiral Room.

The Dedication Ceremony will be at 2:30 pm in the Erie County Library's Admiral Room, and we are inviting the media to attend. Afterwards, we will host a speak-out of sorts, which we are calling a Domestic Violence Awareness Session. Activities and refreshments will be available.

At the Dedication, we will place a large wicker basket of homemade purple hearts in front of our symbol of hope - the Phoenix Rising. The session is an opportunity for any and all of the Friends of SafeNet to speak out against domestic violence (DV), honor a friend or family member who has been a victim - or is a survivor - of DV, or read an inspirational piece on the subject.

We ask for assistance from our friends: 1) sponsors for T-Shirts (\$10) for our walkers; 2) refreshments for the relay points; 3) snacks and refreshments for the ceremony and awareness session; 4) help (at 9 am) tying purple ribbons on the parking meters along state street; 5) help (at 5 pm) untying the purple ribbons; 6) volunteers at the relay points; and 7) escorts for our walkers.

In addition, SafeNet will have an information table from 1-5 PM in the library at the base of the stairs.

This event is cosponsored by the library-come check out their books on the subject!

For more info, call Lisa at (814) 451-1128.

Joan of Arc at HAG

Fridays & Saturdays Sept 17 through Oct 2 at 8 pm and Sun Oct 3 at 4 pm.

HAG Theatre presents *The Second Coming of Joan of Arc* by Carolyn Gage, directed by Margaret Smith. \$12 general, \$10 students, seniors, HW members. This is part of Hallwalls Black n' Blue Theatre. Signer Emily Glenn will interpret on Fri. Sept 24 and Sun Oct 3. RESERVATIONS CALL (716) 884-5984.

The Second Coming of Joan of Arc gives voice to a character conspicuous in her absence from heteropatriarchal theatre: the angry young woman. This Joan of Arc is a far cry from the eroticized and idealized Joan of Jean Anouilh or Shaw. This Joan — like the historical one — is a teenager, a runaway from an alcoholic home and incestuous father, a girl with severe eating disorders, and a lesbian. No longer a martyr or a victim, this Joan redeems her experience through unmasking her betrayers and rallying contemporary women with a rousing call to arms. HAG Theatre's Kate Elliott will play Joan as she revives this "une femme" show first presented by HAGTheatre in 1995.

"Saint is just another word for a woman who got burned" limited edition (we only made 50) Tee Shirts will be on sale at the box office during *The Second Coming of Joan of Arc.*

The Second Coming of Joan of Arc presented by HAG Theatre is part of the UNE FEMME festival at Hallwalls and Squeaky Wheel. Check their calendars for listings of film and video on Joan of Arc.

HALLWALLS is located at 2495 Main Street in North Buffalo near Jewett Parkway in the Tri-Main Center. The entrance and parking are on Halbert.



HIV/AIDS news

ManSEX 101 in Jamestown

by Bill

ManSEX 101 is a series of fun and informative discussion groups and workshops for men who like to have sex with men. The Discussions are frank and deal with issues including sex, relationships, self-esteem, physical health and safety ... and they're free

AIDS Community Services with Interweave of Jamestown will be presenting a collection of workshops called ManSEX 101. The purpose of these workshops is to share information relevant to the needs of modern gay men. Broadly speaking, the issues covered will include sex (of course), relationships, and health issues. There will be guest speakers who will be glad to answer those questions you just don't think you should ask your mother.

For more information call either Greg at (888) 664-7855 or Bill at (716) 488-1917.

Testing at Erie Coul Mondays	12 noon to 3:30 PN
Tuesdays and Thursdays	9:30 AM to 1 PN
Other s	tes
Corry Health Dept	683-389
Minority Health Delivery System (MHEDS)	453-6229
Hispanic American Council	455-021:
SHOUT Outreach/ Serenity Hall	459-477
Most sites can accommod you ask. SHOUT Outread different loc	ch can also arrange

Friends from the Heart in need of Funds

from Deb Monohon

Friends from the Heart is a volunteer organization that has provided direct assistance to people living with AIDS in ways that are not met by other programs (help with rent, etc.) The group has existed for 5 years.

Friends from the Heart is down to a bank balance of \$274.44. They are in great need of donations or a fund raiser. They are meeting the monthly needs of a few people, and Deb has been letting them know that their funds are dwindling. Deb feel certain that the community will rise to the occasion.

Friends from the Heart may be reached at the following: Deb Monohon, Well Being Center, 710 Beaumont Ave, Erie, PA 16505-3415, (814) 838-0123

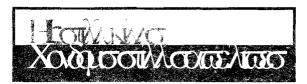
Thanks!

Counseling and testing news

HIV Counseling and Testing is available free of charge through your Erie County Department of Health on a walk-in basis. For your comfort and to accommodate specific needs, other sites are available:

HIV counseling and testing is also offered on an outreach basis. Please call 451-6727 for information. If you choose not to have the standardized blood test done, an oral antibody test known as *ORASURE* is now available for HIV testing. A small pad is placed between your cheek and gum for two minutes, the test measures the amount of interstitial fluid found in that area.

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!



Michael dithers

by Mike Mahler

I think that Helen has done some excellent setup for this year's Pride Rally and this year should be even better than last year.

Recently, our washing machine died. My mother had given it to me something like 8 years ago, when it was already a decade old. (i.e. no license to bitch here.) Micheal went up to Sears before he went to work to pick out a model and I went up after work to make arrangements. He works second shift, I work first, so we frequently are not both in the house and awake at the same time. So while I looked at the model Micheal had indicated, a young woman in sales came up and asked me if I needed any help. I said that my husband had already been up and I wanted this particular model. She then responded "Did she talk with anyone?" Then, when she was at the cash register, she asked me for my name. I did the usual routine of telling her that it is Michael Mahler, but there is another Micheal named Miller and that this can by confusing to "sales people and others." She then asked if I had said "brothers." At this point, I figured that I was dealing with a low watt bulb.

When I walked back to my car in the parking lot, some thoughtful soul had stuck a slip of paper with the word "HOMO" scrawled on it underneath my windshield wiper. It really felt lame if it was intended as an insult and sort of odd if it was intended as a reminder. ("Don't forget! You like guys! Have a nice day!") I was rather tempted to take it into the store and show it to the clueless woman in sales

On a much brighter note, I was talking with my mom. She mentioned that some co-workers of hers were talking about a football player who was rumored to be gay and making some disparaging comments. My mother ended up speaking privately with a guy who was a friend of hers who had been joining in. She told him that she had a gay son. He instantly felt embarrassed and apologized. She made a point of talking with him in a friendly manner a few times after that so that he knew that there were no hard feelings.

In a weird way it reminded me of the KKK rally and counter demonstration last year. I think that one of the most important things that we can do is to speak up

when we see or hear injustice in our everyday lives. Anyone can make a point of saying that they don't support the Klan, but it takes a lot more fortitude to say something when it's people that you're friendly with. But as my mom found out, it can do a lot and usually leads to greater understanding.

Micheal and I are planning on going to the Millennium March in Washington next year on April 30. The last March on Washington was just a few weeks after we had met and it is kind of a shame he didn't get a chance to go. There was also a fair number of groups and resources that formed or got more active as a result of the last March. The Edinboro University group got a bus together (which I believe that they had also done for at least one previous March.) It would be great if folks got together to do something like this again. Maybe even a join project for the college groups?

See you on Saturday, October 9 in Perry Square for the Pride Rally!



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Upcoming features

Please note that our coverage of World AIDS Day events will be in next month's (November) issue. Since World AIDS Day falls on December 1, publishing events in that issue doesn't make sense, as it usually comes out at the same time or sometimes slightly later than the event. Everybody knows the 6 week rule, right? Whenever you are doing an event that you want people who are not regular members of your group to attend, you need to send out the details 6 weeks before the event. People need to hear about something in enough time to act on it.

Therefore, if you are doing an event around World AIDS Day, or think that you may be doing one, please let us know by October 15, so that we can get it into the November issue.

It has been a while since we last published in print the expanded version of the Resource Directory. The complete version is on our web site at http://www.eriegaynews.com/arearesc.html (for area GLBT non-HIV resources) and http://www.eriegaynews.com/hivresc.html (for HIV/AIDS resources.) Those pages have stayed updated. We are planning at this point on including an expanded version in the December issue. If you are a group or resource that is relevant, please let us know by no later than November 15 so that we can make sure that the information is in the December issue. We will be removing the listings for resources that we haven't heard from in a while, so if you are in doubt, please contact us.

What we are looking for is:

Name

Contact

Mailing address

Phone

Email

Web site

Hours/meeting days/times.

A brief description.

If you would like some of this information to be just for our internal use, just let us know.

Remember: Deadline for submissions to November's *EGN* is October 15!

Q-list

by Mike Miller

Theatre and film

Holly Hughes is an Obie-winning writer and one of several artists who sued against federal funding restrictions for LGBT-friendly arts. *Preaching to the Perverted* is her live one woman performance in which she deals with decency, family values, politics, lesbian chic, and a host of other topics. You can reserve seats for her show October 14-17 at **Cleveland Public Theatre** by calling (216)631-2727.

Every show that ever was is doomed to come back. **Drew Barrymore** and **Cameron Diaz** are already lined up and getting ready to shoot as two of **Charlie's Angels**. The new angels won't have to worry about Bosley leering at them the way he did in the silly '70's series, though, because the updated '90's movie version will make him into a closeted gay man, complete with a homoerotic steamroom scene. Will he have speaker phone sex with Charlie voiced by an octogenarian John Forsythe? Talk about a daddy scene - eww!

TV and video

Melissa Etheridge not only has a new album, but a new television series as well. The gutsy rocker and lesbian co-mom hosts **Beyond Chance**, a reality show that looks at the seemingly chance individual events that can sometimes shape women's entire lives Mondays at 8 pm on **Lifetime**. Okay, Lifetime may be "the women's channel" but I (and many other gay men) have watched it for years. Where else can you see old **Party of Five**'s, **Golden Girls**, **Designing Women** and **Ellen**?

Queen Latifah is the name of a new syndicated talk show hosted by... well you can guess. Now we can see how she raps with her guests.

HBO has given the go ahead for more episodes of the Emmy-nominated series **Sex and the City** which features Willie Garson as the gay sidekick to Sarah Jessica Parker. They've also started filming more episodes of the "pansexual prison drama" Oz. Look for both to air this spring or summer, and catch the reruns now if you missed them.

If you think you've enjoyed gay television watching **Will and Grace**, **Oh Grow Up** or **Action**, then you haven't

seen anything. Not like this. Not on prime time American television. Not even on cable. Queer as Folk is a series that ran last spring on Britain's Channel 4 that featured frank portrayals of gay men kissing, cruising, having tearoom sex, cybersex, 3-way sex, analingual sex, lots of sex. It also featured frank portrayals of lesbian coparenting, successful and unsuccessful comings out, drug abuse, gay-bashing, relationship building and breaking. All of which was watched by a percentage of Brit viewers that would put it in the top 20 here, with only a whimper of anti-gay protest. When shown in the US at San Francisco's International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival audiences cheered. If you get the chance to see it, whether on video, or on some cable channel with an "adult content" warning, grab it! Both Michael and I saw it and were amazed at the frankness. They were real characters, unabashedly gay, sometimes likeable and sometimes not. And we enjoyed the hip, often witty if occasionally disturbing plot twists. Due to its popularity, a 2-hour follow-up episode is slated to air this December in the UK, but so far no US distributor has picked up the series, though I wouldn't be surprised if it was bought by somebody like Wolfe Video or First Run Features.

Speaking of First Run Features, they've opted the rights to distribute the latest film by Rose Troche, who directed the edgy and fun dyke flick Go Fish. This time around Troche has focused her camera on the bonding interactions between men, gay, straight, and otherwise in Bedrooms and Hallways which has just opened in limited release, and will probably make it quickly onto video release if you want to think about reserving it at First Run's website, where you'll also find queer titles like Somewhere in the City with Sandra Bernhard, Like It Is with Roger Daltrey, or Peach with Xena's Lucy Lawless.

Music

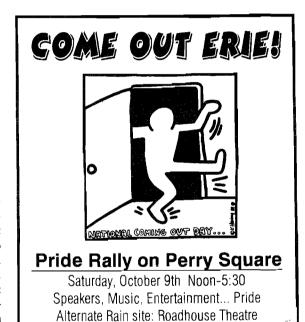
Indigo Girls Amy Ray and Emily Saliers have just released *Come On Now Social* (Epic), which is billed as something of a departure for the very out singing duo. Guest artists like MeShell Ndegeocello and Sheryl Crow help out with Ray and Saliers' experiments into funk, punk, rock and soul, all tinged with the voice of social activism we've come to expect from the Girls - hence the latest title. Ray and Saliers continue to be strong voiced advocates for women's rights and lesbian and gay rights both inside and outside the recording studio.

Online

Kudos to **Josh** for creating a very nice site for Erie area gay teens. The address is **http://www.angelfire.com/pa3/ErieGayTeens**. Browse on over and check it out!

Bad news. Last month we told you that the hateful www.godhatesfags.com website run by notorious homophobe and whack job Fred Phelps (of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas) had its domain name legally bought out and ironically redirected to www.godlovesfags.com. Well it turns out that the change appears to have been a not so above board hack job and the site is back to its old vile self.

All right. It's six months away which seems like a long time, but really isn't to start thinking about juggling your calendar and making arrangements to go to the **Millennium March on Washington** April 30th, 2000 to join a million other LGBT's, friends and allies making a statement for equality. Browse www.mmow.org or call 818-891-1748 for information on registering. National presenting sponsor **PlanetOut** (www.planetout.com) is also now offering a membership card for early registrants that counts for potential discounts on travel and accommodations.



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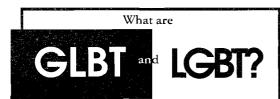
How pure are you? Are you this close to being a prude, or quite a bit closer to being a pig? You can browse the **Purity Test Page** at www.armory.com/tests/purity.html where there are several dozen tests that can help measure your level of corruption or naivete. All use check boxes and push button scoring with score comparisons to make things easy, whether or not you turn out to be "easy." Some are pretty extensive, while others are quite amusing. There's a Dr. Seuss one with questions like "Have you done it on the grass? Have you done it in the ass?" I'm not going to tell you how I scored, but I did have a bewildering number of checks in the "Yes" column.

Books

Women, looking for a pillow book to make your nightlight glow brighter as you curl up with it? Try *Electric* (Alyson, \$12.95) the latest, and billed as hottest, edgiest, best compilation of Alyson's lesbian erotica edited by **Nicole Foster** and featuring writers like **Leslea Newman** and **Robin Sweeney**.

Guys, take a bit of advice and take a look at **Tony Palermo's Sex Advisor: The 100 Most Asked Questions About Sex Between Men** (Alyson, \$11.95) to find answers and tips on one of your favorite activities, because no one ever knows so much that they can't learn more.

Those in between, page through **Loren Cameron**'s **Body Alchemy: Transsexual Portraits** (Cleis \$24.95). Cameron has photographed female to male transsexuals at various stages of maleness/femaleness in various degrees



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.

of nudity. These are photographs that illuminate whole life stories, and ask unposed questions. They are by turns beautiful and unsettling, enticing and disturbing, and are accompanied by the thought provoking words of both subjects and photographer.

All genders can benefit from the rib-tickling fun of *Wilma Loves Betty* (Alyson, \$11.95), a compilation of parodies with a definite GLBT spin edited by Julie K. Trevelyan and Scott Brassart, and the more serious advice of *Protecting Your Money* (Alyson \$14.95), a personal finance and estate planning guide by Theodore E Hughes and David Klein for those of us who don't necessarily have the automatic protections or privileges enjoyed by heterosexuals.

Sex

Statistics continue to show that gay men are having high risk sex without the protection of condoms more and more under the false belief that AIDS has become "curable" or "manageable." Aside from the dangers of increased HIV infection, this has also resulted in a bottom line loss of sales for condom manufacturers. In an attempt to maybe win back some customers, Trojan has introduced a new polyurethane condom to the market, the **Supra**, that it claims is comparable to condomless sex - it's odorless, tasteless, thin, translucent, and conducts body heat. It's also reported to be safe when used with oil based lubes, unlike latex. Hooray, right? Well, maybe. Polyurethane condoms have been found to have an as much as 10 times higher failure rate than latex condoms in some studies. Still, for those situations when you absolutely need an oil based lube, or when you play with a partner who's allergic to latex, the polyurethane condom gives you another option besides doing without. Actually, Trojan didn't introduce the polyurethane condom. **Durex**, the maker of (latex) **Gold Coins** which are very popular among gay men, has had a polyurethane condom called the **Avanti** on the market for quite a while.

As for statistics, they also show that gay men are having increased amounts of lower risk activities, which may be responsible for an increased percentage of HIV infections among men who report not engaging in higher risk activities. Sounds strange, but it makes sense if you think about it. If fellatio carries one tenth the risk of anal sex, and you do it twenty times as often, then you are effectively taking more risk, not less. Something to bear in mind when choosing safer sex alternatives.

Resource directory

Please note that this an abbreviated listing! For a more complete listing, either check http://www.eriegaynews/arearesc.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.

24 Hour Counseling Hamot 877-6136 Victims of Anti-Gay Hate Crimes 1-800-259-1536 Bars Nite Spot ▼ 201 Winsor, Jamestown, NY. Open Tues-Sun 7 PM - 2 am. Rascals ▼ (716)484-3220 100 Harrison, Jomestown, NY. Open Mon-Sun 2pm-2om. 452-0125 The Village

..... 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sun 8 PM - 2 AM. 1711 State St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat 4 PM - 2 AM. Counseling Virginia Ayres, PHD 835-3829 Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. (716)488-1971 Fredonia Office (716)679-3455 Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 PM.- 11 PM. Mon.-Fri)....... Info-Lines Chautauqua County NY (North)(716) 679-3560 Chautauqua County NY (South)(716) 484-8434 Religious Organizations BYKOTA- Be Ye Kind One To Another 734-3959 (Susan Laurie) Ecumenical. Open to Christians of all denominations/orientations. 930 Liberty St, Erie PA 134 W 7th St, Erie PA 7180 New Perry Highway. Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Jamestown ▼ ... (716) 488-1902 For the Catholic parents of GLBT children. Supportive, but for parents only.

Social Organizations
10% Network ▼ (716)484-7285 (John)
Chautauqua County, NY. Menspace
Monthly social group for Erie area gay/bi men.
Student Organizations/Youth
Committee in Support of Goy, Lesbian & Bisexual People (CSGLBP,
Allegheny College, Meadville) ▼
Closet Culture (GLBT's 22 or younger, Erie) 899-6528 (Mark)
Covenant House Teen Hotline
Identity (Edinboro U.) 🖒email: dburdick@edinboro.edu
Jamestown Comm. College Grp ▼(716)665-5220 ext 204
or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)
LGBU/Kent (Ashtabula)
Mercyhurst College Gay/Straight Alliance ▼824-2371 (Dr. Watters)
National Runaway Switchboard
SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU(716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
Teen Hotline
Teen Hotline
Support Groups
Erie Sisters Transgender Support Group (TV/TS/CD)
write Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8th St, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505
Gay AA
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 Mary or Robin 868-8962
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)
HIV/AIDS Resources
AIDS Bereavement Support Group 452-3779 (Sue Kuebler)
Sponsored by HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul.
AIDS Network Information
hours by agent and 451-6727
hours by appt. only 451-6727. Friends from the Heart
HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cath. of St. Paul (Episcopal)452-3//
NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie Ofc) ▼ 456-8849/(800)400-AIDS
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