



Millennium March weekend slowly gaining steam



by Christian Grantham
February 14, 2000

Washington — Can you imagine nearly a million gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people in one place at one time? It happened in 1979, 1987, and 1993 and come April 30, 2000 it's happening again.

The Millennium March on Washington for Equality (MMOW), despite concerns raised by some grassroots activists, is 'here and queer, so get over it!' "This march is a great opportunity for our community, in all its diversity, to be visible not only to the rest of the country but also to each other," said Diane Hardy-Garcia, co-executive director for the march.

Since the 1993 March on Washington, an unprecedented generation of young people have come out and entered an empowered movement determined to make their voices heard. "It's been seven years since the last march; there's a whole new set of officials that need to hear from the gay community in a significant way," said Margaret Conway, board member and executive committee member of MMOW. "This generation of young people deserve the opportunity to be heard."

Planning the march hasn't been without the typical challenges faced when organizing an historic event. When MMOW was announced following a meeting of more than 40 executive directors of national GLBT organizations, some

grassroots activists felt left out. "The planning for the MMOW has continued to be top-down with virtually no substantive input from grassroots activists," said Leslie Cagan of the Ad Hoc Committee for an Open Process, a group formed in June 1998 challenging the call for a national march.

Garcia, however, is no stranger to grassroots activism and concerns. Working closely with NGLTF, Garcia recently helped lead the Federation of States through Equality Begins at Home, a collection of local state marches called by NGLTF to rally grassroots activism. She also ran one of the nation's most successful grassroots lobbies in Texas.

"The voices of those who have challenged this march to be better have made a significant impact," Garcia said. MMOW resolutions have provided broad access to both financial and organizational resources to groups who support and help organize the march.

National GLBT leaders see a number of challenges facing the movement they hope can be met head on with a mobilized voting block. MMOW hopes to increase voter registration and education with the creation of 'GLBT VOTE 2000.'

"One of the major goals of the Millennium March is to orchestrate the largest GLBT voter turnout in history," said Garcia. "We are an energized and galvanized community, committed to social

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72nd Annual Academy Awards Might Follow Golden Globes Style

Preparations for the 72nd annual Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Awards ceremony are picking up steam with the February 15th announcement of this year's Oscar nominees. Lavish sets, snappy dialogue, and hunks and divas to die for have always reeled in droves of gay and lesbian viewers, but this latest installment in the Oscar saga boasts plenty of openly queer performances as well.

Not only has Hilary Swank's breathtaking performance as murdered transsexual Brandon Teena in *Boys Don't Cry* received the expected nomination, her co-star Chloe Sevigny has also been nominated for best actress in a supporting role. Among the nominees are hottie Jude Law and bisexual heartthrob Angelina Jolie from *Girl, Interrupted*, as well as films with queer themes like *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, *American Beauty*, and *All About My Mother*.

Rumor has it that *Boys Don't Cry* was released mid-February nationwide due to the nominations. Check your local theaters for more information.

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Pride Picnic News

by Michael Mahler

Currently there is no coordinator(s) for the Pride Picnic. Traditionally, the Erie Pride Picnic has been held the second Saturday in June at Presque Isle. The past few years we have held it at the picnic shelter at Beach 11. The picnic shelter needs to be reserved some time in advance to insure its availability. We also need to be certain that someone is willing to act as a coordinator some time before the event. At this point, I am figuring that if we don't have things firmly in place by the end of March, we will probably not have a Pride Picnic this year. We also don't have a coordinator for the Pride Rally, which will also not happen unless there is a coordinator.

There have been a few tentative volunteers, but no one has firmly and decisively stood up to coordinate the event. The Pride Picnic has happened here every year since 1992 with the exception of 1993. We didn't have a Pride Picnic in 1993 because the last March on Washington happened very shortly before then.

The Pride Picnic is pretty easy to run. There is some advance work in getting the word out that I can help with if desired and some lugging of stuff to and from Presque Isle the day of the event. There is just enough money left over from previous ECPO activities to cover the cost of the shelter rental.

If you want to volunteer, contact Michael Mahler, 1115 W 7th St., Erie PA 16502-1105, phone (814) 456-9833 or Email info@eriegaynews.com. Thanks!

Jamestown NY Politics

by Greg Rabb

Please note that Greg Rabb ran in the 2 previous elections as an openly gay man in Jamestown NY. He was the top vote getter in the election before the one referred to in this article, the first time he had ever run for public office.

In the race for city council I came in 4th again in a field of six with three at large positions. Of the 3 Democrats running for at large positions I was the only one whose vote totals went up from two years ago. The others went down and one was thrown off the council. In addition, two incumbent ward Democrat councilpersons were thrown off. We went from an 8 to 1 majority to a 5 to 4 majority and my vote totals still went up. In addition, since I was running citywide I received more votes than the incumbent mayor [described by Rabb as being homophobic] who was not reelected.

The new mayor Sam Teresi appointed me as chairman of the city planning commission and as a member of the urban renewal agency. My appointment was unanimously confirmed by the city council on January 1 - both Republicans and Democrats. One of the current commissioners told the mayor that he didn't want to serve with a gay man as chair. The mayor told him to resign then since I was well qualified and my sexual orientation was irrelevant. Score one for us.

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Positively Representing Identities of Diversity in Erie

Showtime breaks *Common Ground* in original movie

by R. Kilbane

Recently I had the opportunity to view *Common Ground*, a made for Showtime original movie dealing with the realities of homosexuality.

Billed as a gay *Our Town*. *Common Ground* depicts attitudes towards homosexuality spanning four decades in the fictional town of Homer, Connecticut.

Common Ground, directed by out lesbian Donna Dietch of *Desert Hearts* fame, incorporates the dramatic works of three openly gay playwrights, Harvey Fierstein, Terrence McNally and Paula Vogel

The piece also boasts a stellar cast in-

cluding, Eric Stoltz, Brittany Murphy, Jason Priestly, Steven Weber, Jonathan Taylor Thomas, James Legros and Ed Asner.

Eric Stoltz portrays Johnny Burroughs, lifelong resident of Homer and the human constant who narrates the three stories.

"A Friend of Dorothy", Vogel's contribution to the epic, illustrates the 1950s tale of an emerging lesbian. Dorothy, played valiantly by Brittany Murphy, returns to Homer after she receives a section eight discharged from the Navy.

While enlisted, Dorothy is instructed that lesbianism and homosexuality is abominable and a mere thought or curiosity is discouraged by the threat of imprisonment or corporal punishment.

Until that point, she had never questioned her sexuality. Dorothy befriends, Billy (Jason Priestly), a self proclaimed "friend of Dorothy." He initiates the young girl into the lifestyle by taking her to a gay bar where she experiences her first lesbian kiss.

Inevitably, the bar is raided by the authorities. In an attempt to conceal her own lesbian tendencies, Dorothy's Commanding Officer demands that she be dismissed. Upon her return to small town ethics, Dorothy is unable to maintain her relationship with her mother and is incapable of establishing a career.

Does this still happen in our society? Yes, but in isolated incidents. How do we make the transition to becoming a societal norm? I can't answer these questions. But Terrence McNally's "Mr. Roberts" attempts to. This section involves the 1970s mind set.

Jonathan Taylor Thomas embraces the challenge of portraying Toby Anderson, a high school student who struggles with his sexuality. Toby senses a common bond with his French teacher Mr. Roberts, (Steven Weber) and makes an effort to come out to him. Unfortunately, Roberts prefers to remain closeted. Without an ally, Toby endures homophobic and violent taunts from his teammates.

Can one be true to his heart without alienating his community? Probably. But why should he? Harvey Fierstein creates this dilemma in "Andy and Amos".

With the blessing of Homer, the couple plans a ceremony to be held in the community center. This event precipitates a protest staged by war veterans and the religious right wing. However, the core of this piece illustrates the conflicting relationship between Amos (James Legros) and his father (Ed Asner).

In the past, actors have shied away from portraying gay roles in fear that they would be associated with the lifestyle. The *Common Ground* ensemble boldly embraced the challenge. An actor's job is to create a character from lines of dialogue and endear that person to the audience. In my opinion, this cast excels.

Common Ground creates a tapestry of stories that shows how far we have come as a community and how far we have yet to go.

Check Showtime for dates and times.

Millennium March

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change."

GLBT issues are once again a topic in presidential primaries, but it wasn't always so. The recent slaying of Matthew Shepard and the proliferation of openly gay television characters have kept GLBT issues very much on the mind of average Americans this election cycle. "Our movement isn't just us anymore," Garcia said. One group making the most of this is the nation's largest GLBT national organization, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

In its most ambitious and far-reaching effort to resonate the gay movement's message with mainstream America, HRC recently announced Equality Rocks, a huge concert at RFK Stadium in Washington, DC the night before the MMOW.

"Never before have so many powerful and inspiring artists come together to support our community," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign and one of six producers for the event.

Equality Rocks, sponsored in part by

Planet Out, will feature Garth Brooks, Melissa Etheridge, Pet Shop Boys and others and benefits the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. HRC is one of several organizations both supporting and preparing for the large crowds April 30th weekend in Washington. Following Equality Rocks, Cherry V will take revelers into Sunday with proceeds benefiting the Victory Foundation and Food and Friends, a local service organization providing meals to people with AIDS who are home-bound.

The real benefit, according to MMOW organizers, will go to individuals who will march for the first time and take that experience home with them.

"Individuals will be empowered when they go home and talk to their friends and family, and decide to come out for the first time," said Conway. "We need to inject that energy into our movement and we believe this will do it."

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Leather Group Forming in Erie

by Michael A Miller

A local group is now forming for people interested in leather and/or BDSM to meet, make contacts, talk about experiences, learn about techniques and equipment, and have fun - hosting bar nights, parties or road-tripping to other nearby leather groups' events. You don't need a lot of experience or a lot of leather gear to join, but an open

Finally, here it is... The Calendar of Upcoming Events

By Michael Mahler

Mar 4 - Menspace at Neal's Note date change from usual second Saturday to first! Bring a dish or snack to share if you like or not if you don't. For more info, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email info@eriegaynews.com.

Mar 4-Womynspace will be meeting at the UU Church on New Perry Highway at 7:30 PM. We'll share stories, socialize, and perhaps play a game or two. Bring ideas for a possible dance in May as it will be the last time we will meet at the UU before they begin renovations. Also, we will need alternate activities and/or meeting places from June till approximately Sept.-Oct. Anyone is welcome to bring a snack to share. Donation will be \$3.00 —more if you can, less if you can't. Call Robin (814) 868-8969 for more info.

Mar 4-Men of Steel (The Zone) Male strippers at The Zone Dance Club, 1711 State St, Erie PA, (814) 459-1711

Mar 5-"An Afternoon with Dan Woog" (Cleveland OH) Dan Woog, Author of *School's Out: The Impact of Gay and Lesbian Issues on America's Schools, Jocks: True Stories of America's Gay Male Athletes* and *Friends and Family: True Stories of Gay and America's Straight Allies*. Come Sunday, March 5th from 2:00 to 4:00 for an informal discourse with Dan Woog on lesbian, gay, and transgender issues and their roles in schools or to discuss the content of Woog's books. Take the opportunity to join Gay Lesbian and Straight Educators Network (GLSEN) Cleveland at the Liberation United Church of Christ at 13714 Madison, on the corner of Madison and

Parkwood in Lakewood.

Mar 17 - O'Zone party "Want to get lucky? Find your four-leaf clover at the O'Zone Dance Party" on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17. Wear green! Come shake your shamrock with us! We open at 4 o'clock! Come get lucky! No cover, no blarney! Find your pot of gold at the end of the gay rainbow." At The Zone Dance Club, 1711 State St., Erie PA, (814) 459-1711

Mar 18-10% Network meets: Mardi Gras (Jamestown NY) "Wear a costume and bring a munchie to share." 7 PM at Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave., Jamestown NY. For more info, call John (716) 484-7285 or email otto@madbbs.com

Mar 21 - Ostara/Spring Equinox 7 PM. Pagan holiday celebration by GLBT-friendly coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie PA. Wear green, bring a drinking vessel and dish to pass for the potluck following. A \$3 donation is asked to defray the cost of site rental. For more info, contact Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net or (814) 438-9262.

Mar 25 - Evening with Alvin Ailey (Cleveland OH) Tickets \$65 Orchestra Circle Center (Great Seats!) Honorary Chair: Michael Medcalf, Cleveland Contemporary Dance Theatre. Included in your ticket price is also a private reception, to which the cast is also invited. Location: Hickerson's at the Hanna (directly across from the theatre) For more info: 216-462-0257 or 1-888-Talk 2 BO blkout@hotmail.com Please pass this information on and purchase your tickets

soon. Ticket payment due by February 29, 2000. Hope to see you for a wonderful evening.

Mar 25 - Miss Erie 2000 (The Zone) "An elegant evening of entertainment. Hosted by Miss Ginger, Miss Erie 1976. Judged events include: Presentation, Talent. Evening gown, Question & answer. Applications available at the bar. Due back by March 1st. Application fee \$20. No cover charge for the event. Join us as we crown the new Miss Erie." At The Zone Dance Club, 1711 State St., Erie PA, (814) 459-1711

Mar 25 - Erie Sisters Club: Road Trip to Queen of Hearts, Warren OH "Transgender (CD, TV and TS) group. "Social gathering at Queen of Hearts in Warren OH with our friends from Pittsburgh, Transpitt and Paradise Club Cleveland." For more info, write to ESC, 1903 W 8th St., Suite 261.. Erie PA 16505.

Mar 30 - More Light Presbyterians 7:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 112 W 3rd St., Waterford PA. For more info, contact Evon Lloyd McJunkin at (814) 864-1920 (days) or evon@erie.net.

Mar 31 - GLBT Youth Prom, Kent OH The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Union, in cooperation with Delta Lambda Phi, would like to announce its first annual Gay Prom, as part of its youth outreach program. The Prom will take place Friday, March 31, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Student Center Ballroom. Cost of tickets will be \$25 per person. Cost will include dinner and dancing. A photographer will be available with packages ranging from approx. \$30-60. For more information, Please contact The LGBU at (330) 672-2068 or Email lgbu@kent.edu.

Since we decided to place the upcoming events in the center of the newsletter, we offer the following suggestion: take out these center pages and post them up wherever you keep your 'book', on your bulletin board, or even stuck with magnets on your fridge. Enjoy!



Leather Club

Discussion Education Bar Nights
Demos Road Trips

May be forming in Erie...

If interested, contact:
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(814)456-9833 or swede@eriegaynews.com

from Michael Collins, Vice Executive Director, Kent LGBU

Apr 1- Womynspace HAG Theatre is returning to Womynspace on April 1st (no joke) to perform "The Return of Joan of Arc". Tickets will be available soon and will be priced at \$8.00 for students/seniors in advance, \$10.00 regular admission in advance, and \$12.00 for all at the door. If possible, please buy in advance not only to save money but so we can have a better idea of attendance (and how many refreshments to have on hand!!). The public is welcome to this performance and it is sure to be a hit. Look for advertising posters around town soon. Call Robin for tickets and/or more information at (814) 868-8969. Hope to see you there!

Apr 6 - The Brandon Teena Story: Pelletier Library Atrium, Allegheny College, Meadville PA Showing of documentary film. Part of Women's Studies Film Series. Part of commemoration of National Day of Silence.

Apr 6 - Kwan-Yin Ritual 7 PM. Oriental ritual honoring Boddasitva of goddess of compassion by GLBT-friendly coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie PA. Bring a drinking vessel and dish to pass for the potluck following. A \$3 donation is asked to defray the cost of site rental. For more info, contact Selkie at eala@cecomet.net or (814) 438-9262.

Apr 8- 2 girls alone at 1000 French 7 to 10 PM. For more info, Email twogirlsalone@att.net or browse <http://twogirlsalone.iuma.com>

Apr 8 - Menspace 7:30 PM. Bring a dish or snack to share if you like or not if you don't. For more info, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or Email info@eriegaynews.com.

Apr 11 - David Sedaris, Humorist (Ohio Theatre, Cleveland OH) For more info, call (800) 766-6048.

Apr 12 - Boxer Shock (The Zone) AIDS Outreach of Erie HIV/AIDS awareness. 18 & over at The Zone Dance Club, 1711 State St., Erie PA, (814) 459-1711

Apr 13- 2 girls alone at Aroma's Coffeehouse 7 to 10 PM. 2164 W 8th St. For more info. Email twogirlsalone@att.net or browse <http://twogirlsalone.iuma.com>

Apr 15-10% Network meets: Potluck Dinner and Movie Night (Jamestown NY) "We will be making a banner for the Buffalo Pride Parade." 7 PM at Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave., Jamestown NY. For more info, call John (716) 484-7285 or email otto@madbbs.com

Apr 22 - Erie Sisters Club: CD Flea Market Transgender (CD, TV and TS) group. "Bring in those old 40D's and all those nice dresses you can't fit into any more! Of course, you can meet us at The Zone after about 10:30 when meetings are in Erie." Meets at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie PA. For more info, write to ESC, 1903 W 8th St., Suite 261.. Erie PA 16505.

Apr 30 - March on Washington Check www.mmow.org

May 3 - Beltaine 7 PM. Pagan holiday celebration by GLBT-friendly coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie PA. Wear green. bring a drinking vessel and dish to pass for the potluck following. A \$3 donation is asked to defray the cost of site rental. For more info, contact Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net or (814) 438-9262.

Recurring Events

10% Network (Jamestown NY social group) Usually meets third Saturdays. Contact John at (716) 484-7285 or Charities, 329 W 10th St., Erie PA. Support group for Catholic parents of gay children. Call (814) 456-2091 for more info.

Be Ye Kind One To Another (BYKOTA) (Ecumenical Christian Group) 2nd and 4th Thursdays (Mar 9, Mar 23, Apr 13, Apr 27, May 11) at 7 PM at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Contact Sue or Julie at (814) 734-3959.

Erie Community Planning Committee (ECPC) (HIV/AIDS prevention/education) 3rd Monday (Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15) at 6 PM at Serenity Hall, 414 W 5th St., Erie PA.

Erie Sisters Club (ESC) (CD/TV/TS/TG) 4th Saturday of the month at accepting establishments. Changing facilities available. Write to 1903 W 8th St. Ste 162, Erie PA 16505-4936, Email Lothar.lk@cwix.com or browse www.geocities.com/Wellesley/1614 for more info.

GLBSU (SUNY-Fredonia GLBT group) Tuesdays at 10 PM. SUNY-Fredonia Room S-125 of the Williams Center. For more info, Contact SUNY Fredonia GLBSU at glbsu@hotmail.com, (716) 673-3139 or (716) 673-3149.

HIV Counseling and Testing (Free) Erie County Department of Health, 606 W 2nd St., Erie PA. Mondays 12 to 3:30 PM, Thursdays 9:30 AM to 1 PM. For more info, call ECDH at (814) 451-6727. Other times can be arranged.

Identity (Edinboro University GLBT group) Tuesdays at 8 PM. Edinboro University. Hedricks 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.

LGBU/Kent First and third Thursday (Mar 2, Mar 16, Apr 6, Apr 20, May 4) Kent State-Ashtabula Room C-133. Teens, young adults, students, adults... everyone welcome! For info, contact Jim Shiffer at (814) 763-2022 or shifferj@toolcity.net, Lisa at (440) 992-9139 (after 8:30 PM) or lisann_27@hotmail.com or Email jnk_nj@hotmail.com.

Menspace (gay/bi men's social group) Usually 2nd Saturday at 7:30 PM at varying locations. For more info, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email info@eriegaynews.com.

Womynspace (gay/bi women's social group) A particular Saturday at varying locations. For more info, contact Peggy at zippywahoo@sonline.net or call Robin at (814) 868-8969.

News from Around the Nation

California: An encouraging study suggests that people with very low levels of HIV in their blood are unlikely to spread it to others. The study was conducted in Africa, where drug treatment has lowered virus levels for many. Experts caution that the new research should not endorse giving up safe-sex practices.

Colorado: Denver - Prime Timers Worldwide, a gay and bisexual men's organization, has canceled its plan to hold a convention at the Adam's Mark Hotel because of a pending racial discrimination lawsuit filed against the national chain. Prime Timers is the fifth group to cancel meeting plans at the Denver Adams Mark because of a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Justice Department. Kansas: HIV and AIDS have become serious health problems among Roman

Catholic priests in the United States, an investigation by the Kansas City Star shows. Some dioceses and religious orders have developed their own guidelines on AIDS, many others have not.

Connecticut: The state is being required to offer health benefits to employees in same-sex relationships under a ruling by an arbitrator. The ruling is ascribing only to gay couples, not affecting employees in unmarried, opposite-sex "domestic partner" living arrangements. This takes effect if two-thirds of one house of the legislature determines there is not enough money for the benefit.

Ohio: A Loudon, Ohio man was found guilty of disorderly conduct for interfering with state troopers during a confrontation

in June of 1999 among gay-pride marchers and Christian fundamentalists. The confrontation was involving the arrest of Charles Spignola who had pulled a gay-pride flag off the state flagpole. The flag was then set on fire and 100 supporters and opponents in the march traded words.

Washington: For the first time, the nation's military service has issued written guidelines to ensure that troops who complain of anti-gay threats or harassment of themselves investigated. This is to allow such complaints being aired without fear of being drummed out of the service for being homosexual. Commanders are not to use complaints of anti-gay harassment or threats as a reason to investigate the complaining person.

Thoughts and feelings on being in charge...

So much has happened in just one month. Now there is hardly any room available to even talk about the great things that are happening for the newsletter this month. I want to thank everyone for their interest and their kind words of support and approval for the job we have done. *Gary N. Snyder*

Well we made it. The newsletter is off the ground and flying high. Hopefully you, the readers will see the improvements in this issue including more local information. Thank you for your positive response to our endeavors.

Heather M. Malobisky

BUA buffalo united artists Buffalo's Off-Broadway proud to announce its upcoming production of

Me and Jezebel

by Elizabeth L. Fuller

Buffalo United Artists will open *Me and Jezebel* on a special night: Tuesday February 29th at 7:00. Shows will continue on March 3rd and run until March 12th. A Connecticut housewife gets an unexpected visitor that stays and stays and STAYS. As it happens this visitor is the internationally famous film star: Bette Davis! This two-person play is based on the true experiences of the playwright. She tells us of her days, weeks, and months basking in the glow of her silver screen idol while fending off the demands of her everyday life. A post stroke Bette (as feisty as ever) will be played by Peter Davis, with Caitlin Coleman taking the part of the besieged housewife. Chris Kelly directs. This wonderful comedy shares with the audience all we want to remember of the late film star. "...a zingy comedy... a hoot... as funny as you could hope for..." Washington Times

what: Me and Jezebel by Elizabeth L. Fuller when: Opens on Tuesday, February 29th at 7:00 continues March 3rd -12th
time: Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 7pm where: BUA's Upstairs Cabaret 884 Main Street
tickets: reservations and information call 886-9239

Ticket prices: general admission \$17 / students \$10 Group rates available call 886-9239 Visit our web site at buartists.bizland.com

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Erie Hotline (814)453-5656 Toll Free (800)628-0190
Hamot Health Center (814)877-6136
St. Vincent Health Center (814)452-5151

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 Open 3pm-2am 7 days/week (716)484-3220
Matthew's Trattoria 153 E. 13th St., Erie, PA (814)459-6458
 See ad in issue.
The Village 133 W. 18th St., Erie, PA
 Open 8pm-2am 7days/week (814)452-0125
The Zone Dance Club 1711 State St., Erie, PA
 Open 4pm-2am Monday to Saturday (814)459-1711

Counseling

Virginia Ayres, Ph.D. 835-3829
Family Service of Jamestown NY (716)488-1971
Family Service of Fredonia Office (716)679-3455
Gay and Lesbian National Hotline
 (6pm-11pm Mon-Fri) 1-888-843-4564
Lake Erie Counseling Associates 455-4009
Well Being Center (Deb Monohan) 838-0123

Info-Lines

Chatauqua County NY (North) (716)679-3560
Chatauqua County NY (South) (716)484-8434
Erie 456-9833

Religious Organizations

BYKOTA
Be Ye Kind One To Another Ecumenical. Open to Christians of all denominations/orientations. 734-3959 (Susan Laurie)
Temple Anshe Hessed (Reform Congregation)
 930 Liberty St., Erie PA 454-2426
Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal)
 134 W 7th St., Erie PA 452-3779
More Light Presbyterians Evon Lloyd McJunkin evon@erie.net
 Meetings are on certain Thurs. at 7:30 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church 112 W 3rd St., Waterford PA. (day) (814)864-1920
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie
 7180 New Perry Highway Erie, PA 864-9300
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown
 "Always Our Children" For the Catholic parents of GLBT children. Supportive, but for parents only. 456-2091

Social Organizations/Youth

10% Network Chatauqua County, NY (716)484-7285 (John)
Menspace in Erie 456-9833 (Michael)
Womynspace in Erie info@eriegaysnews.com (814)456-9833

Student Organizations/Youth

Allegheny Gay Pride/Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People Miranda Crotsley Box 173, Meadville PA
 Email at crostlm@alleg.edu or call (814)332-3216
Closet Culture (GLBT's 22 or younger, Erie) 899-6528 (Mark)
Covenant House Teen Hotline 800-999-9999
Identity (Edinboro U.) Email dburdick@edinboro.edu
Jamestown Community College Group (716)665-5220 ext 2
 664-9174 (Greg Rabbi)
LGBU/Kent (Ashtabula) (814)763-2022 (Jim Shiffer)
Mercyhurst College Gay/Straight Alliance
 824-2371 (Dr. Watters)
National Runaway Switchboard 800-621-4000
SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU (716)673-3139 or (716)673-3149
Teen Hotline (412)771-8336
Trigon (PSU Behrend) 898-6164 (Sue Daley)

Support Groups

Erie Sisters Transgender Support Group (TV/TS/CD)
 Send mail to Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8th St., Suite 261, Erie PA 16505
GayAA 459-7262 (Bernie)
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 of Robin 868-8962
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 453-5656 (Erie Hotline)

HIV/AIDS Resources

AIDS Bereavement Support Group and HIV/AIDS Outreach
Ministry of Cath. of St. Paul 452-3779 (Sue Kuebler)
AIDS Network Information HIV testing at Health Department
 Monday Noon-3:30, Tues. & Thurs. 9:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.
 Evening hours by appt. only 451-6727
Friends from the Heart 838-0123 (Deb Monohan)
St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group 825-1085
AIDS Community Services (Jamestown, NY) (716)664-7855

Is your Group/Organization Missing?
 Think there is anything we should add?

Comments/Suggestions can be sent to:

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Grammy Winners

It was more the icons and the friends than the gays and lesbians who scored trophies at the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' 42nd Annual Grammy Awards on February 23. Openly gay Sir Elton John was honored with a special "Legend" Grammy for his more than three decades as a singer-songwriter. Outed-but-won't-discuss-it Rosie O'Donnell hosted the prime time presentations in a performance-oriented show. The wisecracking former DJ wore a striking red coat and teased the players without mercy. Referring to the recent revelation that David Crosby was the sperm donor for the two children borne by Melissa Etheridge's partner Julie Cypher, O'Donnell remarked that, "David's backstage giving out samples." Lesbian comedian Ellen DeGeneres hosted the first televised "pre-awards" show for the not-yet-ready-for-prime-time categories.

Winners: Madonna, once notoriously bisexual, won Best Song for a Motion Picture, TV or Other Visual Media for "Beautiful Stranger" from "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me." She had also been nominated for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance. Cher, supportive mother of lesbian author-activist Chastity Bono, took home the first Grammy of her 24-year career for Best Pop Dance Recording for "Believe," which had also won her nominations for Record of the Year and Best Pop Album. O'Donnell shouted, "Cher is 53! 53!" Etheridge and Sheryl Crow thanked Sarah McLachlan onstage for creating and producing Lilith Fair, the successful tour that significantly boosted the status of women in music. McLachlan picked up her third Grammy for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for "I Will Remember You" on her live "Mirrorball" album. McLachlan was also nominated for Best Pop Album for "Mirrorball" and for Best Female Rock Vocal Performance for "Possession."

Corrections: We apologize for the printing problems we had this issue. Here is a reprint of the Leather article in its entirety and an update on the Grammy's for those who missed it.

Leather Group Forming in Erie

by Michael A Miller

A local group is now forming for people interested in leather and/or BDSM to meet, make contacts, talk about experiences, learn about techniques and equipment, and *have fun* - hosting bar nights, parties or road-tripping to other nearby leather groups' events. You don't need a lot of experience or a lot of leather gear to join, but an open mind and genuine interest help. For information, see the ad on page 4.