



Calendar

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May 20 - Pennsylvania Primary Election

May 23 - American Dream: Fantasy Man at Rascals (Jamestown NY) 701 N. Main. (716)484-3220.

May 26 - Memorial Day Picnic (Pittsburgh) 11 AM to 6:30 PM North Park Lodge, rain or shine. "Pittsburgh's *only* Picnic of the Year. Real picnic with traditional picnic food, nonstop music, midway madness, game booths." Real picnic food, games, Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate. Available at the Zone and Pittsburgh bars. Bus from Zone - additional \$15 fee for bus (See ad back page of May issue)

May 27 - Erie Pride Picnic meeting (Home of Michael Mahler, 1115 W 7th St, Erie PA) 7:30 PM Will be meeting to discuss details about the upcoming Pride Picnic on Saturday, June 14 from 2 PM to sundown at Presque Isle Beach 11. For more info, email Michael at info@eriegaynews.com or call (814) 456-9833. Volunteers very much appreciated!

May 30 - PSU Alumni Social (Penn State University, Main Campus, State College PA) PSU Lambda Alumni Interest Group is having an Alumni Social on Friday, MAY 30 from 2-4 PM 101 Boucke Building (across from the HUB) at the new LGTBTA Student Resource Center. Food and refreshments to be provided by the PSU Alumni Association and the LG-

BTA Student Resource Center. If lodging is needed, a GLBT bed and Breakfast is nearby and very accommodating. www.pa-reservations.com/feature.html

May 31 - Rainbow Cinema night (Ash and Joel's, Erie PA) Priest (British, 1994) at 7 PM Drama about a gay priest dealing with coming out and confidentiality issues. <http://us.imdb.com/Title?0110889>. The Sum of Us (Australian, 1994) 9 PM. Russell Crowe stars as the gay son of a very supportive father in this uplifting comedy. <http://us.imdb.com/Title?0111309>. For more info, call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833, email info@eriegaynews.com or sign up for the Menspace list at <http://menspace.eriegaynews.com>.

May 31 - Garage Sale for Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie 7180 New Perry Highway. "We have everything!" Important fundraiser for the church. 9:30 AM to 3 PM at the church, located at 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie. Numbers will be given out. To donate items call Deb at 459-2332.

May 31 - Far East Party at The Village (Erie) 133 W 18th St, info call (814) 452-0125.

May 31 - One Night in Heaven White Party at The Zone 1711 State St, Erie. "Join us on cloud 9 as we party the night away under the stars! *Wear White!* - white denim, white lace, white toga, white underwear,

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Picnic time! Pride Picnic 2003 is Saturday June 14. Some images from last year

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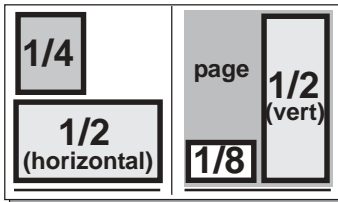
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May 31 & Jun 1 - Garage Sale for Green Party of Erie County 8 AM to 2 PM. 623 Sommerheim Drive, Erie 16505.

Jun 4 - "Always Our Children" meets Catholic Charities, 329 W 10th St., Erie PA. Support group for Catholic parents of gay children (814) 456-2091.

Jun 5 - 2 Girls Alone at Aroma's Coffeehouse (Erie) 2174 West 8th Street From 7 to 9 PM. Time is subject to change, call ahead (Aroma's 456-5282) or email twogirlsalone@att.net to be certain.

June 5-8 - National Women's Music Festival (Kent, OH) Very large national festival has moved to nearby Kent State University! Features musical performances (rock, jazz, choral, fusion, folk, others), comedy, fine arts exhibit, drum chorus, H.I.S. lesbian drag king show, auction, golf scramble, theatre performances, spirituality conference, workshops, film and video series, marketplace, auction, open mic and more. Takes place on the campus. Info www.wiaonline.org or 317-927-9355 or wia@wiaonline.org

June 7 - Pittsburgh AIDS Walk & Community Day (Pittsburgh) Schenley Park Benefits Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force and other Pittsburgh AIDS service organization. www.patf.org or (412) 242-2500.

June 7 - Womynspace: Six Flags Details from Tanya 814-724-2613 or Darla 814-337-8749 or browse to <http://womynspace.eriegaynews.com>

Jun 8 - Jazz Brunch (Mediterranean/Italian theme?) at The Village (Erie) Noon till whenever. 133 W 18th St, info call (814) 452-0125.

Jun 8 - Pride Buffalo Info (716) 879-0999 info@pridebuffalo.org www.pridebuffalo.org For details see page 11.

Jun 9 - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County Meets (Erie PA) Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie PA. Details: See "Regularly Meeting Groups" section.

June 10 - TV: Last Comic Standing featuring gay comic ANT. Check listings for time. NBC.

June 10 - "Sex Toy Party" at Rascals (Jamestown NY) 701 N. Main. Starts 8:30 PM. (716)484-3220.

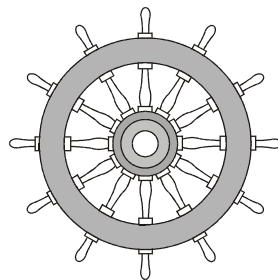
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Pride Picnic on Saturday, June 14 from 2 PM to sundown at Presque Isle Beach 11. For more info, email Michael at info@eriegaynews.com or call (814) 456-9833. Volunteers very much appreciated! See page 10 for details.

June 12 - Kate Clinton at The Tralf (Buffalo) 18 and over show. Details tickets www.tralf.com (716)851-8725. Also check out the free ticket giveaway on page 16.

June 13 - 2 Girls Alone at Two Friends Italian Market 25 East 10th (formerly "1000 French") in downtown Erie. From 8 to 10:30 PM. "Come on out for the best pizza and music in town!" For more information, email twogirlsalone@att.net.

June 13 & 14 - Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus "Songs of Freedom" (Buffalo NY) Friday performance at Unitarian Universalist Church on Ferry & Elmwood, Saturday performance at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 724 Delaware both start 8 PM. Info & tickets www.buffalogaymenschorus.com

June 13 to 15 - GIFT Tournament (Cleveland) Gay Invitational Fellowship bowling tournament at Buckeye Lanes 216-7492152, 216-2287975, 330-8659763, www.clevelandgift.org.

June 14 - GIFT Cruise on the Goodtime II (Cleveland) boarding at 7 PM, cruise begins 7:30 PM, \$20, East 9th St. Pier, Cleveland; www.clevelandgift.org/ticket.html, 216-631-9811.

Jun 14 - Pride Erie Picnic Presque Isle State Park, Beach 11. For more info see article page 10 or visit www.eriegaynews.com or email info@eriegaynews.com


June 14-15 - Allentown Art Festival (Buffalo) One of the largest arts/craft events in the northeast, held in the Allentown District (Allen Street being the center) draws about 400,000 visitors. 11 AM - 6 PM. www.allentownartfestival.org/about.htm

June 15 - Unofficial Gay Day at Cedar Point (Sandusky OH). Wear red or rainbow colors to show you're participating.

June 15 - Talent Night at Rascals (Jamestown NY) 701 N. Main. Every 3rd Sunday, anyone can enter, starts 10 PM. (716)484-3220.

Jun 15 - Deadline for July Erie Gay News print edition

Jun 17 - The Birds and the Bees Underwear and Pajama Party at The Zone 1711 State St, Erie PA. "Strip out of your cocoon and show off what Mother Nature gave you! Join us as we party the night away in



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Jun 21 - Pittsburgh Pride Fest Info JimF@glccpgh.org or www.glccpgh.org

June 21 - Cleveland Pride Parade and Festival, 15th annual festival at Voinovich Park on Lake Erie downtown (East 9th St. pier) until 8 PM; 216-371-0214, www.clevelandpride.org. Details page 11.

June 21 - Vicky Shaw Fundraiser for COLAGE of WNY (Buffalo) COLAGE of WNY (Children of Gays and Lesbians Everywhere.) The 4 PM show is for kids, the 8 PM show is adults only. At the Unitarian Church 695 Elmwood in Buffalo Info www.vickieshaw.com (716) 885-2136 and www.colage.org

June 21-22 - North Coast Men's Chorus: "Bustin' Out All Over" (Cleveland) 8 PM Saturday, 3 PM Sunday, Waetjen Auditorium, Cleveland State University www.tickets.com, 800-766-6048, www.ncmchorus.org, info@ncmchorus.org, 216-556-0590.

Jun 27 - Open House at Community Health Network for National HIV Testing Day (Tentatively scheduled) 1202 State St, Erie PA 1202 State St, Erie PA For more info see article on page +++, call the Community Health Center at (814) 454-4431 or browse to www.community-healthnet.com

Jun 27 - National HIV Testing Day

Jun 28 - Rainbow Cinema night (Bob's, Erie PA) 7 PM "The Broken Hearts Club," a comedy about a group of gay friends who don't appear to have a lot in common except "playing on the same team," but when times get tough, these friends are more like a family. Starring Dean Cain ("Lois and Clark" and "Ripley's Believe It or Not"), Zach Braff ("Scrubs") and John Mahoney ("Frasier"). 9 PM "In and Out," an all-star comedy about a small-town high school teacher who

is "outed" at the Academy Awards ceremony by one of his former students, a superstar actor. Starring: Kevin Kline, Tom Selleck, Joan Cusack, Matt Dillon, Debbie Reynolds, Bob Newhart and Wilford Brimley. For more info, call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833, email info@eriegaynews.com or sign up for the Menspace list at <http://menspace.eriegaynews.com>.

Jun 28 - 2nd Annual Gay Prom event at The Village (Erie) 133 W 18th St, info call (814) 452-0125.

Jun 29 - Pride Toronto For more info: www.pridetoronto.com

Jul 2 - "Always Our Children" meets Catholic Charities, 329 W 10th St., Erie PA. Support group for Catholic parents of gay children (814) 456-2091.

Jul 4 or 5? - Independence Weekend Party at The Village (Erie) Check back next month to verify whether will be on the 4th or 5th. 133 W 18th St, info call (814) 452-0125.

Jul 14 - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County Meets (Erie PA) Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie PA. Details: See "Regularly Meeting Groups" section.

Jul 19 - 10% Network & Menspace meets: Camp out at Jim and Greg's (Venango PA) For more info, Contact Don or Martin at (716) 484-9659 or donjaye@hotmail.com or Mike Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com for details/questions or visit <http://jamestowntenpercent.tripod.com> or <http://menspace.eriegaynews.com>.

July 24-27 - Dancin' Weekend (Cleveland) Benefits AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland, lots of fun...various locations throughout greater Cleveland. To purchase tickets call 216-357-2223 or email jprice@atfgc.org www.aidstaskforce.org

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August 8 - Indigo Girls at Chautauqua Institute (Chautauqua NY) www.chautauqua-inst.org tickets: tix@chautauqua-inst.com

Regularly Meeting Groups

Be Ye Kind One To Another (BYKOTA) Nondenominational Christian group for GLBT people. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 7 to 9 PM at the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Meadville, 346 Chestnut St. (on Diamond Park, corner of Chestnut & S. Main.) Info: Lyta Seddig at rseddig@allegheny.edu

Erie Sisters Club (ESC) (CD/TV/TS/TG) 4th Saturday of the month at accepting establishments. Changing facilities available. For more info write to 1903 W 8th St. Ste 162, Erie PA 16505-4936, browse www.eriesisters.org or email eriesisters@eriesisters.org.

GLBT AA Group Currently on hiatus. For more info, contact Bernie at (814) 459-7262 (home) or (814) 452-3935 (work) or bredright@velocity.net.

HIV/AIDS Support Group Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 at St. Mark's.

Call Cheryl Weber at the St. Martin Center at (814) 452-6113 ext 20 for more info.

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/EUP Edinboro University GLBT and allies groups. Meets Mondays at 8 PM in Butterfield Hall, room 213. Also has open movie night most Fridays at 8 PM. Contact Alana Atchinson at (814) 732-2019 or aatchinson@edinboro.edu or Gerry Hoffman at (814) 732-2813 or ghoffman@edinboro.edu for more info or www.angelfire.com/pa5/identityeup/.

Mercyhurst Rainbow Club Meets in room 205 of Old Main the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 8 PM. Student/faculty group open to non-Mercyhurst folks as well. For more info, call Jason at (814) 572-5590, or email freakyhippoboy@aol.com.

PFLAG Erie/Crawford County Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) support group meets 2nd Monday each month, 7-9 PM at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hwy (Rte 97), Erie PA. Also Straight Spouse Network focus group meets ad hoc (call for location/time for this meeting.) Call Maureen (814)-898-8341, email pflagerie@adelphia.net or write to PFLAG-Erie, PO Box 133, Harborcreek PA 16421.

Pride & Respect for Youth in Sexual Minority (PRYSM) (Western NY) Provides a safe, comfortable meeting place for 14-20 year-old lesbian, gay, bi, transgender, questioning youth, and their straight allies. Southern Chautauqua County group meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday. Northern Chautauqua County group meets 3rd Mon. (716)485-8628. cwhite2@alltel.net. www.gaychautauqua.org/youth.htm

Trigon (Penn State University - Behrend, Multi-Cultural Center Suite, Erie PA) 12:15 PM on Thursdays. GLBT/Allies group at Behrend. Contact Abbey Atkinson/Trigon at trigonpsu@hotmail.com or at (814) 898-7162 for details.

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Youth

Day of Silence at McDowell

By Jeremy Person

On April 9th, 2003, McDowell High School participated in the "National Day of Silence." It is a youth movement that began at the University of Virginia in 1996 to create safer schools for everyone. Now, thousands of people participate to end silence by being silent.

The Silent Protest for many students at McDowell began upon waking. Upon entering the school, I saw many of my fellow student participants. Armed with pens, paper, "Speaking Cards," rainbow ribbon, and t-shirts, our protest officially began at 8:15 am. As some people came up to us they picked up a piece of ribbon, put it on, and walked away with a smile on their face. Others came by and yelled at our group, but their yells and taunts fell on deaf ears. No responses came from our silent mouths.

Some people came up to some of us later, asking us what the point of the day was. "Why would you want to stay silent?" This is where I spoke. "Because, it is unfair to all people that many stay silent to keep horrible things from happening. For people to hear derogatory statements hurled their way because of who they are. It is unjust, and that is worth fighting for."

Another person came up to me then. "Ha, fag-got! You lost!" I asked them what I had lost. They

said, "You spoke! You're not allowed!" I explained that it wasn't a game, and that the point of the day wasn't a winning or losing battle. They walked away, and starting laughing with a bunch of people who weren't so friendly to our cause.

At the end of the school day Breaking the Silence was held. Many participants joined together to talk about what happened to them during the day. I asked the group to fill out school climate surveys in order to better evaluate the environment of the school. As I looked over the ones I was receiving back, the results astonished me. Over 25% of the students surveyed were harassed.

After a few more activities, the "Day of Silence" was officially over. And as I sit looking at these surveys, a question enters into my head. It was the challenge at the end of the speaking card. And I ask you that same question...

"What can you do to end the silence?"

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Your Health Focus...

Tobacco's grip on the LGBT community

by Christine D. Hudak, MD

The interrelationship between smoking and the LGBT community is complex. To many, it is an acceptable social norm: a part of the scene, if you will. To others, it's a way to assert image, independence, and "personal rights." Some may think that with all the other health crises facing our community, smoking seems insignificant in context. If there is one thing we need to get "straight," it is the facts on this important issue. In the year 2002 in the US., approximately 16,000 people were expected to die from AIDS, 40,000 from breast cancer, and 442,000 from smoking.

Though the data on the LGBT community isn't voluminous, the statistics that have been gathered show a staggering rate of smoking in LGBT versus the straight population. To summarize, roughly 36% of the adult LGBT community smokes, compared to 24%

of the straight community. For adolescents the figures are even more dismal - up to 59% compared to 35% of straight teens. Interestingly, these statistics prevail despite one study that showed keen awareness in the LGBT community on the health effects of smoking, as opposed to the "less-aware" straight community. We know it's not good for us - so why do we keep doing it?

Like any substantial-sized group, the tobacco industry has successfully exploited us as "market share." Glamorizing smoking, directed advertising, and yes, peer pressure perpetuate the problem. I am sure many of you have heard of Project SCUM by now - a marketing campaign in the mid-90's by a big tobacco firm to target the LGBT and homeless as Sub-Culture Urban Marketing. How pathetic - and even more pathetic if we buy into the scheme.

Once addicted, it is a formidable task to stop smoking. Not only is there the physical addiction to nicotine, there is the psychological addiction. Nicotine has been thought of as one of the most addictive substances in the world - more than heroin or cocaine. (Interestingly the amount of nicotine it takes to make people addicted equals about one pack per day - coincidence?) Psychological addiction is just as hard to shake - many look to cigarettes as a way to decrease stress, or associate daily activities with smoking such as driving in the car and talking on the phone.

There is hope in sight, however! Studies show that most smokers want to quit. I also know from clini-

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cal experience that an individual has to be ready to quit. I read a wonderful phrase recently that applies here: "The key to motivation is motive." Each person's reasons will be different for wanting to quit. Some will want to be free of addiction, some will want to not be victims of big (tobacco) business, and others will want to have white teeth and not smell like an ashtray. (Really, darling, the nice cologne does not cover up that nasty smell!) There are dozens of reasons to want to quit, and none of them matter unless they are yours.

So once you are ready, there is a lot of effective help out there. Community smoking cessation groups are available. Doctors in the know can give you information about nicotine withdrawal with replacement options like the patch, gum, inhaler, and nasal spray. (I recommend this for those who smoke 1 pack per day or more.) There is also Zyban, which is an antidepressant, that was also found to decrease nicotine craving. "Cold-turkey" is always an option, as well as hypnosis and acupuncture, to name of few of the methods. All of these methods are improved with support from friends, family, or a "quit buddy." Some helpful websites include Some helpful websites include:

American Legacy Foundation www.quitnet.com
American Lung Association www.lungusa.org/tobacco
American Cancer Society www.cancer.org
National Institutes of Health www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/smokingcessation.html

Do not be discouraged if it takes more than one attempt to quit for good. Most smokers will average 7 quit attempts before the final victory. This is not failure; it is one piece of success that will add to the whole.

Certainly, this is not a simple issue. My charge is that we look at tobacco use as an important health concern, and try to separate fact from fiction. Perhaps the truth shall set us free... Wishing you health and happiness...Christine

Christine D. Hudak, MD is a family physician in Erie. She attended the Ohio State University College of Medicine, and currently works at Hamot, teaching in the Family Medicine residency. She is interested in health issues and education for the LGBT community. Comments about the column can be directed to: Christine.Hudak@hamot.org.

National News

by Bob

Democratic Presidential candidates

With the 2004 Presidential election more than a year away, many of the candidates seeking the Democratic nomination are actively courting gay and lesbian voters.

Former Vermont Governor Howard Dean, who supported and signed into law Vermont's civil unions law, enhanced his pro-gay image when Charles Nolan, a well-known designer for Anne Klein, joined the Dean campaign. Nolan is the partner of Andrew Tobias, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut has pledged his support of federal legislation that would extend benefits to the domestic partners of gay federal employees. Lieberman says if Congress does not pass the bill first, he will introduce it and sign it into law as President.

Congressman Dick Gephardt of Missouri will be getting campaign help from his daughter Chrissy, who is a lesbian. Chrissy Gephardt recently announced she will actively campaign for her father's bid in the 2004 election. Gephardt's eldest daughter will be profiled in an upcoming issue of People magazine, talking about her role in the campaign.

Freedom-to-marry lawsuit dismissed

A freedom-to-marry lawsuit filed last year by the Indiana Civil Liberties Union on behalf of three same-sex couples has been dismissed by a judge in Marion County, Ind. In an 18-page opinion described as "shallow," the judge found no merit in the plaintiffs' arguments. The ICLU says it will appeal.

Activists criticize federal funding of faith-based employment groups

A federal bill to reauthorize the Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act is coming under fire by gay activists for offering government money to groups that may discriminate against the GLBT community. Critics claim that H.R. 1261, introduced by Rep. Howard McKeon, R-Calif., contains a provision that would allow faith-based organizations that receive federal funds for job training to discriminate on the basis of religion.

Pride 2003

Pride Erie Picnic

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Saturday, June 14th Pride Erie Picnic Once again, the Pride Erie Picnic will be held at Presque Isle State Park at the Beach 11 Pavilion on Saturday, June 14, 2003 from 2 PM to sundown. Beach 11 is an uncrowded picnic and beach area. The beach is guarded. If you are not sure of where Beach 11 is, stop at the Park's Administration office (near Beach 6.) Also, signs will be posted throughout the park.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Paper plates and plastic silverware will be available. Donations gratefully accepted.

As always, straight friends and families are most heartily welcome. Feel free to bring your children or parents, but parents are responsible for taking care of

their kids. (There is playground equipment near the shelter.)

We'll begin at 2 PM with games (including the perennial favorite, volleyball.) The annual Family Portrait will be taken after we eat and anyone who wants to be in the picture can be or not, as they prefer. We will be including the picture on Erie Gay News' site and also in the print edition for July.

Bring lawn chairs, blankets, rollerblades and sun-screen. Volunteers are asked to help with clean up, cooking and set up. If you would like to volunteer, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email info@eriegaynews.com or Brian Skelly at (814) 452-6228 or email lelynn@erie.net.

We will have labels/dots so that we can count how many people attend. This helps us plan for the following year, and helps us answer how many people attended. We will also have several thank you cards for our sponsors on the info table. Please sign all cards so that the people and businesses who help us know how much they are appreciated.

If you are not on the email list or want further information, we also ask that you use the sign up sheets that are also at the info table. We want you to help keep everyone informed!

Because of state law, alcohol and sales by outside vendors are not permitted. Please respect this. If you bring alcohol, or are obviously drunk, you will be asked to leave the picnic.

For more information on the park, accessibility, alternative transportation, etc. check the Erie Gay News website at www.eriegaynews.com/pride/2003picnic.html

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Visitors info, venue details,

tickets, sight-seeing, more!

Area Pride Events 2003

Buffalo Pride

June 6-8, 2003

Theme: "Honoring Our Past, Looking to the Future"

Info (716) 879-0999 www.pridebuffalo.org

Light Up the Night Friday, June 6, 2003

Kick off Pride month with *Light Up the Night*, featuring Western New York's best performers of music, dance and comedy. This vaudeville-style extravaganza is hosted by Miss Vicky Vogue.

Show starts promptly at 7:30 P.M. at the Smith Theatre, 660 Main Street, Buffalo (the former Swiss Chalet restaurant). Donation is \$10 at the door, to benefit Pride Buffalo.

The Dyke March Saturday, June 7, 2003

This year's theme is LOUDER THAN LIFE!!! at Eckerd Drugs on West Utica between Delaware and Elmwood. The Pre-Rally and Line up is from 7 - 8 PM and step off is at 8 PM

The Pride Buffalo Parade Sunday, June 8, 2003

The big day is **Sunday, June 8, 2003** as the Pride Buffalo 2003 parade unfolds with one exciting event after another. Line up for the Parade begins at 11 AM in the Kleinhans Music Hall parking lot with step off promptly at 1 PM. The parade will proceed east on North St., then continue north on Elmwood Ave. to Bidwell Park. Over 40 groups, organizations, floats and many others will be marching!

After the parade Bidwell Park comes to life with a complete line up of events, entertainment and so much more!

Hamilton Pride

Hamilton, Ontario

June 9-15

Info: www.gay905.com/hamiltonpride
info@hamiltonpride.com

Full week of events. Main events June 14

Parade Begins 1 PM at Commonwealth Square (opposite City hall). **Festival** at Dundurn Park 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Pittsburgh PrideFest

Saturday, June 21

Theme: "Peace Through Pride"

Info JimF@glccpgh.org or www.glccpgh.org

Pittsburgh PrideFest 2003 will be held on June 21, 2003 in the 5800 block of Ellsworth Avenue. The Parade is scheduled to begin forming at 10 AM (one hour earlier than last year) and will step off precisely at 11 AM The Festival will commence with the Parade's arrival at approximately 12 PM and is expected to run until 6 PM

Cleveland Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday June 21

Theme "Pride. 24. 7. 365."

www.clevelandpride.org

(216) 371-0214

prez@clevelandpride.org

Parade 12:00 - 1:00 PM – Lineup 1:00 PM – Step-off Rally 2 PM Festival 2 - 8 PM Voinovich Park (E. 9th Street at Lake Erie)

Festival The 15th annual Cleveland Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Trans Pride Festival returns with new and exciting features. YouthZone and the Children's Pavilion return, along with our new SeniorSpace, a special area for differently abled members of our community, and even an area for proud pets. As always, our beer garden will be the happening place to be on a Saturday afternoon in June, and more than 120 vendors are expected, from local organizations to LGBT shops to delicious festival foods.

As always, expect fabulous national entertainers, as well as live local DJs who will spin dance music as the sun goes down. This year also features a new local stage, where you can rest in the shade and mingle with new and old friends. *NOTE: Good Taste Policy: Please use discretion in attire, decoration, keeping in mind the spirit of our family friendly event. Thank you.*

Official After Party Join us for late night revelry 10:00 PM Union Station/Bounce, 2814 Detroit Ave.

Pride 2003

Pride Toronto

June 23-29, 2003

Theme: "Pride 3D: Diverse Defiant Divine"

Info <http://www.pridetoronto.com/>
(416)927-7433

June 28

The Dyke March "provides a focus on women." 2 PM meets at Church & Charles

June 29

Pride Parade 2 PM will commence at corner of Bloor Street East at Church Street.

June 28 & 29

Festival Hundreds of entertainers, lots of events. From *Toronto Pride*: "We expect everyone to be respectful of each other and the differences in our diverse community. With your help we can maintain a fun and safe event for everyone, creating an event of which all Toronto can be proud."

Upcoming Black Pride events

These are some upcoming black GLBT pride events in the region. We will be able to provide more information and confirmation over the next couple months, but if you're interested, you might want to check them out now.

July 25-27 Hotter Than July! (Detroit) Detroit Black Gay Pride www.hotterthanjuly.com/htj2003/Partners.htm

July 31 - August 3 - Black Unity Celebration (Cleveland) Info www.blackoutunlimited.org
shakaspr94@aol.com info@blackoutunlimited.org

August 1-3 Pittsburgh Black Unity Weekend
(412)471-8480

August 1-5 Toronto Black Pride (Toronto)
www.torontoblackpride.com (416) 320-5115 email:
torontoblackpride@yahoo.ca or v2saint@aol.com

Toronto & SARS

by Deb Spilko

This year, one can't plan a trip to Toronto without thinking about SARS.

At this writing, the World Health Organization (WHO) has removed Toronto from its list of SARS-affected areas. The Canadian health care system responded rapidly to the outbreak and appears to have brought it under control. At the end of this article, you will find websites and phone numbers for the most up-to-date information on the issue of SARS in Toronto.

A note about Toronto's Pride events: Toronto Pride is a very large, congested gathering with participants from around the world. If you are visiting the city for Toronto Pride, you may still want err on the side of caution. SARS appears to be spread by close person-to-person contact, in a way that seems similar to the spread of the common cold. Thorough and frequent washing of hands is still a good practice here.

Also, if within ten days of leaving Toronto you start noticing symptoms associated with SARS, contact your physician or health care provider. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) describes symptoms of SARS as follows; "In general, SARS begins with a fever greater than 100.4°F [$>38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$]. Other symptoms may include headache, an overall feeling of discomfort, and body aches. Some people also experience mild respiratory symptoms. After 2 to 7 days, SARS patients may develop a dry cough and have trouble breathing."

Here are some sources of updated SARS information:

Toronto Public Health website:
www.city.toronto.on.ca/health SARS
Hotline at 416-338-7600.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars

World Health Organization (WHO)
www.who.int/csr/sars/en

Michael Dithers

By Mike Mahler

I am hoping to see all of you at the Pride Picnic on Saturday, June 14. One of the things that I like best about our community is that folks have made this such a friendly event. Stop out, have a burger or hot dog, play some volleyball and just have a nice day.

You may also have read that national status whack job Fred Phelps has recently indicated his support of Sen Santorum over his recent remarks. Even though Santorum is trying to phrase his statements as not being hateful, he is winning praise from the guy who brought protesters to Matthew Shepherd's funeral and runs the "God Hates Fags" website. I am thoroughly disappointed that the White House just said that Santorum was "an inclusive man." Meaning what? Far right and semi-far right are both welcome?

I also heard from the reporter who did the story for the *Erie Times News* about Robin and Barbara's ceremony of union, who said response to the article had been light but positive by a 2 to 1 majority. Major nifty!

You may recall that we also had an article in last month's *EGN*. A friend was telling me that someone

had apparently called into some local talk radio show about the newspaper's story about Robin and Barb. They alleged that since the same picture appeared in both publications (which isn't the case at all — 2 different pictures—but facts don't seem to be a prime concern with talk radio a lot of the time) *EGN* therefore had some kind of iron grip over local media. Right—the chain of command around here is pretty much AOL-Time-Warner and then *Erie Gay News*

That was fantastic that the McDowell Gay Straight Alliance made the front page news and that so many students used their full names. It is always gratifying to see signs of progress and people just making the world a better place. I am very proud of the wonderful youth we have!

Ultimately, despite the folks like Rick Santorum, Fred Phelps and Diane Gramley, the most important thing to focus in on are the good people like the folks from Franklin who supported the play, and the kids at McDowell. Trite though it may sound, decency is just more real and meaningful than the occasional twits who make us sometimes forget that.

Meet SPARC!

The Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition (SPARC) is the largest network of individuals and organizations across the Commonwealth committed to securing and defending full civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals of all colors with support of their allies.

*Come meet **Stephen Glassman**, co-chair and founding member of SPARC at the **PRIDE PICNIC** on **June 14th** to learn more about the coalition and how you can become part of the solution!*



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phone: 717-920-9537 fax: 717-920-9536 www.sparc-pa.org info@sparc-pa.org

HIV/AIDS

GSA, Youth and Health

by Patty Puline
Erie County Dept. of Health

This article concerns the recently formed **Gay-Straight Alliance** at McDowell High School, a group of gay, heterosexual, transgender and “questioning” teenage students who say they have organized to increase student safety and provide a supportive environment for students of all sexual orientations in Erie, PA.

The article entitled “These students want to feel safe” in the Tuesday, May 13, 2003 issue of the Erie Times News, talked about “safe zones” and embraced the idea of “making the school safer and more tolerant for the entire student body.” ... “Started by a small group of students, the club is based on the “From our House to the Schoolhouse” program developed by PFLAG-Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and is first of its kind in Northwestern PA.

As a local health educator, my job takes me into schools on a regular basis, to teach HIV and STD in classroom settings. The discussion of sexually transmitted diseases (STD) makes most people uneasy and uncomfortable, but some students talk openly about their sexuality, their sexual exploits, and their sexual partners. Others don't comment or say how they feel especially when we talk about oral or anal sex. Now at McDowell there is a “safe zone” for students to discuss their feelings. Some teachers will offer the “safe” atmosphere just by displaying a pink triangle on their door.

McDowell is spearheading this movement, which could ultimately result in chapters in each high school. We look forward to working with these students, and offering them after school programs on HIV, STD and other health issues for their meetings. There is always another “safe place” to find out about HIV and STD counseling and testing at the local Erie County Dept of Health 606 West Second Street, Erie, PA 16507. www.ecdh.org

Thank you for your time, and please call me at 451-6543 for further information on anything included in this article. Patty Puline, Health Educator, Erie County Dept of Health ppuline@ecdh.org

World

UN postpones GLBT vote

The United Nations Commission on Human Rights has decided to postpone voting on a proposal that would have addressed sexual orientation discrimination. The Commission postponed discussion of the proposal until 2004.

The resolution was the first of its kind in the almost 60-year history of the UN.

The proposal was put forward by Brazil and supported by 19 other countries.

The United States indicated that it probably would not support the proposed resolution.

The Muslim countries of Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Egypt and Malaysia were able to prevent a vote. The Vatican was also reportedly active in this issue, applying pressure to predominately Catholic Latin American countries to not support the resolution.

More than 70 countries ban same-sex relations, with consequences that include imprisonment, torture, and rape. In seven countries, it is punishable by death.

Katherine McDonald, executive director of Action Canada for Population and Development, says the introduction of the resolution is viewed not as a defeat . “We all view it as quite a victory,” she said. “This will be a hot topic this coming year for non-governmental organizations...It's a very exciting time...The time has come for the UN to take up sexual orientation...It's the last frontier in the human rights discourse.”

To stay current on the state of GLBT human rights in the world, or to take part in efforts to improve the situation, you can check these organizations:

Amnesty International USA Their OUTfront project works to address human rights abuses based on sexual orientation. Visit www.amnestyusa.org

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission This human rights organization focuses on human rights abuses related to sexual orientation and gender identity. Contact info: www.iglhrc.org

About Community Health Net

Facing AIDS with Compassion, awareness and sensitivity

By Laura Ann Janovich

In my experience as a Health Reporter I have conducted countless interviews on HIV/AIDS Care. As I walked down the hallway to the Community Health Net conference room I expected the same routine interview full of words I couldn't even begin to comprehend. Yet something was exceptional this time, the IMMUNO Team, was compassionate, non-judgmental, empathetic, competent and extremely down-to-earth. From the second I sat down and began talking with them I could see why their slogan was "Where Caring Comes First." Below is a segment of the interview with the team:*

What does Community Health Net offer to Patients?

Team: "We offer complete confidential primary medical care including dental and vision with access to specialty care to all patients on-site, not just those individuals with medical insurance. As a team we have received special HIV training for working with individuals from birth to the elderly and everyone in between. Whatever the individuals case might be, we will do everything possible to help them, we don't turn anyone away."

What is your goal at Community Health Net?

Team: "Our main goal is to keep the individual healthy. As a team we are here for each individual. We know that each patient has different social, emotional and medical needs. For this reason we have a social worker on staff. The goal is to look at each patient's situation and prioritize their needs."

Reminder—
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calendar items and letters
is the
15th of the month!



Community Health Net IMMUNO TEAM left to right Top Row: Alicia Grassi, Margaret Geer and Robin Tate. Bottom Row: Linda Johnson and Mary Viglione Trayer.

What is the greatest misunderstanding concerning HIV/AIDS care?

Team: "Nearly everyone equates death with HIV. The truth is with proper health care (medication, regular doctor visits, etc.) an individual living with HIV may lead a normal healthy long-term life without a lot of changes. Another misunderstanding is that an individual will be judged for how they became infected with HIV. Community Health Net's view is: what is behind us is just that ... behind us. We don't care if a patient was in prison for murder, drugs, whatever ... honestly we don't ask. We are here to get their life on track that is all."

What are some of the benefits of coming to Community Health Net?

Team: "That we are here for all patients: including the homeless and non-insured. Another great asset is that we have a social worker on staff and we can provide lab work onsite. We do have several sites (including neighborhood centers) that a patient can visit, because we do realize the importance of confidentiality. We take patient privacy very seriously."

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Community Health Net

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What is the response that you receive from your patients?

Team: "We hear from our patients time and time again how 'we are their family.' The patients appreciate that they are able to come into a familiar environment for every aspect of their health care, meaning primary (family doctor) and specialty care and be able to see the same staff every time."

If you are interested in more information, contact Community Health Net at (814)459-4530.

*Margaret Geer, RN (Project Coordinator), Linda Johnson, CRNP, Alicia Grassi, CMA (Case Finder), Robin Tate, RN, and Mary Viglione Trayer, MSSA (Social Worker)

Janovich is currently a free-lance reporter. She attended West Virginia University, and former Minority Health Reporter and Managing editor of The Daily Athenaeum.

Kate Clinton at The Tralf ticket contest

Delightful lesbian comedian Kate Clinton is going to be performing at The Tralf in Buffalo NY on Thursday, June 12 at 8 PM.

Erie Gay News has 2 free tickets to give to some lucky person to enjoy the show with someone special! Normally, admission is \$20 in advance, or \$22 at the door.

All that you have to do to enter the contest is to email info@eriegaynews.com with a subject of "Kate Clinton at The Tralf contest." Get it to us by Sunday, June 9 and you will be entered in our drawing. You must be at least 21 to enter.

For more information on Kate, visit the Tralf website at www.tralf.com While you're there you might want to check out the many other great performers they'll be bringing in...

The Tralf is located at 622 Main Street, Buffalo NY. Their phone is (716) 851-8725.

HRC update

by Mike Mahler

The Erie County Human Relations Commission is still in existence, and County Executive Rick Schenker has said that he will replace former Director Rev. Willie Damper. There is still a secretary in the office, but no other personnel. HRC advisors are working on the issue, and EGN staff are keeping in contact. It is possible that Schenker may still try to cut funding for their budget, but this will not become active until the fall.

We ask that you remain alert. This is important to many segments of our community, not just the GLBT community.

If you wish to remain updated on this issue, you may want to consider subscribing to the ErieGLBT list, if you have not already subscribed. If you do not use email, call me at 456-9833 and I'll put you on our phone alert list.

PFLAG News

by Maureen Koseff

PFLAG-Erie/Crawford County

PFLAG representative, Pauline Mooney, attended a workshop at Allegheny College, Meadville on April 30. The workshop explored the idea of incorporating homosexuality into the school curriculum. It showed that when teachers address GLBT issues in age-appropriate ways, it can reduce anti-gay prejudice in the classroom. Sounds like a good topic for Erie to

At our May 12th meeting, Dr. Ann McDonald, M.D., a psychotherapist, presented a very informative and helpful discussion of things that should be taken into consideration when dealing with GLBT-related mental health problems. We were honored and grateful to have had the opportunity to hear Dr. McDonald.

Meeting Notes: PFLAG's next support group meeting is Monday, June 9th, from 7-9 PM at the Unitarian Church, Erie. The straight spouse network meetings are held in a private home, as needed. Please call Maureen at (814) 898-8341 for the time and place of the next meeting. If you are a questioning spouse, please give us a call.

Community Announcements

Workshop for supporters of church-state separation

The Northwest PA Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church & State is holding a special workshop on Sunday, June 22, from 12:30 to 4:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 7180 Perry Highway (PA Route 97), Erie (0.5 mile north of I-90 exit 27). Beth Corbin, National Grassroots Organizer of Americans United, will provide tips on media advocacy, coalition building, and legislative advocacy. The session is free and open to AU members and potential new members! Lunch will be provided. RSVP (for a lunch count) to Beth Corbin at corbin@au.org, or to Al Richardson at 814/455-9730.

Americans United www.au.org is a religious liberty watchdog group based in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1947, the organization educates Americans about the importance of church-state separation in safeguarding religious freedom.

Crime Victims Center needs used books for sale

by Angela Porfilio

Crime Victim Center of Erie County will be accepting donations of used books, videos, games, puzzles, CDs, tapes and records during the month of June for their third annual fundraiser, *Book It!* Items may be dropped off at the Center (125 W 18th St) between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. (Please, no sets of encyclopedias.) *Book It!* will be held August 16 and 17 at the Center.

Crime Victim Center provides services for all crime victims and assisted more than 5,000 people in our community just last year. Services include crisis intervention 24 hours a day, counseling, court accompaniment and help in filing claims for Crime Victims Compensation. Prevention/education programs on topics such as Internet safety, bullying and sexual assault are offered to area schools. All services are free of charge.

Pride celebration plans

from Abbey Atkinson

This year's pride weekend will be September 12-15.

We are again in the midst of planning parties, a march, a rally, a softball rematch, and hoping to work with PFLAG on some new events.

Details are being nailed down now, but the contact info is myself or my girlfriend, Danielle, at erierainbowpride@aol.com or my cell number: 873-5652.

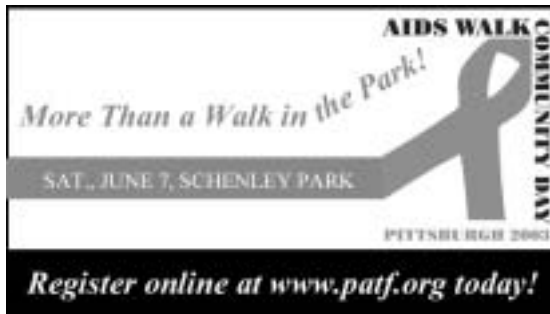
Open House at Community Health Network for National HIV Testing Day

from Community Health Net

We hope to have an "open house" in our new office space at Community Health Net on June 27th.

Our new suite of offices should be ready by the June 27th, which is National HIV Counseling and testing day. FREE Confidential Oral HIV Counseling and Testing will be available, or an appointment can be made. There will be door prizes and we will be offering a \$10.00 cash reward for everyone who is tested and returns for their HIV test results. It's one of our initiatives to improve community awareness, and get the HIV + person into medical care early. This special incentive will be available from May 1 - Sept. 1 only.

If you have any questions you can call (814)434-4530 or browse to www.community-healthnet.com



Entertainment Notes

by Deb Spilko

Television

HBO will premier the new **Ellen DeGeneres** special on June 28. Called *Ellen DeGeneres: Here and Now*, it airs 9:00 PM.

Pride month is a good time for GLBT couch potatoes. There are a number of websites that offer "gay TV listings." Here are a few:

Queery.com is the most comprehensive listing I've seen, with literally dozens of offerings per day. Some of these are a bit of a stretch, but they sure are thorough! They're at www.queery.com . . . Some viewers may want something a bit more manageable. **Philadelphia Gay News** has a good TV listings section. Visit them at www.epgn.com/StoryPages and go to the "Entertainment" column . . . Also, **Washington Blade** has a good TV listings feature. Go to www.washblade.com/point

HBO has a "Gay and Lesbian Programming" feature at their website. If you get HBO (or are considering it) you can visit the site at www.hbo.com/gl

Western New York viewers will want to take note: your PBS affiliate (**WNED-Buffalo**, channel 17) will be airing lots of GLBT programming in June. Be sure to check your listings (and then check again, because they seem to be having a lot of trouble with schedule changes lately).

On stage

Lots of stuff in the Buffalo area . . . **k.d. lang** will be performing at New Melody Fair in North Tonawanda NY on August 9. . . **Buffalo United Artists** will be performing *Out in the Open* from May 30-June 28. This is a funny play about love and friendship from the writer of *Beautiful Thing*. Note that this will be performed at the Smith Theater; BUA had to move from their former location. For BUA info: <http://buffalobua.org> . . . On June 21, lesbian comic **Vickie Shaw** will be in Buffalo for the **Vickie Shaw Fund-raiser for COLAGE of WNY** (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere). The 4 PM show is for kids, the 8 PM show is adults only. At the Unitarian Church 695 Elmwood in Buffalo Info www.vickieshaw.com (716) 885-2136 and www.colage.org/

Homophobe antics

Oh, those wacky zany homophobes have been extra working hard at making fools of themselves lately!

Folks on the Erie GLBT mailing list probably heard about **Diane Gramley** and her American Family Association of NWPA raising a ruckus about the recent Franklin, PA performance of *La Cage Aux Folles*. This Tony-winning play was the basis for the film *Birdcage*. Although she'd never actually seen the play, Gramley said she had talked to a "former homosexual" who did, and—based on that um, research—she made assertions that *La Cage* promotes a "very dangerous lifestyle," that it "attacks traditional families," encourages children to "give it a try," and other extremist hallucinations. But this didn't deter theatergoers in the Franklin area, and the performance attracted an almost sold-out crowd

And then there's **Fred Phelps**. When brought his "**God Hates Fags**" entourage to Pittsburgh on May 3, a local activist turned it into a fundraiser for an HIV/AIDS organization. Phelps' group (the Westboro Baptist Church) was picketing a memorial service for **Fred Rogers**, better known as TV's **Mister Rogers**. Phelps' main charge against Rogers was that he didn't use his tremendous influence to lecture preschoolers on "the evils of fag-sin." Brad McNaughton, a Pittsburgh HIV/AIDS researcher, decided to try something that had been used with great success in other communities: For every minute that Phelps' group picketed the memorial service, people would donate a pledge that would go to the Shepherd Wellness Center, an HIV/AIDS service organization in Pittsburgh. The effort was very successful. "We raised around \$5000 for the Shepherd Wellness center toward HIV/AIDS support," said McNaughton. "Local bar owners, businesses and people from all over the US came together (with only one week's notice) to pledge money for every minute these 'hatemongers' picketed the Fred Rogers memorial service. We averaged about \$65 per minute for the 1 hour and 3 minutes they were there. I hope future cities and venues can continue the effort with their local charities to extinguish the hate messages delivered daily by the Westboro Baptist Church."

Resource Directory

This is an abbreviated listing! For a complete listing, either go to www.eriegaynews.com/resources.html or call us at (814) 456-9833. All phone numbers are (814) unless otherwise noted.

Accommodations

- Camp Davis (724) 637-2402
311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers PA
Jones Pond Campground (716) 567-8100
9835 Old State Rd, Angelica NY
Partridge Sheldon Mansion Bed and Breakfast (716) 484-9659
70 Prospect St., Jamestown NY

Bars

- Rascals (716) 484-3220
701 N Main St., Jamestown NY, 3 PM to 2 AM 7 days a week
Sneakers (716) 484-8816
Village Supper Club 452-0125
133 W 18th St., Erie PA. Open 8 PM to 2 AM Mon-Sun
Zone Dance Club 459-1711
1711 State St., Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat.

Coffeeshouses & Restaurants

- Aroma's Coffeeshouse 456-5282
2174 W 8th St., Erie PA
Matthew's Trattoria 459-6458
153 E 13th St., Erie PA
Papa Joe's Pepperoni Cafe 455-1292
402 W 8th St., Erie PA
papermoon 455-7766
1325 State St., Erie PA

Counseling

- Community Integration Crisis Services 456-2014
1330 W 26th St., Erie PA toll free # (800) 300-9558
David J Johnson, PHD 838-9408
Lake Erie Counseling Associates 455-4009

Groups

For regularly meeting groups, see the Calendar

Health

- Community Health Net 454-4530
1202 State St, Erie PA
Erie County Dept of Health 451-6700
606 W 2nd St., Erie PA
Healing Touch Therapeutic Massage 452-2812
410 Cranberry St., Ste 130, Erie PA
NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance 456-8849
1001 State St., Ste 806, Erie PA

HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing

- Community Health Net 454-4530
1202 State St, Erie PA (No appointment necessary)
Erie County Dept of Health 451-6700
606 W 2nd St., Erie PA. Mon: 12 noon to 3:30 PM, Tue 9:30 AM to 1 PM. Other times by appt.

Minority Health Education and Delivery System (MHEDS) . 453-6229
2928 Peach St., Erie PA. Open to all races/ethnicities. Call for appt.

Infolines

- Erie Gay News 456-9833
www.eriegaynews.com
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