

## Calendar

**Dec 1—"Always Our Children" meets** Support group for Catholic parents of gay children. Meets 7-9 PM at Catholic Charities, 329 W 10th St. 456-2091 for more info.

**Dec 1—World AIDS Day** Details in last month's issue.

**Dec 1—"Alert" Party at The Zone** 1711 State St. HIV Education/Prevention Party. Cocktails at 9 PM. For more info, call (814) 455-2054, email [alert@webtv.net](mailto:alert@webtv.net) or see last month's back page ad.

**Dec 2—LGBU at Kent meets (Ashtabula)** At Kent State-Ashtabula 8 PM, room C-133. Teens, young adults, students, adults. Everyone welcome. For info, contact Jim at (814) 763-2022 or [shifferj@toolcity.net](mailto:shifferj@toolcity.net), Lisa at (440) 992-9139 (after 8:30 PM) or [lisann\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:lisann_27@hotmail.com) or email [jnk\\_nj@hotmail.com](mailto:jnk_nj@hotmail.com).

**Dec 5—VH-1/Vogue Fashion Awards (VH-1)** Described by *The Advocate* as the "gayest show on TV."

**Dec 6—ManSEX 101: / 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.

**Dec 4—Womynspace: Trip to Kraynack's** We will be meeting 3:30 PM at Wal-Mart in Meadville, (Route 322, west of I-79), in the parking lot on the west side of the building near the garden department and carpool to Kraynack's Christmas Store in Hermitage, PA. We may go to Quaker Steak and Lube in Sharon to eat afterwards. For more info browse <http://www.geocities.com/womynspace> or

contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com).

**Dec 4—2 Girls Alone at Penn State Behrend** For more info, email [TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net](mailto:TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net).



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Front of the Yule Tree.*  
by Micheal A. Miller

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The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of information, support and affirmation for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, transgendered people, their friends, families and allies in the Erie area.

**Contributors: Our deadline is the 15th of the month!**

We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments and opinions of interest to the Erie and surrounding area's GLBT community for publication in these pages.

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

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## Thanks for the November issue collators!

Thanks to Richard Mentz, Neal and Paul for helping us to collate the most recent issue of *EGN*!

*We would like to thank all of the vast number of people who have helped in so many ways over the past years!*

**Dec 6—Ricky Martin in concert (Cleveland)** at Gund Arena.

**Dec 7—Censored! (AMC)** "This documentary, narrated by Oliver Stone and William Baldwin, turns the camera on free speech—and the occasional lack thereof—in Hollywood history."—*TV Guide*.

**Dec 9—BYKOTA meets** At Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at [julie.sue@juno.com](mailto:julie.sue@juno.com) or 734-3959.

**Dec 9—2 Girls Alone at Aroma's** 2174 W 8th St. 7 - 9 PM. Dinner reservations recommended. For more info, email [TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net](mailto:TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net).

**Dec 11—Menspace** At Brian and Dave's. For info and location, call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com) for more info.

**Dec 12—PFLAG-DuBois Holiday Pot Luck** At Jack and Karen's at 2 PM. Bring a dish. Note that this is a Sunday! For info and directions, call (814) 371-8962 or email [jackk1pflag1pa@juno.com](mailto:jackk1pflag1pa@juno.com).

**Dec 14—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

**Dec 16—LGBU at Kent meets (Ashtabula)** At Kent State-Ashtabula 8 PM, room C-133. Teens, young adults, students, adults. Everyone welcome. For info, contact Jim at (814) 763-2022 or [shifferj@toolcity.net](mailto:shifferj@toolcity.net), Lisa at (440) 992-9139 (after 8:30 PM) or [lisann\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:lisann_27@hotmail.com) or email [jnk\\_nj@hotmail.com](mailto:jnk_nj@hotmail.com).

**Dec 18—10% Network meets: Christmas Party at John's House** "Bring whatever you like to drink and a munchie if you'd like. Finger foods will be served. If anyone is interested in a cookie exchange, bring 6 dozen and take 6 dozen." At John's house, 17 Lakeview Ave, Jamestown NY. For more info or details, call John (716) 484-7285 or email [otto@madbbs.com](mailto:otto@madbbs.com).

**Dec 21—Yule 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](mailto:medhbh@velocity.net).

**Dec 23—BYKOTA meets** At Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at [julie.sue@juno.com](mailto:julie.sue@juno.com) or 734-3959.

**Dec 31—A GAYLA New Year's Eve Party: Out & Into The Millennium (Pittsburgh)** A Benefit for GLCC & PATF. Victoria Hall (Friendship). For more info, call (412) 422-0114.

**Jan 6—LGBU at Kent meets (Ashtabula)** At Kent State-Ashtabula 8 PM, room C-133. Teens, young adults, students, adults. Everyone welcome. For info, contact Jim at (814) 763-2022 or [shifferj@toolcity.net](mailto:shifferj@toolcity.net), Lisa at (440) 992-9139 (after 8:30 PM) or [lisann\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:lisann_27@hotmail.com) or email [jnk\\_nj@hotmail.com](mailto:jnk_nj@hotmail.com).

**Jan 8—Annual Pizza and Porn Party (Jamestown NY)** "A chance to trade videos and magazines. We will collect \$5 at the door to order pizza and pop. If you have nothing to swap, don't worry about it. Just come and take what you'd like." At John's house, 17 Lakeview Ave, Jamestown NY. For more info, call John (716) 484-7285 or email [otto@madbbs.com](mailto:otto@madbbs.com).

**Jan 8—Menspace-Bowling** You will need to reserve by Wednesday, January 5, so we know how many lanes to reserve. For info and location, call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com) for more info.

**Jan 8—Womynspace** For more info browse <http://www.geocities.com/womynspace> or contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com).

**Jan 13—BYKOTA meets** At Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at [julie.sue@juno.com](mailto:julie.sue@juno.com) or 734-3959.



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**Jan 20—10% Network meets: Planning meeting** "We will plan and discuss future meetings and decide who will host them." At John's house, 17 Lakeview Ave, Jamestown NY. For more info, call John (716) 484-7285 or email otto@madbbs.com.

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**Jan 27—Safer Sex Cabaret at Penn State Behrend** Co-sponsored by Trigon. For more info, call (814) 898-6030 or email trigonpsu@hotmail.com.

**Jan 27—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.

**Feb 5—Womynspace: Sled Riding at Frontier Park** Followed by hot chocolate at Aroma's. For more info browse <http://www.geocities.com/womynspace> or contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com.

## Weekly recurring

**Mondays—Closet Culture** GLBT youth social/support group. 7 PM at Cup-a-Ccino's, 18 N Park Row, Erie PA. For more info, call Jeremy Snyder at (814) 835-6966 or email ClosetCtr@aol.com.

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

**Wednesdays—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.

## That's NOT all, folks!

*Please note! We will be maintaining the web site and emailing list!* Please continue to send us event announcements and news. You can check out our web site at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com) or email us at [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com).

# HIV/AIDS news

## Behrend to host Safer Sex Cabaret

Penn State University will once again be presenting "Safer Sex Cabaret" on Thursday, January 27, 2000 at 7 PM in Behrend's Studio Theatre. A coalition of groups, including Trigon, the GLBT group at Behrend, are sponsoring/presenting the event. The event is a fun and sex-positive approach to HIV/AIDS prevention.

For more information, call (814) 898-6030 or email [trigonpsu@hotmail.com](mailto:trigonpsu@hotmail.com).

## Counseling and testing news

HIV Counseling and Testing is available free of charge through your Erie County Department of Health, 606 W 2nd St, 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!

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# Whetstine convicted

by Michael Mohler

Roy Whetstine Jr. was convicted on November 10, 1999 on 6 counts of theft by deception as a result of the "Cruise for Life" AIDS fundraiser he had scheduled for September 19, 1998.

The prosecution alleged that in June of 1998, Whetstine went to the Victorian Princess Cruise Line claiming that he wished to charter a boat to be used as a fundraiser for the HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal and the St. Martin's Center HIV Support Group. It should be stressed that the two AIDS charities have always and continue to do worthy work in the community. The Victorian Princess Cruise Line was also very gracious and pleasant when dealt with by the community about this incident.

Whetstine signed a contract, but did not make a down payment. The representative from Victorian Princess made a notation by the signature stating that Roy would return the next day with a check for the down payment. He never returned with payment nor contacted

Victorian Princess again. He attempted to get the two groups to pay for the down payment. He allegedly showed them a copy contract that did not have the notation about returning with a check.

Whetstine sold some tickets locally through Scapers, a gay gift shop that has since closed, and also directly to some individuals. He told several of those who purchased tickets locally that almost all the tickets were sold out. Whetstine claimed that tickets had also been sold in Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Buffalo. It is not known exactly how many tickets totally may have been sold, but it may have been a small number.

On Thursday, September 17, two days before the cruise was supposed to have taken place, it was determined that the cruise would not be taking place when a local woman became suspicious and Victorian Princess was contacted. Area gay and mainstream media were contacted that the cruise was not going to be taking place with no reason given.

The next day, Friday, September 18, Whetstine was found to be staying at an area campground. Although he claimed that the incident was an oversight and that he would return to straighten the matter out, he did not show up at the dock the next day. Several community members and a representative from the Victorian Princess Cruise Line were at the dock when the cruise was scheduled to take place to explain the situation to anyone who might have bought tickets, but no other ticket holders showed up.

Whetstine did not apparently make an effort to contact anyone until the spring of 1999. He did not contact any of the witnesses in the trial to refund money, nor has he given the money to the original intended support groups.

Whetstine has previously been convicted and served time for fraud and theft by deception. He was on parole at the time of the cruise. Sentencing will be on Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at 9 AM in Judge Shad Connelly's courtroom at the Erie County Courthouse.

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# Local news

## HAG Theatre in April

Reserve April 1st on your calendars! HAG Theatre will be returning to perform "The Second Coming of Joan of Arc" in its entirety. HAG Theatre will return to Womynspace at the Unitarian Church to present Carolyn Gage's award winning play "The Second Coming of Joan of Arc" on April 1, 2000 at 8 PM. Featuring HAG Theatre's Kate Elliott, this Joan of Arc is a far cry from the idealized Joan. This Joan—like the historical one—is 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.

Womynspace will be sponsoring the play but anyone is invited . . . in fact, we need a minimum turnout of 75-100 in order to be able to continue sponsoring this excellent theatre group. Tickets will be in the \$10-\$15 range and will likely be discounted if purchased in advance of the performance. So spread the word . . . this is an excellent "one-woman" show of interest to theatre enthusiasts and/or those with a feminist perspective!!! Anyone who attended the Pride Rally got a sneak preview of this great play and we'd like to be able to bring HAG Theatre to Erie on a regular basis. Hope to see you all April 1st at the UU Church for this encore performance. For information contact Robin at 868-8969.

## Bar News

From Rascals in Jamestown: "At this time we would like to thank all who made our second anniversary such a rousing success...and we look forward to serving you all in the new millennium, May your Holidays be filled with much joy and happiness, with all the promises for a great New Year and New Millennium...hope to see you all on New Years Eve as we celebrate the end of one Millennium and the Beginning of a New one...the party begins at 10 pm and continues til 4 am. Look for other exciting happenings in the new year, much is being planned.."

Long time Jamestown gay bar, the Nite Spot, has apparently recently changed owners and is no longer a gay space.

The Zone will be presenting their Z2K celebration on New Year's eve. Check out their ad on the back page for more info.

## Resource changes

Friends from the Heart, which provided direct assistance to people with AIDS is no longer active due to a lack of funds. The Crawford County AIDS Coalition disbanded this past spring, due to lack of member participation. There is still an AIDS support group, however, which may be contacted through the local Red Cross in Meadville. The phone is (814)-337-3241.

There are a few groups affiliated with Allegheny College in Meadville, which are open to non students/faculty as well. For more info, contact Miranda Crotsley about Allegheny Gay Pride and also Committee in Support of Gay Lesbian and Bisexual people. Write to Allegheny Gay Pride C/O Miranda Crotsley Box 713, Allegheny College Meadville, PA 16335, phone (814)332-3216 (please be advised that the phone number will change after the end of the school year, though) or email [crotslm@alleg.edu](mailto:crotslm@alleg.edu). Some Allegheny folks will be traveling to the March on Washington in April and are open to having folks meet up with them along the way.

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Please note that Womynspace now has a web site! Browse to <http://www.geocities.com/womynspace> for the latest and greatest news and upcoming events.

## PFLAG update

by Luella Clayton

There will not be any meeting for PFLAG at the UU in December. The meeting will be held at Perkin's Restaurant in Meadville, PA. Call Luella at (814)664-7090 for reservations, date, time and directions. Tentatively it will be the second Saturday of the month. Also there has been a lot of interest from the Bradford and Warren areas in starting meetings there so this will become a reality at the beginning of 2000. The Crawford County area has also expressed an interest in some events discussed at the meeting that was held November 4 in Meadville. I will be working with some school districts to start gay straight alliances in the new year and if anyone has some input on this matter please call me at the above number.

Partners will be having their yearly Christmas dinner in December. An exact date and time has yet to be finalized, all that are interested should contact me ASAP.

### Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance

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## What a long, great trip it's been...

by Deb Spilko

I am very sad to see *EGN* come to an end.

We started publishing in 1992 to support and promote the then-burgeoning GLBT movement in our area. Our publication has faithfully chronicled the most important and progressive era that our community has seen so far. We are proud to have been a part of that time period.

Every single month for seven years, we produced a publication that was substantial and responsible. We have been able to provide a way for our community to talk to each other, and for straight people to learn more about us. We have been carried at the Erie County Library, used by counselors and educators, and—thanks to ally Abby Conley, we have been included in Erie's Bicentennial Time capsule.

To the best of my knowledge, we were the only gay publication in any medium-sized city that was able to consistently produce a self-supporting, independent publication. We may also be the longest surviving alternative publication in Erie County.

Some may think it unseemly to be boastful in a farewell edition. But the fact is that we took pride in doing a good job and that—plus knowing we were making a difference in the world—is what kept us going under a heavy and often grueling workload. Despite the work, it has been a very rewarding adventure. After I left *EGN* last year I began to regret it almost immediately.

We are thankful for the many who have made our survival possible. They are listed elsewhere.

Hopefully, another group will come along and start anew. In the meantime, stay tuned on the web site that Mike intends to keep up.

I would ask that you don't take for granted all the progress that our community has made over the past several years. After moving here to small town Pennsylvania, I feel like I have stepped back 15 or 20 years. I have come to profoundly appreciate how far we have progressed in the Erie area.

Stay proud, live free!

# Michael dithers

by Mike Mahler

In case you might not have heard or seen it in last month's issue, Micheal and I will be stepping down from editing the *Erie Gay News*. We had hoped that a viable group of people would step forward to continue publishing the *EGN*, but that hasn't happened. So, after this issue, *EGN* will only be published on our web site <http://www.eriegaynews.com>. We will continue to also maintain our email list for local events and news, but will not be publishing a print edition for the time being.

I must admit to some mixed feelings as I write this column. I have genuinely enjoyed being involved with this newsletter for the past 7 years, but I am also looking forward to what the next phase of life may hold.

What happens next is up to you. Are there groups, events, etc that you think we should have in our area? What do you want? Let me tell you that it is far more fun to work on something than to just wait around for somebody else to get off their butt. It's frequently a long wait because everybody is waiting for everybody else.

I still feel strongly about trying to help put people in touch with other people and resources. You would not believe how rewarding that's been. It will be interesting doing the web site without the constraints that we face with the print edition. (And it will also be nice not to have a "Hell weekend" every month.)

One thing that always mystified me was how many folks thought that I apparently did the newsletter all by myself or did most of the writing. Nothing could be further from the truth. Deb Spilko did the lion's share of writing and editing for the majority of the life of this publication. My hubby, Micheal Miller, has done a fantastic job of layout and a huge portion of the writing since Deb left. I was always aware that if the newsletter had been just me, that it would have ceased to be very quickly. One of the reasons that we are ceasing print publication is that the newsletter really needs to be done by a group of people with various skills and who are comfortable working with each other. I feel fortunate that the newsletter was blessed with Deb and Micheal, who are not only both phenomenally talented, but that we were able to work well as a team.

Please take this as an opportunity to try something new. It has been my experience that many things in my

life have thrived when I moved on. If you want to try a new venture and want to get the word out or just bounce some ideas around, please feel free to contact us by phone or email. If anyone would like to start up a new publication (or any other kind of project), we would welcome that and be willing to offer ideas, suggestions, help, and possibly even contribute.

All that we ask is that anyone starting up a new publication not use the name *Erie Gay News* or make any use of the logo or materials that went into it without asking permission or giving due credit to the originators of those materials. I'm sure that any new venture would probably want a new name and look to establish it's own identity, anyway. What's the first thing you do if you open a new bar/restaurant where an old one used to be? You put up a new sign.

Even if a new publication doesn't get off the ground for a while, I would encourage folks to get out there and do what they can to keep our community alive. I would really like to see someone step up and take over the Pride Picnic, or some folks get together a bus for the March on Washington next April. Or even just throw together a simple activity.

Recently, I was looking in one of the chat rooms at [gay.com](http://gay.com) and got to hear (yet again), some whining about how there was nothing fun in Erie and how there's nothing here. I clicked out because I have made a personal vow that the next person who kvetches about how there's nothing here will get bitch-slapped within an inch of their life. Erie is hopelessly anti-gay? Micheal and I frequently hold hands at the Mall and other places. We went grocery shopping at peak pre-Thanksgiving shopping time wearing full leathers, chain leash and harness without so much as one angry torch-bearing villager. A woman even gave Micheal one of her coupons to use.

Remember Auntie Mame: "Live, live, live! Life is a banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death!"

**Our Web Site is still live!**

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and Info browse**

**[www.eriegaynews.com/](http://www.eriegaynews.com/)**

# Q-list

by Mike Miller

For our final print edition, I thought I'd give you a smattering of where I find some of my info, so you'll know where to find stuff in the future.

It's always bittersweet saying goodbye. My past few several years of involvement have been a lot of work, but not without a good measure of personal satisfaction. There have been some detractors of the *EGN*, but let me tell you about one of the best compliments I ever received, although it wasn't intended that way. I had ordered something from Richard, one of our advertisers, and he had nicely offered to drop it off where I work. He walked in totally bewildered to discover that I worked in a factory. He thought so well of *EGN* that he assumed it had its own offices and I was a paid staff worker. I couldn't help but laugh. We work for free and still just manage to make ends meet. After thinking about it, though, I realized what an incredibly sweet compliment that was - to everyone who helped make *EGN* seem so... impressive to Richard, for lack of a better word. Thank you all.

## Online

There are many online resources for just about anything you can think of. In many ways the web has become the best place to get up-to-date info on things of LGBT interest. Even folks who don't have a PC at home or at work can log on one of the terminals at the library and even have access to free email and web pages. Some of the best sites of general interest to LGBT's are [www.gay.com](http://www.gay.com), [www.glaad.org](http://www.glaad.org), [www.planetout.com](http://www.planetout.com), [www.datalounge.com](http://www.datalounge.com), and [www.advocate.com](http://www.advocate.com).

For local stuff, we will continue to keep our calendar and resources current, as well as some news items at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com). For neighboring cities there's the **Cleveland Lesbigo Center** at [www.lgcsc.org](http://www.lgcsc.org), [www.gayrochester.com](http://www.gayrochester.com), [www.buffalopride.com](http://www.buffalopride.com), [www.gaytoronto.com](http://www.gaytoronto.com), and I've had luck finding entertainment stuff for Pittsburgh on **Eros Enterprises'** page [www.brigadoon.com/~loueros/calendar.html](http://www.brigadoon.com/~loueros/calendar.html).

## Magazines

If you don't have access to the Internet, you'll need to find a print alternative. For national news there's the

**Advocate** (in my opinion the most informative), **Out**, **Curve** (very hip), **Hero**, **A&U** (HIV-Positive), **GIRLFRIENDS**,... and a slew of others that you can find at almost any bookstore or newsstand.

Perhaps more important is to keep an eye on newspapers from neighboring areas. **The Gay People's Chronicle** is indispensable if you want to keep track of stuff that's going on in Cleveland-Akron, as well as Columbus and most of eastern Ohio. It's always available at the bars. So is **Pittsburgh's Out** if you're looking for info on that city.

## Theatre

In town, there's the **Roadhouse Theatre** at 145 W 11th (814)453-5658, [www.erie.net/~roadhouse](http://www.erie.net/~roadhouse), and **Directors Circle** at 652 W 16th (814) 451-0036 both of which have made a point of selecting LGBT themed plays for past seasons, especially Directors Circle. Look through the *Erie Daily Times'* **Showcase** periodically because they've been very good about advertising all local plays including those with gay content.

**Buffalo United Artists**, 884 Main (716) 886-9239 has a strong history of showing gay themed plays. By the way, this December 10-19th they will be re-showing **Paul Rudnick's** hilarious **The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told**, and January 14th they will be opening the uplifting **Beautiful Thing**. Go. Both are must sees. **Pittsburgh's City Theatre**, 57 S 13th (412) 431-2489 is very supportive and often hosts shows for HIV/AIDS benefits. **Dobama Theatre** at (216)932-6838, <http://multiverse.com/~dobama/> and **Cleveland Public Theatre** at (216) 631-2727, [www.clevelandartists.net/cpt/](http://www.clevelandartists.net/cpt/) are good bets in Cleveland.

## TV, film and video

**Wolfe Video** (800) 438-9653, [www.wolfevideo.com](http://www.wolfevideo.com) and **TLA** (800) 333-8521, [www.tlavidео.com](http://www.tlavidео.com) both offer great catalogs of videos with queer sensibilities. Of course, it's a good idea to browse any of the releasing companies for gay movies mentioned in these pages, too. If you KNOW the title you're looking for, but have no idea where to find it, try [www.reel.com](http://www.reel.com), they are to video what [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) is to books. Your other option is to browse [www.onvideo.org](http://www.onvideo.org) which is a general clearing house of info on the what, where and when of video releases.

When it comes to LGBT films now playing or about to be released to first run at movie theaters, [www.planetout.com/pno/kiosk/popcornq/](http://www.planetout.com/pno/kiosk/popcornq/) is an excellent resource, except it will probably whet your appetite for cool flicks that may NEVER come to Erie. I've had good luck finding limited release stuff playing at **Cleveland's Cedar Lee Theatre** (440) 717-4696, [www.cedarlee.com](http://www.cedarlee.com). Otherwise you'll just have to hope for the flick to hit Tinseltown or one of the discount theatres perhaps weeks later.

The **Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation** has a good listing of things of gay interest on the boob tube every week if you browse their homepage [www.glaad.org](http://www.glaad.org) and look for their "**Hollywood Hotsheet**" and "**TV Scoreboard**." If you want to see your favorite queer musician on the small screen then [www.rockontv.com](http://www.rockontv.com) is the place to look.

## Music

Keep an eye on **Showcase** if you want to find out where you can see the same queer musician live, or else browse [www.pollstar.com](http://www.pollstar.com) which has an excellent search engine you can use to find any live music (and sometimes comedy or theatre) performance by city, venue, performer, or date.

## Books

**Alyson Publications** (323)871-1225, [www.alyson.com](http://www.alyson.com) is probably the premiere specifically gay bookseller. Of course, the big national booksellers like [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and **Barnes & Noble**, [www.b&n.com](http://www.b&n.com) have become quite aware of and friendly towards their gay markets, too. If you're not sure what to look for, you can find great reviews of the latest gay themed books in **Lambda Book Report** on your local magazine rack or at (202) 462-7924 or PO Box 73910, Washington, DC 20058-3910.

Of course, no gay household should go without a guidebook, or several. **GAYELLOW Pages** lists all kinds of LGBT friendly services in both national and regional editions. Contact Renaissance House at (212) 674-0120 or <http://gayellowpages.com>. If your focus is more on travel/entertainment then there are several guidebooks for men and women in the USA and abroad published by **Damron** (800) 462-6654, [www.damron.com](http://www.damron.com); **Ferrari** (602) 863-2408, [www.q-net.com](http://www.q-net.com); or **Odysseus** (516) 944-5330, [www.odyssea.com](http://www.odyssea.com).

# Thank you

by Michael Mahler

Since this will be the final printed issue of the *Erie Gay News*, we wanted to dedicate a fair amount of time and space to say thank you to all who have supported us over the past 7 years. We are grateful to them and without them, we would not have been able to do it.

The following list is in alphabetical order. Although there are many people who have helped our community as a whole, this list thanks those who helped with the newsletter. If we have unintentionally missed anyone, please accept our sincerest apologies.

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**Brigidshaven Coven:** who provided talent, help and inspiration in our early years. Thanks to Paula for her wonderful artwork.

**Our Collators:** who helped put together the publications each month.

**Our Contributors:** who wrote articles, got us information and helped us get information to our community.

**Abby Conley:** Our staunchest ally for the GLBT community as a whole. As a member of the Erie Bicentennial Commission in 1995, Abby helped make the decision to put the *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* into the time capsule, as well as actively supporting (and riding in!) the "gay float" in the Bicentennial Parade. In the face of virulent criticism, she defended her decision to include the gay community in the Bicentennial Celebration. She took the potentially dangerous ride with the gay float and endured fears of homophobic derision on a local hate radio station.

**Christelle Decrease:** who helped promote the newsletter in its early years while she was a manager at Cup-a-Ccino's.

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**Lambda Foundation:** The Pittsburgh based GLBT fund in 1993 awarded us a \$1500 grant and took out a year's worth of advertising. Their money and advice about obtaining advertising helped the publication get its financial footing. Thanks to Jeannette for her invaluable help in writing the grant.

**Harry Miller:** For his financial support, for hosting the St. Valentine's Dinners and for being an inspiration.

**Micheal Miller:** For his art work, layout skills, and being coeditor for the past year. Oh yeah, and for being a wonderful husband.

**Jeri Quigley:** Former owner of Cup-a-Ccino's whose generous financial support of the Erie Gay News often got us through some very lean times. At one time her support made the difference between survival and ceasing publication.

**Our readers:** who supported this newsletter in so many ways, financially, emotionally, etc.

**Smokey Joe:** Our late, great feline mascot, who often helped us laugh our way through the final grueling stages of the newsletter's production until he died in 1996.

**Deb Spilko:** For being the principal writer of the newsletter for 6 of the 7 years we have been around. Her contributions to the newsletter were enormous and her dedication was both professional and saintly. This newsletter could never have existed in its current form without her commitment. In a real sense she WAS the voice of the newsletter for the bulk of those years. She can't be thanked enough.

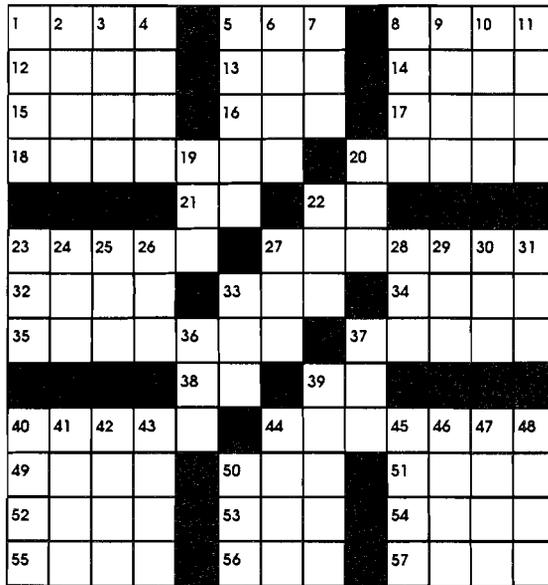
**Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie:** This congregation has always been a welcoming place for our community, for Bridges fundraising events, and a place for our publication to be distributed.

**Greg Valiga:** Who until 1997 wrote high quality articles, especially on rights issues and an inspiring personal account of the struggle to get the "Gay float" into the Erie Bicentennial Parade, as well as for proofreading.

**Gary Yuhaz:** For his excellent proofreading when the newsletter became a swarm of black ants for those of us doing the principal writing, entering and editing of its content and for his advice.

# EGN crossword

A few final words by Mike Miller



### Across:

- 1 Achieve climax?
- 5 Not secretive about one's orientation
- 8 Great Lakes port city
- 12 Follow Master's orders
- 13 America
- 14 Erotic "Bear" artist \_\_\_\_\_ Ursus
- 15 '89 Anthony Edwards vehicle, *Miracle \_\_\_\_\_*, in which Brion Thompson gets to play gay, and save the day
- 16 Golfer's need
- 17 Frankenstein's assistant, not to be confused with Frankenstein's assistant Aye-gor.
- 18 Having facial hair
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Tajo
- 21 Commercial
- 22 Not out
- 23 Sharp cheese
- 27 Official language of the USA
- 32 Gums, or sea lettuce genus
- 33 Distressful '75 ABBA hit?
- 34 Music halls
- 35 Facts concealed from public knowledge or view

- 37 Recognized, acquainted with
- 38 Al Gore, currently (abbr.)
- 39 Dungeons and dragons, or dungeons and dam(me)s if you prefer
- 40 Author James or actress Elaine
- 44 Sapphic
- 49 Favorite type of exam?
- 50 Tug up from behind, like a disabled automobile
- 51 Employment Nondiscrimination Act
- 52 -Dynamic prefix
- 53 Untruth, falsity or prevarication
- 54 Fundamental unit of matter, before quantum mechanics
- 55 What to call a bad hair "Do"?
- 56 Some, whatever the amount
- 57 Less is sometimes this

### Down:

- 1 Hairdresser's need
- 2 Award for off-Broadway shows
- 3 Prefix for skin-darkening pigment
- 4 One who stares
- 5 Exposed as gay
- 6 "Pre-owned"
- 7 Bo or Kwon Do

- 8 Proofread
- 9 Favorite music form of Ravi Shankar
- 10 Billy, known for "Dancing With Myself" in the '80's
- 11 Famed architect Saarinen
- 19 Cole Porter classic "Night and Day"
- 20 Verb ending, there's one in this clue
- 22 Those holding office
- 23 Slang for because
- 24 Shout at a bullfight
- 25 Patrick Stewart *Star Trek* role Jean-\_\_\_\_\_ Picard
- 26 In many cities, the only public place where gay people can meet
- 27 Goddess of the dawn
- 28 "Man of a Million Faces" silver screen legend \_\_\_\_\_ Chaney
- 29 Words at a commitment ceremony
- 30 Take up needle and thread
- 31 Harrison Ford *Star Wars* role \_\_\_\_\_ Solo
- 33 Stone Temple Pilots, for short
- 36 Much quoted '50 Bette Davis camp classic *All About \_\_\_\_\_*
- 37 Belonging to crooner lang
- 39 Library decimal system originator
- 40 English philosopher
- 41 Sandwich cookie
- 42 Knitting need
- 43 Coagulated blood
- 44 Cut of meat, with 'Sir'
- 45 T-shirt slogan: "\_\_\_\_\_ me up, Scotty. There are no signs of intelligent life on this planet."
- 46 '80's Benny Mardones pop ballad \_\_\_\_\_ *the Night*
- 47 Spelt
- 48 Appellation
- 50 LGBT friendly video retailer Theatre of the Living Arts

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## 24 Hour Counseling

**Erie Hotline** (814)453-5656 Toll free number is (800) 628-0190  
**Hamot Health Center** (814)877-6136  
**Saint Vincent Health Center** (814)452-5151

## Accommodations & Campgrounds

**Camp Davis** Jim and David 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers PA 16020-1219 (724) 637-2402 [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com) [www.compDavis.com](http://www.compDavis.com) Campground. Cabins, campsites, swimming, pool, recreation hall, pool tables, pinball, dances, camp store and fire wood available. Theme weekends.

**Jones Pond Campground** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica NY 14709-8729 (716)567-8100 [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com) [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com) Adult male camping, 135 sites, water and electric, camp store, pool, DJ weekends, theme events. Reservations can also be made at web site.

## Bars

**Sneakers** 100 W Harrison St, Jamestown NY 14701-6615 (716)484-8816 [artemistoo@mindspring.com](mailto:artemistoo@mindspring.com)

**Rascals** 701 N Main St, Jamestown NY 14701-5031 (716)484-3220 Open 3 PM to 2 AM 7 days a week. DJ Fri & Sat, Happy Hour 3-8 M-F, Country line dancing on Sundays at 7 PM: \$2 cover, 25 cents off mixed drinks, draft and bottled beers.

**Village** 133 W 18th St, Erie PA 16501-2103 (814)452-0125 Open Monday-Sunday 8 PM to 2 AM. Appetizer menu, darts, 2 pool tables, Karaoke in basement on Saturday 10 PM to 2 AM. Dance hits of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

**Zone** 1711 State St, Erie PA 16501-2209 (814)459-1711 Open Mon-Fri 4 PM - 2 AM, Sat 8 PM to 2 AM. Happy Hour 5-7 M-F. Kitchen open Mon - Thurs 4 PM to 12 Midnight, Fri 4 PM - 10 PM, Sat 8 PM to 10 PM. Daily drink specials, darts, pool table. Live DJ playing your requests Wed-Sat. Was formerly Embers under different ownership.

## Books, Gifts & Retail

**AllPride Pride Shop** [pgifts@erie.net](mailto:pgifts@erie.net) [www.allpride.com](http://www.allpride.com)  
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## Crossword solution

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**Cup-a-Ccino's** 18 N Park Row, Erie PA 16501-1133 (814)456-1151  
**Matthew's Trattoria** 153 E 13th (Lovell Place), Erie PA 16502 (814)459-6458

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**Virginia Ayres, PHD** (814) 835-3829  
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**Counseling Center** 898 Park Ave, Meadville PA 16335-3335  
**Community Integration Crisis Services** 2185 W 8th St, Erie PA 16505-4747 (814)456-2014 Toll free number is (800) 300-9558  
**Family Services of Jamestown NY** 332 E 4th St, Jamestown NY 14701-5502 (716)488-1971  
**Christine L Gagliano** 3205 W 26th St Ste A, Erie PA 16506-2507 (814)836-9622 [healshop@aol.com](mailto:healshop@aol.com) [www.eriecounselors.com/counselors/gaglia\\_c.htm](http://www.eriecounselors.com/counselors/gaglia_c.htm)  
**Lake Erie Counseling Associates** 301 W 10th St, Erie PA 16502-1440 (814)455-4009  
**Well Being Center** Deb Monahan Cleer 710 Beaumont Ave, Erie PA 16505-3415 (814)838-0123

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**Directors Circle Theatre** 652 W 16th St, Erie PA 16502-1605 (814) 451-0036  
**Poppa Ropp's Video** 222 W Plum St Ste 300, Edinboro PA 16412-2121 (814)734-3014 [www.angelfire.com/biz/prw/](http://www.angelfire.com/biz/prw/) In the Edinboro Mall  
**Roadhouse Theatre for Contemporary Arts** 145 W 11th St, Erie PA 16501-1722 (814)456-5656 [roadhouse@erie.net](mailto:roadhouse@erie.net)

## Erotica, Adult Bookstores

**Modern News** 1115 State St, Erie PA 16501-1911

## Health/HIV

**Crawford County AIDS Support Group** Western Crawford County Chapter, American Red Cross, 632 Arch St, Meadville PA 16335 (814) 337-3241  
**HIV/AIDS Network Information** (814)451-6700. HIV testing at Health Department, 606 W 2nd St, Erie PA Mon noon-3:30, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM to 1 PM. Evening hours by appt. only 451-6727.  
**HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal)** See entry under Religious Organizations for more info.  
**NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie)** Sandra Quigley 1001 State Street, Suite 806, Erie PA 16501-1803 (814)456-8849 or (800) 400-AIDS  
**Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition** (814)455-7833  
**St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group** Cheryl Weber (814)455-3786, if no answer 825-1085. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 7-8:30 PM at St. Mark Center, 429 E Grandview Blvd. Use main entrance and follow signs for Support Group. For people infected and affected with HIV/AIDS and friends and family  
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### Religious Organizations, Churches

**Always Our Children** 329 W 10th St, Erie PA 16502-1440 (814) 456-2091  
1st Wednesday of each month from 7 - 9 PM at Catholic Charities For Catholic parents of GLBT children.  
**Anshe Hessed** 930 Liberty St, Erie PA 16502-1263 (814) 454-2426  
www.shomash.org/reform/uahc/cong  
**Be Ye Kind One To Another (BYKOTA)** Sue Laurie or Julie Bruno (814) 734-3959 julie.sue@juno.com 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 7-9 PM at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway Ecumenical. A confidential group open to all GLBT Christians.  
**Cathedral of St. Paul's Episcopal** 134 W 7th St, Erie PA (814) 452-3779  
**More Light Presbyterians** Evan Lloyd McClunkin (814) 864-1920 (daytime) evon@erie.net Meets on certain Thursdays at 7:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 112 W 3rd St, Waterford PA. Schedule for 200 is Jan 20, March 30, May 18, Sep 21, Nov 30.  
**Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie** 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie PA 16509-6635 (814) 864-9300 vuerie@juno.com www.geocities.com/Athens/7660  
**Unitarian Church of Jamestown** 1255 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown NY 14701-3144 (716) 488-1902

### Social Organizations

**10% Network** John (716) 484-7285 otto@madbbs.com Usually 3rd Saturday of the month, call for location and more info.  
**Menspace** Michael Mahler 1115 W 7th St, Erie PA (814) 456-9833 (814) 452-1392 info@eriegaynews.com Usually 2nd Saturday of the month at 7:30 PM. Location varies. Contact for more info. Social group for gay/bi men. Bring a dish/snack to share if you like, or not if you don't. Themes some months (participation optional)  
**Womynspace** (814) 456-9833 info@eriegaynews.com www.geocities.com/womynspace Meeting occasionally. Contact for more info.

### Student and Youth Organizations

**Allegheny Gay Pride** Miranda Cratsley Allegheny College, Box 173, Meadville PA (814) 332-3216 crotslm@alleg.edu  
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**Jamestown Community College Community Support Group** Greg Rabb 525 Falconer St, Jamestown NY 14701-1920 (716) 664-9174 rabbgp@jccw22.cc.sunyjc.edu Meets as needed during school year. Open to all interested. Peer counseling and support.  
**Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Union** Jim Shiffer Kent State-Ashtabula, Ash-tabula OH (814) 824-2371 shifferj@toalcity.net First and third Thursdays of the month at 8 PM in Room C-133. Teens, young adults, students, adults. Everyone welcome.  
**Mercyhurst Gay/Straight Alliance** Dr. Barbara Watters 501 W 38th St, Erie PA 16508-2757 (814) 824-2371 bwatters@mercyhurst.edu  
**Partners** Luella Clayton PO Box 418, Columbus PA 16405-0418 (814) 664-7090 Carry PA social group for GLBT. Goes out to movies, dinners and events. Contact for locations/times.  
**SUNY-Fredonia Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Union (GLBSU)** Vince Courtney Fredonia NY (716) 673-3139 glbsu@hotmail.com Tuesdays at 10 PM in Williams Center  
**Trigon** Behrend College Mailroom, Box 1054, Erie PA 16562 (814) 898-6030 trigonpsu@hotmail.com Monday and Wednesdays. Contact for time and location. Support group for Behrend students, faculty and alumni.

### Support Groups

**Erie Sisters Club 1614/** 1903 W 8th St Ste 162, Erie PA 16505-4936 lothar.lk@cwix.com www.geocities.com/Wellesley/1614 Held at accepting establishments the 4th Saturday of the month. Changing facilities available. See website for more info.  
**Lambda Group AA** Bernie (814) 459-7262 bredrht@velocity.net No longer actively meeting.  
**PFLAG-Erie, Warren, Meadville/Crawford County and Newcastle chapters** Luella Clayton PO Box 418, Columbus PA 16405-0418 (814) 664-7090 Contact for meeting times/locations.

### Violence and Domestic Abuse

**Jamestown-YWCA Alternatives to Violence** Jamestown NY (716) 488-2237 Number listed above is for daytime, night time is (716) 484-0052.  
**SafeNet** 1702 French St, Erie PA 16501-2204 (814) 454-8161 Shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, transitional living programs, domestic violence prevention initiative  
**Women's Center of Warren and Forest Counties** (800) 338-3460 24 hour hotline; sexual assault as well.  
**Women's Services of Crawford County** (814) 333-9766 24 hour hotline

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