



# EGN

## Erie Gay News



### Stonewall Celebration on May 23 at UU Congregation of Erie

by Rev. Steve Aschmann

There will be a ritual celebration of LGBTQ Pride called "Stonewall: Standing On The Side of Love" on Sunday, May 23rd at 10:30 AM at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway (Route 97). We will honor the sacred connection between sexuality and spirituality. We will be inspired by a Stonewall Seder, sacred handholding, liberated closet doors, an omnisex clown, Pride songs, and other surprises. Pat Collins from Chautauqua Rainbow Pride will be the featured musician and speaker. Others from the Erie community will join with Rev. Steve Aschmann in this annual ecumenical religious experience. An extravagant welcome is extended for all who stand on the side of love! For more info call Rev. Steve at (814) 440-0902.

### Friends hold moving tributes and benefits for Mark Pacheco

by Deb Spilko

Friends of Mark Pacheco held events in Jamestown and Erie to remember the man who lost his life on March 10 due to injuries he suffered in an attack.

A benefit was held at Sky Bar in Jamestown on March 21. It also became a Stop the Violence rally, putting out a call to end the violence that has plagued that city recently. Stop the Violence T-shirts featuring a photo of Mark. On March 28 the Zone held an event to raise money for the family's expenses.

Photos from the Zone event are on the Erie Gay News website. EGN also has a tribute page for Mark.

A Facebook page has been set up called In Loving Memory of Mark Pacheco. People have been leaving tribute comments, and there is an album of photos from the event in Jamestown.



*Michelle Michaels, Mistress Vanitay and Marcos at benefit and memorial for Mark Pacheco at the Zone. Photos from the event on our website, taken by Mike Mabler. Photos from the Sky Bar event are on the Mark Pacheco memorial Facebook page.*

### Mahoning Valley Pride Center news

from Mahoning Valley Pride Center

Your Mahoning Valley Pride Center is creating a 'Pride Garden' and 'AIDS Memorial Trail,' in the lot next door to the Pride Center, generously donated by Don Rowinsky and Rick Carter. This project is a first for the area! We are soliciting landscape architects and donations now to get this project off the ground. We will be needing all of our friends, allies and supporters in the community to make this project happen. Thanks so much for your support for this awesome project. For info and updates visit [www.mvpridecenter.com](http://www.mvpridecenter.com)

### LBT Women upcoming events

LBT Women announces upcoming schedule with quite a line-up of upcoming events. For more information :(814) 452-6645 Visit <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>

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We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBTs for publication in these pages. We will consider for publication any nonfiction article, blurb, or illustration graphic that upholds that spirit. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.

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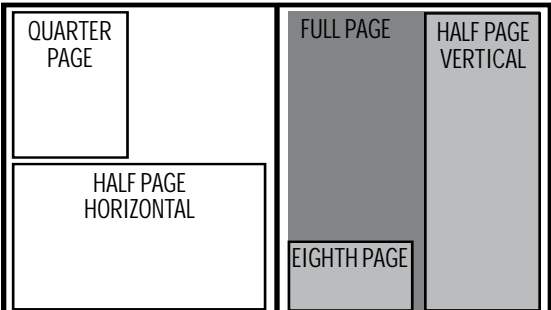
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To the Mike Kohler for hosting: Alex Bolla, Andrea, Anthony S, Bruce Shrou, C. Michael, Erin M. M., James von Loewe, Janice Hanusik, Jeff, Jerry McCumber, Jim, Johauna, Kelly Kidd, Kim, Kirsten, Laurie Finch, Lee Marinus, Mags, Michael Kohler & Suzanne Marinus for folding; Andrea, Anthony S, Bruce Shrou, C. Michael, Erin M. M., James von Loewe, Janice Hanusik, Jerry McCumber, Johauna, Kim, Laurie Finch & Mags for distribution; Mike Lipiec for ad layout & etc. If you're interested in helping out, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com.

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# Community News

Apr 24 - Pot Luck & Game Night at Andrea and Kim's 4PM - for info e-mail Andrea at nellieblu82460@yahoo.com  
 Apr 25 Meet Laurie and Jan at "Erie Storm" indoor football at 2PM. We have seats in section 18 - Row A - seats 1 & 2 - so you can purchase seats near us!  
 May 7 - "Spirit Fest" Film Festival Erie Playhouse. More to be announced as film schedule is set.  
 May 8 - "Erie Illusion" Women's Football - 4PM - Erie Veterans Stadium.  
 May 12 - Pool at Andy's Pub 6:30 PM. Meet Lisa and the gang. Pool is free for women after 6:30  
 May 14 - "Erie Storm" indoor football - Meet Kim, Andrea, Laurie and Jan at 7:30 PM - Section 18 - Row A - seats 1-4 - so you can purchase seats near us!  
 May 15 - Edinboro Art & Music Festival All day, downtown Edinboro. Grassroots music and art. Meet at 11AM  
 May 16 - LBT Women of Erie monthly meeting at PIG 1PM. (Date changed because of Mother's Day).  
 May 22- FYI - Not an event, but it is a PA "Fish for

Free Day" No license required.  
 May 22 - Seawolves game 6:35 PM - Meet Kim and Andrea, Laurie and Jan - Section 202 Row HH Seats 16-19.  
 May 23 - "Shoot the Breeze" at Robin and Barb's 1:30 PM Call Robin to RSVP and for address at 455-3127. Bring a snack or a drink to share.  
 May 27 - Fold Erie Gay News 7PM at the Zone 21 and older (because of being at a bar).  
 Jun 3 - Wild Rib Cook Off - Perry Square, Erie. Meet Laurie and Janice, Kim and Andrea at 6:30PM on State St. in the food area.  
 Jun 5 - Erie Illusion Women's Football 4PM Vets Stadium  
 Jun 6 - Fish for Free Day in PA. No license needed. Meet at West Pier on Presque Isle 9AM. Bring picnic lunch.  
 Jun 9 - (Tentative) Erie Sunset Concert Series Beach 1 6-9 PM. Every Wednesday through July 14. Events

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# Community News

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decided when schedule is posted.

Jun 11 - Erie Seawolves Game 7:05 PM. Andrea, Kim, Laurie and Jan will be in seats sect 202 HH 16-19

Jun 12 - Pride Picnic Rotary Pavilion Presque Isle 1PM

Jun 13 - LBT Women of Erie meet 1PM at Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse

Jun 17 - Hot Air Balloon Festival in Meadville TBA

Jun 19 - "Ren" Fair see Erin, Kelly and Amanda's play in Corry.

Jun 23 - Pool at Andy's Pub 6:30PM meet Lisa.

Jun 24 - Folding EGN at Mike Kohler's 614 Cherry St. 7PM till?

Jun 25 - Erie Festival of the Arts Liberty Park on Bayfront. Meet Kim, Andrea and Jan and Laurie. TBA.

Jun 26 - Erie Seawolves Game 7:05 PM. Kim, Andrea, Jan and Laurie - Section 201, Row HH Seats 16-19

## Buffalo Brunch 2010

from *Buffalo Brunch*

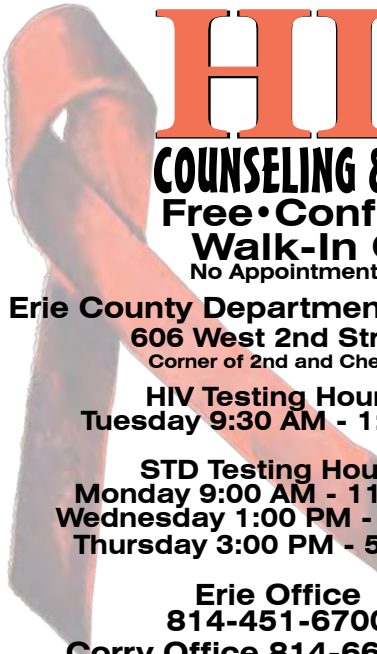
The annual Buffalo Brunch continues its proud tradition of support for a positive Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgendered (LGBT) community in Buffalo and Western New York at noon on Sunday, May 2nd at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Over 500 people are expected to attend this important event, celebrating Buffalo's Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgendered (LGBT) community and its friends for 14 years. Tickets are \$50; sponsorships are also available and will support projects, organizations, causes and people that positively impact the LGBT community in Buffalo and Western New York. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased by calling Jeff Platt at 716-829-7766 or visiting [www.buffalobrunch.org](http://www.buffalobrunch.org). For more information, please contact Lynn Tranchell at 716-698-9782 or [Tranchell@clearahead.com](mailto:Tranchell@clearahead.com)

## Picnic and Resource Update

By *Michael Mahler*

The Picnic Planning Committee has been working diligently to make the 18th Annual Erie Gay News Family Pride Picnic on Saturday, June 12 from 1 to 6 PM at the Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle State Park even better than last year! Every year, we also take the opportunity to also update the online resource directory at the Erie Gay News web site. If you are a resource, you should shortly be getting an update form with info about participating in the picnic. Please get this back ASAP. Since we work hard at keeping info current, we may delete resources from the online directory if we believe that they may be defunct. You can also submit a request to add or update a resource at the Erie Gay News web site.

You can see more about the picnic and register online at <http://picnic.eriegaynews.com>. If you register online, you can also sign up to volunteer if you wish - a great way to make friends! Also, the online registration form has fields for requesting an info table. Just fill in the name of the organization.



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS MAY 15

# Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

I hope that everyone has been having a good month! Drenched Fur was an absolute blast! I also wanted to publicly thank the incredible generosity of all of the wonderful guys who came to the run. Every year, Drenched Fur picks a different cause to raise money for, and this year, they chose *Erie Gay News*. Because of some changes to the print shop we use, things have occasionally been a tad tight of late. I am deeply grateful to report that this year's efforts set an all time record for the run! When Gary told me how much had been raised, I must confess that my jaw dropped in shock - I think he took a certain sneaky satisfaction in springing such a surprise. It is very important that we all support each other. One of the big projects that we take very seriously at *Erie Gay News* is our voters guide, which appears in this issue. In part because of the generosity of Drenched Fur attendees, we are able to put out a slightly larger issue, and include more races than we might have been able to otherwise. One of the best ways that you can thank the folks who gave so freely is

to vote for candidates whom you believe will support our community. Help keep the good stuff going!

Although it has not been perfect, I was very glad to see that President Obama took a stance to require most hospitals to allow same-sex partners to visit their hospitalized partners. This is about patients' rights! The full story is on the *Erie Gay News* web site.

I was very much touched by the benefit for Mark Pacheco at the Zone. I went to take some photos and was talking with some folks right after the fundraiser, and we all stressed how important it is for the community to support each other. I then walked back to my car, and found that it wouldn't start! My friend Season and drag king performer Megan, Jessica and Alyssa came out and were very helpful in checking it out. Who knew that talking about the community sticking together would come back so quickly!

Hope to see everyone at the picnic on Saturday, June 12. We have some new features that the committee has been working hard to bring to you!

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# Calendar

This calendar is also online at [www.eriegaynews.com/news/calendar.php](http://www.eriegaynews.com/news/calendar.php)

**Apr 24 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Opening Weekend** 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to [www.campdaviscampground.com](http://www.campdaviscampground.com).

**Apr 25 (Sun) - Benefit for Celine DeShawn** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 10:45 PM. Celine will be competing in Miss Gay New York US. No cover charge. All the girls are giving their tips. Show some love for one of Erie's girls! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com>.

**Apr 28 (Wed) - Youth Support Group meets** Gustavus Adolphus Learning Center, 200 Gustavus Ave, Jamestown, NY 14701. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. A peer support group for GLBT youth and their allies ages 14 to 19 is co-sponsored by GA Family Services and GLYS. Meetings held in the cafetorium. Contact: Deb. Phone: (716) 969-1873. Email: [glyswny@gmail.com](mailto:glyswny@gmail.com). Visit [www.glyswny.org](http://www.glyswny.org)

**Apr 29 (Thu) - PFLAG Butler meets** (Butler Area Public Library, 218 N. McKean St, Butler, PA 16001) 7 PM - 8:30 PM. Support group for parents, friends and families of lesbians, gays and transgendered people. We have a few business items to take care of that will require a QUORUM vote of our membership. This is the perfect time to join up with the chapter. Annual dues per family are \$20. Checks may be made payable to BUTLER COUNTY PFLAG and given to our treasurer Sabrina Schnur. Contact: Joe Tomlinson. Venue Phone: (724) 287-1715. Email: [pflagbutler09@hotmail.com](mailto:pflagbutler09@hotmail.com). Browse to <http://www.butlerpflag.weebly.com>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.butlerlibrary.info/>.

**Apr 30 - May 2 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Opening Weekend - Welcome Back** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Cinco de Mayo; Margarita Madness; Bring a Margarita mixer for the Blenders!; Mexican Potluck Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**May 1 (Sat) - Happy May Day at Craze** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Stop down and gear up for summer with us at Craze! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**May 1 (Sat) - Zone's Spring Break Fiesta!** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Girls & Guys Gone Wild! Get into your Latin groove as we play a little hot salsa, drink a few cold coronas, and fiesta the night away! Try a margarita or strawberry daiquiri from our frozen drink machine! Vamos en el Zone! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com).

**May 1 (Sat) - Elton John in Youngstown** Covelli Centre [www.eltonjohn.com](http://www.eltonjohn.com)

**May 2 (Sun) - The Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus**



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**May 2 (Sun) - 2010 Picnic Planning Committee meets** (Panera’s - Yorktown Plaza, 2501 W 12th St, Erie, PA. 2 PM. The 18th Annual Erie Gay News Family Pride Picnic will be Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Rotary Pavilion. Volunteers needed to make this picnic the best one yet! You can sign up for the list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com> and see more about the picnic at <http://picnic.eriegaynews.com>. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Phone: (814) 833-9101. Email: [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). Browse to [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com). RSVP/Register/Tickets at [www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=10150127873735203](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=10150127873735203).

**May 3 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series 1607** Raspberry St. 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**May 4 (Tue) - Ohio Primary Election**

**May 5 (Wed) - Zone’s Cinco de Mayo Party!** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Get into your Latin groove as we play a little hot salsa, drink a few cold Coronas, and fiesta the night away! Try a margarita or strawberry daiquiri from our frozen drink machine! Vamos en el Zone! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com).

**May 7 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour)** (Brewerie at Union Station, 123 W 14th St, Erie PA 16501) 6-8 PM. G2H2/Erie takes place every month in a new location around town, providing GLBT professionals, and our colleagues and friends, the opportunity to meet, network or just hang out once a month. You can also sign up for the Erie Gay Business Alliance email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>. Venue Phone: (814) 864-5589. Find on Facebook..

**May 7 - 9 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Retro Weekend** Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Dancin’ through the decades. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

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**May 9 (Sun) - Zone Dance Club: FACE** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Drag series. NOTE: Date change for this month only! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com).

**May 10 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets** Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hwy, Erie, PA. 7 PM - 8:30 PM. Support group for parents, friends and families of GLBT people. If you would like to become a member, please see Millie, our secretary/treasurer. Bring a family member, friend, and yourself! Coffee, tea and hot cocoa provided, feel free to bring a treat or refreshment to share. Phone: (814) 454-1392 (John). Email: [pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com](mailto:pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com).

**May 14 - 16 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Prom Weekend** (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Spike our Punch

Dance Party. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**May 15 (Sat) - Craze Turns 2!** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Come Celebrate with the gang! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

**May 15 (Sat) - Deadline for EGN June 2010 print edition** (1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA 16502-1105) Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released the evening of Mar 25. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at [www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php](http://www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php). Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). Browse to [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com).

**May 15 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Leather Weekend I** 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to [www.campdavis-ground.com](http://www.campdavis-ground.com).

**May 16 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meets at Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse** 1PM, Young LBT Women meet at 2PM. (814) 452-6645

**May 17 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. The CRAZE birthday party continues with the Entertainment Series! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**May 18 (Tue) - Pennsylvania Primary Election 7 AM - 8 PM.** Please remember to vote!

**May 18 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets** Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA. 7 PM. Every third Tuesday of the month, the Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty facilitates a discussion group on spirituality and sexuality at Community United Church. Meetings are confidential. Come join

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the discussion! Contact: Rich McCarty. Phone: (319) 270-5140. Email: richmccarty@msn.com.

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**May 22 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Disco Queen Night** 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to <http://www.campdavicampground.com>.

**May 22-LBT Women at Seawolves Game for Breast Cancer Awareness.** We will once again be at the Erie Seawolves Game for breast Cancer Awareness "Paint the Park Pink Game against the Altoona Curve. The game is at 6:35 PM. Meet Kim and Andrea, Laurie and Jan in Section 202 Row HH Seats 16-19. Join us! For more information :(814) 452-6645 Visit <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>

**May 27 (Thu) - Erie Gay News folding/distributing work party** Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. 7 PM. Please contact the night before to verify that we are on schedule! Help us get out the print edition of *Erie Gay News*. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. 21 and over, please (because of being a bar). It is also a great way to hang out and chat with folks! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com.

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**Jun 3 (Thu) - Nocturnal Asylum at Craze** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**Jun 4 (Fri) - Mr. and Miss Pride Youngstown** At Utopia Night [www.mvpridecenter.com](http://www.mvpridecenter.com)

**Jun 29 - Cyndi Lauper in Cleveland** at House of Blues

**Jul 14 (Wed) - Lady Gaga Monster Ball in Cleveland** Quicken Loans Arena

**Jul 27 (Tue) - Lilith Fair in Cuyahoga Falls OH** Cleveland line-up: Court Yard Hounds, Mary J. Blige, Sarah McLachlan, Nikki Jean, Sara Bareilles & more!

# Letters

I find it just incomprehensible the Roman Catholic Church is still in denial over the sexual abuse on the thousands of children from their priest and the hierarchy that has hidden it. For the priests across the world to stand on the alter and tell their congregations that homosexually, adultery, abuse and same sex marriage is a sin is an insult to all Catholics. As the old saying goes "those who live in glass houses". The Catholic Church needs to clean house beginning with the Pope on down.

As someone who came from a background in the Orthodox Church, this problem doesn't exist, because they have two types of priests. There are monastic's who many serve as the hierarchy of the church and then priest who are married that serve in the parishes. A married priest can identify with the problems many married couples and single people have with the everyday problems they may encounter.

Bishop Trauman just celebrated his 25th anniversary in Erie ; he missed an opportune time to extend his apologies to the members of the Diocese for the actions or lack of action for several local priests who remain unpunished. Once this happens many of us "Recovering Catholics" will return to the church.

**R. E. Liebel**

# On Stage

The Oakland Center for the Arts in Youngstown, Ohio will host the Robert Joki produced and directed show "**When I Knew and How it Saved My Life.**" This will be the second year for the show. This is a whole new production of the show with new stories, songs etc. The show will be one night only May 22. There will be a reception at 7 PM, with the show starting at 8 PM. 220 W. Boardman St. Youngstown, OH, 44503 Phone: (330) 746-0404. Show benefits Pride Youngstown's Street Festival. Visit [www.mvpridecenter.com](http://www.mvpridecenter.com)

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# Scandals Blamed on Homosexuality

By Rev. Richard A. Moyer  
Pastor, Community United Church

“SCANDALS BLAMED ON HOMOSEXUALITY.” That was the headline of a recent newspaper article that certainly caught my attention. The Associated Press reported that Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican Secretary of State, said that “the sex scandals haunting the Catholic Church are linked to homosexuality.” He goes on to say that (many psychologists and psychiatrists) have shown that there is a relationship between homosexuality and pedophilia.” He doesn’t name the psychologists or the psychiatrists who have come to this conclusion.

To my way of thinking, Cardinal Bertone’s statement is misleading. In my many years of experience as a parish pastor I’ve counseled countless men and women who have told me that they were sexually molested by an adult when they were children or teenagers. I, like other clergy, have heard the heart-breaking stories of persons who have been psychologically scarred for life because they are victims of sexual abuse. I have been in the presence of those who have wept uncontrollably as they have described the nature and the details of the sexual misconduct, perpetrated by an adult against them. What I can also say is that in the vast majority of cases I have dealt with, the abuse was heterosexual in nature, not homosexual.

In my own family, I listened to a close relative tell me that she was a victim of sexual abuse when she was 9 and 10 years old. The abuse came from an adult man whom she knew and trusted.

The very day that this article appeared in the local newspaper there was another news account about a man who is 38 years old. He pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a young girl over several years. He was sentenced to 25-60 years in state prison as the result of two first degree felony counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse. His victim was a girl whom he abused from the time she was less than a year old until she was 4 years old. The incident occurred in a small town near Erie.

As far as I know, the statistics make Cardinal Bertone’s claim questionable. Much, if not most, child sexual abuse occurs when a child is molested by a person of the opposite sex.

The headline that reads “SCANDALS BLAMED ON HOMOSEXUALITY” should be of concern to

every thinking person. Have we forgotten so soon that Hitler blamed not only Jews but homosexuals for the problems of Germany? Have we forgotten that Nero, in his attempt to blame Christians for problems in the Roman Empire, accused many of them of performing homosexual acts?

To say that there is a relationship between homosexuality and pedophilia, and “this is the problem,” as Cardinal Bertone states, is troublesome to me. I think it is a denial of the real issues that are at the root of the problem of pedophilia which most certainly needs to be addressed in our society today.

*The Community United Church is an open and affirming congregation and is a member of United Church of Christ and Church of the Brethren denomination. . It is located at 1011 W 38th St. in Erie. Services are Sunday at 11am. (814) 864-4429. The pastor is Richard A. Moyer and his assistant is Dr. Richard McCarty. Website is [www.uccwebsites.net/comuceritepa.html](http://www.uccwebsites.net/comuceritepa.html)*


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## Screen

The theatrical release date for **I Love You, Philip Morris** (with Jim Carrey and Ewan McGregor) has been moved up to July 2010.

### On video

**Breakfast with Scot** (2007) Eric (*Ed's* Tom Cavanagh) and his partner Sam (Ben Shenkman) happily live discreet lives, until a death causes them to assume custody of Scot, a budding queen of an 11-year old. "Family movies in which an unwilling adult is thrust into the role of temporary guardian are a Hollywood staple, but these flicks are usually overloaded with stereotypes. While *Breakfast With Scot* delivers the requisite humour — not to mention some old-fashioned Christmas magic — it stands apart for its hearty helping of food for thought." -*Toronto Globe and Mail* [www.breakfastwithscotmovie.com](http://www.breakfastwithscotmovie.com) *E1 Entertainment*

**Lovers & Friends Show** (2008) New urban web based lesbian show that made its debut January 1st 2008 is now on DVD. The show focuses on six multi-ethnic women of color and their friends navigating through life's obstacles, making new friends, and experiencing new drama. Visit [www.loversnfriendsshow.com](http://www.loversnfriendsshow.com)  
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### On our website

Online now or coming soon: to [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

### Videos

Dame Edna Everidge "interviews" k.d. lang<sup>66</sup>, Same Sex Marriage Equality Video, Tom Goss at the PIG LBT at opening game of Erie Illusion

### Photos

- FACE Drag Show
- Mark Pacheco Benefit at the Zone
- Tom Goss and Jeremiah Clark at Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse
- LBT Women of Erie - Midtown Trip, Erie Illusion Games, Claytopia and Hurry Hill Farm

### Web-only Articles

- Other news!





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*Pennsylvania candidates for US Senate, US Congress (PA-3), Governor and PA State Assembly were asked about their positions on GLBT issues. Their responses appear on the next few pages.*

## US Senate

*Not Responding:* **Peg Luksik (R), Pat Toomey (R)**

### Anti-Discrimination

*What is your stance on legislation, such as the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity for civilian nonreligious employers with over 15 employees?*

#### **Joe Sestak (D)**

Yes. I will continue to support efforts to strengthen state anti-discrimination laws to protect the GLBT community, including through House Bill 300 or similar legislation. When I was a State Senator, I introduced, co-sponsored, and voted for many such bills. I also introduced my own legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and the Pennsylvania Fair Educational Opportunities Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

#### **Arlen Specter (D-Incumbent)**

When the legislation was introduced, I said, "There is no place for discrimination in this country, and I commend my colleagues for their work to champion equal rights for every American. I am proud to be a cosponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act which seeks to end discrimination in the workplace."

On August 5th, 2009, I cosponsored legislation introduced by Senators Jeff Merkley (OR), Susan Collins (ME), Edward Kennedy (MA) and Olympia Snowe (ME) known as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, to prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

I have been working with my colleagues since ENDA was first introduced in the mid-90s. In 1996 it got its first vote and I voted to SUPPORT its passage. I have cosponsored ENDA in every session it was

introduced since 1999, and voted for it whenever it was brought to a vote. I am a cosponsor of the current version of ENDA, which is fully inclusive, including gender identity and gender expression.

### Military Service

*Do you support repeal or modification of Don't Ask Don't Tell?*

#### **Joe Sestak (D)**

In both the current and the previous Congress, I have been a cosponsor of legislation to repeal "don't ask, don't tell" and permit gay, lesbian, and bisexual service members to serve their nation openly, honestly, and honorably. "Don't ask, don't tell" is discriminatory and detrimental to national security. How can we say someone who went to war for his country doesn't deserve equal rights?

During my 31 years in the military, I served alongside and in command of men and women of all backgrounds, beliefs, and identities who fought valiantly and selflessly. When a man or woman puts on a military uniform, he or she immediately assumes a commonality of purpose with all fellow service members. I cannot and will not turn my back on anyone who serves this nation honorably.

#### **Arlen Specter (D-Incumbent)**

I support the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell. I believe that a person's sexual orientation has no bearing on their ability to proudly serve their country in the armed services. The Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy should be repealed entirely. I publicly praised the President for making this issue a priority in his State of the Union Address. I am an original cosponsor of the the Military Readiness Enhancement Act of 2010, which contains three main provisions: it will repeal the law that prevents gay Americans from openly serving in the military, prohibit discrimination against current and prospective service members on the basis of sexual orientation, and promote the ability of college students who wish to serve our country to join Reserve Officer

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Training Corps units at universities that currently prevent the establishment of ROTC units on campus.

## Other

*What else would you like to let gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) voters, and their families, friends and supporter concerned about GLBT issues know about you?*

## Joe Sestak (D)

My position on the civil rights issues of the LGBT community is born out of my 31 years of service in the U.S. Navy. I went to war with brave servicemen and women, where it was known— because of public surveys— that a certain percentage were gay. How can you come home and say “you went to war for my country with me, but you don’t deserve equal rights?”

When I first ran for Congress in 2006, I called for a repeal of DOMA. Since then, I have co-sponsored legislation to provide federal LGBT employees with the same partnership benefits provided to all spouses of federal employees, prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation, and repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” I was also the keynote speaker at the Human Rights Campaign 2008 Gala and the Equality Forum 2008.

## Arlen Specter (D-Incumbent)

I have been endorsed by The Liberty City Democrats, Philadelphia’s most active LGBT organization, and received a “strong endorsement” from The Steel City Stonewall Democrats, an active LGBT group in Pittsburgh. When I was assistant district attorney in Philadelphia I clamped down on Philly cops for harassing and extorting gay men. I was an original cosponsor of the first hate crimes legislation, the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1997, along with Senator Kennedy. He cosponsored the bill every year until its passage in October 2009. I support repealing the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), and supports civil unions that offer all rights that opposite-sex couples have. I have been a consistent co-sponsor of the Early Treatment for HIV Act to provide low income, HIV positive Americans with Medicaid coverage. I have always

supported a woman’s right to choose. NARAL gave me a 90% rating in their most recent congressional scorecard. I led the charge against Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork, who wanted to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. I supported passing the Uniting American Families Act which would allow U.S. citizens and permanent residents to sponsor their same-sex partners for family-based immigration.

For more information, please visit <http://SpecterPride.com>.

## Pat Toomey (R)

*[Editors’ note: Although Pat Toomey did not respond, his statements and record are of concern to GLBT voters. The following is excerpted from a column by Michael A. Jones written in March 2009, entitled “If You Thought Rick Santorum Was Bad on LGBT Rights, Watch Out For Pat Toomey.” Link to the complete article from our website].*

“As a former GOP Congressman from the late 1990s through 2004, Toomey put together a legislative voting record that’s to the right of Ken Starr on LGBT issues. He openly supported a federal amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning gay marriage. He voted to ban gay adoptions in the District of Columbia. He voted for the Marriage Protection Act of 2004 (largely seen as an effort to completely overthrow the U.S. judicial system and usurp the power of federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court).

“Pat Toomey brings the same anti-LGBT perspective to politics that Rick Santorum had. The real difference between Toomey and Santorum is that Toomey is far more craven and intelligent than Santorum, and he could really wreak havoc in Washington if Pennsylvania sends him to the Senate.” (link to complete column from [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com))

**Link to candidates’ websites  
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## US Congress (PA-3)

*Not Responding:* Mel Marin (D), Ed Franz (R), Clayton Grabb (R), Paul Huber (r), Mike Kelly (R), Martha Moore (R)

### Anti-Discrimination

*What is your stance on legislation, such as the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity for civilian nonreligious employers with over 15 employees?*

#### Kathy Dahlkemper (D-Incumbent)

I am supportive of this legislation, which ensures that no employee suffers discrimination in the work place, whether that includes gender, race, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

#### Steven M Fisher (R)

Only concern is cross-dressing / transvestities as that can make customers and others uncomfortable.

### Military Service

*Do you support repeal or modification of Don't Ask Don't Tell?*

#### Kathy Dahlkemper (D-Incumbent)

Yes

#### Steven M Fisher (R)

Yes

### Other

*What else would you like to let gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) voters, and their families, friends and supporter concerned about GLBT issues know about you?*

#### Steven M Fisher (R)

I have known many gays and lesbians over the years. This does not bother me. However, I do not like to see public affection (regardless of sexual preference.) I do believe that marriage should be between a man and woman. (I believe in being honest about my answers.)

#### Mel Marin (D)

*[Editors' Note: Mr. Marin did not respond to our questions, but his remarks connecting homosexuality with sexual abuse of children—are strong enough to deserve the attention of people reading this guide. Verbatim from the "Losing Our Children" section of his website:*

*"Forcing tax-payers to spend money to advertise that group in elementary school text books, and holding parades with music and clowns, can only be intended to confuse 10 year-olds to set them up for molestation at age 13."*

*"To make it worse, some judges have joined-in and actually ordered text books for children to include pictures of same-sex couples, and have even ordered adoption agencies to hand-over innocent children to them. What chance do those children have to grow up healthy? What chance do yours? Those too young and innocent to know what life is about can, by one molestation, be emotionally crippled and denied the greatest joys of life, forever. Children have civil rights too. Democrats cannot ignore the civil rights of children simply because they are busy fighting for those of others. Has anyone ever listen to the quiet prayers of children? They do not pray for themselves. They pray for their parents. So we must pray for our children. Before we lose an entire generation."*

More on his website at [www.melmmarin.com](http://www.melmmarin.com)



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## PA Governor

*Not Responding:* **Anthony Hardy Williams (D)**, **Tom Corbett (R)**, **Samuel Rohrer (R)**

### Anti-Discrimination

*Would you be willing to sign an amendment to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, the commonwealth's civil rights law, to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes?*

#### Joe Hoeffel (D)

I support amending the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes. The Pennsylvania Human Relations Act provides critical protection against discrimination based on race, gender, and disabilities, and these protections must also be extended to the GLBT community.

#### Dan Onorato (D)

As Allegheny County Executive, I won passage of a historic ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity in

employment, housing, real estate and public accommodations, as well as the creation of a county-level Human Relations Commission. In fact, right now only residents of Allegheny, Erie

and Philadelphia Counties have this protection. I support statewide anti-discrimination legislation.

#### Jack Wagner (D)

Yes. I will continue to support efforts to strengthen state anti-discrimination laws to protect the GLBT community, including through House Bill 300 or similar legislation. When I was a State Senator, I introduced, co-sponsored, and voted for many such bills. I also introduced my own legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and the Pennsylvania Fair Educational Opportunities Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

### Hate Crimes

*As governor, would you be willing to sign an amendment to the Title 18 Ethnic Intimidations Act to define crimes against individuals based on "actual or perceived ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity" as ethnic intimidation, or hate crimes?*

#### Joe Hoeffel (D)

I support amending the Title 18 Ethnic Intimidations Act to include LGBT-bias hate crimes. I am pleased HB 745 has passed, I hope the Senate will act soon to pass this same bill, and I will sign this amendment into law.

#### Dan Onorato (D)

I will call on the General Assembly to add actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender, ancestry and physical and mental disability to Pennsylvania's hate crimes law. The

Legislature has already passed this statute once, but it was thrown out by the courts due to the process the General Assembly used to enact it.

#### Jack Wagner (D)

Yes. I will continue to support efforts to strengthen state laws to protect the GLBT community from violence. As a State Senator, I introduced an amendment to the Ethnic Intimidation Act to increase sentences for bias or hate crimes motivated by the victim's actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity; such an amendment was later enacted into law. I also introduced legislation to require the Attorney General and the State Police to collect and report statistics on crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation or gender identity.

### Other

*What else would you like to let gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) voters, and their families, friends and supporter concerned about GLBT issues know about you?*





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## Joe Hoeffel (D)

I believe one of the most important roles of government is fighting discrimination of all forms and leveling the playing field so that all members of our society are afforded equal opportunity. I am proud of my long voting record on GLBT issues, for which the Human Rights Campaign gave me 100% ratings in each of my three terms in Congress. I am also pleased to have received the endorsements in this campaign of the Liberty City Democratic Club in Philadelphia and the Gertrude Stein Club of Greater Pittsburgh.

I support full marriage equality for same sex couples and will advocate for its passage. I also support full domestic partner benefits for government and governmental agency employees. Pennsylvania should have no tolerance for any discrimination and I will work on all fronts to protect individual rights.

For more information on my policies, I encourage you to visit <http://joehoffel2010.com/lgbt-rights> and <http://joehoffel2010.com/marriage-equality>

## Dan Onorato (D)

I have worked closely with the LGBT community in my role as Allegheny County Executive. If elected Governor, I will have an inclusive Administration with diversity in my appointments to the Cabinet, boards and commissions, and judicial nominations.

I'd also like to tell readers why I am running for Governor. The most important issue in this year's campaign is the economy. Voters are looking for a candidate who can establish the environment for the private-sector to create jobs, and I am the only candidate for Governor who has a track record turning around the economy and running a government. When I took over Allegheny County, we were hemorrhaging jobs and facing a substantial deficit; today our unemployment rate is far lower than the nation's and the state's, and I have presided over six balanced budgets with no property tax increases. I will also bring real reform to Harrisburg – and again, I am the only candidate in the race who has proven experience on this issue. Under my leadership, Allegheny County eliminated six elected row offices, streamlined government, and saved taxpayers money while improving public services.

## Jack Wagner (D)

As a member of Pittsburgh City Council, State Senator, and now as Auditor General, I have been open-minded about issues impacting the GLBT community. My administration will lead by example in hiring, appointing, and working with members of the GLBT community. I welcome and encourage the participation of every qualified Pennsylvanian at all levels of government. Our challenges are too big and numerous to exclude anyone from the efforts to face and overcome them. I welcome your suggestions for appointments to full-time positions in my administration, as well as to the many boards and commissions of state government.

I also know that the members and supporters of the GLBT community are not single-issue voters, so I want you to know my views on other important issues. The first priority of the next Governor must be to assess the fiscal condition of state government and develop a comprehensive plan to maintain vital

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government services without raising taxes. My experience as Auditor General makes me uniquely suited for this important task. I know firsthand where the waste, fraud, and abuse are in government programs from the thousands of audits that I have conducted. I will implement my recommendations for saving money in state government programs in order to invest in education, job creation/retention, and the environment. My priorities in these particular areas are as follows:

[Mr. Wagner provided additional responses about education, jobs, environment, etc, and due to space limitations his complete response can be found on our website and on his campaign website [www.jackwagner.org](http://www.jackwagner.org) ]

## PA State Assembly

### Anti-Discrimination

*Do you support House Bill 300 that would amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, the commonwealth's civil rights law, to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes?*

### Hate Crimes

*Do you support HB 745 which would amend the Title 18 Ethnic Intimidations Act to define crimes against individuals based on "actual or perceived ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity" as ethnic intimidation, or hate crimes.*

### OTHER

*What else would you like to let gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) voters, and their families, friends and supporter concerned about GLBT issues know about you?*

## District 1

### Anti Discrimination

#### Pat Harkins (D-Incumbent)

I am a co sponsor on HB 300 and I believe that we must strive to protect the civil rights of all the citizens of our state and yes I believe that should include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression".

### Hate Crimes

#### Pat Harkins (D-Incumbent)

I would support HB 745, I thought that I was on as a co sponsor of that legislation but I don't see my name currently listed, I will check on Monday and make sure that I am on that bill also, I believe that in the year 2010 we should be well beyond issues like this and it is a shame that we are still dealing with things like this.

### Other

#### Pat Harkins (D-Incumbent)

I think after my four years as a state representative people know that I am someone who listens and acts after learning as much about an issue as possible, I am very open minded and listen to all sides of an issue and often try to mediate a solution that works for everyone involved. I am always accessible, I have a great staff that works constantly to help our entire region with any problems that are brought to our attention. I am truly proud and honored to represent the first district and I look forward to continuing to do my best to help make Erie the best city in the Commonwealth.

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is May 18, 2010**

## District 2

### Anti Discrimination

Flo Fabrizio (D-Incumbent)  
Yes

### Hate Crimes

Flo Fabrizio (D-Incumbent)  
Yes

### Other

Flo Fabrizio (D-Incumbent)  
I have cosponsored Representative Mark Cohen's bill to provide for civil unions under the law.

## District 3

*Not Responding:* John Hornaman (D-Incumbent),  
Regina Smith (R)

## District 4

*Not Responding:* Curt Sonney (R-Incumbent)

### Anti Discrimination

Gerry Price (D)  
Yes!

### Hate Crimes

Gerry Price (D)  
Yes!

### Other

Gerry Price (D)  
I will always support legislation that would increase or protect **everyone's** personal liberties and freedoms.

## District 5

*Not Responding:* John Evans (R-Incumbent)

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Contest	Starts
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The Gay Uncle's Guide to Parenting: Candid Counsel from the Depths of the Daycare Trenches by Brett Berk, M.S. Ed.	April 30
Ron Perkov CD - Intimate Chill-Out	May 7
Fraternity Massacre at Hell Island DVD	May 14
Lady Gaga comic book	May 21
Homewrecker DVD	May 28

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
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Robin and Ruby by author KM Soehnlein	May 4
Blood Strangers: A Memoir by Author Katherine A. Briccetti	May 7
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