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Town Hall Meeting & Equality on the Rocks Event Jan 26

from Equality Pennsylvania

Equality PA, Human Rights Campaign and American Civil Liberties Union will present a Town Hall Meeting & Equality on the Rocks Event in Erie Jan 26. The event will be held at Matthew's Trattoria and Martini Lounge, 153 E 13th St, Erie, PA from 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM.

Considering the loss of pro-LGBT candidates in the past election, the political climate in Pennsylvania promises to be rough. Now is the time for everyone to do everything that they can to work together. Equality Pennsylvania, in partnership with the ACLU of Pennsylvania and the Human Rights Campaign, will be travelling the state in the hopes of starting a conversation on the future with a series of town hall meetings. Hear what we have planned and share your own ideas for moving forward.

The meeting will be open to the public of all ages. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm and will run till approximately 8:30 pm. After the meeting, "Equality on the Rocks" will begin. Drink specials will be available while you mingle, be social, and unwind with key LGBT movers and shakers Mark your calendars and plan to attend. See you there! Phone: (215) 731-1447. Venue Phone: (814) 459-6458. Email: info@equalitypa.org. Browse to www.equalitypa.org. RSVP/ Register/Tickets at www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=162436437132972. Browse to venue web site www.matthewstrattoria.com.

Crime Victim Center Offers Grief Support Group

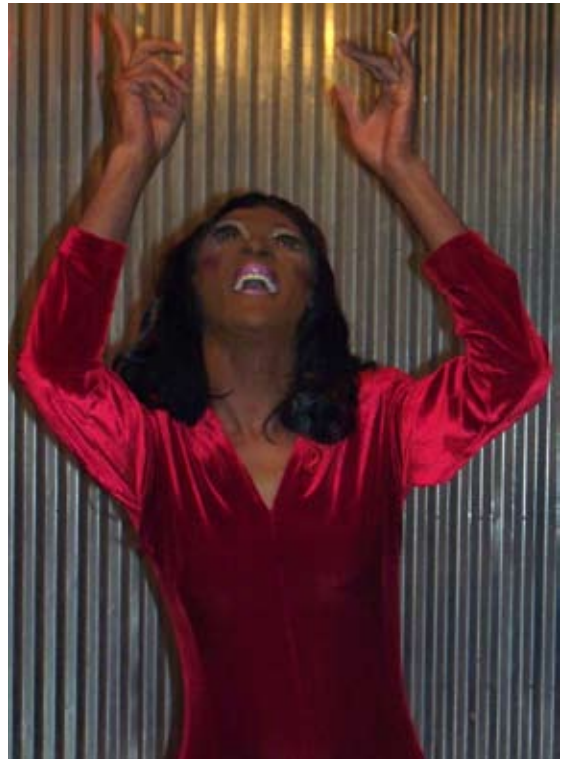
from Crime Victim Center

The Crime Victim Center is hosting a monthly support group for families, friends and other loved ones of homicide victims. The group provides a chance for people to come together, support each other and share their feelings and experiences as they continue to cope with their loss. Group interaction is encouraged

between newer members of the group and long-time members as they explore their fears and thoughts about the future. Some educational information is also provided at the meeting such as the stages of grief, how specific relationships with the victim affect the grieving process and other topics of interest.

The holidays can be a difficult time filled with many emotions and memories so consider attending

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Miss Diva D'Vyn at "Rump Shaker Rumble" World AIDS Day event at Craze. Photo by Mike Mahler. More photos online

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The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of news, events, information, and support for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people (GLBT's), their families, friends, and supporters in the Erie PA area.

We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBT's 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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Community News

a meeting in the New Year. The group meets at 125 West 18th Street on the last Wednesday of each month from 5-6:30 p.m. on the following dates: January 26th, February 23rd, and March 30th.

It does not matter when, where or how the homicide occurred – all are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Darlene at (814) 451-7496.

Erie Gay Pride, Inc. is Seeking 2011 Pride Chair and Volunteers

If you were disappointed that the 2010 Erie Pride parade and rally had to be canceled, now is your chance to get on board for the planning of a 2011 event. Erie Gay Pride, Inc. is looking for a hardworking, dedicated individual (or individuals) to chair this year's event, and equally hardworking people to serve on the planning committee.

While Erie Gay Pride, Inc. will be able to provide a limited amount of funding this year, most of the funds needed to put on the 2011 event will have to be raised by the chairperson and the planning committee members. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a project to benefit the GLBT community and be part of a worthwhile endeavor.

Anyone who is interested in chairing the event or being part of the planning committee is asked to email their contact information to eriegaypride@gmail.com or call 1-866-229-1974. Erie Pride 2011 needs lots of volunteers in order to be successful.

Ashtabula update

By Robbie Miller

The group Lets Go Be Alive, had our first social gathering at the Crows Nest Dec. 16.

About 20-25 people showed up, and it was a great night with everyone! After dinner we talked and there was strong support for changing the name. So now Lets Go Be Alive has changed its name to Alive With PRIDE! We are holding another event in January (Cosmo Bowling Night). For more info on that night and the meeting please check our Facebook page and website at www.letsgobealive.yolasite.com. We want to thank everybody for attending and enjoying a wonderful time with us. and hope to see more friends and familiar faces out and about at other gatherings and social events!

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Dec 31 (Fri) - New Year's Eve Bash at Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. www.thezonedanceclub.com

Dec 31 (Fri) - Craze New Year's Eve 1607 Raspberry St. Erie, PA 16502 814.456.3027 www.crazeerie.com/

Dec 31 (Fri) - Erie Playhouse: The Greatest Hits of the Great White Way New Year's Eve Gala our traditional New Year's Eve celebration. www.erieplayhouse.org/

Dec 31 (Fri) - Community Board Game Night New Year's Eve Community United Church, 1011 West 38th Street. Doors open at 9:30. Games run from 10 pm to 1 am. CBN is a fun way to spend a night talking and laughing with others. The board games are party games, which makes a group of six or seven people. Everyone will get to talk - the games are a natural ice-breaker. The best part is, if you bring a friend, you will be able to talk to that friend. There

will be no loud music or smoke to bother you. CBN is always a non-alcoholic and smoke-free event for your enjoyment. There is even a toast at midnight. \$5 admission.

Jan 1 (Sat) - New Year's Night at Craze Night Club (1607 Raspberry St, Erie.) Keep the happy in the New Year! *Craze open!* \$2 Wells! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Jan 2 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke Night (1607 Raspberry St, Erie.) 9 PM - 11 PM. \$2.25 Long Island Ice Teas! \$3 Bud Light Pitcher Night every Sunday in January 9-11 p.m. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Jan 3 (Mon) - LBT Women go to New Eerie Roller Girl's roller derby team (Evan's Skateland West Roller Skating Rink, 3162 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM. Social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. Sign up for email list at lists.eriegaynews.com/ Contact: Laurie Finch. Venue Phone: (814) 833-0740. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to womynoferie.wetpaint.com/.

Jan 3 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series - Birthday Style! (1607 Raspberry St, Erie.) 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Jan 5 (Wed) - Craze Happy Hour (1607 Raspberry St, Erie.) 5 PM. Remember CRAZE is OPEN for HAPPY HOUR every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Jan 6 (Thu) - Mahoning Valley Stonewall Democrats meets Mahoning Valley Pride Center, 1523 Poland Ave, Youngstown, OH 44502. 7 PM.

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Jan 7 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (TBA) 6 PM - 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 lists.eriegaynews.com. Find on Facebook.

Jan 8 (Sat) - Join the YLBT Women and volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank (Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA, 1507 Grimm Drv, Erie, PA 16505) 11 AM - 2 PM. Looking for a group of like-minded women to go out & do things with? Look no further! We are a group of young lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women, for ages 21-40. Sign up for the email list at lists.eriegaynews.com. Contact: Amy or Erin. Venue Phone: (814) 459-3663. Email: ylbtwomenoferie@yahoo.com. Browse to ylbtwomenoferie.wetpaint.com/. Browse to venue web site www.eriefoodbank.org.

Jan 8 (Sat) - Duane's Birthday Party at Craze (1607 Raspberry St, Erie.) It's Duane's 34th Birthday *again!* Stop out and wish well! Well drinks! \$2! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Jan 9 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meets (Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Drv, Erie, PA 16505) 1 PM. . Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse. Sign up for email list at lists.eriegaynews.com/ Contact: Laurie Finch. Venue Phone: (814) 790-5615. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to womynoferie.wetpaint.com/. Browse to venue web site www.picoffeehouse.com.

Jan 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) 456-0901. Email:

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Jan 11 (Tue) - HIV/AIDS Support Group meets (St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd, Erie, PA 16504) 6 PM. HIV/AIDS Support Group for those infected and affected meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 PM. Contact: Cheryl A Kobel. Phone: (814) 452-6113. Email: cheryl1027@aol.com.

Jan 11 (Tue) - Support group for those dealing with loss (Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, 202 E 10th St, Erie, PA 16503) 7 PM. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM and also the third Thursday of each month at 10 AM. Phone: (814) 456-6689. Email: hospice@velocity.net.

Jan 13 (Thu) - LGBT Parent Support Group meets Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie. 6 PM - 8 PM. As gay dads and lesbian moms in the Erie area, we have a lot of concerns for our children.

Will our kids face prejudice at their school because of us? Will they hesitate to bring friends to our house? Will they think they are the only ones ever to have a gay or lesbian parent? At Family United Counseling, we want to put you in touch with the experts of lesbian and gay parenting... each other! We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month as a group of lesbian and gay parents for support, friendship, and networking. Child care will be provided, so bring your kids! For more information or to let us know you're coming email us at FamilyUnitedCounseling@gmail.com or call (814)547-4837. Contact: Will Koehler. Phone: (814) 547-4837. Venue Phone: (814) 864-4429. Email: familyunitedcounseling@gmail.com. Browse to <http://www.familyunitedcounseling.org>.

Jan 13 (Thu) - LeT's Go Be Alive meets Ashtabula Town Square, 3315 N Ridge Rd E # 700, Ashtabula, OH. 6 PM. Everyone is invited to put their thoughts and ideas together to find out how we can be social together, network, and have public events for GLBT and Straight supporters to gather together and make a difference while having fun at the same time! Contact: Rob Miller. (440)381-3398. Email: letsgobealive@gmail.com. Web: letsgobealive.yolasite.com/.

Jan 14 - Feb 5 - Buffalo United Artists: "Anita Bryant Died for Your Sins" It's 1977, and 15 year-old Horace Poore is trying to make sense of the tumultuous events surrounding him -- and the tumultuous events within him.as former pageant queen/orange juice promoter/anti-gay crusader Anita Bryant in this unconventional look at a young man's coming-of-age. www.buffalobua.org

Jan 15 (Sat) - Deadline for EGN February 2011 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 January 27 27. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at www.erie-gaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php.

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Jan 16 (Sun) - LBT Women Wine and Cheese Party (Robin and Barb's, Erie, PA) 2 PM. . Bring a pound of cheese and a bottle of wine per person. RSVP to



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Jan 16 (Sun) - Youngstown Area PFLAG meets Mahoning Valley Pride Center, 1523 Poland Ave., Youngstown, OH. 3PM. Ph: (330)747-2696. Email: YoungstownPFLAG@aol.com. Web: angelfire.com/oh4/pflag/.

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Jan 16 (Sun) - Zone Dance Club: Face (133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. 10:30 PM. Drag series every 3rd Sunday of the month. Phone (814) 452-0125. www.thezone-danceclub.com/.

Jan 18 (Tue) - LBT Women go to Mercyhurst Lady Lakers Ice Hockey vs. Cornell (Mercyhurst College

Ice Center, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. . Tickets are \$4. Hope to see you there to cheer on the terrific Lady Lakers! Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to womynoferie.wetpaint.com/. Browse to venue web site www.mercyhurst.edu/.

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

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Jan 22 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Gannon Women's Basketball vs. California 1 PM. . Come and see the

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Jan 27 (Thu) - Erie Gay News folding/distributing work party Mike Kohler's, 614 Cherry St, Erie PA, Erie PA. 7 PM. Please check 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. All ages are welcome. 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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We Are Not Alone

By Rev. Rick Moyer

Pastor, Community United Church

It seems almost impossible to believe that I'm already writing the words, "Happy Holiday" to our many friends who read the Erie Gay News. So many people have agreed with me that the Year 2010 went by so quickly!

This past year, for me, and most likely for you as well, was filled with challenges, opportunities and perhaps some disappointments. Because life has its "ups and downs", most of us have learned the value of taking one day at a time, not looking too far into an uncertain future.

I gave that advice, to take one day at a time, to a young man you recently told me how anxious he is about how he will "come out" to his family and friends. He's waiting for the right time, and he's eager to say the right words. He's afraid of rejection from those to whom he wishes to be honest about his sexual orientation.

I told him about a story I read in an Advent devotional book that a friend of mine gave me. The book was written by a nun who tells about some of the experiences she's had at her convent.

She tells about getting up every morning to go to mass at 6am with the 140 sisters who live with her. That early in the morning not everyone is completely awake. One morning the sister who was reading the responsorial psalm instructed the other sisters, saying, "The response is, 'The Lord will abandon his people.'"

The sister had missed the word "not", and almost all the other sisters repeated the mistake: "The Lord will abandon his people." It wasn't until they discussed it at breakfast that many of them realized what they

had said.

I reminded the young man to who I repeated the nun's story how easy it is for us to make the same mistake. We forget that we do not face the challenges of life alone. We are so often afraid of rejection, ridicule or misunderstanding.

People of faith, however, hold on to the belief that God will not abandon his people. The comfort of our faith is that, come what may, our help and our hope comes from a greater power than ourselves.

May we embrace that comfort and that hope as we celebrate our holidays, and as we begin a New Year.

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. . 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/commuceriepa.html

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BREAKING: SLDN STATEMENT ON U.S. SENATE VOTE TO *ALLOW* FOR THE REPEAL OF "DON'T ASK"

*****SLDN WARNING TO SERVICE MEMBERS - DADT is STILL in EFFECT*****

The bottom line is DADT is still in effect and it is NOT safe to come out.

Rapidly changing events regarding the legal status of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) may be confusing for service members and recruits.

•In Congress: On Saturday, December 18, 2010, the Senate voted to authorize the repeal of DADT, which the House of Representatives voted to support on December 15, 2010. There are still, however, many more steps in this process before the law can be fully repealed. Until that time, DADT remains the law and it is unsafe to come out. Even after the successful votes in Congress and even after the President signs the bill, the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff must certify that the Defense Department is prepared to implement repeal. "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" will still be the law until 60 days after the President, Secretary of Defense, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs certify repeal can happen. Continue to visit www.sldn.org/stillatrisk for the latest updates on the status of the law.

•In the Courts: A U.S. District Court Judge ruled in October that DADT is unconstitutional and issued a worldwide injunction barring the military from investigating or discharging service members under DADT. After issuing a temporary stay of the injunction, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay pending appeal on November 1, meaning DADT is still in effect. Service members can and still will be investigated and they will continue to be discharged.

•In the Pentagon: Earlier this year, DoD made changes to how "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is implemented, including new protections for lesbian, gay, and bisexual service members. Those changes remain in effect. More recently, the Pentagon announced that all proposed DADT discharges, regardless of grade and rank, will be reviewed at the highest civilian levels. These are all important changes, but they do NOT end DADT. DADT remains the law and it is unsafe to come out.

SLDN'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT IS HERE TO HELP YOU

•SLDN provides free legal counseling to service members with legal issues stemming from or relating to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law banning military service by lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons, the regulations governing military service by HIV+ people, and the regulations addressing military service by transgender persons.

FREE LEGAL HOTLINE

•Contact our legal hotline (202-328-3244 x 100 or legal@sldn.org).

•Given the latest "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) legal and political developments, SLDN has been hearing from many lesbian, gay, and bisexual service members who have questions about the status of the law as well as from veterans and others who wish to serve.

•If you're still serving, and you have any questions about the status of DADT or anything else related to DADT, HIV status, or transgender issues, we want you to know you can contact our legal hotline at any time for free, confidential legal advice.

•If you are interested in going back into the military or joining for the first time, we strongly encourage you to contact SLDN's legal hotline to set up a free, confidential call with an attorney to discuss your options.

REMEMBER

•Do NOT come out.
•"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" remains the law until there is finality in Congress or the courts.

•Lesbian, gay, and bisexual service members are still being discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and they will continue to be discharged until the courts or Congress end the law or stop its enforcement.

•Transgender service members remain at risk.
•Continue to check with SLDN to learn about how the latest legal and political developments impact your ability to serve openly.

If you have questions about how the latest legal or political developments may impact you, or about "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in general, contact our legal hotline (202-328-3244 x100 or legal@sldn.org) to schedule an appointment with an SLDN attorney.

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network is online at www.sldn.org

Letters

I am writing to ask if members of the local GLBT community would be interested in sponsoring an ad in the Erie Times News on January 22, 2011 to commemorate the passage of *Roe v. Wade*. That date will mark the 38th year since the decision was handed down by the Supreme Court.

Last year, Northwestern PA National Organization for Women, along with the American Civil Liberties Union and the Social Responsibility Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Cong. of Erie placed two ads in the Erie paper, one on the actual anniversary date and one on the 24th of January. Would you or your group be interested in joining us this year? The size of the ad will, of course, depend on how much money we can collect. Last year, the ad was four column inches wide and two inches deep and cost a little over \$800 for placement on two days. Depending on the amount of money collected, one larger ad could be placed which lists the organizations and a contact email for them.

Contributions may be sent to Northwest PA NOW, P.O. Box 93, Edinboro, PA, 16412. Contributions to NOW are not tax deductible because of our grassroots lobbying work. NOW is a non-profit, tax-exempt membership organization working politically and legislatively to advance women's rights.

Ruth Cogan, Secretary for NW PA NOW.

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Here are contests that will be premiering this month...

Contest	Starts
<i>Double Play</i> by Kevin Winners	December 24
Autographed copy of <i>The New Dance Mix USA</i> mixed by DJ Louie	December 31
<i>The Truth of Yesterday</i> by Josh Aterovis from PD Publishing	January 7
<i>Honorable Silence</i>	January 14
<i>David Inside Out</i>	January 21
<i>Marked</i>	January 26
<i>VSS: Nemesis Rising</i> Graphic Novel	January 28
<i>The Perils of Praline</i>	February 4
<i>Queer Questions Straight Talk</i>	February 11
<i>Foxe Tail</i>	February 18

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
<i>Pooltime the movie</i> DVD	December 31
<i>Judo Girl</i>	January 7
<i>Marked House of Night</i> Novel	January 12

You can always see a complete list of contests at our web site! Members of the Erie GLBT News and Events list and also the Erie Gay News Facebook group get first notice of contests. Sign up today!

On our website

Online now or coming soon: to www.eriegaynews.com

Photos

- “Rump Shaker Rumble” at Craze
- FACE November event
- Latonia Christmas Party

Videos

- DADT coverage
- ACLU and mother of suicide victim ask school district to address bullying
- Gay Megachurch Pastor comes out to flock

Audio

- NPR: “Hate Crime Statistics Lack Key Facts”
- “Anti-LGBT groups continue to spout lies after being named to SPLC hate group list” - Southern Poverty Law Center
- “Senegal: Law Promotes Violence Against Homosexuals” from Human Rights Watch

Recovering

Mark H., close friend of **John Daly King**, says John has suffered a ministroke.

Mark asks that your thoughts and prayers go out to John. If you would like to send cards, flowers, etc., you can send them to Pleasant Ridge Manor - West, 8300 West Ridge Road, Girard, PA 16417.

Have a Safe Holiday Season...

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~best wishes from EGN



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- You can also write *Dear Trevor* (online) with any non-time sensitive questions.
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“IT GETS BETTER”

www.itgetsbetterproject.com

Check out the “It Gets Better” videos when for encouragement about your future. Over 200 adults and older teens have made short videos letting you know they care, that you’re okay the way you are, and that if you are getting a hard time in school because you are GLBT or just different, it will soon be in the past.

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Photo Gallery



Celine Dashawn at November FACE event at the Zone. Photo by Mike Mahler, more online.



Robbie Miller and friend at Crows Nest in Ashtabula. More on the Ashtabula gathering in "Community News," more photos online. Contributed photo



Jobauna going reindeer at Latonia Christmas Party. Photo by Laurie Finch. More online.



Tom Lee at the "Rump Shaker Rumble," the World AIDS Day event held at Craze. Photo by Mike Mahler, more photos online at www.eriegaynews.com



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