



# Erie Gay Community Newsletter

☛ = New or Modified Group/Event this issue

## Calendar

**Important Note:** Events listed here are specifically gay or of interest to a lot of lesbigay people. If you know of an event that should be listed here, please get the info to us in writing by the 15th of the month. For out of town events, call a day or two before to confirm that it is still on; mistakes can occur and circumstances can change at the last moment. **New e-mail address!** From Internet MikeMahler@aol.com or from CompuServe, 70431,1622 or fax to (814) 452-1392



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### April 3—Visions Meeting (Chautauqua Co.)

Info: (716)484-7285.

☛ **April 3—The Glass Bottom Boat (1966)** Comedy with Paul Lynde. TNT 12:30 a.m.

☛ **April 7—Victor/Victoria (1982)** Comedy about a woman who passes herself off as a male in drag. Also one of the first sympathetic gay characters in a Hollywood film. Julie Andrews and James Garner. TNT 3 a.m.

**Apr 8—Bridges Polluck/Forum Meet & Eat!** Join for an evening of good food and discussion. We will be eating at about 5:30. Bridges will provide liquid refreshment (coffee, soda pop) and plates/utensils. Bring a dish to share. We will be having discussion at around 7:30. Bridges Bylaws will also be presented. The site will be the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. For more info, call (814) 456-9833.

☛ **April 8—Kate Clinton (Pittsburgh)** Performances at 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets \$20. One of the first openly-lesbian comics to make it big on the stand-up circuit. Part of the Three Rivers Arts Festival at City Theater, 57 S. 13th Street, Pittsburgh PA 15203. Mail ticket reservations to the Theater's address or call (412) 431-CITY.

☛ **April 9—Tombstone (1993)** Showtime 8 p.m. Western drama with minor gay male subplot.

☛ **April 9—Youngstown LGB Coffeehouse: The Stone Soup Picnic-A Community Cookup (Youngstown OH)** Rich Hill Cabin, Mill Creek Park, from 3:30 p.m. til the cows come home. Bring a soup ingredient (meat or non-meat) or an ingredient for fruit salad (cooked or fresh) or bread or rolls. Also: place setting, mug for mug exchange, your own beverage (nonalcoholic), tupperware for leftovers, and musical and rhythm instruments. Also \$2 to help pay for cabin. Info Judy at (216) 793-2737 or Jean (216) 744-4126.

☛ **April 9—Integrity Meets** Cathedral of St. Paul 6 p.m. Info 774-0903.

☛ **April 11—The Fox (1968)** Cinemax 9 a.m. This pre-Stonewall anti-lesbian drama is often cited as a good example of homophobic Hollywood films. EGCA

■ Thanks to Paula King for this month's  
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## How to Contact Us

There are several ways you can get information in to us here at *EGCN*. If you have access to email, our Internet address is MikeMahler@aol.com and our Compuserve address is 70431,1622. We have just added a new fax number here at *EGCN*. Fax any time to 814-452-1392. Our mailing address is still: EGC Coalition, PO Box 3063, Erie PA 16508-0063. Our voice number is still 814-456-9833 and there is also an answering machine available. The best ways to reach us are email, fax and the PO Box. These methods are more likely to give you the wording you want and to be more accurate. We cannot guarantee that we will always accept voice-delivered messages for publication.

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## Statement of Purpose

The purpose of *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* is to serve as a voice for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men and our friends & families in the Erie area. We wish this newsletter to be a source of information, support and affirmation. We also see *EGCN* as a vehicle for celebration of the goodness and diversity of the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities. *EGCN* is a cooperative effort between lesbigay groups and individuals to help our community develop and thrive.

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lists this kind of garbage in the calendar because some viewers are interested in portrayals of lesbians and gay men in film; otherwise, don't waste your time on it.

☛ **April 11—St. Mark's HIV/AIDS Support Group** Transportation if you need it. Newcomers welcome. Info: Cheryl at 452-6113 or 825-1085.

☛ **April 12—Red Hot + Country** Country AIDS awareness special on TNN 8 p.m. and midnight.

☛ **April 13—2nd Annual Ally Day at Penn State Behrend** All day activities are planned, including an Art Show in the Reed Union Building's Wintergarden (10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.). T-shirts, stickers, jewelry, and other items will be for sale. Live acoustic entertainment by Basement Lounge at noon. Book Sale by Barnes & Noble. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a Drag Show, with a reception to immediately follow. Come out and show support for your community. For more information or if you are interested in displaying ART (any media, including framed poetry), call Al or Ginny at (814) 825-8211.

☛ **April 13—Sign of the Cross (1932)** AMC 1:05 p.m. Charles Laughton.

☛ **April 13—Ed Wood: Look Back in Angora** Interviews with the filmmaker who produced such

turkeys as the 1950's transvestite flick *Glen or Glenda?* Cinemax 4:15 a.m.

☛ **April 14—Menspace** For those of you who know who we are, a potluck supper! Bring a dish to pass and bring a friend. Call 899-8557 for information and location.

☛ **April 14—Judy Tenuta, Lauren Destiny (Cleveland)** Agora Theater. (216)881-6700.

☛ **Apr 15—Mary Chapin Carpenter & Mavericks (Pittsburgh)** A.J. Palumbo Center (412)391-1111.

☛ **April 15—Indigo Girls & Ferron in Concert (Erie)** At Warner Theater, 811 State, 8 p.m. Tickets at Civic Center box office and at all Ticketmaster locations. At this writing (March 24) the Warner box office says there are still tickets. \$19.95 reserved, \$25.75 gold circle. To charge: (814) 452-4857.

☛ **April 15—10% Network (Jamestown)?** These folks may not get together in April because of Easter. Call John (716)484-7285 to find out what's happening.

☛ **April 15—Next Stop, Greenwich Village (1976)** Cinemax 4:25 a.m. Set in the New York's bohemian center in the 1950's this semi-autobiographi-

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cal film revolves around a group of friends, one of whom is a gay man.

☛ **April 15—12th Annual Community Seder (Cleveland)** Share Passover Seder with Chevrei Tikva, lesbian & gay synagogue. 6 p.m. at Jayson's Pewter Mug, 23200 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood. \$25 members / \$30 nonmembers. Info (216)932-5551.

☛ **April 18—Six Degrees of Separation (1993)** Comedy. Will Smith. TMC 11:05 p.m.

☛ **April 20—Take Back the Night Rally & March** Actually this is a culmination of events running from April 9-20 (see page 13 for complete schedule). This is an international observation against of sexual violence. Rally will begin at 7 p.m. in Perry Square. Rep. Linda Beeko Jones will be the keynote speaker, plus four other speakers. T-shirts & Buttons available at the rally. Then candlelight or flashlight march. Reception at Gannon 8:45 p.m. with 2 Girls alone! By the way, the folks at Cup-a-Ccino's are supporting the event and welcome rally/march participants to meet and/or wait at Cups before the rally.

☛ **April 20—2 girls alone! at Gannon** 8:45 p.m. as part of Take Back the Night! (See above item.)

☛ **Apr 21-23—Spring Round-Up (Cleveland)** Big lesbian and gay line-dancers weekend, for novice, veteran, and curious alike. Variety of events—dances,

Colonel's Ball, lessons, brunch/cabaret, plus tour of city in big pink buses to Dance Around Cleveland at various points of interest. They heartily welcome Erie area folks to join in the fun. Weekend package \$25 Dance Around Cleveland \$12, not included in weekend package). Benefits Center for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Facing the AIDS Challenge Together. Info: Bob at (216) 621-0228.

☛ **April 21-23—"East Meets West" Pittsburgh Country Roundup # 2** Hosted by Horse of a Different Color, Main event (advance ticket required) is Dinner/Dance (\$45); for dance only, \$20—live entertainment & dancing runs from 8 p.m. till at least 1 am. Lots of other events. For more info call Chris Jurkowski (412) 231-2144.

☛ **April 22—Denni at Cup-a-Ccino's** 18 N. Park Row. 9 - midnight.

☛ **April 22—AIDS Walk (Pittsburgh)** 5 mile trek thru east end of Pgh. Entertainment after. Info (412)242-2564.


☛ **April 23—Philadelphia (1993)** Showtime 11:30 p.m.

☛ **April 24—Yentl (1983)** Stars Barbra Streisand. TNT 8 p.m.

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**Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994)** Comedy. Revolves around a group of friends who go to a number of weddings (and a funeral). Two of the member of the group of friends are a gay male couple, and they are portrayed as a model of a good relationship. On TMC 4/29 7 p.m., 3:45 p.m. On Showtime 4/1 8 p.m., 4/23 8 p.m., 4/27 9:35 p.m.

**George Michael's Concert of Hope** On Disney April 23 (9 p.m.) and April 29 (11 p.m.) Concert to benefit AIDS causes and awareness.

**Out There** Comedy Central will be showing their two lesbian/gay comedy specials on April 20 (8-10 p.m. and 2-4a.m.) and April 27 (8 p.m.-10 p.m.)

**Quarterback Princess (1983)** Helen Hunt (*Mad About You*) plays a girl who becomes the star of her high school football team. Based on a true story. Interesting stuff about gender roles. Cinemax 4/3 1:30 p.m., 4/9 10:15 a.m., 4/18 3 p.m.

♣ **April 25—HIV/AIDS Support Group at St. Mark's** Info Cheryl 452-6113 and 825-6113.

♣ **April 26—Out: Stories of Lesbian and Gay Youth** On Cinemax 8 p.m. (It's 1 hour, 19 minutes, in case you're taping it).

♣ **April 27—Leah Zicari Concert at SUNY Buffalo (Buffalo)** For info (716) 645-3063.

♣ **April 27—Diana Ross** On Disney 9 p.m.

♣ **April 28—Newt Gingrich and the Republican Revolution** On A&E 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.

♣ **April 28—Leah Zicari w/Rosaleen Marion at PeopleArt Coffeehouse (Buffalo)** Unity Church, 1243 Delaware Avenue (rear) \$4 door.

♣ **Apr 28-30—Creating Healthy Sexuality (Chautauqua)** Info from Laura, Education Dept. AIDS Community Services (716)847-0315.

♣ **April 29—Imperial Court Presents of Buffalo: Coronation 1995 "An Elegant Affair" (Buffalo)** Gala affair put on by The Imperial Court of Buffalo, held at Hamlin House 432 Franklin St. Features four hours of open bar. Doors open at 7 p.m. 20 courts from across U.S. and Canada expected. Crowning of new Emperor and Empress. Tickets \$40. The Imperial Court raises money for the Western NY gay community, and this event is their biggest fundraiser. (Related events are held thru the week: April 26 *State Dinner & Reception*, April 27 *In-Town Show*, April 28 *Out of Town Show*, April 30 *Victory Brunch and Tough Drag Show*). Information from David Martin (716)882-8612 or Rich Maynard (716)893-4479.

♣ **April 29—2 Girls Alone! at Barnes & Noble Cafe** 5909 Peach St. 8-10 p.m.

♣ **April 29—Doing Time On Maple Drive** On Lifetime 6 p.m. Drama that looks behind the curtains of a typical family, revealing all sorts of unexpected things including a young gay man. The film handles his homosexuality with a decent amount of sensitivity.

♣ **April 29—Spring Fling at the Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** Entertainment provided by the 35-and-Over Club. 1022 Bridge.

♣ **April 29—Camp Davis Opens (Boyers PA)** Covered dish 7 p.m. Campground for lesbians & gay men. Info: (412)637-2402.

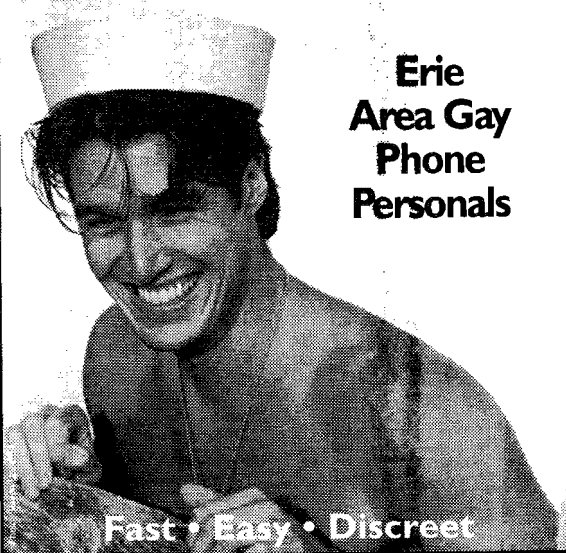
♣ **April 29—Screening Room: The Boys of St. Vincent** On A&E 4 a.m. Sort of in keeping with the issue of sexual violence brought up by this month's Take Back the Night events, this movie about sexually abused boys is included. Based on the real story of a Catholic orphanage for boys and the priests who ran it. The film makes clear that the abusers should not be confused with "gay men," and provides a thoughtful, sensitive, and painful look at sexual abuse of boys. If you're recording it, note that it runs a little long.

♣ **April 30—Personal Best (1982)** Explores the relationship between two women athletes. One is a lesbian, one is experimenting. You guess how it ends. Encore 9 p.m.

♣ **May 6—Dykes Do Drag (Buffalo NY)** Pfeifer Theater, 681 Main at 7 p.m. "A womyn's drag and variety show which...explores gender roles, and the role of gender, through performances which include Drag King, Butch Fem drag, comedy, music, and dance." Cosponsored by AIDS Alliance of WNY and the Gay &

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☛ **May 6—Womynspace: Saturday Night at the Movies** Popcorn, a good movie (*Go Fish* or *Claire of the Moon*) and lots of fun. Movie starts at 8 p.m. Newcomers welcome. Info: Sal at 454-2713.

☛ **May 7—LGLV-Erie Meets** Call 833-3258 for location and other info.

☛ **May 13—2 girls alone! at Cup-a-Ccino's** 9 p.m.-midnight. 18 N. Park Row.

☛ **May 13—Red Ribbon Weekend at Camp Davis (Boyers PA)** "Care Be Aware. Put your name on a ribbon tree (\$1) buy ribbon pin (\$3) sponsor a tree (engraved name \$10). Proceeds go to a Campground Memorial. (412) 637-2402.

☛ **May 19-21—Gaylaxicon VI (Niagara Falls NY)** Sci-fi, fantasy and horror convention for lesbian, gay, and bisexual people and their friends. Features guest artists and authors, panels, masquerade, and more. Costumes encouraged. Attendees under 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Memberships are \$30 at door but \$25 til May 1, 1995. Write Gaylaxicon VI, P.O. Box 160225, St. Louis Missouri 63116.

☛ **May 20—AIDS Benefit at Leeward Lounge (Ashtabula)** Entertainment: Jamie M. and his life-size puppets. Benefits Ashtabula Co. AIDS task force.

☛ **May 20—Unitarian Universalist Garage Sale** At the church, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info 864-9300.

☛ **May 26—Compton's After Dark 9th Annual Boat Ride (Buffalo)** Info: Cheryl Cooper at (716) 885-DARK. Note: Compton's is a lesbian bar.

☛ **May 26-28—LucyFest V (Jamestown)** National gathering of fans of the queen of comedy. Estate

auction, tours, comedy films by a variety of people, other stuff. Info (716)664-2465.

☛ **May 28—Paula Poundstone (Jamestown)** Performing as part of the LucyFest events (see above). Outdoor reception with Paula follows. (716)664-2465.

☛ **June 3—Womynspace: "Dance Fever"** Kickoff the summer by kicking up your heels to all the popular tunes. Newcomers always welcome. Info: call Sal at 454-2713.

☛ **June 16-18—Buffalo Pride Weekend 1995** Events so far: 6/17 Festival & Pride Party, 6/17 Pride Parade & Cris Williamson/Tret Fure concert, 6/18 Queen City Softball League game. For more info on Pride Weekend call (716)883-4750.

☛ **June 17—Cris Williamson & Tret Fure in Concert (Buffalo)** Marquee at the Tralf, 8 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.). Presented by Soldierheart Productions, tickets at all Ticketmaster locations or from Marquee Box Office (716)852-0522.

## Festivals & Conferences

☛ **April 14-16—The White Party Easter Weekend (Palm Springs)** "25,000 men, one of the biggest parties in the world." Info (310)659-3555.

☛ **April 27-29—Queer Theater: A Conference & Performance Festival (NYC)** 3 day celebration & investigation of what makes theater queer & what makes queer theater. Panel discussions w/scholars and theater practitioners, plus play-readings and performances. Presenters include Tony Kushner, Phranc, Larry Kramer, Joan Jett Blakk, dozens more. Info (212)642-2924.

☛ **May 5-7—Women's Spring Fling (Provincetown MA)** The people who organize P'town's October Women's Week event have decided to do an event in the spring. Shows, sports, art and more women. (800)894-9029.

☛ **June 3—5th Annual Gay Day at Disney World (Florida)** Events going on June 2-5, but Gay Day itself is June 3. Last year 8,500 showed up. Info (407) 857-5444 or call your lesbian/gay travel agent.

# AIDS

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OF THE MONTH!

# Letters

## Aw, Shucks

I grew up in Cambridge Springs in the '50s. I thought I was the only queer in the world.

I cannot express how good it makes me feel to see all the wonderful Gay and Lesbian community organizations at work there now making things better for yourselves and for the kids.

Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Gary  
Oregon

## An Open Letter to the Gay Community

Please allow me five minutes of your time to tell you about an important opportunity for the gay / lesbian / transgendered community.

On May 16, 1995, voters all across Pennsylvania will be casting ballots in the Municipal Primaries, deciding who the party candidates will be for various offices being filled in the November General Election. While most races statewide embrace the typical fare of campaign rhetoric, one campaign in northwestern Pennsylvania holds particular interest for the lesbian/gay/Transgender community: the County Commissioners' race in Venango Co. What distinguishes this race from the others is the candidacy of Kristine W. Holt.

Recently, a news article was carried by the Associated Press, announcing Ms. Holt's candidacy. The headline proclaimed her "difference"; she is a transsexual woman, who has lived openly in her community as such since her transition three years ago. In spite of some resistance from a small segment of people, she has been very active in the public affairs of her community. She currently holds the elected position of Democratic Committeewoman for her ward; her base of support in the larger community is strong. Now, she seeks the office of County Commissioner.

What does Ms. Holt's campaign mean for the lesbian/gay community? Simply put, Kris's effort is a visible sign that people of minority sexual orientations *can participate fully* in the political processes that affect our lives. Until Harvey Milk, openly gay politicians were unheard of. His election opened a floodgate of unashamedly gay candidates nationwide. Unfortunately, this change has yet to come to northwestern

Pennsylvania. The citizenry still holds to old prejudices and fears about the gay community, and these are reflected in the political structure. Discrimination is openly embraced. And up to now, the community has *no* voice in the important matters that affect it.

Kristine Holt can change that. She herself has been waging an antidiscrimination battle against a government agency and the political offices of five separate northwestern Pennsylvania counties. She now wishes to be able to *make* policy, not just fight it, in order to ensure that what happened to her can never happen to others. Her platform calls for "...recognizing the value of diversity among our citizens and [being] receptive to new ideas." Kris's tenure as County Commissioner of Venango County will set a shining example to the rest of rural Pennsylvania.

Your help is desperately needed. To be bluntly honest, a political campaign costs money. While Kris has won paper victories in her antidiscrimination actions, they have not translated to real dollars. True to her will to effect real change in society, though, she is persevering in the struggle, despite her current welfare recipient status.

As an open member of the gay community, I feel an obligation to support Ms. Holt's campaign in whatever way I can. To this end, I have volunteered many hours helping her collect signatures for her nominating petition, distributing leaflets, and brainstorming with others over campaign issues and tactics. But this doesn't cover the basic expenses of the campaign, such as media and newspaper advertising and printing costs for posters, flyers and other campaign literature. For these, cold hard cash is needed. There is no local organization available to help us with this need.

Your cash contribution, in any amount, will be gratefully appreciated. The donation is an investment in our civil rights, in a voice in our government. The price is modest, but the returns are immeasurable. Donations can be forwarded to: Kristine W. Holt Campaign Fund, PO Box 904, Oil City, PA 16301.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I hope I will be hearing from you soon.

James A. Spence

# Entertainment Notes

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- ☆ **INDIGO GIRLS:** The big entertainment news for this month is the billing of two lesbian acts at the Warner. By now, it's pretty well-known that the **Indigo Girls** will be delighting the Erie audience with their music. Less well-known though, is that Vancouver recording artist **Ferron** will also be performing here. Ferron plays blues, jazz & rock and her well-crafted lyrics are pure poetry (she's been described as "the Bob Dylan of women's music."). Her most recent recording is called *Driver*.
- ☆ **HEY, WASN'T HE GOING TO STOP DOING DRAG?** The world's most famous transvestite, **RuPaul**, has been getting gigs left and right these days. She's Jan Brady's counselor in the *Brady Bunch*, and she played a dress boutique owner on ABC's *Sister, Sister*. Also, she's signed on to do ads for M.A.C., a Canadian cosmetic manufacturer.
- ☆ **GREG LOUGANIS NEWS:** A movie about the life of all-time diving great **Greg Louganis** is in the planning stages, and has his okay. Louganis won't star but will probably do the diving shots...The episode of *20/20* that featured the Louganis interview brought in that show's best ratings since September 1993...Greg's autobiography, *Breaking the Surface*, is on the best-seller lists... And Greg recently won the Congressman Gerry Studds Visibility Award, which honors gay men for leadership.
- ☆ **CHAUTAUQUA PERFORMANCES:** **Mary Chapin Carpenter** will perform at 8:15 p.m. at the Chautauqua Amphitheater on July 21. On July 14, gay crooner **Johnny Mathis** will appear at the Amphitheater, also at 8:15 p.m. For info call 1-800-836-ARTS.
- ☆ **AND THE WINNER IS!** Recently nominated for a Cable ACE award for Best Stand-Up Special of 1994 is out-lesbian comic **Suzanne Westenhofer**, for her *HBO Showcase* special... Receiving a Academy nomination for Foreign Film is *Strawberry and Chocolate* a story about homosexuality in Cuba. An Academy nomination for Short Documentary went to ***Straight From the Heart***, which profiles parents of lesbians and gay men who are proud of their kids. It was made in response to the Radical Right's hateful *The Gay Agenda*. Nominated for Best Actor is **Nigel Hawthorne** for his role in ***The Madness of King George***. Hawthorne recently came out in *The Advocate*. In the article he talks about his partner of 15 years. **Melissa Etheridge** won an Outstanding Music Video award from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) for her video for **"I'm the Only One"**, which includes lesbians.
- ☆ **MOVIE BITS:** In the April issue of *Cosmopolitan*, actor **Jeremy Irons** says he regrets that he's "never had a gay experience." . . . Number 1 at Italian movie box office (as of March 20) is a gay comedy film ***Men Men Men***... This month watch for ***Tank Girl***. . . The Catholic League and Morality in Media are up in arms over the movie ***Priest*** set for release on Good Friday. It's about five fictional priests: a drunk, a psychotic, a gay man, a straight man who is having a relationship with his female housekeeper, and an uncaring bishop. . . Scheduled for release in May is ***Too Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything Julie Newmar*** with **Patrick Swayze, Wesley Snipes, and John Leguizamo** as gay drag queens. Swayze says the portrayals are sympathetic, and that he wouldn't have participated in a film that made fun of the characters.
- ☆ **GRAMMIES:** Lesbians and gay men did pretty well at the Grammys. **Bruce Springsteen** (a decidedly straight artist) won took home four awards for his haunting **"Streets of Philadelphia"** including Song of the year. **Melissa Etheridge** won for Female Rock Vocal with **"Come to My Window"** (and *Entertainment Tonight* showed Melissa and her lover dancing at a post Grammys party). **Elton John** won best male pop vocal for **"Can You Feel the Love Tonight."** (his *Circle of Life* was also nominated in



this category. **Salt-N-Pepa** won for rap duo or group with **"None of Your Business,"** a who-cares-what-you-think anthem that includes quick reference to gayness in the song's video. **k.d. lang & Tony Bennett** were nominated for best collaboration with **"Moonglow,"** but didn't win (they also performed together on the Grammys). New artist and out lesbian **Me'Shell NdegeOcello** was nominated for four categories but didn't win any. **Reba McEntire** was nominated but didn't win for female country vocal for her **"She Thinks His Name Was John,"** a cautionary tale about HIV and unsafe sex.

☆ **THEATER NOTES:** Cleveland's Karamu Theater will feature a story about a young man with HIV and how his middle-class African-American family deals with it. **Before It Hits Home** will run between April 7-30 Info (216)795-7077. . . Buffalo United Artists will be performing **Twilight of the Golds**, on Fridays Saturdays and Sundays from April 14-30 at Theaterloft, 545 Elmwood Avenue in Buffalo. Buffalo United Artists will give a "community discount," that is, people who come to their performances and tell them they are a member of this or that lesbian/gay organization can buy their tickets at \$10 instead of the usual \$15. Because most gay/lesbian groups don't issue cards, this will be on the honor system. Readers may be confused about where *Twilight of the Golds* is playing, because last month we noted that it would be performed in Pittsburgh. It is indeed playing there at the same time (April) in both places. The plot, as was noted last month, is about a woman who discovers that the child she is pregnant with will be born gay. She considers an abortion, and then her brother comes out to her. Lots of interesting ethical issues brought up. . . In Pittsburgh, **Slavs!** It's not exactly a gay-themed play, being set in Russia on the eve of *glasnost*, though there is a major character who is a lesbian who watches over the labs where the brains of the country's great thinkers are stored. It's written by Tony Kushner, the gay playwright who wrote the gay AIDS epic *Angels in America*. Tickets & info (412)431-CITY.

## Take Back the Night Events

Erie's "Take Back the Night" is designed to create awareness about sexual violence, particularly violence against women.

☛ **April 9—Violence Against Women March and Rally (Washington DC)** To reserve a seat on the bus leaving from Erie, call 734-5526 or 734-5467.

☛ **April 11—Sexual Assault** Presented by Rape Crisis Center, hosted by the St. Vincent Women's Diagnostic Center, 311 W. 24th call 452-7082 to register.

☛ **April 11—Date Rape: Open Forum** Penn State Behrend, Reed Lecture Hall 8 p.m. Skits by Matchbox Players, Speakers.

☛ **April 12—Sexual Assault** Noon. Presented by Rape Crisis Center, hosted by Hamot Women's Health Connection at 3330 Peach. To register call 877-4165.

☛ **April 17—Domestic Violence** Presented by Hospitality House, hosted by Saint Vincent Women's Diagnostic Center. Program will be held at Saint Vincent Amphitheater. Registration 452-7082.

☛ **April 19—Football, Feminism and Other Contemporary Contradictions** Jackson Katz. Mercyhurst College Sullivan Hall. Info 824-2433.

☛ **April 20—Take Back the Night Rally & March** Rally 7 p.m. in Perry Square. There will be speakers, then a march, and following the march a reception will be held at Gannon University's "Scrounge."

*The events are organized by individuals from Edinboro University, Erie Co. Rape Crisis, Gannon University, Hamot Women's Health Connection, Hospitality House, Mercyhurst College, National Organization for Women, Penn-State Behrend, Pa. House of Representatives, Saint Vincent Women's Diagnostic Center, Women's Services, Inc. and the YWCA.*

### To Gay Men...

Some gay men might be a little puzzled about why this is included in a gay/lesbian publication.

Actually, lesbians are very concerned about sexual violence, and some studies have shown they have suffered a higher rate of rape, assault, and childhood molestation than women in general.

And although most of the sexual violence that happens is against females, males do end up being victims sometimes, too. Olympic athlete Greg Louganis recently revealed that his abusive lover raped him. At Erie Co. Rape Crisis last year, almost a quarter of their clients 17 years old and under were boys.

# Local News

## Local News—Northwest PA Volunteers Needed for Float for Parade

It's time to show our pride! Be a volunteer on the float for Erie's Bicentennial. The parade will be Saturday, May 27. Please contact David at 899-8507.

## Jazz Dance Lessons

A couple months ago, *EGCN* put out a call for gay-friendly dance instructors. To date we have heard from a jazz dance instructor who can also teach line dancing. Interested? Call Christine at 459-7047. And we're still waiting to hear from anyone who might want to teach ball-dancing or the stuff they're doing in the clubs.

## Bashing Victim Contributions Needed

Contributions are being taken for Doug M., who was recently gay-bashed in Pittsburgh. The damage was serious, and Doug will have some pretty bad

hospital bills. You can send contributions *c/o EGCN*, P.O. Box 3063, Erie PA 16508. Make checks or money orders payable either to "Chris Sargent" or "EGC Coalition," and state that the money is for Doug. If you have any questions, contact Chris Sargent at 838-2914. Chris has already raised several hundred dollars.

## Lambda Foundation Starts Crime Stoppers Fund

The Pittsburgh-based Lambda Foundation has started a Crime Stoppers Fund to provide rewards for information leading to the capture and conviction of violent crimes against lesbians and gay men. A Lambda Foundation Crime Stoppers reward has already resulted in the apprehension of a man accused in the murder of a gay man in Pittsburgh. The Foundation is hoping that the program will serve as a deterrent, since Pittsburgh's Crime Stoppers program (the one for the general population) has a 70 percent apprehension rate.

Contributions to this fund are being accepted. Send to Crime Stoppers Fund, P.O. Box 5169, Pittsburgh PA 15206. If you want your contribution to go specifically to this fund, indicate this. For info call (412)521-4444.

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✦ **May 12-14—Virginia Women's Music Festival (VA)** INTOUCH, Rt 2 Box 1096, Kent's Store VA 23084 (804) 589-6542.

✦ **May 19-21—In Gaia's Lap: The Maryland Womyn's Gathering (MD)** 21300 Heathcote Rd., Freeland MD 21053 (410) 329-6708.

✦ **May 24-29—Campfest 95 (Chester Co., PA.)** "The comfortable womyn's music festival." To register: Write or call for registration Campfest, RR5 Box 185, Franklinville NJ 08322. "We don't anticipate having tickets after May 12th. Call (609)694-2037 (before May 12) to find out if there will be tickets available at the gate. After May 21st, we are at the camp. (215) 932-9869 or 932-9970.

✦ **May 26-29 (Memorial Weekend)—WiminFest (Albuquerque)** WiminFest, PO Box 80204, Albuquerque NM 87198-0204 (505) 265-3297.

✦ **June 1-4—21st Annual National Women's Festival (Bloomington IN)** Musical performers, comedians, dance, fine arts exhibits, over 70 artists and craftswomen, over 250 workshops, golf, basketball, and other outdoor sports, films and videos. Among this years performers: Janis Ian, Margie Adam, disappear fear, many more! NWMF, P.O. Box 1427, Indianapolis IN 46206-1427 (317) 927-9355.

✦ **June 2-4—4th Annual Hopland Woman's Music & Fun Festival** Sliding scale \$48-\$65/week-end, day passes \$35. Leave address for info packet: (707) 431-4436.

✦ **June 15-18—Womongathering: The Festival of Womyn's Spirituality (PA Poconos—Northeastern PA)** Info RR 5, Box 185, Franklinville NJ 08322 (609) 694-2037.

✦ **Mid-July—Northampton Lesbian Festival (Northampton MA)** WOW Productions, 160 Main Street, Northampton MA 01060. (413) 586-8251.

✦ **Aug 8-13—20th Michigan Womyn's Music Festival (Western MI)** WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla MI 49458 (616)757-4766. (510) 652-5441.

✦ **Aug 31-Sept 4—West Coast Women's Music & Comedy Fest (Yosemite CA)** Robin Tyler Prod., 15842 Chase Street, North Hills CA 91343 (818)893-4075.

✦ **Labor Day Weekend—Rhythmfest** 957 N. Highland Ave., Atlanta GA 30306 (404) 873-1551.

✦ **Sept 9—Ohio Lesbian Festival (Columbus OH)** LBA, P.O. Box 02086, Columbus OH 43202 (614) 267-DYKE.

✦ **Sept 8-10—Sisterspace Pocono Weekend (PA Poconos)** Info: SODV, 542A S. 48th St., Philadelphia PA 19143 (215) 747-7565.

✦ **Sept 22-24—Wild Western Women's Weekend (Kent's Store VA)** INTOUCH, Rt 2, Box 1096, Kent's Store VA 23084 (804)589-6542.

✦ **Nov 2-5—Heart of the West Fest (Las Vegas NV)** Plus Productions, P.O. Box 103, Lakeside CA 92040 (800) GET-PLUS.

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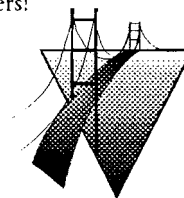
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# Families

## Gay/Lesbian Parent Books Top Most Hated List

The two most banned books in America are children's books about parents with same-sex partners. *Daddy's Roommate*, by Michael Willhoite (Alyson, \$8.95) and *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Leslea Neaman (Alyson \$7.95) topped the American Library Association's 1994 list of books that have been banned from libraries.

## Pitt Blames Funding Woes on Same-Sex Partners Policy

The University of Pittsburgh's plans to build a college of business administration are jeopardized because of serious financial problems, and some in the surrounding business community are blaming it on Pitt's domestic partners policy.

## State Laws

South Dakota, March 1—A bill that would have banned same-sex marriages has been defeated in South Dakota's state legislature. The bill was the first attempt to ban gay marriage, as a preemptive strike against a pending decision in Hawaii that may give same-sex

marriage legal standing. Although the bill sailed through the state house, it couldn't get enough support in the state Senate. The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force is calling the victory "stunning."

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaskan state legislature is considering two bills against same-sex marriage. One bill, HB 227, would ban recognition of same-sex marriage. This could have national implications if the state of Hawaii, which is currently deciding on marriage rights of same-sex couples, would grant those rights in the near future.

SALT LAKE CITY—Utah's Lesbian and gay activists have announced they will fight their state's bid to host the 2002 Winter Olympics after state legislators voted to ban recognition of same-sex marriage. Gay activists were successful in moving 1996 Olympic events out of Cobb County Georgia after that community enacted anti-gay legislation. The Utah activists are modeling their campaign after the Cobb County efforts.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 13—California Governor Pete Wilson rescinded 3-month-old



Excerpt from  
America's most  
hated book:  
"We go to ball games...  
Visit the zoo...  
Go to the beach...  
Work in the yard..."  
-*Daddy's Roommate*

legislation allowing same-sex couples to adopt children.

(Info from National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. For Info contact Robin Kane 202-332-6483 ext. 3311).

### Camp for Lesbian/Gay Parents' Kids

Mountain Meadow Summer Camp, located in southeastern PA, is for kids ages 9-14. The Camp openly, actively, and proudly welcomes children of feminist families, including children of single parents, of lesbians and gay men, and of biracial families.

In a small-group setting, both girls and boys are encouraged to develop an appreciation for their own strength, competence and creativity.

Children with lesbian and gay parents get to spend time with other kids like themselves. They laugh together over the silly experiences that having a gay parent can bring, and support each other with the hard ones. Most important, children from all kinds of families live, work, and play together, learning to appreciate each others' differences and celebrate each others' unique qualities.

From They also do neat camp stuff like swimming, arts & crafts, hiking, singing, cooperative games and sports, campfires, nature study, creating and performing drama, and kids community meetings.

The staff is made up of a collective of dedicated volunteers ages 21-55.

Sliding scale fee.

Camp runs from August 20 through September 2. For more info, contact Mountain Meadow Summer Camp, 35 W. Mt. Airy Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19119. (215)242-3037.

Hate is Not  
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## Reviews

### *Stranger at the Gate*

Mel White, 1994 (Simon & Schuster. Hardcover. \$23)

Reviewed by Lee

Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, and Billy Graham are probably trying to pretend this book doesn't exist. Mel White, their ghostwriter, dedicated family man, and Christian conservative has recognized that he's not sick. He's a gay man.

*Stranger at the Gate* is White's story of growing up in a dominating Christian family, being a loving husband and father, and struggling for fifty years with his homosexuality.

White's discussion of misinterpreted Bible passages is a major public service; so is the text of his "coming-out" letters to Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson.

Mel White is now Dean of the Cathedral of Hope, Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, in Dallas, Texas.

### Places to get EGCN...

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#### Meadville PA

Allegheny College Bookstore

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#### Venango County

Oil Region Book Store, Oil City

# Spirituality and Religion

## English Christians and Homosexuality

LONDON—Events in England are heating up the debate over homosexuality and the church.

Early in March, 74-year-old retired Anglican bishop, Rt. Rev. Derek Rawcliff became the highest ranking Anglican clergyman to announce he is gay. Rawcliffe stated that he thought the Church should bless same-sex marriages. On March 18, just one year after the Anglican Church began ordaining women priests, Reverend Ros Hunt of Cambridge decided to announce publicly that she is a lesbian. On March 20, the Anglican Church's third-ranking bishop Rt. Rev. David Hope said his sexuality is "ambiguous" but celibate.

Bishop Hope made the announcement after he received a letter from England's OutRage!, an organization encourages gay men and lesbians to come out publicly, as well as engaging in "outing" of public persons. Last fall, OutRage! outed ten bishops after a newspaper revealed that a man who had been newly-appointed to a top post in the Church had been arrested in 1967 having sex with a man in a public bathroom. The group has promised to out more clergymen, and say they plan to do the same with people holding political posts. Most British gay and lesbian organizations oppose the tactics of OutRage! The Anglican Church doesn't see gay people as sinners, but says that gay people should not have sex.

In the midst of all the debate about religion and homosexuality, England's top Catholic official has made a personal statement in support of tolerance of

and respect for gay and lesbian people. Cardinal Basil Hume, stated that "Love between two persons, whether of the same sex or of a different sex, is to be treasured and respected." He pointed out that the Catholic Church does teach that sex between two people of the same gender is "morally wrong." He added that, "Nothing in the Church's teaching can be said to support or sanction, even implicitly, the victimization of homosexual men and women. Furthermore, homophobia should have no place among Catholics." Rt. Rev. Rawcliffe responded to the cardinal's stance; "We don't say to heterosexual people—God has made you, God has given you this sexuality but you're not to use it."

## Mel White Update

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va., March 9—The man who was incarcerated in a protest against Pat Robertson's extensive anti-gay rhetoric was released from jail and has ended his 23-day fast. Robertson and a CBN spokesman finally met with White, who used to be a ghostwriter for Robertson. White asked Robertson to publicly acknowledge the rise in anti-gay and lesbian hate crimes, to publicly condemn people who commit or incite these crimes, and to meet with people from PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). Robertson stated that he would respond within a few days. At the meeting Robertson gave White a letter that said he did not preach hate and that "charges that people were injured by violence incited by anything said by me are baseless." He also dropped charges against White, and White was then released.

Robertson is on record as having made the following statement on his TV program *700 Club*: "Many of those involved [with] Adolf Hitler were Satanists, many of them were homosexuals—the two things seem to go together." (People for the American Way has the transcript containing these remarks. You can contact them at 202-467-4999).

*(A review of Mel White's book Stranger at the Gate is on page 13)*



## INTEGRITY

A Christian-based spiritual and support group sponsored by the Episcopal Church that welcomes people of all faiths. Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 W 6th St. Erie, PA. Our mailing address is: Integrity-NWPA, PO Box 1782, Erie, PA 16507-1782. For more information, call (814) 774-0903

# Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

Hey y'all! Hope everyone had a good month. Michael and I took a little trip to Cleveland as a jaunt. We saw some of the nifty gay stuff the merchants had there. (We also got a nifty boxing nun hand puppet, which we have been using to punish each other when we've been bad.)

I was very much impressed when State Representative Linda Bebko-Jones chose to publicly let it be known she has been a person in recovery from alcoholism for the past 16 years. A very gutsy thing to do!

Bridges will be submitting an entry into the time capsule the Erie Bicentennial Commission will be burying. One hundred years from now, people will know that there was a lesbigay community in this area. David and Larry are also working on putting a float together for the Bicentennial Parade on Saturday May 27th. Very cool, eh? If you would like to volunteer to help with the float, call David at 899-8507.

Hopefully we will be seeing you at the Bridges Potluck where we exchange some ideas and arrange for some projects that will benefit our entire community.

I feel in some ways our community is in a transitional phase and there are some important things we need to achieve. Some of you who have been to larger communities may be aware that although there are some very nifty resources, there are also many factions and groups of folks who have absolutely no contact with other groups. We really need to watch that this doesn't happen here.

Please try to go to one open meeting or function hosted by a group you are not normally active with (maybe once in a six month period.) This is, in my opinion, the single most important thing anyone can do to build community. You don't have to join a bazillion groups, or go to everything gay between here and East Timbuktu or even become an active member in lots of groups. If we only keep to our own group or two, it will be much more likely to sink into a segmented group of factions. When I was at Edinboro's National Coming Out Day Party last year, I saw some guys I had usually seen at the Silver Slipper. Some Edinboro folks made the trip up to a GALA-10 meeting in Erie. Jamestown folks came to the Romanovsky

& Phillips concert last year, and several of us from Erie had a great time at their picnic last July. You can only build community with folks you have at least some contact. (Besides, if you want folks to come to your stuff, you have to go to theirs.) So go out & have fun!

Many thanks to Kim Piper from Cup-a-Ccino's, who called to let us know about Indigo Girls playing Erie. One of the best ways that folks can help us out is to get us timely information. (Of course, subscriptions and ads are deeply appreciated too.) Folks who take the time and effort to keep us posted make our lives much, much easier! Sometimes the organizaers of an event don't let us know. This was the case with the Indigo Girls. Kim graciously took it upon herself to get me the info. Although it was too late to make our March issue, I was able to fax/email the information to several other groups/publications that same day.

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# Media Watch

By Al Kielwasser  
*Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation-San Francisco*

## Jenny Jones, Journalism & Jabberwocky

"Jabberwocky," says Lewis Carroll, is "meaningless writing." The term is an apt description for much of the so-called reporting on the recent murder of a gay man who appeared on the Jenny Jones talk show. As part of a "Secret Admirers" segment, Scott Amedure—a gay guest—revealed his attraction for another guest (John Schmitz, reported to be heterosexual): three days later, Amedure was shot and killed by the "embarrassed" Schmitz.

Though the horrific murder was widely-reported, virtually none of the mainstream media mentioned the word "homophobia." Remarkably, the hate motivation behind the crime—known to all lesbians and gay men—went unreported. The press focused instead on the issue of whether or not TV talk shows have become "too trashy." As a result, these reports lacked any meaningful context for understanding the killing.

The major television networks (NBC, CBS, and ABC) emphasized the talk-show "sleaze" factor. Their news divisions failed to account for the homophobia—so endemic to our society—which should have been this story's lead. In fact, by focusing on whether or not Schmitz had been deceived or "abused" by Jenny Jones producers, the networks actually managed to portray the murderer as the victim!

The print media did an even worse job. The Associated Press report on the murder (March 11), written by Frazier Moore, also sidestepped homophobia. For Moore, the central issue was the morality of the talk show's producers. The article was written as if—contrary to all logic—the murder resulted from the mere fact of the talk-show "deception." The likelihood of the crime, this AP reporter suggested, would have been the same whether Amedure had been a gay man or a straight woman.

The New York Times first reported the story in a small article on March 12th, which NEVER men-

tioned the words "gay" or "homophobia." On March 14th, The Times ran a front page article that made a brief reference to the murder and then went on to question the integrity of talk shows in general.

The Reuters news syndicate began their story with this sentence: "Prosecutors alleged Friday that a nationally syndicated talk show is partly to blame for a murder—committed by a male guest angered after being introduced on-camera to a secret admirer who turned out to be another man." The Reuters article then describes how the murderer—Schmitz—"kept his composure" during the taping, but was ultimately "shocked" and "unable to control his anger." Quoted extensively is Michigan prosecutor Richard Thompson, who not only "partly"—but FULLY—blames the murder "on the Jenny Jones Show which ambushed this defendant with humiliation." Nowhere in this article is any mention made of homophobia, and NOT ONE expert on lesbian/gay hate violence is quoted. In fact, not one openly-lesbian or -gay person is quoted by Reuters!

In every case, journalists completely missed the story. The story here, of course, isn't Jenny Jones or "guests' rights," or even talk-show "sleaze."

The story is hate. The story is homophobia. The story is, as Marlon Riggs once wrote, "the queer blood that runs loose and wild along the curbsides" of our streets...in every city and town.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, lesbians and gay men are probably THE MOST FREQUENT victims of hate violence in this country. The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force reports that, in 1994 alone, at least 59 lesbian and gay individuals lost their lives in bias-motivated murders. It is unacceptable for the mainstream media to brush these and similar facts aside. It is unprofessional—and unconscionable—for journalists to ignore homophobia when reporting on the hate crimes committed against our community.

Contact your local network-affiliates; ask these television stations to cover the REAL STORY—now, and in the future. Also, write to

The Associated Press, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020, tel 2120621-1500.



Joseph Lelyveld, Executive Editor, *The New York Times*, 229 West 43rd Street, New York NY 10036.

Reuters America, 1700 Broadway, New York NY 10019 tel. 213-603-3401.

## Widening Madison Avenue

Writing for *Variety*, ("Bucking Pressure, TV Ad Buyers Return to Adult Shows"), J. Max Robins reports: "One year after Madison Avenue gave thumbs down to lesbian lip locks, bare butts and bondage, advertisers are returning in droves to some of broadcast television's racier shows." According to Robins: "A year ago, advertisers pulled out of a *Roseanne* episode featuring the star kissing Mariel Hemingway in a gay [sic] bar. But last month, advertisers paid full market value for NBC's telefilm *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story*, based on the true story of an Army lesbian. In the film, Glenn Close shared a kiss with her significant other, Judy Davis.

"Meanwhile," Robins reports, "many companies now believe that complaints from far-right religious groups have had little effect on their business... While they are loathe to admit it publicly, there's a sense both at the networks and in the advertising community that the clout of pressure groups, such as the Rev. Donald Wildmon's American Family Association, is on the wane."

The news is encouraging, of course, since ad prices have often plummeted for so-called "controversial" (i.e., lesbian/gay/bisexual) television shows. If the trend persists, it will no longer take "courage" but simply good business sense to advertise on programs with lesbian, gay or bisexual themes. "Advertiser tolerance has increase because many of the adult shows are ratings and critical hits," says Robins. "The mores of the country have changed and advertisers have begun to recognize it," adds Bill Croasdale of Western International media.

Certainly, Madison Avenue's broadening consciousness has much to do with consumer response. It is vital that lesbians and gays let companies know that they appreciate (or resent) sponsorship of particular broadcasts. For too long, that strategy has been left wholly to the "Religious Right." Unfortunately, however, Robins' article examines only the waning influ-

ence of homophobes. He fails to report on the rising effectiveness of lesbian/gay media watchdogs.

Robins' blanket characterization of lesbian/gay programs as "racy" fare is also off the mark. Still, he succeeds in pointing out some important ground that has yet to be broken. "Gay characters are now common in prime time, but they don't get to bed-hop like their straight counterparts," Robins writes.

Well, "common is hardly accurate (perhaps "less scarce"?). And, in fact, mainstream television does not simply censor lesbian/gay "bed hopping." The medium, for the most part, has refused to portray lesbians and gays in ANY of the loving (and human) relationships that form our lives and our community.

However awkward, Robins' point is well-taken. And, all-in-all, his article sheds some welcome light on a welcome trend.

Comments may be shared with Peter Bart, V.P., and Editorial Director, *Daily Variety*, 5700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90036 tel. 213-857-6600 fax 213-857-0742.

## Media Briefs

- ☆ **GAY JEANS...** The American Family Association, a media watchdog group, continues to call for a boycott of Levi Strauss products (Levi's, Dockers and Britannia clothing) because the company "markets to homosexuals." According to the AFA's February 1995 newsletter, "the marketing efforts of Levi Strauss have met with great acceptance among homosexuals." To counter the AFA effort, contact Robert Hauss, President, Levi Strauss, 1155 Battery St., San Francisco CA, tel. 415-544-6133.
- ☆ **DEFENSIBLE VIDEO...** The producers of a self-defense project are seeking ideas, suggestions and accounts from victims of physical hate violence. Contact The Best Defense, 601 West 41st St., #201, Anchorage Alaska 99501.
- ☆ **SUBMIT!** A call for submissions has been issued for two new anthologies, *Lesbians Raising Sons* and *Co-Parenting*. Send fiction, essays and first person accounts to Jess Wells, 584 Castro Street #224, San Francisco CA 94114.

# HIV/AIDS News

## HIV/AIDS - WNY

### 10% Network Fundraiser

The 10% Network's Cause for Celebration Auction raised \$705.

People attended the auction from Jamestown, Buffalo, Erie, Olean, Warren, and other places. The items included books, magazines, massage gift certificates, home baked goods, glassware, coolers, videos, craft projects, artwork, photography, airbrushed t-shirts (Melissa Etheridge and Bob & Rod), luggage, and many other items.

The money will go to AIDS Community Services of Western NY.

## HIV/AIDS - US & World

### Hemophiliac Suit Dismissed

CHICAGO, March 19—A federal appeals court has ruled that the thousands of hemophiliacs who were infected with HIV from blood-clotting products can't join in a lawsuit against four blood companies and the National Hemophilia Foundation. The suit charges that the defendants ignored advice from the CDC on how to protect the blood supply from contamination by HIV. Judge Richard A. Posner of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals wrote that the class action would allow a jury to "hold the fate of an industry in the palm of its hand," and could "hurl the industry into bankruptcy." The leading attorney for the hemophiliacs is seeking a rehearing.

### No HIV+ Olympic Athletes?

WASHINGTON, DC, Feb. 28—Pointing to HIV-positive diver Greg Louganis, a county commissioner in Georgia is calling for HIV-positive athletes to be barred from the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. The International Olympic Committee has stated they will not conduct HIV tests on Olympic athletes in the 1996 games.

### More Proof that Kaposi's is Sexually Transmitted

LONDON, March 24—Two separate studies in the medical journal Lancet have found that Kaposi's

sarcoma is caused by a sexually-transmitted virus. The deadly cancer is most prevalent in gay men.

### Weird Stuff

ROME, March 3—A man in Italy who contracted HIV after being stabbed by a hypodermic needle with HIV-infected blood has died. The incident happened eight years ago when the man, who worked for an insurance firm, was attacked by a drug addict when he refused to pay on a false insurance claim.

KINGSTON, Ontario, Feb. 9—A serial murderer injected himself with HIV-positive blood to carry out a self-inflicted death penalty on himself. "I knew society wouldn't be satisfied with this [prison] sentence," said Terry Fitzsimmons, who pleaded guilty to three murders, "so I thought I'd give them the capital punishment they always wanted." Fitzsimmons had injected himself with the blood of an HIV-positive man, and is now HIV-positive.

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# National/World News Bits

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## Gay Navy Poster

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8—The Navy has decided to allow a media company to use a 1972 recruiting poster that featured a black man who was later discharged for being gay. The poster will be used by Apollo Media in a CD-ROM version of *Conduct Unbecoming*, Randy Shilts' book on gays in the military. The CD-ROM package should be on store shelves now. The Navy had originally refused to give permission to use the poster.

## Rolling Stone Founder Outed

NEW YORK—Jann Wenner, founder of *Rolling Stone* and several other magazines, left his wife and children and moved in with another man. Several publications, from the tabloids to the *Wall Street Journal* participated in the outing. The incident has sparked debate about the ethics of outing. Some gay rights activists say that the idea of suppressing the story shows an anti-gay bias, because, as Michael Musto wrote in the *Village Voice*, "It's a form of catering to potential bigotry by withholding information—only doing so for gay stuff!"

## Buchanan in '96?

MANCHESTER, N.H.—Pat Buchanan, who delivered an anti-gay speech at the 1992 Republican National Convention, has announced he will run for president in the 1996 campaign. He is looking to the religious right for support.

## Those Gingrich Kids

WASHINGTON, March 8—On March 7, Candace Gingrich, Newt's lesbian half-sister, was on Capitol Hill with numerous other gay rights activists, lobbying in favor of lesbian and gay rights. Candace, who lives in Harrisburg, met with her representatives, all Republicans: Sen. Arlen Specter and Congressman George Gekas, and one of Sen. Rick Santorum's staff members. She also met with brother Newt.

The next day, at a news conference, Newt Gingrich explained his positions on those same rights. He criticized gay counseling and pro-tolerance teachings

in the schools, because they amount to "recruitment" of children; indicated that he was opposed to a federal protecting gay people from anti-gay discrimination; and remarked that transvestites should not think they have the right to work as transvestites. He tempered his remarks by saying that the U.S. should not return to "repression" of gays and lesbians, and that employers shouldn't ask employees about sexual orientation.

## Montana Decides Against Registering Gays

HELENA, Montana, March 23—After a national public outcry, the Montana state Senate decided against a law that would require police registration of people who are convicted of homosexual acts. The Senate had originally approved registering not only convicted sex offenders, rapists and murderers, but also people who had had consensual sex with someone of the same gender. The reason for including homosexual sex in the police registration is that homosexual acts are illegal in Montana. Sen. Al Bishop R-Billings, had said that gay sex is "even worse than a violent sex act." Sandra Hale, executive director of Montana Pride, remarked that Bishop's statement was "an insult to women who have been raped, children who have been molested and any victim of a truly violent crime—let alone lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals who are in loving, committed relationships."

## Fred Phelps Keeps Maya Out of Kansas

EMPORIA, Kan., March 7—Her strong voice has inspired millions, but a hate-crazed religious bigot succeeded in intimidating Maya Angelou into canceling an appearance at Emporia State University. After the homophobic Rev. Fred Phelps and several followers taunted her at a speaking engagement in Topeka, Angelou postponed her reading at the University.

## Gay Talk Show Guest Killed By Another Guest

DETROIT, March 9—A gay man, Scott Amedure, was shot and killed three days after appearing on the *Jenny Jones* show to proclaim his love for another man.

Charged with the murder is John Schmitz, 24, who appeared with Amedure on a *Jenny Jones* episode dealing with secret admirers. Schmitz said he was led to believe his secret admirer was a woman, and was humiliated and shocked to learn it was a man. He stated that the incident had "eaten away" at him, and when Schmitz found a suggestive note that Amedure admitted writing, he shot Amedure. Gay rights groups have criticized coverage of the incident, claiming the emphasis has been on "trashy talk shows" and the killer's "humiliation" rather than on the fact that this was homophobic violence. [Read "Media Watch" in this issue for a discussion of this issue].

### **Australian Boy Sues School Over Anti-Gay Remarks**

SYDNEY, March 1— A 17-year-old Australian boy sued his former school after the school captain announced at a school assembly that he could "sniff out a poofter [gay man] at 50 metres." The school's principal and several teachers were seen laughing at the remark, and he received abuse from students and had to leave school. The boy is suing under new anti-vilification laws protecting people from statements that incite hatred or contempt.

### **St. Patrick's Parade Updates**

NEW YORK, March 17—Police arrested 88 people who were protesting the exclusion of gays in New York's annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Two hours before the march, the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization tried to hold their own march, chanting, "We're Irish, We're Queer, We'll Be Here Every Year!" Police blocked the gay march, because a federal judge had denied the ILGO's request for a separate march, citing a city ordinance that doesn't allow two marches on the same day. When the protesters were blocked, many of them sat down to block traffic, and that's when the arrests began. City Councilman Tom Duane, an openly-gay man, participated in the protest and promised to do so every year until the ILGO is included in the parade.

BOSTON—Boston's Mayor Tom Menino issued an order barring on-duty city workers from participating in the city's St. Patrick's parade in any official

capacity. Merino supports gay rights, and issued the order because the parade organizers barred gay participation and registered the parade as a gay protest. In the meantime, organizers of Cambridge's St. Patrick's parade offered a hearty welcome to Irish lesbian and gay men who wanted to march with them.

### **Here's Your Medal, Now Get Out**

WASHINGTON, March 1—Lt. Tracy Thorne was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal in a ceremony on February 28. The gay aviator is a little taken aback, because the Navy has been trying to throw him out since he came out on national television in 1992. His commanding officer was also surprised, saying, "What are we doing here? On the one hand, we're kicking you out; on the other, we're giving you a medal."

### **Gores Entertain Gay Activists**

WASHINGTON, March 4—Vice President Al Gore and wife Tipper Gore had 150 gay and lesbian activists over to a party in their home. It was an attempt to reconnect with the gay community, many of whose members have felt let down by President Clinton.

### **Call For Papers on Les/Bi/Gays in Education**

The *Harvard Educational Review* is putting out a special issue on gay/lesbian/bisexual and transgender students and educators. Proposals must be postmarked by May 1, 1995. For info contact the *Harvard Educational Review* (617)495-3432.

### **Transitions**

**DIED: James Merrill**, 68, on February 6, of a heart attack. Merrill was an openly gay poet who received almost every major American prize for poetry. He was named Connecticut's first poet laureate in 1966.

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## Groups & Organizations

### **10% Network and Social Group (Chautauqua County)**

Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month 7-11 pm at First Unitarian Society of Jamestown. No smoking or alcohol. ☎ (716) 484-7285.

### **← AIDS Bereavement Support Group**

Sponsored by HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul. For families, partners, spouses, friends & caregivers who loved ones/friends have died with AIDS. Co-facilitated by The Rev. Canon F. Kay Johnson and Sue Keubler. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 8-9:30pm. Safe and confidential ☎ Kay Johnson at the Cathedral Office, (814) 452-3779

### **← Bridges**

A coalition of organizations & people which seeks to use networking and communication skills to build a better community. Also publishes *Erie Gay Community Newsletter* and sponsors community dances and potluck dinners/forums. ↗ Bridges, PO Box 3063, Erie, PA 16508-0063. ☎ (814) 456-9833. Email to CompuServe 70431.1622 or from Internet: mikemahler@aol.com or fax to (814) 452-1392.

### **Chautauqua Gay Fathers & Lesbian Mothers**

A support group for gay & lesbian parents in Chautauqua County & neighboring counties and a play group for their kids. ☎ (716) 672-6682.

### **Closest Culture**

Focuses on social activities. Open to any lesbian, gay or bisexual 22 or younger in Erie or surrounding area. Write to: PO Box 10274, Erie PA 16514-0274. Phone ☎ (814) 825-0530. The phone is private so feel free to be open if you need to leave a message.

### **Committee In Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual People**

A committee of students, faculty, & administrators who work together to educate, bring speakers, offer films, and address concerns that relate to gay and lesbian issues specific to the Allegheny Community. ↗ CSGLBP, Box 186, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335. ☎ Paula at (814) 332-4356 or Erny at (814) 332-4375. Email to Roy Cerise at csglbp@alleg.edu

### **Erie Sisters**

Nonsexual social support group for TV/TS/CD. Good manners, taste & common sense expected. Monthly meetings, newsletter, Meetings in even numbered months are social events held at accepting establishments. Changing room provided. Interview with a club officer required before first meeting. ↗ Erie Sisters, 2115 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505.

### **Friends from the Heart**

Volunteers helping deliver help with food, rent, transportation, moving and clothing to people with AIDS. Call Deb Monohon at (814) 838-0123 to see how you can help. Donations *greatly* appreciated.

### **HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of St. Paul Cathedral**

Call 452-3779.

### **Identity (formerly Edinboro Gay Organization (EGO))**

Student group at Edinboro University. Weekly meetings on Thursdays at 9pm In Hendricks Hall 125. Social activities (♫). ☎ John at 1-398-8005. Email to John Wetsell j663104w@vax.edinboro.edu

### **Integrity**

A Christian-based spiritual and support group, sponsored by the Episcopalian Church that welcomes people of all faiths. *Meetings:* 2nd Sunday of the month (6:00pm) at St. Paul's Cathedral, 133 West 6th Street. ↗ Integrity-NWPA, PO Box 1782, Erie, PA, 16507-1782. ☎ (814) 774-0903.

### **Jamestown HIV Positive Support Group**

☎ Eric Anderson at (716) 664-7855.

### **Jamestown PFLAG**

For parents & friends of lesbians & gays. Meets last Tuesday of the month, call for site. ☎ (716) 488-1264 or (716) 763-1529.

### **JCC Support Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group**

JCC Group is a joint community/school group. Ages of members varies from 15 into 50's. Meeting date, time & place vary. Contact: Gregory P. Rabb. Write to JCC, 525 Falconer St, PO Box 20, Jamestown NY 14702-0020 or ☎ (716) 665-5220 ext 204 or (716)-664-9174.

### **Lambda Group AA**

Alcoholics Anonymous for Lesbians. Closed discussion. Meets Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Church of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Open to all Lesbians who think they may have a problem with drugs and/or alcohol. You are not alone. For more info call 452-2675 ♫.

### **League of Gay and Lesbian Voters (LGLV)**

Nonpartisan voters group. Publishes Voters' Guide for elections, voter registration/education, lobbying, advocacy. Interested in clipping newspaper articles and/or writing summaries? Contact us for details. ☎ Greg at (814) 833-3258. ↗ LGLV-Erie, PO Box 8083, Erie, PA 16505-0083. Email to kidthart@aol.com

### **Meadville Group**

Now forming. ☎ Tex at (814) 337-5122.

### **Menspace**

Meets on 2nd Friday of the month. ☎ (814) 899-8507 for info.

### **← North County Support Group (Fredonia NY area)**

Meets second Tuesday of each month. **Will be choosing a new location for meetings!** ☎ Patrick at (716) 679-3430.

### **Oasis**

A social/support group for the gender community. Crossdress/Transvestite/Transsexual. Write to PO Box 622, Meadville, PA 16335.

### **PFLAG-Erie**

Support group for Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. Meets last Wed. of month. ☎ Kathy Harris at (814) 838-6020 or ↗ PFLAG-Erie c/o Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, PO Box 3495, Erie, PA 16508.

### **← Pitt-Bradford/BIGALA**

Support group for students. Meetings are Fridays, alternate times 12noon & 3pm. ☎ Brenda or Heidi at (814) 362-7694. or write to: University of Pitt Bradford BIGALA, Attn: Director of Student Activities, 300 Campus Drive/235 Commons, Bradford, PA 16701.

### **Rainbow Connection (Warren, PA area)**

Support group for Warren, PA and surrounding area. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month. Call for location and meeting dates/times Fred or Marshall at (814) 726-1808.

### **SUNY-Fredonia B-GLAD**

A support group for students at SUNY Fredonia. Group renamed B-GLAD. ☎ (716) 673-3424

### **Support Groups for Persons with HIV/AIDS**

Open to people of all faiths. *Meetings:* 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Catholic Charities, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. For more info, call Cheryl Weber at 452-6113 ♫.

### **Trigon**

Support group for Behrend students, faculty, alumni. For more info, call Sue Daley (814) 898-6164. or ↗ College Mailroom, Box 1054, Behrend College, Station Road, Erie, PA 16563.

### **Venango-Forest AIDS Support**

Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Christ Episcopal Church, 16 Center Avenue, Oil City, PA For more info, call 800-359-2437

### **Womynspace Coffeehouse**

An alcohol & smoke-free environment for lesbians, with a particular theme, topic or activity for each month. Meet 1st Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie. Contact Sally at (814) 454-2713.

# HIV/AIDS Directory

## AIDS Organizations & Services:

### National

- AIDS Factline ..... 1-800-324-AIDS
- National AIDS Hotline ..... 1-800-662-6080
- Spanish AIDS Hotline ..... 1-800-344-7432

### Ashtabula OH/Ashtabula County

- AIDS Task Force (Mary Ellen Conigli) .....  
..... (216) 998-1020
- HIV+ Support Group ..... (216)350-2554

### Jamestown NY/Chautauqua Co.

- AIDS Community Services ..... (716)664-7855

### Meadville PA/Crawford County

- Case Manager - Debbie Miller ... (800)359-AIDS
- Crawford Co. AIDS Coalition ..... 337-3241
- HIV+ Support Groups Rosemary Buzzard at 333-5800

### Erie PA/Erie County

- ☛ Case Manager - Deb Monohon ..... 838-0123
- ☛ Case Manager - Mary Richardson ..... 456-8849
- ☛ Case Manager - Cheryl Weber ..... 825-1085
- ☛ St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group  
..... Cheryl Weber at 825-1085 or 452-6113
- ☛ AIDS Network ..... Jackie Tamarro at 451-6700
- ☛ Friends from the Heart (Direct Client Services)  
..... 838-0123
- ☛ HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cathedral of St.  
Paul (Episcopal) ..... 452-3779
- ☛ N.W. PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie office) 456-  
8849 or 1(800)400-AIDS
- ☛ Well Being HIV+ Support Group ..... 838-0123

### Venango/Forest County

- Venango-Forest AIDS Support .. 1-800-359-2437
- Case Manager - Debbie Miller ... (800)359-AIDS

### Warren County

- ☛ Case Manager - Deb Monohon ..... 838-0123
- ☛ Case Manager - Tammi Shilling ..... 1(800)359-  
AIDS or (814)226-2743

## HIV/AIDS COUNSELING AND TESTING PROGRAMS (free):

*The following locations offer free, confidential counseling, testing, and referral.*

- ☛ (Corry) Erie Co. Dept. of Health ..... 663-3891
- ☛ (Erie) Erie Co. Dept. of Health ..... 451-6700
- ☛ Erie) MHEDS ..... 453-6229 or 453-4728

- Jamestown or Buffalo ..... (716)847-4520
- Meadville PA ..... (814)332-6947
- Pittsburgh ..... (412)578-8332
- Sharon PA ..... (412)983-5150
- Youngstown OH ..... (216)747-4805

### Anonymous Sites:

- (Ashtabula) Family Planning Associates (\$30)  
..... (216)992-5953
- Painesville OH ..... (216)354-AIDS
- Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force ..... (412)242-2500

☛ = Member of HIV/AIDS Service Network for Erie County PA

## Area Bars & Places

### Ashtabula

**Leeward Lounge**, 1022 Bridge St. Open 7 days, 7 p.m. - 2:30 am, food til 1:30 am. (216)964-9935. Fri & Sat - \$1 cover, half goes into 50-50 drawn at end of night, other half goes to person taking cover. AIDS Food Pantry collection site.

### Erie & Edinboro

**Cup-a-Ccino's**, 18 North Park Row. Mon-Wed 7:30am-11pm, Thur-Fri. 7:30 am-12 mid., Sat 9 a.m.-mid-night. 456-1511. A gay-friendly coffeehouse. New expanded space, nonsmoking section, retail store. Poetry and story nights on alternating Thursdays, live music most Saturdays, some Fridays. Wheelchair accessible. Bike rack for cyclists.

**The Embers**, 1711 State St. 454-9171. Open Mon-Sat. 8pm-2am. Live DJ music Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 10 pm-2am. Pool table.

**Lizzie Bordon's Part II**, 3412 West 12th. Open Mon-Sat., patio open Mon.-Tues.-Thurs. Bowling on Tuesday 9 pm till? Country Line dancing Wed. 9-11 p.m. w/ live DJ. 90s dance music DJ on Fri. (11-2 a.m.) & Sat. (9pm-2a.m.) Shows on some Fridays.

### Jamestown & Southwest NY

**Nite Spot**, 201 Winsor, Jamestown. Open Tues-Sun 7pm-2am. Closed Mon. DJ Fri & Sat 10pm-2am. Sun. Drag show, DJ after 9:30 pm, no cover. Nitely specials.

**Rocking Duck Inn**, 28 Genesee Parkway, Cuba NY. Near Olean, 100 miles from Erie. Gay-owned Bed & Breakfast. Call (716)968-3335 for more info.

**Sneakers**, 100 Harrison, Jamestown. (716)484-8816. Open 7 days a week, 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. DJ Fri and Sat 10-2. Sundays: Pool tournaments, starting 4 p.m.

# Community Directory

## 24 Hour Counseling:

Erie Hotline ..... 453-5656 *or* (800) 628-0190  
Saint Vincent ..... 452-5151  
Family Crisis ..... 456-2014  
Hamot ..... 877-6136

## Community-Building Organizations:

Bridges ..... 456-9833

## Counseling:

Deb Monohon ..... 838-0123  
Chautauqua Co. Gay InfoLine ..... (716)679-3560  
Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. (716)488-1971  
Lake Erie Counseling Associates ..... 455-4009  
Peninsula Counseling Services ..... 835-5204  
For more info, call Greg ..... 833-3258

## E-Mail Addresses

CSGLBP/Allegheny College .... csglbp@alleg.edu  
EGCN/Bridges (Internet) .. mikemahler@aol.com  
EGCN/Bridges (Compuserve) ..... 70431,1622  
Identity ..... j663104w@vax.edinboro.edu  
LGLV-Erie ..... kidithart@aol.com  
Pitt-Bradford BiGALA ... klfst20@vms.cis.pitt.edu

## Funding and Fundraising:

Lambda Foundation .. P.O. Box 5169, Pittsburgh  
PA 15206 ..... (412)521-5444  
Imperial Court .... 266 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo NY  
14222

## Health:

PA Breast Cancer Coalition ..... 455-7833

## Legal:

John Cooper, Esq. .... 455-3436

## Political/Advocacy Organizations:

League of Gay & Lesbian Voters ..... 833-3258

## Publications:

Erie Gay Community Newsletter ..... 456-9833

## Religious Organizations:

Commitment Vows ..... Terry Kime at 864-9300  
Integrity ..... 774-0903  
Gay Catholic Community Rev. Cash at 835-8302  
Unitarian Universalist Congreg. of Erie 864-9300

## Social Organizations:

Menspace ..... 899-8507 or 459-8877  
10% Network  
..... (716)484-7285 or (716)664-5556  
Rainbow Connection (Warren PA) ..... 726-1808  
Womynspace Coffeehouse ..... 454-2713

## Student Organizations/Youth:

Comte. in Support of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual  
People (Allegheny College, Meadville) .. 332-4368  
Closet Culture ..... 825-0530  
Covenant House Teen Hotline .. 1-800-999-9999  
Gay & Lesbian Youth of Buffalo .. (716)855-0221  
Identity (formerly EGO) .. 398-8005 or 734-8155  
Jamestown Comm. College Grp... (716)665-5220  
ext 204  
National Runaway Switchboard . 1-800-621-4000  
North County Support Group ..... (716)679-3430  
Pitt-Bradford BiGALA .. 1-362-2179 or 362-3158  
SUNY-Fredonia B-GLAD .. Dr. Susan Malone at  
..... (716)673-3424  
Teen Hotline ..... (412)771-8336  
Trigon (Penn State Behrend) ..... 898-6164

## Support Groups

Chautauqua Gay Fathers & Lesbian Mothers .....  
..... (716)672-6682  
Elder Action in a Gay and Lesbian Environment  
..... (716)882-2959  
Erie Sisters ..... 2115 W. 8th St., # 261, Erie, PA  
16505  
Lambda Group—Gay AA ..... 452-2675  
*Every Sunday, 8:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation of Erie.* .....  
PFLAG-Ashtabula OH ..... (216)964-3350  
PFLAG-Erie ..... Kathy at 838-6020  
PFLAG-Jamestown NY  
..... (716) 488-1264 or 763-1529

## Violence and Abuse:

24 hour Hotline (Domestic abuse/Sexual Assault,  
women and men) ..... (814)726-1030  
Erie Hospitality House (Domestic abuse, women  
and men) ..... (814)454-8161  
Hate Crimes (US Justice Dept.) .... 800-347-4283  
Jamestown - YWCA Alternatives to Violence  
(Domestic abuse, women and men) ..... Daytime  
..... (716)488-2237, evenings (716)484-0052.  
Women's Center of Warren & Forest Counties  
24 hour Hotline (Domestic abuse/Sexual Assault,  
women and men) .....  
..... 500-338-3460 or (814)726-1030

*All numbers are area code 814 unless  
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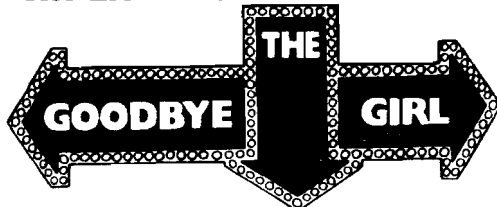
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