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Erie Gay News

## Calendar

**May 1—Womynspace: Open Mike Night** Bring a poem or poems to read, (yours or a favorite other's) or a comedy skit, and—who knows—maybe we'll even try Karaoke!! (Bring your own LYRICS, and any favorite CD's-BE BRAVE!!!!) For more info, call Helen at (814) 451-0359 or email aichess@hotmail.com.

**May 1—Paula Poundstone at Ohio Theater (Cleveland)** For tickets, call (800) 766-6048.



**May 1—Human Rights Campaign Dinner (Cleveland)** Renaissance Hotel Grand Ballroom. Keynote speaker: The Honorable Willie Brown, Mayor of San Francisco. Tickets are \$150 per person. After April 1 the price will increase to \$175 per person. For info, call (440) 779-6444.

**May 2—Open House (Jamestown, NY)** Celebrating Alternative Families and Individual Life styles. Lunch will be provided. 10:30 AM at the Unitarian Church in Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave. For more info, call Bill at (716) 483-6362.

**May 2—Drag Show at Rascals (Jamestown)** 11 PM. 701 North Main St. (716) 484-3220.

**May 3—Beltane (Spring Equinox) at the UU** 7 PM. Pagan holiday celebrated by GLBT-friendly Coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Wear green, bring a drinking vessel and dish to pass for the potluck following. Info: Sharon at medhbh@velocity.net.

**May 3—Biography: J. Edgar Hoover: Private and Confidential (A&E)** 8 PM, repeats at 12 midnight. Discusses his relationship with Chuck Tolson.

**May 4—Ani DiFranco in concert (Pittsburgh)** at A. J. Palumbo Center (800) 628-5971.

**May 5—"Always Our Children" meets** Support group for Catholic parents of gay children. Meets 7-9 PM at Catholic Charities, 329 W 10th St. 456-2091 for more info.

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**May 6—PFLAG-Erie meets** 7:00 PM Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Gary and David at 898-4210 (email blugnu@velocity.net) or Robin and Nancy at 835-7432 (email npengluv@aol.com).

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### This Month's Cover:

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Thanks!

## Items to send us in May



May 15— Deadline for info related to June and early July events:

Pride Month Celebrations, Parades,  
Parties, Picnics, Summer Sporting  
Activities, Fourth of July Events

c/o EGC Coalition, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA 16502-1105  
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The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of information, support and affirmation for lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, transgendered people, their friends, families and allies in the Erie area.

**Contributors: Our deadline is the 15th of the month!** We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments and opinions of interest to the Erie and surrounding area's GLBT community for publication in these pages.

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

We will consider for publication any *nonfiction* article or illustration graphic which broadens our understanding of our lives and each other. We won't publish any material which promotes hatred or discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, race, gender, religion, age, class, physical ability or any other reason. We do not support exploitation of minors.

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## Thanks for the April issue collators!

Thanks to Jerry McCumber, Dave Mulholland, Paul Grubbs, Neal, Richard Mentz, Stan King, Robert Tredway and Rick Blair for helping us to collate the most recent issue of *EGN*! An extra special thank you to Jim for delivering to Jamestown.

If you would like to volunteer, please give us a call at 456-9833. You needn't feel obligated to become a regular or even to stay from start to finish. *Any help is always appreciated!*

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

**May 7—Interweave meets (Jamestown)** 7 PM at Unitarian Church of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave. For gays, bisexuals, lesbians, families and friends.

**May 8—Menspace: "Let's Get Physical"** At Bob's. "Come in your favorite athletic/sports apparel. To quote that famous line from *Grease*, 'Some of us are athletes and some are athletic supporters!'" Call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net for more info.

**May 8—Renaissance City Women's Choir Golf Outing (Pittsburgh)** For more info, call (412) 362-9484 or email RCChoirs@aol.com or PMartin100@aol.com.

**May 8—Midnight in Savannah (A&E)** 1 PM. Reveals the actual events behind the Georgia murder on which the best-seller and movie *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* was based.

**May 9—Biography: Rock Hudson: Acting the Part (A&E)** 10 PM, repeats at 2 AM. Preceded by Doris Day biography.

**May 9—In The Life airs (WOLN TV 54)** 12 midnight. See notes in Q-List page 13 or check www.inthelifetv.org.

**May 9—Happy Mother's Day**

**May 10—Friends from the Heart Meets** 6 PM, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon Cleer 838-0123.

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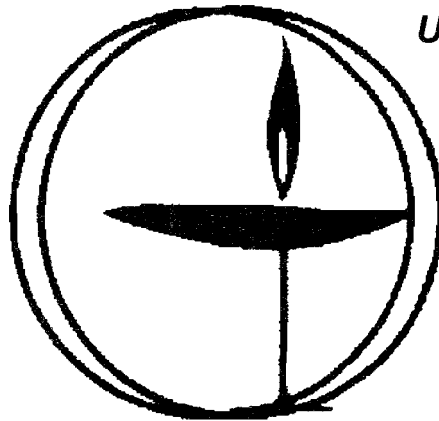
**May 13—BYKOTA meets** At Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Christian Spirituality Group. Contact Julie or Sue at julie.sue@juno.com or 734-3959.

**May 14-16—People of All Colors Together (PACT) Youngstown 16th Anniversary Celebration** Includes Rock and Roll reception, barbecue and banquet. (330) 788-5693 or (330) 799-1756 or (330) 534-5904 ext. 3.

**May 14—Hole and Imperial Teen in concert (Pittsburgh)** at I. C. Light Amphitheater (800) 628-5971.

**May 15—2 girls alone at Barnes and Noble** 7-9 PM. For more info, email TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net.

**May 15—10% Network meets: Yard Sale (Jamestown, NY)** 7 PM at the Unitarian Church in Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave.



**Unitarian Church of Jamestown**  
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Invites gays, bisexual, lesbians,  
families, and friends

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**May 7 at 7 PM at the church**

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**May 18—Pennsylvania Primary Election**

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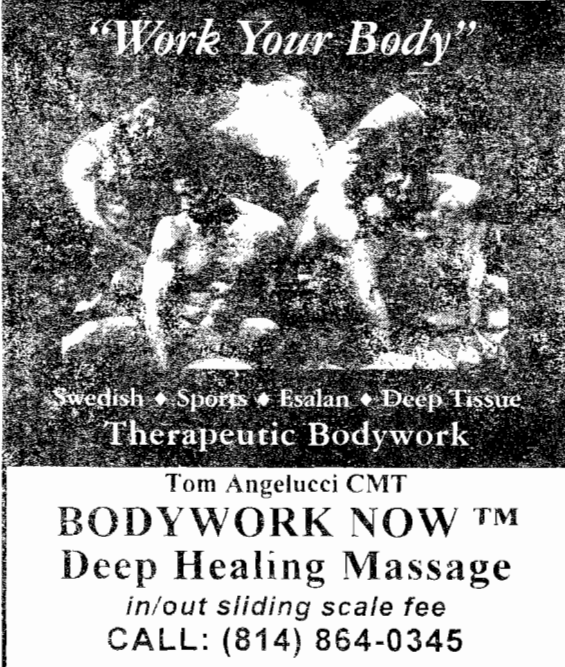
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**May 21-23—Jones Pond Campground: Red Party (Angelica NY)** For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

**May 21— Heat of Ohio (Male Strippers) at Rascals (Jamestown)** \$3 cover. 11 PM. 701 North Main St. (716) 484-3220.

**May 22— White Party at The Zone** No cover. 11 PM. 1711 State St. 459-1711.

**May 22—10% Network: Trip to Grove City area for Shopping (Jamestown, NY)** For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285 or email otto@maddbbs.com.



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**May 22—Picnic and Campfire (DuBois)** For more info, contact Tawney at (814) 378-7276 or tawney4@juno.com.

**May 24—Memorial Day (US) and Victoria Day (Canada)**

**May 25—HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

**May 28-31—Jones Pond Campground: Memorial Day (Angelica NY)** “Memorial park service, pool opens, Underwear Party.” For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

**May 31—Pittsburgh Memorial Day Picnic** 11 AM - 6:30 PM at North Park Lodge. Tickets are \$17/adv and \$20/door, available at The Zone, 1711 State St and all Pittsburgh area bars. See Local News p. 10, ad on back page.

**May 31—Law & Order: Pride (A&E)** 4 PM. “A gay city councilman is shot outside a town hall where gay/lesbian health coverage is being discussed.”

**Jun 2—“Always Our Children” meets** Support group for Catholic parents of gay children. Meets 7-9 PM at Catholic Charities, 329 W 10th St. 456-2091 for more info.

**Jun 2-6—“Be All” Transgender Conference (Cleveland)** International transgender conference, seminars from serious to just fun! at The Radisson Hotel in Cleveland. For more info call 330-923-3413 or http://www.beall.net.

**Jun 3—PFLAG-Erie meets** 7:00 PM Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Info: Gary and David at 898-4210 (email blugnu@velocity.net) or Robin and Nancy at 835-7432 (email npengluy@aol.com).

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**June 4-5—2 girls alone at The Highland's inn (Bathisham, NH)** Women's B&B. For more info, email TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net.

**Jun 4-6— Jones Pond Campground: Friends and Family (Angelica NY)** “No Nudity, Foot-O-Cross Rally, Yard Rally.” For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email info@jonespond.com or browse www.jonespond.com.

**Jun 5—Womynspace** Activity to be determined. Call Helen 451-0359 or email aichess@hotmail.com.

**Jun 5—Comedian Michele Balan at Compton's After Dark (Buffalo)** 1259 Niagara St. (716) 855-3275.

**Jun 6—Gearing up for Summer Party/Picnic (Buffalo)** First 1999 outdoor fundraiser/event for Buffalo's gay community. 2 PM to 8 PM at Front Park-Porter Ave. Down-

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**Jun 6--5th Annual AIDS Walk (Pittsburgh)** Sponsored by Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (PATF). Flagstaff Hill (Oakland). For more info, call (412) 242-2500.

**Jun 8--HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** Call Cheryl Weber at 455-3786 for more info.

**Jun 8--SAFER (HIV/AIDS) meets (Oil City)** For more information, call (814) 677-9601 or email [clmiller@usachoice.net](mailto:clmiller@usachoice.net).

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**Jun 11-13--13th annual Gay Invitational Fellowship Tournament (Cleveland)** Lesbian and gay bowling, Buckeye Lanes on Lorain Ave., N. Olmsted; Bob (216) 226-3471 or Blair (330) 865-9763 or Jim (216) 252-8933.

**Jun 11-13--Jones Pond Campground: Country Western (Angelica NY)** "Gong Show Amateur Night, Hayride." For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com) or browse [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Jun 12--Annual Pride Erie Picnic** Sponsored by Erie Community Pride Organization (ECPO). At Presque Isle State

Park. For more info, call Mike Mahler at 456-9833 or email [egcn@ncinter.net](mailto:egcn@ncinter.net).

**Jun 12--Menspace: CANCELLED!!!** See you at the Pride Picnic! Call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email [egcn@ncinter.net](mailto:egcn@ncinter.net) for more info.

**Jun 12--Elton John in concert (Cleveland)** at Blossom Music Center (330) 920-8040. Check Ticketmaster at Giant Eagle.

**Jun 12-13--Allentown Arts Festival (Buffalo)** Delaware Ave and Allen St.

**Jun 13--Tea Dance (Buffalo)** Benefit for Empire Pride State Agenda. \$25/\$30. (716) 852-2297.

**Jun 14--Friends from the Heart Meets** 6 PM, Well Being Ctr, 710 Beaumont. Info Deb Monohon Cleer 838-0123.

**Jun 14--Pride Workshops (Buffalo)** Sponsored by Outcome, Western NY's monthly gay newspaper. Time schedule and location TBA. (716) 441-7476 or [outcomewny@aol.com](mailto:outcomewny@aol.com). Free.

**Jun 16--"Always Our Children" meets** Support group for Catholic parents of gay children. Meets 7-9 PM at Catholic Charities, 329 W 10th St. 456-2091 for more info.

**Jun 16--"Victor/Victoria" benefit (Cleveland)** Join the Cleveland Gay and Lesbian Center for a theater production of "Victor/Victoria" at the Cleveland Playhouse with a private meet the cast reception after the performance at the Wyndham Hotel. Performance is at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$95 per person. Please call The Center for tickets 216-522-1999.

**Jun 17--2 girls alone at Aroma's** 7-9 PM, 2174 W 8th St. Email [TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net](mailto:TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net).

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**Jun 17--Pride Show (Buffalo)** Variety show featuring local singers, actors and drag artists. New Phoenix Theater on the Park. 95 N Johnson Park. Free. For more info, call (716) 862-8115.

**Jun 18--Renaissance City Choirs Women's Concert (Pittsburgh)** For more info, call (412) 362-9484 or email [RCCchoirs@aol.com](mailto:RCCchoirs@aol.com).

**Jun 18-20--Jones Pond Campground: Mardi Gras (Angelica NY)** "Carnival, Ice Cream Social." For more info, call (716) 567-8100, email [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com) or browse [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

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RD #3, Box 75F	Baldwin Bldg.
Clarion PA 16214	Erie PA 16501
<a href="mailto:nwparaa@penn.com">nwparaa@penn.com</a>	<a href="mailto:nwpaids@erie.net">nwpaids@erie.net</a>

**Jun 18-19—Musical Theater (Buffalo)** Performance by TNT Productions at The Marquee (Theatre Place, 600 Main St.) Benefit for Empire Pride State Agenda and for AIDS Community Services. For info, call (716) 862-8115.

**June 19—2 girls alone at Cup-a-Ccino's** 9-11:30 PM, 8 North Park Row. For more info, email [TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net](mailto:TwoGirlsAlone@worldnet.att.net).

**Jun 19—10% Network meets: Silent Auction (Jamestown, NY)** 7 PM at the Unitarian Church in Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave. For more info, call John at (716) 484-7285 or email [otto@maddbbs.com](mailto:otto@maddbbs.com).

**Jun 19—Cleveland Frontrunners 1st Annual Pride 5k Run and Walk** At Edgewater Park. For registration forms, call (440)979-0151.

**Jun 19—"Peace, Love, Pride" (Cleveland)** Pride march and festival. For more info call (216)371-0214 or check <http://www.lgsc.org/commlcal.html>. Erie will be marching as a contingent. See Local News page 10 for more info.

**Jun 19—Pride Fest 99 (Pittsburgh)** Pride march and festival. For more info call (412) 422-3060, email [glccpgh@aol.com](mailto:glccpgh@aol.com) or browse <http://trfn.clpgh.org/trp/>.

**Jun 19—Pride '99 Parade (Buffalo)** Marchers line up 12 noon at American Red Cross Parking Lot (corner of Delaware and North), Parade steps off at 1 PM, down Delaware Ave to Niagara Square. Rally begins at Niagara Square with a show presented by Imperial Court of Buffalo (716) 862-8115.

**Jun 19—GLYS Youth Pride Dance (Buffalo)** Club E Chippewa and Ellicott. Benefits Gay and Lesbian Youth Services of Western NY. For info, call (716) 855-0221.

**Jun 20—Father's Day**

**Jun 20—Gay Day at Cedar Point (Sandusky OH)**

**Jun 20—Summer Solstice Celebration of Spirit (Buffalo)** 10:30 AM at Temple Beth Zion, 805 Delaware Ave. (716) 876-4531, [cspeser@buffnet.net](mailto:cspeser@buffnet.net).

**Jun 20—Queen City Softball League (Buffalo)** Game and picnic. (716) 862-8115.

**June 22—Litha (Summer Solstice) at the UU** 7 PM. Pagan holiday celebrated by GLBT-friendly Coven of Brighidshaven at Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway. Wear green, bring a drinking vessel and dish to pass for the potluck following. Info: Sharon at [medhbh@velocity.net](mailto:medhbh@velocity.net).

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## Jones Pond Campground



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### Weekly meetings

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# Local news

## Pride Erie '99 picnic

**Saturday, June 12th Pride Erie Picnic** Once again, the Pride Erie Picnic will be held at Presque Isle State Park at the Beach 11 Pavilion from 2 PM to sundown. Beach 11 is an uncrowded picnic and beach area. The beach is guarded. If you are not sure of where Beach 11 is, stop at the Park's Administration office (near Beach 6.) Also, signs will be posted throughout the park.

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

As always, straight friends and families are most heartily welcome. Feel free to bring your children or parents, but parents are responsible for taking care of their kids. (There is playground equipment near the shelter.)

We'll begin at 2 PM with games (including the perennial favorite, volleyball.) The annual Family Portrait will be taken promptly at 4 PM and anyone who wants to be in the picture can be or not, as they prefer. We will be including the picture on Erie Gay News' home page.

We are planning on having a literature table. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, rollerblades and sunscreen. Volunteers are asked to help with clean up, cooking and set up. If you would like to volunteer, call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email egcn@ncinter.net.

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

Plans are also in the works for a contingent of Erie people to make the day trip to march in the Cleveland Pride Parade the following Saturday, June 19. We will

convoy from the West Erie Plaza at 10 AM, Saturday, June 19th. Some people are also planning on going to Toronto's Pride Weekend the weekend of June 26th. This is one of the largest in North America. For more info, contact Paul Grubbs at (814) 922-3058 or pgrubbs@erie.net or James at (814) 763-2022 or shifferj@toolcity.net.

## New contact for LGLV

There currently is a contact for the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters (LGLV) for Erie. You can call Dearick at (814) 868-2242 or email him at lglverie@yahoo.com.

## Pittsburgh Memorial Day Picnic

On Monday, May 31st, the Delta Foundation will again be sponsoring the Pittsburgh Memorial Day Picnic at North Park Lodge from 11 AM to 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the gate. You can get tickets at The Zone, 1711 State St or all Pittsburgh area bars. The menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, pork and beans, kielbasa, fresh fruit mix, potato salad, pasta salad and large cookies! See the ad on the back page.

## Bike riding

by Fred L May

Still looking for people to ride to Jamestown NY. Also there are plans in the making for trips to both Meadville, Cleveland and other rides throughout the summer.

Those who might find bike riding fun, get a hold of Fred at (440) 599-1460 (same number for fax). Address: 202 W Main Rd, Lot #21, Conneaut OH 44030.

## Greg Ropp on front page of Times

Local musician and video store manager Greg Ropp was featured on the front page of the Tuesday, April 20 edition of the Erie Daily Times. The focus of the story was on Ropp's peer counseling group in response to the tragic murder of Edinboro middle school teacher John Gillette last year. Kudos to Greg for his community building and healing effort in response to such a bad situation.

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# HIV/AIDS news

## HIV/AIDS research volunteers needed!

From Sandra Quigley

As you may or may not know, I have been working as an HIV/AIDS Case Manager for almost two years now, and it was my job that got me interested in AIDS research. As part of my graduate work in Penn State University's Masters in Applied Psychology program, I have to complete a research study, and what better area to study than HIV/AIDS. There is plenty of research out there on the medical aspects of the disease although more is still needed and always welcome, but I chose a much less studied area for my research project. I am focusing on pain, depression, and how the two conditions interact in individuals living with HIV. Both pain, depression, and mental health in general are vastly under-researched and under-treated in this population, and my hopes are to bring these two issues to light and hopefully have treatment for these disorders become part of the protocol for the care of people with HIV/AIDS.

This is where you come in. I need your help. I am currently looking for volunteers to participate in my research project. I need volunteers age 18-65 that are both HIV+ and HIV- or uncertain of their status. Participation will take approximately 30 minutes of your time, in which three short surveys will be completed. Everything will be mailed to you and self addressed return envelopes will be included. No one else other than myself will have access to any names of people participating, and the surveys will not ask for your name. If you are interested in participating, please call me at 871-0364 or 1-800-836-1234 pin # 863 or write me at P.O. Box 8983, Erie, PA 16505. Thank you for considering participation. This research project is not related to my employment with the Northwest PA Rural AIDS Alliance.

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# Michael dithers

by Mike Mahler

How has everyone's spring been? We are planning on having our respective moms and my grandparents over. We've been having them for Thanksgiving since we've had the house and started to do Mothers Day last year.

I hope that folks are looking forward to the Pride Erie Picnic on Saturday, June 12th. We have a really nice mellow event. However, if you find that you can't enjoy a day without alcohol, please consider not coming. It's against state law and can wreck everyone else's day.


We also hope for a good turnout for folks to convoy to march in Cleveland's Pride Parade the following Saturday, June 19th. We plan on leaving the West Erie Plaza parking lot at 10 AM. There were relatively few of us last year, because we came up with the idea so late, but we all had a great time. It was very cool marching as the Erie contingent with the nifty banner made by Jeff Hill with the logo Micheal Miller designed.

Micheal and I had a wonderful anniversary weekend in April. We celebrate the anniversary of meeting on Good Friday and the wedding on June 18th. Since it was right between April Fools and Easter, we decided to go out for the evening. Micheal wore one of the silly jester caps and I wore a pair of silly pink bunny ears. As luck would have it, we were out shopping for something else and saw a bizarre pink feather boa that would have gone with the bunny ears, but there's always next year. We also wanted to see if we could get copies of the jesters caps made in leather. He also recently got a blue armband tattoo. Oh, is anyone surprised that our unofficial motto is "To shock and amuse?"

Anywho, see you at the Pride Picnic!

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# Q-list

by Mike Miller

## Theatre and film

If you missed the March performance of **Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde** in Pittsburgh and are craving some live theatre to do with the great gay wit that the copies of **Wilde** sitting on the video shelves just can't satisfy, then make sure to catch **The Importance of Being Earnest**. It's playing at **Mercyhurst's Taylor Little Theatre** May 6-9 and 13-16 at 8 PM on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 PM on Sundays at \$7 a ticket (\$5 for students). In Wilde's time calling someone an "earnest" young man meant that he was queer. The play also revolves around the humorously uncomfortable situations arising around people living double lives - something Oscar Wilde knew a lot about, and which any LGBT who's ever had to face a closet door would know about, too. Call 824-3000 for tickets or info.

"This is a lipstick lesbian," announces a voice-over to what seems like a black and white sex ed instructional film for straight people living in the 50's. Two examples of the type kiss. "See? That wasn't so bad. This is a gym queen." Two examples of *that* type hug. "We hope this has been informative." Then a quick cut away to a full color full *contact* gay sex scene starts the ball rolling, as it were, in **Relax...It's Just Sex** featuring **Mitchell Anderson** in search of gay romance, **Jennifer Tilly** as his faghag sidekick and **Paul Winfield** in a delightfully gay cameo. If you can find it at the theatre, **Relax...** has just about every gay character in it, from the disgustingly cute Christian guppie couple to the lesbian bed death couple who try playing it straight only to hear "What are we going to say to our friends at PFLAG?" from the parents.

Look for the sexy, sassy **Catherine Zeta-Jones** who nearly stole the show in **The Mask of Zorro** to have a lesbian role in **The Haunting of Hill House**, due out soon. **Don Roos'** latest project, **Bounce**, is also due out soon, by Miramax. According to Roos, who brought us **The Opposite of Sex**, **Bounce** will feature more of his unique sensibilities about gay life, and life in general. Fans of **Matt Damon's** performance in **Good Will Hunting** can see him in a more homoerotically charged light in **The Talented Mr. Ripley** based on the **Patricia Highsmith** novel. And for those who may have felt uneasy watching **Philip Seymour Hoffman's** portrayal as a queeny *doormat* in

*Boogie Nights*, can feel better about his portrayal in *Flawless* as a drag queen who shows Robert DeNiro how to take life's ups and downs as, um, like a man.

## TV and video

The latest episode of *In The Life* will be broadcast midnight Sunday, May 9th on WQLN Erie PBS Channel 54. This installment of the acclaimed gay news magazine will take to travel with stories including "Not In Our Port" which tackles the subject of the growing gay cruise ship holiday industry and the resistance it faces, and "Friendly Skies" which takes a look at the importance of examining policies towards LGBT's when choosing an airline carrier. This month's *In The Life* also looks at an LGBT-welcoming resort in Bali, the challenges faced by deaf gay parents, an HIV+ trans-pacific yachting team, and a group of women helping rebuild women-owned homes in hurricane-torn Nicaragua. Be sure to tape it, if you can't stay up to watch.

In case you're bored with the irony of **Ellen DeGeneres** playing a ruthless, yet somewhat de-sexed, TV producer in *EDtv*, be sure to keep an eye out for HBO's *If These Walls Could Talk 2*, which will deal with lesbian issues in three segments, one of which is written by **Anne Heche**, stars Ellen and **Sharon Stone**, and which is also executive produced by DeGeneres and Stone.

Lesbians around the country dismayed to learn that *Xena: Warrior Princess* star **Lena Lawless** is about to become a 9-o'ime breeder in her second child due in October can take refuge in scouring video shelves for the 1994 unabashedly lesbian film *Fossil* which features a peachy young Lawless.

Continuing a positive trend... Young gay males coming to grips with their sexuality have **Kerr Smith** on *Queer as Folk* to look for as a positive role model. Now young females confronting their sexuality have **Neva Campbell** and **Olivia D'Abo** on *Party of Five*. D'Abo plays a lesbian writer inspired with the help of a blossoming love interest in Campbell's character who's fresh out of an abusive hetero relationship and exploring her feelings for her own sex.

## Music

Lately, **Elton John** is the epitome of the "very efficient queen" in the music world. He's scoring **Albert Brooks'** latest film, *The Muse*, starring Sharon Stone. He's

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ing the soundtrack to (yet another) animated feature, DreamWorks' *The Road to El Dorado*. He's preparing to release a promising new studio album with **Bernie Taupin**. He's embarking on a national concert tour. And he's just finished co-writing his own version of the classic Verdi opera *Aida* with **Tim Rice** who collaborated with him on Disney's *The Lion King*. *Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida* (Polygram) features John, **Sting**, **Tina Turner**, **Boyz II Men**, **Shania Twain**, **Lenny Kravitz**, **James Taylor**, and other mega-stars pumping out versions of the opera's songs in a myriad of styles ranging from pop to hip-hop.

It had to happen sooner or later. *Virgin Voices: a Tribute to Madonna* (Cleopatra Records) gives us **KMFDM** funking up "Material Girl", **Loleatta Holloway** belting out "Like a Prayer" and many other dubious club mix covers of the very songs that helped popularize club mixes as a form. Are they trying to out-Madonna Madonna? What's next, a club mix of Pope John Paul II's *Abba Pater*? Erasure could do it and call it *Abba Pater-esque*.

Those looking for their retro-Diva's return and tiring of **Cher's** un-"believe"-able overexposure on hot 100 stations can look forward to *Every Day Is a New Day* (Motown) by none other than Miss **Diana Ross**. Look for it in music stores, and in future drag performances everywhere.

## Books

Women, if you've never been to a Women's Music Festival, or even if you have, there's a new book out by **Dr. Bonnie Morris** which will take you on a ride through the festival culture and its impact on women's music, women's politics, women's lives. In *The Eden Built by Eves* (Alyson, \$15.95), Morris shows through candid interviews, photos, and anecdotes, what it is about these events that brings women back again and again.



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John K. Gilchrist was taken from us tragically in a car accident on March 27 in the early hours of the morning in Crawford County. Services were held on March 29 at White-Cool Funeral Home in Conneautville. A memorial service was held on March 30 at the St. Peter's Church in Conneautville. He was laid to rest at St. Peter's Cemetery in Conneautville. He was 39 years of age. He was born on October 3, 1959, and was raised in Conneautville and attended school there. He lived in Erie for a number of years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, football and other outside activities in the country. He was an avid bingo player, he loved all kinds of music but especially country and loved to DJ. He worked at Liza's Hideaway in Conneaut Lake, the Silver Slipper in Erie, PA for many years and other functions and establishments as a DJ. He also worked as a bartender at Otters Pub in Meadville Pa. He had also been a nurses' aid at a few nursing homes. He was a very proud father and grandfather. Anyone who had the privilege of meeting him knew him as a caring, loving person. He had a great sense of humor, and anyone who made friends with John had a friend for life.

He is survived by his mother Letha Gilchrist of Conneautville and a son Jeremy Gilchrist of Saegertown. He is also survived by 3 brothers and a sister and one grandchild, a long time dear friend Dodi of Saegertown, and many close and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his father John Gilchrist and his two daughters Melissa Gilchrist and Samantha Gilchrist. Condolences may be sent to Jeremy Gilchrist in Saegertown.

If anyone would like to pay their respects to John, they may do so at St. Peter's cemetery in Conneautville. Anyone unfamiliar to the area can take route 18 in to Conneautville at the Shur-Fine, make a right and then bear to the right. On 198 go to top of the hill. The cemetery is located on the right. Take the last drive and go all the way towards the woods. He is laid to rest with his two daughters on the right.

He will be sadly missed by family members and close dear friends of many years and all who knew him

... sadly missed by Joy Swartwood

# Resource directory

Please note that this an abbreviated listing! For a more complete listing, either check <http://www.eriegaynews/arearesc.html> or mail a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to 1115 W 7th St, Erie PA 16502-1105 or call us at (814) 456-9833.

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Erie Hotline .....	453-5656 or (800) 628-0190
Saint Vincent .....	452-5151
Community Integration Crisis Services .....	456-2014
Hamot .....	877-6136
Victims of Anti-Gay Hate Crimes .....	1-800-259-1536

## Bars

<b>Nite Spot</b> ▼ 201 Winsor, Jamestown, NY. Open Tues-Sun 7 PM - 2 am.	
<b>Rascals</b> ▼ 701 North Main St, Jamestown, NY. Open 3 PM to 2 AM 7 days a week.	(716)484-3220
<b>Sneakers</b> ▼ 100 Harrison, Jamestown, NY. Open Mon-Sun 2pm-2am.	(716)484-8816
<b>The Village</b> ▼ 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sun 8 PM - 2 AM.	452-0125
<b>The Zone Dance Club</b> ▼ 1711 State St, Erie PA. Open Mon-Sat 4 PM - 2 AM.	459-1711

## Counseling

Family Service of Jamestown N.Y. ....	(716)488-1971
Fredonia Office .....	(716)679-3455
Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (6 PM.- 11 PM. Mon.-Fri.) .....	1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564)
Lake Erie Counseling Associates .....	455-4009
Well Being Center ▼ .....	838-0123 (Deb Monohon)

## Info-Lines

Chautauqua County NY (North) .....	(716) 679-3560
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Erie .....	456-9833

## Religious Organizations

<b>BYKOTA- Be Ye Kind One To Another</b> .....	734-3959 (Susan Laurie)
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<b>Temple Anshe Hesed (Reform Congregation)</b> .....	454-2426
930 Liberty St, Erie PA.	
<b>Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal)</b> .....	452-3779
134 W 7th St, Erie PA	
<b>Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie</b> ▼ .....	864-9300
7180 New Perry Highway.	
<b>Unitarian Universalist Congreg of Jamestown</b> ▼ ...	(716) 488-1902
1255 Prendergast Ave.	
<b>"Always Our Children"</b> .....	456-2091
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## Social Organizations

<b>10% Network</b> ▼ .....	(716)484-7285 (John)
Chautauqua County, NY.	
<b>Menspace</b> .....	456-9833 (Michael)
Monthly social group for Erie area gay/bi men.	
<b>Womynspace Coffeehouse</b> ▼ .....	451-0359 (Helen)
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## Student Organizations/Youth

<b>Committee in Support of Gay, Lesbian &amp; Bisexual People (CSGLBP, Allegheny College, Meadville)</b> ▼ .....	332-4368 (Nancy)
<b>Closet Culture (GLBT's 22 or younger, Erie)</b> .....	899-6528 (Mark)
<b>Covenant House Teen Hotline</b> .....	1-800-999-9999
<b>Identity (Edinboro U.)</b> & .....	email: dburdick@edinboro.edu
<b>Jamestown Comm. College Grp</b> ▼ .....	(716)665-5220 ext 204
or 664-9174 (Greg Rabb)	
<b>Mercyhurst College Gay/Straight Alliance</b> ▼	824-2371 (Dr. Watters)
<b>National Runaway Switchboard</b> .....	1-800-621-4000
<b>SUNY-Fredonia GLBSU</b> .....	(716)673-3139 or (716) 673-3149
<b>Teen Hotline</b> .....	(412)771-8336
<b>Trigon (Penn State Behrend)</b> ▼	898-6030 or (Sue Daley) 898-6164

## Support Groups

<b>Erie Sisters Transgender Support Group (TV/TS/CD)</b> .....	
write Erie Sisters, 1903 W 8th St, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505	
<b>Lambda Group—Gay AA</b> ▼ .....	452-2675
<b>Partners (LesBiGay group, Corry PA)</b> .....	(814) 664-7090 (Luella)
<b>PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)</b> .....	
<b>PFLAG-DuBois PA</b> .....	Karen or John Kressley at 371-8962
<b>PFLAG-Erie</b> .....	Gary & David 898-4210
<b>Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)</b> .....	453-5656 (Erie Hotline)

## HIV/AIDS Resources

<b>AIDS Action Team (AACT) Gannon</b> .....	871-7233
<b>AIDS Bereavement Support Group</b> .....	452-3779 (Sue Kuebler)
Sponsored by HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul.	
<b>AIDS Network Information</b> .....	451-6700
<b>Friends from the Heart</b> .....	838-0123 (Deb Monohon)
<b>HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry of Cath. of St. Paul (Episcopal)</b>	452-3779
<b>NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance (Erie Ofc)</b> ▼	456-8849/(800)400-AIDS
<b>St. Mark's/Catholic Charities Support Group</b> & .....	
Cheryl Weber at 455-3786, if no answer 825-1085	
<b>AIDS Community Services (Jamestown, NY)</b> ▼ .....	(716)664-7855
<b>Crawford Co. AIDS Coalition</b> .....	337-3241
<b>HIV+ Support Grps (Meadville PA)</b>	333-5800 (Rosemary Buzzard)

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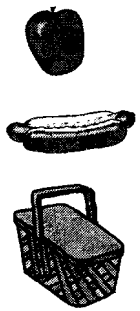
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