

News about Holland area LGBT people and their allies

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PFLAG to show film “My Life in Pink”

PFLAG Holland/Lakeshore will view and discuss “My Life in Pink,” a film about a 7-year-old boy who believes he is really a girl, at its Aug. 16 meeting

Ludovic, the main character in the film, is convinced that some sort of mistake has been made, and he sets out to correct it -- to the puzzlement of the adults in the child's life. Ludovic is a mystery to his siblings and a threat to the stability of his neighborhood, and his parents experience confusion, concern, embarrassment and resignation.

Told from the child's point of view, the comedy “shows how children construct elaborate play worlds out of dreams and fantasies, and then plug their real worlds right into them.... Adults, on

the other hand, see things in more literal terms,” and are less open to fantasy, according to the late film critic Roger Ebert.

Reviewer Owen Gleiberman concluded that the film “conveys the beautiful inarguability of being exactly who you are.” A winner of the Golden Globe's Best Foreign Language Film award, this 90-minute film in French (“Ma Vie en Rose”) with English subtitles came out in 1998 and was shown at the Cannes Film Festival.

PFLAG meets on the ground floor of Grace Episcopal Church, 555 Michigan Avenue, across the street from Holland Hospital. PFLAG begins with a business meeting and support at 7 p.m. After a time for refreshments at 7:50 p.m. the



Georges Du Fresne, Michele Laroque and Helen Vincent star in the film “Ma Vie en Rose.”

program will begin at 8:10 p.m. Bring a snack to share, if you can.

Prior to the PFLAG meeting, Gender SAFE (Supporting All For Equality) meets from 6-8 p.m. (note the longer meeting time) , also on the ground floor of Grace Episcopal Church. The

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Unless otherwise noted, all events are at the Out On The Lakeshore Community Center, 451 Columbia Ave. The center's open hours are 1-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 4-6 pm: Gender SAFE meets*
4	5	6 6:30-7:30 pm: Adult Book Club	7	8	9	10
11	12 2-5:30 pm: EQMI pop up hours	13	14	15	16 7-9 pm: PFLAG meets at Grace Epis- copal **	17 10 am- noon: Lakeshore Hope meets
18	19	20 6:30- 7:30 pm: Adult Game Night	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 6:30- 7:30 pm: Teen/Adult Movie Night	28	29	30	31

* Lakeshore Hope meets from 10 am-noon.

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LGBT news from around the world

Tennessee pastor refuses funeral for gay man's dad

The pastor of a Tennessee church has allegedly refused to host the funeral of a dying 71-year-old man because his son is gay and engaged to another man, according to LGBTQ Nation.

Jessie Goodman's father has reportedly only one day to live and his dying wishes include his funeral being held at Lee's Chapel Baptist Church in Sweetwater, Tenn, and that his son sings "The Anchor Holds."

But Jessie Goodman said the church's pastor, Jay Scruggs, won't allow that as long as he is part of the service.

"As long as I was going to take part in any way, he [Goodman's father] could not have his service there," Jessie told a local ABC News affiliate. "They're punishing my dad for a lifestyle choice I've made."

Scruggs has refused to discuss the matter until

Jessie's father is buried. The Southern Baptist Convention says that it has no record of the church's affiliation with their denomination

New British prime minister getting mixed LGBT reviews

New British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is getting mixed reviews from the British LGBTQ community, according to NBC News.

In a recent NBC News article, Johnson said that he has the LGBT community's back, but a longtime human rights activist said he has had a checkered record on LGBT equality, sometimes being supportive and other times being absent or abstaining on LGBT issues.

Still, he sounded supportive, noting that he was one of the first senior party leaders to support same-sex marriage.

"I will continue to champion LGBT+ equality," Johnson said. "We must do more to ensure that trans rights are protected and those who identify as trans or intersex are able to live their lives with dignity."

Poland group rallies against LGBT violence

Poland's opposition left-wing parties staged a rally July 28 against violence in the eastern city of Bialystok where a LGBT rights march was recently attacked by far-right groups, according to the Associated Press.

Hundreds reportedly attended the downtown rally, many carrying rainbow and European Union flags.

Left-wing leaders criticized Poland's right-wing ruling party of having tolerated aggression against the LGBT community ever since it won power in 2015.

Award-winning film to be shown by PFLAG

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This is a support group that is open and welcoming to all people who are or who love someone who is transgender or gender diverse (TGD). The group welcomes those who are gender affirmative and who are interested in learning about the TGD community.

Gender SAFE also meets the first Saturday of every month, Aug. 3 this month, from 4-6 p.m. at the Out On The Lakeshore Community Center, 451 Columbia Ave., Holland.