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PA Catholic Conference lobbying against HB300

from Rep. Brian Sims, posted on Facebook

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has been in the Capitol trying to scare legislators off of HB300, the Non-Discrimination bill. That's right, they're spending money to pay lobbyists to attack people who support protecting people from discrimination.

This is where donated Catholic dollars in PA are going—to lobbyists attacking equality! Hmm, I can't imagine Jesus thinking that donated dollars are better spent attacking LGBT people than educating children, feeding the poor, helping the sick, etc.

Who would Jesus *hate*!?!?

PFLAG Erie Membership

from Alex Sphon

PFLAG Erie is a support group for friends and families of lesbians, gays and transgendered people. PFLAG is under new leadership and is currently accepting new members. The membership rate is just \$25 per year and helps the local chapter provide support. Free to attend meetings. For more information please contact Alex Sphon at (814) 367-3311 or Pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com

Erie Sisters Cabin Fever Weekend

from Erie Sisters

The Erie Sisters will host Cabin Fever weekend at the Avalon Hotel, Feb 21-23. The annual event is a non-regimented gathering of the transgender community, with several options available for entertainment at individual or group discretion. Cabin Fever coincides with the Brewfest at Union Station and Erie's annual Bar Stool open, and a team will be put together to compete in the event. This is also an election year for Erie Sisters officers, and a time to count ballots will be set on Friday evening and new officers announced. For more information, browse to: <http://eriesisters.ning.com> or phone Melanie at (440) 265-8191.

Greg Rabb re-elected to Jamestown City Council President

from Greg Rabb

JAMESTOWN, NY—By a 9 to 0 vote, the Jamestown City Council selected Greg Rabb to be City Council President again on January 6, 2014. This is Rabb's fourth term on the council. He has served as council president since first being elected to office. as Jamestown City Councilman at large. Rabb is the only openly gay elected official in the eight counties of western New York.



Inaugural poet Richard Blanco will speak at Allegheny College's Ford Chapel in Meadville PA at 7 p.m. Jan. 30. Blanco was the first Latino, first immigrant, first openly-gay and youngest person to be inaugural poet for the United States.

Photo by Joyce Tenneson

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We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBTs for publication in these pages. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.

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Community News

ME4PA Valentine's Day Protest/ Rally

from Marriage Equality for PA

On Valentine's Day, we're looking for couples to apply for marriage licenses at County Clerks offices, and then hold a small rally outside the office.

We are looking for couples willing to do this. Couples can sign up at www.me4pa.org

Single Voice Reading Series: Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco

from Allegheny College

Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco will read his work at Allegheny College on January 30.

Blanco is America's fifth inaugural poet, writing for President Barack Obama's 2013 inauguration ceremony. He's also the first Latino, first immigrant, first openly-gay and youngest person to be the inaugural poet for the United States.

His books include *City of a Hundred Fires*, *Dirrec-*

tions to The Beach of the Dead, and *Looking for The Gulf Motel*. In January 2013, Blanco was selected by President Obama to be the inaugural poet, joining the ranks of Robert Frost and Maya Angelou. His official website: richard-blanco.com

Richard Blanco will speak at Allegheny College's Ford Chapel in Meadville PA at 7 p.m. The event is free, and part of the college's Year of Civil Rights. www.allegheny.edu/200.

Board Member Elections for NW PA Pride

from NW PA Pride Alliance

NW PA Pride Alliance recently held elections for board members. We are thrilled that we had more than double the number of applicants that we did last year! New board members elected include Kelly Kidd, Matthew Robison, Alex Sphon and Daniel Thomas. They join returning board members Diana Ames, Preston Blood, Alex Bolla, Season Crannell, Chris Dye, Bob Langley, Michael Mahler and Melanie Shubitowski. Officers are President Michael Mahler, Vice President

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Season Crannell, Treasurer Bob Langley and Secretary Alex Sphon. We're grateful for the support of our community in 2013, and look forward to an even more exciting 2014. The board works to keep LGBTQ Erie visible and connected through our June picnic and August Pride and Rally, among other events. If you have any feedback or would like to help, just contact a board member!

Marriage Equality for PA Staff Change

from Marriage Equality for PA

ME4PA is sad to announce that our Erie Event Coordinator Jason Brendel is stepping down from his post in accordance with our by-laws on the conduct regarding non-profits. ME4PA wishes to thank Mr. Brendel for his hard work, his dedication, his perseverance and his poise in his capacity as the event coordinator for the Erie County chapter of ME4PA. During Jason's tenure, he assisted in organizing a variety of events for ME4PA including the Eerie Horrorfest

table for ME4PA, ME4PA's involvement in the Pride Parade, happy hours at Craze, and our most recent event, Noodles for Equality.

ME4PA understands that while Jason is an outspoken advocate for equality, he has long-term political goals, including an aspiration for office on the Erie City Council. Due to the nature of our organization, we ask that all leaders who plan on running for office step down from their position, which Jason has done so with grace and aplomb.

As part of his continued and outspoken interest in support of the LGBT community, and given his work with other campaigns, we believe that Jason would make an excellent candidate for Erie City Council. We are encouraging him to proceed with his plans to run for the next available seat. His people skills, determination, and talents lead us to think that he can succeed in public office.

Hayley Borgia will continue operations in the Erie County region, including recruiting volunteers to help pick up the slack. She has many great events planned for the coming year, and the entire organization is primed for another great year of pushing for, and hopefully winning, equality for all here in our Commonwealth.



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Statewide Youth Action Conference in Philly Feb 14-16, 2014

from Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition

The third annual Youth Action Conference, Pennsylvania's largest LGBTQ youth conference, will be held at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, February 14-16, 2014. The YAC 2014 is dedicated to "Igniting a Pennsylvania Youth Movement for Trans* Justice and Freedom." This conference will focus on most pressing issues facing young trans* Pennsylvanians, and toward the empowerment of a generation of trans* youth leaders in our state.

We highly encourage LGBTQ student groups from high school and university communities to join us. Our keynote speaker is Allyson Robinson, who is the first transgender person to be the executive director of a national LGBTQ organization. Mara Keisling, the Executive Director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, will moderate the opening plenary and present our all-conference training.

There will be over twenty advanced conference sessions on issues such as addressing trans* youth homelessness, making our schools more affirming for trans* students, and combating anti-transgender discrimination in Pennsylvania.

Panelists for the opening and closing plenaries include: Jeanine Ruhsam, Che Gosset, Sarah McBride, Jara Krysz, Van Nguyen, and Emmett Patterson. The Keystone Banquet on the Saturday evening of the conference will honor the work of advocates Issak Wolfe, Kasey Caron, and Kathy Padilla.

Regular registration to attend the conference, which includes three meals and overnight accommodations with Penn students, is \$25 per person. All events will take place at the University of Pennsylvania.

Please visit <http://youthactionconference.com/> for more information and to register for the YAC 2014.

The YAC Planning Committee would be glad to answer any of your questions about the gathering by email at info@pennsec.org.

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Building and Supporting Leaders

A look at the 2013 LGBT International Leaders Conference

By Peg Watts

Twenty-years ago, persons in positions of public leadership risked losing office if it became known they were same-sex oriented. Now, thanks to advocacy and public awareness, mainstream America is beginning to understand their LGBT neighbors are just that – neighbors. They are neighbors who share all the concerns, hopes and aspirations as their heterosexual counterparts. They also share the same willingness to lead and solve public issues.

More and more people who have stepped out are stepping up to positions of community and political leaders. The recent 26th Annual LGBT Leaders Conference, held in Denver, Colorado, offered tools and skills building to organizers and advocates. One of the attendees was incumbent Meadville City Council member, Bob Langley.

“These kinds of conferences allow those of us who may be new leaders to feel a sense of empowerment. All of us have the opportunity to network and gain insight. The LGBT Leaders Conference helps us all to be more prepared to deal with social and economic issues we all have to face,” Langley explains.

Braving the frigid Rocky Mountain air, top LGBT leaders spearheaded discussions that helped examine current and long term issues. In the light of the progress that has been made in civil rights – there is a broad based acknowledgement that there is still a long road ahead to travel before all Americans receive fair and equal treatment and LGBT members of society

are brought deeper into the mainstream.

One of the glaring problems many LGBTs who run for public office face is the heterosexual voters’ misconception that same-sex elected officials might push a “gay agenda” – ignoring the broader needs of the whole community they might serve. Working to change public perception, a special workshop was held for incumbent leaders. It addressed these and other obstacles LGBT elected officials encounter.

“When you run for and are elected to serve a community you take an oath to serve the whole community,” Langley said. “Reassuring all voters that I deal with and understand all the many problems they face causes them to see our commonalities and not focus so much on how we might be different. The workshop for incumbents was something I personally got a lot from. I believe I came away with strategies and ideas that will help raise my credibility with all voters. We learned ways to keep both constituents and the media on point regarding issues. This only increases our ability to focus on the work at hand.”

The incumbents’ workshop also taught skills such as contract evaluation, budget building and staff development. Other workshops examined issues like Sunshine Laws (transparency in government), immigration, transportation technology – as well as LGBT rights and laws around the world.

“This was a wonderful opportunity to network and gain important insight into how to become a more effective leader,” said Langley. “We need to continue to build and support leaders within the LGBT community so we don’t backslide and loose important ground we’ve fought so hard to gain. When this conference first began there was something like 50 attendants. This year it hosted over 600. That alone says volumes about how far we’ve come – but we’re not even close to done. We can’t afford to slow down. I know I won’t. I’m already looking forward to the next conference – which will be held in Washington D.C.. I’m sure the next conference’s attendance will rise – and hopefully so will the temperatures.”

For more information on upcoming LGBT Leadership programs and conferences contact the Gay & Lesbian Victory Institute online at www.victoryinstitute.org



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Jan 24 (Fri) - Gag Gift Night (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) Bring in a gag gift. \$5 cover, BYOB Must be a member or you can purchase a membership. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Jan 24 - 25 (Fri - Sat) - Play: "Before Pride" presented by Dreams of Hope (The Alloy Studios, 5530 Penn Anve, Pittsburgh, PA) 8 PM. Phone: (412) 361-2065. VBrowse to www.dreamsofhope.org/.

Jan 25 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets (Mental Health Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) Transfamily of Erie is a support group dedicated to providing safe, supportive space for transgender, gender non-conforming, gender-questioning, and intersex people and their loved ones in Erie County and the surrounding region. Refreshments are provided. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. Phone: (814) 823-1969.

Jan 25 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Phone: (440) 265-8191

Jan 25 (Sat) - Drag Show (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA1) \$5 Cover, BYOB. Must be a member or you can purchase a membership. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Jan 26 (Sun) - 4th Annual Crime Victim Center Cornhole Tournament Details at www.cvcerie.org

Jan 26 (Sun) - "Trans 101 and Why Did They Stick the T to the LGB?" Jamestown Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown 1255 Prendergast

Avenue, Jamestown, NY 14701 Phone (716) 488-1902, 10:30 AM, Coffee and other refreshments will be served afterward. www.theuucj.com

Jan 26 (Sun) - Buffalo United Artists: "Psycho Beach Party" www.buffalobua.org/

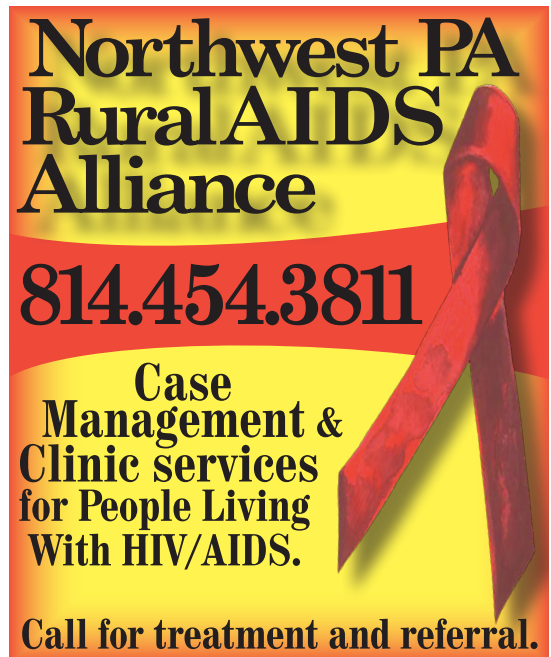
Jan 28 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson St., Butler, PA) 1 PM. Religious leaders, lay leaders, & interested community organizations are invited to attend. Providing spiritual advocacy for the LGBTQ community: Table Talk programs, Film Series, Inclusive Worship, Pastoral support. Phone: (412) 518-1515. www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork.

Jan 30 - Inaugural poet Richard Blanco at Allegheny College First Latino, first immigrant, first openly gay and youngest person to be inaugural poet for the United States. Blanco will speak at Allegheny College's Ford Chapel in Meadville PA at 7 p.m. Free. Info: www.allegheny.edu/200.

Jan 31 (Fri) - Mardi Gras Pre-Super Bowl Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover BYOB. Must be a member or purchase a membership.



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Feb 1 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Gannon Lady Knights annual Pink Zone game (Gannon University/Hammermill Center, Erie, PA) 1 PM. Support breast cancer awareness, free admission to both the ladies and men's games, Bring cash if you'd like to buy t-shirts, raffle and 50-50 tickets. Contact: Kim. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com.

Feb 1 (Sat) - White Out Party! (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) Wear White. \$5.00 cover. Must be a member. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@aol.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Feb 2 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson St., Butler, PA) 5 PM. PFLAG Contact: Joshua Crawford. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: president@pflagbutler.com. www.pflagbutler.com.

Feb 3 (Mon) - College Night Entertainment Series Presents Cammy's Birthday Bash! (Craze Night

Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Monday Night Show Director Cammy Seoul rings in another year (or her 25th for the 5th time...). Covers: 18-20 year olds - \$5/ 21+ year olds - \$2. (814) 456-3027. www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Feb 7 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Location TBA) 6 PM - 8 PM. G2H2/Erie takes place every month in a new location around town, providing GLBT professionals, and our colleagues and friends, the opportunity to meet, network or just hang out.

Feb 7 (Fri) - Open MIC NIGHT (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) Call to make schedule. \$5 cover, BYOB, must be member or buy a membership. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Feb 8 (Sat) - Absolute Sock Hop Fundraiser and Auction for Dreams of Hope (Rodef Shalom Synagogue, 4905 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA) 7 -10 PM. www.dreamsofhope.org/.


Feb 8 (Sat) - Craze Weekend Drag Series Presents Michelle's Birthday Bash (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) The Icon of Erie Michelle Michaels kicks off her birthday month at Craze! Come show her some love as she celebrates 2 decades of performing! www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Feb 8 (Sat) - Bar Trivia (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover, BYOB. Must be a member or you can purchase a membership. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Feb 9 (Sun) - LBT Women meets - (Brew Ha Ha, 2612 W 8th St, Erie, PA) Noon. After the meeting, go to the Erie Art Museum. It is free admission day. Contact: Kim. Phone: (814) 314-9512. Email: ErieBeans@aol.com.

Feb 10 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) Support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian and transgendered people. Meets 2nd Mon. of each month 7 to 8:30 PM. Contact: Alex Sphon. Phone: (814) 367-3311. Email: pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com.

Feb 10 (Mon) - Craze College Night - Cupid vs Twerkzilla (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) 18 to party, 21 to drink. ID required. Erie



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Feb 11 (Wed) - R U 1 Too? / an LGBTQ chat group (Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County, 31 Water St., Suite 7, Jamestown, NY) 7PM. LGBTQ group for the Southern Tier. supported by Pride Center of WNY. Info: Steven (716) 661-9044. chautauquamha@gmail.com.

Feb 14 (Fri) - Craze Valentine's Day or Singles Awareness Day (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Whether you're in love, looking for love, or avoiding love, come play at Craze Night Club! (814) 456-3027. www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Feb 14 (Fri) - Valentines Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover BYOB. Must be a member or you can purchase a membership. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

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Feb 15 (Sun) - Sabrina White & Company: "Sweethearts Valentines Show" Sky Bar, 108 Fairmount Pkwy, Jamestown NY \$5 cover. 10:30-ish. (716) 661-3212

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Feb 15 (Sat) - LBT Women Sleigh Ride (Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY) 12:30 PM. Meet at the grounds at 12:30 inside the main gate, weather permit-

ting, \$4 for adults. Approx. 30 minute sleigh ride, we'll get a bite to eat after. Afterward, everyone is welcome to Kim and Andrea's home for a movie/game or just conversation. Bring a game or movie if you like and a snack. We have some beverages but if there is something special you want, bring it. Email or call me for our address if you plan on coming to the house. Contact: Kim. (814)314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com.

Feb 15 (Sat) - Deadline for Erie Gay News March 2014 print edition Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. Issue released evening of Feb 25. (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Feb 15 (Sat) - Guest Bartender Night (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover BYOB. Must be a member or you can purchase a membership. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Feb 16 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. Don't miss a fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens

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Feb 17 (Mon) - College Night Entertainment Series Presents The Return of Roulette! (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) DJ Tony G-Spot has issued another Roulette Challenge to the house cast! Broadway, Dance/Techno, Rap/R&B, Classics, Top 40, Country, Rock/Alternative, and Latin are all in for the roulette challenge. The performers don't know what song they are performing until they enter the stage. The audience gets to draw the song they perform! (814) 456-3027. www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Feb 18 (Tue) - Bears Do Dinner (Jimmy John's, 821 West Erie Plaza, Erie PA) 7 PM. Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and fun! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Gary Snyder. Phone: (814) 446-2327. Email: info@drenchedfur.com. Browse to www.drenchedfur.com.

Feb 19 (Wed) - GEAE 3rd Wednesday Happy

Hour (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry, Erie) 5-8PM. 866) 229-1974. info@gmail.com. <http://greatereriealliance.com/>.

Feb 21 (Fri) - Erie Sisters Cabin Fever Weekend Our annual winter getaway! Cabin Fever is a more loosely arranged get together than the Gala. No pre-registrations and more options for attendees at their own discretion. Cabin Fever will coincide with the Bar Stool Open in Erie, a pub crawl with putting teams competing along an 18 hole (bar) route with proceeds going to charity. (440) 265-8191. Email: shub1@suite224.net. <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>.

Feb 21 (Fri) - Funniest T-Shirt Contest (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover BYOB. Must be a member or you can purchase a membership. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Feb 22 (Sat) - Delta Foundation's Equality Gala - An Evening with Bernadette Peters (Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA) Celebrate Pittsburgh's LGBT community and its allies at the Equality Gala. Tickets are \$250 and include cocktails, dinner, awards/presentation, priority seating for Bernadette Peter's concert, post-show desserts and dancing. \$75 ticket includes concert and post-show desserts and dancing. Phone: (412) 322-2800. Browse to www.deltafoundation.us/gala.

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Feb 25 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson Street, Butler, PA) 1 PM. 1:00 PM Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork>.

Feb 25 (Tue) - Erie Gay News Folding/Distribution Work Party (Mental Health Association of Northwestern PA, 1011 Peach St, Erie, PA) Help us get out the print edition of EGN. All ages welcome! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Feb 27-Mar 2 (Thu-Sun) – Playshop Theatre: “Wedding Band” Allegheny College, Gladys Mullenix Black Theatre, Meadville PA.. Subtitled “A Love/Hate Story in Black and White,” Alice Childress’ play is a poignant examination of an interracial love affair set in South Carolina in 1918.

Feb 28 (Fri) - Bear Bar Night (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. Come out and join the Bear at the Zone for our monthly Bear Bar Night. Contact: Gary Snyder. Phone: (814) 446-2327. Email: info@drenchedfur.com. Browse to www.drenchedfur.com.

Mar 1 (Sat) - Buffalo Pride Prom Hamlin House/ Troop I, 432 Franklin St., Buffalo, NY. 5-11PM. Formal evening of fun, food and friends, proceeds from the evening will benefit Gay & Lesbian Youth Services of WNY and their annual Diversity Prom. Anyone over 21 is welcome! Advance only, contact Sean Bulger (716) 907.0296 Find event page on FB for more info “PRIDE PROM 2014”

Mar 9 (Sun) – Lily Tomlin Ohio Theatre Cleveland OH www.lilytomlin.com

Mar 22 (Sat) - Imperial Court of Buffalo “Lights Up for Autism” Troop I Hamlin House Buffalo NY. Hosted by Empress 19, Coco LaTigue, & Channel 7, John Borsa. www.icobspecialevents.com

Apr 11-12 (Fri-Sat) - Gender Conference at Penn State Erie Details TBA

Jul 7 (Mon) - Lady Gaga First Niagara Center, Buffalo

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Online Contests

Here are new contests for this month...


Contest	Begins
<i>Finding Eve</i> by Jill Huckelberry	January 24
<i>Mi Mi Mi</i> remix CD from Serebro	January 28
<i>Dallas Buyers Club</i> Blu-ray combo pack; <i>That Awkward Moment</i> prize pack	January 31
<i>Pit Stop</i> DVD	February 4
<i>Best Lesbian Erotica 2014</i>	February 7
<i>Capital Games</i> DVD	February 11
<i>Love Burns Bright: A Lifetime of Lesbian Romance; Legally Wed</i>	February 14
<i>Sherlock Holmes FAQ</i>	February 18
<i>Straight Men and the Men Who Love Them Vol. 3</i>	February 21
<i>Fujimi Orchestra: Cold Front Conductor</i>	February 25


Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
Jennifer Nettles - <i>That Girl!</i>	January 31
<i>Out Loud</i> from Ariztical Entertainment	February 4
Bob Mould’s <i>See a Little Light: The Trail of Rage and Melody</i> ; A Great Big World <i>Is There Anybody Out There?</i>	February 7
Mary Lambert <i>Welcome to the Age of My Body</i> EP; P!nk <i>The Truth About Love Tour: Live From Melbourne</i> DVD	February 11

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