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Lesbian Leads NDP in NB Election

By Bill McKinnon
Allison Brewer is the first openly gay leader of a political party in North America. The second? André Boisclair, leader of the Parti Québécois. And the third? Maybe you, for Allison is a remarkable power of example for us all.

Recently the CBC reported that this "rookie politician is leading a party without a seat, running an election campaign for the first time in her life and trying to advance her party's political agenda across the province while proving herself to voters in her own riding..."

Nevertheless, Allison has an incredible background of courage, tenacity and accomplishment in communications and community development.

Here are some of the facts about Allison. She is a social activist who became a politician. She now leads New Brunswick's New Democrats in the upcoming September 18 provincial election and is running for a seat in the Legislature in the new riding Fredericton-Lincoln.

Prior to entering politics, Allison was a leading activist for access to abortion and gay rights.

She was the founder and long time director of the Morgentaler abortion clinic in Fredericton.

According to cbc.ca, "In 1998, she took on and won a battle with Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodside over the City's refusal to proclaim Gay Pride Weekend."

Allison played a key role in Nunavut activism, organizing gay events in Iqaluit and lobbying for passage of the Nunavut Human Rights Act. Allison told Wayves that the Nunavut Human Rights Act, especially its references to sexual orientation, is the accom-



plishment of which she is most proud.

Allison has long been a prominent member of Egale Canada and was one of its two representatives at the United Nations Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995. At that conference she was briefly detained by Chinese officials for displaying a banner which read "Lesbian rights are human rights."

In 2004 Allison received a Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case. The citation for the award reads as follows. "Allison Brewer has worked tirelessly for equal rights for all people, particularly those in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered communities. From New Brunswick to Nunavut, Ms. Brewer's work in journalism, the labour movement and volunteerism has often focused on human rights and social justice issues. The mother of three children, including a son with Down's Syndrome, she has long advocated for people with disabilities. Founder and former manager of the Morgentaler Clinic

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HRM Honours Lulu on Sept 24 at Menz Bar

by Bill McKinnon
Menz Bar on Gottingen St & Friends will host "ILOVE LULU," a celebration and benefit for Chuck Gillis aka Lulu LaRude on Sunday, September 24 from 2 pm to 7 pm. Councillor Dawn Sloane on behalf of HRM will honour Lulu with a lifetime achievement award.

Lulu, named by The Coast as Halifax's Best Drag Queen, will be there with fellow divas and many other friends to welcome members

of the Community for a time of triumph for his award-winning accomplishments, and to wish him a speedy recovery.

Yvette Boudreau, Ryan McGrath and Chad Whiteway & Friends will provide live entertainment.

All donations will be graciously accepted to help Chuck through a rough time.

Scammer Strikes Again

By Jim Bain

The phony phone call scam has struck again!

Recently, Wayves reported on a phone scam, wherein people in the community would receive a call from someone claiming to be an acquaintance in distress in Toronto. The caller would claim to have been beaten and robbed, and need money to get home.

It would all be a lie, of course—the supposed victims would usually be happily at home having supper.

The episode in early June involved someone impersonating Wayves' advertising director (this reporter) and calling advertisers in this magazine.

On Wednesday, September 6, this reporter apparently made six emergency phone calls from Toronto. I was beat up, with no money and needed to get home. I didn't sound like myself as I had a broken nose.

Actually, I was safe at home. Five of the people phoned were business clients, one was a personal friend. In all cases, this time, the marks were suspicious enough not to send money. The voice on the phone was reported to become very angry and abusive after being refused. A few advertisers of this paper were even told that their contracts would be cancelled.

If you are called, hang up and dial *57. This will mark the call so that police may trace it later. Make a note of the exact time, as this will enable police to find the call faster. After dialing *57, call the RCMP and make a complaint. Get an officer's name so that you'll know who is handling the case.

In telling people of these events, I found that this scam has been going on for about 10 years in one form or another. I have also read reports from Calgary that tell the same story.

Police have seemed unwilling to do much. Most who have been contacted by the scammers report that sometimes the police have been reluctant to even take a statement. Keep the name of your officer and report it to submissions@wayves.ca so that we can keep pressure up to solve this crime. Maybe if enough complaints are lodged the police might finally act on this case.

Please tell everyone you know about this! The scammers have used many names from our community and we should be on guard about ANY call from Ontario.



KINK Comes East

By Randall Perry

We knew it would happen sooner or later. After making its debut exploring the fringe of the Vancouver fetish community and then spending the next few years puttering around Canada's major middle-country cities, Showcase's first program of lash and leash grows a

pair of legs and steps gingerly into Blue-nose country. After viewing a few early episodes of the fifth season, I'm hoping that the program will grow a pair of balls to help those legs pull themselves

out of the vanilla mire in which the initial storylines seem to have stuck.

First out of the gate is Sherry, a straight girl looking to spice up her admittedly ho-hum life by exploring domination play with Dan, her willing boyfriend. Sherry's got a bit of the Goth thing going on, with a few pieces of metal in her face, the black clothes and fuck-off platform boots, and copious streaks of blood red colour in her long black hair. She then opens her mouth and her rural brogue comes marching out: this girl is from the sticks and sounds every bit the part. She's instantly likeable and you want her to succeed under Lady J's tutelage, inasmuch as you just know NCIS's über-Goth Abby would kick her ass without dropping her DNA results.

As a bit of an aside, there's a part of me that wishes Lady J would look

Come Out at the Grawood

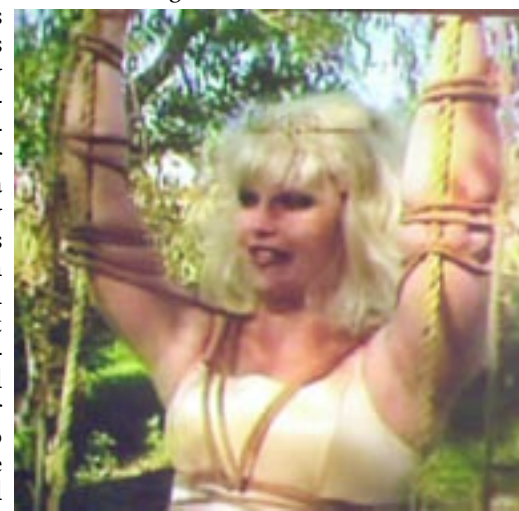
On October 6, at 9.00 pm, DalOUT, the LGBTQ society at Dalhousie University, is taking over the Grawood for an advance celebration of National Coming Out Day.

Reflections DJ Tim will host this fun-filled evening of dancing and drag performers. There will also be some great door prizes supplied by sponsor Venus Envy, a 50/50 draw, and the members of the DalOUT executive will be auctioning themselves off to be dressed in drag by the buyers.

This night will serve as one of DalOUT's major fundraising initiatives for the year. The society receives no direct funding and relies entirely on donations and fundraising. In spite of this, DalOUT is committed to giving back to the community. \$1 of the \$3 cover charge will be donated to the Nova Scotia AIDS Coalition.

The Grawood is located on the first floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building at 6136 University Avenue. For more information visit <http://societies.dsu.ca/DalOUT> or e-mail dalout@dal.ca.

more the part of the experienced dominatrix when in instructional mode, instead of like my mother's friends, but I also know that the teacher sometimes has to dress down when meeting the student at a restaurant or dropping by to make sure the homework is being



done. Can you imagine this dom hosting a Tupperware party? She would work the room, roundly smack the taste out of everyone's mouth and not break a sweat.

But I digress.

Sherry aspires to dom greatness and by the end of the season I hope to see spiky boots, tit-pushing corsets, and an A+ on her kinky report card. Oh, yes, and less smirking on Dan's face and a much redder ass.

Next up are Derrick and Dave, a gay couple looking to push their sexual envelope by dipping their toes – and other parts of their anatomy – into the river of BDSM. The two appear to be an exercise in opposites attract, what with Derrick's Peter Paige-esque free spirit and quick wit contrasting with Dave's outwardly academic stoicism. They intend to explore new experiences on their own, without the benefit of involvement with a larger fetish community, with only books and the Internet for inspiration. I know it can be done this way, having spent many years in P.E.I. with little or no access to any sort of local fetish community, but I would be more likely to choose books by authors like John Preston and M. Christian over their choice of Pat Califia.

There seems to be a marked contrast, as well, between what

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Women's Non-Competitive Hockey League

By Alma Cameron

All interested women are invited to come out to participate in a Women's Non-Competitive Hockey league.

The fall season for the league begins Saturday October 7, 2006, and runs for the next eleven Saturday nights from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Devonshire Arena, 3395 Devonshire Avenue, Halifax.

The cost is \$105.00 per person; this includes insurance with Hockey Nova Scotia.

First come, first served. Contact Alma Cameron via e-mail at alma_cameron@hotmail.com.

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Letters from Saskatoon

By Eldon Hay

I received this email in January 2006:

Hi there! I was wondering if I could get some advice from you? I live in Saskatoon, but I am from the Moncton area and my family resides there. I need help with my mother. She says that she loves me and that will never change, but she does not approve of me being a lesbian. She has met my partner, (who I am marrying in July) and she says she loves her too. My mother is very religious and will not attend the wedding. This hurts me a lot. She keeps telling me that I am going to burn in hell. I want to do something to help her understand who I am is not wrong, and that I need her. Is there anything you could do or say to her? I have mentioned PFLAG to her before, but she just disregarded it. One other thing to let you know is that my mother is Baptist. Thank you for your time... Maxine.

I responded, thanking her; affirming her as a lesbian, congratulating her on her marriage, gratified that her mother loved her. I suggested she might go herself to the PFLAG chapter in Saskatoon, and there is an affirming gay positive United Church congregation there too. If she wanted further informa-

tion, get back to me. I sent it; then I sent another one:

Maxine: I'm quite willing to talk with your mother. I'm not optimistic I can change her mind, but I'm willing to give it a whirl.... Eldon

Eldon, my mother has given me approval for you to talk to her. If you cannot reach her, leave a message and she will call back. She is very busy. She has her mind set on the religion part, but said she would talk to you. Thank you for doing this for me. It means a lot to me to have you and my mother talk. Please let me know how things go... Maxine

Dear Maxine, I have talked to your mother; she will see me tomorrow afternoon. I had a good visit with her on the phone - she was talking with her pastor on another phone while she talked with me. She is coming to see me with him... Eldon

Eldon, Good luck with the meeting. I hope and pray there will not be a shield up and that my mother will listen. I have never met this pastor she is bringing to meet you. I hope there won't be a debate or such going on. I pray that God will give you the words to help her understand...Maxine

The same evening before the meeting was to take place, I emailed Maxine:

Dear Maxine, I went out for a few moments to pick up Anne, my wife. When I came home there was a message on the answering machine. It was: "This is for Eldon Hay, It's Susan Brown. I won't be able to make that meeting tomorrow - and there won't be any meeting in the future." Maxine, how I wish I could be with you. Over the email, I give you a hug ... Eldon

Next day, I mailed, asking how things were going. Maxine responded:

Hi Eldon! I'm okay! I've just been doing a lot of thinking and researching the New Testament. I don't know how much of that is helping me. I'm sorry for the way my mother reacted. Her pastor talked to someone who told them to stay away from you, because you help gays and lesbians. Then I told mom that was the reason I wanted her to talk to you. I said that I needed her to understand where I am coming from and she said she did. She understood that I am a lesbian and that she loves me, but she won't accept any same-sex marriage. Thank you for trying. I've been having a lot of sleeping

problems since this all started with my mother. My brain just keeps on running, so I can't fall asleep. I am hoping I won't have to start taking sleeping pills to help me sleep...Maxine

Several days later, this from Maxine:

Eldon, Hi there. Things have not been too bad. I've come to the realization that my mother will not change. I guess I'm fine with that. Things have been pretty good on the home front here.... Thanks for trying to help me... Maxine

The Capital Closet

Dear Wayves:

It was once rumoured that Fredericton housed the greatest population of gays, bisexuals, lesbians and transsexuals, per capita in New Brunswick. Although the numbers may be slightly exaggerated, the fact remains that there are a lot of people in New Brunswick's capital who are part of the LGBT world.

You may have been to Fredericton and scratched your head wondering why it's not an all-out meat market absolutely swollen with pride. Well, while our universities are shaping the minds of our youth towards liberalism, just blocks away the present Conservative government is, well, being conservative. Enough said.

The gay community seems to be forced into a closet of compromise. Other than in the dark of night outside a bar, its rare to see same-sex couples hand-in-hand. The reason for this is, or so it is thought, that it makes the rest of the population uncomfortable. Rather than being stared at, the majority of the gay community seems to go without. These small acts of attempting to conform to Fredericton's social norms are doing more harm than good. The fear that most people will not hire someone who is homosexual (despite human rights laws) and loud in their community in their advocacy for gay rights, has this small but politically powerful city frozen in time.

The GBLTQ community is not looking to make a statement or to isolate itself from everyone else; it is however patiently asking not to be tolerated, but to belong. Fredericton needs awareness, education, and participation by everyone before the gay community can say with pride that they live and truly belong in this city.

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Courage Roundup 2006

The 18th Annual Courage AA Roundup, held on August 11-13 at the Universalist Unitarian Church on Inglis St. in Halifax, was another success. Courage is sponsored by gay men and lesbians in AA. It invites anyone who has a drinking problem or is affected by the alcoholism of others. This year's registrants included visitors from California, Florida, Ontario and New Brunswick as well as from HRM and other parts of Nova Scotia.

The weekend included fellowship, speaker meetings and workshop discussions of recovery topics in a relaxed and peaceful setting in south-end Halifax. "Beacon of Hope" was this year's theme. Courage is a small, intimate roundup and always has been. Typically 30 or so people attend; it is small but vital. It is the only gay and lesbian AA round up in Atlantic Canada and the only one of its kind east of Montreal.

There will be another one next year on the first weekend after Natal Day. For more information about the Courage Roundup, phone 902-463-7895, or check out the Courage website at www.rationalunacy.com/courageroundup.

Regular gay AA meetings in Halifax are held every Monday at 8 pm at St Mathews United Church on Barrington Street (enter on north side).

National Award to PFLAG Canada Executive

Submitted by Eldon Hay

It has been recently announced that our PFLAG Canada Executive Director, Cherie MacLeod is the winner of a 2006 Volunteer of the Year Award.

The award comes from Affirm United/S'affirmer ensemble - that group within the United Church of Canada working for full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender persons in that denomination.

The purpose of the Affirm United Volunteer of the Year award is twofold:

1) to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the work of the organiza-

tion, and

2) to recognize individuals who have been prophetic in their witness on behalf of the full acceptance and inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the United Church and in Canadian society.

Sally Harris and Wilson MacLennan, co-chairs of the national organization wrote: "The members of Affirm United are aware of the huge cloud of witnesses who are making a difference for God's GLBT people, and to the whole church and society. [We have heard of] your passion and commitment

to educating young people about the evils of homophobia, and of your years of service to PFLAG both locally, and now as Executive Director of PFLAG Canada. We are pleased enthusiastically to add our own concurrence that you are a true champion among us."

Members of PFLAG Canada Moncton chapter have long known of Cherie's competence and commitment to the cause; now as Executive Director, many others are being influenced by Cherie's good thinking and leadership.

Three cheers for Cherie!

PFLAG Canada Celebrates Arthur Motyer!

By Janet Hammock

On Canada Day, Premier Bernard Lord announced that Arthur Motyer, an active member of the Sackville NB/Amherst NS Chapter of PFLAG Canada, will receive the Order of New Brunswick.

Marilyn and I are tickled pink and want everyone to know! It was not so long ago that I wrote a review for Wayves of Arthur's first novel dealing with gay life before AIDS, *What's Remembered*, published when he was 80 years old! Now he is being honoured,

not only for his writing, but also for his tremendous contribution to the performing arts and the teaching profession in New Brunswick over many, many years.

Born in 1925 in Bermuda, Arthur John Motyer first came to New Brunswick at the age of sixteen to study at Mount Allison University, earning a B.A. (Honours English) in 1945. The next year, he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship for further study at

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Important WAYVES Dates!

Issue Content Deadlines:

Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1 (for Jan-Feb), Feb 2 (for Mar), Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1 (the first Friday of each month)

Send your ideas, comments, criticisms, columns, cartoons and more to submissions@wayves.ca any time!

Production Meetings (Halifax)

Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 4, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 9
Help decide what goes in the next issue, 7:30 PM, CEF, 5443 Rainnie (above Century Computers), all welcome!

Layout Parties (Halifax)

Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 10, Feb 11, Mar 11
Help build the paper - no special skills required, just enthusiasm, and helping even once or for a few hours helps a LOT! 9:30 AM, CEF, 5443 Rainnie (above Century Computers), all welcome!

On The Stands and In The Mail:

Oct. 28, Nov 25, Dec 22, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25



What would you like to see for Pride 2007 in your community?

We received 14 replies, and this is what you told us:

Halifax: 100,000 people

Halifax: More non-bar events.

Halifax: Built on what happened this year: More food tents. More community groups. More fun!

St. John's: I'd like to see the various LGBT organizations in the city actually work together to make a Pride which involves both young and old, and incorporates some new events. To any St. John's Pride organizers reading this: work together, there's enough division among LGBT people already.

Dartmouth: More drag shows! We love them.

Amherst: The Cumberland Pride Support Group is looking forward to 2007 with lots of activities. We also plan to initiate Pride celebrations which will be the first in Cumberland County. Plans are to approach Amherst Town Council to have a Pride flag raising ceremony and so begin Pride week activities. As well, efforts will be made to make people aware of our intention to be a viable, caring group which looks forward to being very visible and contributing to our community.

Halifax: I'd like to see (i) medical issues concerning GLBT people and especially trans people addressed thoroughly and (ii) issues affecting single GLBT people addressed and (iii) issues affecting senior GLBT people addressed.

Halifax: I want an outdoor dance party after the parade! Sorry - but the drag queens were not entertaining (OK, they sucked, let's be honest) so that by the time the bands came out, most of the crowd had left.

Moncton: I like to see more things for families. There are some with children under 19 but there is nothing for them. Pride week should be more than drinking.

Pictou: Encourage the growth of the Commons events. Also try to work with Hotels to offer incentives for Pride participants and visitors. Incentive booklets from many businesses would be good.

Halifax: I would like to see the mayor ride on a float.

Halifax: The only thing I'd like to see different is more seating or viewing of movies shown at Park Lane. "Another Gay Movie" was sold out.

Wolfville: I'd like to see more about gay parents. As one I sometimes feel that I am as much a misfit in the gay world as in the straight one.

Upper Musquodoboit: As a Transsexual I am not convinced that the Pride Parade even helps our situation. While projecting Diversity in a pack it also lumps everything in one neat easy to understand package for those who are homophobic and transphobic. The people who are, simply view everything as a gay issue. It is unfortunate that so many of the transgendered Male to Female community are either too shy to be in the parade or too flamboyant to challenge the generalization that all of them are Gay. While a percentage of the Transgender population does identify with the gay community, I believe the majority either do not or at best are beyond categorization.

This Month's Question:

In this issue Wayves reviewed Showcase's Kink Season Five. So this month's question:

How kinky are you?

Tell us at <http://wayves.ca>

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New Brunswick...

Bathurst: Gais.es Nor Gays

Durham Bridge: Rivers Edge Campground

Fredericton: AIDS New Brunswick; Boldon's Bookmart; Campus "Smoke" Shoppe, UNB; Molly's Coffee House / Cargo Bay; Student Resource Centre, St. Thomas University; UNB/STU Spectrum; Westminster Books, King Street; X-Citement Video, Queen Street

Moncton: Club Chameleon; Curwin News; Joe Moka Café; Reid's Newstand; SIDA/AIDS Moncton; Timothy's World Coffee; Triangles; United Book Exchange, Mountain Road; X-Citement Video

Riverview: Reid's - Riverview

Sackville: Mount Allison; Tidewater Books

Saint John: AIDS Saint John; Club Montreal; Feel Good Store; Hair Station; Mahogany Manor; UNBSJ Bookstore

Newfoundland...

Corner Brook: Corner Brook Status of Women

Gander: Gander Public Library

St. John's: AIDS - Newfoundland and Labrador; Bennington Gate; LBGT M.U.N.; Our Pleasures; Shopper's Drug Mart, Le Marchant Road; St. John's Public Library; Zone 216

Nova Scotia...

Amherst: Carvel Upholstery and Draperies; Cumberland County Family Planning; The Hojo Café

Annapolis Royal: The King George Inn

Antigonish: Antigonish Women's Centre; Student Union Resource Centre; Webb's Superstore

Bedford: Bedford Library

Bridgewater: Sexual Health Centre - Lunenburg County

Canning: Canning Library

Dartmouth: Adult Cash & Carry; Café Tryst; CD Heaven; Healing Our Nations; Jake's Video & Variety; Libraries - Alderney Gate, Cole Harbour, Dartmouth, Woodlawn; Nova Scotia Government Employees Union; Novel Tease; X-Citement Video, Main Street

Halifax: AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia; Accent Gallery; Alteregos Café; Atlantic News Stand; Blowers Street Paperchase; Blue Moon Bistro; Bookmark; Buy the Book and More; CD Plus; CKDU Radio; Counseling and Community Support Services; DALOUT; Dal-Tech; Daily Grind; Diamond; FRED; Fresh Start B&B; Grad House (Dal); HMMV; Hairdressers' Market; Halifax Backpackers Hostel; Junk & Foibles; Khyber Club; Libraries: Captain William Spry, Halifax North, Keshen Goodman, Killiam, Spring Garden Road, Weldon Law; Menz Bar; Mount St. Vincent University - Rosaria & Sexton; Night Magic Fashions; Nooks and Crannies; NSCAD - supply store; N.S. Advisory Council - Status of Women; One World Café; Outside The Lines; Planned Parenthood Clinic; Reflections; Room2Move Fitness; Seadogs Spa; Second Cup - Spring Garden; Shoe Shop; SUB, Dal and St. Mary's; Sweet Jane's; Teletech; The Donut Machine; Venus Envy; Video Difference; X-Citement Video, Quinpool Road; Youth Project

Kentville: Annapolis Valley Regional Library - Kentville Division; The Red Door

Lower Sackville: Halifax Public Library; Sackville Library; X-Citement Video

Lunenburg: Elizabeth's Books; Second Story Women's Centre

Middleton: Mark Rutherford; 92 Balcom Crescent, Nictaux

Musquodoboit Harbour: wayves Advertising, 1030 Ostrea Lake Road

New Glasgow: Pictou County Women's Centre

Pictou: Pictou Library

Port Williams: Port Williams Public Library

Sydney: AIDS Coalition; Cape Breton Pride Committee; Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia; Harrison Society; Sexual Diversity Centre, CBU

Tantallon: Tantallon Library

Truro: Central Nova Women's Resource Centre; Colchester Sexual Assault Centre; MacQuarries Pharmasave - The Esplanade; NSCC Truro Campus; Northern Aids Connection

Windsor: Readers Haven

Wolfville: Acadia Pride; The Atheneum, Acadia; The Coffee Merchant; The Odd Book; Wolfville Public Library

Yarmouth: TOOTS; Tri-County Women's Centre; Western Counties Regional Library

Prince Edward Island...

Charlottetown: AIDS PEI; Afternoon Delight; Reading Well Bookstore; That's Entertainment!

Alberta...

Edmonton: Buddy's / Woody's / Steamworks

British Columbia...

Prince George: GALA-North Society

Vancouver: Little Sisters

Manitoba...

Winnipeg: Rainbow Resource Centre

Ontario...

Guelph: Out on the Shelf

Ottawa: After Stonewall; One-in-Ten

Toronto: Glad Day Bookshop; Out on the Street

Saskatchewan...

Regina: LGBT2A Centre, University of Regina

Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITEH

Hi Tom

Rusty's idea of a seance seemed like such a good one at the time - a little Halloween flavoured fun, a slight frisson of fright but nothing more, right? The final result, however, was dramatically different.

It was near midnight when Gigi, Rusty, The Anthill, Fisherman's Freud and I took our places around the table; the flickering flame of a single candle reflected in our laughing eyes. Holding hands, breathing deeply, we asked if there was a spirit who wished to speak with us.

Nothing.

Then, without warning, the temperature dropped and I felt something - a hand on my leg. Very funny, Rusty, I thought, but when I looked I saw both his hands still clearly visible on the tabletop. Suddenly I was being groped and teased by multiple unearthly hands with some very earthy desires. I tried to speak but, like a nightmare, I was rendered mute as invisible fingers began probing my...uh, defences. The only sounds I was able to produce were soft moans that, even to my ears, seemed to be provoked by lust rather than spiritual struggles against a diabolical presence. I felt great disgust and pleasure at the same time - kind of like taking a troll home from a bar. I fiercely resisted but my body began to respond; the table began to rise on my side. Helpless, I screamed out, "Yeah baby!" as the demon entered me.

My memory of the next weeks is hazy. What I know is mainly hearsay...or heresy, depending on your point of view. I drifted in limbo - which turned out to be a beige land with fluorescent lighting, no natural fibres and martinis served in Tupperware dribble glasses. My soul was shrieking, Tom.

The signs of my possession went unnoticed at first: Swilling beer while watching American Idol, reading the National Post, buying K-Fed CD's. Subtle things. Then the blackouts began. One day I was watching a Bette Davis movie while munching on nachos (baked, not fried, low fat cheese) and came to hours later with a baloney sandwich in my hand and Fox News blaring from the TV. And the delusions! I saw Paris Hilton working at the make up counter at Wal Mart and moaning, "People hate me because I'm beautiful." I told her, "Honey, that's not why we hate you," and she spat at me!

Sacred things were made obscene, Tom. A wonderful vision of being in bed with a Latin dance troupe who suddenly turned into multiple George Dubyas!! (Did you know he has a birthmark on his ass and a very large..... well, that was probably

illusion too.)

For days at a time I seemed fine. I continued going to work but then, I work in retail where a diabolical presence is likely to go unremarked. The words I spoke were not my own, like Vanna White forced to turn letters for a smutty phrase. I told everyone about Mel Gibson's remake of Fiddler On The Roof - in this version the fiddler gets drunk, falls off the roof and blames an international Jewish conspiracy for pushing him. Satanic Tourette's made me tell Gigi that Stephen Harper was vastly underrated.

"How can you say that?" she fumed. "Who else could manage to screw a whole country with soft wood?" I replied, with appropriate lewd gestures. "The devil moves in mysterious ways." Serious measures were needed.

The Anthill read aloud from holy writings: Oscar Wilde, Quentin Crisp, Dan Savage. She filled my room with Barbra singing Don't Rain On My Parade. My hellish visitor howled his rage as I recalled Pride Parades, the rainbow colours, floats with nubile young men, but still he refused to relinquish his hold on me. A drag queen dressed as Cher slapped me and said, "Snap out of it." (Remember Moonstruck?). When Cher belted out If I Could Turn Back Time, my demon, in a passable imitation of Sonny Bono, countered with a slightly off key rendition of I Got You Babe.

We tried smudging and a sweat lodge but the native healers got irritated when I called it a bathhouse. A young Catholic priest came as exorcist but at the end of the ineffective ritual when I voiced admiration of his ass he saw this as a further sign of The Beast's perversion. My friends laughed and said, "No, that's just Crawford."

Finally there arrived a shining golden presence. Ellen DeGeneres. She spoke directly to the demon and convinced him that it was time to "come out" and stop hiding his true nature. It worked! Apparently even the minions of hell are impressed by TV celebrities. (The whole event was filmed and will be part of the new fall series. The demon is now happily employed as a used car salesman.)

My ordeal was over. I gratefully hugged my lesbian saviour. Hesitantly, I told her I had a question. Thinking of all we had been through together, she said, "Of course. Anything, Crawford."

"About you and Anne Heche ...?"

"Back off, Crawford!" was her reply. Guess we all have our own demons to battle.

Love ya!
Crawford

Queering of Politics?

By Gilles Marchildon

Openly LGBT politicians are no longer novel but politics seem to be getting queerer this year.

Gay and lesbian candidates across Canada are vying to be elected, whether as a member of their Provincial Legislature or in their city's top job of mayor.

In the Atlantic, Allison Brewer is leading New Brunswick's NDP, working to win her own seat in Fredericton-Lincoln but also aiming to attract voters across the province.

In Ottawa, Alex Munter, a former City Councillor and former national coordinator of Canadians for Equal Marriage (CEM), is running against incumbent Bob Chiarelli.

In Winnipeg, former journalist and urban transit activist Kaj Hasselriis is attempting to knock off sitting Mayor Sam Katz.

Ironically, both mayoral candidates have worked on the CEM campaign - just not at the same time.

For her part, Brewer is a former board member of Egale Canada and a long-time activist on LGBT issues.

Munter led CEM efforts prior to the July 2005 passage of federal legislation, after which the coalition wound down. But when the Conservatives were elected this past January, and Stephen Harper vowed to re-open the equal marriage issue, CEM was re-launched and Hasselriis was hired to oversee communications.

Ottawa and Winnipeg have seen many gay and lesbian politicians before. Some have even stepped out of the closet!

Winnipeg elected and re-elected the openly gay Glen Murray as city councillor before doing the same when he ran for Mayor.

Other cities have openly gay or lesbian municipal councillors, such as Toronto's Kyle Rae,

Edmonton's Michael Phair and Vancouver's Tim Stevenson who left provincial politics for the municipal arena.

In the nation's capital, where federal Parliament sits, gay and lesbian Members of Parliament (MPs) hardly elicit any attention from media based on their sexual orientation. NDP MPs Libby Davies and Bill Siksay, Réal Ménard from the Bloc Québécois, as well as Liberals Scott Brison and Mario Silva go about their business. Davies and Brison, who represents the Nova Scotia riding of Kings-Hants, probably have the highest profiles outside of Québec.

Both Ontario and Manitoba have openly gay Cabinet Ministers: Jim Rondeau is Manitoba's Minister of Industry, Economic Development and Mines while George Smitherman is Ontario's Health Minister. Smitherman has

a lesbian colleague in the Legislature, Kathleen Wynne.

B.C. had previous gay Cabinet ministers Tim Stevenson and Ted Nebbeling, as well as MLA Lorne Mayencourt. In addition to New Brunswick's Brewer, another provincial party is currently led by an openly gay man, André Boisclair of the Parti Québécois.

There seems to be a slight increase in the number of openly LGBT candidates and elected officials.

The religious right-wing will undoubtedly see this as concrete evidence that the "gay lobby" is executing a diabolical plan to take over the country, one city and one riding at a time.

A more reasonable reading of the facts is simply that much has changed since former federal NDP MP Svend Robinson first 'came out' in 1988, making headlines.

For most voters today, sexual orientation is just one more piece of information about candidates (if they even care).

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Transgender Diaries IX

By Denise Holliday

Sharon and I were married while in the military. I had spoken to a civilian family doctor a couple of months prior to the wedding. He did not know me prior to our conversation. He literally begged me not to get married and said I was a Transvestite. I was not certain what I was, but transvestite I was not; of this I was always certain. We were together three months when I explained Denise to my wife who decided to stay with me and so we moved on. 18 months later our first child (boy) arrived and I left the military, settling in Civilian Street. No one ever found out about Denise unless I let them including the mother-in-law. Obviously she was wild, but after learning her daughter knew about it, she sat on the information and we became good friends. It would be another 30 years before I would find out what else she did. I spoke to my mother when I was 21 and she was evasive, stating that dad said it was all in my mind and did not wish to speak of it. It again would be thirty years before she told me they knew I was different before I was three years old. They thought I would grow out of it.

I avoided going home to Eng-

land over the years and finally visited my parents in 1999. It was to be the mental point of transition in my life and I think my parents sensed this. My father almost accused me of being gay but dropped the subject as quickly as he raised it. I spoke to him by phone two months later. He told me he loved me, it was the first time I remember him ever using those words in reference to me. He died 18 hours later of bowel cancer. His dying words to my four siblings were "Never forget there are five of you." Dad never got to meet Denise and was probably glad of it. Mom met Denise three years later when I returned for another visit. It was a four week stay. Two weeks of hell followed by two weeks of bonding and love. As with my father, it was to be the last time I saw my mother. She had a stroke a few months later and died within a couple of days without waking up. While I was home she struggled to come to terms as quickly as she could with this new person in her life. I still have several personal

My father almost accused me of being gay

things she gave me at that time. People often comment on them and I smile as I think of mom. My oldest sister said I look more like Mom than the girls do, strange, but I always knew that. I was even born with a personal body mark exactly the same and located the same as mom.

My children never knew about Denise until 1999. Telling my 11 year old was the hardest and most nerve racking. She cried at first and then I used Jurassic Park to help her understand.

This concept she grasped immediately and her focus changed. My oldest two were individually given letters by me and then I waited to get their response. My oldest daughter came to me, crying and saying she was sorry she had never realized I had been in that much pain. My oldest was my son. He just drove away and refused to discuss it. Perhaps I handled that badly, it is a hard call. He left three months later and has not been in touch for three years. We did hear from a friend that spoke to him in Alberta a couple of months

ago. My three sisters met me and my oldest was the most supportive. Her family was also really great, especially the smaller, younger ones who accepted Denise without reservation. Meanwhile my brother, (my only sibling who had prior knowledge of my cross-dressing) has refused to meet me.

Some of my greatest supporters would come from my spouse's family, who immediately emailed or wrote individually to let us know that they were with us in thought and love. My spouse's parents died some years ago but her sister, brother and their families and her stepmother were unanimous in their support. Family is truly

everything.

Church was something we had been involved in for over 25 years. They unfortunately were and still have been unable to reconcile Denise and Christ. Unable to approach or support us within their limited understanding of "God's Word."

As for me? I no more understand God than I understand myself; I only know we both exist.

Next Month: Something old something new and all things change?

Denise Holliday is a freelance writer and public speaker with Maritime Transgendered Workplace Solutions Project.

GAYELLOW PAGES (2006-2007)

By Bill McKinnon

Wayves is the best reference for LGBT travel in Atlantic Canada, but check out GAYELLOW PAGES in hard copy, on the net, or on CD. You can read it for free on the net but you might want to buy the book or CD. Mostly you don't need to spend money unless you're taking a trip and want to read it on the plane or while driving (that is, while your partner's driving) to your destination.

The national edition, #28 2006-2007, is now available. Read it on-line at gayellowpages.com or in print. The cover price is \$22.95 US, but I got it from www.indigo.ca on-

line for \$20.68 Cdn including postage, and delivered in a few days. I checked several Halifax bookstores and none had it in stock but it's cheaper on-line anyway.

Gayellow describes itself as "vital information on the road or at home" and as "the information resource for lesbian, gay, bisexual

& transgendered community since 1973." These claims seem to be true. It's got information on everything of special interest to LGBTs, including bars, restaurants, accommodations, bookstores, shopping, organizations, etc. If you need it, Gayellow's got it.

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A Little History of the International Court System

In 1965 a female impersonator in California, named Jose Sarria, was named Queen of the San Francisco Tavern Guild's annual charity ball. In his acceptance speech Jose looked at the crowd of Bay Area gay bar owners, thanked them for the honour but stated that he was already a queen so they could not make him one. At that point Jose borrowed from a piece of San Francisco history and named himself Empress. Joshua Norton was a wealthy businessman in the San Francisco area in the mid 1800s who lost his mind when he lost his fortune and named himself Emperor of the United States and protector of Mexico. Jose proclaimed himself Joshua Norton's loving widow. No stranger to the spotlight, Jose took the idea and ran with it, forming the Imperial Court De San Francisco.

Their goal was to raise money for charitable organizations and fight for equality for the gay community. Now, 40 years later there are over 70 chapters of the International Court System around the United States, Canada and Mexico (with queries coming from England and Australia). Each chapter or Court holds their coronation annually, as a chance to host other Imperial Courts from around the circuit as they crown their newly elected Emperor and Empress.

With the combined efforts of all National chapters, the International Imperial Court System raises over \$1,500,000.00 annually for non-profit organizations.

The Imperial Court of Halifax continues to set precedence each year by raising not only awareness of our existence, but also raising money for those less fortunate than ourselves. It is these selfless acts of kindness and generosity of time and energy that we as a community can be so proud with which to belong.

The Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society

The Imperial Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society Inc... Was started in late 1999 by Simon Abbass, Gary Turner, Justin Turner, Linda Publicover and Shawn Lamb. The group got together after Simon Abbass learned that Gary Turner had been part of Court's in other cities in Canada. Mr. Abbass had learned about the Court many years before and wanted to start a chapter in Halifax. After many long hours of conversation, meetings ISCANS was born. We are a non-profit society governed by our Monarch's (the yearly elected Emperor & Empress) and our Members of Parliament.

We crowned our first Emperor & Empress in September 1999 and have since overcome many obstacles and have grown in leaps and bounds, raising approximately \$100,000.00 for charity in the past 6 years. We officially became part of The International Alliance of Courts in 2004. The Alliance is group of many courts within Canada, The United States and abroad which was founded in 1965 by Jose Sarria in San Francisco.

This October we will be crowning Their Most Imperial Sovereign Majesties, Emperor & Empress VII of Halifax and all of Nova Scotia at a gala ball at Holiday Inn, Robie St at which the current Reigning Monarch's will step down and the new Monarch's Coronation will be witnessed by our membership and community as well as Monarch's and guests visiting from across Canada and the USA.

Some of the charities supported over the past reigns are Bryony House for battered women, Adsum House, Phoenix House, G/L/B/T Youth Project, Manna for Health Food Bank, AIDS Coalition NS, Black Cultural Society, IWK, Diabetes Assoc, Breast Cancer Assoc and more. Each year the new Monarch's choose their charities to support for that year plus name an Imperial Family to help with raising money throughout the year.

The following are the past Monarch's for ISCANS:

Emperor I Cameron & Empress I Studio X LeNoir, Emperor II Alexander DeKnight & Empress II Miss Vickie DeKnight, Emperor III Ben Dover & Empress III Shayda Black-Turner, Empress IV Boom Boom Lubalicious, Emperor V Gary Turner-Black & Empress V Deva Station and the current Reigning Emperor VI Lee Bent & Regent Empress VI Deva Station.

Our Monarch's are elected by public election each year in which anyone 19 and over may vote. You do not have to be an ISCANS member to cast a ballot and all Candidates must be 21 and over and be a society member for over 1 year. All candidates are interviewed by a panel consisting of past Monarch's, Parliament members and community members and must be approved by majority vote of the panel to seek the office of Emperor or Empress.

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Candidates for Emperor and Empress



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Boom Boom
Lubalicious

A Vote for Boom Boom is a vote for my belief that all members of the community should be able to help raise awareness, funds and unity no matter of their sexuality, race or color. Through my experience, dedication, hardwork, creativity and proven track record I will do all of this in an approachable, caring way for people and organizations in need.



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Polling Station Information

Advanced Polling: October 7th - Halifax Backpackers Store
2193 Gottingen Street - 12:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Polling Day: October 14th - Venus Pizza - Corner of Barrington Street and Blowers
1558 Barrington Street - 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thank you to the Imperial City of Halifax it has been an honor once again to serve as your monarchs. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for there continued support during this year and would like to wish all the candidates the best of luck. We hope everyone will join us for Coronation III and come spend a night with us on Fantasy Island - Pirates Beware come as you dare.

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Wednesday October 18th, 2006

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Following the State Dinner

Thursday October 19th, 2006

In Town Show
\$ 5.00 Admission
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Reflections Cabaret
5184 Sackville Street

Friday October 20th, 2006

Hospitality in the Host Hotel
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Select
1980 Robie Street

The Out of Town Show
\$5.00 Admission
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Blue Moon Bistro

Saturday October 21st, 2006

Hospitality in the Host Hotel
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Spoon and Dish Brunch
11:30 a.m.
Mollyz Diner
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By Chef Darren

Can you believe that the summer has already come and gone? This year's growing season in our region is running three weeks to a month behind, so by the time this article reaches you, my loyal dedicated readers, we should be at the peak of the Fall harvest. Bearing that in mind, I will share with you my recipe for Pumpkin & Cranberry Bread Pudding with Warm Caramel Sauce & Candied Ginger Gelato. Mmm...mmm...mmm...Does that sound like Thanksgiving or what? I think bread pudding works best using day old Brioche which I get from Julien's Pastry Shop in the Hydrastone Market, but you can use any day old white bread or even pound cake. Give it a try for your Thanksgiving dinner guest, they will love it guaranteed! If you would like more fall recipes drop me an e-mail.

Pumpkin & Cranberry Bread Pudding with Warm Caramel Sauce & Candied Ginger Gelato

Ingredients

4 egg yolks
2 whole eggs
1 cup whipping cream
1 cup whole milk
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup pumpkin puree (canned is fine)
2 tbsp pumpkin pie spice
2 cups cleaned cranberries (or 1 cup dried)
1 lb day old brioche, white bread or pound cake, diced small

Method

1. Combine eggs, yolks, cream, milk, brown sugar, pumpkin and

spices with a whisk. 2. Pour the mixture over the bread, mix thoroughly, cover and let soak overnight in the refrigerator. (Note: If using dried cranberries add 1/2 cup more milk, stir them in the mixture and allow them to plump during the soaking period.) 3. The next day, spray a 9"x 3" cake spring form pan and line the bottom with parchment or wax paper. 4. If using fresh cranberries, fold them into the mixture at this point and pour the mixture into the lined pan. 5. Place the cake pan into a 3" high baking dish and fill it with boiling water 3/4 of the way up the sides of the cake pan (this is called water bath). 6. Place the pans in a preheated 325F oven and bake for approximately 1 hour or until a

knife inserted into the center of the pudding comes out clean. (Note: the pudding needs to be set up, but still moist.) 7. When cooked, remove the cake pan from the water bath run a knife around the edge and place it on a cooling rack. Let set for 1/2 hour before removing the spring ring sides.

Serving Suggestions

I serve a wedge of the pudding, still warm, with a warm caramel sauce (store bought and microwave heated is fine) with a scoop of candied ginger gelato from Botticelli's at Bishop's Landing on top.

Mother Nature Sponsors Saint John Pride

By: D. S. Mack MacKenzie

The Fabulous Mother Nature (who has to be a sister) was the most appreciated of the many sponsors at this year's Pride Week for the sunny Greater Saint John community, August 6-12, 2006. This was the most ambitious (and rain-free) Pride Week ever for the Southern New Brunswick region and was

Deputy Mayor (Michelle Hooton) and elected officials from Grand Bay-Westfield (Mayor Grace Losier and Deputy Mayor Brenda Murphy). Councillors Peter McGuire and Jay Young Chang from Saint John and Paul Barry and Beth Thompson from Rothesay and Quispamsis also came out to show their support and eat some rainbow cake. Club Montréal unveiled their exciting new location on King St. during Pride Week with a record crowd on Saturday night while the official Pride Dance at the Hilton Hotel still drew a throng of nearly two hundred that same evening. Mid-week events included the free screening of Transamerica at UNBSJ's Oland Hall Theatre, sponsored by the UNBSJ Q-Collective. Mahogany Manor Bed and Breakfast hosted a capacity crowd in their colourful garden for 'Music Night' featuring the talented stylings of Joyce Boone and Brian Deambrose, the Aussie-Scots, and the Shaggy Dogs -- with a full moon as the backdrop. Many new faces participated in the Monday evening slow pitch game at the Rockwood Park Allison Grounds. It was al-

leged that the girls beat the boys but apparently there were only three boys, aged four, forty and a dog named Dixie who would not report his age. Many quenched their spiritual thirst on day one

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organised by Port City Rainbow Pride Inc. and their allies: PFLAG Canada (Saint John and Sussex Chapters), Mahogany Manor B&B, Club Montréal, Fundy Safe Spaces and the UNBSJ Q-Collective. Many firsts were observed for this (fourth) annual LGBTQ week of fun, including more family-oriented events such as softball and bowling, the largest pride flag to fly outside City Hall for the week (4 1/2 by 9 feet), an eclectic music night, a fundraiser for the local food bank, record support from elected officials and businesses, a dinner cruise up the St. John and Kennebecasis Rivers, a record number of rainbow decorations along the parade route, a cheeky but fun River's Edge Campground float and the first time Marie Antoinette ever participated in the Pride Parade. Participation from elected officials in the area included Saint John Liberal MP (Paul Zed),




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Egale President & Atlantic Director, St. John's, NL: (709) 690-5244 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.egale.ca

Gay Men's Gathering: at PO Box 36054, Halifax., B3J 3S9

GaySpaces: Free postings of GLBT-friendly places to live in Atlantic Canada. email: info@gayspaces.org web: www.gayspaces.org

Gender Expressions Atlantic: Support for transgendered individuals ranging from Crossdressers to Transexuals. email: gender_expressions@hotmail.com web: www.geocities.com/gender_expressions/ (No scheduled meeting. Occasional social events, by invitation only.)

Halifax Transguys: support group for transmen at any point in transition, locally and in Atlantic Canada. email: halifaxtransguys@yahooogroups.ca at Please write for further information on our upcoming meetings and social events.

Healing Our Nations, Dartmouth: Healing Our Nations is an Aboriginal HIV/AIDS service organization that serves the Atlantic region. (902) 492-4255 email: hon@accesswave.ca web: www.healingournations.ca. meets 5th (Healing Our Nations staff meet once on a weekly basis. Training offered on request at no charge for Aboriginal peoples and/or organizations.) at 45 Alderney Dr., Ste. 607, Dartmouth, NS.

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Names Project (AIDS Memorial Quilt): panels - helping create, and lending. 902-454-5158 email: larrybaxter@ns.sympatico.ca web: www.quilt.ca (Call if interested in volunteering or making a panel) at 3544 Acadia St. Halifax, NS B3K 3P2

Project E: Presentation for youth, on gender expression, myth busters, proper terminology and other facts. web: www.freewebs.com/xprojecte/ at available via web page

Wayves Magazine: Atlantic Canada's queer news and lifestyle magazine!. email: submissions@wayves.ca web: wayves.ca (Editorial meeting one Monday night a month; layout one Sunday a month; see the Calendar on our web page) at downtown Halifax - email us for details

The Rainbow - Atlantic Awareness Society, (Cape Breton/Halifax/Annapolis Valley): "Atlantic Canada's Awareness Society" Raise awareness in regard to: YOUTH, hate crime, and suicide. email: tpineo@hotmail.com web: To be released

New Brunswick (506)

Affirming United Church - Centenary - Queen Square United Church, Saint John: invites you to worship!. 634-8288 email: cqsunited@nb.aibn.com web: www.cqsunited.ca, meets every Sunday (10:30am) at 215 Wentworth St, Saint John, NB

AIDS New Brunswick / SIDA Nouveau-Brunswick, Fredericton: committed to facilitating community-based responses to the issues of HIV/AIDS. 459-7518 email: sidaids@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.aidsnb.com (Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:30PM)

AIDS Saint John, Saint John: improve quality of life for those infected & affected by HIV, reduce the spread through education 652-2437 email: aidssj@nb.aibn.com web: www.aidssaintjohn.com

Atlantiques Swim Team, Moncton: Swimming for fitness or participating in Masters swimming competitions. email: info@atlantiques.org web: atlantiques.org (Contact us by email for swim times and social events. LGBT Swimmers from elsewhere in Atlantic Canada are welcome to join the team and go to meets with us.) at the CEPS pool at the Université de Moncton.

boom! Nightclub, Fredericton: Gay Bar, guys and girls, mixed age group, fun atmosphere, monthly theme parties. (506) 463-2666 email: info@boomnightclub.ca (Hours: Thursday-Saturday 8-2 Sun 4-7 Sunday Social. Reopening again Sunday night 10-2 open tntables.) at Located in the heart of downtown Fredericton. 474 Queen Street.

Catalyst, Mount Allison U, Sackville: support & information for Mount A students, occasional social activities. 506-364-2357 email: ktrotter@mta.ca (Catalyst meets approximately ever week from Sept-Dec and Jan-April. For meeting info, contact Kris Trotter at 364-2255 or the Students' Administrative Council at 364-2231. Catalyst is not active during the summer.) at Fax: 506/364-2216

East Coast Bears, Fredericton: adult men who are, or like, masculine, hairy men. 506-455-2856 email: info@eastcoastbears.com web: www.eastcoastbears.com, meets 4th sunday (See webpage for schedule.)

Fredericton Lesbians and Gays, Fredericton: Occasional social events and Email listserv. email: jwhitehe@unb.ca web: www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074

Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. (GNG), Petit-Rocher (Bathurst area): A bilingual volunteer association serving

gay men, lesbians and bisexuals of northern New Brunswick. email: info@gngnb.ca web: www.gngnb.ca (Dances are held at GNG club every Saturday night. See www.gngnb.ca for a list of upcoming events.) at 702 rue Principale, Petit-Rocher NB. Look for rainbow flag and/or door with pink triangle at rear of parking lot.

Moncton Gay Pride, Moncton: Organizes, promotes and produces Moncton's Pride events!. 382-5837, meets 1st sunday

Moncton Leather Chapter, Moncton: TheMLC facilitates communication & mutual understanding of Leather within Atlantic Canada. email: themlc@rogers.com web: www.MonctonLeatherChapter.com, meets last Saturday at LEATHER NIGHTS: Triangles - last Saturday of the month

Moncton Transgender Support Group, Moncton: Transgenders, their allies, families and friends. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca. meets 3rd Sunday (occasionally the 2nd, please call) at 1:30 pm at U. de M. Room 302, Adrien-J.-Cormier building.

PFLAG Fredericton, Fredericton: all welcome. Francis @ 454-8349 email: pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca

PFLAG Moncton : Parents, families and friends of GLBTT2Q&Q persons. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd monday (occasionally on the 2nd Monday — please call) at 7:30 pm at U. de M. at Rm 302, Adrien-J.-Cormier building.

PFLAG Sackville/Amherst, Sackville NB/Amherst NS: Support and education for GLBTT2QQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd Monday (7:30 to 9:30pm) at Meeting location alternates monthly between Sackville: United Church Parlours, 112 Main Street, and Amherst: Maggie's Place, 12 LaPlanche Street

PFLAG Saint John, Saint John: 652-3995 email: wandr@nbnet.nb.ca, tiger@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.pflag.ca/saintjohn.htm (1st Friday of each month September - June at 7pm. No meeting in July & August.) at 116 Coburg Street in Saint John, New Brunswick in the Community Health Centre next to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Port City Rainbow Pride, Saint John: Pride Celebrations Committee. email: events@portcityrainbowpride.com web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

Q-Collective, Saint John: A safe place & event sponsor for UNBSJ students, staff & faculty. 506-648-9227 email: QCollect@UNBSJ.ca at various locations; event particulars will be emailed to anyone who registers with the Q-Collective and/or who gets the UNBSJ weekly "E News".

Safe Spaces Fundy Region, Saint John: Committed to ending discrimination around issues of sexual orientation in youth. email: safespaces@gmail.com web: www.safespacesfundy.ca, meets 2nd Wednesday (See our webpage for schedule of meetings and socials etc @ www.safespacesfundy.com) at Community Health Centre, 116 Coburg Street, Saint John, NB

Safe Spaces Moncton, Moncton: Safe Spaces offers support to GLBTQ Youth between 14-25. 869-6224 email: safespaces@nb.aibn.com web: www.safespaces.org (Safe Spaces offers support to GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDERED or QUESTIONING Youth between the ages of 14-25. We offer individual counselling (via phone, e-mail or in person) and we also offer support groups. Awareness activities are offered in the community.)

Safe Spaces Moncton Region, Moncton: Support Groups for GLBTQ Youth (14-25 years old). 854-3049 email: safespaces@nb.aibn.com web: www.safespaces.ca

Saint John LGBTQ Lending Library, Saint John: over 300 fiction and non-fiction titles. 634-8288 email: cqsunited@nb.aibn.com (open Monday through Friday, 9 AM to noon.) at the office of Centenary Queen Square United Church at 215 Wentworth Street.

SIDA AIDS Moncton, Moncton: offers support to people living with HIV and their families and friends, education and awareness. 859-9616 email: sidaidsm@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.sida-aidsmoncton.com at 165A Gordon St., Moncton, NB, E1C 1N1

Spectrum, Fredericton: social and support group for students, staff and faculty at UNB and STU. email: spectrum@unb.ca web: www.unb.ca/clubs/spectrum, meets every wednesday (7 pm) at Tilley 28 (downstairs Arts Common Room)

UN sur DIX - l'Association des étudiant.e.s GLB de l'Université de Moncton, Moncton: Visé à éduquer, à sensibiliser et à offrir des ressources dans la langue française. email: unsurdix@umoncton.ca web: www.umoncton.ca/unsurdix/ (Visitez le site Web ou envoyez un courriel pour en apprendre davantage au sujet du travail que nous accomplissons.)

UNB/STU Women's Collective, Fredericton: Women of all ages and orientations. email: unbstuwomensc@collective@yahoo.ca, meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

Woodstock GLBT Family OutReach, Woodstock: Books, movies etc. for the family. 328-4868 email: richardb@nbnet.nb.ca

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

AIDS Committee of Newfoundland & Labrador, St. John's: HIV/AIDS education and support for male/female/transgendered, all ages, Newfoundland and Labrador 579-8656 email: info@acnl.net web: www.acnl.net

Gay on the Rock: Gay Life in St. John's and Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. email: gayontherock@yahoo.com web: www.geocities.com/gayontherock

GUYZ Project, St John's: designed to increase HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and STI knowledge and awareness email: chris@acnl.net

LBGT-MUN Resource Centre, St John's: LBGT-MUN is an information/resource, service, and peer support centre staffed by trained volunteers! 737-7619 email: lbgtmun@mun.ca web: www.mun.ca/lbgt/ (weekdays 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM; two-three meetings each month; Coffee-House Fridays from 12-2pm; movie nights and other social events occur at least three times per month!) at Smallwood/University Center, UC-6022. Building located on Prince Phillip Drive. Call us! Get involved! LBGT-MUN: "A Positive Place, for Positive People!"

NGALE, St. John's: Official website for the NGALE (Newfoundland and Labrador Gays and Lesbians for Equality). 709-579-8656 email: info@ngale.org web: www.ngale.org, meets 1st Wednesday (7:00pm) at 50 Harbour Drive: ACNL Office

PFLAG - SJ, St. John's: Information or referral to one of our parents. (709) 579-8656 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.pflag.ca (PFLAG St. John's NL: Information or referral to one of our parents. (709) 579-8656 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.pflag.ca at Aids Committee Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.) at Aids Committee Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.

Nova Scotia (902)

Acadia Pride, Wolfville: community at Acadia. 585-2165 email: acadiapride@acadiau.ca web: euler.acadiau.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (7:30pm (during academic year)) at Beverage Forum (old SUB)

Acadia Women's Centre, Wolfville: 585-2140 email: 057996@acadiau.ca web: axe.acadiau.ca/women-centre (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

Affirm United, Halifax: support, action and worshiping community within the United Church. email: stewarar@gov.ns.ca at Box 33067, Halifax, NS B3L 4T6

AIDS Coalition Of Cape Breton -- ACCB, Sydney: 567-1766 web: www.accb.ns.ca at 150 Bentinck St., Sydney, NS B1P 1G6

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, Halifax: non-profit, community-based AIDS organization, provincially mandated. (902)429-7922 email: acns@acns.ns.ca web: www.acns.ns.ca

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: Live & Let Live AA Group for GLBT community-. (902) 463-7895 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.rationalunacy.com/cout, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St Matthews Church, 1479 Barrington St, Halifax (Use side door near Maritime Centre at bottom of stairs)

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

Bluenose Bears, Halifax: Club for bears and those who like them. 463-4312 email: bluenosebears@accesswave.ca web: www.geocities.com/bluenosebears, meets 3rd Friday

Cape Breton Pride: dedicated to promoting well being & unity of our gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgendered community. email: capebretonpride@yahoo.ca web: www.capebretonpride.org/ (Monthly women's, men's and/or glbt dances and social events. For up to date info and official Pride Week details, check the webpage or write c/o 41 Broadway, Sydney, N.S. B1N 2Y3)

Cape Breton University Sexual Diversity Centre, Sydney: We provide a welcoming environment for GLBTQ people and their Allies. 902-563-1481 email: sdc@cbusu.com (M-F 9-4pm. Call or drop by for event listings, Ally Training, and Anti-Heterosexism/Homophobia Workshops!) at the Students' Union Building, Cape Breton University.

DalOUT, Halifax: LGBTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: societies.dsu.ca/dalout, meets every Thursday (7pm) at Dalhousie University, check OUT our website or contact us for details

Family Pride Camping Association (Rainbow Spirit), Halifax: Rainbow Spirit, Canada's only week-long summer camp for children of LGBT parents. 455-0186 email: info@fpca.ca web: www.fpca.ca, meets 2nd Monday (Contact us if you are interested in helping out, or have a child who would benefit from attending Rainbow Spirit, our annual week-long camp.)

Gay Camping Club, Halifax: The outdoor-sy kind of camping (not just for RVs!). email: gaycampingclub@hotmail.com web: www.gaycampingclubhalifax.ca

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL YOUTH GROUP AT Q.E.H.: Jeanie Buffet, Counsellor, at 421-6797

GayFathersHalifax, HRM: Is a peer support group for gay and bisexual fathers. Contact Gilles @ 448-3565 or Gorden @ 446-7793 web: groups.msn.com/Gay-FathersOffHalifax, meets 1st Wednesday (7-9 p.m.) at Dalhousie Legal Services, 2209 Gottingen Street (corner of Gottingen & Cunard) press the buzzer.

GLB CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE (SUNS): 494-6654 at c/o the Students' Union of NS

Group Harrison Society, Cape Breton: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. 564-6939 email: groupharrisonsociety@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/groupharrisonsociety, meets last Saturday (Admission \$6.50- Best light and sound show around!) at Steel Workers Hall, Sydney

Hal-Gal, Halifax: low-traffic Yahoo group that provides events and information for queer women in the Halifax area. email: hal-gal@yahooogroups.com

HalGal Mailing List, Halifax: events and information for queer/lesbian/bi/trans women and their allies in Hfx. web: groups.yahoo.com/hal-gal

Halifax Front Runners, Halifax: Running/walking club. 422-7579 email: Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca web: www.frontrunners.org/clubs/halifax/, meets every Saturday, and every Tuesday, and every Thursday (Sat: 9:30am, Tue: 5:30 pm, Thu: 5:30pm) at Main gates of the Halifax Public Gardens, corner of Spring Garden Road and South Park Street.

Halifax Rainbow Speakers, Halifax: Speakers available, contact us if you are interested in joining

also. 494-6662 email: nspirg@dal.ca web: www.thenovascotiapublicinterestresearchgroup.dal.ca (Call for times & locations)

Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society, Halifax: Fundraising. 476-4225 email: info@imperialcourtns.com web: www.imperial-courtns.com (Meeting times vary)

Intensity Dance, Halifax: non-profit dance collective and presenting organization. email: intensitydance@yahoo.com web: intensitydance.tripod.com

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax: support and connection across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax: support and connection across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca Week one: Monday – Transgender Discussion group 7-9 pm; Tuesday – 18 & under Discussion group 6-8 pm; Wed. 18 to 25 Discussion group 7-9 pm. Week two: Tues. Drop-in - 6-8 pm; Wed. – Movie Night 7-9 pm. Week three: Mon. Transgender Discussion group – 7-9 pm; Tues – 25 & under guest speaker/discussion; Wed. Activity Night. Week four: Tues. Theme Drop-in – 6-9 pm; Wed. Movie Night – 7-9 pm. A youth food bank and STI testing on site. Please refer to website for times and details.) at 2281 Brunswick Street.

LGB Youth Support Group Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: fun social/support group for under 25 through the Sexual Health Ctr, Bridgewater & LGBYouth Project. 527-2868 email: lunco@nssexualhealth.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Postponed until further notice: Volunteer facilitators needed!)

Manna For Health, Halifax: A special needs referral food bank for those living with life threatening illness. 429-7670

Mount Pride, Halifax: Social group, open to anyone. 902 430-6981 email: mountpride@yahooogroups.com, meets 1st Tuesday (meetings will start back up in sept when school starts again.) at Diversity Center in Rosaria

Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colchester, Pictou, Cumberland & East Hants. 895-0931 email: nacsns@hotmail.com web: nacsns.tripod.com (Our Board of Directors meet bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month. Annual General Meeting held regularly in June. See webpage for contact numbers in your area of northern Nova Scotia.) at 33 Pleasant Street, Truro, N.S.

Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, Halifax: fostering change through networking, education, outreach & community education. 902-444-7887 email: nsrap@nsrap.ca web: www.nsrap.ca at Bloomfield Centre

Outlaw, Halifax: Queer Law Students Association at Dalhousie Law School. email: dal_outlaw@yahoo.ca (Meetings vary. Please email if interested.) at Dalhousie Law School. 6061 University Avenue. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Over 30's Club: Socials, usually potluck dinners. 464-8925 email: atlanticoverthirty@hotmail.com (one Saturday evening a month) at members' homes, mostly Halifax but occasionally out of town.

PFLAG Amherst/Sackville: Parents, families & friends-of, and GLBT persons. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd monday (Contact us for meeting details.) at Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

PFLAG Halifax: support and education to parents, family and friends. 443-3747 email: ab274@chebucto.ns.ca, meets 3rd Sunday (2:00 pm) at individual homes

PFLAG Middleton, Middleton: Parents & friends. 902-825-0548 email: middletonns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/middleton.html, meets last Friday (7-9pm) at the Wilmot Community Centre civic address 13972 Highway #1 wilmot. Wilmot is located just between kingston and Middleton. The hall depending on direction that your coming from. Left if your coming from the East side and Right if your coming from the West direction.

PFLAG Sydney, Sydney: PFLAG Sydney provides support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. Celeste Sullivan @ 563-1389, Sexual Diversity Centre 563-1481 and B. Durdle @ 563k-1443 email: sydneyns@pflagcanada.ca, meets last Sunday (7:30-9:30 pm. Sunday May 28th Sunday June 25th break for summer (exception is appearance in Cape Breton Pride Parade, July 29, 2006 and the walk for Homophobia, May 17, 2006)) at Family Place Resource Centre 106 Townsend Street, Sydney NS

PFLAG Truro: 662.3774 email: s.r.burns@ns.sympatico.ca

Positive Connections: Teleconferenced support groups for people living with AIDS. email: connections@acns.ns.ca, meets every Monday (evening 7:00pm - 8:00pm) at by phone. No long distance charges. For more info call 425-4882 ext 228 or 1-800-566-2437 ext 228 or e-mail.

Pride Guide Publishing: publisher of community focused maps, directories, event programs and more. 902-423-6999 email: prideguide@eastlink.ca

Pride of Pictou County, New Glasgow: All GLBT in Pictou County. 695-5222 email: info@prideofpictoucounty.ca web: www.PrideofPictouCounty.ca (see web page for meeting info)

Quakers, Halifax: Quakerism emphasizes that we all manifest the Divine. 429-2904 web: halifax.quaker.ca, meets every Sunday at Library at Atlantic School of Theology, Franklin St. All very welcome.

Rainbow Playtime, Halifax: Food & social meetings for same sex families with tots or couples considering parenthood. 461-9414

Red Door, The, Kentville: Youth health adolescent center counselling, for up to age 30, all ages STD testing. 679-1411 (Monday through Friday, 1pm to 5pm, Wednesday open to 6:00) at 28 Webster Court

SAAFE (Supporting An Alternative Friendly Environment), Truro: Social/support group at the NS Agricultural College. 902-893-6300 email: lyoung@nsac.ns.ca (Meeting are as requested.)

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: A Christian Church with a positive affirming ministry to the GBLT community. Everyone is welcome! 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com (Sundays 7:00pm, except last Sunday of month at 11:00am) at 2786 Agricola St. Bloomfield Centre, Suite #108

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:

Second Story Women's Centre, Lunenburg: email: secstory@eastlink.ca web: www.secstory.com

Sexual Health Centre, Lunenburg County: dedicated to promoting healty and responsible sexuality to the citizens of Lunenburg County. 527-2868 email: lunco@nssexualhealth.ca web: www.lunco.cfsh.info at 4 Hillcrest Street Unit 8, Bridgewater

South Shore Pride Social Club, Bridgewater: for 18 & older. 685-3297 email: info@southshorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca, meets 3rd Monday, and 4th Monday (7:30PM - 9:00PM) at (call for location.)

Team Halifax, Halifax: All GLBT over 18, athletes and performance artists, as well as anyone willing to help out. 422-9510 web: www.teamhalifax.com (No fixed schedule at this time, look on website for further details.)

The AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton, Sydney: Support for those infected/affected by HIV/AIDS, advocacy, and prevention/education free condoms. (902) 567-1766 email: christineporter@acbb.ns.ca web: www.acbb.ns.ca, meets 1st Wednesday (5:00pm 1st Wednesday of every month is our Regular Board meeting.) at 150 Bentinck St, Sydney, N.S. B1H 6G1

Tightrope, Halifax: leather & denim brotherhood. See our monthly events listing at http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents. 455-0623, ask for Don, meets 3rd Saturday

Truro Adult Group, Truro: Wayne at 897-6654 or Gina at 895-8363 (bi-weekly)

Truro Gay Youth: Vida at 897-4366.

Truro Pride: GLBT support group in Central NS. 897-6654 or 895-8363 email: truropride@hotmail.com web: www.3.ns.sympatico.ca/greenoaks/Home.html (Every second Wednesday at 6:00 PM. See webpage for next date.) at Calico Cafe @ 564 Prince Street, Truro, NS.

Universalist Unitarian Church, Halifax: an inclusive liberal religious community 429-5500, meets every Sunday (10:30) at 5500 Inglis St

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House, Kingston: socials for gay men; gay & lesbian dances 19+. 902-765-2821 email: menembracingmen@yahoo.ca web: faceit-withpride.tripod.com (Coffee every Thursday 7-9pm, dances on the first Saturday of the month.) at email or call for locations or special events or themes

Venus Envy Bursary Society: An annual award open to all women studying in NS. web: www.venusenvy.ca/halifax

X-Pride, Antigonish: social & support group at X. 867- 5007 web: www.stfx.ca/people/xpride

Prince Edward Island (902)

Abegweit Rainbow Collective: Serving GLBTQQ Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: arcpei@isn.net web: www.arcpei.isn.net, meets 3rd Thursday (of each month)

AIDS PEI, Charlottetown: 566-2437 email: info@aispei.com web: www.aidspei.com at 10 St. Peter's Rd

Gay PEI Mailing List, province-wide: Electronic mailing list for all GLBT, questioning and friendly, focus is on PEI. email: gay-pei-owner@yahooogroups.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pei (It's an electronic list, there aren't meetings. You can join and start posting at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pei at any time. All first posts are moderated to stop spambots, otherwise, it's an open list.)

GLBT Youth group, Charlottetown: Safe Space Drop-Ins. 367-3408 or toll free 1 877 380 5776 email: arcyouth@isn.net web: www.arcpei.isn.net/youth at 10 St. Peters Rd. We have a lending library, books, movies, magazines and a place to hang out and chat. Special events planned throughout the year.

Narcotics Anonymous, Charlottetown: a fellowship of recovering drug addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. 566-9733 or 1-800-205-8402 (Mondays & Fridays 8:00pm) at 178 Fritzroy St

PEI Pride, Charlottetown: Organizing The Island Pride Festival. (902)314-0673 or (902)940-3971 email: pridepei@isn.net web: www.peipride.com (every other Tuesday @ 5:30pm -- see web site) at UPEI women's center. Take university ave and turn at lights by University. To left and take first right. Bldg on the right is the place we meet.

PFLAG PEI, Charlottetown: Parents & Friends. 368-8416 email: pflagpei@hotmail.com, meets 4th Monday at Boys & Girls Club St. Peters Road Charlottetown

PRIZMS, Charlottetown: PEI's first all dance party! Catering to the gay and lesbian community. email: prizmdance@canada.com web: www.prizms.net (see web page for upcoming events and location information) at PRIZMS expose yourself to the high energy- highly social atmosphere. *PRIZMS - Dance in the Light

UPEI Rainbow Collective, Charlottetown: GLBT student organisation at the University of PEI. 566-2437 email: rainbow@upeu.ca (Whenever called, e-mails will be sent out. We call together a weekly Social Meeting on Fridays at 7pm and the location is revieled in the e-mail to the members.) at The Women's Centre

Events >>

Amherst

Second Monday

PFLAG Amherst/Sackville - in Amherst one month, Sackville the next. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

First and Third Wednesdays

Amherst and Area, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Group Meeting, 7-9pm. Anyone who is GLBT or questioning their sexuality in the Amherst, Oxford, Springhill, Pugwash and Parrsboro areas is welcome, this is a safe space where anyone can come and feel safe in talking about their sexuality and just being themselves without fear of ridicule or harassment. lgbyy_amherst@hotmail.com, all emails confidential.

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance for ages 19 and up from 9pm-1am. If you need more information concerning themes or other events that may take place call 902-765-2821 or email menembracingmen@yahoo.ca

Every Sunday

Valley Girls is a social group for lesbians in the Annapolis Valley. Coffee Group on Sundays. For more information e-mail the group at Valley_Girls@yahoo.com.

Bridgewater

Third and Fourth Mondays

South Shore Pride Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Club holds meetings in Bridgewater every Monday from 7-9pm. Call 685-3297 or email thoron_ca@yahoo.ca for details. www.geocities.com/Westhollywood/village/2384

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Third Saturday of each month

(except June 24)

Wileville Dance 9PM to 1AM. Smoke free. For more details call 685-3297 or email info@southshorepride.ca or www.southshorepride.ca

Cape Breton

PFLAG Meetings: Oct 29, Nov 26, Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 29, May 27, June 24

Meetings will be in the same place (Family Place Resource Centre), same day (Sundays) and same time (7:30 - 9:30 pm). All are welcome. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our meetings - they can contact us at sydney@southshorepride.ca, sexual diversity centre 563-1481, Celeste 563-1389 or B. Durdle 563-1443.

Fredericton

Every Wednesday

UNB/STU Women's Collective, at the University Women's Centre in the SUB, 5pm. Contact Lyndsey Gallant at gvnkr@stu.ca or call 450-3870.

Third Sunday of each month

GLB ANGLICANS AND FRIENDS Integrity is a non profit organization of Gay and Lesbian Anglicans and Friends. Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual orientation. Integrity Fredericton was formed in October 2004 and supports and encourages Gay Men and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. A Eucharist followed by a coffee hour discussion is held at 4:00 PM on the third Sunday of each month at St. John's, 58 Broad Road, Oromocto. For more details check out website: www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity

Fourth Wednesday of each month

PFLAG Fredericton meets at 7 PM at the Unitarian Fellowship, 874 York Street. Everyone welcome. Discussion, guest speakers, support and special events. For more information email pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca. Confidentiality assured.

Last Saturday of each month

Inject some colour into the long grey winter! Every month through Pride Week on the last weekend in June, celebrate the colours of the Pride flag. Join us in fêting this month's colour: PURPLE. Wear it on your clothes, on your shoes, on your face, in your hair or on top of your head. Have fun with it and watch for prizes on upcoming Saturdays. boom! Nightclub, 474 Queen Street

Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

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Every Sunday

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Services are Sunday 7:00pm, except the last Sunday of the month at 11:00am, Bloomfield Centre, 2786 Agricola Street, Suite 108.

Every Sunday

Second Sunday of each month

Play Group for Queer Families! 3-5pm Board Room (Play Room) at Needham Community Recreation Centre, 3372 Devonshire St (north end Halifax, near intersection of Duffus & Novalea, bus routes 7 & 9) Bring a snack for your child(ren). We will be collecting money from each family to cover the cost of the room rental, likely \$2-4 per week. For info, call 422-8780 or email lynnmacdonald@hfx.eastlink.ca

First and Third Tuesdays

Formerly known as the Queer/Straight Alliance, Mount Pride in the GLBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University. We are an active and online group that meets bi-weekly on tuesdays at 12 noon in the diversity center in Roseria on campus, and online at mountpride@yahoo.com. Possible events that are being planned for the winter semester include sexuality awareness week, movies nights, potlucks, guest speakers, and many more. There are always spontaneous meals and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join.

First and Third Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project Social Drop-in Nights. This is

an unstructured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever, 6-9pm, 25 and under, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project 18 and under Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 6-8pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

First and Third Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project Movie Night, 25 and under, starting at 7pm. 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

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Second Wednesday of each month

Spirituality for Lesbians, 7:30-9PM. We seek to deepen our relationship with God, knowing that God loves us and calls us into life just as he has created us. Persons of every or no denomination are welcome. For info about the place of the next meeting call 459-2649 and leave name and number. Personal mailbox: confidentiality assured.

Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 9, 23, Dec. 7, 21

Anonymous HIV Testing, AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia 1657 Barrington St, Suite 321, 5-8pm. 425-4882 for an appointment.

Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 12, 26, Dec. 10, 24

Koinonia Ecumenical Church – Meaning 'community'. Services bi-weekly at 12:30pm at Halifax Feast downtown. Pastor Elaine, 876-8771 or ktoinonia@ns.sympatico.ca

Oct. 13

LGBT & ALLIES DANCE! An adult fundraiser dance for the LGBT Youth Project – because all youth deserve to feel good about who they are. Friday, October 13, 2006, 8:00-12:00 pm, 1641 Fairfield Road, Halifax (last left off Jubilee Road, on the Northwest Arm) Tickets: \$15.00, available at Venus Envy or at the door. DJ & Cash Bar.

Oct. 13-15

A student led conference to connect community and academic feminists working toward women's equality at Saint Mary's University Halifax, Nova Scotia. Recent decades have seen feminists making significant strides in encompassing diverse experiences and voices. The aim of this conference is to address a specific consideration: region. How are women's challenges and projects in the Atlantic region different, and where do they intersect with the experiences of our feminist allies across Canada? And perhaps more urgently, how do our own Atlantic experiences, challenges and successes differ from and mirror each other? How can we make alliances and strengthen the Atlantic feminist community? In giving voice to our experiences, and hearing the experiences of those who are engaged in the grassroots and academic feminist communities, we will be provided the opportunity to make connections, establish partnerships, integrate our work, and ultimately strengthen our Atlantic feminist networks. The deadline for registration forms and payment of conference fees is September 11st, 2006. For more information, contact atlanticwavesconference@yahoo.ca

Halifax Youth Project Calendar

Youth Project events operate in a 4-week schedule. To find out what week we're operating in, please see our website or contact us! www.youthproject.ns.ca, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, 429-5429

Week 1

Monday - Transgender Discussion Group: A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what trans youth have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. A place to talk about trans issues and make new friends! 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.
Tuesday - Discussion Group (ages 18 and under) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.

Wednesday - Discussion Group (ages 18-25) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 7-9 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 2

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick street
Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 3

Tuesday - Guest Speaker & Discussion night (ages 25 & under) A new speaker every week to educate & spark discussion. This is a structured environment. 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick street
Wednesday - Activity night (ages 25 & under) A chance to have fun and perhaps learn something new. Activities will be on this night lasting two and a half months. First activity class IMPROV classes. 6-8pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 4

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Themed Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event with a fun & exciting theme. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick street
Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

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Tuesdays - Karoke w/Justin, cash prizes and nightly draws

Wednesdays - 7pm-11pm Swing dancing "All Welcome", 11pm-2am "Act it Out" w/Boom Boom; Can you act?? Bring it OUT!!!

Thursdays - "Karoke and Wings" w/Justin, cash prizes, draws and wing specials

Fridays and Saturdays - Dance the night away to the sounds of New Brunswick's favorite DJ, "DJ Geo"

Sun Oct 1 BoomBoom' Campaign Show. Come out and meet the Candidates for empress IV of Halifax

Sun Oct 8 Cousin Cletus and BoomBoom's show. play eat and be merry

Sun Oct. 15 The Bedroom Show W/ the king and Queen of Dianonds. Join them for their version of a sleepover

Thurs Oct 20 ISCANS Out of Town Show meet some of the Monarch's from the other court, here to perform for us.

Sat Oct 21 Fetish Night: How kinky are you?

Sun Oct 22 ISCANS Tough Drag Show. Celebrate with the new Emperior and Empress

Fri Oct 29 Halloween begins. Come see our idea of spooky

Sat Oct 28 Halloween. The Pagan's Mascarade Ball. Prizes for the best costume. Show of great performances

Sun Oct 29 Spooks Show. see how crazy and spooky the queens and kings can really get

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Thursday - Lulu LaRude hosts 5 Minutes of Fame - The anything goes Talent Show where we give away \$200 cash every Thursday. 10pm \$3. DJ HedFones till 3:45am.

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Sackville

Second Monday

PFLAG Sackville / Amherst - in Sackville one month, Amherst the next. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

Saint John

Third Saturday

Gay Men's Supper Club, 220 Germain St. <http://www.portcityrainbowpride.com/> for more information.

Saint John Bar & Business Calendar

CLUB MONTREAL

Wednesdays: No cover, free pool

Thursdays: No cover, karaoke with prizes

Fridays: No cover, open turntables

Saturdays: \$5 cover after 10 PM

Sundays: No cover, free pool

Your birthday: no cover, one free drink, just show your ID!

St. John's - LGBT-MUN

Every Friday

Coffee House: Every Friday, 12-2 (LBGT Office, 6th Floor UC, 6002) Every Friday we invite anyone and everyone to come to LBGT and enjoy a cup of Coffee or Tea (regular or herbal) with us (members, non-members, etc). It's a great chance to vent, meet some new people, etc. Our office is located in UC-6022.

Every Third Wednesday

Arriba's Night! Arriba's is a bar in the same building as Quintana's De La Plaza, in Churchill Square. We get together and attend this venue on a regular basis, due to its closeness to MUN and the fact that these are "Student Saver Nights" (drinks are cheaper and there are free nachos with every drink!). Before going to the venue, people are asked to meet at LBGT-MUN at 4:30pm to head over (and to grab seats before everyone else - teehee). Make sure to wear some Pride stuff so we can tell that you're there to meet us! (Note: this venue is 19 years and older)

St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

Zone 216

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Sydney

...see Cape Breton

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Oct 25-27

Educating allies: Breaking the Cycle of Oppression

Oct 27-29

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WAYVES DATES!

Check out the front of the magazine for Wayves deadlines.

Wileville

...see Bridgewater

Wolfville

Every Second Tuesday

Kings County Prostate Cancer Support Group, 7-9 pm in the East Kings Memorial Public Health Centre on Earncliffe Ave in Wolfville. You can

ask questions you forgot to ask the doctor or nurse and you can think aloud to help you make your decisions. There is growing evidence that your participation in a group of people who have gone through the processes you are now facing is mentally beneficial and may well contribute to your recovery from prostate cancer interventions. We are an easy-going informal group of 12 men, some of whom bring their spouses/partners to our monthly meetings. Know that you are truly welcome to join us and if you need more information please get in touch with me by e mail dickgroot2003@yahoo.ca or by phone 542 6125. Our correspondence address is the same as my home address: 210 Main Street, Wolfville NS B4P 1C4.

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Moncton

Third Monday of each month

PFLAG Moncton has monthly support meeting from 7:30-9:30 in room 302 of the Adrien-J.-Cormier bldg at U de M campus. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

Second and Fourth Mondays

SAFE SPACES MEETING, 7pm. Support group for GLB youth, 14-25. For more info, 869-6224 or safespaces@nb.aibn.com

Last Saturday

Moncton Leather Chapter Leather Nights at Triangles! With the interest and number of people that have started wearing Leather in Moncton, it only seems natural to have a monthly Leather Night so that any man or woman can wear their Leather and know that they will not be alone in doing so when they go to Triangles.

Moncton Bar & Business Calendar

CLUB CHAMELEON

<http://personal.nbnet.nb.ca/garysm/chamel.htm>
939 Mountain Road, Moncton.

Hours: 9pm until 2am

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Email: gasmith@nb.sympatico.ca

Wacky Wednesday - \$2.00 Beer & Barshots 10 til close

Thursday - Girls Night Out! - no cover for girlz with 2.4.1. drinks til midnight

Friday - After Work BBQ - 4pm on with DJ Roo

Saturday - Moncton Leather Chapter Charity BBQ - 4pm on

Sunday - T-Dance and BBQ 4-7 pm

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Cont'd from Motyer on p. 5

Christ Church, Oxford, where he received a B.A. (Honours English) in 1948 and an M.A. in 1951. He taught first at the University of Manitoba, and then at Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec, for twenty years, during which time he planned the university's Centennial Theatre which opened in 1967.

In 1970, Arthur Motyer accepted an appointment as the first Purvis Professor of English at Mount Allison University, a posi-

tion he held until his retirement in 1993. In addition, he held administrative positions as the Dean of Arts and Science and Academic Vice-President over a five year period. He was Mount Allison's first Director of Drama (1976-93), as well as being Chairman of the Performing Arts Committee for those same years.

As Chair of the Debut Atlantic Society, 1988-2005, Arthur Motyer also contributed significantly to the musical life of New Brunswick and all of Atlantic Canada. In 1992, he was awarded the degree of D.C.L.

(Honoris Causa) from Bishop's University, and in 1993 was made a Professor Emeritus of English at Mount Allison. In 2005, his novel *What's Remembered* was a finalist for the Amazon.ca/Books in Canada First Novel Award.

Arthur John Motyer is nominated to the Order of New Brunswick for his dedication as a teacher who has lived to serve others, and for his contribution to the artistic and cultural life of New Brunswick.

We salute our friend, Arthur Motyer!

Cont'd from PortCity on p. 10

while attending the Pride Week Service at Centenary Queen Square United Church where the Rev. Don Uhryniw praised God for the wonderful diversity in the Rainbow community and reminded the congregation of God's unending love no matter what one's sexual orientation or gender identity is. If a picture is worth a thousand words then check out the billions of words and many pictures at

www.PortCityRainbowPride.com or Ted Jones' photo perspective at www.CommunityLens.com. So many people made Pride Week a success including our many sponsors. See the many sponsors listed on our website. For more information about LGBTQ events or if you would like to volunteer email membership@portcityrainbowpride.com.

Cont'd from Brewer on p. 3

in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Ms. Brewer strongly defends a woman's right to choose. In her role as Vice-President of the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council, Ms. Brewer worked to promote the equality rights of women and girls in Nunavut. Recently, she led the campaign in support of the Nunavut Human Rights Act; legislation that includes protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation. Ms. Brewer continues her work through her involvement as a founding member of Iqaluit Pride and Friends of Pride, and her support for legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

Here is what some others think of Allison Brewer.

Rev. Eldon Hay, the Sackville, New Brunswick PFLAG leader and human rights activist, says of Allison: "I recognize her as a New Brunswick gay/lesbian rights pioneer and champion. When I was awarded the NB Human Rights award in 1997, the presentation was made in Sackville. Imagine my delight and surprise when Allison attended with either one or two of her children. She had driven over from Fredericton for the occasion. At a rally in Fredericton, marking a time when a gay UNB student had been accosted and attacked, Allison spoke clearly and forcefully. She was a tower of strength, courage and hope to all who heard her."

Moncton activist and past Egale director Greg Daborn recalls: "The story of how Allison Brewer affected my life is very similar to the story of how Eldon Hay affected it. When these two pioneers started on their public quest for GLBT equality rights, I was a young adolescent in the early 80's struggling with being the known school fag. It seemed to me that it was almost time to throw in the towel and give up hope until one night I started hearing of how these two people were standing up for me. For years I followed their work. Just hearing about what they were doing in the media gave me that little bit of strength I needed to carry on. It's only been in the last couple of years that I've got to meet Allison and Eldon in person and work with them side by side as we move forward. I know that Allison's presence at the events I've worked on has been a great help. I would like to thank her for being there for me back in the 80's. Her and Eldon's presence at the time probably saved my life and for that I am forever grateful."

Allison Brewer is clearly an amazing woman.

Facts in this article come from a variety of sources including some wording from the websites of Wikipedia, New Brunswick NDP and the CBC, and from a conversation with Allison Brewer.



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Post-Party - Saturday, Oct 21 - 5pm

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For general info or to register as a candidate
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There seems to be a marked contrast, as well, between what these two guys already know and what they attempt to explore. The former: the first episode contains a truly ow-inducing scene of Dave waxing Derrick's ass, then applying a whack with a ping-pong paddle, for good measure, after the deed is done. The latter: the third episode finds our boys role-playing at "lay for an A," with Dave as the teacher (not much of a stretch for him since he's a university prof) and Derrick as the grade-deficient student. It could be that they felt uncomfortable playing in front of the camera, but the whole scene felt like something out of a very bad porno, and Derrick's lacklustre attempt at licking Dave's boots had me smacking the television screen, shouting, "Put some effort into it, for chrissake! You're gonna get flunked!"

That being said, class, this is a learning environment. Practice, practice, practice. Next time, change roles: perhaps Dave might go to church and find a glory-hole drilled into the confessional, then finish up by getting rammed inside the pipe organ. Now that would be glorious.

The episodes on the DVDs I received devoted much of their time to Sherry's and Derrick and Dave's stories. There are glimpses of three other tales in the mix, which I hope will be fleshed out as the season continues. Our first glimpse of Eliese is a startling one: naked, save for some red slashes of body paint, a crown of thorns and some dirt and autumn leaves in her hair, she describes herself as "a narcissist, maybe, or maybe not" as she prepares to be strung up on a St. Andrew's Cross for a photo shoot. She definitely has an Elvira cum Bettie Page thing going on, and there's an enthusiasm which comes across well in the few minutes we see her in the first episode. What prom queen doesn't want to be tied to a rope swing in the garden and ravished by the camera?

Jeanne and Kate, a married lesbian couple, live and work at their own leather gear business out of their home in rural Nova Scotia. They have been together for over a decade and, having lived in the established leather communities in Florida and New York, are well-versed in the minutiae of kinky life. Their story opens with a trip to an adult shop in Halifax, one

of a handful of shops in the city which sells their hand-made harnesses, restraints, collars, and their incredible and famous chrome-handled floggers. I didn't know there was such a thing as a Vegan strap-on harness until I saw one they had created. "It's not leather, not an animal by-product," says Kate. "It's a petroleum by-product, which is even worse!" adds Jeanne, jokingly.

Last, but certainly not least, is Ryan, who is described in the press kit as a "somewhat shy by nature" masochist. I've known Ryan for some time, having first met him a few years back at a Mr. Atlantic Canada Leather function. I thought he had black electrical tape over his nipples; I soon found out from the self-confessed pain slut that they were actually tattoos. I've never known him to be shy.

Ryan's first episode segment is an interaction with Jeanne and Kate, as Ryan prepares to compete in the 2006 MAC Leather competition. The leather ladies are making him some custom gear for the competition, discussing matters of contest protocol and giving him some well-heeded advice. The second episode, which as I write this I admit I have yet to see, follows Ryan's progress through the competition (I was the chief judge, by the way). His third episode segment explores his relationship with his mother and his preparations for his birthday party, where there will undoubtedly be some spanking.

KINK is all about story and director Eddie O. knows how to tell a good one. During the past four seasons the series has successfully presented people who by any measure can be construed as average while at the same time cracking and lifting the outer veneer to expose what's truly unique, lying below the surface.

The first two stories are well-developed right out of the gate and while the latter three stories appear to lack development at the beginning of the season I believe everyone will be on the same playing field by the end of episode thirteen. While the viewing was definitely not a snore-fest there were moments when I wished the pacing were kicked up a tad, given that KINK is only a half-hour program (note to the producers: can season six be bumped to an hour?) spread across a mere thirteen weeks. This program is not like most of the real-

I hope to see spiky boots, tit-pushing corsets, and an A+ on her kinky report card. Oh, yes, and less smirking on Dan's face and a much redder ass.

ity dreck that passes itself off these days as compelling storytelling.

As well, I expect the actual kink factor will eventually be ratcheted up. We don't want all those other fetish people - you know, the ones from away - to think Nova Scotia kinksters are all

about kitchen parties and Peggy's Cove, do we?

Of course, if a typical Friday night consists of getting spanked with Don Messer's fiddle and then taking a lighthouse up the ass, then we have nothing to worry about.



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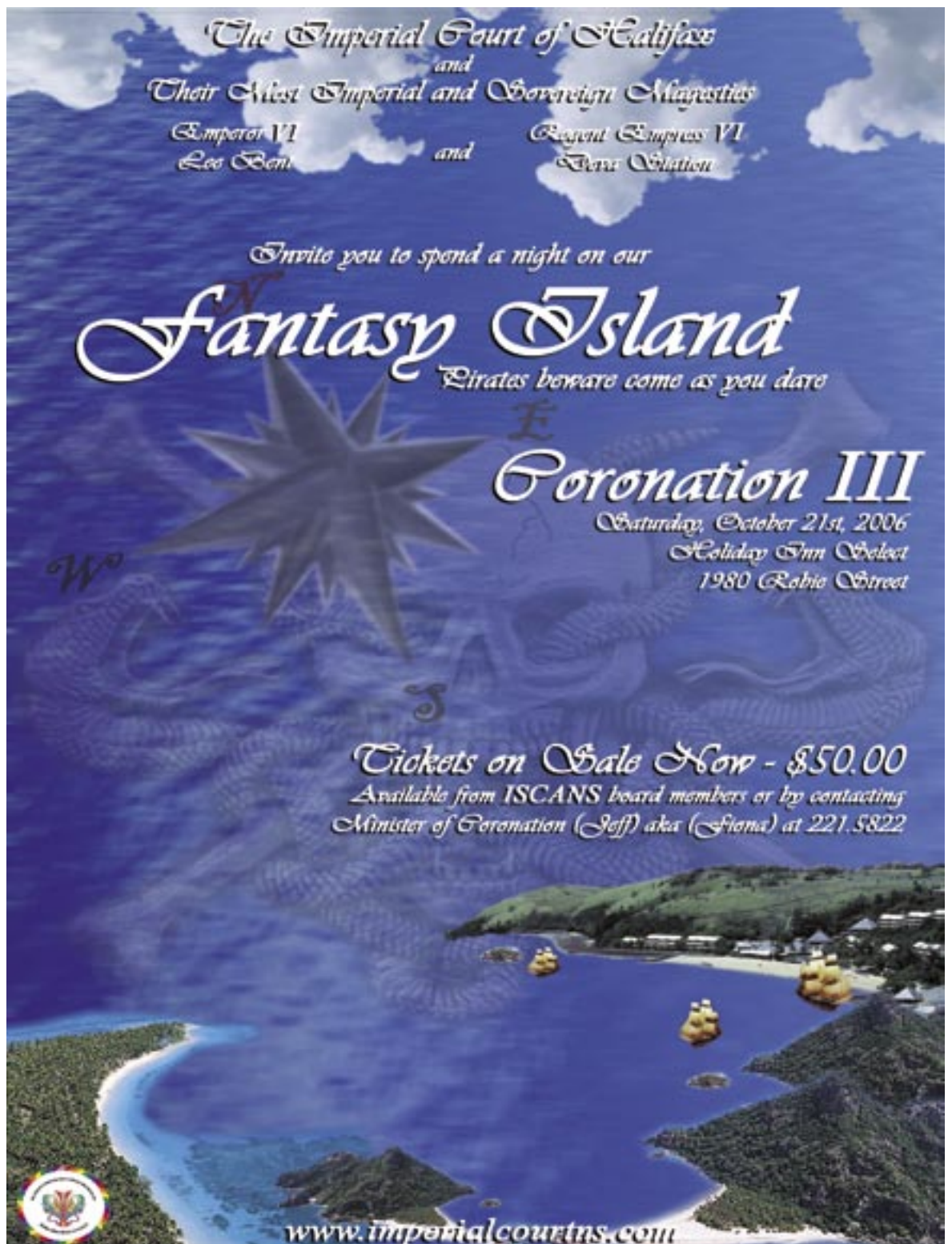
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