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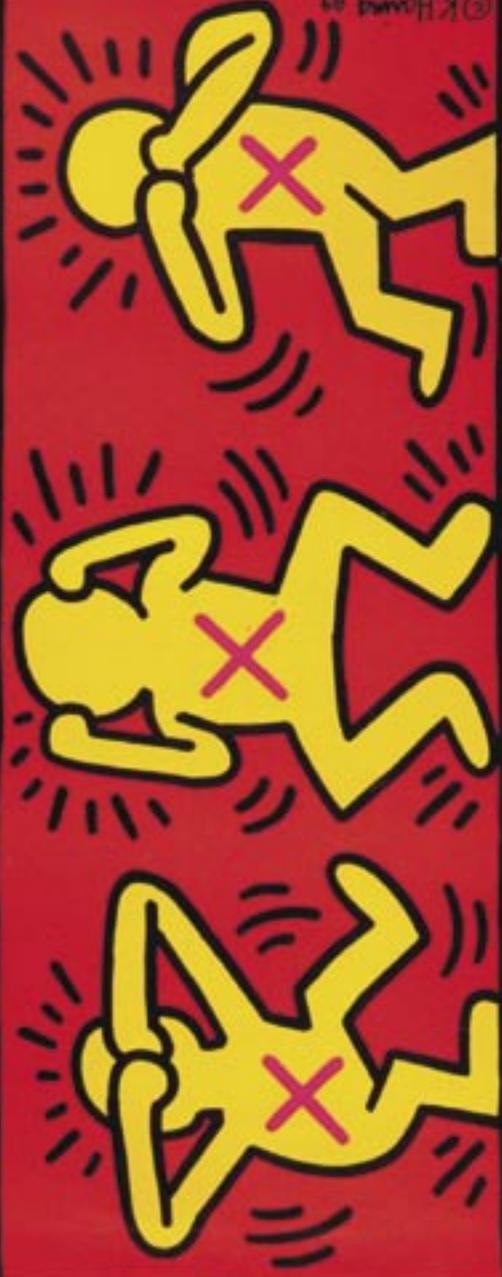
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Making Schools Safe: Woodstock High

By Angela Ferguson, The Bugle-Observer Staff Journalist
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A New Brunswick District 14 school is one of the first in the province to organize a Gay-Straight Alliance aimed at creating and maintaining a safe learning environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students and staff, according to an active alliance member. Woodstock High School student Jillian Robinson joined the Gay-Straight Alliance

(GSA) in Grade 9 when a visit by Svend Robinson - then an openly gay NDP Member of Parliament - prompted students to form the group. "We realized New Brunswick is progressing, so our schools can too," says Jillian, who is now in Grade 12. Robinson's visit precipitated a brouhaha in the small Conservative community, an hour west of Fredericton.

Jillian Robinson is the only member who attended the meetings every year since the beginning.

"I just wanted to make a difference," Robinson explains. "And if four years of hard work can make a difference in one person's life then I've done my job." Although members who join the group don't have to announce their sexual orientation, Robinson says, the majority are presumed straight. She adds that this year more people than ever came out to combat homophobic intolerance. Robinson says it's surprising to hear the statistic that gay kids hear homo-

phobic comments 25.5 times a day. And the group also hates the fact that many people are physically harmed because of their sexual orientation. "GSA is disgusted by that," she says. "And that's what we're trying to fix. We're trying to make people more aware, so it doesn't happen so often. With 800 kids



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Youth Sexual Health in Nova Scotia

By Lisa Tobin

On October 12, an innovative provincial strategy was launched to improve the sexual health of Nova Scotia youth.

Framework for Action: Youth Sexual Health in Nova Scotia is a comprehensive approach to sexual health education, services and supports for youth. It will be implemented over the next five to seven years and is available online at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/healthySexuality.html>.

The Framework was developed by the Nova Scotia Roundtable on Youth Sexual Health, a group of health professionals, educators, government and non-government organizations interested in youth sexual health issues.

Implementation of the Framework will be lead by the Roundtable, the Department of Health Promotion and Protection, the Department of Education, youth and other key partners who are committed to youth sexual health issues.

The Framework will increase community awareness and support for youth sexual health issues, expand school-based sexual health education, encourage youth participation in sexual health decision-making and ensure services are youth centred and available throughout Nova Scotia.

"Our department is committed to supporting implementation of the framework and will play a leadership role," said Barry Barnet,

Minister of Health Promotion and Protection. "Sexual health is one of our key priorities."

Recent research indicates some Nova Scotia youth continue to have unprotected sex and unplanned sex while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. This puts them at risk.

Sexual health is an important aspect of overall health and includes healthy relationships, positive body image, decision-making skills, access to comprehensive sexuality information and the absence of sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy.

"The Department of Education will play a critical role in

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Resurgo Moncton

Following Moncton's latin motto *Resurgo*, "I rise again," a group held a meeting this summer to discuss the future of Pride in the Hub city.

A new executive was elected: Co-chairs, Stella Fougere and Tina Hillier; Secretary, Rob Myers; and Treasurer, Kristal Arbeau.

Since then, some fundamental changes have been made, most importantly, that Pride 2007 has been moved from June to September, with the parade scheduled for Saturday September 15. Influencing this decision was the consistently poor weather in June as well as the low student participation from local universities and colleges which are closed in June. The extra three months will allow organizers

more time for preparations, enable promotion at all other Prides and give other "sister" pride committees a chance to join us since they will have by then wrapped their own. Discussions are ongoing as to what other events to include in the seven-day fest. Several committees are being set up, and everyone is encouraged to join one and help make our next pride the best yet. Check out our website www.fier-temonctonpride.com

Our traditional colour parties are being brought back and scheduled for the first Saturday of every month beginning with the Red Party on Feb.3 at Triangles.

A contest is being launched in

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MACLeather: New Chaps

On Saturday, October 21, a post MACLeather 2007 Contest Social was held at the Amore Passion Courtyard, where 25 persons attended a meeting to elect a new MACLeather Society Executive. It was a good turnout and the results of the MACLeather General Meeting elections are as follows:

Chairman - Laurent Legacy (Bathurst, NB); Vice Chairman - Wayne Richard (Moncton, NB); Treasurer - Robert Mainville (Bathurst, NB); Secretary - This position is open and needs to be filled as soon as possible.

Members At Large: Don

Murphy - Halifax, NS Irl Washburn - Saint John, NB Jim Culbert - Prince Edward Island. Women's positions for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are open

Titleholders: Mr. Atlantic Canada Leather 2007 - Rob Myers Ms. Atlantic Canada Leather 2007 - Marcy Walton

As you will notice, the Executive is trying to work itself on a demographic basis to ensure that all areas of Atlantic Canada are covered, with each area having representation.

There are still a couple of positions that are open and do require

an individual(s) to fill them. The position of "Secretary" is open to any individual within the Maritimes. Also, the MACLeather Executive is looking for a couple of women to come on board as Members At Large for both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Volunteers are also required for all areas of the Maritimes for any and all events occurring in the future. Should you like to take on any of the available positions, or volunteer your time for any events, please contact the MACLeather Society for further information at macleather@rogers.com

MACLeather VII



It was a "Back To Basics" Army theme in Moncton, NB on Friday, October 20 when the MACLeather VIII - Mr. & Ms. Atlantic Canada Leather 2007 competition took place.

With the time and efforts of Wayne Richard, Don Murphy (MACLeather 2000) and Steve Laviolette (MACLeather 2002) they were able to put together the Mr. & Ms. Atlantic Canada Leather 2007 contest.

A fun time was had by all the 150-plus people who attended the event. The contestants or "Grunts", as they were known during the contest, were Art Vatour - Toole, and B.J. MacLean of Moncton, NB, Laurent Legacy - Mr. Leather G.N.G. 2006 of Bathurst, NB, and Rob Myers - Mr. Leather Moncton

2006, along with Marcy Walton of Saint John, NB (the only woman to enter), who went through the paces and rigors of "Boot Camp" to decide this year's 2007 Leather Ambassadors for the Atlantic Canada region.

The crowd was wildly entertained and totally enjoyed it as the "Grunts" were put through the "Back To Basics" Boot Camp by MC Drill Sergeant Steve Laviolette, and graded by Head Judge Don Murphy, Wayne Toole and GDI Leatherman Paul LeBlanc. MLM2002, and two-time 1st Runner-Up of MACLeather Rejean LeClerc served as Talley master.

Following the Step Asides speeches of MACLeather 2006 Boyd Gauvin and Ms ACLeather 2006 Cecile Ouellette also added a musical pictorial of her travels and adventures during the course of her year, it was time to announce that Marcy Walton had made the grade and been named "Ms. Atlantic Canada Leather 2007" with Rob Myers taking the title of "Mr. Atlantic Canada Leather 2007" and Art Vatour - Toole taking the MACLeather VIII Fellowship award.

It's now time for Atlantic Canada to show its support for our newest Titleholders; but we must

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GNG News

By Michel Aube

Our Halloween bash was a total success, with costumes and drinks... I didn't know which way was up or down! We had our venue completely ready for Halloween with decorations which were absolutely phenomenal; it didn't even look like our little small town club anymore. I really hope that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did and I look forward to planning many more special occasions for this region.

GNG is on the way to some major changes in the look of our

relaxing atmosphere. We plan to renovate over the month of November, but not to worry these renovations will take only a week, so our community will not miss a dance filled Saturday night.

The website, www.gngnb.ca will also be undergoing some changes which will include a DJ schedule, so you will never miss your favorite beats and also a request feature, so some of those non-mainstream songs you are addicted to can be added to the mix.

Don't forget to keep a lookout

for some of our game nights which will be held on Friday nights and will include, Pool, Dart, and poker tournaments, and if anyone has a favorite game that they would like to participate in please email any suggestions to info@gngnb.ca

Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. has now expanded and will be offering our facilities for rent for private parties or any other occasion you wish to hold. Please contact our office at 1-506-783-3277 or email us at info@gngnb.ca for further information, pricing and availability.

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Letter



The attached photo was sent to me by a young woman who attended the Toronto conference. As you can see, Atlantic Canada is not well-represented by an empty table with garbage on it.

This photo was taken on the first day of the conference. On the second day, a Newfoundland group did have a display in place, but no

other groups were represented. I can't help but wonder: which groups signed-up to participate, how much did this cost?

I was at the conference myself, and found the Global Village to be a hub of activity - totally amazing. I found it embarrassing that Atlantic Canada should be so represented.

Name withheld by request

Wayves Community Support

The Wayves team makes room in every issue for community advertisements. In the last year, we've run several thousand dollars' worth of free space for: AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia Adsum House, Centenary-Queens Square United Church, Safe Harbor MCC, MACLeather, gayspaces.org, Rainbow Community Dance, Fierté Diversité Moncton Pride, NSRAP, Lunenburg County Sexual Health Centre, AIDS Coalition of Cape

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Are you negative about positives?

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia reaches out to address HIV stigma within the Gay community in Nova Scotia.

Halifax, Nova Scotia - Last month, the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS) launched 'Are you negative about positives?' This campaign seeks to raise awareness within the Gay community of the stigma and discrimination faced by Gay men living with HIV/AIDS. Created by Breathe Media for ACNS, three of the ads show HIV positive guys being isolated and discriminated against by other men, while a fourth shows two men, identified as 'positive' and 'negative', in a supportive, possibly loving relationship.

People living with HIV/AIDS often face discrimination, even hostility, caused by fear of the disease and how it's transmitted. This social stigma contributes to serious anxiety and depression for people already facing a host of challenges associated with their diagnosis. HIV-related stigma was recognized as a global problem at the 2006 AIDS Conference in Toronto. Despite our history of activism around the disease, the Gay community is as susceptible as is any other to prejudicial judgments of people with HIV/AIDS. Gay men living with HIV/AIDS sometimes accept those judgments and internalize them, this leading to further

depression and isolation.

"This campaign grew from a consistent message we were hearing from HIV positive gay men accessing our services," said Maria MacIntosh, the new Executive Director of ACNS. "They were relating their experiences of stigma within the Gay community. Ideally, we want the campaign to provoke some discussion, maybe change some of the assumptions people have about HIV/AIDS. At the same time, we want to support HIV positive men who are dealing with this in their daily lives. Hopefully it will encourage them to know that someone is recognizing the problem, and trying to address it."

The campaign will continue throughout December in Halifax Regional Municipality, with posters and Ads running in Wayves and The Coast, and in several Halifax bars frequented by the Gay community. There is also an online component that provides information and resources, and allows visitors to the ACNS website to participate by writing their own dialogue for one of the posters, or by sharing their experiences. To learn more about the issue of HIV stigma and how it's affecting our community, visit www.acns.ns.ca, and under Services, click on Gay Men's Health.

Queer Parenting

The editors of a new work on queer parenting are seeking submissions reflecting current thinking, research, debates, issues, experiences and concerns related to LGBTTT2IQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, 2-spirit, intersex and queer) parenting/raising children. We welcome submissions from parents, children, students, activists, scholars, artists and others interested in this area.

We are seeking academic papers, reports on community-based and other research personal stories and reflections that incorporate social/historical/political context, poetry, art work.

We hope that the book can begin to reflect the enormous diversity of queer parenting experiences, and raise interesting and possibly provocative questions about the implications of queer-identified people raising children. We particularly welcome submissions from those who are marginalized within "queer" communities.

We want to move from the defensive position in which we have historically been placed (i.e. "proving" that our children are okay) to embrace the broad complexity of living issues that concern us and our children.

Abstracts/Proposals (250-300 words) due: January 1, 2007. Acceptances will be made by: February 28, 2007. Accepted submissions due: July 1, 2007. Please send inquiries and abstracts/proposals to: [Rachel Epstein rachelep@rogers.com](mailto:Rachel.Epstein@rogers.com).

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Dec 10, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 15, May 13, Jun 10

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On The Stands and In The Mail:

Dec 23, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23

Is AIDS a gay disease?

By: Gerard Veldhoven

A simple answer is no, HIV/AIDS is not a "gay" disease. We have read and listened to many explanations by experts, who have, as a result of intensive studies, made it abundantly clear that this disease does not discriminate. It does not decide to enter a person's system because of sexual orientation. It will attack anyone randomly, at any time, in any place and without warning.

Recently, at the World AIDS Conference in Toronto, we heard many experts explain the present situation and what the future attempts will be to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS. The medical researchers and victims spoke eloquently, and with knowledge about how this horrendous disease makes its way through the populations of the world.

Canadians learned that Prime Minister Stephen Harper refused to attend this conference due to other commitments. In the past he has made numerous remarks regarding the gay and lesbian citizens of this country. They have been extremely negative and indeed, intolerant, to the point that the gay and lesbian community have become a thorn in his side. The religious right has taught him that gay sexual orientation is not really an issue, since it simply should not exist. A blind eye to reality is a dangerous game to play since it causes continued intolerance and hatred.

Two cabinet ministers were at the conference, one being Tony

Clement, the Minister of Health. He had the nerve to question the validity of the experts. Clement referred to them as "these so-called experts". We must question the validity of some of these cabinet ministers, as well as our esteemed Prime Minister, who indicate through their speeches and actions that the gay and lesbian community does not qualify for equal rights and opportunities. By the time this article is printed, December 1st will have passed, and Parliament will have voted whether MPs wish to debate further the question of same-gender marriage. Stephen Harper might soon find that his government will not win this absurd attempt to diminish our equal rights.

My point is clear and simple. The question whether or not HIV/AIDS is a "gay" disease is by all accounts an issue already decided by Harper and his cronies. Yes, they do firmly believe this is a disease is caused by the homosexual "life style". All the proof and all the expert accounts regarding HIV/AIDS, will not be enough for the closed minds of some of our politicians, who indeed believe it is a "gay disease".

As time progresses and our parliamentarians become more in tune with the real existence of the gay and lesbian community, it might be possible to rid their minds of false ideas and intolerant behaviour. Stephen Harper, as an adherent of

the religious right, does not really have a chance to crush this section of Canada's society. He seems hell bent on doing just that. However, for him to think HIV/AIDS is a "gay disease", does not indicate that the rest of the population agrees with him. I find solace in the fact that we live in a society where positive action remains the order of the day. Harper and the Conservative government will fail in their attempt to remove our rights from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Education of our politicians remains a problem. However, we must be vigilant; and with determination it will be shown that even those with closed minds will, in time, be educated to the fact that HIV/AIDS does not discriminate. Not at all like Stephen Harper and his government.

HIV/AIDS remains a disease more prevalent in the heterosexual community. It matters not, as it must be curtailed; and the governments of this world have the obligation to be part of the eradication of this huge problem. Moneys in large amounts must be made available and Stephen Harper also has the obligation to contribute financially. Discrimination by our government is shameful action. Governments of other nations spend millions of dollars on education and further research as should Canada, regardless of who is to blame for the spread of this vile epidemic.



Last Month's Question was "Is HIV/AIDS a gay disease?"

was spurred by a recent LA based AIDS awareness billboard campaign that generated a fair amount of controversy in that community. We thought we'd ask you what you thought. We received 25 responses. Twenty-two of you said "No" and 2 said "Yes". One person was unsure.

Eighteen responded to the question. Here's a sampling of what you told us. Many agreed that "AIDS was a concern for everyone" not just the gay community with the acknowledgement that the gays are indisputably a high risk group. "You can't deny we are one of the high risk groups [however] it is not a 'gay' disease."

Some readers pointed out how AIDS "demographic" hasn't really changed and recalled that AIDS was infecting people without discrimination from the onset:

"It's everyone's disease! The disease does not discriminate against anyone...", "...remember the scandals of tainted blood people getting infected by blood transfusions and all the people dying in Africa in Asia...", "It's not who you are, but what you do, that puts you at risk...", "I'm told the most 'at risk' people are young women between 18-25", "Where I live in Saint John, for some years now our highest rates of new infections have been among intravenous drug users (IDUs). So for me, AIDS doesn't look like a 'gay disease' on a local scale. It also doesn't look like a 'gay disease' on a worldwide scale, where it's Third World women who are most at risk."

On the "Yes" side someone was upset we even asked the question: "you're not providing enough context to get fair responses. Your question comes from the LA campaign around HIV apathy, especially in the gay men's community. Your question is unfair and irresponsible." [Wayves note: we ran a piece with last month's You Tell Us question that provided some context and link to the LA Campaign for anyone who cared enough to investigate]

And finally one reader summed up the situation quite well: "...if Stonewall was our community's 'bitch-slap heard round the world,' AIDS has been our equivalent of global warming: affecting our social, political and cultural lives in every conceivable aspect."

This month's question: Has the Internet changed the way you date? You Tell Us at wayves.ca.

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Riverview: Reid's - Riverview

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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

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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

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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

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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...

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Winnipeg: Rainbow Resource Centre

Ontario...

Guelph: Out on the Shelf

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Happy Ho Ho Tommo!

Memory is a funny thing, isn't it? Out Christmas shopping the other night I bumped into an old classmate at the mall and during the subsequent 20-minute conversation while he was effusively reliving his entire high school years with me at our good old alma mater, I smiled inanely while struggling to remember his name. Everything else I recalled in vivid Technicolour - how he made a stink bomb during Chemistry class, the time he dropped a joint and burned a hole in the upholstery of his mother's new car, my first glimpse of him in the shower after gym class in Grade 7 when I discovered the fascinating world of auburn pubic hair. (My own body stubbornly refused to sprout so much as a single armpit follicle. I was a late and hormonally reluctant bloomer.) Even more weird is the fact that he remembered us as being bosom pals whereas I clearly recalled that he was a jock and a jerk who enjoyed humiliating me with body checks into the hall lockers for the amusement of his coterie of Neanderthal buddies. I blamed myself at the time for putting up with his treatment of me and, in spite of it (because of it?) I had a mad, secret crush on him. All of that ran through my brain with the speed, flashing lights and whirring noises of a pinball machine... but his name? Nothing! I had to look him up in the yearbook later.

One Christmas eve I went with some friends to an old Dutch church where an annual midnight service was held. Jammed into the tiny structure which creaked and snapped with cold, sitting on wooden benches designed to keep the manufacturers of Preparation H in full production, I tried, nonetheless, to psych myself into the proper reverent holiday mood. Visually it was stark but pretty; the interior was lit by candles and bright moonlight streamed through the windows. The minister droned on for a bit in a falsely jolly tone - I'm not really big on Christianity - and then there were carols for all to sing. Fun! While we were belting out We Three Kings over the rustle of song sheets, I noticed an attractive bearded man in the tiny choir stall across from us. His face was so familiar and I wracked my brains to think where I'd seen him before. While my fellow carollers were "following yonder star" I was mentally trying to place him. Work? A friend's house? University?

O Holy Night began without any glimmer of memory returning and I'd begun to resign myself to the idea that I had destroyed enough brain cells over the years that some synapses were just never going to fire again, when suddenly "Fall on your knees!" it came to me.

Memory transported me from that icy church to a pleasantly cramped backseat of a rented Toyota one hot, humid July night where he and I had indulged in a little amorous wrestling match. (Greco Roman style,

not WWF - none of the moves were fake.) Afterwards, as we were sorting out our various clothing from the tangled pile, he mentioned that he would be in town for a while taking some music classes. So, a series of rematches were set up - best 2 out of 3? 4 out of 7? My favourite kind of competition is one where both people win! In vulgar parlance, we "hooked up" on a fairly regular basis for several weeks.

How could I have forgotten? Aside from the beard he looked much the same. His smooth lips and strong throat that now were framing vowels of sacred rejoicing had then been involved in much more earthly concerns - not all his gifts were musical ones!

Then, one day, his classes were over and he was gone. Not a grand affair, just a simple uncomplicated interlude though I remember being at the laundromat shortly afterwards and discovering that one of my tee shirts still retained a faint scent of latex and Hugo Boss. Surreptitiously, I took a final inhalation of the aroma before dumping it into the washer.

That Christmas Eve, I didn't try and see him after the service. What if he didn't remember me!

A military man with whom I have an occasional discreet rendez-vous is presently in Afghanistan. The Anthill has a son who will soon be serving there too. What memories will they take with them, or bring back? In the present political climate it is difficult to remember that life is sacred and everywhere is holy ground.

In ancient Rome they held the religious feast of Saturnalia, with gift giving, evergreens over doors and general merriment. (Sound familiar?) We continue this tradition of celebrating and overeating and, along with the calories, we store up warm memories against colder days.

The holidays are a family time but you can indeed choose your family - not just those related by blood but all those connected by bonds of friendship, shared experience and love.

Here's to old traditions and new memories, Tom. Peace and Joy!

Crawford

Making A Difference

**Cherie MacLeod - Executive Director,
PFLAG Canada Inc.**

By Eldon Hay

Cherie MacLeod joined PFLAG Canada in 2005 as Director of Education, nearly one year after launching PFLAG Moncton's Community Education Committee, a group she still chairs. As Education Director, her primary focus was on redesigning the PFLAG Canada website to better support the needs of our online community and volunteer network.

She obtained her Bachelor of Radio and Television Arts from Ryerson University and received further education in graphic design, business management and investment services. Cherie has several years of business management experience, including time with TDL Ltd., where she coordinated regional marketing programs for Tim Hortons Restaurants, managing several accounts in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

She became involved with PFLAG Canada after the death of a gay family member. Her work in education led to the development of an anti-homophobia curriculum for middle school students, which is currently delivered in schools across the Maritime provinces. Cherie also coordinates the PFLAG Speakers Program, providing workplace presentations and guest-speaker appearances in southeastern New Brunswick.

Cherie lives with her partner



Jeff and their two children Stephanie and David, ages fifteen and seven. Her family has supported her efforts from the very beginning. "PFLAG Canada is about more than making a difference, it's an extension of our family."

Getting Involved

The concept has different meanings to different people. Some see it as taking on a certain event, others possibly leading a movement, others yet again volunteering to make a simple gathering happen.

Whichever way people offer their time, talents and energies, it helps to create a more vibrant community for us all.

This is an on-going series where Wayves will profile people like you who come from all walks of life, whose efforts may sometimes go unnoticed and truly do make a difference in our community.

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Pets & Prenups

By Amy Sakalauskas

When one of my dogs has a birthday, they get special desserts and we have other dogs over to play. I know it's a bit over the top. Certainly, Johanne and I are not alone in lavishing our pets, Shadow and Sydney, with such attentions. Like others, we think a lot of our four-legged family members. I'd be lying if I said we have not considered having them professionally photographed, or that they have never donned a Halloween costume. The 2002-2003 Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census reported that pet ownership is upwards of 10% more common among GLBTQers. I don't know anything about their survey or its methods, but I do know that there were plenty of festive canines celebrating on the Commons at Pride this year.

While our dogs have their own in-house lawyer, most do not. However, "pet law" has been growing. There is a large range of possible issues. There are proceedings involving pet by-laws, and unfortunately, we too often hear about allegations of animal cruelty in the news. Animals' owners can get in some legal troubles if their pet harms (i.e. bites) someone. Disputes with landlords about pets are common. In May 2006, the State of Maine enacted a law that extends protection for abused spouses to their pets. Small Claims Court in Nova Scotia sees its fair share of people disputing dog-related issues. There are lots of cases where owners, or alleged owners, litigate with dog breeders. Some people get in trouble for keeping "exotic" or "wild" animals as pets. Even more common is when owners want to provide for pets in their wills. I heard that singer Dusty Springfield left a will that included a trust fund so that her cat would have a lifetime supply of his favorite imported baby food.

More and more, I am addressing pets in the agreements between separating couples, or couples moving in together or getting married. Pet owners are making deals about where their family pets should live post-separation, whether they should have visitations with the other pet owner, and whether there should be any special financial arrangements for their care. It is that aspect of pet law that I will talk about in this writing.

Hollywood images of pet psychologists taking the stand to give their opinions about where Benji should be living, or what his brainwaves illustrate, are definitely exaggerated. Experts are not interpreting meows and barks. But there have been cases where pet ownership has come up for consideration before a Judge when couples separate.

Traditionally, pets have been considered property in the same manner as appliances or china. It seems that today's pet owners, with their organic kibble, pet spa treatments, and designer pet carriers, view pets a bit differently. We still speak of ownership when it comes to pets, as opposed to cus-

tody of pets (like with children), but I think there is a growing awareness of a lot of people that a pet cannot be treated in the same manner as a blender when a couple splits. For child custody, Courts apply the "best interests of the child" standard in making their decisions. There is certainly not a comparable "best interests of the pet" principle, but in some cases these days, pets are caught in a kind of grey area between property and child custody. In the 1999 Ontario case, Ridgeway-Firman v. Firman, possession of two dogs was among several issues in dispute between a divorcing couple. The husband had the dogs with him and refused to give them to the wife. This was not the final divorce trial, but rather was an interim hearing. The Judge did not decide on ownership of the dogs, but did grant possession to the wife for the time-being. A child of the couple lived with the wife. The Judge reasoned:

"The fact is that the dogs appear to be the companions of the child... The child, under these circumstances, is entitled to have the comfort of the dogs for the time being at least. The husband will return the dogs to the child by May 1st. Upon his failure to do so, the husband will pay to the wife the sum of \$400.00 for each week the dogs are withheld beyond May 1st."

In February 2003, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, a "handsome White Husky" (as the Judge called him) named Shikydoe was at the Centre of Court proceedings between a separated couple. In Gauvin v. Schaeffer, both members of a formal couple claimed ownership of Shikydoe. The couple had entered into a formal separation agreement some time earlier, but Shikydoe was not specifically mentioned.

The Judge ruled that in the circumstances, "title" to Shikydoe be vested 50/50 with both parties. The Judge noted:

... his real value is much higher [than the possible monetary value of \$150.00] and founded in the intrinsic nature of the relationship

which he has formed with the other members of his pack, the plaintiff and the defendant, over his lifetime.

I hope Shikydoe would agree.

In Tennessee earlier this year, a Judge decided that a standard poodle named Zena would spend weekdays with one divorcing spouse and weekends with the other.

Pets are just one example of the many issues that couples have to deal with, either before, during, or after their relationship. Other issues might include division of assets and debts, parenting arrangements, and child and spousal support issues, among others. No matter what the issues are, it is

always better to work them out without having to go through a Court battle.

There are a lot of great resources out there that are geared towards

helping separated couples more amicably settle matters. Once all this is worked out, many couples enter into a Separation Agreement

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MACLeather VIII Contest October 2006



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Special thanks must go out to key business supporters and individuals who made MACLeather VIII possible. On an individual basis, the following Members of The Moncton Leather Chapter deserve special recognition, and

they are Eric Richard for his 4th MACL poster artwork, along with Scott Mills and Tony Brine for their awesome set design, and Gilbert for entertaining the troops in attendance.

For assistance on the commercial side of things, we must thank and support the following businesses for making MACL VIII possible. They are: Triangles, Halfway Creations, Amore Passion Courtyard, Rainbow Lodge (PEI), and Mollyz Diner.

Congratulations to all involved and here's hoping that others within Atlantic Canada will take the time to involve themselves with the Leather Community and to assist with its growth and success. The MACLeather Society looks forward to seeing you on the 2007 Labour Day weekend at Camp Ectus in Petit Rocher, NB, where preparations have already begun for MACLeather IX.



ISCANS' Coronation VII Week October 2006

By Raymond Taavel

Coronation VII was recently held at the Willow Tree at Holiday Inn Select in Halifax October 21 2006. The new reigning monarchs for the Society were elected to much fanfare from those who attended.

Wayves talked via email about Coronation and the Society with new Empress VII Natassha N.

Wayves: Congratulations to Empress VII Natassha N! and Emperor VII Cousin Cletus on your win!

EVII-NN: Thank you.

Wayves: If you were to compare this year's Coronation with previous years how would it stack up?

EVII-NN: I would certainly say that what our Coronation may have lacked in numbers, it certainly did hold in spirit. There has been some degree of apathy towards the onslaught of fundraisers in our community - people simply can neither afford nor have the time to be at every event. However, that being said, I feel that this Coronation in particular certainly had a great deal of character and excitement. All present enjoyed themselves.

Wayves: I noticed what could be best described as "an absence of presence" of the Society over 2006. What were some of the reasons this occurred?

EVII-NN: Going back to what

AGM: Sunday Dec 3 2:00 p.m. Menz Bar



I said previously, I think there has been a certain level of apathy in our community from people to are not directly involved in the process of fundraising, but choose to support our charities and our process. Attendance at fundraisers has been down and I think our drag community (fundraiser regulars) endured their own sense of apathy over the past few years, growing tired from being there all the time and not feeling included or heard at times. As the saying goes, "keeping most of the people happy most of the time" is not only challenging at times, but it's what you have to strive for if you want a presence in the community.

Wayves: How many dollars

will be going to 2006 charities? EVII-NN: My understanding, and I cannot say this confidently as I was not a board member during Reign VI, is that there will be a carry-over from Reign VI and that there will be some small donation to the chosen charities. The amounts will most likely be revealed at the ISCANS AGM when a new board will be elected. I can say, however, that I am confident that this year will be a financial success. Both Cletus and I believe strongly that "raising money one dollar at a time" is how you can make a difference and we are both all

about everyone having fun in the process. Things will get better.

Wayves: When is the AGM?

EVII-NN: Sunday, December 3 at Menz Bar, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Wayves: Now that you both have won, tell me briefly why

ourous jewelry or a crown on my head. In all actuality, I did not even plan on running this year but when I did decide to (knowing the battle I had ahead

of me) it was because I felt where I am coming from is where the majority of our membership also is. I get along with (almost) everyone, I know what I'm doing and how to do things and I felt I needed to have my name on the ballot for the better-

ment of the Society. Not taking anything away from anybody else, but the community voted overwhelmingly and I'm sincerely humbled by their support - every individual person who believed in what I can achieve.

Wayves: What plans do you have for 2007 for the Society? Where do you want it to go that would be different from where it's been?

EVII-NN: We are taking things step by step. We want a strong executive we can work with in achieving our goals, which include taking things back to basics, having fun and again, raising money one dollar at a time. We want anyone who

you decided to run in the first place?

EVII-NN: Being Empress has been my dream since I initially became involved with ISCANS. I can tell you it has very little to do with "status" or attention - I could care less if I wore glam-



Transgender Diaries XI



By Denise Holliday

After emailing the support group the night before, I had a very bad night. I hung between being panic stricken and devastated, while a rhyme kept slipping in and out of my head making sleep impossible. "Oh me! Oh my! What have I done? I once was my father's son yet deep inside where none can see, my mother's daughter answers me." It finally became light and I arose to whatever the day might bring. I went online and clicked my email. For a few moments as the screen loaded, my life seemed unreal. "ONE NEW MESSAGE" it read. I sat alone and quiet looking at those three words. I am not aware of how long it was, but finally I clicked to open. The email was from a person who was monitoring the support group's site. I received some information on how I could use a thing called ICQ and be able to talk with this person. The person also advised me not to use my family email again as it gives out my personal information. Something I had not even thought of. Eventually we

arranged to meet at a public place and I set off - in literal terror. I arrived at the place and it was evening and dark as well as cold. I sat in the car watching people go by. Suddenly someone banged on my car window. A large male asked if I was Denise, I nodded and he told me to follow his car. This is one of the most dangerous times for a TS /TG person: meeting someone you do not know. I kept as close as I could and we drove for about ten minutes, ending up on a street I had lived close to. I parked the car and got out, shaking with a mixture of fear and emotion, I suppose. It went well and the people I met that night were to be important to my sanity in the coming months. They know who they are and I thank them for the courage it took to meet with me. Today it is not necessary to take those kind of risks to get good help. If anyone reading this article has concerns for themselves or someone else, remember, *you are not alone*. There are people who can refer you to people who understand and can help. More

doctors are educating themselves every day. If you need help or advice on transgender issues you can contact me at denisesined@ns.sympatico.ca, and I will help you find good local assistance.

For me it was a lot more nerve racking. I wrote a previous article called "Walk A Mile In My Shoes" describing my first support group meeting. There was to be a lot of firsts and a lot of fear. Along the way I was to meet some generous people and some dangerous people. I did not know it at that time, but almost all my personal contacts through a twenty-year plus relationship would disappear.

The support group consisted of

Transsexuals and Crossdressers. While I always knew what/who I was, I never knew it had a name. To learn I was not the sexual deviant or pervert society was picturing me as, was great news to me. I had belonged to a fundamental Baptist church for years and while it offered me eternity with Christ, it was only if I remained as I was. It was hard enough to bear having to live this life as a male, but eternity was a frightening thought. For the first time in my life I actually got to see a little bit of me. One of the group's members heard I was going to be there and brought a spare wig, since she had been told I was suffering from male pattern baldness.

I had never worn a wig in my life, or make-up. One of the things they did was help me with in that area. Then they let me look in the mirror and for the first time in my whole life, I met Denise in person. What were my emotions, who was I, would I like what I find? Well! I'll tell you, next month.

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

Review

Manigances les éditions bôchagri by Denis-Martin Chabot

review by Ralph Higgins

Manigances (English title: Tricks) is the name of a gay bar in Montreal in the early 1980's, a time of sexual exploration and pleasure seeking. Young men flock to Manigances to dance amid flashing lights, to breathe in the liberating scent of poppers and to exchange long slow looks of desire in the smoky darkness. Eager to satisfy their physical desires they enter into the hunt with joyous abandon.

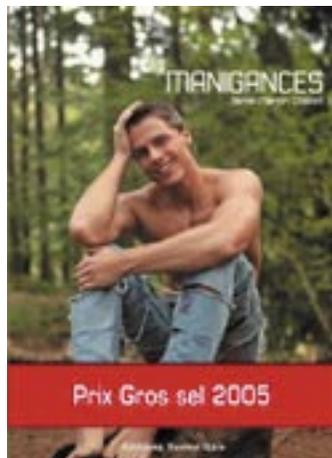
Among those who drink deeply of this heady cocktail of sex and pleasure are Pierre and Marc, two men from very different backgrounds who meet and fall in love. The relationship is short lived and yet the two men remain connected in ways that are not only confusing to themselves, but also to their subsequent lovers and friends. Others too seek the oblivion of sensation; Roger, the married man who is forced to leave his village when his affair with another man is exposed; and Daniel, the middle-aged man who can no longer compete in a marketplace where youth is the only accepted coin and who now must purchase warm companionship with cold cash.

The main preoccupations at Manigances are desire and display until a piranha enters the glittering goldfish bowl and begins to bite. A magnetic, dangerous man known simply as the Predator enters the world of Manigances. His sexual tastes go way beyond rough trade into the dark realm of rape, ab-

duction and torture. Death is the inevitable consequence but with an unexpected victim.

Manigances is an unconventional story, part tale of love, part murder mystery, told through a series of time shifts which act like puzzle pieces, revealing the whole picture bit by bit. It is an engaging read, full of intrigue - both criminal and romantic - and told with style and clarity. It is the first of a trilogy of novels by Denis-Martin Chabot; the second book, *Pénitence*, was published in 2004. Chabot, a native of Quebec City, has worked as a journalist throughout Canada, and has been most recently stationed in Halifax as a reporter for Radio Canada. He has taken a sabbatical year, moved to the Annapolis Valley to spend time with his boyfriend, and to finish the third book, *Innocence*.

Manigances has been reissued by a French publisher (Éditions Textes Gais), was awarded the Belgian Prix du Gros Sel and is currently being translated into English.



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1988: First World AIDS Day held; 1989: First HIV awareness materials targeted at gay men produced by Health Education Authority; 1990: Canadian Federal Health Minister Perrin Beatty announces the first National AIDS Strategy; 1991: Dwayne diagnosed with HIV on Degrassi High; 1991: Half of the 500,000 people living with HIV in the West had died; 1991: Freddie Mercury died, Red ribbon becomes the international symbol of HIV, Princess Diana becomes patron of the National AIDS Trust; 1991: Number of people infected with HIV worldwide reaches 10 million

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it's hard to see our progress, but I think we're actually making a lot of progress for such a small town. And we've had quite a bit of heat about it."

Robinson says WHS principal John MacKay supports the group, adding many of the teachers recently purchased pins provided by GSA which stress "No Homophobia at WHS." The heat she's referring to came from fellow pupils. "Some students make derogatory comments, but I don't see it as much," she notes. "And people who you wouldn't even imagine buying a pin did. Some people even donate money by paying more than the \$2." Robinson says seeing people wear the pins makes the members of GSA feel like they're making a difference. And she knew a difference needed to be made when she learned that gay and lesbian kids are three to five times more likely than others to commit or attempt suicide, and that 30 to 40 per cent of gay and lesbian kids are on the street because they've been rejected by their families and communities.

WHS teacher Richard Blaquiere, who is the faculty adviser of the GSA, says the school works hard to raise awareness about the issue. Another statistic states that five to 10 per cent of the population

are gay and lesbian which means in a town of 5,000 people, like Woodstock, at least 250 to 500 men and women could be victims of homophobia. Blaquiere says

If a student is calling another student faggot or another homophobic term, teachers are asked to address it in the same way they would a racist term.

that is why GSA is so important. "The GSA has identified faggot as the new N word," he adds. "If a student is calling another student faggot or another homophobic term, teachers are asked to address it in the same way they would a racist term."

Blaquiere says the school is also planning an assembly to raise awareness. "That assembly would

feature a couple keynote speakers from across the province and, perhaps from the Youth project in Nova Scotia, who make it their business to talk about safe schools

for gay kids and why every child has a right to an education," he explains. There are Gay-Straight Alliances across the country which act as activist clubs trying to have gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning (GLBTQ) issues represented in the curriculum. They also attempt to have GLBTQ-related books in the library and progressive, non-discrimination policies implemented at a district level. GSA's also provide a social outlet for GLBTQ students and their straight allies. According to information provided

Genet In Halifax

Halifax based Angels & Heroes Theatre Company (A&H) presents Jean Genet's infamous play, *The Maids*.

"While Genet intended the play to be acted by two men, in order to explore homosexuality that he was otherwise censored from doing, I chose to have it played by all women," says director Tara Patriquin, "I wanted to explore some of the other interesting elements in the play. the incestual relationship between the sisters." November 28 - December 3, 2006, in the Turret Room of The Khyber Centre for the Arts, 1588 Barrington Street. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or by calling (902) 223-5371.

Cont'd from Moncton, p. 3 search of the Pride 2007 slogan and design. The winner will become the 2007 Parade Marshall, as well as receive a one year entry pass to Triangles. Deadline for submissions is January 15, and the winner will be announced on Feb. 3 at our first colour party.

The Pride Outreach committee has been set up to enrich communication with other GLBT committees and organizations throughout our region with the objective to bring us all together PROUDLY in Moncton .

All inquiries may be directed to Paul LeBlanc , phleb@nbnet.nb.ca, 506 854 3081, or monctonpride2007@gmail.com .



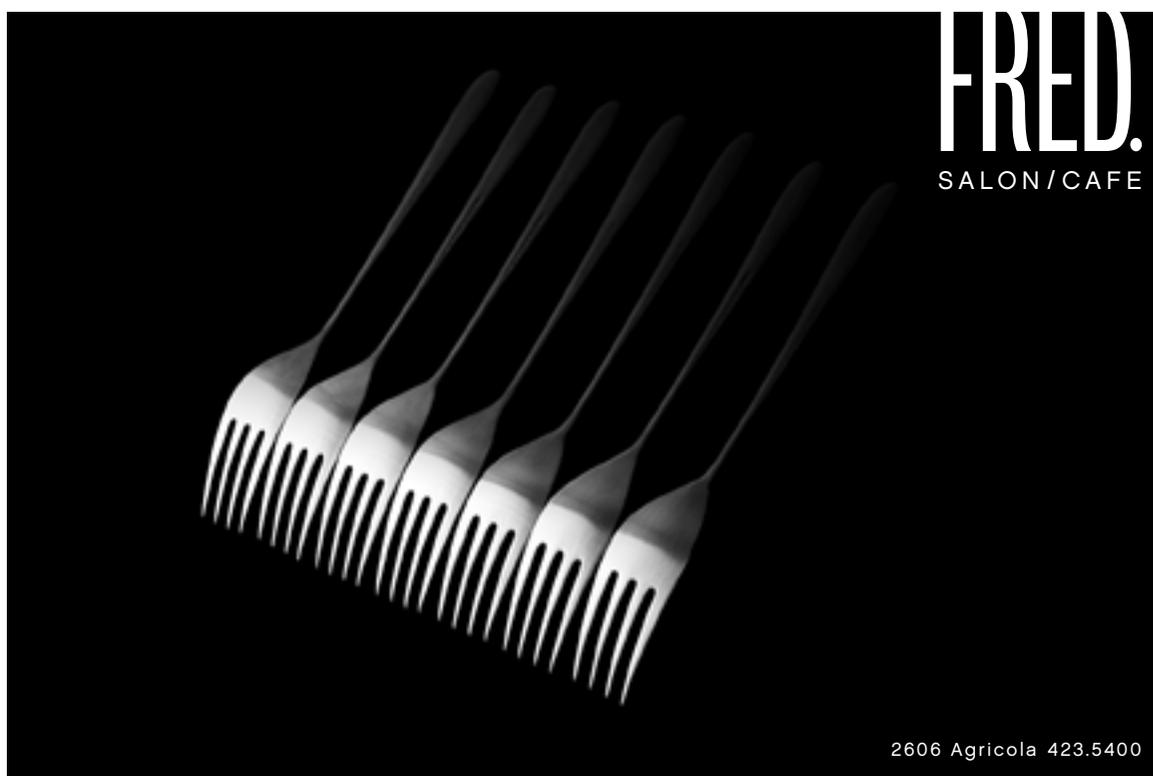
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Egale President & Atlantic Director, St. John's, NL: (709) 690-5244 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.egale.ca

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Halifax Transguys: support group for transmen at any point in transition, locally and in Atlantic Canada. email: halifaxtransguys@yahoogroups.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 (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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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.

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. email: elisk@nbnet.nb.ca (Meets Monthly, email for time and place.)

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

PFLAG Canada - Moncton, Moncton: GLBTT2IQQ persons and their parents, families and friends. (506) 869-8191 email: monctonnbpflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd Monday (occasionally on the 2nd Monday - please call) at 7:30-9:30 PM at U. de M. in Rm 302, Adrienne-J.-Comier Building.

PFLAG Canada - Sackville/Amherst, Sackville NB/Amherst NS: Support and education for GLBTT2IQQ 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 Canada - Saint John NB, Saint John: Provides support to anyone dealing with issues of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. 648-9700 email: wandr@nbnet.nb.ca, tiggerj@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: sidaids@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.moncton.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. , meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

Woodstock GLBT Family Outreach, Woodstock: Books, movies, advice, directions and support 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 Canada - 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 web: euler.acadia.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (7:30pm (during academic year) at Beverage Forum (old SUB)

Acadia Women's Centre, Wolfville: 585-2140 email: 057996c@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: stewart@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.rationalunlucy.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

BLT-Womyn of Halifax, Halifax: This is a Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgender Womyn's Group!. (902)499-0335 email: sueandrews1964@hotmail.com web: ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynofhalifax/, meets every Sunday (DISCUSSION GROUP: Meeting every second Sunday evening 6pm - 7pm) at *FIRST MEETING OF BLT ~ SUN. OCT.29 6-7pm DISCUSSION GROUP: Meeting every second Sunday evening 6pm - 7pm LOCATION: DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTRE 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) Halifax

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. web: www.capebretonpride.org/ (Monthly women's, men's and/or gbt 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.

Cumberland Pride Support Group, Amherst: For gay,lesbian,bisexual,transgender and transsexual individuals of cumberland county. 660-5004 email: gaylords.1975@hotmail web: available shortly, meets 3rd Thursday (group's first meeting to organize our agenda and purpose) at 7 kent drive, amherst, n.s. exit 3, victoria st., 3rd street on right.

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: FPCA plans events for GLBT families with kids of all ages. From Camping weekends to bowling events. (888) 344-FPCA email: info@fpca.ca web: www.fpca.ca (Contact us if you are interested in helping out or would like to be contacted when we have events.)

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 Gordon @ 446-7793 web: groups.msn.com/Gay-FathersOfHalifax, 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@yahoogroups.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 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.imperialcourtns.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 (support and connection across, 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@yahoogroups.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 Canada - Amherst/Sackville: Support and education for GLBTT2IQQ persons, friends & family. 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 Canada - Halifax, Halifax: support and education to parents, family and friends. (902) 443-3747 email: ab274@cbeucto.ns.ca (September-March: 2nd Sunday of the month, 2-4 PM April-June: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7-9 PM) at individual homes

PFLAG Canada - 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 Canada - Sydney, Sydney: PFLAG Sydney provides support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. Celeste Sulliman @ 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, Franklyn St. All very welcome.

Queer Play, Halifax: Theatre, drag, performance art. We're bringing queer play to the East Coast. email: queerplay@gmail.com

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 test-

ing. 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 GLBT 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 healthy 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 19 & older. 685-3297 email: info@southshorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca at (the weekly meetings are cancelled) We hold dances on the third Saturday of each month.

Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche: We are an affirming centre, welcoming all gay, lesbian, and transgendered people. 1.800.218.2220 email: tatacent@tatacentre.ca web: www.tatacentre.ca

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 6C1

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: facet-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.stf.ca/people/xpride

Prince Edward Island (902)

Abegweit Rainbow Collective, Charlottetown: Serving GLBTTQ Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: info@arcepi.ca web: www.arcepi.ca, meets 2nd Tuesday (of each month) at ARC Offices at 144 Prince Street, 3rd floor

AIDS PEI, Charlottetown: 566-2437 email: info@aidspei.com web: www.aidspei.com at 144 Prince Street

Gay PEI Mailing List, province-wide: Electronic mailing list for all GLBT, questioning and friendly, focus is on PEI. email: gay-pe-owner@yahoogroups.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pe/ (It's an electronic list, there aren't meetings. You can join and start posting at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pe/ 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: youth@arcepi.ca web: youth.arcepi.ca at 144 Prince St. 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 Fitzroy 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 144 Prince Street

PFLAG Canada - PEI, Charlottetown: Parents & Friends. 368-8416, 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. 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 Alliance, Charlottetown: Fellowship, information, social events, awareness-raising. All welcome. email: rainbow@upeil.ca web: upeira.ca/index.php at see UPEI Women's Centre for more info

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. lgby_p_amherst@hotmail.com, all emails confidential.

Third Thursday of each month

Cumberland Pride Support Group: Opportunities for the GLBT community members who seek support and friendship in an open and friendly environment. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month in Amherst. Place: Trinity St. Stephen United Church, Heartz Hall, 1 Ratchford St., Amherst, N.S. Need to talk? Need to meet others in your particular situation? Need to make friends? Need to simply socialize? Contact us. Call 902-660-5004 or 902-660-9507. E-mail: gaylords_1975@hotmail.com

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

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

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 sydneyneyns@pflagcanada.ca, sexual diversity centre 563-1481, Celeste 563-1389 or B. Durdle 563-1443.

Charlottetown

December 9

Pride Variety Show - see www.peipride.com for more information.

January 21-27

Our first Winter Pride Carnaval. There will be a lot of things going on during that week. - see www.peipride.com for more information.

February 14-16

A show called 'CatTails and CockTails'. This will be filled with monologues on sexuality. If you would like to take part in this please contact us. If you have a monologue, but not someone to say it, let us know about that as well. - see www.peipride.com for more information.

com for more information.

Fredericton

Every Tuesday

Spectrum, UNB and STU's social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning, etc. students. As a group, our aim is to create a safe and supportive space for those who are questioning or discovering their sexuality, as well as providing a social outlet for members of the campus LGBTQ community. While our membership is primarily composed of UNB and STU students, everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. 7 pm, Top floor of SUB 203 (in the Sexuality Centre, across from the Ballroom) Everyone is welcome! For more information please contact us at spectrum@unb.ca

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.

Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

www.boomnightclub.ca, 463-Boom! (2666) 474 Queen Street

Thursdays - Retro night - 70s, 80s, 90s... All dance mixes from a different decade each week. Open 4-1.

Fridays and Saturdays - Happy hour 4-9, All-extended-mix mainstream club music 9-2.

Sundays - New Brunswick's one and only T-dance! All-anthem dance music, 4-7.

Halifax

Every Sunday

Bedford United Church. 1200 Bedford Highway, Bedford. We are an Affirming Congregation and welcome everyone. Services at 9 am (Casual & Contemporary) and 11 am (Quieter & Traditional). June 25-Sept. 10, 10 am service. For more info, call 835-8497.

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.

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 Sundays

BLT-WOMYN OF HALIFAX. This is a Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgender Womyn's GROUP! 6pm - 7pm, at DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTRE, 6286

Send your events to submissions@wayves.ca now! Event listings are free!

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◀ Events ▶

South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) Come to a discussion night or send us your e-mail address or call a moderator (Sue @ 499-0335). If you have any questions or concerns. A discussion group for Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgender women, who will meet to have open discussions, in a positive environment. To discuss topics concerning ourselves and our community. This is a bi-weekly meeting on Sunday evening at 6pm -7pm (1st and the 3rd. week of every month) and an online discussion/chat group (every 2nd and 4th week at 6pm - 7pm on line)- We are working on, an Online Chat at this time. <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynofhalifax/> or blt-womynofhalifax-subscribe@yahoo.com

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

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project ages 18-25 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, 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

First Wednesday of each month

GAY FATHERS OF HALIFAX is a peer support group for gay and bisexual men. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. We also get together for a monthly Pot Luck social. For more info contact Bruce @ 469 5490 or Gilles @ 448-3565 or email GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com or visit our website at <http://groups.msn.com/GayFathersOfHalifax> If you are interested in facilitating meetings, organizing activities or simply meeting a great group of men, then send us an email.

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.

Dec. 7, 21, Jan 4, 18, Feb 1, 15

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

Dec. 10, 24, Jan 7, 21, Feb 3, 18

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

November 26

ANYTHING GOES AUCTION for the LGB Youth Project! Menz Bar, Brunch and Viewing from noon to 3 pm. Questions and Donations 902-429-5429. Check out www.youthproject.ns.ca for information on auction items.

December 1

World AIDS Day Vigil 2006 - A Ceremony of Remembrance and a Celebration of Life. Friday December 1, 2006, 7:00 pm with reception to follow. Bloomfield Center Multipurpose Room 2786 Agricola Street, Halifax NS For more information call 425-4882

December 7

The SIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia Holiday Gathering, December 7th, 2006, 3:00pm - 6:00pm 1657 Barrington Street Suite 326, Halifax, NS Open to all, Cheesecake competition For more information call Cybelle At 425-4882, ext 225

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! 7-9 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 - LGB 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 - LGB Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn!

Halifax Bar & Business Calendar

BLUE MOON BISTRO/BACK BAR

2215 Gottingen St, Halifax. (902) 446-3644 Weekly Events.

Sundays - A variety of entertainment from theme night drag shows to dancing the night away fundraisers.

Mondays - 5-10pm Tarot Readings w/ Shadow, 9pm-close Stay tuned for some new and exciting concepts.

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"

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December LINE UP

Fri. Dec 1, 5:30-8:30 Galz & Guyz MARTINI TIME with Songmaster BO aka Jennifer L. McNail. 10pm-2am Dance Party with DJ Electro

Sat. Dec 2, Leather Night with DJ NEEDLES!

Sun. Dec 3, Caesar Sundayz & TEA Dance from 3pm till 7pm!

Mon. Dec 4, KARAOKE with TREVOR - Mystery Jack Song, Win up to \$300

Wed. Dec 6, KARAOKE with BEAR777 - Mystery Jack Song, win up to \$300

Fri. Dec 8, 5:30-8:30 Galz & Guyz MARTINI TIME with Songmaster BO aka Jennifer L. McNail. Then Party with DJ Electro!

Sat. Dec 9, BOOK NOW! Single Men & Friendz Meet & Greet Dinner, Starting in Mollyz at 6:30PM, Then Dance to the sounds of DJ Needles

Sun. Dec 10, Caesar Sundayz & TEA Dance from 3pm till 7pm!

Mon. Dec 11, KARAOKE with TREVOR - Mystery Jack Song, Win up to \$300

Wed. Dec 13, KARAOKE with BEAR777 - Mystery Jack Song, win up to \$300

Fri. Dec 15, 5:30-8:30 Galz & Guyz MARTINI TIME with Songmaster BO aka Jennifer L. McNail. 10pm-2am Dance Party with DJ Electro

Sat. Dec 16, SCREW-AGE PARTY food donations accepted on behalf of Manna for Health Food Bank

Sun. Dec 17, Christmas Concert II, with Chad & Friends in Support of the Youth Project 8:30pm-11pm

Mon. Dec 18, KARAOKE with TREVOR - Mystery Jack Song, Win up to \$300

Wed. Dec 20, KARAOKE with BEAR777 - Mystery Jack Song, win up to \$300

Fri. Dec 22 5:30-8:30 Galz & Guyz MARTINI TIME with Songmaster BO aka Jennifer L. McNail. 10pm-2am Dance Party with DJ Electro

Sat. Dec 23, BLUE COLLAR & ARMY/NAVY NIGHT dancing to TOP 40 with DJ NEEDLES!

Sun. Dec 24, Christmas EVE Brunch followed

by Caesar Sundayz & TEA Dance from 3pm till MIDNIGHT!

Mon. Dec 25, FREE Christmas Diner @ Mollyz & Menz from 3pm till 6pm, Donations accepted on behalf of

Wed. Dec 27, KARAOKE with BEAR777 - Mystery Jack Song, win up to \$300

Fri. Dec 29, 5:30-8:30 Galz & Guyz MARTINI TIME with Songmaster BO aka Jennifer L. McNail. 10pm-2am LAST FRIDAY OF THE YEAR with DJ Electro

Sat. Dec 30, LAST SATURDAY OF THE YEAR

with DJ Needles!
Sun. Dec 31, Kiss 2006 Good Bye! & Party with DJ Needles till 3AM!
Mon. Jan 1st Brunch for TWO ONLY \$20.07 Tax-In through Out January!
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Check out our monthly "EVENTS" page at www.trianglesbar.com

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 Saturdayz - AWESOME Burgers & Beer Combos!
 Sundayz - All You Can Eat BRUNCH BUFFET 10AM till 3PM \$9.96 & Don't Forget it's CAESAR TIME!
 SATURDAY December 9th, *NEW* Single Men & Friendz Meet & Greet Dinner, Limited Seating Available. Call for details & BOOK NOW!
 THURSDAY December 21st, Women's Krazy Karaoke 9pm till 2am @ Mollyz!
 MONDAY Dec. 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY - FREE Christmas Diner @ Mollyz, ALL are WELCOME! Cash and Food donations appreciated and accepted on behalf of Adsum House for Battered Women and Children. Book your seat NOW!
 Mollyz is home to the Halifax Federation of Poets & DaPoPo Theatre; Watch for our monthly events posters

REFLECTIONS

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that outlines their respective rights and responsibilities. They may have already reached agreement about some issues on a potential break-up even before it happened.

I encourage anyone thinking about getting married or moving in together, or who are already doing so, to consider obtaining legal advice about entering into a Marriage / Cohabitation Agreement. A lot of issues that arise upon a breakup can be addressed in

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 Monday \$Rockin for Dollar\$-open mic contest. We supply the gear, you supply the band. Compete for a chance to win lot's of cash, possibly up to \$1000! This runs from 10-2 with a \$2 cover followed by great dance music till 3:45 with DJ HedFones
 Tuesday Karaoke with Troy Ward. \$100 Cash Prize every Tuesday. DJ HedFones follows with great dance music till 3:45 am no cover
 Wednesday - Great live bands on stage till 1am followed by Retro night with DJ Electro and DJ Sapho till 3:45am
 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.
 Friday BUMP Fridays with Halifax's Premiere House DJ Sonny D. We continue to define the underground with the best house, techno, and breaks around! \$5 10pm to 3:45am
 Saturday - Squir Saturdayz with DJ HedFones. The Ultimate dance night in the City of Halifax with Dance, Top 40, Pop, Retro, R & B, and more! 10pm to 3:45am \$5
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 Thursdays - It's NAKED Night! DROP your Towel
 SAT. & SUN. - Early Bird Special 6am till Noon, Rooms are \$15 & Lockers are \$7.50 & Beverage Specials till 6PM!

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
 Phone: 506-858-5861
 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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234 St. George St, open Tues-Sun 8pm-2am
 Tuesday & Wednesday: Free Pool, Beer / Bar Shots / Shooters \$3 all night
 Thursday: Karaoke Night, Beer / Bar Shots \$3 until midnight, Shooters \$2.75 all night
 Friday & Saturday: Dance Music with DJ daBoss, Summer Special Beer with Shooter \$4 11pm-midnight
 Sunday: Request all your favourite songs with DJ daBoss, Beer / Bar Shots / Shooters \$3 all night
 Check out our monthly events page at www.trianglesbar.com, and send comments & suggestions to thegirls@nb.sympatico.ca

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 Second Friday

General Meeting every second week. They take place at UC-6022 at 11:00am.

St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

Zone 216

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 http://www.hello.to/zone216
 Winter Hours
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 No Cover before 11 Saturday

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WAYVES DATES!

Check out the front of the magazine for Wayves deadlines and meeting dates -- all are welcome!

Wileville

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.

advance, potentially saving a lot of trouble down the line, and protecting matters that may be important to you. Some matters may still need resolution, but an Agreement may knock some off the list.

Of course, ideally, you'll live happily ever after and will never need to pull out a Marriage or Cohabitation Agreement. In the event the fairytale doesn't come true, would you want to be arguing about your pets and more while

mending a broken heart?

This article is not intended to be legal advice, but is provided for general information purposes only. As with any legal issue, you should always seek individualized advice from a lawyer.

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joins our society to feel their membership (which benefits, of course, our charities) is indeed a member. They have a voice, a right to speak up and a right to become involved. It's not so much about taking things in a brand new direction, at least in my eyes I am hoping to recapture the excitement and community involvement our Court shared during Reigns II and III.

Wayves: What do you think the Society's greatest weakness is? Its greatest strength?

EVII-NN: Our greatest weakness has been taking things too seriously. We are a group of individuals working together to raise money for local charities and have some fun in the process, bottom line. That's what we do.

Our greatest strength has been what we have accomplished together so far... so many different people from all walks of life have done so much to come this far, and things can only get better. Wayves: Any other comments? EVII-NN: My motto: "You attract more flies with honey than you do with vinegar." For more information on ISCANS and the society please visit their website at http://www.imperialcourtns.com.

Wayves wishes Empress and Emperor VII the best of luck during their reign in 2007.

Photos by Raymond Taavel are from: The Out of Town Show (Blue Moon) and Coronation VII.(Holiday Inn Select)

ARE YOU NEGATIVE ABOUT POSITIVES?



Chef's Corner



Chef Darren is Chef and Co-owner of Chives Canadian Bistro, 1537 Barrington Street, Halifax, N.S. For reservation call (902) 420-9626, www.chives.ca

The holiday season is upon us again! Where has the year gone? No matter if you've been naughty or nice, it's time to start planning what you're going to serve to your festive guests. For those of you who plan to serve a traditional style dinner, here are fool proof stuffing recipe that will be sure to please. I took my granny's Lewis' old recipe and gave it some of my Chef Darren magic and it's now being served in restaurants and homes as far away as Orlando, Florida. It works just as well cooked stuffed in the bird/roast as it does cooked separately in a casserole dish.

The Perfect Holiday Turkey Stuffing

Ingredients

1 med onion diced	1/2 cup warmed Sherry)
1 Spanish onion (small dice)	1 1/2 lbs day old home style bread (cut in to 1/2 inch cubes)
3 ribs celery (small dice)	1 lb ground Italian sausage meat (medium spice)
6 granny smith apples (peeled, cored, medium dice)	1/2 cup broth for casserole version only. Store bought low sodium is fine
2/3 cup dried cranberries (plumped in	2 Tbsp dried summer savory

1. Sauté the sausage meat like you would ground beef until it begins to brown. Add the onions and celery and continue to sauté until the vegetables are translucent.
2. While still on the heat add the plumped cranberries and any of the Sherry which has not been absorbed. Continue to cook until the sherry has reduced away and remove from heat.
3. In a large mixing bowl, combine the sautéed ingredients with all remaining ingredients.
4. Rinse, dry and season the cavities of your fowl. Loosely fill the cavities, truss the bird, rub the skin with room temperature butter, season with salt and pepper and roast in an open roasting, breast side up at 300°F for 20 min per lb.
5. When the the leg pulls away easily and the juices run clear the bird is done. Remove from oven tent with foil and let rest for a good 20 minutes more to allow the juices to redistribute themselves throughout the roast. At this point remove the stuffing carve the bird and serve. I like to serve this meal with sour cream whipped potatoes, roasted carrots, turnips and parsnips, maple baked butternut squash, and chestnut gravy. Happy Holidays.

Classifieds

groups

MARITIME GAY WOMEN starting group in Moncton to make friends. Hope to meet people who ski, play cards, like nature, Maritime travel, golf, whatever you're interested in. If you're alone, or would like to meet new people, email makefriends@mail.com

Men's Reading Group meets regularly in Halifax. Come meet interesting people and discuss gay literature. Check our webpage at www.menread.50megs.com. Email menread@gay.com or contact 454-9111 for more information.

research

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support

GAY FATHERS OF HALIFAX Is a peer support group for gay and bisexual men. We meet the 1st Wednesday of each month. We also get together for a monthly Pot Luck social. For more info contact Gordien @ 446-7793 or Gilles at 448-3565 or Email GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com or visit our website at <http://groups.msn.com/GayFathersOfHalifax>

HALIFAX RAINBOW SPEAKERS: Project Proud Lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgendered, two-spirited and queer volunteers wanted to participate in public education workshops. No special knowledge or experience necessary—training, practice and support provided. Let your rainbow shine! Ramona 902-494-6662, nspirg@is2.dal.ca

HALIFAX TRANSGUYS is a support group for transmen at any point in transition, locally and in Atlantic Canada. Please write: halifaxtransguys@yahoo.groups.ca for further info on our upcoming meetings and social events.

wanted

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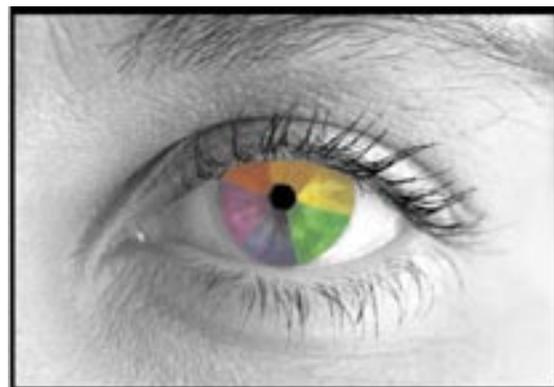
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