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New NDP Leader

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New Brunswick...

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

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Corner Brook: Corner Brook Status of Women

Gander: Gander Public Library

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

Bedford: Bedford Library

Bridgewater: Second Story Women's Centre

Canning: Canning Library

Dartmouth: Adult Cash & Carry; Alderney Gate Library; CD Heaven; Dartmouth North Library; Healing Our Nations; Jake's Video & Variety; Nova Scotia Government Employees Union; Wolfgang Leathers; Woodlawn Library; X-Citement Video, Main Street

Halifax: AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia; Alteregos Café; Atlantic News Stand; Blowers Street Paperchase; Bookmark; Buy the Book and More; CD Plus; CKDU Radio; Club NRG2; Counseling and Community Support Services; DALOUT; Dal-Tech; Daily Grind; Diamond; FRED; Fresh Salon & Spa; Fresh Start B&B; Grad House (Dal); HMV; Hairdressers' Market; Halifax Backpackers Hostel; Junk & Foibles; Khyber Club; Libraries: Captain William Spry, Halifax North, Keshen Goodman, Killiam, Spring Garden Road, Weldon Law; Menz Bar; Mount St. Vincent University - Rosaria & Sexton; Night Magic Fashions; Nooks and Crannies; NSCAD - supply store; N.S. Advisory Council - Status of Women; One World Café; Outside The Lines; Planned Parenthood Clinic; Random Play; Read All About it; Reflections; Robyn's Grocery; Room2Move Fitness; Seadogs Spa; Second Cup - Spring Garden; Shoe Shop; SUB, Dal and St. Mary's; Venus Envy; Video Difference; X-Citement Video, Quinpool Road; Youth Project

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

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

Lunenburg: Elizabeth's Books

Middleton: Mark Rutherford; 92 Balcom Crescent, Nictaux

New Glasgow: Pictou County Women's Centre

Pictou: Pictou Library

Port Williams: Port Williams Public Library

Sydney: AIDS Coalition; Cape Breton Pride; Harrison Society; Sexual Diversity Centre, CBU

Tantallon: Tantallon Library

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Ottawa: After Stonewall; One-in-Ten

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Saskatchewan...

Regina: LGBT2A Centre, University of Regina

Letters

Dear Wayves:

I would like to congratulate and wish Boyd Gauvin - Mr. Atlantic Canada Leather 2006 of Halifax, NS and Cecile Ouellette - Ms. Atlantic Canada Leather 2006 of Moncton, NB the best of luck on the year ahead of them as our Leather Ambassadors for the Maritimes.

It was an amazing weekend and I would like to thank all of the "Volunteers" that made the MACLeather 7 - "SURVIVORS" contest weekend the success that it was. I would also like to thank and congratulate each individual who stepped into the limelight as a contestant at this years competition. Even though there was only one male and one female titleholder named, each of the 11 contestants are winners for having involved themselves to the extent that they did. It's my hope that you will all continue to assist with the growth of the MACLeather Society and the Leather communities within Atlantic Canada.

I would also like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to the distinguished panel of judges that had a very hard task to choose this years Leather Ambassadors seeing that there were 4 women and 7 men to choose from. To the Chief Judge - Randall Perry (MACLeather 2004), thank you for taking on this task. To our local representative Judges - Paul LeBlanc of Moncton, NB and Jamie Gallant of Charlottetown, PEI thank you once again for showing your community involvement. Next, a very heartfelt and loving thank you to Jayne Schmid - Canadian Leatherwoman 2004 of Oshawa, ON, Canadian Leatherman 2005 - Shawn Carroll of Ottawa, ON and our Talleymaster/Alternate Judge - Mr. Leather Ottawa 2003, Douglas Connors of Ottawa, ON for taking the time to drive the many hours from Ontario to assist our community in choosing our titleholders. With the talent and the years of experience in Leather that this years judging

panel consisted of, I'm sure they chose wisely.

Again, congratulations and thank you to each and every individual that partook, was involved with and/or assisted with this years MACLeather Society contest.

Very Best Leather Regards,
Steve Laviolette, Executive Producer, MACLeather 7, "SURVIVORS"

Dear Wayves,

I am writing in response to a submission from Dan Robichaud which appeared in the October issue, regarding the events following the death of my nephew Jeff Poirier. An e-mail from Dan was sent to the funeral home and hand delivered to my home. As Dan was not present on Sunday night or Monday, he does not know what happened or why it happened.

Signed, Irene Poirier

Dear Readers:

A few short weeks ago, Wayves arrived at a landmark: the entire printing, of our October issue was distributed. Despite this degree of success, Wayves still is not easily accessible to many. This is so not only in places outside Halifax, but even in and near the city. The Wayves circulation team is soliciting the help of readers in locating gay run, gay friendly or even gay-neutral businesses who might be willing to display copies of Wayves.

We hope, with your help, to identify possible new outlets in these areas or neighbourhoods: North end Halifax North of North Street, Oxford Street-Bayers Road neighbourhood, Fairview, Arm-dale and parts of Spryfield inward from Old Sambro Road. If you have a suggestion, please email it to submissions@wayves.ca. Be sure to include the name and address of the establishment and, if possible, the name of the manager or owner.

Doug Brown, Distribution Manager



This month's You Tell Us question was submitted by Morgan Worth. In the time honored tradition of voting for who can sing/dance/be the sole survivor, this month, Wayves brings you "Your Favorite Gay". To respect time constraints, there are only two candidates to choose from; Darren and Morgan.

Darren Hails from Woodstock NB, he moved to Fredericton 8 years ago. He's 27 and single; his favorite TV shows are Queer as Folk and The Family Guy. His favorite movie actor is Johnny Depp ("of course"), and in his opinion Orlando Bloom and Jared Leto share the honors of "hottest celeb".

Darren's hobbies include painting, hiking, camping, skiing and landscaping. His self-described fashion style: preppy/cutting edge/while setting his own trends.

He describes himself as fun, energetic and driven. He's currently single and looks for the following in a perspective partner as well as in his friends: someone who is reliable, mature, responsible,

nurturing, loving, accepting and beautiful inside and out.

Morgan is a Calgarian transplant who moved to Fredericton 6 years ago. She's 32 and has been partnered for 6 years (she moved to Freddy to be with her partner Sue). Her favourite TV shows (she confesses to being a "TV junkie") are; The L Word, Law & Order (especially SVU), Alias, Crossing Jordan and Cold Case. Her favorite movie actress is Jennifer Garner (in 13 Going on 30 she's like Audrey Hepburn from Breakfast at Tiffany's). In her opinion, Mariska Hargitay is the "hottest celeb".

Her self described fashion style: Ellen meets retro. Her hobbies include: reading, card making, and running her two businesses.

Morgan describes herself as: honest, caring, dependable, funny and creative, she looks for a lot of the same qualities in a friend; funny, honest and most importantly, you must be yourself.

Now that the candidates have been introduced to you, we would like you to cast your vote for "favorite gay". Think about whom you'd like to have as a friend or whom you have the most in common with. **Cast your votes at our website, wayves.ca. Happy voting!**

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





NB NDP Choose Lesbian Leader

By Chris Vaughan

Allison Brewer is the new leader of the New Democratic Party in New Brunswick. When it comes to GLBT rights in New Brunswick, she is quite vocal.

She says that premier Bernard Lord's campaign to allow marriage commissioners in the province to refuse services to same sex couples on religious grounds probably won't get passed into law.

"It's obviously a ploy to try and satisfy some constituents in the province," says Brewer. "I guess the thing that is so insulting about it is that he knows that if that legislation is put in place it wouldn't survive the first challenge under the New Brunswick Human Rights Act."

She calls same-sex marriage "the most important and successful human rights movement in the history of Canada" and that marriage commissioners have an obligation to perform same-sex unions.

"Commissioners who are employed in the public service have to perform equal marriages," says Brewer. "If they don't agree with people with mental disabilities marrying one another, they still have to perform them. If they don't agree with mixed marriages, they still have to perform them. If they don't agree with same-sex marriages, they still have to perform them. And that's the fact of life when you live on the government purse."

This member of Egale Canada brings to her new position a long history of social activism. For more than 25 years she has devoted much of her life to campaigning for human rights and social justice matters.

In particular, Brewer has focused on GLBT rights and women's rights. She helped start up Fredericton Lesbians and Gays (FLAG) in the late 1970's. She also served as president of the New Brunswick Coalition on Human Rights Reform.

She was founder and long time director of the Morgentaler abortion clinic in Fredericton and was a member of the Canadian Organization Rights Abortion League.

In 1995, she attended the United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing, China. At the event, she was briefly detained by security for displaying a banner which read "Lesbian rights are human

rights."

Also in 1995, Brewer, along with another member of FLAG, requested that gay pride weekend be declared in Fredericton. Mayor Brad Woodside refused. "It went right to the Human Rights commission," says Brewer. The commission sided with Brewer and the other activist and ordered Woodside to proclaim Fredericton gay pride weekend in 1998.

Brewer moved to Nunavut in 2000. While there, she continued her activism by helping to start up Iqaluit Pride and Friends of Pride and was on the steering committee of Canadians for Equal Marriage. She also chaired committees that promoted equal rights of women and girls in Nunavut.

She returned to New Brunswick in 2005. She announced her candidacy for the NDP leadership in May and won that position in September. Before running for the leadership, Brewer had been active with the NDP in New Brunswick. She worked on numerous campaigns during provincial and federal elections.

Besides her GLBT and women's rights campaigns, Brewer has also fought for the rights of persons with disabilities. She has been involved with the New Brunswick Association for Community Living and Jobs Unlimited.

Her work in the community has earned her many citations, including a Governor General's award and two City of Iqaluit Volunteer Recognition awards.

When it comes to the future, Brewer says she feels confident that the residents of New Brunswick are ready for a change. "The electorate is much better informed than it has been probably at any time in history. There's much more television, there's access to the internet, people are reading more," she says. "I just think that the electorate will be able to make a more informed choice in the next provincial election." She says that she hopes the party will gain more seats in the next election with the objective of one day forming the government.

While she is New Brunswick's first openly gay political leader, Brewer says she doesn't want that to be the only thing that people know about her. "They (the NDP) didn't choose me because I'm a lesbian activist. They chose me because I have a real broad range of interests and background experience," says Brewer. "While it's significant and perhaps relevant in many ways, it's not all I am."

Opinion

By Sarah Rose Werner

Saint John, New Brunswick NDP chooses lesbian activist as new leader" screamed the headlines in the New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal on September 26, 2005. Allison Brewer had swept to victory with 62% of the vote at the NB NDP Convention the previous day. Some people may remember Allison as one of the two complainants who, in June of 1995, filed a complaint with the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission against Mayor Brad Woodside of Fredericton for refusing to proclaim Gay Pride Weekend.

Others may remember that three months later, in September of 1995, Allison attended the 4th United Nations World Conference on Women in Beijing as a representative of EGALE (now Egale Canada). While in Beijing, she was detained by UN security guards for carrying a banner that read "Lesbian Rights are Human Rights."

Now, ten years later, Allison told the T-J reporter "that she feels "sexual orientation is a pretty mainstream issue. It's kind of mundane, actually."

Maybe. But ten years ago, no political party in New Brunswick—not even the NDP—would have elected an out lesbian as Leader. That the NB NDP did so on September 25, 2005, is not completely "mundane." It is an achievement that shows how much progress has been made in Canada—even in New Brunswick!

When the T-J ran its story the day after the vote, I found myself getting into conversations with folks around Saint John who were irked at the headline. "This shouldn't even be an issue," was a frequent comment. Myself, I don't want to move too quickly from being unmentionable to being mundane, from being a negative issue to being a non-issue. Our community deserves time to be a positive issue. We deserve time to celebrate our achievements. That's how I feel now—and that's how I'm likely to still feel two years from now. The next provincial elections in New Brunswick are forecast for October, 2007. That's when the Telegraph-Journal will be reporting that Allison will be the first out member of the rainbow community to take a seat in New Brunswick's Legislative Assembly.

I'm going to celebrate even more then.

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Mea Culpa

In last month's issue, we added to the "Farewell Apollo" article. The byline should have read "by Les Booth and Wayves Staff." We also omitted several photo credits. Sorry, photogs.

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Atlantic News

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Halifax Pride AGM

Halifax Pride will hold their annual general meeting at McGuire's Pub (formerly Pitchman's Pub), 5287 Prince Street, on November 15 at 6 p.m.

Leather Swap

Got some leather, uniforms, or fetish gear to sell? MenzBar's first annual LeatherSwap will be taking place in early December and hosted by MAC Leather 2006 (and Mr. Menz Bar Leather) Boyd Gauvin. Contact Doug ASAP at Boss@SeaDogs.ca or at (902) 444-3647 re selling your stuff. Leave a detailed phone message or email including your contact info and someone will get back to you. If you just want to know when the event is so you can try on and buy stuff, you can also leave a message or watch for details on the Menz

Bar web site, www.menzbar.ca, posters at the bar, or in the December issue of Wayves.

LeatherSwap proceeds go to support the MrAC Leather Travel Fund.

The Evolution of NRG

This coming November, Evolution Cabaret will be opening its doors after almost a year's worth planning and development. Located on the upper level of Club NRG, this new venue occupies the rest of the gigantic complex at 2215 Gottingen Street.

With its spacious 6000 square foot dimensions, big windows and high ceilings, Evolution Cabaret overlooks the skyline of downtown Dartmouth. Located on the Southeast corner of the bar, is a large stage which will house some of the finest entertainment for a cabaret venue.

"We hope to host a variety of performers that will solidify not only the North End as a place to go for high quality entertainment, but also a flagship venue for touring acts traveling to the Maritimes," say Charles Hsuen, events and promotions manager of Evolution. Projected shows for the venue include a returning engagement of the B-Girlz and gay comedy troupe Oout and Aboot from Toronto, as well as a variety of local and touring bands and guest DJs.

Youth Project Auction

Through the gracious support of Doug Melanson and MenzBar, there will be a 'clean-up' auction in support of the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project.

Up for bids will be everything from antiques to brand-new goods, as well as some special items made by GLBT youth themselves.

The auction will take place at

MenzBar on November 20, at 3 p.m. sharp. People will be able to view items from noon until 3 p.m. A barbeque will follow the auction.

Donations are accepted. For more information, contact the Youth Project (429-5429 - 2281 Brunswick street - youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca).

Blue Moon Bistro Moves into Club NRG

This coming November, Blue Moon Bistro will be in full operation, located in the front bar of Club NRG. Formerly Showtunes Lounge and Eatery, in old downtown Halifax, this is well worth the visit. The dining room has been redesigned and modernized and the menu has something to "comfort" all moods.

Heading up the new menu and staff is Red Seal Chef, Chris Robinson whose culinary delights give exciting new twists to the all time favourite dishes. "It's comfort food for the soul," says 31 year old Robinson whose exuberant disposition and uplifting personality could make anyone smile, "...nothing makes me happier than to putter around the kitchen," - this coming from a guy who describes his own cooking style as "flair for fun".

Joining the kitchen staff is John Dickinson, who manages the parent company, In Good Company, who will be managing the kitchen of the restaurant as well as operating the catering side in which he and Robinson are business partners. Dickinson has already established a large following in many of the offices in the HRM.

Meet Mark Tewksbury!

The co-president of the 1st World Outgames Montreal 2006 will be touring New Brunswick and Nova Scotia at the start of November, meeting athletes and groups in:

HALIFAX, Nov. 11th @ 7:00PM, Club NRG, 2215 Gottingen St.

MONCTON, Nov. 12th @ 1:00PM, Courtyard Bistro & Bar, 236 St. George St. (downstairs, beside Triangles)

FREDERICTON, Nov. 12th @ 7:00PM, McPhedran Room, #102 MacLaggan Hall, University of New Brunswick SAINT JOHN, Nov. 13th @ 1:00PM, Centenary-Queen Square United Church, 215 Wentworth Street

The goal is to further promote the Outgames for teams and groups. "We want people to know about it!" said Mark Tewksbury.



Attention all queer labour activists and supporters!

Solidarity and Pride: the two words which encompass the spirit of the union movement and the glbt movement.

A group of grass roots, Metro activists have come together to form Halifax Solidarity and Pride, which encourages the self-organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered workers within the union movement and interact and mobilize together in Metro around common issues and events.

We hope to participate in campaigns to extend human rights protection to all workers - to provide educational resources and conduct public awareness campaigns on glbt issues. We also hope and plan to show a united labour front in next year's Halifax Pride Parade.

For more information, suggestions and information, please email us at: halifaxprideandsolidarity@yahoo.ca

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NB Cuts AIDS Funding

By Haley Flaro

As of April 1, 2005, after funding AIDS New Brunswick's provincial HIV/AIDS Helpline services for 17 years, New Brunswick provincial government completely cut funding of approximately \$70,000 per year. Since 1987, the funding has helped provide bilingual telephone, e-mail and web site services to people and families living with HIV/AIDS and persons at risk of HIV infection throughout New Brunswick.

AIDS New Brunswick does not have the resources to continue the Helpline services after December 31, 2005. That means people at risk for HIV infection and people living with HIV/AIDS and their families may not receive the important information and support they need.

One more New Brunswicker gets infected with HIV or diagnosed with AIDS every month. Meanwhile the New Brunswick government has moved funding from an ongoing community project to fund and support Tele-Care. The Department of Health & Wellness made a significant financial investment in the development of the Tele-Care program which currently not used as much as the Department anticipated. As a result, the Department ended contracts with our organization for the HIV/AIDS Helpline services in an attempt to direct callers to Tele-Care and make better use of their investment. They developed a Tele-Care based sexually transmitted infection (STI) line and launched the service on April 1, 2005. The service focuses on STI assessment and referral only.

For HIV inquiries, including information, resources and counselling, the STI line continues to make referrals to our organization and our

1-800 Helpline although AIDS NB receive no funding for this service. In 2004-2005, the provincial funding helped AIDS NB to respond to over 1,900 requests for HIV/AIDS related telephone education/counselling sessions including requests for accurate information on transmission, risk factors, prevention, testing, treatment/care and existing national, provincial and regional resources. It also provided 354 counselling sessions to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers, provide over 1,200 referrals to callers and respond to an average of 20 e-mail requests for information per day. In addition to that over 14,000 resources such as fact sheets, pamphlets and guides were mailed or distributed and the web site kept current. AIDS NB's web site received over 10,000 visits!

The STI line eliminated counselling and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and it has eliminated library services for resources. Although the Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Canada stresses the importance of the involvement of people living with HIV/AIDS in HIV/AIDS program development, the Department's decision has ignored the needs and voices of people living with HIV/AIDS in New Brunswick.

In a largely rural province like New Brunswick, providing equal and fair access to comprehensive health promotion services such as the HIV/AIDS Helpline is a major achievement. The results of the recent Public Health Agency of Canada funded evaluation of AIDS New Brunswick's HIV/AIDS Helpline (W. Morrison & Associates,



June 2005) were very positive and highlight AIDS New Brunswick's strong capacity to deliver these services. It also highlights the importance of the Helpline services to callers, including people living with HIV/AIDS. The evaluation included that all (100%) clients surveyed indicated that they could ask questions and discuss concerns openly. All clients reported that their needs were adequately met. Clients living with HIV/AIDS surveyed identified that the two most beneficial aspects of the Helpline were that they derived comfort and a sense of hope simply from knowing the Helpline is available to them and the provision of emotional support.

To ensure that important services continue to be provided for people living with HIV/AIDS and persons at risk for infection, the Minister of Health & Wellness needs to know that with agreements between the Federal and Provincial governments, funding for direct support services for people living with HIV/AIDS is the provincial government's responsibility. The provincial government has now opted out of that responsibility. You can directly help AIDS NB's efforts to reinstate important funding by calling, e-mailing or writing your local MLA, Minister of Health & Wellness Elvy Robichaud, and Premier Bernard Lord. Let them know how important it is for people living with HIV/AIDS and persons at risk for infection to receive the support and information they need.

PFLAG Middleton

By Doug Bennett and Josh Parker

During the spring of 2005 Doug Bennett, who at the time was affiliated with the Thursday night Gay Men's Coffee House and their dance in Nictaux, came up with the idea that there was a need for some type of group open to all people. Doug reached out and talked with people in the community about forming such a group. Doug met up with Josh Parker and they identified a need for education and support in the community for parents, students and others.

Through the early spring Doug and Josh talked with many people including Heather Nicholson, David Sanford, David Skidmore, and Mark Rutherford, and others. By the 4th of June, Doug spoke with Mark Rutherford who offered his home to hold the first meeting of the "Valley Rainbow Club". The idea at the time was to get things going and see whether we could get people in the gay & straight community together for social, educational and support purposes.

There were 17 people at the first meeting which well represented the community. Heather had contacted the Social Justice Committee at Holy Trinity Anglican Church who were excited about the possibility of a group being formed and four people from that committee were in attendance. By the end of the meeting it had been decided that we would try to have meetings every second Thursday and Kim Grimard offered the church hall at Holy Trinity as a meeting location.

For the next few meetings from 15 to 28 people attended the meetings at the Church hall. However, people were floundering for focus



and direction. By the end of July, people got disgruntled and the meetings seemed about to fail.

The PFLAG idea was resurrected. Then on Wednesday 27 July David Skidmore, Mark Rutherford, Emma Tigerheart and Brenda Cline discussed the possibility of forming a PFLAG Chapter. By Thursday 28, July Emma was again talking with Mark and David, both showing great enthusiasm for the concept of creating a PFLAG chapter here in Middleton.

That afternoon Emma Tigerheart, David Skidmore and Mark Rutherford took the initiative and began calling people about creating a chapter. A proposed executive / board of Directors was named the Leadership Committee and formed with the following members: Co-Chairs Emma Tigerheart & Mark Rutherford Secretary David Sanford Treasurer David Skidmore Social Brenda Cline Communications Doug Bennett and Josh Parker

The first leadership committee meeting was held on August 3rd with a potluck supper at David & Mark's place. It was decided that the Chapter meeting would be held the last Friday of each month. It was agreed that a phone number was needed to get a web page from the national committee and there was a need for more women on the leadership committee. By August 4th the information from National arrived with pamphlets, T-Shirts and pins. We also received our chapter email address; middletonns@pflagcanada.ca

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Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITEH

Dear Tom

You know that book, *Now That You Know*, about explaining gay issues to family and friends? Well, a man I know has just come out and I thought about doing: *Now That You're Gay*. A kind of Paul Lynde / Rosalind Russell version of welcome to the family.

First the bad news:

- Don't expect shock and surprise when you come out to your friends. Even if you are butcher than a professional wrestler and have chest hair so thick that it hides your nipples, people may still have tagged you as a "feggeleh".

- Declaring your homosexuality will not necessarily result in an endless line of eager sexual partners at your door. Life is not porn: There are no fluffers and most men do not have gym-perfect bodies or big barbells.

These realities account for the bitterness that is the foundation of gay humour.

Stereotypes:

- If you have a yearning for cake decorating or quilting then by all means indulge these creative urges but don't feel that you must automatically join the Madonna fan club or that you can only wear French cut Tanga briefs if you would be more comfortable in plain white Calvins. (Ratty, torn boxers however, are strictly "verboten". Like gay boy scouts you must be prepared for the unexpected encounter - always wear underwear that you would be glad to be seen in!)

- Coming out will not vanquish your insecurities. Cover your social fears with a show of bravado. Shoulders back, package thrust forward, enter every room with a slight smile and casual air of boredom as if there were a limousine waiting to whisk you to a much more fabulous party. Nothing is as attractive as indifference.

Now the good news:

- You get more physical contact: hugging and kissing your women friends without them (or their spouses) assuming it's a little grab and grope. Your gay friends can be greeted in a similar fashion and as for your straight buddies... well, there was never more than a firm handshake anyway, was there?

- Watching Tim McGraw videos -with the sound off (this also works for Cher, whose

appeal has always been much more visual than musical)

- Dressing well will no longer be suspect - it will be an affirmation that there are certain standards to uphold although no one will actually die if caught wearing a brown belt with black shoes.

- You no longer have to cover your lack of high school sport trophies with a made up story about a detached retina or undescended testicle.

[I recently went with the Scribbler to get him new golf shoes. (Not many gay golfers - mostly because of the clothes. Lesbians are a different story! Savvy country club owners now have Anne Murray music piped directly into the women's locker room.) After picking out some saddle shoes with cleats, we sashayed over to the Paderno outlet to ooh and aah over stockpots and cooking utensils. I needed to replace my favourite whisk after an acquaintance with a spanking fetish -among others- borrowed mine and returned it in a condition ... not suitable for food preparation.]

- You need not sit on your hands for fear of gesturing too flamboyantly, you can use the word "fabulous" with an air of authenticity and people will defer to your taste in furniture and dinner parties.

- You can give full vent to your love of show tunes and few will question your decision to take out a second mortgage to purchase a baby grand piano and a vintage poster of Annie Get Your Gun signed by the Merm.

- No more ordering beer when you secretly want a white wine spritzer. And when you need a pick-me-up, nothing renews the spirit like a drink with a little umbrella.

- Female coworkers will share their Cosmopolitan magazines with you so you can ogle the hunk without a shirt and learn the 12 sexual tricks that will drive a man crazy.

Always take pride in being part of a rich cultural history: June 1969 and the Stonewall riots, 1934 Cole Porter pens, "You're the top", 1977 Craig Russell's film "Outrageous", summer of 2005 the passage of Bill c-38.

Above all don't take gay life too seriously. Enjoy the heady relief of not hiding and pretending, abandon yourself to the dance of authenticity, savour fully every new experience but remember that you are still the person you always were... just more so now than ever.

Lova ya! Crawford

Terry Goodwin

Terry David Goodwin, aged 50, of Lunenburg NS, died Friday, September 30, 2005, at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital, after a valiant battle with brain cancer.



Terry was the much beloved son of Walter and Truleen Goodwin of Amherst. He was educated at Amherst Schools, King's Collegiate School in Windsor, and at Albert College, Belleville, Ont., where he became head prefect. Following high school he performed across North and South America with the youth group "Up With People." He studied Sociology at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. and at the University of Arizona. He later moved to British Columbia where he was employed in the hospitality industry and for a time operated an art gallery in Calgary. In 1983 he contracted AIDS and in the years that followed devoted his entire efforts to the well-being of persons with AIDS. He was responsible for the opening of the first AIDS service organization where he worked for pension benefits for partner survivors, and developed in Halifax a program aimed at prolonging the lives and improving the life quality of PWA's. In 1995, Terry moved to Lunenburg where he was chairperson of the Lunenburg Family Resource Centre. Perhaps the most satisfying community work he did in Lunenburg was the establishment of the Farm Project of the Youth Support Programs which worked with youth with addiction problems and those afflicted by family members with addiction problems. By bringing youth back to the soil, their self-esteem and life skills were improved. In 2000 the farm participants presented him with an award of merit. A talented artist, he produced many abstract works. For three years Terry was the charter secretary of the Lunenburg Rotary Club.

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George Hislop

George Hislop, a leader in the lesbian and gay community in fighting discrimination, demanding equal respect and pioneer in the battle to win survivor benefits for same-sex partners, died at age 78.



When Hislop's longtime partner died after years of contributing to the Canada pension plan, Hislop applied for a pension but was turned down.

He fought the decision for 19 years. Hislop declared victory in August when he received his "first pension cheque".

George transformed our city, our nation and our world. His death is a great loss to all."

The federal government began making the payments to Hislop despite the fact it planned to ask the Supreme Court of Canada to strike down a November 2004 Ontario Court of Appeal decision.

The Supreme Court challenge is expected to be heard in February, and Ottawa has warned beneficiaries that they may have to repay the money if the ruling is struck down.

At issue is federal legislation passed in 2000 that allowed same-sex partners to collect survivor benefits under the CPP. The law restricted payments to those whose partners had died after January 1998. That sparked complaints of discrimination against people who were arbitrarily excluded.

The Class claimants want the cut-off point set in 1985, the year in which the Charter of Rights took effect opening the door for gays and lesbians to win equal treatment with heterosexual couples regarding pensions.

After fighting that demand for years, Ottawa says the case could set a precedent for a broad range of other social programs costing up to \$80 million.



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The Media & Transgendered Issues

By Denise Holliday

I followed with interest the announcements that proclaimed the CBC was to be doing something on transgendered issues and in particular Transsexual surgery and how it relates to medical services in Nova Scotia. It was unfortunate that I never got to hear it and only received emails of quotes and coverage from friends. Living in the country with dial-up as your only option and a computer that you should, but cannot afford to update, can be limiting.

However, what I have seen, read and heard did not please me.

As a 58 year old Male to Female who has been fully transitioned for over 5 years and a legal Female Canadian for over 2 years, I found the coverage by CBC and the Chronicle Herald to be "in my opinion" full of content that was inaccurate, self serving and inflammatory. In a guise of covering what to transgendered people is a key and vital step, they turned it into an argument for spending thousands on questionable gender surgery while leaving others with vital life saving surgery, waiting on the sidelines.

Nova Scotia might or might not start paying for this surgery and with anyone who knows what is involved, the hope would be that it would be done and sooner rather than later. However, quoting an example of surgery costs at \$120,000 without clear definition of what that cost involves and why it is required, is inaccurate, inappropriate

and blatantly irresponsible reporting. I was surprised to see it coming from CBC in such a manner. Newspapers often phrase things to gain reaction, but this was blatant provocation.

My dear friends from the news media, have you any idea what the results of your action could and still might lead to?

Some parent with a child on a kidney machine is refused something for what ever reason, and seeing a Transsexual granted funding for surgery, is in deep despair and attacks. If that happened, you and your level of reporting could have been a primary cause.

For the record:

Female-to-male numbers are less than male-to-female and some suggest a 40% versus 60% to be a reasonable guess.

Female surgery is complicated and involves several different surgeries, some of which if not done, leave the TS extremely vulnerable to cancer and many other problems.

Male-to-female surgery actually has a cost of between \$14,000 and \$25000. Anyone wishing to check that can check the site in Montreal at Dr.Menard's Clinic for in-house pricing.

It should be noted that a high percentage of transsexuals actually do not fully transition. Some do

not want to for their own reasons, and it is true to say a big one would be finances.

More female-to-male pass on surgery because of the cost, true, but also and more often because of the extent of injury and poor results obtained.

Over the last 30 years many thousands of transsexuals have quietly paid for their own surgery and still had to follow strict and expensive government guidelines to acquire permission for this surgery. Most people complain and even hate us without even knowing the basic facts. Anyone wanting information needs only to type "Lynn Conway" into his or her search engine and he or she can gain all and any information needed. Spend 6 hours browsing that site and I know it will change your outlook, if not your priorities.

Some famous person once said: "for every action there is a reaction, even if the action is to do nothing".

Well for transsexuals every day that is a reality. Inaction creates health issues both physical and mental. It costs money to treat these things, especially on a continuing basis. Try to imagine a person at 15 years of age hopeless and suicidal. He or she visits a shrink monthly for an hour and gets to 35 before finally killing him or herself. This at a cost to the health group of over \$2000 a year. Add medicine costs and stress induced hospital stays at over \$800 a day plus transport and family lost work days because of suicide watches.

Extreme you say, don't be too quick to poo-poo the idea before adding up the costs. The alternative to a very wasted and expensive life is surgery and a healthy well balanced person living with dignity and paying taxes over the rest of his or her life till age 55 to 85 depending on their life span.

Wow, and I have not even touched the surface of this issue.

Questions and comments can be sent to me via this paper's email address. I look forward to your comments.

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Marriage Update

One Year Later

Next On The List

By Cameron MacLeod

A first anniversary is traditionally paper themed. Good thing you're reading this newspaper, that counts!

It's been a year since Nova Scotia gained equal marriage, thanks to a decision of the province's highest court. What a year it's been! Same-sex marriage has been legal: in Ontario since 10 June 2003; in British Columbia since 8 July 2003; in Quebec since 19 March 2004; in the Yukon territory since 14 July 2004; in Manitoba since 16 September 2004; in Nova Scotia since 24 September 2004; in Saskatchewan since 5 November 2004; in Newfoundland and Labrador since 21 December 2004; and in New Brunswick since 23 June 2005.

Passage of the federal Civil Marriage Act made same-sex marriage legal in the provinces of Alberta and Prince Edward Island and the territories of Nunavut and the Northwest Territories effective 20 July 2005.

What else has happened? Prior to this year, only the Netherlands and Belgium recognized equal marriage rights for same-sex couples. Spain ended up beating Canada to the punch, with a much simpler legislation process (and truth be told, a much pushier federal government). In the intervening time Sweden, France, and the United Kingdom have all revisited the issue, although no big leaps have appeared on those fronts yet.

In the United States on the other hand, equal marriage has received more attention than wars, lies to Congress, and reality TV! Only the State of Massachusetts recognizes same-sex marriage, while California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, New Jersey and Vermont grant persons in same-sex unions a similar legal status to those in a civil marriage by domestic partnership, civil union or reciprocal beneficiary laws—separate but equal, they say.

Sixteen US states have constitutional amendments explicitly barring the recognition of same-sex

marriage, confining civil marriage to a legal union between a man and a woman. Twenty-seven states have legal statutes defining marriage to two persons of the opposite-sex. A small number of states ban any legal recognition of same-sex unions that would be equivalent to civil marriage.

And even now, several other states are still working toward more restrictive laws. California recently passed equal marriage legislation.



through its legislature, making it the first jurisdiction in the US to do so but then the Governor vetoed it!

But the tide seems inevitable now. Canada has joined the historic few first supporters of full equality in marriage rights, and we now look forward to other fights, such as support for transgender health issues and equality, and working against the still high suicide rate for queer youth.

Now is not a time to rest, but rather to use our experience and positions of strength and equality to help those still struggling. Let's go!

Old, New, Borrowed, Blue

(Marriage, Queer Marriage, Marriage Traditions, and Me)

By Matt Livengood

Allow me to open with an odd, perhaps impolite suggestion: queer people today are SO straight-laced. What I mean by this can be explained by examining a history of our social status. First we were invisible, then we were degenerate, more recently we were radical, and now we're becoming more and more normal. And just what does being normal mean?

For starters, it means getting in and not

most definitive acts we could possibly perform: standing up publicly beside a person of the same sex and saying, "I love you. I commit myself to you, wholly and forever." I do. Not. Understand.

My problem with contemporary queer weddings and union ceremonies that borrow from the so-called "white weddings" of heterosexual traditions is not simply that such traditions are being borrowed. What really alarms me is the apparent narrowness of explored options for our own ceremonies.

As a graphic designer, I understand and appreciate the fact that different people have different tastes — hey, if you want to buy into the "traditional" approach for your ceremony, then go for it. I do not advocate denying or frustrating any homosexual couple's decision to have two small brides or two groom figurines atop a three-tiered cake. (I'm serious here. I mean absolutely no disrespect to married couples who have gone this route, or any similar route with their ceremonies. In fact, I'd like to offer a very sincere "Congratulations" to them all.) However, I have to wonder how many of these couples would still deem such traditions truly appropriate for themselves if there were better access to a developed variety of reasonable choices for the look and format of these special events.

If we are to invest in an activated, vibrant queer culture that reflects who we are, then we must acknowledge a wider spectrum of possibilities. What this is about, really, is the stewardship of our culture. Our narrowness of choice, our short-sightedness of vision is amendable; these 'other' possibilities (to which I'm merely alluding) don't have to be conjured up from scratch. There are conventions from throughout history and from contemporary times which might be referenced, exploited, and used in thoughtful ways. We can discover our own traditions, queer traditions. Broadening our scope and realizing a greater number of options for queer union ceremonies begins a chain reaction that leads to deeper understanding of what it means to be queer. Specifically, items such as invitations to

queer ceremonies (the focus of my current queer work as a graduate student), for instance, function as encapsulated versions of what it looks like to be queer, queer making queer alternatives tangible and material. And let's not underestimate the importance of this point. Designed objects become part of our material landscape, and so become cultural artifacts — they linger. In their stubbornness not to go away, designed objects influence whatever will come next just as effectively as they record what has come before. It should be acknowledged here that, as queer people, we are seriously handicapped when it comes to passing along our traditions and cultural practices. (Despite what some fundamentalists and homophobes believe, we do not recruit new generations for our legions, we can't purposefully spawn gay offspring, and a copy of the infamous 'gay handbook; which we supposedly use to brainwash and convert, is pretty damned difficult to come by these days.) From one generation to another, we lose no small amount of acquired wisdom and cultural innovation. Unlike cultures bound through race or ethnicity, our collective culture relies more heavily on things such as books, poems, magazines, fashion, etc. — our material culture — for its propagation. Design, therefore, is one of the queer community's strongest allies.

The commemorations of our queer ceremonies today will become archives of style, ritual, and the essences of our culture — means for passing on to tomorrow what it is that we've done and how we've done it. Collectively we should be encouraging and supporting a process for re-investigating the definitions and realities of queer union ceremonies; what they mean for us, what they do for us, and what they do to us. A more developed set of traditions today results in even greater richness in the future. And with such richness, queer people will be able to make our ceremonies, and thus our public identities, more truly our own.

Matt Livengood is in his last year of MFA study in Design at NSCAD University in Halifax.

For his thesis project on invitations to same-sex union ceremonies, he is seeking samples from the general public. If you have a sample invitation to lend for research, or if you have thoughts/comments to share, write him at openinvitation@gmail.com.



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Maritime AIDS Walks 2005

Saint John Draws 110 Participants



By SarahRose Werner

The success of Saint John's 2005 AIDS Walk for Life on September 25 can be credited to the loyal and hardworking volunteers who pitched in after an unexpected crisis struck. AIDS Saint John Executive Director Julie Dingwell was attending an Atlantic AIDS organization meeting on PEI when she got word that office manager Jim Appleby, the linchpin of Walk organization, had been taken to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy 11 days before the Walk was to take place. It wasn't until Julie got back to Saint John three days later that she was able to rally the volunteers – but rally they did, and the Walk was on!

One hundred and ten Walkers representing 16 teams gathered at Market Square for registration. Honourary Walk Chair Bonnie Lambert, Director of Ridgewood Addiction Services and a key figure in Saint John's fight to get a methadone maintenance clinic, spoke about the importance of the Walk. MC Terri-Lynn Reid got everyone's blood moving by leading warm-up exercises before they hit the Harbour Passage trail.

All together the Walkers raised \$12,200, including a generous matching grant of \$1,000 from Aliant Mobility in support of their team, the CrusAIDers. The top team was the Sisters of Charity and Associates, followed by the CrusAIDers and the Dickison family. The top youth team was Hampton High, followed by UNBSJ and the Do No Harmers, the squad of youth facilitators from AIDS Saint John's Harm Reduction Project. The top Walkers were Margaret Rose Nickerson, Barb Dickison and Keli O'Leary. The prize for youngest Walker – well, stroller rider, actually – went to AIDS Saint John President Diane McGovern's seven-week-old grandson Connor. The prize for oldest Walker was not awarded because everyone was feeling too young at heart.

The success of the Walk is critical to the continuance of AIDS Saint John's many programs and services. As Julie Dingwell pointed out in an interview with the Telegraph-Journal, AIDS in North America has hit hardest at people who are already marginalized

by stigma and/or poverty – at first gay men and now increasing numbers of intravenous drug users and street youth. "We have to be really careful to keep awareness high and stigma low," said Julie. "That's a Walk in and of itself."

Over the years, competition with other fundraising events and perhaps a feeling of complacency regarding HIV/AIDS has cut into the revenues raised by the Walk. This year's revenues were somewhat greater than half the \$22,700 raised in 2000. Saint Johners are generous people, but their pockets are getting tapped out. AIDS Saint John will be exploring new sources of revenue and taking a hard, clear look at some of its programs. In particular, the level of support provided to New Brunswick AIDS organizations by their provincial government is pitiful compared with other Atlantic provinces. NB's AIDS organizations need public support in getting this situation to change.



For now, though, thanks to the efforts of the Walkers, volunteers and Walk sponsors, AIDS Saint John will keep on truckin'. The Phoenix Dinner Theatre donated

not only their venue but entertainment as well for the Walk Kick-off Party. The Hardman Group Ltd. donated the use of the Market Square atrium on the day of the Walk. Bayview Credit Union donated great prizes, while Tim Horton's, Keystone Kelly's, Coca Cola and Ganong's kept the troops fed and caffeinated. The Shaggy Dogs kept everyone's toes tapping during registration with their music. Lisa Weeks, a member of the Association of Visual Language Interpreters of NB, provided ASL interpretation for Bonnie and Terri-Lynn. Many thanks to everyone who made this event possible!



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Halifax Raises \$40,000

Walk for Life Halifax had another successful year! On Sunday, September 25. We raised over \$41,000 for our Health Fund, which assists people living with HIV/AIDS and in poverty. We exceeded our goal this year. Thanks to all who donated, we are able to continue this very important part of our Support Program, as the Health Fund is not supported by any level of government.



The majority of people with HIV/AIDS in Nova Scotia live in poverty and rely either on a disability pension or assistance from Community Services. Most



prescription costs are covered but special needs, such as vitamins, additional food and other therapies are not. A person who regularly accesses our fund had this to say, "Knowing the Health Fund is there for me is important and it helps me get those other things that are small but important."

Once again, our top collector is Bruce Hayre – Mz Vicki, winner of the Top Individual award. Bruce is tireless in his efforts to be the "top" amongst us all. While he's rewarded with trips and other prizes, his real motivation is to support Manna for Health. As an event partner, Manna benefits from the monies they raise from the walk and receives the prize for Top Partner.

A special thank you goes to our other top collectors: Al Stewart and Paul Laybolt.

The GAP team from the Halifax Shopping Centre had an impressive showing. They raised over \$8500 (which is matched by their company) and won the Top Team award. Special mention also goes to the St. John's United Church and MAC Cosmetics teams for their efforts. Congratulations to Alpha Gamma Delta at Dalhousie who won the Top Walk Team award and to Safe Harbour Community Church who won the Top Walk Partner award.

We are very grateful to our volunteers who play a great role in making this all happen - 42 people provided over 150 hours in volunteer work. Thank you to our sponsors: MedMira, CanJet, Colonial Honda, Chronicle Herald, Rant Promotions, Q104, Video Difference and WCS Tents. We would like to extend a particular thank you to Pamela Baltzer and the team at Breathe Media, a multidisciplinary design and development new media studio located here in Halifax, which offers creative and multimedia services ranging from customized content management systems, web design, kiosks and installations, to programming and communications. We encourage all to visit our newly revised website, www.acns.ns.ca.

Congratulations go out to Jessica Wall and Kat Biondi, Co-coordinators for this year's event. We are also grateful to the Rainbow community who continues to be a driving force in the

Walk. Your efforts don't go unnoticed and we are very appreciative to you all for your support. Thank you everyone!



Survival of the Fittest - M.A.C. Leather 2006

Story & Photos By Kim Firlotte
Survivors was this year's theme for the MAC Leather Competition, held in Moncton for the first time in a couple of years. Well, this being the first competition that I attended, the first challenge for my partner and myself, was the several flights of stairs to climb to get to the floor where it was being held. Knowing how much the Aberdeen centre has accommodated the GLBT community in Moncton,

ceptance. You always see such a diverse bunch of people, who never raise an eyebrow, or have a cutting word, on the way you look. I think this has always been my draw to leather, along of course with the heavenly smell of it.

From here, I went on to meet the seven male contestants. A few of them I knew from our community, and others I had never had the pleasure of meeting before. They were all true Leather-men

crouch, to the sounds of the lion sleeps tonight, cute and set the tone for the evening.

With any competition, there are questions to answer and some really don't mean a whole lot, with their funny ones, if you were a sex toy which would you be. The thing that impressed me was the thought provoking question for the contestants, and one which we will be more than familiar with, as I believe it



M.A.C. Girls With Steve



The M.A.C. Leather Boys

was featured as a question not long ago in one of our Wayves issues. Now that Same-sex marriage is legal in three countries including Canada, is there a next challenge for us and if so, what is it? Some of the answers included, embracing our Diversity, to continuing the fight for equal rights. Also, it was brought out that we should not

be distinguishing between heterosexual marriage and same sex marriage, it should all be as one. Very thought provoking and impressive answers from these leather people.

Well, I guess there is much more opinion on the show here than you ever wanted to know, so here I will get to the grand finally. MAC Leather 2005, Wayne Toole, gave his step down speech, then Mr. and Ms. Fellowship were crowned. For Ms. Mac Fellowship the title went to Debbie Wills, and for Mr. Mac Fellowship the title went to Rob Myers.

Then to the First runners up in each respective categories: Female: Elinor Crosby, and Male: Rejean Leclerc.

Then drum roll please, the sashing of Ms. Mac Leather 2006: Cecile Ouellette, and Mac Leather 2006:

Boyd Gauvin.

It was a very exciting night for all who attended. There will be more coming from Ms. and Mr. Mac Leather I hope in future issues, as I did manage to get emails and hope to do one on one interviews with them.

In closing this article, I want to say a big hooray to the Leather community, as through out the night we had our drag performances, by Serena Romenoff, and Amber Baby, and Gilbert also performed his much loved "Young Blood" number.

This is one thing that no matter what Leather get together I attend, they are try to bring all the community together. I think this should be a very good direction for all our community events to follow.

Great show guys and gals, and I hope to attend next year's event.

made me understand why it was being held here; but still no oxygen mask at the top, other than that first taste of the night. The rest went up hill.

Upon gasping to the top, I was able to get to the table where they were selling tickets. Got to chat with some friends that I hadn't seen in a bit, and then file into the main event room. The set was awesome; it had the true survivor theme. Then to one of the organizers, who graciously gave me a volunteer pass and took me for a tour of backstage, where the eleven contestants were going through their paces of getting ready for the stage. I first met up with the women who were being followed closely by Kink TV, Yes; our community is in the spotlight once more. It was exciting to see. I got to talk for a few minutes with Debbie Wills, Elinor Crosby, Cecile Ouellette, and Diane Leblanc.

The first thing that always strikes me when I come across leather folk, is their sense of ac-

and took the time to say hi and listen to who I was. I was able to say hi to Art Voutour-Toole, Boyd Gauvin, Grant Lively, Mike Goodwin, Rejean LeClerc, Rob Myers and Ryan Auld. And of course, in the throng of People, we have Mr. Leather himself, Steve Laviolette, getting suited up in his jungle gear. With saying hi to all these people, I went back out to the forum to sit and await the show along with the rest of the people.

A few minutes before the show was too start, the judges decided that their table was not front and centre enough, so they were moved. Most of the judges were men, except for one lone woman, who I'm sure, can take care of herself in any situation. She was Jayne Schmid - Canadian Leather Woman 2004. It was very nice to see a leather icon, who was also female.

Then finally to the start of the show, Steve came out in his jungle



Mr. & Ms. Atlantic Canada Leather 2006 - Boyd Gauvin & Cecile Ouellette.JPG

Cinema

Director Takes Unconventional Approach to Horror

By Cameron MacLeod
Premiering in North America this month on Canada's OUTtv, David DeCoteau's *Final Stab* is a bit of a twist on the typical Halloween slasher movie we're used to from Hollywood. DeCoteau's other films like the ongoing *The Brotherhood* series have quite a following around the world. I caught up with David electronically in the lead-up to the airing.

Wayves: How did you get started in filmmaking and was it something you've always been interested in?

David DeCoteau: Born in Portland, Oregon. Loved movies - wanted to make them. Moved to Hollywood and was discovered by Roger Corman. Glamorous, eh!? Actually, I got into filmmaking by working on a few independent movies in Portland. Took a few useless classes and then headed to Hollywood. Essentially dived right in and learned while I earned. The mechanics of filmmaking ain't rocket science. Telling a story is the tough part. I immigrated to Canada in 1997 after directing a movie with Christopher Plummer. I love Canada!

W: OUTtv is premiering *Final Stab*, which you call your homage to slasher flicks - but with a gay subplot? That seems a little out of character for the horror genre. Where did *Final Stab* come from?

DD: My sick mind! LOL. Let me set the tone for you... A murder mystery weekend: it's the perfect time for the perfect crime. At a secluded estate, a group of bi-sexual college friends are getting together for a weekend of fun, games and sex. Killer, victim, or innocent bystander, they all have their part to play. But when the blood turns

out to be real and people start disappearing, everyone quickly realizes that the only way out of this killer game is to be the last left alive. Inspired by horror classics like *Scream*, *Friday the 13th*, and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, this tribute



to great slasher films cuts to the heart of your fears and takes you on a shocking and lurid getaway you won't soon forget. Starring super-sexy beefcake cult star Bradley Stryker (*The Brotherhood*) and a host of other hotties.... If that sounded like a press release it was! *Final Stab* is a slasher movie for the rest of us. Very sexy but not violent. I really celebrate the male form in this one. It is the best of the *Rapid Heart* pictures so far.

W: I loved your earlier films such as the *Brotherhood* series and *Voodoo Academy*. But needless to say, reviewers often don't know how to take them: after all, we've been raised on scantily-clad young women screaming in the darkness, not scantily-clad hunks. Tell us how you approach reviews. Do they matter?

DD: I don't read many reviews unless a fan emails me a link to a particular "review" laced with homophobic hate speech which I feel is downright pitiful. I get so many fan letters that I know there is a huge audience that love my movies. When there is an image that frightens somebody then I guess I'm doing the right thing - in my case it's a sexy shot of a hot guy in undies. I guess that scares your basic homophone.

W: Still on critical response to your work, do studios and distributors react to reviews, or try to influ-

ence your work based on perceived audience reactions?

DD: My movies sell like crazy worldwide. You see, Hollywood is run by Jews and Gays or a combination of both, so I haven't experienced too much homophobia. My little movies are so under the radar and low budget that they make business sense. My distributors and investors think I'm onto something very cool and original. I've made about 15 *Rapid Heart* movies so far so I must be doing something right.

W: The gay angle in horror movies has always been hidden but easy to spot for us, but lately it's getting more visible. Paul Etheredge-Ouzts' film, *Hellbent*, is making a bit of an online splash right now as well, and it hides almost nothing! Did you start a trend?

DD: I haven't seen it but maybe I have started a trend. I just don't care for graphic sex and violence. It cheapens the movie and it's essentially lazy filmmaking. Don't get me wrong, there are a few blunt moments in *Final Stab* but it was handled in an appropriate way and not mean-spirited. I want to thrill an audience I've just decided to



take the high road and not insult the audience. By the way, I started a young actor from Halifax. His name is Ryan Scott Greene. I brought him to Romania with me back in 1998 on a movie called *Witchouse*.

He has become a very popular young actor. He appeared in the final episode of *Queer As Folk* and was amazing.

W: David DeCoteau's next project, *Beastly Boyz*, has finished principal photography in British Columbia and is in post-production. More information on DeCoteau's films can be found at www.rapidheart.com.

Review EATING OUT

Ariztical Entertainment www.ariztical.com

review by Ralph Higgins

How far would you be willing to go in pursuit of the person you want? Would you take on a false identity? Fake name? How about a fake sexuality in the cause of love? The numbers of gay men who have played straight roles in their lives are legion. Shakespearean comedies were often contrived around mistaken identities, twins separated at birth, women playing at being men.

However, in *"Eating Out"*, it is a case of mistaken sexuality that forms the basis of the twisted but entertaining plot line.

Caleb (Scott Lunsford) is a handsome heterosexual male who is discouraged about the prospects of love until he meets leggy, blonde Gwen (Emily Stiles) at a party. Gwen is equally discouraged about her dating pattern of falling for gay men and has sworn off men altogether - except of course for her gay buddies. Caleb's roommate, Kyle (Jim Verraros) convinces Caleb to pretend to be gay in order to get close to Gwen. This succeeds so well that not only does Gwen like Caleb; she decides to set him up with her best friend, Marc (Ryan Carnes). Taken by surprise, Caleb finds himself agreeing to a date with Marc. After all, what can happen on one date, right?

The resulting situation is full of erotic tension and nervous confusion. The phone scene alone, which comprises the high point of the date, is worth the rental price! While



much publicity was generated by the news of Ryan Carnes doing a nude scene, it is the sheer originality of the script and naturalness of the three participants (you

have to watch it to understand) which makes it memorable, combining as it does the emotions of longing, affection, confusion and hurt.

When Kyle confides that he is smitten with Marc and Gwen decides to help Caleb "come out", Caleb realizes he must find a way out of this trap he has created for himself. But how to do it without hurting Kyle, Marc and Gwen?

"Eating Out" manages to walk that fine line between laughter and ridicule. The situations are absurd but the people are not. The ensemble cast of Lunsford, Stiles, Verraros and Carnes is evenly matched but the real key to this film is the role of Caleb, played by

Lunsford with a simple directness that is very effective.

Aside from the stupid title (I spent half the movie trying to figure out what eating out had to do with the story - answer: nothing!) *"Eating Out"* is a skilfully written, well-performed, clever and entertaining film.



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The Reality of Unsafe Sex

Condom or Cocktail?

by Terry Richard

"I got night sweats and developed a fever shortly after I allowed a guy to bareback me while I was on meth. I soon discovered I was HIV positive," this from a New York gay man, being interviewed for the *Advocate*.

Unsafe sex between men has become an issue that many of us in the gay community do not want to admit exists. For it was us who started the trend in the early eighties of

using condoms and we spread the word that safe sex was the only way to go. What is interesting is that many of us are doing exactly the opposite of what we were preaching. What is alarming are the facts concerning why unsafe sex, also known as barebacking, has reached epidemic proportions and it's ultimately dangerous results among many of us.

Crystal Methamphetamine, also known as "speed," "crystal," or "meth" has been around since the 1970's. However, only in recent years has it been the "drug of choice" among gay and bisexual men. Meth is extremely popular at circuit parties, bathhouses, and gay bars and it seems to have overtaken the gay community and shaken it to its knees. The drug has been partially blamed for the rise of HIV and other STD infections among gay men and it shows no signs of slowing down.

As with most drugs, people use them to feel better about themselves. Some homosexuals feel unimportant and hopeless because of their sexual orientation and ultimately turn to drugs and alcohol to make themselves feel better. Crystal Meth gives one the feeling of invincibility and power and the fact that the drug makes a person stoned for so long is one of the reasons it is so popular. Another reason for its unfortunate popularity is that the drug is relatively inexpensive compared to most street drugs. What guys don't know is how self-destructive and deadly meth is. Research has shown that crystal meth users are a whopping four times more likely to be infected with HIV than other gay men. The news is no better for STD's; syphilis rates are 4.9 times higher among meth users.

Guys that are "bottoms," being penetrated by a penis, seem to be more at risk than other men. When doing meth one develops what's known as "crystal dick" where a guy cannot obtain an erection for hours at a time. Inadvertently he becomes a bottom; and due to the

fact that his barriers are down because of the meth, he engages in unsafe sexual activity.

Drugs are not the only reason why men have developed a "condom vacation" attitude. Many believe that AIDS is no longer a threat to them and they feel if they do get infected there are always the AIDS cocktail drugs to turn to. The reality is some cannot take these "cocktails" because they simply don't work on many people. These are powerful drugs that can cause the body to have many side effects like lipodystrophy (where the body unevenly distributes its fat cells throughout the body thus causing people to have huge stomachs and hump backs.) Increases in high blood pressure have also been reported in those who take anti-retroviral medications. These facts are disturbing, but one must not be oblivious to what is out there. You're dealing with your life.

Education is the key here. Prevention programs are being initiated in many big cities such as Los Angeles and Toronto. It's not uncommon for counsellors to be at circuit parties and bathhouses, spreading the importance of safer sex and what barebacking can lead to. It is our hope that having posters up on walls at gay bars and other establishments depicting condoms as "cool," can lead many men to practice safer sexual activities.

If you're going to engage in sex, know the facts. Whether it's meeting a partner at a bath or a gay bar, have sex sober and clean; don't let drugs or alcohol influence your judgement. Also, if you do engage in unsafe sex know that you and your partner's life could change forever. Barebacking is just a fancy word which means that a person is putting himself and his partner at risk for AIDS and all the other STD's out there. Is it really worth your life?

We have a choice- COCKTAIL or CONDOM.

After equal marriage: there's still work to do

By Gilles Marchildon, Executive Director of Egale Canada

I got married in August.

Even 5 years ago, I couldn't have imagined that one day I would marry my same-sex partner.

When I was born 40 years ago, in 1965, Everett Klippert was arrested and thrown into jail... just for being gay! Homosexuality was a criminal offence in Canada until 1969.

While we should celebrate the legal victories of the past decade, particularly equal marriage legislation and hate crimes/hate propaganda laws, our work is far from done.

One of the problems that we need to address is violence against members of the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community.

Violence against LGBT people continues with alarming frequency.

When it comes to hate-motivated violence, LGBT people (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered) are remarkably similar to mainstream society. No one likes to talk about it.

It goes beyond the gruesome details of the acts committed with weapons like a tree branch, a baseball bat, guns, a broken beer bottle, an exacto knife, a steel pipe, a metal post or a stone.

Astoundingly, many people think that if you don't acknowledge its existence, the problem doesn't exist.

We in the LGBT community are often just as guilty as mainstream society for not speaking about violence against us.

But it exists. And it's widespread.

Doug Janoff's new book, *Pink*

Blood is a weighty overview of homophobic violence in Canada. The author spent nine years collecting cases on 120 homicides and more than 350 gay-bashings that have happened in Canada since 1990 (see www.pinkblood.ca).

While we should celebrate the legal victories of the past decade, particularly equal marriage legislation and hate crimes/hate propaganda laws, our work is far from done.

(Because of their invisibility, trans-identified victims are frequently the targets of homophobia and Janoff's study only obliquely addresses transphobic violence.)

Pink Blood is not pretty. The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime says Janoff's book uncovers "a blood-stained legacy of extreme violence, ineffective legislation, police brutality and official indifference."

Published by The University of Toronto Press in June, Janoff's

is the first Canadian book on the topic. After completing his Master's in criminology, Janoff spent four years re-writing his thesis into a book, investing huge energy to raise the profile of the issue.

Janoff's overview of over 400 cases probably only represents a small fraction of the actual number, since queer-bashings tend to be significantly underreported. Victims are afraid of being 'outed,' being mistreated or dismissed by the police or being re-victimized by the justice system. He is part of a cross-Canada effort to address violence against the LGBT community. This fledg-

ling initiative includes grass-roots activists and community service providers from across Canada, including Halifax (see www.antiviolence.ca).

We are all affected by violence, whether or not we have been a direct target. Systemic violence can lead to fearing that one day, we'll be a victim.

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What to do with all that leftover Halloween pumpkin?

In my "restaurant chef world", you cook them all down to a purée, vac pack and freeze. Recognizing that this is a time consuming process doesn't really fit most anyone's life style, (unless you are independently wealthy and have a Martha Stuart fetish), I have chosen a recipe that is inspired by the the great fall harvest, yet will not take too much of your time away from the Mall. This recipe calls for canned pumpkin purée and a bag of dried cranberries, which can be picked up while you are at the Mall (heelheel!). This is a great seasonal dessert that has been featured at Chives over the years and has always drawn great reviews. It's quite simple and quick to prepare which makes it even more attractive. Give it a try and let me know what you think.

Pumpkin Sundried Cranberry Bread Pudding

(serves 8)

Ingredients

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| 4 egg yolks | 2 tbsp pumpkin pie spice (sold as such in most grocery stores) |
| 2 whole eggs | 1 1/2 cups dries cranberries |
| 1 cup whipping cream | 1 lb day old brioche or sweet yeast bread (also works well with leftover pound cake) |
| 1 cup milk | |
| 1 cup brown sugar | |
| 1 cup pumpkin purée | |

Method

1. Combine eggs, cream, milk, sugar pumpkin and spices with a whisk.
2. Pour the mixture over small dice pieces of the bread or cake and dried cranberries. Mix gently and let soak overnight, or at least 2 hours.
3. Place in a greased and wax paper lined 9 inch spring form pan.
4. Wrap the outside of the pan in foil to make a water proof seal.
5. Bake @ 325F in a hot water bath (2 inch baking pan with hot water to 2/3 up on the side the cake pan) for approx 1 hour or until a toothpick comes out clean when inserted in the center of the cake.

Serving suggestions

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Witch hunt at the Vatican

By Gerald Veldhoven

Vatican documents leaked to the press recently indicate the Roman Catholic Church is determined to blame gays for the crimes committed against young boys. Church authorities are displaying contempt for fairness, to say the least, as well as making it seem as if these sexual deviants are gay priests. It has been well documented that the majority of these crimes are committed by pedophiles, most of who may happen to be straight offenders. This is another attempt by the Catholic Church to blame a lot of the world's ills on the gay and lesbian

community. Is the church prepared to screen prospective priests to determine if they are indeed gay, or are potential child molesters? I believe the Vatican views this as an opportunity to dig the knife in a little deeper and in the process believes it will rid the church of gay priests.

It is not clear how they plan to proceed with this ridiculous idea. However, I don't believe it will be successful. It will definitely cause more friction rather than an effort to heal the constant hatred and intolerance we are subjected to.

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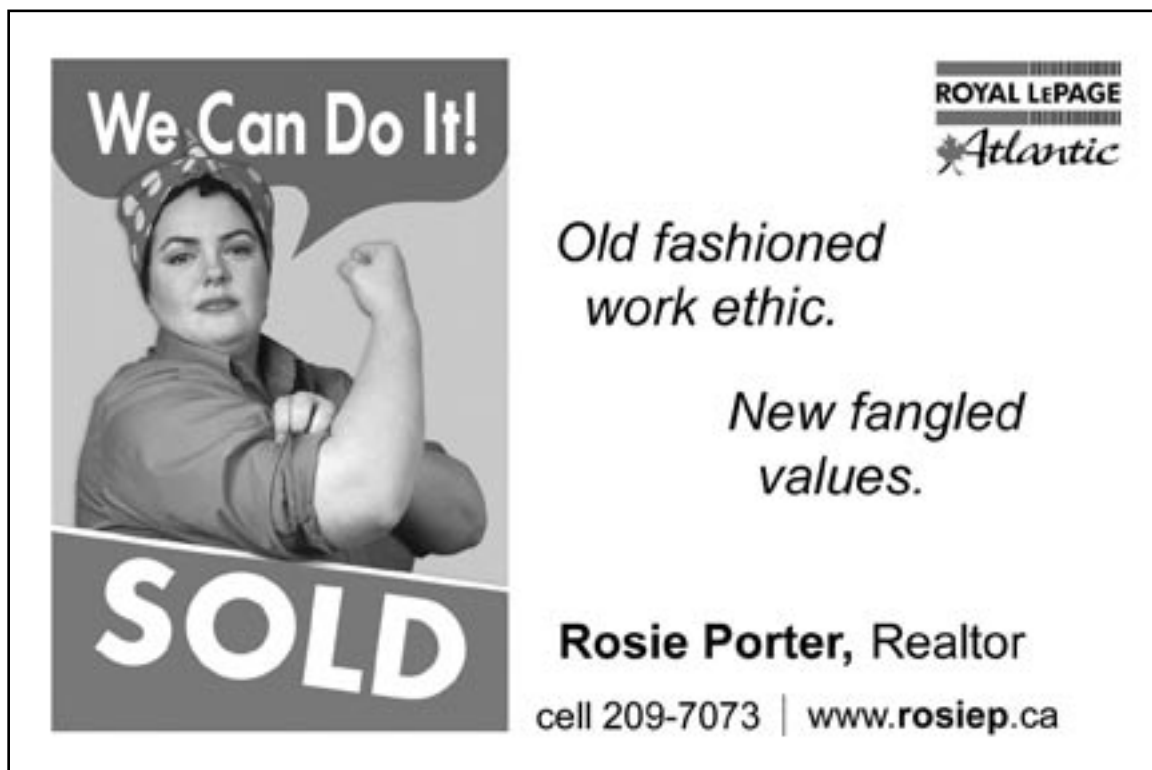


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PFLAG Fredericton, Fredericton: all welcome. Francis @ 454-8349 email: pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca

PFLAG Moncton : Parents, families and friends of GLBT2Q&Q persons. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd monday (every 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at U de M. (except December - 2nd Monday)) at Room 302, Adrien-J.-Cormier building.

PFLAG Sackville/Amherst: Parents, families & friends-of, and, GLBT persons. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca web: www.maritimelesbians.com/, meets 2nd monday (Please see calendar on our web page.) at Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

PFLAG Saint John, Saint John: 652-3995 email: wandr@nbnet.nb.ca, tigger@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. 693-1145 email: danny@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

Q-Collective, Saint John: a UNBSJ-based group of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgendered persons, and their friends. email: glbtq_unbsj@hotmail.com web: groups.msn.com/GLBTFriends/ (Post an email to the MSN group at GLBTFriends@groups.msn.com. Your message will be visible to all subscribers. (In order to join the group, a person must use a hotmail account.) The Q-Collective also has a mailing list: to subscribe, email glbtq_unbsj@hotmail.com.)

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 (See Webpage for schedule.) 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.ainb.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.)

Saint John Lesbian / Bi Women's Support Network, Saint John: for women-loving women. 642-1284 email: sjlesbi@email.com web: www.geocities.com/sjlesbi/, meets 3rd friday

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

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

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

UN sur DIX, Moncton: l'Association des Etudiant(e)s gais, lesbiennes et bisexuel(le)s de l'Université de Moncton. email: unsurdix@umoncton.ca web: www.umoncton.ca/unsurdix/

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

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

AIDS Committee of Newfoundland & Labrador, St. John's: HIV/AIDS education and support for male/female/transgendered, all ages,

Newfoundland and Labrador 579-8656 email: info@acnl.net web: www.acnl.net

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

LBGT-MUN Resource Centre, St John's: LBGT-MUN is an information/resource, service, and support centre staffed by trained volunteers! 737-7619 email: lbgtmun@mun.ca web: www.mun.ca/lbgt/ (Open 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 (Newfoundland Gays And Lesbians for Equality), St. John's: We offer support to LGBT people and education on LGBT issues to the general public. (709) 579-8656 email: info@ngale.ca web: www.ngale.ca (NGALE Inc. (Newfoundland Gays And Lesbians for Equality) offer support and education to LBGT persons, their families and friends, as well as the general public. (709) 576-8656 at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.) at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.

NGALE LIST-SERV, St. John's: Email discussions & events for Newfoundland. email: subscribe@ngale.cjb.net, meets 1st Wednesday at 50 Harbour Drive: ACNL Office

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

Nova Scotia (902)

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

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: for the g/l/b/t communities- (902) 441-7505 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.ration-allunacy.com/cout, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St. Mary's Basilica, basement - side entrance

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

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

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

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

DalOut, Halifax: LBGTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: is2.dal.ca/~dalout, meets every Thursday (7pm) at SUB Room 321

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

Fundy Fruit, Valley: Social group for valley folk: hiking, movies, snowshoeing, board games, parties. email: fundyfruit@yahoo.ca (Times & locations sent out by email.)

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

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

GayFathersHalifax, HRM: Is a peer support group for gay and bisexual fathers. Contact Gilles @ 448-3565 or Gorden @ 446-7793 email: GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com

web: groups.msn.com/GayFathersOffHalifax, 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, meets last Saturday (Admission \$6.50- Best light and sound show around!) at Steel Workers Hall, Sydney

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

Halifax Rainbow Speakers, Halifax: Speakers available, contact us if you are interested in joining also. 494-6662 email: nsprig@dal.ca web: www.thenovascotiapublicinterestresearchgroup.dal.ca (Call for times & locations)

Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society, Halifax: Fundraising. 476-4225 email: info@imperialcourtns.com web: www.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 (Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax: support and connection across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca 1.) 1st and 3rd Tuesday - Social Drop-in 6-9pm, 25 & under 2.) 2nd & 4th Tuesday - 18 & under Support meeting 6-8pm 3.) 2nd & 4th Wednesday - 18-25 Support meeting 7-9pm. 4.) 1st & 3rd Wednesday Movie night, 25 and under, 7pm. A foodbank is also on site for those youth who may need it's use.) at 2281 Brunswick Street.

LGB Youth Support Group Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: fun social/support group for 25 and under. 543-1315 email: plpc@auracom.com web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Postponed until further notice: Volunteer facilitators needed!)

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

Mount Pride, Halifax: Social group, open to anyone. email: mountpride@yahooogroups.com, meets 1st Tuesday, and 3rd Tuesday (Meets biweekly, 12 noon) at Diversity Center in Rosaria

Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colc., Pictou, Cumb. & E Hants. 895-0931 email: t_o_p2000@hotmail.com (Our Board of Directors meet regularly on the third Monday of each month.) at Futureworx 80 Glenwood Dr., Truro, N.S.

Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, Halifax: fostering change through networking, education, outreach & community education. 832-9100 email: nsrap@ns.sympatico.ca web: www.nsrap.ca (See Web Page) at 106 - 40 Waterfront Dr. Bedford, NS B4A 4J1

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

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

PFLAG Sackville/Amherst: Parents, families & friends-of, and, GLBT persons. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca web: www.maritimelesbians.com/, meets 2nd monday (Please see calendar on our web page.) at Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

PFLAG Truro: 662.3774 email: s_r.burns@ns.sympatico.ca

Positive Connections: Teleconferenced support groups for people living with. 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.

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

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

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

at 28 Webster Court

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

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: A Christian Church with a positive affirming ministry to the GLBT community. Everyone is welcome!. 453-9249 email: safe-harbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com, meets every Sunday (7:00pm) at 2786 Agricola St. Bloomfield Center, Suite #108

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society: South Shore Pride Social Club, Bridgewater: for 18 & older. 685-3297 email: info@south-shorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca, meets every Monday (7:30PM - 9:00PM)

Team Halifax, Halifax: All GLBT over 18, athletes and performance artists, as well as anyone willing to help out. 422-9510 email: ingrid@teamhalifax.com web: www.team-halifax.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@accb.ns.ca web: www.accb.ns.ca at 150 Bentinck St

Tightrope, Halifax: leather & denim brotherhood. See our monthly events listing at <http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents>. 461-1972 (ask for Mike), 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: www3.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. 825-6

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Amherst

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. lgbyp_amherst@hotmail.com, all emails confidential.

Third Thursday of each month

PFLAG Meeting 7:30-9:30pm at Maggie's Place, La Planche St, Amherst. Parents, friends, family & allies of GLBT community.

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

Valley Gay Mens Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance from 9pm-1am. We are having two dances in May, on the 7th and 28th and no June dance. The 28th dance will be a special Apple Blossom event.* If you need more information please contact 1-902-825-3197 or 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@yahoogroups.com.

Bridgewater

Every Monday

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

Cape Breton

Nov 26

CommUNITY dances (men and women) will take place every second month, with a separate men's and women's dance taking place the alternate month. Please check our website: geocities.com/capebretonpride for locations and details of events.

Fredericton

Every Wednesday

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

Third Sunday of each month

GLB ANGLICANS AND FRIENDS Integrity is a non profit organization of Gay and Lesbian Anglicans and Friends. Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual orientation. Integrity Fredericton was formed in October 2004 and supports

and encourages Gay Men and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. **A Eucharist followed by a coffee hour discussion is held at 4:00 PM on the third Sunday of each month at St. John's, 58 Broad Road, Oromocto.** For more details check out website: www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity

Fourth Wednesday of each month

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

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PRIDE CHAT..... an informal and informative gathering where gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and friends of the glbtq community can meet and discuss issues relating to our community, while being in a safe and comfortable environment. **Pride Chat** will have Guest Speakers on a regular bi-weekly basis to speak to the issues you want to discuss or learn about. **Pride Chat** meetings are at Wilmot United Church at Carleton Street entrance, beginning at 7:30 pm.

November 12

Come meet Mark Tewsbury! The co-president of the 1st World Outgames Montreal 2006 will be launching a tour of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia at the beginning of November. He will be meeting athletes and groups in Halifax, Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John. "The goal of this tour is to spread the word about the Outgames. We currently have a promotion for teams and groups going on and we want people to know about it!" said Mark Tewksbury. McPhedran Room, #102 MacLaggan Hall, UNB. 7pm.

Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

www.boomnightclub.ca

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

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00 pm, 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@yahoogroups.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

Every Wednesday

An all gay men's bowling league is starting up in the new year and I am looking for any men who are interested in joining. 7pm to 9pm at The Bowlarama at Bayers Road Shopping Centre. If you are interested in joining contact Richard at 440-6729 after 4pm.

First and Third Wednesdays

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

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AT CLUB NRG
Tuesdays/Thursdays
CLASSIC KARAOKE AND
WINGS WITH JUSTIN
\$100 CASH PRIZE 10pm**

**Wednesdays
Halifax Idol with Anita
\$100 CASH PRIZE 10pm**

**Fridays and Saturdays
DJ e-leven
spins 10pm**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 29
MASQUERADE PARTY
9PM \$10 COVER**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11TH
OUT GAMES PARTY 7-9PM
WITH MARK TEWKSBURY**

Introducing Our New Menu...
Blue Moon Bistro
Located on the main level of Club NRG
"Comfort Food for the Soul"
For more details on our new menu, log on to:
WWW.CLUBNRGHALIFAX.COM

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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 Gay FathersHalifax@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.

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

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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 3-5

The Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition is proud to present Rainbow Health 2005: Developing Capacity to Address our Health & Wellness. Registration is available online or by mail, see up to date information at www.rainbowhealth.ca.

November 5

Canadian Rainbow Health AGM, 1:30pm-5:00pm. Join the CHRC today and help build a healthy gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Full CHRC membership privileges include voting rights at the AGM, the right to run for the board, and other benefits including priority consideration for scholarships. Visit www.rainbowhealth.ca for more information.

November 11

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Halifax Bar & Business Calendar

MENZ BAR & Partz Dept.

2104 Gottingen St, Halifax's Gay Village
902-446-6969 www.MENZBAR.ca

FREE INTERNET 7 DAYS A WEEK - with purchase of a drink

Sundays - Breakfast Brunch on the PATIO
Noon-3pm & Mana BBQ 6pm-9pm

Mondays - KARAOKE & Wings with Troy

- Mystery Jack Song, win up to \$300

Toonies Tuesdays - \$2 OFF @ SeaDog's and More...

Wednesdays - KARAOKE & Wings with BEAR777 - Mystery Jack Song, win up to \$300

Thursdays - Country Music Night
Friday & Saturday - Party TIME!

The PARTZ Dept, Level III Patio Now Open

Thu Nov 3 - WomenZ Dance
- Sponsored by NSRAP
- Suggested \$3 donation in support of Breast Cancer Awareness

Fri Nov 4 - Christmas Teddy Kick Off
- Come check out our GIANT TEDDY and get your tickets
- Draw December 17th in support of MANA for Health food bank

Sat Nov 5 - MAC Leather Winner's Celebration
- Come meet the new MrAC Leather 2006, MenzBar's own Boyd Gauvin
- Come meet the new MzAC Leather 2006, Cecile Ouellette
- Boot Blacking available

Thu Nov 10 - Blue Collar Night
- dress up & WIN (*see bartender for details)

Sat Nov 12 - BOSS's BIG Birthday BASH! Food
- Cake - BAR Specials

Fri Nov 18 - Student Night OUT - BBQ
- in support King's (College) PRIDE
- The BIG "T" Sell OFF - in support of Halifax Pride

Sat Nov 19 - MILITARY NIGHT
- Show us your Weapon
- Dress up & WIN (*see bartender for details)

Sun Nov 20 - FALL CLEAN UP AUCTION
- in support of the Youth Project
- Donate (anything goes!)
- Bid & Buy - View at 2PM; Auction at 3PM

Sat Nov 26 - BIG BIRD Night! - Win a xmas turkey
- Requested donation at the door
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Moncton

Second Tuesday of each month

GLBT Support, 7:30pm at 245 Lutz St in Moncton. We discuss the realities of life within the GLBT community, share stories and gain support from others. Meetings are confidential, and new people are always welcome. For more info, call 506-863-1888

Third Monday of each month

PFLAG Moncton has monthly support meetings from 7:30-9:30 in room 339 of the Taillon bldg at U.deM. 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.

November 12

Come meet Mark Tewsbury! The co-president of the 1st World Outgames Montreal 2006 will be launching a tour of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia at the beginning of November. He will be meeting athletes and groups in Halifax, Moncton,

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Cont'd from Terry Goodwin, p. 6

Terry is survived by his parents, Walter and Truleen Goodwin; his sister, Patti Kim Goodwin and her husband John Weir, and his best friend, George Munroe. He will be missed by his small black dog, Ariel. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home in Lunenburg, where a celebration of Terry's life was held October 3rd, Rev Grace Caines-Corkum officiating. A memorial service was held on Wednesday October 5th in Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church, Amherst, Rev. Susan Estabrooks and Rev. Patti Blundell officiating. Interment was in Amherst Cemetery.

Memorial donations to Names Project Canada c/o Larry Baxter 3544 Acadia St., Halifax, NS B3K 3P2; Manna for Life c/o Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, P.O. Box 31108, Halifax, NS B3K 5T9; Spiritual Care and AIDS Project c/o Rainbow Action Project, 100 - 2786 Agricola St, Halifax B3K 4E1 or Planned Parenthood of Lunenburg County would be appreciated.

Fredericton and Saint John. "The goal of this tour is to spread the word about the Outgames. We currently have a promotion for teams and groups going on and we want people to know about it!" said Mark Tewksbury. Courtyard Bistro & Bar, 236 St. George St (downstairs, beside Triangles), 1pm.

Montréal

July 9 - August 5, 2006

A group of Acadiens/Acadiennes from everywhere are planning to participate at the first Outgames Rendez Vous Montreal between July 29 until August 5, 2006. There will be dozen of gays and lesbians from all around the world who will participate at that cultural and sporting event. If you do your inscription before the end of 2004 you will have a reduction of your inscription fees. If you want to join our acadien team please contact yvonbonbon@hotmail.com

Saint John

Third Saturday

Gay Men's Supper Club, 220 Germain St. <http://www.>

Cont'd from Witch Hunt, p. 15

Of course, the Pope has certainly made his views known. When he came to office, it was established he had little respect for the gay community. The church surely must realize this is an absurd situation, as men shall continue to apply to enter the priesthood, whether they are gay or straight. They may never know a person's sexual orientation, unless an applicant divulges that information.

This is a blatant attack on the gay community and does nothing to heal the rift, which I believe has intensified as more countries have allowed gay and lesbian marriages. The Catholic Church attempts to belittle this fact, as it views homosexuality a sin. Therefore, making it simple for them to pass judgement on gay men who wish to enter the priesthood. I single out the Roman Catholic Church, as it is the most vocal in opposition to

equal rights and opportunities for gays and lesbians. It is unreasonable to assume a prospective priest will molest a young boy because he happens to be gay. We constantly learn about pedophiles attacking young children and the culprits are usually straight men. The church must halt the obvious intolerance and come to terms with the fact homosexuality has always existed and will be here forever, because it is as natural as heterosexuality.

If the Vatican insists on continuing with this horrible plan, I cannot avoid the thought that women who choose to enter a Convent could also be put to the test to ascertain if an applicant who wishes to become a nun is indeed a lesbian. Some women are also capable of seducing youngsters and many are heterosexuals. I must point to the fact pedophiles will sexually

molest any child, male or female. It is a great injustice the Vatican, under the direction of the Pope Benedict XIV, is considering this totally unfair and positively unacceptable plan. Is this the future of the Roman Catholic Church, to repeat the awful practice of an inquisition? I suppose we can only hope the church will not stoop to this level!



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Haligonian speaks at Harvard

Halifax based YGA (Young Gay America) Mike Glatze spoke at Kennedy School Forum on Gay Youth.

Over 500 people attended the annual Human Rights Campaign-sponsored forum at Harvard University, September 28th.

Topics ranged from the challenges facing young people today to activism, "queer" identity, homeless youth issues, coming out, representations of queer identity in the media, and more.

For more information about this speech or about YGA Magazine go to <http://www.young-gayamerica.com>

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Gli angeli del Rugby

The women of Italy refer to male firefighters as "Angels of Fire." Some of these « Angeli » also play on the Italian National Vigili del Fuoco Rugby Team. They are in the news not only because they won a gold medal in their division against Australia in a competition in Quebec in July, but because they have taken their clothes off for photographer Lee Andrew Giabenelli Cavette. Many of the photos appear in the 27-page calendar « Gli angeli del Rugby 2006 ». The chiefs of the firefighters are trying to block the sale of these somewhat erotic calendars in Italy.

Colour Your World

The Halifax FrontRunners Running/Walking Club offers the opportunity to exercise and socialize with other gay- and lesbian-friendly

walkers and runners. You'll be greeted with a warm smile at the main gates of the Public Gardens (corner of Spring Garden and South Park) every Saturday morning. Walkers leave at 9:00 am; runners at 9:30 am. Everyone meets for refreshments afterwards. For information, call Bruce at 902-422-7579 or Jim at 902-826-7356. Halifax Frontrunners – add a little colour to your cheeks.

Vanity Fair

Many sports fans are keeping a close eye on Sidney Crosby, who was a star player for the Océanik de Rimouski last year, and was the Pittsburgh Penguins' top draft pick this year. Many people have also taken close notice of Sidney's half-shirtless photo in the October issue of Vanity Fair. According to the Ottawa Citizen, "Crosby's beefcake shot is one more sign that the NHL is trying to expand its appeal in the U.S., and among Generation Y fans -- those between the ages of about 16 and 25," said Frank Pons, an assistant professor of sports marketing and consumer behaviour at the University of San Diego who studied hockey marketing as an MBA and PhD student in Quebec City and Montreal."



Un peu de couleur

Les Halifax FrontRunners est un club pour les gais et les lesbiennes qui aiment marcher et courir. Tout le monde sera accueilli chaleureusement par d'autres du même esprit à l'entrée principale du Public Gardens. Les marcheurs et marcheuses commencent à 9h00 le samedi matin et les coureurs et coureuses commencent à 9h30. À la fin de la course les membres s'amuse avec la conversation à un café. Téléphonez Bruce à 902-422-7579 ou Jim à 902-826-7356 pour des renseignements. Halifax Frontrunners, pour donner la peau et la vie un peu de couleur.

Black Cocks

It's not what you might think. New Zealand's national badminton team decided to call themselves the Black Cocks. They combined the "Black" from the All Blacks, the very successful Kiwi rugby team, and the "cock" from that wonderful little shuttlecock – or birdie – that they so skillfully whack back and forth during a match. Not surprisingly, the Black Cocks obtained sponsorship from condom manufacturers, among others. The governing body for badminton in New Zealand, however, wasn't quite so fond of the name, noting that the name might cause problems for "less

sarcastic countries." The attention-grabbing name has been dropped.

Outgames Support

In a letter sent to the Mayor of Montréal, GLISA and the Organising Committee of the 1st World Outgames Montréal 2006, the Mayor of San Francisco, Gavin Newsom, stated, "We understand that you were founded to orchestrate a magnificent worldwide gathering of tens of thousands of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders, and heterosexuals from nearly 100 countries to celebrate sports and culture together as one, and we applaud and support your extraordinary efforts in bringing this endeavour to life." The San Francisco Board of Supervisors also unanimously issued a procla-



Le club "les Atlantiques" est un groupe de nageur qui se rencontrent et nagent quelques fois par semaine à la piscine de l'Université de Moncton. Si vous êtes intéressés à faire de la natation pour maintenir une bonne forme physique, ou peut-être dans le but de participer à des compétitions de Maîtres-nageurs, venez vous joindre d'autres nageurs du même esprit. Presque chaque semaine, une des séances de nata-

tion est suivie d'un souper entre amis. On peut trouver de plus amples renseignements en visitant <http://Atlantiques.org>.

Messy Makeover

During the 1980's, former University of Iowa football coach Hayden Fry, a psychology major who said pink had a calming effect on people, had the visiting teams' locker room and shower area at Kinnick Stadium painted pink. There's no indication that this strategy helped the Hawkeyes win more games, but as part of the stadium's two-year \$88 million dollar makeover, athletic officials went a bit further – perhaps a bit too far. The brick walls, shower room floors, metal lockers, carpeting, sinks and even the urinals are now pink. Does this use of pink in this way demean women and perpetuate offensive stereotypes about women and homosexuality? Visiting law professor Jill Gaubling, among others, thinks so and believes this situation puts the university in the awkward position of tacitly supporting those messages. Gaubling has asked a university committee studying the university's compliance with NCAA (US National College Athletic Association) standards to insist that the locker room facilities are changed.

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