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Benjie Nycum's Vision for the Future

By Bill McKinnon

YGA Magazine Publisher, author and youth activist Benjie Nycum presented his vision for the future of the LGBT community to DalOut at the Dalhousie Student Union on March 29.

Benjie was 22 when he came out in 1996. There were few Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) groups, and lots of anti-gay discrimination. In Benjie's youth coming out meant loss of dignity and vilification. When he was writing the "XY Survival Guide," there were few resources to which gay and lesbian youth could turn to for help.

A lot has happened in a short time. Companies are eliminating discrimination, laws are being equalized and Matthew Shepard's death galvanized our community. Given the progress of recent years, looking forward is an exciting prospect.

LGBT kids today have more social support resources in place, and the internet allows anonymous access to information which tells

them they are normal. Today's young people are developing new concepts of identity and becoming more label-free. Years ago we had to move to the big city, giving up much of our identity to become gay. That's changing. At many schools LGBT youth are visible and their truth is infectious. There has been much positive change in the last 15 years but there are also challenges to face.

Our community is being branded by merchandisers, targeting the LGBT world for a variety of goods: underwear, SUV's., travel, etc. TV shows create an impression of affluent consumers, but this is a limited view. Our identification should be more multi-dimensional - we're not all like "Queer as Folk."

The LGBT world is still divided by class, race and economic status, each sector having a different perspective on being LGBT. Anti-gay



forces keep chipping away at the differences which divide us. We have to define our common goals. We speak of gay marriage, gay adoption, and these might be summarized as equality, dignity and fairness for LGBT's, but our brand needs to be broader than that.

We should start looking outside our immediate circle of issues. Where do our battles fit in relation to global problems? Consider the 10 million kids orphaned in Africa by AIDS, third-world debt, drugs not available to those who need them but cannot pay, prisoners being tortured and 2,000 kids in adult jails in the US. Most of us don't seem to care.

What should we be telling our youth? Let them know we expect amazing things from them. Stop talking about being victims; yes, 1/3 of teen suicides are gay, but focusing on our victimhood is not useful.

A good example of caring is a GSA group of 50 kids at a high school in Montana: these youth decided to help the community at large, raising money for breast cancer and a soup kitchen. This is a model the rest of us could follow. One person can achieve a lot, small is good. By refusing to be vulnerable, by doing what we know is right, our essence will resonate and become infectious.

Halifax Encyclopedia

By Daniel MacKay

Some of you may know me as the main promoter or chief editor of the big gay Halifax encyclopedia at gay.hfxns.org, an online document with a scope of every person, place, thing, and event of significance to the rainbow/queer/glbtt2 and curious community in Halifax, ever.

We have several people involved with the project already, but we really need at least one more main person to make the encyclopedia more rounded, and to continue it developing in a direction that a number of people, not just myself, find interesting.

So I am looking for another person or persons to be co-editor -- to write and improve content, promote the encyclopedia, encourage others to contribute, and

provide balanced ideas so the work is not the voice or purpose of a single person or subgroup. I'm a gay, white, middle-class male, and if you were slightly different that would be great (but not necessary -- it would be better to have two GWM co-editors than one.)

My contribution to the co-editorship is a volunteer job; but if you are good at writing arts & culture proposals, together we could write a proposal to get funding for a specific chunk of history work.

Having web access is pretty much necessary, but computer skills per-se are not; I have enough computer skills for ten people. What is required is an interest in publishing historical items. I expect that we'll collaborate frequently on line, with infrequent face-to-face meetings, so you needn't worry about adding yet another regular meeting commitment to your life. If anyone were interested in doing some historical research, you could certainly contribute without the web.

We also need photographers - there is a big list of encyclopedia articles which need pictures, or things scanned.

If you would like to get involved, write me at daniel@bonmot.ca; call, or leave a message at (902) 455-8417.

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Atlantic News

Bid For Life

One of AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia's major fund raisers for the past few years has been the annual Bid for Life! Dinner and Auction. For a number of years, early in the AIDS epidemic, members of the community held highly successful auctions in support of various local initiatives. In those early years, much of the money raised went to support research into the social, psychological, and medical aspects of HIV/AIDS. In 2004, the Fund Development Committee of ACNS decided to renew the tradition of an annual auction, combining it with a dinner. This time the proceeds would largely go to support the organization's Health Fund, which provides bimonthly financial support for PHAs who have limited resources. From this extremely successful beginning, the event has become a major funding source for ACNS in its efforts to provide direct support for those in the community with HIV/AIDS. ACNS is the leading community-based HIV/AIDS service organization in Nova Scotia. It serves over 175 active clients and educates many more each year through the

broad range of its programmes and activities.

On May 25th, the third annual Bid for Life! Dinner and Auction will be held. As in past years, Casino Nova Scotia will be the Presenting Sponsor. The event will be held in the Casino's Schooner Room. The host for the evening will be Morrissey Dunn, the well known radio host and actor who has appeared in many television programmes, including Black Harbour and Shattered City. This year's goal is to raise \$20,000. Among the donated items that will be included in the auction are a Markland Costal Resort package, including a rental car. A major feature of the auction—which includes both live and silent components—is always a range of works from invited artists. Among those who have already provided pieces of art for this year's auction are Paul Hannon, Sally Ravindra, and Judy Aalto, the Antigonish water colourist.

For tickets for the Bid for Life! Dinner and Auction, you may contact Jessica Wall at ACNS (425-4882, ext. 229).

Seeking Safe Home Providers

Youth Project Safe Home soon to Re-open

The Safe Home Program is like a foster parent program for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning youth. Homes have been selected in the community to provide youth with a safe and supportive living environment in order for youth to complete their education or programs and make the move to independent living.

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project is currently searching for Safe Homes in order to meet the needs of these young people. If you are interested in having more information on becoming either an emergency/respite home or are willing to offer a longer-term placement, please contact the Youth Project (446-3796) for more information or to speak with Patrick Daigle via e-mail at support@youthproject.ns.ca.

Because of homophobia and severe isolation, many lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered youth do not feel safe or supported in their homes and/or communities.

As a result, many choose to leave these environments because of fear of abuse, stigmatization, and alienation. Others are forced to leave by parents and guardians who are unwilling to support their child. In an effort to respond to the needs of these youth, the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project has developed the Safe Home Program. This program provides lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered youth with safe and supportive living environments in which to complete their education, develop a positive sense of self and gain the skills necessary to make a positive transition to independence. The Safe Home Program provides two types of placements:

Emergency/Respite Homes - These placements range in length from one day to 2 weeks. If a youth is in crisis and is in need of a safe place to stay so that other arrangements can be made they may access this service. Often youth who stay

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Spin Cycle

Mary Ellen MacLean Takes Her New Play for a Spin Around the Block

By Jane Kansas

Bicycles used to be heroes. We gave them hero names, or pony names, and we rode our trusty steeds on crusades, over to the next neighbourhood or into the woods or down to the water. Bicycles were somehow sturdier then, one speed, solid frame, one gear that never failed and a coaster brake to be feathered lightly or stomped on. Two-tone saddles and handle grips just waiting for streamers. A couple of cards clipped to a back stay with a clothes pin and clicka-clicka-clicka, we were ready to take on the world.

Mary Ellen MacLean remembers all of this well. In her new play Velocipede seven actors and dancers, costumed in jeans and oxford shirts in various shades of blue, use old one-speed cruiser bicycles as extensions of themselves—riding them, spinning them, hurling them around. Plus there are two bicycles for two—a tandem, where one rider is behind the other, and a punnet, where the two riders are beside each other.

McLean is sitting on her comfy couch in her home on a side street in the north end of Halifax. Bicycles and tricycles are parked in almost every room. She's wearing black jeans (faded) black chisel-



toe Blundstones (scuffed) and a Pompeii pink sweater. Her hair is tri-colour: blonde, brown and red, chiseled in a urban urchin style. Her eyebrows are darker. She wears silver—her rings, three earrings and the metal hinges on her frameless glasses all glint. Ben the cat is a dark tortoise shell beauty, like burnt tiger ice cream.

"I have always loved bikes," MacLean says. "My first bike was a hybrid, constructed by my brothers. It had a banana seat, monkey handlebars and long forks." MacLean's eyes sparkle at the memory. "Up by the fire hall we'd bomb down the hill. Five or ten girls would be on the ground and we'd have

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Let's Talk About...

Interpride Conference In Halifax

InterPride

"Pride is a celebration of the life and diversity of the GLBTTIQ community and its allies in the broader community."

By Raymond Taavel

Twenty-five delegates representing 7 provinces, one territory and an American from New York City spent a weekend together in Halifax at the Lord Nelson Hotel and Cambridge Military Library talking Pride on a weekend in April.

For the first time, Halifax played host to the Interpride Region 7/Fierte Canada Pride national conference.

This group represented 12 Pride organizations including Vancouver and Prince George, Iqaluit Nunuvut (yes, Iqaluit), Winnipeg, Toronto, and Montreal. The Atlantic region also had strong representation including St. John

and Moncton NB, PEI – Charlottetown, Halifax, and for the first time Pictou County who will be holding their first Pride Day in August 2006.

This conference was an opportunity for Pride festival organizers to come together, exchanging experiences and viewpoints and building stronger networking and support systems; especially valuable for the smaller Pride festival entities which normally exist 'below the radar' of the major Pride festivals held across Canada (i.e., Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal).

The weekend workshops covered everything from financial management – keeping festivals in the black; engaging the media; viewing new perspectives on the role and importance of sponsorship and developing business relationships in and outside the GLBTTIQ community. Protec-

tion of the use of the word Pride in relation to Pride Festivals was an important element of discussions – how do not-for-profit Pride festival organizers retain control of the Pride trademark and ensure that for-profit corporations aren't exploiting its use without giving back to the community.

There were plenty of firsts that occurred this conference weekend, two of which particularly stand out.

For the first time the conference held one of their workshop days at the Cambridge Military Library in Halifax and a workshop called 'gays and the military' focused on potential relationships (if any) between the Canadian Military and Pride. Definitely more than a simple footnote in GLBTTIQ Canada – discussions identified pros and cons to having a military presence in Pride, given the voice of pacifists and potential controversy if a recruiting booth was set up next to those from community groups (see a more detailed discussion in this issue by Bill McKinnon).

The second highlight was a wrap up panel which gathered for an open discussion with Suzanne Girard (Montréal), Raymond Taavel (Halifax) and Stefan Kuhnlein (Montréal) delegates over brunch

at the Lord Nelson Hotel. Representing various groups in our community, panelists Sheena Jamieson (Youth); Catherine Meade (visible or "racialized" minorities); Ed "Boom Boom" Savage (drag); Paul Nicholl (leather) and Bob Fougere (vanilla) communities at the Lord Nelson Hotel discussed perspectives and views on a number of challenging statements relating to Pride and its future direction

with conference delegates. Topics included: how to balance all diverse elements of our communities despite their disparate agendas and competing viewpoints; what it means to allow communities to represent themselves in their own unique way; behavioral standards in Pride festivals and commercialization of Pride.

This session was an extraordinary exchange of views and perspectives that many – panelists included – walked away from with a greater appreciation of shared experience from across Canada and a sustained desire to allow people to represent the true diversity of these communities.

The conference, of course, was not without its fun, and displays of Nova Scotia hospitality. Any conference of gays and lesbians

Holm, Boyne Clarke, Don Murray, Wagner & Assoc. and NSRAP. A Meet and Greet at MENZ bar included live entertainment by Canadian Fiddle Master and ECMA Nominee Gordon Stobbe with Greg Simm on guitar. Certificates inducting delegates into the Order of Good Cheer were awarded at a dinner at Pineau's Café on Blowers Street Saturday night. Out-of-town delegates even got the chance to take a motorcycle ride out to Peggy's Cove on Sunday afternoon, before jetting off back home.

The conference was organized by Norval Collins and Raymond Taavel with assistance from Pride committee alumni and current board members. Thank yous must go out to a number of people and organizations: Mayor Peter Kelly, and HRM Councillors Dawn Sloane and Krista Snow who gave their strong support, Destination Halifax and Tourism Nova Scotia who went the extra mile to assist with the conference. The Halifax

Club, Lord Nelson and Cambridge Military Library provided excellent facilities, showcasing some of Halifax's amazing historic buildings. There was plenty of community support from Mollyz Dinner, Menz Bar, Pineau's Café, and for the first time, CanJet, our local airline.



The Panel: L to R: Bob Fougere, Sheena Jamieson, Ed "Boom Boom" Savage, Catherine Meade, Paul Nicholl



Suzanne Girard (Montréal), Raymond Taavel (Halifax) and Stefan Kuhnlein (Montréal)



Ramona Westgate, Pictou County Pride (see article next page)

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The Canadian Military And You

By Bill McKinnon

Lieutenant (N) Tom Nickle of the Canadian Forces spoke to members of an InterPride conference at historic Cambridge Military Library in Halifax's Royal Artillery Park on April 8th. It is amazing first of all that a LGBT group has been allowed to use Canadian military facilities and equally remarkable that a naval officer would address a LGBT organization. Neither would likely have occurred a few years ago. What would the Duke of Cambridge (1819-1904) have thought? This field marshal and grandson of George III resisted innovation for the forty years he ran the British Army; nevertheless the military today has changed alot.

InterPride is the International Association of LGBT Pride Coor-

dinators. They held a conference in Halifax April 6 - 9 with delegates from Pride Committees across Canada. One workshop was called "Pride and the Military." Lieutenant Tom Nickle is the Canadian Forces' Attractions Officer for Atlantic Canada.

Recruitment into the Canadian Forces is available to persons aged 18 (16 with parental consent) to 57 for 3-year terms. There are rigorous admission standards but sexual orientation is not one of the criteria. Transgendered individuals are allowed in the military and sometimes the military has paid for sex-change operations but this may not always happen because of the high cost.

Today the Canadian Forces have zero tolerance for harassment

based on race, gender and sexual orientation. This is the policy of the Chief of the Defense Staff. Failure to comply can bring about severe penalties - even dishonourable discharge. If a person is harassed by a superior the complainant may appeal to an ombudsman, responsible to the Judge Advocate General. The policy is tough.

Everyone's attitude towards gay people has not been altered but harassment is forbidden. It is not easy to move ahead from the "old boys club" thinking of the past but progress is being made.

Canada's military is made up of ordinary Canadians whose attitudes do not change when they join up. Sensitivity training is provided but you cannot transform a person's prejudices in a 45 minute

indoctrination which may do little more than convey what the policy is. The Forces have Diversity officers responsible for considering the problems experienced by minorities including aboriginals and persons with disabilities but not for LGBT's

Same-sex marriage is a reality in the military. Last year there was a wedding at CFB Greenwood, Nova Scotia. Some clergy may balk at performing same-sex marriages but the Forces' chapels are interdenominational and weddings go ahead with other chaplains officiating.

Could the military be involved in Pride events? Might we expect to have a military band or colour

party in a Pride parade; especially in Halifax which is a major base?

Lieut. Nickle noted that the military has been directed to be more in touch with commu-

nities. Anything the military might be asked to do requires permission from senior authorities and it may take a long time for a decision to be made. Cost of military involvement is also a factor. However if a proposal for military participation in Pride were submitted to Lieut. Nickle, he would send it forward to his superior officers for their consideration.

Yes, Duke ... I mean Your Grace, the military is changing.



Lieutenant Tom Nickle

Pictou County 1st Pride August 2006

By Ramona Westgate

The Pride of Pictou County was formed in much the same way that many similar groups have been formed with a few friends sitting around a table, discussing the needs of GLBT members of our community vs. the resources available. The goal of our inaugural meeting was to represent pictou county's GLBT community by marching in the Halifax pride parade. The success the group has had with the march and the events that ensued has come as a pleasant surprise to many of the founding members. Since last year's march we have hosted 3 dances, a family picnic,

and a open skate. We have also had the pleasure of participating in last year's dragon boat festival. Our group was offered the use of a boat by Neehah Paper. This was an excellent opportunity to help out a worthy cause and raise positive public awareness for our group. We are currently in the process of seeking out sponsorship for this year's festival as well.

As a group we face many of the same challenges that other groups do. Challenges such as: solicitation and volunteer retention, limited

funding, and internal and external homophobia. We are a small but hardworking group and we're hop-

ing that the recent addition of our own web space will help to generate a more efficient

means of communication and perhaps some new volunteers and some fresh ideas. As we approach our first anniversary, we have much to celebrate and much to

look forward to. This year, in addition to last year's activities, we are adding an anniversary dance and our own Pictou County Pride weekend. Currently, we are undertaking a library project initialized by the Homosexualist Agenda and are looking at ways we can collaborate with other local groups and resources. A sub committee is also meeting to tackle some bigger projects such as the development of a GLBT resource centre and sensitivity training workshops. There is still much work to be done for our "community." However, our success proves that a small number of individuals can make a big dif-

ference. Anyone wishing to contact our group about our projects or events can do so by visiting our website @ www.PrideofPictou-County.ca or by e-mailing us at pride_pictou_county@yahoo.ca.



Daigle & Dann Halifax Pride Report

Financial Pride!

Let's deal with the tough news first. In case you didn't know already, we're telling you now: Halifax Pride 2006 inherited a deficit of almost \$10,000 from last year. Very few members of Pride '06 were involved in what happened, so it wouldn't be fair for us to comment on how we got to this point, but we can tell you how we're tackling the problem.

Once we'd ruled out declaring bankruptcy, we set up a series of checks and balances around the handling of money. One new control element is that the whole committee must vote on any expenditure of over a hundred dollars, and the Treasurer must be kept informed of any and all petty cash disbursements.

We are aggressively fundraising, volunteering at events like the weekend coat check at Menz Bar. On March 18th, combined with the coat check, our Irish Supper at Menz raised \$315.00. A similar amount was raised at a Menz Bar function by the organizers of the Interpride Conference. Still more fund-raisers are in the works, so keep your eyes and ears open! By the time this issue hits the streets, through negotiations with our creditors and sheer hard work, we'll have reduced the debt by

some four to five thousand dollars.

Moving Forward!

We've now launched our revitalized sponsorship campaign. Go to our website at www.halifaxpride.com and click on Sponsorship to see our new sponsorship

package, "Partnership Opportunities; Halifax Pride 2006". We're working directly with our business partners to help get their message across, ensuring a great return on their

investment in Pride, and also to see that our community doesn't feel we're disappearing in a sea of corporate logos. That's not what we want, and it's not what our sponsors want either! If you're interested in a business partnership with Halifax Pride, or if you just want to make a small personal donation, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach us at sponsorship@halifaxpride.com or call us at (902) 429-5429.

Meanwhile the Pride Committee continues to work on our community's behalf. After a power failure cut short the Half-Way

to Pride Party at Reflections, we took the \$26.00 we'd raised to that point from a 50/50 draw and contributed it to Manna For Health. More was raised at the door and that all went to paying off bills. In March, two volunteers from Halifax Pride worked the MAC Leather fund-raiser to help Boyd Gauvin

represent Atlantic Canada at the Int'l Mr. Leatherman competition. We donated the whole of Halifax Pride's one-third portion of the cover, more than \$200, towards sending Boyd to Chicago.

We're trying to respond to the many ideas we've received from

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Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITE

Dear Tom

Just when you think there's progress along comes news that hits you in the rubber parts like Joan Crawford wielding a clothes hanger. No, I'm not talking about Prime Minister Harper - for a change. A young man - friend of a friend - who has been teetering on the border of homo-acceptance (of course it's a word!) announced that he is considering getting married - to a woman! Has he not been paying attention? Liza Minella and Peter Allen, Elton John and Renate Blauel, Tom Cruise and... well, the list goes on and on. Lots of bad examples to learn from.

He is not the only one who is woefully ignorant of gay history. I recently threw an Auntie Mame party and had to explain to several people who Auntie Mame was - and these weren't Japanese tourists or straight people, these were card-carrying full-fledged members of the lavender brigade. Unacceptable, this shabby neglect of our gay icons.

Did you know that Berlin is the only place in the world with a gay museum? (Your photo collection of penis-shaped clouds aside.) We need to know our past, Tom. What are we doing to preserve our own history? Not that we need to erect a marker for every gay happening (Citadel Hill would resemble a picket fence!) but we can make an effort to keep the memories of people alive. Craig Russell, The Emperor Hadrian, Gertrude Stein, Leonardo Da Vinci, Divine, Peter Tchaikovsky, Truman Capote - all of us are riding on their shoulders and we owe them some acknowledgement. Besides Pride isn't just about accepting that you're queer, it means finding joy in belonging to such an amazing, fabulous family. Every lesbian, gay man, transgendered or bisexual person is an uncle, a cousin, a grandparent or a sister. For those of us who spent painful years in isolation, thinking there were no others like us, to be part of this wonderful tribe seems nearly miraculous. We are in the debt of football player Dave Kopay, travel writer Jan Morris, painter David Hockney, designer Gianni Versace and all who were visible when it might have been easier to pretend. As Quentin Crisp said, "Style is being yourself, but on purpose."

We should indeed revel in our freedom to meet,

dance, celebrate, and love whom we choose but complacency is dangerous. While the days of concentration camps and the original wearers of pink triangles may seem a long time ago, the forces of repression are like fires that have been banked but not extinguished. The reluctant and lethargic response to the AIDS crisis by government and business is a clear illustration. More recently, the execution of two young men in Iran for the "crime" of homosexuality, or Matthew Sheppard tied to a fence in Wyoming, beaten and left to die covered in his own blood. These events call on us to witness and to remember.

On the other hand we also have a glittering gallery of greats extending back through time like a Broadway kick line. From legendary gay icons like Ethel Merman, Roz Russell and Bette Davis to queer leading men Rock Hudson and Tab Hunter. Even Errol Flynn is reputed to have enjoyed both men and women in his bed. Flynn was also known for getting drunk at parties and picking out the notes to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star on the piano with his penis. While his musical ability didn't rival Liberace's, we're still glad to boast about having him as part of the family (fruit) tree. There are great treasures buried amongst the tragedies and triumphs of queer history.

We are from a line of survivors and we will not be forgotten or ignored. My humour may be camp, I may like to wallow in the schmaltzy glory of Judy at Carnegie Hall, my favourite drink may come in a martini glass but I am one of the fighters in the Resistance against conformity.

As for Stephen Harper, I say to him: We have survived much worse than you. We may use comedy and wit to make our points but don't ever think that we aren't serious. Inside every sissy boy is a core of steel.

And to the current generation of gay men and women I say: There's more to being queer than which body parts you stuff in your mouth. Don't forget where you came from. Our past is a collective heritage - claim it as your own. You have the right.

Love ya!

Crawford

Christian Scriptures and Homosexuality

Martha Martin Talks with DALOut at the Dal SUB on March 22

By Bill McKinnon

Martha Martin is a United Church Chaplain with Dalhousie University's Interfaith Chaplaincy Office. She challenged the scriptures traditionally used to condemn homosexuality in an informal talk sponsored by DalOut at the Dal Student Union Building. Here is part of what Martha discussed.

Christians talk too much about sex. Their concerns should be issues such as poverty, abuse of women and children, and other real world problems - not homosexuality. Why talk of same-sex marriage while we are bombing and killing people in the Middle East?

Christians follow the teachings of Jesus and look to the Bible as a foundation for their faith but there are various ways of interpreting the Bible. Some people claim the Bible is the exact word of God: that it must be read literally and means exactly what it says, no part is more important than any other, and there are no errors or inconsistencies.

Another interpretation is that the bible is the inspired word of God, who influenced its writers; but it was written by humans, not dictated to them. There are inconsistencies and some parts of the Bible are more important than others while a third view is that the word of God can be found in the Bible but that it is a collection of stories that tell us the nature of God but was never intended to be accepted as literal or historical fact. The word of God depends on interpretation.

A fourth possibility is that the Bible is just a good book that gives moral, ethical and spiritual advice but is not inspired by God in any way. Martha Martin accepts parts of the 2nd and 3rd interpretations as the basis of her faith and the United Church, which recognizes same-sex marriage, generally sees it that way too.

Fundamentalists use the five clobber passages in the Bible to condemn homosexuality, but these texts relate to a specific culture which does not exist today. Leviticus contains some of the clobber

passages but scholarly analysis of the text refutes the claims made. The fundamentalists pick only the parts that seem to forbid homosexuality but ignore the other prohibitions such as: eating pork and seafood, adultery, sex during menstruation, celibacy, nudity, birth control, divorce and wearing clothes made from more than one fabric. Why single out homosexuality?

The real story of Sodom and Gomorrah is about power, it does not identify being gay as evil. The Bible says the people of Sodom were wicked but it is not clear what their sins were. The story tells of attempted gang-rape, Lot's willingness to allow his daughters to be raped and the daughters' incest with their father, but does not mention homosexuality.

Some people believe that masturbation is forbidden but it is not mentioned in the Bible. Onanism refers to Onan, a person mentioned in the Bible. However, his story is not about masturbation nor is the caution about not spilling one's seed upon the ground; the Israelites had to procreate to increase their small population.

The Hebrew Bible treats sex as blessed and a gift. "The Song of Songs" is devoted to the joy of sex, a celebration of erotica. Although some say the book is an allegory, it is both erotic and spiritual. Clearly the Bible is not against sex.

One helpful movie "Saved" (2004) is about youth growing up in a church which claims sex is bad and being gay is evil. One line of interest asks the question, "If God wanted us all to be the same, why are we all made different?"

Chaplain Martin suggests that if we are to take one snippet from the Bible it should be from the Gospel of John, which says "The commandment I give to you is that you love one another as I have loved you." While Leviticus is a book of rules, the gospels of Jesus are about inclusiveness; Jesus did not exclude anyone.

Useful references include: The "Gospel According to the Simpsons" by Mark Pinsky, Dr. Ralph Blair and the Clobber Passages (www.ecinc.org), and "The Good Book of Love: Sex in the Bible" (a video with Kathleen Turner)

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Reflections On A Same Gender Wedding

Rev. Malcolm Campbell, Marysville, NB

Introduction by Eldon Hay

Beatrice Breau and Suzanna Norman became life partners at a wedding at which Eldon Hay officiated on 8 October 2005. The wedding was held in New Maryland, NB. Rev. Malcolm (Mac) Campbell was asked to assist. He was delighted to do so, his own Marysville and Penniac congregations being in the preliminary stages of considering same gender marriage. Eight days after the wedding, on 16 October - Pentecost 22 - Mac preached in his own congregations; the sermon was taped. Eldon asked for a copy, and what follows is an excerpt. The first part of the sermon was based on Exodus 33:12-23 - Moses and God arguing; Moses asking that God show God's glory. God finally agreed - Moses would be shown God's glory - but not God's face, rather God's back. Now - Mac Campbell's own words:

"... Quite often, we see God's back. We see where God has just been. And that's really our encounter with God. Sometimes we're aware of it at the time - most often it's just after it happens, or sometimes quite a while after it happens, on reflection, that we realize - that was God there. That's why that happened the way it did."

"The reason this passage speaks to me so strongly right now comes from an event that I took part in a week ago last night. On that occasion I was invited by a colleague, Eldon Hay (whom some of you may know is a retired United Church minister in the Sackville area) to assist him in officiating at a wedding between two women. It was held in the Oakland Park Lodge in New Maryland."

"Just to make sure to get the mechanics of it clear - Eldon was the officiating clergy at the wedding. It was his name, and not mine, that went on the paper that registered the marriage with the government, and on the certificate that the couple took with them as their proof of being married. The Church Register here was not used in the wedding; the wedding was registered in the register of the Sackville United church. Eldon did invite me to co-sign that register which I was honoured to do. But it was his number that was filled in, indicating that he, in fact, was the

officiating clergy. I was sort of the deputy assistant minister for the ceremony. Having said that, let me tell you just a little bit about what that Saturday evening was like."

"In some ways, it was no different from dozens and dozens of weddings that I've done over the years. It had the crowd of people - maybe 30 or 40 people in this case - who sort of trickled in - oh - starting about a half an hour - 40 minutes before the wedding. And they came in and they brought food - because the reception was a pot luck supper in the same place. So they brought their food and they set up the tables. And there was that nervous, kind of excited chatter that goes on - it was anticipation, waiting for the wedding."

Terminology is really strange, I've discovered. I'm in the same habit you are - and I want to say the groom got there early. Well, actually the groom didn't get there - the groom never got there at all. They used the terminology of two brides - and I'll use that too, because I don't know what else to use. One of the brides got there about 30 or 40 minutes before the ceremony started. And she walked around and paced and she made all these nervous and not very funny little jokes - but she was making small talk and she was out the back door for a cigarette about every five minutes. And she was into the washroom 15 times in 10 minutes - she acted for all the world like almost every groom I ever saw waiting for his wedding. It was really uncanny how similar it was."

"The other bride arrived, and came in, and the ceremony began. And it was - I mean you would recognize it instantly as a wedding ceremony - the liturgy was quite familiar, it had some lovely but quite familiar language in it. What was very clear was that these two people were deeply committed to sharing their lives with each other - they were both in their mid- to late forties, they had been around enough to get their feet well anchored on the ground. They knew why they were there, they knew what they were there for, and nothing else really mattered to them at that point. They wanted to make a public commitment of themselves to each other, and to have God be a part of that covenant. They were very serious and very clear about that, and the rest of the stuff didn't

matter. They weren't worried about decorations. In fact, the only decoration was already there - it was a massive moose head hanging on the wall - which I hadn't paid much attention to - until I looked when most of the wedding pictures had been taken, and I happened to stand behind the photographer. You're right! - the wedding party was placed so that the moose head was right between the two brides - it was really... the pictures are going to be priceless! But that was it for decorations and nobody was worried about that. It was quite delightful to see the focus so intently on what was happening. The community that had gathered, as I say, 30 or 40 people - there was just a very clear sense that they weren't there as spectators. They weren't there to see what is this strange thing happening, they were there because they cared about these two people; and by their presence they were committing themselves to honour and support the covenant that these two were entering into, with God. It was everything that you hope a wedding will be."

"And I realized at the time and in reflection afterward - God was there - almost visibly. God was there. And I felt how often it's the case that we encounter God or we see God's back - if you will - among the people who are outside the mainstream, among the people out on the margins, the outcast - the least, lost, last and lonely as somebody described them. How often that happens. I mean, on the face of it, you would think it's absolutely crazy, it's absurd to think that we would encounter the presence of the divine in a same sex wedding. It's almost as crazy as a first century Palestinian Jew turning to a Samaritan of all people for advice about social outreach and pastoral care. It's ludicrous! But then we all know the story of the good Samaritan ..."



Bedford United Church

Affirming Congregation

By Bill McKinnon

Bedford United Church (BUC) will hold a dedication service on Sunday, May 7, 2006 at 10 am, as it becomes an Affirming Congregation by receiving a certificate from Affirm United. Everyone is welcome. Rev. Robert Johnson of St. Andrews, NB will be the guest speaker.

In becoming an affirming congregation, BUC has made the following statement:

We the people of Bedford United Church declare publicly our commitment to creating a community where all people are welcome regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, differing abilities, ethnic background or economic circumstance.

All persons are welcome to take part in every aspect of church life including membership, leadership, celebrating life passages and marriage.

Several members of the LGBT community are already active members of BUC's congregation.

Bedford United Church is lo-

cated at 1200 Bedford Highway. For additional information check out the website at bedfordunited.com/affirm.php

"Affirm United (AU/AE) is an organization of persons working through education and social integration for the welcoming of diverse peoples, especially the inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons in the life and work of the church. AU / AE is composed of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities and so it is open to all people within the United Church of Canada who support these goals." Its website is www.affirmunited.ca

Services

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



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Menz Bar Celebrates One Year Anniversary

by Randall Perry

As the cliché goes, what a difference a year makes. In early February I sat down with David Landry and Doug Melanson, owners and operators of Halifax's happening queer hangout, Menz Bar, to talk about how the business has grown over the past year.

The former Toolbox/Eagle nightclub has been radically transformed over the months. David and Doug quickly realised that they needed to revisit their floor plan. "We ran out of space," explains Doug. "After the first month, we

started thinking about developing the third floor, which at the time was a small one-bedroom apartment. Once we started tearing out walls and putting in steel support beams from below, we knew that we had made the right decision." By opening up the space and putting the pool table there, the "Partz Dept." was born, a relaxing space decorated with auto parts donated from a garage in New Glasgow.

The second floor continued to grow and evolve, as well. The furniture was moved around, the

back area where the pool table once stood became a well-used dance floor, and the DJ booth cranks out the beats to an ever-growing crowd of partiers every weekend. "I see new people coming in every weekend," says Doug. "Even after a year being open we still have new people coming in almost every night, and many patrons of the former Toolbox and Eagle can't believe how much the place has changed."

On January 28 the bar threw its first anniversary party, and what a party it was. Doug enjoys the mo-

ments, fresh in his memory: "The biggest gift that the community has given us after twelve months of being in business is that over two hundred and fifty people showed up to celebrate Menz's first anniversary. We had our hours extended until three a.m. and we brought in pizza. At midnight David and I hit the floor with t-shirts wrapped up like birthday presents for everyone."

"People were wish us happy birthday, but we said 'It's happy birthday to you, too.' Without our customers coming in and supporting us over the past year, we would not be here."

Good communication is the key to any successful relationship, business or personal. David and Doug find that communication comes easily to them and their business partnership is more effective now than it was at the beginning of the venture. I mention that from the customer's point of view things run like a well-oiled machine. Doug adds, "I think that with Doug and me it just comes naturally. We can read each other very well. We have our own jobs to do within the business, but we can overlap when necessary."

Over the course of the year the two owners have found both the needed overlap and a comfortable separation of the business's major roles and responsibilities. Each gravitates toward what he finds his strength. For Doug, this includes more of the advertising and public relations side of the business. For David, the logistics and day-to-day minutiae of the running of the bar – from acquiring and tracking stock to the important and time-consuming task of hiring and training staff – he integrates into his already full Monday to Friday full-time work schedule.

"The logistics, yes, that's a major part of the business. Someone has to do it," explains David. "The other major part is the advertising and the building of links to the community and such. I don't think that one role is more valuable than

the other, and they both probably take the same amount of time. Doug was already doing a lot of one piece, so he just continued in that role."

"The way that David tracks stock just blows me away," Doug adds. "I've never seen anybody

memorise things like he

does. I can ask him at any time about what we have for stock or what we need, and he can usually tell me within four bottles of any brand of beer. That's not my strength. When I come in, I'm out on the floor interacting with the customers, whereas David

can be found in several places in the bar at any given moment – checking stock, behind the cash, cleaning tables, making sure customers don't wait long for their drinks."

The guys currently have two major projects slated for 2006. One of them, Mollyz Diner, has already been completed on the first floor of the Gottingen Street building and opened to the public in early April. The second project is the summer-time expansion of the third floor patio, which will provide an airy extension to the quiet Partz Dept. area.

When asked, "What about ten years down the road? Will there still be a Menz Bar in a decade?" Doug answers, "At the rate we continue to grow and develop, I feel the bar will still be around in some form. Ten years is a long time, though, and even though the space will continue to reinvent itself, I'm sure that it will still be something the community will be proud of. As long as David and I are involved, Menz Bar will continue to provide a positive, supportive environment for the community."

In business, one always hopes and plans for success, but it is never a given. Menz Bar has succeeded so far in a competitive marketplace and continues to grow by adapting to and changing with the needs of a diverse community.



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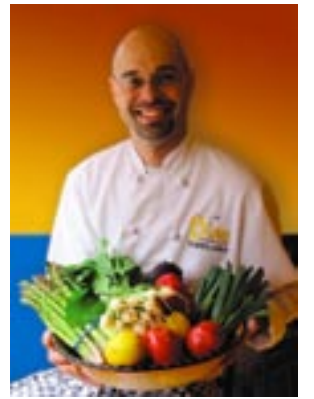
2 bunches organic broccoli (cut into fleurettes)
4 strips bacon (fried crisp)
1/4 of a red onion (sliced thin)
3/4 lb grated extra old cheddar
1/2 dried sultan raisins
1 cup toasted pecans
4 mandarin oranges (segmented or 1 can drained)

Dressing:

1 cup mayonnaise
1 Tbsp English style curry powder
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1-2 cloves garlic (crushed)
1 tsp sea salt
1/2 tsp fresh cracked pepper
1/3 honey

Method:

1. Make the dressing first by combining all of the ingredients in a food processor, or by whisking them together by hand. Cover and set aside.
2. Prepare all of the salad elements and toss them into a large mixing bowl. Add the curried dressing and toss lightly to coat everything. Cover tightly and allow to marinate refrigerated for at least 3 hours (even better over night)
3. I prefer to transfer the salad to a glass bowl for serving so that the colours are visible as a feat for the eyes before the taste buds.



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

Transgender Diaries V

By Denise Holliday

I have read several stories where non-transsexual/non-transgendered people have written things they think they know. Things that are obvious, of which their phobia's and lack of knowledge are the default in the disguise of knowledge.

Children and family situations involving children and transgendered parents seem to be a constant source of ridicule and concern. These attitudes, when placed in print are then taken by spouses, social workers and judges- as well as lawyers and even family doctors- as fuel for their own insecurities. To this end I wanted to share some moments that my family and neighbours experienced, concerning people under 16 and often less than 6 years old who know Denise.

I informed my kids when my youngest was 11 years old and for the first 24 hours after telling her, she was emotionally upset. The following day she approached my spouse and had one question. After being assured we would answer any question as best we could, my

spouse prepared for the worst regarding the question. My daughter wanted to know, when I became a woman, if my hair would grow back! After much discussion the way of approaching our children was a joint decision. Our children were informed and given time to get used to the idea before being presented with Denise. We tried to go at the pace of the youngest, since she was the only one living at home. Within days she was full of questions and curiosity. Once she was assured I was not disappearing or leaving, she was very settled with the whole thing. Today she is approaching 18 and graduation with honours, and she is still one of my strongest allies.

Several months later I was living 80% full time and preparing for name change and 100% full time. While getting ready to go visit some friends in another town for the weekend my youngest asked if she could come. I explained that Denise was going for the weekend to do some work and she may not be comfortable with that. No prob-

lem, she still wanted to come. This was our first real time together as Denise and her daughter. I realized on the way there that I needed a couple of things from the grocery store. I explained that and suggested that I leave her in the car for a couple of minutes and she could lock all the doors. It was evening time in Windsor and the car park was almost empty so I knew I

Social expectations and self esteem can be a cruel master.

would only be a few minutes. She decided she wanted to come in the store with me. With my heart in my mouth we entered the store and I purchased the items. We paid while the clerk chatted away to me and my daughter. Leaving the store, I asked if she was alright with everything. She looked up and grinned as we walked. "What does that mean?" I asked. Pausing before continuing, with a smile she

said "Denise doesn't talk as much as Dad," to which we both laughed all the way to my friend's house.

Unlike some professionally qualified people, my experiences involving children under the age of six has been positive. Even kids who knew me as a male had no problem accepting me as a female. They were much more positive in their vocal terminology and rarely used the wrong word. In the last 6 years my spouse and I have babysat several neighbours' children from two to six years old. Their acceptance of Denise is only outdone by their honesty in asking questions.

Unlike adults they ask a question and accept the answer without prejudice. A dozen children under 12 years old have been really supportive of Denise, even to defending me when they hear adults make stupid comments. Telling children the truth is not what hurts them; it is lying about the truth and using children as a weapon that destroys them. One day they will be old enough to understand what was done and decide for themselves,

but will they be able to survive that journey which will involve in many cases strong elements of self destruction. My son was in his late twenties and three months after my living full time, he left a message that he was moving and we were not to try and find him. To this day (4-5 years) he has not contacted anyone to our knowledge. Older sons have the biggest problem with male to female transsexuals while it is daughters who often fail to support the female to males. Social expectations and self esteem can be a cruel master. A lot of adult offspring eventually come round to meeting and renewing their relationship with the parent when the rest of the family is seen to be supportive. In the area of family and neighbours support, I have been truly blessed. I was introduced as Gran to my first granddaughter last March, a special moment for me and my oldest daughter. They may not like what I am perceived to have become, but they love who I am and who I have always been.

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Date TBA

This Ain't Your Typical Rose Garden Tour- Take a stroll down the path with the nymphs and gnomes who tend Halifax's most Secret Gardens.

Monday July 17

Proclamation and Flag Raising- Come to Halifax's historic Grand Parade for this



hosted by Mayor Peter Kelly follows in City Hall.

Tuesday July 18

Queer Comedy Night- Laugh your way out of the closet with Nova Scotia's best LGBT comedians.

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Wednesday July 19 and

Thursday July 20

Reel Out Film Festival- This year's festival is being curated by one of Nova Scotia's finest queer cinema artists. That's all we can say for now; stay tuned for more!



Thursday July 20

Reading Out Loud- Traditionally hosted by Jane Kansas, this popular event honours LG-BTQ poets and novelists (the famous and the not-quite-yet famous). Produced by Venus Envy Spring Garden Road Public Li-



Saturday

July 22

Annual Parade- A new Parade moving Brunswick at the foot of del Hill. Follow the Parade as up Spring Road, and makes along South Park Road. Then head Halifax Commons fantastic Fair and where Pride 2006 present an open-air concert, free of charge, to the



and new this year

Monday July 17

Step Into the Light: A Performing Arts Gala- Celebrate Nova Scotia's outstanding LGBTQ playwrights; actors; dancers; classical and jazz musicians, in a gala revue of extraordinary music, theatre and dance.

Friday July 21

Queer Times: Queer Measures – A multidisciplinary evening, featuring performers and artists of all sorts and pleasures from across the city. Join us for a night of Music, Visuals, Sexperts & Anything and Everything.

Sunday July 23

Faeries on the Ferry- We're taking Pride across the harbour to Dartmouth. A picnic event for all ages, on Sunday afternoon in Ferry Terminal Park in Dartmouth.

We're also looking into having a Ceilidh; hosting an alcohol-free dance or coffee-house; having an outdoor inter-faith prayer service; an outreach and information-sharing for and by the Transgender community; and maybe a health fair! There are so many ideas out there, and we need to have your input. Pride is for all of us to enjoy. That's why we try to make our events free-of-charge, or, if we must sell tickets to cover costs, we partner with a charity that benefits our community, so that something is given back where it's needed. Let us hear from you, where you think the demand is, so we can make Halifax Pride 2006 bigger, brighter and bolder than ever before.

Thanks very much, Lee-Anne Poole. events@halifaxpride.com

... And Now a Word from your Events Coordinator: A Call for Participation!

What would you want to see at this year's Pride? The Halifax Pride Board is working to make 2006's Pride week, July 16th to 23rd, the best Halifax Pride yet! This year's theme is Community and we need everyone's input. If you have an idea for a show, or something you would like to see; if you're interested in performing; or you want to produce an Event, we need to hear from you. Please drop us a line. You can e-mail all of your Events' inquiries, suggestions and questions to events@halifaxpride.com.

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you about what you want to see in Pride 2006. We want to keep our events free, or very affordable. At the same time we want to expand a little, to deal with bigger crowds and higher expectations. Everything comes with a price, and there's no doubt in our minds that Pride 2006 will cost more money than 2005. We've eliminated almost \$1,500 in parade costs by staying off Barrington St. We'd love to see the Pride Parade follow the same route as the Parade of Lights, taking it's rightful place in the historic heart of our city, but for now, that \$1,500 can help to cover the increased policing costs that will arise from hosting the Pride Day Festival and Concert on the Halifax Commons. If there is a silver lining in all of this we hope it's in how we've tried to handle this deficit, and that it reflects the maturing of our organization. We are fully committed to making Halifax Pride 2006 an open and accessible event; fiscally responsible, but fabulous



too! We want to be transparent in our dealings and absolutely accountable to you, our community. Please remember, our meetings are open to the public, and we welcome any chance to hear from you. We're delighted that more and more community members are showing up to see how Pride comes together. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for May 11th & 25th, and for June 8th, but check out our website as new dates and locations may well be added.

Happy Pride to all, Patrick Daigle and Hugo Dann. co-chairs@halifaxpride.com

Old Friends and New Faces

Halifax Pride bids a sad good-bye to some members of the board. Blair LeBlanc, our former Events Coordinator has re-located back to Truro for the time being, although he's keeping in touch with Pride. Lee-Anne Poole has stepped into his portfolio, and is already putting her own stamp on things. Read more from Lee-Anne about Pride Week Events below. Bryn Jones-Vaillancourt has resigned from Sponsorship. Bryn did wonderful work on reducing our debt by negotiating with our creditors, and we're extremely grateful to him for his efforts. Best of luck to Bryn! Maggie Haywood, manager at Venus Envy and one half of Girl-ish Productions, has become our new Sponsorship Director. Any sponsorship inquiries will reach her via e-mail

at sponsorship@halifaxpride.com. Mauve Page has gone from being Member-at-Large to looking after the overall design and look of Halifax Pride 2006. Mauve has been an extraordinary asset to Pride and we feel lucky to have her on board. We also extend a warm welcome to local writer Bill McKinnon. Bill has signed on to be our media liaison; he'll be looking after our press releases and general media relations.

"Rockin' the Gaybourhood!"

Chad Whiteway, one half of Halifax Pride's parade team (along with Laura Gayoso) is producing a fundraising concert for Halifax Pride at Flux on Gottingen Street, on Sunday May 14. Hosted by local comedian (and award-winning playwright for 'Gay White Trash'), Michael Best, this evening will feature local queer rockers such as Ryan McGrath, Roxanne Haranyk, and Yvette Boudreau, along with their Imperial Majesties, Emperor and Empress VI of Halifax. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Check your local papers to see where you can buy tickets.



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What Does "Community" Mean To You?

By Sean Foreman Chair, NSRAP
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How do you answer this question? What is the gay community? What is the lesbian community? Or these days, what is the "Rainbow Community"?

There are so many ways to answer all of these questions. The point I want to make is that no one person – and no one organization – can (or perhaps should?) be able to answer this question for all. However, it is a question that NSRAP has always struggled to answer, since our creation in 1995 and our early "community meetings" across Nova Scotia, to the present day.

In our article published in April, we reviewed the strategic planning process that NSRAP has been engaged in, and the plans we have for growth, accountability and greater community development as core priorities to fulfill our Vision of "Equality for All!"

We live in a Community of Communities, grouped (divided?) in many ways, whether by race, location, gender, age, economic status, education, and yes, even sexual orientation. The intersection of this multitude of "communities" can sometimes lead to anything but. However, it is a challenge that we all must face in a world that strives to celebrate diversity and leave no-one behind.

Part of the strategic planning and renewal process for NSRAP is to work harder to reach out to "the Community" that we strive to serve, beyond the Board of Direc-

tors and formal structure such as committees (as necessary as they are to any organization).

We know that we are not, and can never be, "all things to all people". We do know that, along with many other individuals and great organizations across Nova Scotia, we have an important role to play.

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We strive to live out our 'provincial mandate', which of course is always challenging. We strive to provide an experienced 'voice' on legal and policy issues that affect the Rainbow Community, in the media and privately with business, institutions and governments at every level. We believe strongly in education and dialogue and working to change policy and attitudes by engaging people – not isolating them. We may not have the answer to define it precisely, but we believe strongly in "Community".

Many of us are following the interesting developments in Ottawa, where the gay and lesbian community there is making good progress in the development of a "Community Centre". Many of us who have been able to visit Toronto are aware of the '519 Community Centre' in the gay village. There are varied examples of this kind of 'community development' in most of the larger cities across

Canada.

Is it time for this kind of 'community development' here in Nova Scotia? Many we have spoken to think that it is. However, talk about the definition of challenge! There certainly are many pros and cons to this particular question. If it is to happen, it will take resources, government and business support, committed volunteers, committed staff, and most importantly the support of the 'community' itself being 'centered'.

This is why at the upcoming NSRAP Annual General Meeting (to be held June 17, 2006), the Executive will be reviewing and seeking support from our members to conduct a feasibility study to explore the issue throughout our diverse community, gauge its support (or opposition), and potentially develop a plan on how to move forward.

We can't take even these initial steps without your support. As part of this process, we want to know what YOU think about this proposal. We want to open a dialogue with other groups and organizations, some of whom may already have had a similar idea, and many of whom could be partners. So, look out for more details. Become a member now (it's only \$10 per year!). Join us for the AGM June 17th. Write an e-mail or a letter. Come to a community meeting. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you in the months ahead!

Marriage Vote Still On

By Gilles Marchildon*, Egale Canada

Just when we thought we could relax a bit. I was very much looking forward to the post-marriage era for our community.

Same-sex couples enjoy the same equality rights and relationship recognition, through common-law inclusion and equal marriage. I thought that energy and resources could now be focused on other issues.

For instance, we could encourage schools across Canada to be more proactive in addressing homophobia and transphobia, using the example of Winnipeg One School Division and others.

We could push to extend full human rights protection to trans people by amending the Canadian Human Rights Act to include „gender identity% and „gender expression%.

But thanks to our new Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Justice Minister, Manitoba's Vic Toews, we need to defend past achievements. We need to stop a roll-back on equality.

We need to „stand up for Canada%, as the Conservative Party's election slogan says ^ but giving a more inclusive definition of Canada that reflects equality and justice.

Canadian voters ^ albeit only 1 out of 3 ^ brought to power a party that includes the following in its platform: „A Conservative government will: Hold a truly free vote on the definition of marriage in the next session of Parliament. If the resolution is passed, the government will introduce legislation to restore the traditional definition of marriage while respecting existing same-sex marriages.%

Last year, Parliament adopted equal marriage legislation. MPs voted to uphold the equal rights of LGBT Canadians while also enhancing religious freedom. It was the Canadian way: equality while respecting diversity; complementary rights, not competing rights.

That historic vote on equal marriage concluded 3 years of intense debate. Since then, the sky hasn't fallen and we have social peace on the matter. Two thirds of Canadians don't want the Conservative government to re-open the debate on equal marriage. Even Canada's top CEOs agree that we should live and let live... and move on.

Yet, a vote to take away equal marriage is coming. Harper and Toews confirmed this on April 5 when its absence from the Throne Speech was pointed out by Canadians for Equal Marriage (CEM), recently resurrected by Egale Canada.

Well-funded and formidable opponents are mobilizing. Their combined resources are aimed at taking away our hard-won equal marriage rights.

As previously mentioned in this space, Focus on the Family Canada established the Institute of Marriage and Family Canada. Vote Marriage Canada (VCM) is another new group, headed by former Member of Parliament Pat O'Brien.

VCM says that throughout history, „marriage between a man and a woman has been the fundamental and essential foundation of strong families... Anything that undermines our families threatens our future. And make no mistake. Legalizing same-sex marriage will undermine our families.

The only threat I see is the one to equality posed by a new vote on equal marriage.

We need to prevent this roll-back on equality. You thought the equal marriage law voted last year was the last word? Not according to the new government.

Speak now or forever hold your peace.

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Pigeon Holes: A Lecture on Sexual Diversity

By Bill McKinnon

Dr. Loppie, is an Assistant Professor at Dalhousie University's School of Health & Human Performance. In her lecture at the Dal SUB on March 15 she talked on sexual diversity and its impact on our health.

Dr. Loppie is of European and Aboriginal background but found herself "in between cultures" belonging in neither white nor aboriginal communities. However her aboriginal half helped her to appreciate the holistic view of health when she did health research in their communities.

The view of homophobics and heterosexists is that heterosexuality is the norm and all other sexuality is deviance from the norm.

Dr Loppie suggests we all become comfortable with who we are without the use of discreet labels such as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, intersexed, two-spirited, eunuch, -etc. We try to fit everybody into pigeon holes. Why don't we just have straight people say they're straight? Diversity is the norm; we are a culture of differences. If we stay in the same pigeon holes, we ignore the diversity in every person and every society and we ignore part of ourselves.

We should stop ignoring "our own ass." Sexual diversity includes many elements: orientations, motivations, roles, sexes (male, female, intersex, eunuch), desires, and identities. It's not just about being gay, straight or whatever.

Identities are complex. Some feel comfortable labeling themselves; others have labels imposed on them. There are straight men who have sex with men but are not labeled as gay. A lot depends on the cultural context. In some cultures the penetrator is said to be straight but the guy penetrated, gay.

Dr. Loppie believes the Creator has intentions for everyone. Human sexuality is created and given meaning through human involvement be it personal, relational, temporal, cultural, historical, political, organizational or economic. Sexuality is a human construct.

Métis writer, Ryan Mercredi wrote: "If a person is different from the average individual, this means that the spirit must have taken particular care in creating this person... by this reasoning, such an

individual must be especially close to the spirits."

Individual sexual orientation may change over time; it evolves as we become sexually mature. It's the same as food preferences; liking to eat pasta today but maybe not tomorrow. Temporal assessments also change. The American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from their list of mental illnesses in the 70's. GLBT couples have long lived under a cloak of silence but today their issues are coming to light, notably as recently reported in Quebec where one partner may go into a seniors' home but the other may be denied spousal visiting rights.

In 1948 Dr. Kinsey reported that 37% of men have had sex with another male. It became difficult to call homosexual acts a crime or deviance when 37% do it; so eventually political views changed. Kinsey started a process of categorizing sexual orientation and today it is said there are as many as 13 typologies defining bisexuality. There are a lot of possibilities. How do you label a lesbian who has sex with men for money? In some cultures

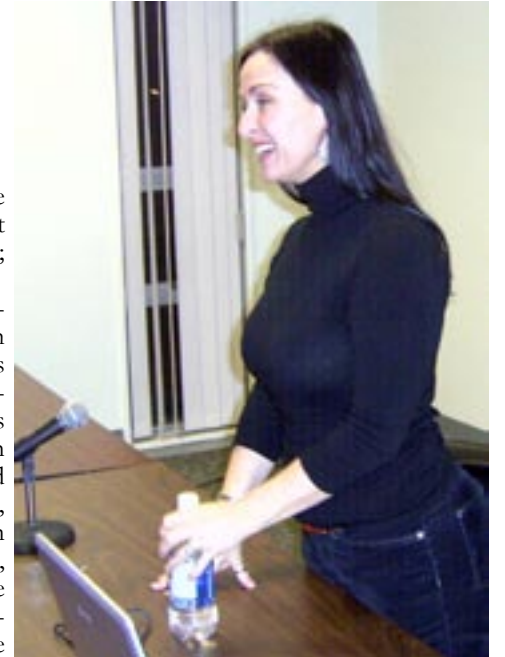
boys growing up may have sex with older men as part of their indoctrination; what are they?

There has been a paradigm shift in our approach to health and wellness – much influenced by experience of indigenous cultures. The old paradigm was atomistic, dualistic and myopic; the new: holistic, pluralistic and broad. In the past, if we were sick, we were not well. We now look at the entire human being who could be "suffering in wellness" or "well in illness." We don't have to be sick in all areas of our life. The old paradigm considered physical and mental health separately; the new looks at circles of elements: physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and social – all inter-related dimensions – not just seeing the person from one angle. Features considered in this circle include: safety, comfort, healing, wellness, minimizing suffering, rest and support.

How is Dal doing with accepting sexual diversity? It is not that there is no progress but the message is still "you don't belong here; so

go play in another yard." Dal Allies is doing a good job in recognizing the threats to students, their safety needs and providing some protection.

One program that is underway at Dal is "Changing Worlds: Diversity and Health Care" It is designed to build cultural competency among health care educators at Dal to contribute to the offering of appropriate, accessible and equitable care within health systems for marginalized communities including LGBTs.



AA In Prison

By Bill M

What is it like to be gay and in prison in Atlantic Canada?

I got this letter from a guy named Tod in a Bridgewater, Massachusetts prison and wondered what it's like to be behind bars here. The wording of the letter which follows is close to what I received on the back of a Courage Round Up flyer but I have removed last names and made some minor changes.

"Dear Members of Courage Roundups,

I need some help. My friend Holly (last name omitted) has found your advertisements here – long after I've been trying to locate gays in AA (Alcoholics Anonymous).

I've got a big problem – 30, perhaps 50 of us do in this prison. These inmate bullies don't let us "Gays Bi Trans" attend the AA or NA with them at their Regular Meetings ...not to mention a lot of other things to do or not.

I am looking for Outside Help. Could you please lend me all your resources or newsletters or exactly how I can get info so I can start our own meetings inside here. I can pay for any subscriptions or resources needed and I can obtain permissions from our Comm. Of Corr.

I've written endlessly but nothing has panned out with help.

Sincerely Tod (last name deleted)

PS This N.S. meeting is awesome and I know some guys who are getting out would definitely like to get away and go to this event you have going in Nova Scotia."

Tod is referring to the annual Courage Roundup of Gay Men & Lesbians in AA (Aug 11-13). I hope his friends do come but the ways things are today they probably could not get over the Border. An American friend of mine ended up selling his dream home in NS when his partner could not cross the border because of a minor crime committed in the US in his youth and long-ago forgiven in his native state.

Tod uses the term "gays bi trans" and I assume he means gays, bisexuals and transsexuals but I could be wrong.

I will write to Tod and send him what I can and will send a copy of his letter to the AA people in Massachusetts who may be able to help him. I will also write the International Advisory Committee of Gay Men & Lesbians in AA. If any one would like to write to him, send your letter to Tod, c/o 6 Campeau Court, Eastern Passage, NS B3G 1J5 and I will forward it to him. Sorry I cannot give out his last name and address here. I also plan on speaking up to some people in AA who tell me we don't need Gay meetings or Gay roundups in AA.

Chris Glaser at Tatamagouche Centre A Spirituality of Inclusion

By Bill McKinnon

I attended a GLBT weekend retreat with Rev. Chris Glaser at the United Church's Tatamagouche Centre, March 24 – 26. Along with Chris were Rev. Bob Johnson of St Andrews, NB, Martha Martin, a Chaplain from Halifax, and 14 other wonderful participants from around the Maritimes.

For me the weekend was an uplifting experience of spiritual bonding and new insights into life. Especially helpful and healing activities included quiet walks on the grounds, songs we sang together; a moving "coming out ceremony," personalized affirmations from the scriptures that we made to each other, and the many ideas and feelings we shared in leader-led discussions and in one-on-one conversations.

For thirty years, Chris Glaser has been a gay Christian activist and author; he is an ordained MCC minister and now lives in Georgia.



reconciling externally what I believe the Spirit reconciled internally: my sexuality and my spirituality. So my work has been about reconciling the church and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community."

At this retreat I learned that it's okay to be both Christian and gay and it's okay to be me.

Historic Tatamagouche Centre has a beautiful and peaceful rural setting with comfortable accommodations and

great food. I have not been on a retreat in years and though I gained about 3 pounds, I now have two of Chris' books (which I treasure), great new friends and I can hardly wait to go to Tatamagouche again in October.

See www.tatacentre.ca for information on upcoming events.

His website is <<http://www.chrisglaser.com/>>www.chrisglaser.com

Of the retreat's theme, Chris says: "I believe that most Christians have difficulty accepting homosexuality in the Church because they are unable to accept any sexuality as a means of God's grace. My ministry is about





Sports Briefs

Everyone is welcome to contribute brief articles on upcoming gay and lesbian sporting events, experiences as a gay/lesbian athlete, or any other sports-related activity. Send your contributions to any Wayves magazine address. The sports news was compiled by Mark Mutrie.

Summer Storm

A summer storm with the tension and excitement provided by the thunder and lightning can often be a wonderful bit of entertainment. Director Marco Kreuzpaintner hopes that we will find his film *Summer Storm* just as entertaining. The movie tells a coming-of-age story of Tobi (Austrian actor Robert Stadlober) who is a member of a rowing team in Bavaria along with his friend Achim (Kostja Ullmann). The rowers and their teammates head to a summer rowing camp where events unfold much as you might expect. While Tobi and Achim both have girlfriends, Tobi has stronger feeling for Achim than his girlfriend. The rowing team

queerSchlag (Queerstrokes) from Berlin has also come to Bavaria to compete in the camp's rowing championship. The gay rowers, tanned, fit and often shirtless, are skilled and confident athletes. Tobi, among others, wants to know more about them and he sets out to do just that. Along the way, he discovers much more about himself. The summer storm of emotions gives way to calmer, happier weather. You probably won't find anything in this film too surprising. It's a bit of endearing distraction for a rainy, summer afternoon.

Fun to Run

Have you ever wondered why people like to run or walk at a brisk pace? Well, you get your heart pumping, you get a bit sweaty, you can do it alone or with your best buddy (or buddies!) and it feels great. The Halifax FrontRunners Running/Walking Club is an amicable group of gay- and lesbian-friendly runners and walkers that meet 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 leave at 9:30 am. Everyone meets for refreshments afterwards. For information, call Bruce at 902-422-7579 or Jim at 902-826-7356. It's fun to run – or walk.

Nice Balls

Balls are very important when it comes to sporting events -- both in the sense of tenacity and as the object we kick, throw, bounce and volley. Mikasa, known worldwide as a supplier of the athletic balls

used in the Olympic Games and major world championships, has joined the group of partners sponsoring Montreal 2006. Mikasa will be the official supplier of balls used in the basketball, volleyball, handball, beach volleyball, soccer and water polo events at the 1st World Outgames.

Montreal 2006 also welcomed CGI, Speedo and Envers to its growing group of partners. Hopefully no one will confuse CGI Group Inc., which is the eighth largest independent information technology firm in the world, with CGI, Chicago Games Inc. which is unlikely to sponsor to the Outgames. In collaboration with Signa Marketing, Speedo will create a special athletic collection carrying the Outgames insignia. Envers and its designer, Yves Jean Lacasse, will also create an exclusive collection for this sporting event.

Straight Talk

The mention of straight talk in the sports news might make you think of professional athletes making negative slurs. In this case, however, the straight talk is positive and comes from Olympic gold medalist Mark Tewksbury. In his recently published book *Inside Out: Straight Talk from a Gay Jock*, Tewksbury shares both public and private aspects of his life, telling us about his successes in the pool and difficult personal challenges he faced as a public figure coming out as a gay man. Tewksbury is a motivational speaker – and writer – and these skills come out in his book. He reveals to us how strength of character and integrity can help anyone meet challenges

straight on. It's an inspirational book that provides great motivation for the challenges of the big sporting events this summer.

The Fans Say ...

The film *Ring of Fire* presented at the Sundance Film Festival is a documentary about Smith Emile Griffith who beat Benny (Kid) Paret to death in the boxing ring after Paret called him a maricón -- a faggot. NBC and USA Network commissioned a national poll of the general public between March 18-21 on the issue of homosexuality in sports prior to showing the documentary film on their networks on April 20.

Of the 979 people interviewed, 86% agreed that it is O.K. for openly gay male athletes to participate in sports but 24% of the respondents agreed that having an openly gay player would hurt the entire team. 68% indicated that it would hurt a player's career to be openly gay. 41% of those polled agreed that Americans would be less proud of an Olympics gold winning athlete if he or she were gay and "out." Doug Schoen of Penn, Schoen & Berland Associates who conducted the poll summed up the situation well stating, "It was like, I'm O.K. with this, but if you press me, I have some doubts."

In an article in the April 18 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, which discusses the poll results, author L. Jon Wertheim tells us about an NBA player in the 1990's who considered disclosing that he was gay. He decided that the burden of hiding his sexual orientation was easier to handle than facing the consequences of revealing it. It's an all too familiar story.

The Pros Say ...

In late February, *Sports Illustrated* also reported on a survey of professional athletes that was done over the previous 10 months. 248 athletes in the NBA, 357 in the NFL, 346 in the NHL and 450 major-league baseball players were asked, "would you welcome an openly gay teammate?" How did the players respond? 59.6% of NBA players, 56.9% of NFL players, 79.9% of NHL players and 61.5% of baseball players stated that they'd welcome a gay teammate. The poll results also indicated that younger players in the NFL and NBA would be less welcoming than their older counterparts. These results suggest that NHL players are significantly more open to the idea of having a gay teammate their counterparts in the other sports. A majority of NHL players come from Canada and European countries where gays and lesbians have made significant gains in terms of equal rights and marriage. Their attitude probably matches that of the sports fans in their home countries.

Atlantiques

Get wet and have some fun! The *Atlantiques* is a group of gay swimmers in



the Moncton area who have joined forces for "Fun, Fitness, Friendship and Participation." That's the motto of Masters Swimming Canada and you'll find that these swimmers take the motto to heart. Some of the swimmers train with the masters swim team in Moncton, while others train on their own. Masters swimmers vary in experience from novice to seasoned competitors. For more information, visit <http://Atlantiques.org>.

Open Sesame

Doors open when you are well-connected. Gay Games executive director Brian McGuinness acknowledged and thanked Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky from Illinois who, along with the Chicago Gay Games organizers and the Federation of Gay Games members, worked hard to ensure that Gay Games VII received Designated Event Status from the U.S. federal government. This status will allow non-U.S. citizens living with HIV/AIDS to travel to Chicago to participate in this major sporting event. HIV positive participants and attendees must still, however, apply for a single entry B-2 travel visa from the U.S. embassy or consulates in their home country. The visa will be issued on a special form instead of being placed permanently in the participant's passport and will be valid from July 8 to 28. Athletes and others from outside Canada who are living with HIV/AIDS do not require any special entry visa to enter this country for the Outgames.

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Review

Gay Haiku

by Joel Derfner

Review by Ralph Higgins

Gay Haiku is the kind of book that can ruin a party. It will go like this: Someone picks up the book, opens at random, reads, laughs and someone else will say, "What's so funny?" Whereupon the first person will read a poem out loud, a group gathers, the book gets passed hand to hand, more laughter and no one paying any attention to the host's beautifully prepared hors d'oeuvres or the Ikebana flower display. A person could easily resent the author of such a book, if not for a couple of things like talent, wit, insight and skill, all of which Joel Derfner has in spades. An example:

My seventh birthday;
I weep at Barbie's Dream House.
How could you not know?

Most of the poems in Gay Haiku have a hint of poignancy as well as humour. Derfner reveals himself (and thus all of us) with great honesty underneath a campy, funny surface. Written partly as an act of vengeance after a bad breakup, the situations and people are familiar to us and the laughter is fueled by recognition.

I spoke with Joel Derfner and found his humorous observations about gay life were only a part of this very talented man's skills.

Wayves: I've got some questions about the book Gay Haiku. Got a copy for Christmas and LOVED it! But, I promise not to get into any "inappropriate" personal areas like cut/uncut, favourite glory holes or whether Bea Arthur's greatest TV role was Maude or Dorothy.

JD: 1. Cut. 2. I'm actually more of a sex-club type myself, or at least was when I was single. 3. Dorothy

Wayves: The poems have a simple, effortless quality which I'm sure is deceptive. What is your work habit like?

JD: Very simple — just a tunic, a scapular, a coif, and a veil. Wimples are so pre-Vatican II. The outfit as a whole is very slimming. Oh, wait. Is that not what you meant?

Wayves: (laughs) Let's try something simpler, like favourite drink?

JD: Actually, I don't drink. In my freshman year of college I got really drunk at a party thrown by the Professor of Christian Morals; he was serving his Bishop's Punch, which was one part fruit juice to two parts bourbon. Since then the taste of alcohol has turned my stomach, so I drink only when it is absolutely vital that I get drunk. The last time this happened, at dinner with friends a couple years ago, I slammed my hand down next to my plate and slurred, "I'm smarter than everyone at this table put together!" You can imagine how well this went over.

Wayves: (still laughing) What is your position on electrolysis?

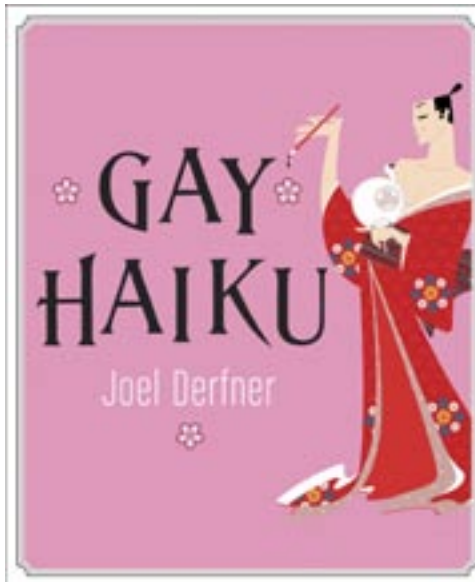
JD: I think it's a terrible idea, mostly because hair might at any

moment come back into fashion again. Just wax. I am always in favor of hedging your bets. Unless you're talking about back hair, but anybody who has been so lax as to



allow back hair to grow enough to need taking care of clearly has far more serious problems to address

Wayves: Forgive my drifting off topic but I just got back from a pie social, followed by a viewing of Hotel Rwanda... my sugar levels and my emotions are all over the



place. So I've had a teensy glass of vodka to settle my nerves.

JD: I must say that the thought of Hotel Rwanda paired with a pie social makes me a bit queasy. I feel that a pie social should be accompanied by a viewing of, say, Jeffrey or Breakfast at Tiffany's or, at the heaviest, Yentl. Hotel Rwanda, meanwhile, should be seen following the start of a juice fast.

Wayves: Are you still single and bitter?

JD: Though I will remain to my dying day bitter and full of rancor, I am, mystifyingly, no longer single. Half the poems in the book are about sex I had with other people the first time I was dating my boyfriend (before I dumped him and then realized what a moron I had been and begged him to take me back and he did), and I see it as a measure of his generosity of spirit that he was willing to help me make editorial decisions. "Honey," I would ask, "should it be 'How is it you knew/I wasn't faithful? Oh, yeah:/Bite marks on my ass' or 'Thumbprints on my ass?'" And he would say, "As I recall, it was actually thumbprints, but I think 'bite marks' has a stronger dramatic effect." So he's extraordinarily well-adjusted. Also, he's a doctor, a fact I do my best to work into every conversation I have with

anybody.

Wayves: Yes, one of my favourites is:

You are not the man
I always dreamed I would love -
Just the man I do
JD: Thanks.

Wayves: Advice for those seeking meaningful relationships - and/or shallow but sexually fulfilling flings?

JD: Actually, I have the same advice for both, which is: burn your checklist to ashes. My boyfriend, who is a doctor, lacks several of the qualities I always thought I wanted in a partner. He's the first person I've ever dated who I didn't want to be when I grew up--who wasn't an improved version of me. Similarly, some of my most sexually satisfying encounters have been with people who looked about as far from International Male models as it's possible to look and still be a carbon-based life-form--but when

I opened myself up (ahem) to their sexual energy, they sent me into transports of delight the likes of which have never been seen in any Vivid Man film. Not that I've seen that many Vivid Man films, of course.

Wayves: Famous person you would most like to sleep with? OR famous person you most enjoyed sleeping with?

JD: Don't get me started on this. Because if Chris Meloni (Detective Stabler on Law & Order: SVU)

finds out about the activities in which he participates in my fantasies, a judge might well grant him a restraining order against me.

Wayves: Do you recommend writing for vengeance as a lifestyle choice?

JD: Well, the great thing about writing for vengeance (especially when your boyfriend is a doctor, like mine) is that you get to take vengeance on people who have wronged you. The bad thing about writing for vengeance is that, if you get published, you may then see those people on, say, the 14th Street crosstown bus at First Avenue, to use a purely hypothetical example, and then you have to spend the whole ride to Seventh pretending to be a drunk homeless person with your head in your lap so as to make sure that they don't recognize you.

Wayves: What are you working on now? Got things you want to plug, announce, send review copies of, have us pray over, order from the bookstore?

JD: I'm writing a new book, a collection of essays à la Sedaris, Burroughs, Rakoff, et al. The working title is Swish: My Quest to Become the Gayest Person Ever, and it should be published some time in 2007 or 2008. I'm also writing the scores to two musicals, one called Blood Drive, with book and

lyrics by Rachel Sheinkin (Tony Award winner for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee) and one called Terezin, about the Czech concentration camp, with book by Peter Ullian and lyrics by Len Schiff. Most importantly, though, I'm trying to lose seven pounds. So if your prayer energy is not boundless, focus on that last one.

Wayves: This has been great fun

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

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support

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Healing Our Nations, Dartmouth: HIV/AIDS prevention in a manner respectful of our native way of life. 1-800-565-5235 email: hon@accesswave.ca web: www.healingournations.ca (Healing Our Nations staff meet once on a weekly basis. Training offered on request at no charge for Aboriginal peoples and/or organizations.) at 45 Alderney Dr., Ste. 607, Dartmouth, NS.

Mr Atlantic Canada Leather Society, assorted cities: Dedicated to developing gay men's leather communities in the Atlantic region. email: info@macleather.net web: www.macleather.net, meets 1st Saturday (See webpage for event schedule, location, and other details.)

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

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

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

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

New Brunswick (506)

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

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

AIDS Saint John, Saint John: improve quality of life, reduce the spread. 652-2437 email: aidssj@nb.aibn.com web: www.geocities.com/aidssj

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

Boom Nightclub, Fredericton: Gay Bar. (506) 463-2666 email: info@boomnightclub.ca (Hours: Mon & Tues - Closed, Wed 4-12, Thurs 4-1, Fri & Sat 4-2 and Sun t-dance 4-8)

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

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

Fredericton Lesbians and Gays, Fredericton: library & occasional social events. email: jwhitehe@unb.ca web: www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074

Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. (GNG), Petit-Rocher (Bathurst area): A bilingual volunteer association serving gay men, lesbians and bisexuals of northern New Brunswick. email: info@gngnb.ca web: www.gngnb.ca (Dances are held at GNG club every Saturday night. See www.gngnb.ca for a list of upcoming

events.) at 702 rue Principale, Petit-Rocher NB. Look for rainbow flag and/or door with pink triangle at rear of parking lot.

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

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

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

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

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

PFLAG Saint John, Saint John: 652-3995 email: wandr@nbnet.nb.ca, trigger@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: dannyj@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

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

Safe Spaces Fundy Region, Saint John: Committed to ending discrimination around issues of sexual orientation in youth. email: safespaces@gmail.com web: www.safespacesfundy.ca (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.aibn.com web: www.safespaces.org (Safe Spaces offers support to GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDERED or QUESTIONING Youth between the ages of 14-25. We offer individual counselling (via phone, e-mail or in person) and we also offer support groups. Awareness activities are offered in the community.)

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

Saint John 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.aibn.com (open Monday through Friday, 9 AM to noon.) at the office of Centenary Queen Square United Church at 215 Wentworth Street.

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

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

UN sur DIX, Moncton: l'Association des étudiant(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: unbstuwomensc collective@yahoo.ca, meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

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

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

NGALE (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 (old SUB)

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

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

AIDS Coalition Of Cape Breton -- ACCB, Sydney: 567-1766 web: www.accb.ns.ca at 150 Bentineck 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.rationalunlucy.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.capebretonpride.org/ (Monthly women's, men's and/or glbt dances and social events. For up to date info and official Pride Week details, check the webpage or write c/o 41 Broadway, Sydney, N.S. B1N 2Y3)

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

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

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

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 Gordon @ 446-7793 email: GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com web: groups.msn.com/GayFathersOfHalifax, 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 StudentsO Union of NS

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

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

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

Halifax Front Runners, Halifax: Running/walking club. 422-7579 email: Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca web: www.frontrunners.org/clubs/halifax/, meets every Saturday, and every Tuesday, and every Thursday

(Sat: 9:30am, Tue: 5:30 pm, Thu: 5:30pm) at Main gates of the Halifax Public Gardens, corner of Spring Garden Road and South Park Street.

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

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

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

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax: support and connection across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project. Halifax: support and connection across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca 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.) 2nd & 4th Monday 25 & Under Transgendered Support meeting 7-9pm. 5.) 1st & 3rd Wednesday Movie night, 25 and under, 7pm. A foodbank is also on site for those youth who may need it's use, and STI testing on site. Please refer to website to times and details.) at 2281 Brunswick Street.

LGB Youth Support Group Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: fun social/support group for 25 and under. 543-1315 email: pplc@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@yahoo.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 Colchester, Pictou, Cumberland & East Hants. 895-0931 email: nacsns@hotmail.com web: nacsns.tripod.com (Our Board of Directors meet bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month. Annual General Meeting held regularly in June. See webpage for contact numbers in your area of northern Nova Scotia.) at 33 Pleasant Street, Truro, N.S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PFLAG Sydney, Sydney: PFLAG Sydney provides support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. Sexual Diversity Centre 563-1481, Celeste 563-1389 or Brenda Durdle - 563-1443 email: sydney@pflagcanada.ca, meets 3rd Thursday (7:30-9:30 pm. December's meeting will be on a Wednesday instead of a thursday - December 14, 2005 same time same place.) at Sydney River Superstore, 1225 Kings Road

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday open to 6:00) at 28 Webster Court

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

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

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:

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

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

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

The AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton, Sydney: Support for those infected/affected by HIV/AIDS, advocacy, and prevention/education free condoms. (902) 567-1766 email: christineporter@acsb.ns.ca web: www.accb.ns.ca at 150 Bentineck St

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

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

Truro Gay Youth: Vida at 897-4366.

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

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

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House, Kingston: socials for gay men; gay & lesbian dances. 825-6170 or 825-3197 or 760-1004 after 8pm email: menembracingmen@yahoo.ca web: facetwithpride.tripod.com (Coffee every Thursday 7-9pm, dances on the first Saturday of the month.) at email or call for locations

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

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

Prince Edward Island (902)

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

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

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

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

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

PEI Pride, Charlottetown: Organizing The Island Pride Festival. 894-5776 or 1-888-380-5776 email: pridepei@isn.net web: www.peipride.com (contact us for dates, directions and details)

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

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

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

<< Events Calendar >>

Amherst**Second Monday**

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

First and Third Wednesdays

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

Annapolis Valley**Every Thursday**

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

Every Sunday

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

Bridgewater**Third and Fourth Mondays**

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

Third Saturday of each month

(except June 24)

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

Cape Breton**May 21, June 25**

PFLAG Sydney is a national voice that speaks for a more accepting society by providing support, education and resources on issues of sexual orientation and gender identity. Place: Family Place Resource Center, 106 Townsend Street. Time: 7:30-9:30pm. Contacts: sydney@pflagcanada.ca, Sexual Diversity Centre 563-1481, Celeste 563-1389, and B. Durdle 563-1443

Fredericton**Every Wednesday**

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

Third Sunday of each month

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

Fourth Wednesday of each month

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

Last Saturday of each month

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

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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.

Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar**BOOM! NIGHTCLUB**

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

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

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

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

Saturday, February 25: BLUE PARTY

On the last Saturday of every month through Pride Week on the last weekend in June, we're celebrating the colours of the Pride flag. Last month's colour was purple -- check pics from the event at www.boomnightclub.ca/gallery/index.php?060128+Purple+Nite.

Join us in promoting this month's colour: BLUE. Wear it on your clothes, on your shoes, on your face, in your hair or on top of your head. Have fun with it!

Halifax**Every Sunday**

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00 pm, Bloomfield Centre, 2786 Agricola Street, Suite 108

Every Sunday

Club 200 Womyn's Discussion Group, 6-7:30pm, 66 Shore Drive in Bedford. A weekly gathering of Lesbian/Bi Womyn, who will meet to socialize and facilitate open discussions concerning our rights and positions, to empower ourselves and our community. Please, bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. *This is a SCENT FREE building! Confidentiality respected. For more info call Sue Andrews at 499-0335.

Second Sunday of each month

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

First and Third Tuesdays

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

First and Third Tuesdays

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

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

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

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

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project ages 18-25 Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

First Wednesday of each month

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

Second Wednesday of each month

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

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

May 14, 28, June 11, 25

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

May 13

CLUB 200 DINNER GET-TOGETHER, Copper Penny. Clayton Park. Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm Everyone is welcome, call before May 10/06 for bookings, Bring a Friend! Call Sue or Karen 499-0335

May 29

The Shedogs Bathhouse presents Bacchanalia -- Featuring special guest Midori! A space for women and transfolks to get together where we can make our own rules and stretch our imaginations. Sensuality and sexuality are welcomed and celebrated, but never assumed or required. Come to flirt, play, meet people, or just to relax in the hot tub. This is a woman-positive, trans-friendly, bi-friendly event. May 29 (Monday), 8pm - 2am, Seadog's Sauna and Spa, 2199 Gottingen St. for more info, contact Maggie at Venus Envy: 422-0004. or check out our website: <http://www.venusenvy.ca/Halifax/bathhouse.asp>

June 30-July 1

CLUB 200 CAMPING TRIP! CAMPING AT GRAVES ISLAND ALL WOMYN WEEK-END! Chester, Nova Scotia. Time: when you arrive :) Cost \$5.00 per person, per night. Children and pets are allowed. Any questions please call Sue or Karen at 499-0335.

July 22

HALIFAX PRIDE PARADE. Club 200 is planning on walking in the parade. We are also planning on passing out Flyers at the Water Front. Plus other Pride events. Pride Event Co-ordinator is Liz Cummings for Club 200

July 28-30

CAMPING AT GRAVES ISLAND, Chester, Nova Scotia, Time: when you arrive :) Cost \$5.00 per person, per night. Children and pets are allowed. Any questions please call Sue or Karen at 499-0335

August 11-13

18th Annual Courage Round Up, sponsored by gay men and lesbians in AA. Open to all alcoholics and those affected by the alcoholism of others. The entire weekend includes fellowship, speaker meetings and workshop discussions of recovery topics in a relaxed and peaceful setting at 5500 Inglis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Beacon of Hope is this year's theme. Courage is a small, intimate round up and always has been. It is the only gay and lesbian AA round up in Atlantic Canada, the only one of its kind east of Montreal. Registration opens at 5.00 p.m. on Friday, August 11. The cost is \$30.00 Cdn (\$ 20.00 if paid by July 1) Includes lunch on Saturday, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Supper (on Saturday) is extra - \$ 12.00 (Estimate) - Pay at the Restaurant. To pre-register, send your cheque or money order to: Courage Round Up, c/o 6 Campeau Court, Eastern Passage, NS, B3G 1J5. For more information, phone (902) 463-7895, email Courage449@yahoo.com or at our website at www.rationalunlunacy.com/courageroundup/

August 18-20

3rd CAMPING TRIP THE BIG PARTY ! ALL womyn! ~ 1 YR. ANNIVERSARY of CLUB 200 ~ CAMPING AT GRAVES ISLAND. Chester, Nova Scotia, Time: when you arrive :) Cost \$5.00 per person, per night. Children and pets are allowed. Any questions please call Sue or Karen at 499-0335

Halifax Pride Calendar**May 11, 25, June 8, 22**

(Thu) 6:30 Pride Committee "Planning Meeting" This is your invitation to come and help plan for the fabulous-est Pride in Halifax ever in 2006 @ YouthProject, 2281 Brunswick

July 16-23

Pride Week! Parade on July 22. More details in the May and June issues of Wayves!

Halifax Bar & Business Calendar**MENZ BAR**

2104 Gottingen St, Halifax's Gay Village 902-446-6969, www.MENZBAR.ca Mollyz DINER is NOW OPEN @ 7am! FREE INTERNET & WiFi 7 DAYS A WEEK

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Mondays - KARAOKE with KARA- Mystery Jack Song, Win up to \$300

Toonies Tuesdays - \$2 OFF @ SeaDog's

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

Fridays - Retro Party with DJ WOODY! 100% of Coat Check in support of Halifax Pride!

Saturdays - TOP 40 with DJ NEEDLES! 100% of Coat Check in support of TEAM Halifax!

The PARTZ Dept & Pool Table on Level III

MAY LINE UP

Fri. May 5th, MARTINI TIME with Chad & Friends 5PM - 8PM

Sat. May 6th, LEATHER & LACE, with Guest DJ Sonny D - A Send Off Party for Mr. MAC Leather, Boyd Gauvin

Fri. May 12th, MARTINI TIME with Chad & Friends 5PM - 8PM

Sat. May 13th, BOOTS & HEELS - SHOW OFF your Best!

Fri. May 19th, MARTINI TIME followed by the return of DJ Woody Retro Night!

Sat. May 20th, Blue Collar Night with DJ Needles

Sun. May 21st, Karaoke with BEAR 777 from 4PM - 8PM followed by DJ Needles

Mon. May 22nd, All-Day MARGARITAS & Nachos on the Patio

Fri. May 26th, MARTINI TIME & Retro Night with DJ Woody

Sat. May 27th, Dancing with DJ Needles

Fri. June 2nd, MARTINI TIME & Retro Night with DJ Woody

Sat. June 3rd, Return of Mr. MAC Leather, BOYD GAUVIN

Fri. June 9th, ARMY/NAVY Night with DJ WOODY

Sat. June 10th, Dancing with DJ Needles

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Fridays 10:30PM - 2AM Retro Party with DJ WOODY!

Saturdays - 10:30PM - 2AM TOP 40 with DJ NEEDLES!

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REFLECTIONS

5184 Sackville Street, (902) 422-2957, toll free (877)422-2957, Fax (902)422-2970 mail@reflectionscaabaret.com, www.reflectionscaabaret.com. open 7 days a week, Mon-Sat 1pm to 4am, Sun 4pm to 4am, Manager: Stephen Filek

Monday \$Rockin for Dollar\$-open mic contest. We supply the gear, you supply the band. Compete for a chance to win lot's of cash, possibly up to \$1000!! This runs from 10-2 with a \$2 cover followed by great dance music till 3:45 with DJ HedFones

Tuesday Karaoke with Troy Ward. \$100 Cash Prize every Tuesday. DJ HedFones follows with great dance music till 3:45 am no cover

Wednesday - Great live bands on stage till 1am followed by Retro night with DJ Electro and DJ Sapho till 3:45am

WANT TO LIST AN EVENT FOR OUR READERS? SEND YOUR EVENTS DETAILS TO SUBMISSIONS@WAYVES. CA NOW! EVENT LISTINGS ARE FREE! MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE CONTACT INFO!

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

Friday BUMP Fridays with Halifax's Premiere House DJ Sonny D. We continue to define the underground with the best house, techno, and breaks around! \$5 10pm to 3:45am

Saturday - Squirt Saturdaze with DJ HedFones. The Ultimate dance night in the City of Halifax with Dance, Top 40, Pop, Retro, R & B, and more! 10pm to 3:45am \$5

Sunday - We feature either great dance music or drag shows, special events, etc.. 10pm start. Cover varies.

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Thu - NAKED Night, Towels optional!

Sat & Sun - Early Bird Special 6am till Noon, Rooms are \$15 & Lockers are \$7.50

Moncton

Third Monday of each month

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

Second and Fourth Mondays

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

Last Saturday

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

Moncton Pride!

Fierté diversité Moncton Pride diversity 2006 new web site - www.fdmpr.com

May 21: Variety Show Fundraiser for Pride!

June 20: Flag raising

June 24: Parade

Donations and information to Moncton Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered Pride Committee, P.O. Box 481 Moncton NB E1C 8L9

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

Sackville

Second Monday

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

Saint John

Third Saturday

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

Saint John Bar & Business Calendar

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Thursdays: No cover, karaoke with prizes

Fridays: No cover, open turntables

Saturdays: \$5 cover after 10 PM

Sundays: No cover, free pool

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

St. John's - LGBT-MUN

Every Friday

Coffee House: Every Friday, 12-2 (LBGT Office,

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

Every Third Wednesday

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

St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

Zone 216

216 Water St, 754-2492

<http://www.hello.to/zone216>

Winter Hours

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Sydney

See Cape Breton for events...

Tatamagouche Centre

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tatacentre.ca, or email tatacent@tatacentre.ca

Mar 24-26

Chris Glaser - A Spirituality of Inclusion

Oct 25-27

Educating allies: Breaking the Cycle of Oppression

Oct 27-29

A Maritime "Rainbow Weekend"

WAYVES DATES!

Check out page two for Wayves deadlines.

Wileville

...see Bridgewater

Wolfville

Every Second Tuesday

Kings County Prostate Cancer Support Group, 7-9 pm in the East Kings Memorial Public Health Centre on Earncliffe Ave in Wolfville. You can ask questions you forgot to ask the doctor or nurse and you can think aloud to help you make your decisions. There is growing evidence that your participation in a group of people who have gone through the processes you are now facing is mentally beneficial and may well contribute to your recovery from prostate cancer interventions. We are an easy-going informal group of 12 men, some of whom bring their spouses/partners to our monthly meetings. Know that you are truly welcome to join us and if you need more information please get in touch with me by e mail dickgroot2003@yahoo.ca or by phone 542 6125. Our correspondence address is the same as my home address: 210 Main Street, Wolfville NS B4P 1C4.

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to jump over them. It was really fun for me and the boys." About the same time MacLean realized she was into girls. "I would fantasize about kissing," she says, "and it would be with girls. It was very clear to me. My older brothers would have their girlfriends over, and that," she laughs, "was great!" MacLean says she ended up kissing some of the girls she flew over on her bike.

MacLean has a long-standing love for bicycles, but she's also aware of their historical role. "The other thing for me," she says, "is what bikes have done for



Photos By Ken Kam

women in history, first during the Suffragette movement and then again in the 1940s while the boys were overseas.

The bike was the first time women got on a machine and propelled it themselves. It changed what we

wore. We opened our legs on these wild wonderful inventions."

Live Arts is the company which brings in much of the hot contemporary dance we get to see in Atlantic Canada so it makes sense it is presenting this production of Velocipede, as it brings flesh and metal together on the stage. Velocipede will see seven women, including MacLean, working with the bicycles.

MacLean is an extremely talented physical actor. She was 20 years with Jest in Time and then in 2001 brought Frankie to stages across Canada, (including Festival Antigonish and Toronto's Buddies in Bad Times Theatre) and to TV on the Bravo network. In Frankie MacLean played eight characters, including the lesbian Frankie and the Drag Queen Joey.

MacLean and bicycles on stage aren't completely new. In 1993 Jest in Time brought its show Sleeptracks to Rumours in Halifax.

In one scene MacLean played a very uptight government worker who dreams she's a triathlete, and MacLean was able to mime perfectly the Lance Armstrong type of crouch cycling on an imaginary ten

an everyday object and see what happens when you put it on a stage. And for me, women on bicycles are really sexy."

MacLean will be joined by Sarah Williams from Montreal and

four dancers from Mocean Dance--Carolle Crooks, Sara Harrigan, Alicia Orr MacDonald and Sarah Di Quinzio, plus Halifax actor Martha Irving.

MacLean urges me to try riding the

tandem and the punnet. I have never been on either. The blue CCM tandem is a long sleek beast. MacLean makes me ride both in front and behind. We spin around the block. Then we take out the punnet. I am on the right, MacLean on the left and it's the oddest feeling to be so much in sync with someone while on a bike. It's hard to yield. The corners are adventures. "It's like making love," MacLean laughs as we barrel down the street.

Velocipede opens May 25 at 8pm and continues to May 27 at the Sir James Dunn Theatre, 6101 University, Halifax. Tickets \$13-\$20. Box Office 494-3820 or 800-874-1669.

"The idea of dancers on bikes, using bikes, throwing them around is a powerful one," she says. "In Velocipede we use the bikes to create impressions of different times and places. I want to take what is



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Lang, born Kathryn Dawn Lang in Consort, Alberta, is the daughter of a farmer. She became skillful at playing the guitar and the piano at a young age, and she pursued a career in performing arts when she left school. She eventually chose to sing country - a style she had once hated, describing it as "the corniest in pop." Lang's debut release was given positive feedback from rock magazines such as Rolling Stone, but most country radio stations refused to play it, prejudiced by her spiky hair cut, vegetarianism and her ambiguous sexuality. Lang came out in June 1992 in The Advocate magazine, and entered a serious relationship with musician Leisha Hailey in 1996. Oh, and she prefers her name in lower case because "it's generic and unlike Cherry Bomb, it's a name, not a sexuality." (www.queerattitude.com)



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in emergency homes can transition to long-term placements. Respite homes provide safe living environments for youth who are in a long term placement but require a short-term placement in between (for example, while the support person in their home is away on vacation).

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