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Letters Women Writers Wanted

We need to document the history of the gay and lesbian community in Halifax! The community here was born in the early '70s (or, we have a couple sources that say it was well before! how interesting would it be to explore that?) and it's time to check in with the people involved and document the who, the where, the what, the why.

The project should compliment Robin Metcalfe's excellent history via ephemera, Queer Looking, Queer Acting, (MSVU Art Gallery, 1997) and Chris Aucoin's 25 year overview in the Halifax Pride Souvenir History Magazine (Pride Guide Publishing, 2003.)

The Other Side of the Coin

Response to: Bill McKinnon's article: The Canadian Military and You

Thank you Bill McKinnon for informing Wayves readers about the "Pride in the Military" workshop at the InterPride conference. Yes, indeed "the times they are a changin'" if the Canadian military is knowingly recruiting within the queer community. However, I would like to voice a word of caution to anyone who is considering signing up for military service. The reason there is so much recruiting going on lately is of course that Canadian troops are fighting and dying in Afghanistan. The soldiers and all Canadians are being told that the purpose of Canadian military intervention in Afghanistan is to help Afghanis and to protect us all from terrorists. That's as much the truth as what George W. Bush said about the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq: Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, was ready to use them and was connected to Al Qaeda. All of this has been shown to be false. Canada's main reason for involving ourselves in a military operation in Afghanistan is to support the U.S. regime's objec-

A primary focus of the project is filling out the big online Wikipedia-like Halifax Encyclopedia at gay.hfxns.org. The easiest way to get to the history section, is to just google "halifax gay history project."

However, if your muse drives you to publish something on paper, that absolutely could be part of the project.

And yes, the word "gay" is totally negotiable. If you have a word that works better, let's discuss it, and test on some potential readers/web page users. One possible alternative is "HERC" - Halifax Encyclopedia of the Rainbow Community. The project can also have multiple simultaneous names.

Since so much of the early history of the rainbow community

tives, both in Afghanistan and by relieving some of the pressure on the U.S. military so that more U.S. troops can be sent to Iraq.

There are lots of reasons for Canada to pull our troops out of Afghanistan, but I will focus on just one that I think is compelling enough on it's own to warrant, at the very least, a re-examination of Canadian policy in Afghanistan. It's certainly a good reason to be

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very cautious about joining the Canadian military at this time. Canada has signed an agreement to hand any people taken into custody by the Canadian military over to Afghan authorities. This week it was reported on ATV news that Canadian commanders in Afghanistan had said that Afghan detainees are not Prisoners of War and therefore the Geneva conventions do not apply to their treatment. The Afghan Human Rights commission has stated that torture is a routine occurrence in Afghanistan. Afghan authorities may also choose to hand prisoners over to U.S. authorities in whose custody they

in Halifax was connected with the women's community, a woman would be most appropriate for this job; possibly someone who was involved, certainly someone who's interested in her- and his-tory.

As nominal "publisher" I'd like to work with you on provincial and municipal funding proposals. My initial talks with them have been encouraging.

Computer skills are not necessary for this job; writing skills and people skills are. Proposal writing experience would be useful, but I've done some myself with the relevant parties.

If you're interested, write to me at daniel@bonmot.ca

could also face torture. Canadian soldiers could down the road be implicated in serious human rights violations for following the orders of their commanders, if they hand prisoners over to Afghan authorities and these prisoners are tortured by either Afghan or U.S. authorities. If you are considering signing up for military service, please first find out as much as you can about what will be required of you and what the Canadian Military is involved in. I realize many people join the military because they are offered benefits such as "free" post secondary education. However the physical and/or psychological damage that you could face if you join up and are deployed to Afghanistan could far outweigh any benefits you may receive. Your education will be far from free.

For more in formation about Canadian and U.S. defense policy please see the following websites: Halifax Peace Coalition <http://www.hfxpeace.chebucto.org/> The Polaris Institute <http://www.polarisinstitute.org/> Goldstar Families for Peace <http://www.gsfp.org/index.php>

Catherine Hughes, River John, Nova Scotia

Mea Culpa

On page 20 of the June 2006 issue of Wayves we incorrectly attributed the Fetish Ball photos/event. The Fetish Ball occurred at the Blue Moon Bistro. We apologize for the error.

Important WAYVES Dates!

Issue Content Deadlines:

July 7, August 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6
(the first Friday of each month)

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

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July 10, August 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 9
Help decide what goes in the next issue, 7:30 PM, CEF, 5443 Rainnie (above Century Computers), all welcome!

Layout Parties (Halifax)

July 16, August 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 15
Help build the paper - no special skills required, just enthusiasm, and helping even once or for a few hours helps a LOT! 9:30 AM, CEF, 5443 Rainnie (above Century Computers), all welcome!

On The Stands and In The Mail:

July 29, August 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28



Here at Wayves, when we've put the paper to bed, we heave a sigh of relief and reach for the nearest martini. Last month, our grasp must have exceeded our reach, because we neglected to put our new question into the Web version. The question was, "What would you like to see in this year's Pride Celebration?" As we have no new answers, we will have to let this year's Pride come as a surprise.

This Month's Question

Is domestic violence in gay relationships a concern for you?

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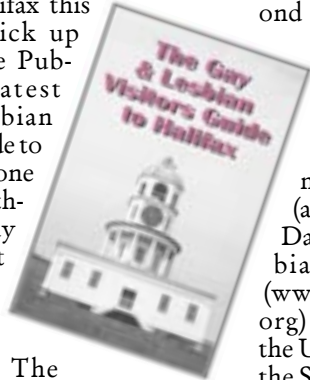
Atlantic News

Halifax Visitors Guide Is Now Available

Visiting Halifax this summer? Pick up Pride Guide Publishing's latest Gay & Lesbian Visitors Guide to Halifax. In one form or another, this handy and compact directory has been around since 2001. The latest edition has grown into a full three-panel brochure complete with a map of downtown, showing the locations of the GLBT-friendly businesses highlighted in the directory portion.

Additions this year include more general info about Halifax, including an emphasis on what to do - from Pride, to the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo (uniforms anyone?), to one of the numerous summer or fall festivals.

As always, the maps are free and available at bookstores, magazine shops, gay-focused or friendly businesses and in the Halifax tourist / visitor centres. Pick up your copy today or contact the publisher (prideguide@eastlink.ca) to get an electronic printable copy emailed to you directly.



Psst... Sex Now Is Coming... Pass it on

By Cliff Arnold, Gay Men's Health Coordinator, ACNS

This summer, you may receive a coupon about filling out the Sex Now 2006 survey, which is part of the Sex Now Atlantic Canada Project. You might get it from a friend, your partner, a co-worker, or some guy you know at the bar. The coupon is your ticket to fill out a survey about gay men's health. The survey is being done across the Atlantic Region with participation from community based AIDS organizations. The organizations involved in this project include: AIDS New Brunswick, AIDS Saint John, SIDA AIDS Moncton, AIDS PEI, Northern AIDS Connection Society, AIDS Coalition of Newfoundland and Labrador, AIDS Committee of Western Newfoundland, Healing Our Nations, AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton, and AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia.

If you get a Sex Now coupon, there will be a number on it that you can call to get a survey to fill out. Three coupons will be included with the survey you receive and we ask you to pass them on to your friends or other guys you know who are having sex with men. The information gained from the survey will help to develop programming for men who have sex with men across the Atlantic Region.

So remember, if you get a coupon, fill out a survey and ...psst... pass it on.

Day Against Homophobia in Saint John, N.B.

May 17th marked the second annual Rainbow Peace March in Saint John.

The number of participants was up by 50% from last year. This event which commemorates the National (and now International) Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (www.homophobiaday.org) was organised by the UNBSJ Q-Collective and the Saint John Chapter of PFLAG Canada.

Following a tribute to Wayne Harrison, outgoing National Executive Director of PFLAG Canada, a group rendition of "O Canada" and a moment of silence to remember those affected by homophobia and transphobia, more than 60 participants walked along the beautiful Harbour Passage, up King Street through King Square and on to Centenary Queen Square United Church. Saint John Police Sergeant, Bill Crowley joined by his capable uniformed support crew of the Fire Salvage Corps lead by Harold Mayes, made sure that all participants from toddlers to octogenarians made it safely through the evening traffic on the Port City's streets and intersections.

After several days of discouraging weather forecasts, the skies cleared and that east coast sun illuminated the many rainbow banners, flags, windsocks, t-shirts, signs and lapel pins. All kinds of people walked the walk. Clergy, parents, members of the staff and faculty of UNB - Saint John came out to support their parishioners, children and students respectively. A cool Bay of Fundy spring breeze blew in off the harbour but the enthusiasm of the supportive community soon warmed the hearts of all participating. Supporters from as far away as Moncton and Miramichi came to Canada's oldest incorporated city to join in a peaceful walk against hatred.

The evening ended with a service of prayer and hope at Centenary Queen Square United Church with the Reverend Don Uhryniw reminding the near capacity congregation that a true Christian who says she or he loves God but does not love their LGBTQ neighbour might think again about what it means to be a Christian. As always, the inspirational pianist, Mrs. Liz Janes, brought joyful music to the ears of the congregation as she accompanied them and soloists in uplifting tributes to the God of love.

Many thanks go to all participants especially: Port City Rainbow Pride Inc., Mahogany Manor Bed and Breakfast, Egale Canada, AIDS Saint John, Mayor Norm MacFarlane and the Council of the City of Saint John, Fundy Safe Spaces, PFLAG Canada, UNBSJ Q-Collective, the affirming congre-



gation and clergy of Centenary Queen Square United Church, Jason Harper Photography, Andrew Leblanc, Fred C. Rowe, Ross Leavitt and Wayne Harrison.

Don't miss other exciting LGBTQ events going on in Saint John this summer, including Pride Week from August 6-13th.

Check out www.PortCityRainbowPride.com for details.

By: D. S. Mack MacKenzie, UNBSJ Q-Collective, Saint John, NB Email: QCollect@UNBSJ.ca

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Newfoundland and Labrador Gays and Lesbians for Equality: Resurrected

Out Our Way

By David McDonald Secretary/Communications Coordinator of NGALE

NGALE (Newfoundland and Labrador Gays and Lesbians for Equality) is an organization aiming for equality among all people in today's society. We are not just here for gays and lesbians, but for all bisexual, transgender/transsexual, queer/queer-positive, two-spirited, intersexed, and questioning individuals (and everyone else in between).

On May 23rd at Memorial University in St. John's, the Annual General Meeting was held. We elected a new Board of Directors and got the ball rolling to re-invigorate NGALE. In the past there were five chairs to be filled, along with their committees. Now we have six coordinators with ad hoc committees. The phone line was discontinued but we have email and online outreach, and will re-develop the speakers' series. There are big changes happening and lots of work to be done.

We are cleaning up everything here at NGALE, and our recently elected Board of Directors is ready to re-build NGALE. With new faces come new ideas, and we are planning some really great events. We are also having some delicious meetings, and lighting a fire under the LBGTQQ2I community.

Even though there are organizational growing pains, the Board meets regularly as a team to discuss what needs to be done. Our new website, www.ngale.org, will have all the things that the old ones did - information and event listings, news, links and more. We are in the process of planning regular coffee talks, and other social events; we are raising public awareness of NGALE, and to top it all off, we are going to keep being responsive to the needs of the community.

Among other things, NGALE is currently planning for Pride. We hope this year's Pride Week will be bigger and better than the last. We are cleaning up everything here and our recently elected Board is ready to re-build the organization. With new faces come new ideas, and we are planning some really great events. We are having some delicious meetings, and lighting a fire under the LBGTQQ2I community.

With all this new blood in the organization there is a lot happening. We currently have an active email group of just over 50. It is used to let people know about current local events, NGALE meetings, etc. If you would like your name on the list-serv, email ngale@nl.rogers.com and we will add you right away.

Remember boys and girls, come out, get involved, and most importantly, have FUN.

Pride Week

NGALE, in conjunction with the AIDS Committee and LBGT MUN, is in the final stages of planning this year's PRIDE event from July 24th to 30th.

Drawing on the successes of last year and despite losing some very influential organizers, we've been busy getting a very packed week of events planned, donations organized, posters designed and fun supplies and materials for everyone.

Coming at the close of St. John's Jazz Festival and Nickel Independent Film Festival, Pride is sharing the weekend this year with George Street Festival. The Committee is working with several bars and the city of St. John's to provide or sponsor events that can be open to all ages. It's going to be pumping!

Many events are still unconfirmed, but here's what we've got in the works: a flag raising ceremony

at St. John's City Hall, a rock show featuring local bands, Trivia Night, a speakers series, a press conference and website launch, hikes along the East Coast Trail, art gallery tours, the candle light vigil, Pippy Park Picnic and Dance, a night at the dinner theatre, a silent auction, "Karao-gay," roller or ice skating, a "BBQueer," swimming at Bannerman Park, a beach bonfire, a drag show, and of course, the dance on Saturday night, and the Pride march and rally on Sunday.

We are making Pride a safe and comfortable community event that embraces the love of ourselves, our partners, our friends and our children. Let's celebrate the Rainbow Family!

For complete up-to-date listings, visit www.ngale.org, and be sure to come out and support Pride Week events.

GUYZ Project

By Chris Shortall, Coordinator, AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador

The GUYZ project, through the AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a brilliant and timely initiative designed to increase awareness about HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and sexually transmitted infections. The Gay Urban Youth Zone Project, funded through the Public Health Agency of Canada, takes an action oriented, peer education approach towards addressing prevention; awareness of testing; and transmission information.

Targeting gay men 19-29 years old, the project will involve education and awareness, as well as empowerment, and meaningful involvement. Gay youth, like myself, will be involved in all aspects of the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the project. It will

involve a harm reduction strategy, and my active involvement with the gay community will enable me to connect with, and enlist, other gay youth.

While men who have sex with men (MSM) continue to account for the largest portion of HIV positive test reports; in Newfoundland 32, of the 231 infected people in 2004, were gay youth aged 15-29. However, 59 of those infected, were men aged 30-39, and in the experience of the ACNL working with people living with HIV, people often postpone testing. Many of these men in their 30's were probably infected as youth.

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Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITEH

Dear Tom

Well summer is in full swing, Tommo - my favourite season of the year. I spent yesterday afternoon lounging outside in the garden, surrounded by the fruits of my labours - roses, lilies, herbs growing in terra cotta containers. La dolce vita! I had the new Priape clothing catalogue in one hand and a Drambuie and root beer in the other. Go ahead laugh, but it's delicious. Pretty soon everybody will be ordering a Crawford martini!

So, I'm flipping and sipping and indulging in the fantasy everyone follows when they look at catalogues. We pretend that if we order that shirt or those swim trunks that we will look like the model who is displaying them on the shiny colour pages. Never mind that our abs - far from being six packs, instead show the result of drinking too many of them or that no one in the real world has an ass so high and firm it could be used as a mantel piece. In our minds we just replace the model's head with an image of our own and then gaze at the handsome reflection in the full-length mirror. It's all about illusion and I'm in favour of that. Reality is much too harsh a concept to ever gain widespread acceptance.

Speaking of fashion, I went looking for some new glasses and spent a merry hour trying on new frames in the vision shop. The clerk who was attending me was pleasant but not very helpful. I told him I wanted something modern, funky, and stylish. He kept handing me frames that made me look like a mildly prosperous owner of a hardware store. And when I tried on one pair that I liked, he gave me a kind of wincing smile that meant "those are a little too young for you." By then I was hungry and tired so decided to leave and seek spectacle inspiration elsewhere. I can't go back to the Priape catalogue because all the models - in addition to having perfect bodies - seem to have perfect vision. No glasses in sight, although one nubile specimen in a red leather jockstrap did appear to have a very slight astigmatic squint which I found quite endearing. I'll have better luck finding some fashionable frames by looking at the ads in Vanity Fair.

My friends, Downshift and The Bloke, who are moving to the valley from the UK, were over recently looking at properties so I gave a little come-along-and-meet-your-soon-to-be-neighbours party for them at my place. I had planned it as a barbecue, you know the kind of thing, Tom, citronella torches smoking, ice clinking in glasses as guests admire the garden, Portobello mushrooms grilling, the usual summer shindig.

Well, that was my plan but Mother Nature decided a long steady unrelenting rain was needed more so the party got moved inside.

Downshift and The Bloke were a tad travel weary but held up well amid the hubbub of a dozen different conversations swirling around them and seemed to fit in comfortably with the richly varied assortment of people I am pleased to call friends.

Thanks to Downshift I have a new dandelion wine recipe. At the moment there are two carboys fizzing away in my kitchen - one of dandelion, the other of rhubarb wine. I know this probably sounds terribly Earth Mother and countrified after my talking about big city fashion. I promise you, Tom, that the wine will be served in proper glasses. We will not be gulping it out of jam jars while pa and granddad rock on the porch keeping an eye open for revenue. And no banjos anywhere in the vicinity! As The Bloke says, Living in the country doesn't have to mean uncivilized. Sounds very convincing when said with an accent.

Last year around this time we were celebrating the passage of the national bill giving all Canadian same-sex couples the right to marry. Now the Iceman wants to reopen that vote in parliament. Even though two members of the RCMP have just tied the connubial knot here in Nova Scotia. Clearly he doesn't like facing reality either!

Mounties have been on my mind lately. We just passed Litha or Midsummer's Eve, one of the eight markers of the year for those who follow nature religions. I consider myself a phallocentric pagan and like to celebrate these seasonal high-points with quiet meditation - attuning to my inner queer - followed by creative visualization. On this particular night my mind kept conjuring up images of gay Mounties in red dress uniform. (A dream for me, a nightmare for the prime minister.) Mostly the red uniforms were thrown on the bedroom floor while we were rehearsing a new erotic version of the Musical Ride. I kept trying to bring my mind back to peaceful images of the godhead instead of swollen...well, you get the picture. But these fanciful visions seemed hard to dispel. My imagination is apparently more difficult to restrain than Harper's cabinet.

Think he will let his kids read the new lesbian Batwoman comics?

Love ya!
Crawford

Cape Breton Pride

Day Against Homophobia

By Karen Finnigan

Some 50+ people gathered at the stage behind the Civic Centre to acknowledge National Day Against Homophobia in Sydney, Cape Breton. They carried Pride Flags, official NDAH posters and home-made masks.

Mayor Morgan

and council declared May 17th National Day Against Homophobia for the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and raised the Pride Flag to offer their support in bringing public awareness to the need of a safe environment in work, school and social atmospheres for all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people within the diverse community of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

The group then Walked Against Homophobia through downtown Sydney where they then met at the Family Place Resource Centre for refreshments and conversations, while the children played in the toy room.

This was not the only event that took place in Sydney to acknowledge May 17th; President Harker of Cape Breton University also declared the day National Day Against Homophobia. There was also a free lunchtime barbecue in the courtyard that was attended by well over 100 students, faculty and staff of Cape Breton University.

Students in a Problem-centred Studies group used this day to launch their community interven-

tion, a Gay Straight Alliance Semi Formal for high school students within the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board. The Students and Union executives of Cape Breton University presented the group with a cheque to help with the project costs. Cape Breton

Pride Committee, HARC and CBUs recruitment office also donated generously to this event.

The dance took place Thursday, June 8th, in the PIT Lounge at Cape Breton University. Eight representatives of the Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual Youth Project of Halifax made a special trip to attend the event and were housed in residence for the night. There were approximately 30 or more students from the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board who attended the dance. It was a huge success! There are already requests for another event for the near future. The PCS group plans to give the Sexual Diversity Centre a donation in hopes of carrying on this type of event in the future.

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality certainly is Celebrating Diversity! Thank you Cape Breton Pride Committee, PFLAG Sydney, Cape Breton University, AIDS Coalition, and all the students and community members who are striving to make Cape Breton a safe place for all people!

"In a nation of minorities, it is important that you don't cherry-pick rights. A right is a right."

—Paul Martin

Pride Schedule

Wednesday, July 26

- Flag Raising @ 5:00pm, Civic Centre, Sydney
- All-Age Social @ 7:00 pm, Southend Community Center, Sydney

Thursday, July 27

- Pride Garden Tour: Please Meet at 6:00 PM at Howe Street and Whitney Ave Community Garden, Sydney
- Bonfire Social: If you play the guitar, you should bring it to this event! Share your talent with your community. For ages 19 and over 9:00 pm Southend Community Centre, Sydney

Friday, July 28

- Gay Bingo: Doors open at 8:00, games begin at 8:30 pm, Southend Community Centre, Sydney

Saturday, July 29

- Pride Celebration: Ballgame and Family fun Day Noon to 3:00 pm Louisa Street Field, Sydney
- Pride 2006 Dance 9:30 pm - 1:00 am Sydney Curling Club, George Street, Sydney Admission \$8.00

Sunday, July 30

- Pride Farm and Hay Day 2:00-4:00pm. Please bring your lawn chairs. Potluck picnic. Fun for the entire family. Haywire Hill



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Halifax Rainbow Encyclopedia: New Design

By Daniel MacKay

In May, straight-but-not-narrow volunteer in Poland, Radomir Dopieralski completely overhauled the look and feel of the Halifax Rainbow Encyclopedia at gay.hfxns.org. The new design was installed on the first of June.

Dopieralski says, "I was planning to do it for some time but couldn't start, until one day I simply started to play with it. The Wiki engine, Oddmuse, is very elastic, so I could try out my designs without disrupting everyone. Daniel helped me a lot, giving some important pointers and information about Halifax and the community. After the first demo was available, the user comments kept motivating me to improve things. I really enjoy doing this."

The previous design had black text and blue links on a bright pink background. The new one features black text on a white background with a blush-pink and dusty-rose frame.

Also newly-added are frames around pictures and their captions, making them look a little more like photographs in an album, and an easy-to-find navigation bar in the upper-right-hand corner.

The full-text search, making finding a n y - thing on the site very easy, has been moved into the top bar of every page.

Functionally, the system is the same; backups are kept of every version of every page, and those backups are automatically copied to a remote location for total security.

The 1300-page site, launched in late 2001, moved to "Oddmuse" wiki software in February, with

features similar to the Wikipedia project's, and features a mixture of Halifax queer history, current events, drag queen photos and biographies, jokes, and friendly banter. The move to Oddmuse software allowed several other security features to be added to protect contributors' content.

"Like many members of the intended audience, the style 'degrades gracefully,'" adds Dopieralski. The design should work well on a variety of browsers, operating systems, and screen resolutions.

A link to the Events page, which lists upcoming events of interest to the queer community in Halifax, can be found in the navigation bar. Both encyclopedia volunteers and event organizers contribute to the content of the Events listing, making it comprehensive. Instructions

for adding events can be found at the top of the Events page.

Some quotes left on the comments page for the design: "The site is very well done;" "I like it, easier on the eyes;" "Nobody will ever mistake it for a straight site, that's for sure rofl;" "The new design is FAR better. The full pink scheme in the old design was nauseating. It's an extremely gay looking site;" and finally, "I love the new graphical background sure beats the plain pale pink yet staying with the site colors was a nice touch. I like the hover buttons over the navigation - looks pretty sharp, and makes it that much easier to know where your pointing the mouse to. The

front page looks great! This [site] really is a great resource not only for the local Halifax gay community but for those gay visitors seeking to obtain information on our attractions, bars, cruising areas, people, etc. I have always been a fan of this site, and enjoy posting comments to it. I am really diggin the new design layout, and wish to thank the volunteer(s) who worked on it. Good job, keep changing it from time to time!"

If you'd like to get involved with the Encyclopedia project, documenting Halifax history or checking new content, please e-mail daniel@bonmot.ca.



NSTU Equity Handbook

Introduced by Gaston Saulnier

The following is a book review from the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU). It is particularly interesting, considering it comes from within the NSTU itself. Let's hope that more resources of this kind will make their way into the province's schools. What follows is an excerpt.

The Equity Committee is pleased to provide reviews for resources which may be beneficial to members dealing with equity issues.

This month we have some information about a publication produced by the Canadian Teachers Federation, *Gay-Straight Student Alliance Handbook: A Comprehensive Resource for Canadian K-12 Teachers, Administrators and School Counsellors*.

This handbook is part of a series of bisexual, gay, lesbian, trans-identified and two-spirited (BGLTT) educational resources produced by the Canadian Teachers Federation. It is designed to assist teachers, school administrators

and counsellors in understanding the educational, health and safety needs of those students who are or are perceived as being BGLTT.

Other titles in this series include *Seeing the Rainbow: Teachers Talk About Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Two-Spirited Realities* (2002) and *Lessons Learned: A Collection of Stories and Articles About Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Issues* (2005).

Source: Nova Scotia Teacher's Union (NSTU). (May 2006). The Teacher Volume 44, Number 9. Halifax, NS, p. 12.

Rainbow-Atlantic Awareness Society

A new group has been created in Sydney recently with a focus on raising awareness with regards to youth, hate crimes and suicide in the GLBT community in the Cape

Breton region. RAAS has existed for fourteen months now and has an active board of six. Todd Pineo is the executive director.

For more information about this organization and its goals please contact Todd at tpinea@hotmail.com.

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The Results of the 2005 Nova Scotia "Sex Now" Project

By Gary Brooks

In the summer of 2005, the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS) carried out the largest ever study of this region's gay men's sexual practices. Using a survey developed by the Community Based Research Centre in Vancouver that has been used in British Columbia since 2002, the immediate purpose of the research was to measure gay men's sexual knowledge, beliefs, and behaviour, and to see whether links exist to such demographic variables as age, educational and income levels, racial background, urban/rural residence, and relationship status.

Given that 378 gay men living in Atlantic Canada at the end of 2004, 63% of the total reported numbers of those with HIV/AIDS in the region, and that across Canada more than 13,500 men who have sex with men have been diagnosed with the infection since the beginning of the epidemic, one goal of the researchers was to build a body of evidence that can be used to develop gay men's health programming.

The majority of those filling out the Sex Now Survey did so during 2005 Halifax Pride. Volunteers from ACNS distributed copies of the questionnaire at Sackville Landing after the Pride Parade and at two gay bars the same weekend. Copies were also sent to various service organizations whose focus is the Halifax gay community, and the survey was also posted on the ACNS website, with advertisements in Wayves and The Coast drawing readers' attention to the website.

Who Completed the Sex Now Survey?

In all, 310 gay men completed the survey. In a fascinating and comprehensive report, Russell Westhaver of St. Mary's University's Department of Sociology and Criminology, who collaborated with Robert Allan, the Executive Director of ACNS, points out that "the claims we make through this project can only be applied with confidence to those who chose to complete the survey." The largest group of respondents attended Pride events. And, as Westhaver and Allan note, "Pride attendees appear to be mostly white, are reported to be relatively well off, are perhaps more middle class than most, and are relatively able to negotiate through the stigma associated with a marginalized identity." Not surprisingly, the majority of the survey respondents were from Halifax Regional Municipality. Over 70% had at least some college or university education. The largest group was in their thirties or early forties, with another third being in the 15 to 29 age range.

How Can We Predict Who Will Have Risky Sex?

Not surprisingly, risky sexual behaviour is one aspect of sexual practice that is examined in the study. In attempting to understand unsafe sexual practice, the emphasis is on the social context or culture in which gay men live rather than on the more typically studied psychological variables such as knowledge of what is safe sexually or the level of some personal trait such as self-esteem. This more common individual approach, when applied to health programming intervention, tends to be organized around what Westhaver and Allan call "presenting those 'at risk' with

"reading Wayves was the only predictor of whether gay men would have accurate sexual health beliefs"

the correct information or bringing about changes in an individual's knowledge, attitude, or practice." But our behaviour is not only a matter of personal choice. It is "also deeply linked to the conditions in which we live....we do not make our choices in the conditions of our own choosing." As gay men, we live our lives "in very different social conditions depending on region, age, economic security, and race." This more sociological approach has the advantage of avoiding any tendency to blame the victim, exploring instead "the degree to which markers of marginalization can be used to account for risky sexual practices," one of the main ways in which HIV is transmitted. Of course critics would also claim that it downplays the role of individual responsibility for protecting one's own health.

Gay Social Networks

In its sociological approach to understanding sexual behaviour, the survey report focuses on the extent to which respondents are part of gay social networks. Most basically, almost exactly half of those completing the questionnaire were partnered, most commonly for from one to five years, although almost a third had been with their partners for five years or more.

At another level, one possible way of connecting with, and finding out about, the gay community is by reading media outlets catering to it. Wayves is particularly popular with those completing the survey, with 70% indicating that they had read it during the past year. As Westhaver and Allan recognize, "the publication represents an important point of contact between gay men and the broader gay community." Much smaller percentages of respondents indicated that they read Outlooks or Xtra. Interestingly, reading Wayves was the only predictor of

whether gay men would have accurate sexual health beliefs about such items as whether it is possible to tell another man's HIV status without him revealing it. On four of five such questions, readers of Wayves had more accurate knowledge than other respondents!

The survey also examined the degree to which gay men participated in more formal gay organizations. About 30% of those completing the survey had volunteered for a gay cause or had donated to a gay or AIDS service organization during the preceding month.

How do those in this sample of Pride attendees spend their free time? At least two-thirds reported that they spend at least half of their social time with other gay men. Gay bars and clubs were popular, with just under 70% reporting that they had visited one in the past month, a figure comparable to data collected in Toronto. One gap in the 2005 survey, however, was the absence of questions focusing on the extent to which the social life of gay men is centred in their own homes. Perhaps Haligonians and other Maritimers are more likely to spend time socializing with one another in our homes than do people in larger cities such as Vancouver. An extensively revised version of the survey will be distributed this summer in an Atlantic-wide regional survey supported by community-based AIDS organizations in all four Atlantic provinces that will include questions about the home-centered social life of gay men.

Searching for Sex

Of course bars and clubs are used by gay men for more than social purposes alone. They are also used popularly as places to search for sexual partners. Other places where sexual partners might be sought are used less frequently. Many fewer gay men—9%, 14%, and 6% respectively—reported that they had looked for sex in parks, visited

a bathhouse, or used a phone line. Predictably, the internet is growing in popularity as a source for sexual liaisons. Almost one-third of respondents reported using it in a search for sexual partners during the past year, with gay.com the most popular site. In all cases, these numbers are lower than comparable figures for Toronto.

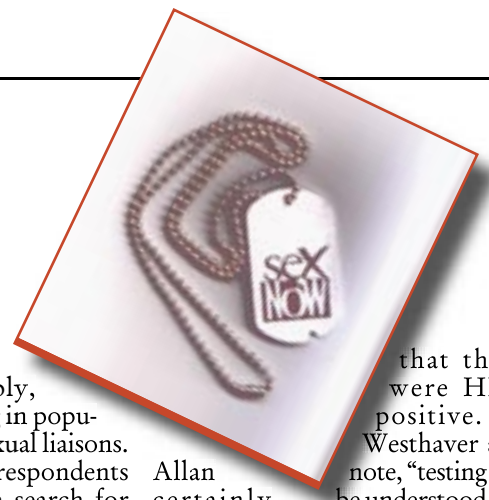
Drug and Alcohol Use

In view of their interest in risky sexual behaviour, the researchers were also interested in the reported drug use of respondents. Predictably, alcohol use was common, with 70% indicating that they drink at least on a casual basis, a figure that is marginally lower than the national average for Canadians. Marijuana was also popular, with 49% reporting use in the past year. Ecstasy and cocaine were also used with some frequency (33% and 15% respectively). In general, the use of recreational drugs appears to be lower among gay Nova Scotians than among Torontonians, although the rates are typically somewhat higher than are national estimates for the heterosexual population.

Risky Sexual Practices

Of those filling out that survey, an impressive 85.8 % had been tested for HIV, with 11.1% reported

that there were HIV-positive. As Westhaver and Allan note, "testing can be understood as a marker of willingness—or ability—to look after one's sexual health." Given that gay men continue to be at risk for HIV infection, how careful are local men to practice safer sex (defined as avoiding unprotected anal intercourse—either as a top or bottom—with a man



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whose HIV status is unknown)? One of the most positive findings in the study was that almost 80% of the men play safer on a regular basis, not having any kind of risky sex.

Encouraging as it is that such a high percentage of local gay men practice safer sex, the fact that some of us still make risky choices concerns those working to develop gay men's health programming. The sociological approach taken

"Almost one-third of respondents reported using [the internet] in a search for sexual partners."

by the report's authors leads to a prediction that marginalization of a group could be related to poorer health. Do individuals who are marginalized—for what ever reason, including sexual orientation—experience "choice" in the same way as their more privileged peers? Of course, the majority of the 310 gay men who filled out the Sex Now Survey were not marginalized in many of the conventional ways that are known to affect health: most respondents were white, reasonably well educated, economically secure, and typically in a long-term relationship. Interestingly, risky sexual practice was also unrelated to drug use, with the exception of marijuana. There was, however, some relationship—although not a particularly strong one—between such risky practice as an increased number of sexual partners, relationships that were open, and increased use of public cruising sites.

The authors of the report were also interested in finding out what differences might exist between the gay men who lived in Metro and those from rural communities. It is quite possible that it may be more difficult for those living in small centres to come out as a gay man. They might also lack the same level of social support and have less ready access to the kinds of "social and physical environments that would support their identifica-

tion as a gay man." Despite these possibilities, there are no differences in the data on urban/rural residence

from the Sex Now Survey in terms of safer sex practices. There was, however, a difference between rural and urban dwellers in both the probability of being tested for both HIV and syphilis and, for those who had been tested, in the frequency and recency of testing, with rates for those living in the metropolitan area being higher.

Misinformation about STDs

One set of survey questions dealt with the level of respondents' knowledge about syphilis, a disease that has been increasing among gay men across Canada—although apparently not at the moment in Nova Scotia. Specific questions

dealt with issues such as the fact that one can have syphilis without knowing it, that condom use doesn't always prevent its spread, that it can be detected through a blood test, and that it can be cured with antibiotics. One of the more disturbing findings in the report is that many of the gay men completing the survey didn't know the answers to such questions. On some questions up to 40% of respondents either gave no answer or an incorrect one. Overall, the report's authors conclude that more than two-thirds of the gay men in the survey lacked ac-

curate knowledge about syphilis. This is one area on which health programming for men who have sex with men should focus. Interestingly, those with more formal social engagement—volunteering to help with a gay cause, donating to a gay organization, reading Wayves—were somewhat more likely to have accurate information about the syphilis than those without such connections.

Where Now?

The success of this initial survey has led to the development of a plan for a much expanded region-

wide survey in the summer of 2006. The 2005 survey itself has been revised to provide a better fit with local realities and to focus on those areas that this initial questionnaire has identified as promising avenues for understanding this region's gay men's sexual and social behaviour and beliefs, particularly as they might relate to expanded health programming developed specifically for our community. [To view a copy of the Sex Now Report please go to acns.ns.ca, click on "services" at the top, and then, in the right hand column under "Survey", on "Sex Now! Survey Report 2005."]

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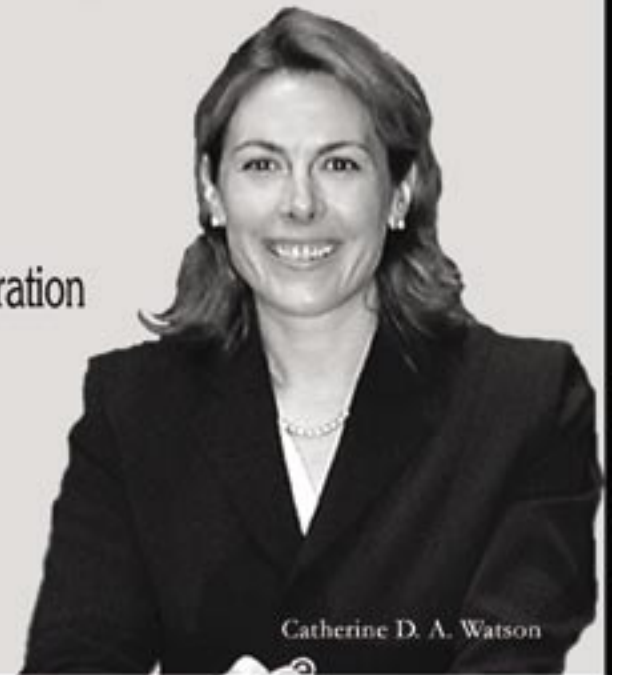
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Having hosted a fancy wedding reception recently, I was re-introduced to a Mongolian cooking style which I had not played with since my days at The EPCOT International Food and Wine Festival over a decade ago. This recipe is very simple and great for the outdoor grilling season. I will be giving you a version for boneless leg of lamb, but this marinade and BBQ flavor works just as well on beef, pork or chicken. (Note: marinating and cooking times are different for each type and cut of meat)

Mongolian Style BBQ Rotisserie Leg of Lamb

Ingredients

1 whole leg of lamb (boned out and tied)
2 Tbsp light soy sauce

1 Tbsp dark brown sugar
6 cloves fresh garlic (crushed)
2 tsp grated fresh ginger
1 tsp toasted sesame oil

3 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
juice of 1 lime
1 tsp cracked fresh black pepper

Method

- Using a sharp knife make 1/4 inch deep cuts, 2 inches apart, creating a checkerboard pattern on the roast. This allows the marinade to penetrate the meat better and will create a nice appearance to the char crust for serving.
- Combine all of the marinade ingredients to create a paste.
- Liberally rub the paste all over the leg of lamb, place the lamb in to an airtight container and refrigerate 24 hours turning once.
- Remove the lamb from the refrigerator 1 hour prior to grilling to bring it to room temperature, light grill and heat to medium low heat. Pat dry the marinated lamb with paper towel, season all over with crushed sea salt.

- Skewer the lamb on to the BBQ spit. Place on rotisserie and slow roast 10-12 minutes per/lb for a nice pink medium.

- Remove the lamb from it's skewer, place on a carving platter and lightly tent with foil. Allow to rest for 10-12 minutes prior to carving to let the juices redistribute through the whole roast for a more tender and flavorful carving.

Serving suggestions

I like to serve this lamb with fresh cilantro and lime garnish, along with basmati rice pilaf with raisins and toasted cashews and honey/garlic sautéed snow peas. You may also choose to serve a cold condiment sauce for the meat consisting of goat's milk yogurt, honey, lime and toasted coriander seed.

Pennies for Lindsay

An initiative launched by the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project

In recent times, a story that has had a significant impact on us all is that of Lindsay Willow's human rights commission tribunal. Because of her perceived sexual orientation, Ms. Willow endured unwarranted harassment and discrimination. Lindsay found herself the subject of an unjust scandal marked by bigotry, intolerance, and ignorance. Those who were supposed to protect her and defend her rights did exactly the opposite: they not only

marginalized her, but contributed to her already-existing struggle. This scandal altered the life and career of a great teacher who has provided nothing but support and encouragement to her students and to her community. The resilience Lindsay has shown is a message not only to all LGBT youth to fight for themselves and their beliefs, but for each and every person to defend his or her own rights, values, and ambitions. Lindsay's struggle is

symbolic of the damaging effects of homophobia within our own education system, and reminds us that such injustices continue to hamper the lives of people every day.

But fighting battles garners legal fees, even if one is victorious. Lindsay is facing a large debt in the wake of her hearing. It is for this reason that the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth Project of Nova Scotia is

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Seeking Safe Home Providers

The Youth Project Safe Home program will re-open soon

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

Do you want to provide a safe home?

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project is currently searching for safe homes in order to meet the needs of 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 phone the Youth Project (446-3796) to speak with Patrick Daigle or email support@youthproject.ns.ca.

Why is there a need for the Safe Home Program?

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

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 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).

Long-term Placements - These placements are ongoing and provide a longer term safe living environment for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth. Emphasis is placed on education, community involvement and the development of skills that will aid the youth in their transition to independent living.

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We've achieved a number of time in our history we received Premier of Nova Scotia (take MacDonald's letter on the centre and Values statement for 2006 future Halifax Pride Committees values as Professionalism; Respect; Excitement. We've tried hard to across the province It's been a Westgate of Pictou County Pride our new friends from across the InterPride Conference last April. Most importantly perhaps, we have tried to make sure that Pride is giving back to you. Virtually every event this year is partnered with a registered charity or organisation that serves LGBTQ Nova Scotia: our community.

2006 has brought some new sponsors to Halifax Pride. We owe a lot to the LGB Youth Project, and we'd like to extend a 'Proud' welcome to Capital Health and the IWK Health Centre, as well as the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. The Marriott Halifax Harbourfront has been a generous and supportive partner, working closely with us to help foster LGB tourism in Nova Scotia, and we look forward to a long friendship. New sponsors are coming on board all the time, and we look forward to continuing our good relationships with community supporters like Menz Bar and Reflections.

Now here's your first close look at what's in store for Pride Week 2006! We're excited by the new events, and the welcome return of old favourites, with still more to be announced when the Pride Events Guide 2006 is released in The Coast on July 13. Please visit our website to check out the opportunities for volunteers, as well as new events still being planned as this article goes to press.

The debt is paid and Halifax Pride 2006 is getting ready to take its first steps. We hope you like where we're heading. We could not have done it without your helping hands.

Marching in Stilletos

By Hugo Dann, Co-Chair Halifax Pride 2006

Every year in every city where Pride is celebrated, be it Vancouver or Halifax (or I daresay even New York where it all began), one hears the cry, "Why oh why all the drag queens in the Parade? That's all the media ever focuses on!" My oh-so-clever answer would be that drag has always been an aspect of queer culture. I might cite the Berdache tradition among some First Nations, and Oscar Wilde dressing up to pose as Salomé. Drag Queens may seem to perpetuate a stereotype, but they can turn that stereotype on its ass. Drag itself can be a subtle, transgressive form of performance art, and it can be silly and campy and fun. But really, had it not been for the Drag Queens we might not have Pride Day at all. I may not be able to slip into the heels, but I'm Proud to march with those who can and do.

In San Francisco, back in the early '50's, Drag Queen José Sarria held court as reigning chanteuse at the Black Cat in North Beach. Clad in a sequinned gown, or



Menz Bar: Best Float 2005

done up like an operatic diva, José would address the crowd at closing time, "Remember, there's nothing wrong with being gay. For one moment, I want you all to stand up and be proud of who you are." Everyone in the bar would rise, standing in a circle while José led



Boom Boom Lubalicious at Pride's Clean Sweep.

them in a chorus of "God save us Nelly Queens. Long live us Nelly Queens!" Across the street in the jail of the old Hall of Justice, the gay men picked up for 'indecent' or 'morals charges' would hear the singing and take heart.

Nobody knows quite who threw the first 'bitch-slap' in the face of New York's Finest on June 28, 1969, but it was certainly the sight of the Queens being forced by police out of the Stonewall Inn that drew the crowd. The Queens behaved like show girl troupers, waving and blowing kisses like it was an opening night on Broadway. But Judy Garland had just died, and "Hey man, dig it. Gay is Good!" was the vibe going down. No one was in the mood to let the Police walk all over us again. For three nights, Greenwich Village was the scene of angry, violent street battles between queers and cops. Almost 40 years later, the "hairpin drop heard round the world" is still reverberating, as Pride marches everywhere commemorate the night we fought back to claim our civil rights.

Here in Halifax (as elsewhere), Drag Queens are among our most successful community fundraisers. Halifax Pride 2006 would have been a lot more difficult to bring about had it not been for the in-

Patrick Tells You Why He Did It

By Patrick Daigle, Co-Chair Halifax Pride 2006

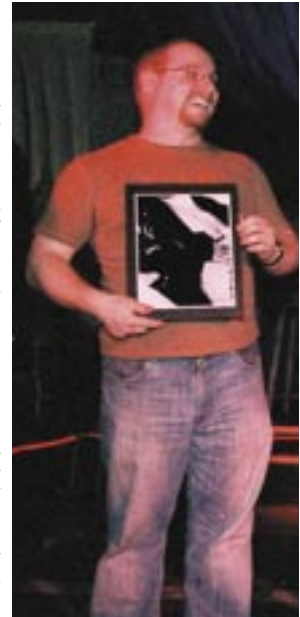
When I attended Halifax Pride's Annual General Meeting back in November, I knew very little of what Pride stood for, let alone the difficulties that had occurred, and that the committee was left with a debt of many thousands of dollars. I went in the small room with the ten others and by the time the meeting had ended was unsure how I wanted to be involved, or even if I still wanted to be. Pride's 2006 Committee was to have been formed that day, although by the end over half the positions were yet to be filled, including both Co-Chair positions.

Over the next few days I thought a lot about the situation, and the different path my own life has taken over the past several years. Six years ago I had plans to live my life as a straight man. It took courage and a lot of support from my friends and community to declare that I was a gay man. This didn't come without complications. My first Pride I can recall a friend asking me that not-so-uncommon question, "If you could be straight, would you want to be?" Back then my answer was yes.

I realize how much I have grown over the years. I had transformed myself, but without knowing those in history who had given me that chance to be who I am today. Pride allowed me to open yet another closet door filled with stories and brave ideas. What is Pride to me? Pride is a reminder that we still have a long way to go in society;

in showing that we are people, fundamentally no different than any other, and deserving of being treated as any other. I believe Pride was left, and continues, as our reminder of the work still to be done in the hope that, in the not-too-distant future, people who may be questioning their sexuality, or who identify as LGBT will not have to wish they were straight, or be degraded, emotionally or physically,

by homophobia; but instead be proud of who they are and of the community to which they belong.



Since answering 'yes' to that question, I have grown: I have learned and educated myself about the fear, hatred and ignorance that can still be seen every day. I have learned so much from my supportive friends, my community and my family about what it is to be a strong gay man, one who no longer wishes he was straight to fit in, or not be different from those

who judge, but a person who is happy in himself, and happy to help others, and as Co-Chair of Halifax Pride 2006. If I were now to declare one regret in my life, it would be that I did not come out sooner because I have never been happier than I am today.

So why did I do it? I did it because the challenges of getting rid of the debt, or of raising money for 2006, or questions about whether or not it's a 'family event' don't matter so much. The meaning of Pride for me still rings true: that it is a day to remember our history, our lives and our future.

credible help of ISCANS and other Halifax Queens. It was a privilege to introduce Miss Vicki to delegates from all over Canada attending the InterPride conference, letting them know that the Queen with the legs like Dietrich was the most successful AIDS Walk fundraiser anywhere in the country. Sea to sea to sea, Miss Vicki wears that crown, and all of Halifax should take Pride in that!

The media will choose the images it wants from Pride 2006, nothin' we can do about it. For myself, I know I will be moved as always by the PFLAGs and LGBT Youth; by Lesbian and Gay marchers from rural Nova Scotia;

by representatives of religious congregations; by Two-Spirited men and women from the Mi'kmaq and Malaseet Nations; by the diversity our whole community presents to the world in this, our Parade.

This July 22nd as I am watching the Leather and Fetish community striding with Pride down Spring Garden Road, I will also choose to remember that part of Pride means being Proud of our sexuality; insisting on our right to make our own sexual choices; to love who and how we choose. In the same spirit, when I see the Drag Queens, flashing royal smiles and rhinestones, they will remind me of our community's history and

Perspective: Pride Through Hubble

By Raymond Taavel

We live in a fantastic day and age. Consider the Hubble Telescope. Since its launch in 1990 astronomers have been able to view and study the bounds of the known universe and push the cosmic boundaries to limits unthinkable only a few decades ago. Today we peer deeply into the murk and stardust and, based on the reflection of starlight, see what the universe was like hundreds of millions, even billions of years ago, before the genesis of humanity, and into a time that was perhaps a glimmer in the eye of some great cosmic power, if one is inclined to believe in such an entity. What an incredible testament to humanity and our technological prowess as we race into the 21st century.

On June 2, CNN published on-line exposé entitled, "Struggle for Gay Rights" in the Middle East". The article details the story of Youssef, a 21-year old Lebanese man from a conservative Shia family, who is openly and unabashedly gay living in Beirut. The reporter was cautioned by her colleagues about the dangers of writing about gays in the Arab world still one of the most inhospitable places on earth to live as a gay or lesbian. Youssef is a rarity indeed - courageous to say the least, making a statement by simply "being". He has been kidnapped at gunpoint by his brothers and held for three weeks and been the victim of much abuse because of his sexual orientation. It is considered a black mark on the family's honour in much the same way as when a sister has inappropriate relations with a man the family does not approve of. The mere rumour of being gay is enough to wreck lives, families and livelihoods. As the reporter interviewed this man at a streetside café a car full of men screamed "foul foul" - a slang term meaning

"faggot" - out the car window. Such is gay life in the Middle East.

When I looked at this piece, I thought of the Hubble and its amazing ability to peer into the history of the universe. It was like peering into our own civil rights history in North America and easily could have been written about us forty or more years ago, where the "love that dared not speak its name" was taboo. There were devastating consequences if that secret were revealed and known gay hangouts were raided by the police (as was done in Bahrain another Arab Gulf state nation, a few years ago where police raided a so called 'gay wedding' and jailed its participants). This look back into "history" brought to mind the disturbing and frightening time gays and lesbians experience to this day in certain parts of the world. It also makes me appreciate what we've achieved so far here. We would be nameless and faceless without the without the hard fought rights and privileges many of us take for granted today.

What makes this particularly poignant, as we enter yet another Pride season here, is that we freely and openly celebrate today what Youssef can only hope for in his part of the world: freedom. Freedom to be ourselves. Freedom to marry. Freedom to adopt. Freedom to be beneficiaries of spousal benefits, to live our lives openly as productive members of society without fear of retribution or persecution.

Youssef's life is a look back into our own history and a reminder not to take what we have for granted. This Pride season let's be mindful of this as we celebrate what we've achieved, and be vigilant in maintaining those achievements in spite of forces out there who continue to try to turn back the clock on our proud lives.

Look! New Parade Route!



The countdown has started for noon on July 19th as marchers and floats are called to marshal at the base of Portland and Prince William in North End. The 19th Annual Pride Parade makes its path south along Brunswick Street at the base of the Commons and marchers can follow along the route to the Commons where the entertainment will already have started. We would not have had a parade at all if it were not for the support of our business partners. Although Venus Envy has always been a good friend of the community, our Pride Retail Outlet and Box Office. The Commons will be the Pride Day Sale of toys and merchandise. The Festival Site on the Commons. While we don't forget our other sponsors, such as the bars, shops and restaurants that support our community. If you want to know more, visit our website: www.halifaxpride.com

PARADE STARTS HERE

Halifax North Common Park

CONCERT ON THE COMMONS

Dykes VS Divas
Sunday, July 16

Halifax Central Common Park

Halifax City National History

Public Gardens Park

E-mail Sheena
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for Pride!

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We Need You!

This year's Pride Day (July 22nd) is a much bigger undertaking than we've ever tried before, with a free Concert on the Halifax Commons. For the Parade we need Marshalls to help keep it all running smoothly and on time. For the Concert on the Commons we're reaching out looking for people who want to help set-up (and clean-up!), and even handle some light security.

The success of Pride depends on its volunteers. From events like the Parade and everything in between, we rely on the time, energy and enthusiasm of people. People like you! Volunteering is a great way to contribute to Pride, get involved in your community, and make connections, not to mention have one fabulous Pride week.

If you want to volunteer, fill out our quick application on www.halifaxpride.com, or contact Volunteer Coordinator Sheena: volunteers@halifaxpride.com

CUL-DE-SAC: We're thrilled to be able to see as Leonard, contemplates mortality and himself, MacIvor also portrays all of Leonard's life from a drugged-out young hustler to the diva. This little world is an unforgettable performance.
Reel Out Film Festival: It's an honour to have (Needles) producing the Reel Out Film Festival, awards, including the Genie Award nomination.

Art shows: Argyle Fine Art (1869 Upper Street) is hosting a Pride Week. Admission Free, donations welcome. Humphrey and Brandt Eisner. The work of the AIDS Coalition.

Events are still being planned, so keep checking the website for updates on July 13th on regular updates on www.halifaxpride.com

July 22nd 2006! That's when the parade will be on Maitland Street, between the Commons and Citadel Hill. At 1:30 PM, Halifax Mayor Kelly will have a public appearance, heading to the Commons for the parade. Spectators are invited to the Commons to watch the parade begin!

It hadn't been for the general public though not on this year's route, but the parade of Halifax Pride, serving as a backdrop for the city's annual pride parade. They're having their annual parade at the Commons, and at the Commons. If you're downtown, don't miss the parade. As Reflections Cabaret and other performers that have supported the parade want to learn more about who is in the parade, please go to our website www.halifaxpride.com



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Message from the Honourable Rodney J. MacDonald, MLA
Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia
Halifax Pride '06
July 16 to 23, 2006

On behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, I offer support to the organizers of Halifax Pride '06, which will run from July 16th to July 23rd, 2006.

This year's theme is appropriately centred around "community". The young and budding artist who designed this year's logo for Halifax Pride '06, Christin Roper, has incorporated both the bridges crossing between Halifax and Dartmouth and the rainbow. She describes her vision, as depicted through the symbols utilized, as having "the potential to not only represent our cities' geography, but to symbolize a great deal of what pride stands for - unity, bringing communities together, and rising above obstacles".

This appropriately represents the goal of the pride committee in 2006: bringing together our community. With between 20,000 to 25,000 visitors expected for the summer event, it is important that all communities join together to support Halifax Pride Week and the celebration of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals who have overcome obstacles to now take pride in who they are and, at the same time, celebrate as a community.

This is not only a celebration for individuals, for community, it will also be a significant economic contributor to our province. It is now the largest pride festival in the Atlantic Region and will be a significant boost to local businesses and our tourism sector in general.

Author Anthony Burgess said, "Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community." Nova Scotia is most definitely a caring community and one which welcomes this year's visitors and celebrants during Halifax Pride Week.

Sincerely,

Rodney J. MacDonald
Rodney J. MacDonald
Premier of Nova Scotia



Your Halifax
Pride Week
Schedule
July 16-23

Sunday July 16 - "Dykes VS Divas Ball Game"
Canada Games Diamond - Time TBA - Free

Monday July 17 - Proclamation & Flag Raising
with HRM Mayor Kelly - Grand Parade - 10:30am - Free

Tuesday July 18 - Queer Comedy Night
Reflections Cabaret - 9pm

Wednesday, July 19 - SheDog's Bathhouse
for Womyn & trans people TBA

Reel Out Film Festival produced by Thom Fitzgerald -
Check website for details - Donation at the door

Thursday July 20 - Read Out Loud - LGBTQ Poets & Novelists
Spring Garden Road Public Library 7pm Free

Friday July 21 - Queer Times: Queer Measures
- A Performance Event - The Bus Stop Theatre
2203 Gottingen Street 8pm

New!

Saturday July 22 - Body & Soul - A 5K run/walk
around the Halifax Commons - 10am
Followed by an Interfaith Prayer & Meditation -
Halifax Commons - 11am - Free

New!

19th Annual Halifax Pride Parade - Meet @ Noon -
Parade begins @ 1:30pm (see map)

Concert on the Commons - Village Fair and Fete! -
North Commons - 3:30pm Free

WetSpot II: The Pride Party for LGBTQ Womyn & Their Friends
Girl-ish Productions - Location TBA - 9pm

Official Halifax Pride Party - Reflections Cabaret - 9pm

Sunday July 23 - "Faeries on the Ferry" - An All Ages
Picnic by Capital Health & IWK Health Centre - 1pm - Free

New!

Third Annual Halifax Pride Garden Tour - Various locations - 2-4pm.
\$15 Tickets @ My Mother's Bloomers, Topiary & Venus Envoy

CUL-DE-SAC by Daniel MacIvor - Neptune's Studio Theatre
The Halifax premiere of Daniel MacIvor's award-winning,
a one-man show. 8pm

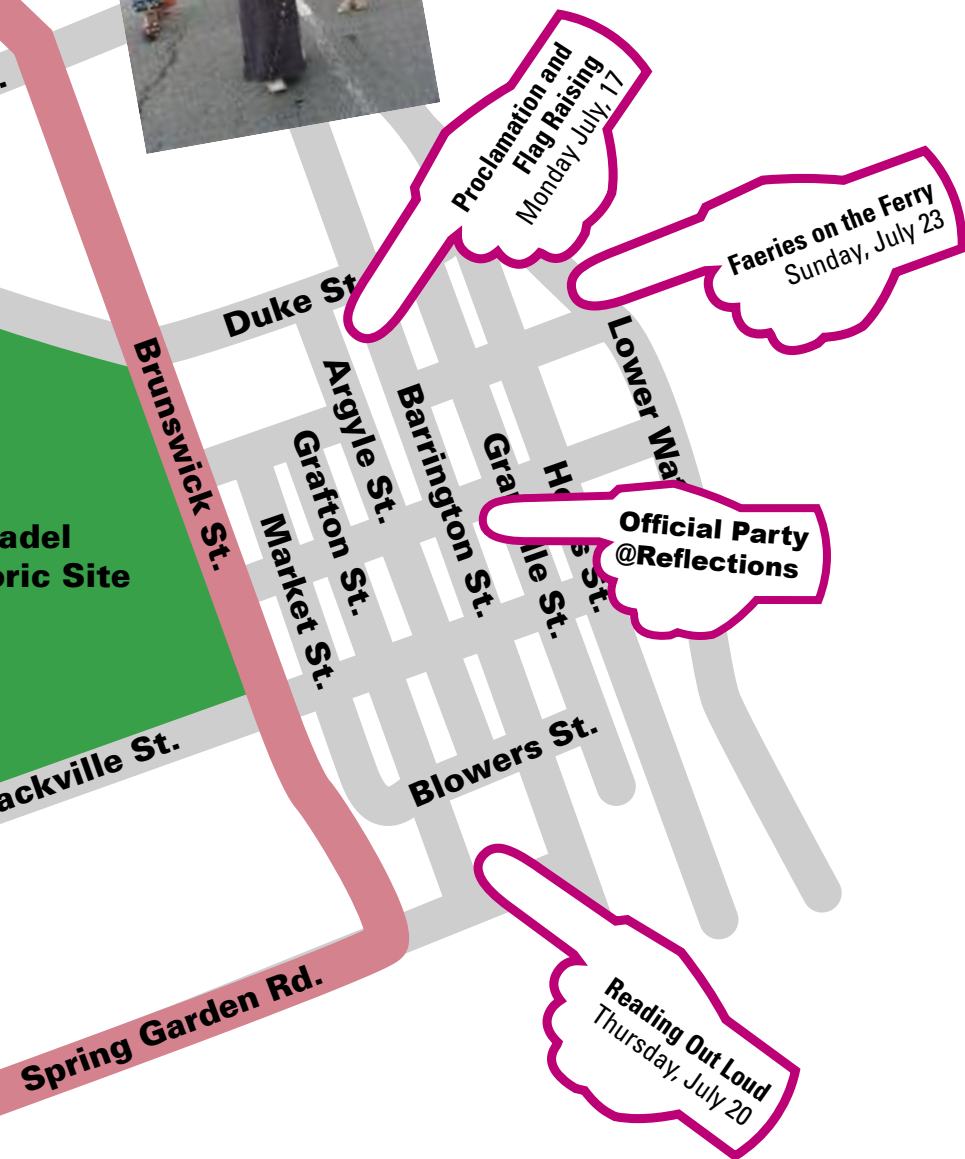
New!

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to offer the Halifax premiere of Daniel MacIvor's acclaimed play, in which MacIvor, on a dead-end street. In a series of bravura monologues and conversations with him- onard's surprisingly complex and twisted neighbors on their quiet cul-de-sac. From the a with a taste for nudism and Gilbert & Sullivan, this look at Leonard's ordinary looking rmance that's funny and scary at the same time. Produced by Brad Horvat t to have Thom Fitzgerald (*Hanging Garden*; *Beefcake*; *Wild Dogs*; *The Event*; and 3 m Festival. Since his 1997 feature debut, he has won more than two dozen international Thom was cited as "One of the top 100 filmmakers in the world" by Screen Interna-

opper Water Street) will host an exhibition called "Spectrum." This show will run all during ons appreciated for ACNS. Room 2 Move Gym will be showing new paintings by Tim ork will be shown throughout Pride Week. A portion of any sales will be set aside for the

Keep your eye out for our Pride Events Guide in the Coast, Thursday, www.halifaxpride.com



Community

HalifaxPride06

July 16–July 23, 2006

Pride Parade
and Concert
July 22



Events

Dykes VS Divas
Sunday, July 16

Proclamation and Flag Raising
Monday July, 17

Queer Comedy Night
Tuesday, July 18

Reel Out Film Festival
Wednesday, July 19 and 20

**SheDog's Bathhouse
for women & trans people**
Wednesday, July 19

Reading Out Loud
Thursday, July 20

Queer Times: Queer Measures
New event this year!
Friday, July 21

**Body & Soul: 5K Run and Interfaith
Prayer Service on the Commons**
New events this year!
Saturday, July 22

**ANNUAL HALIFAX
PRIDE PARADE**
Saturday, July 22

Concert on the Commons
New event this year!
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**WetSpot II: the Pride
Party for LGBTQ women
and their friends**
Saturday, July 22

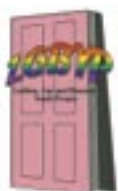
**This Ain't Your Typical
Rose Garden Tour**
Sunday, July 23

Faeries on the Ferry
New event this year!
Sunday, July 23

**CUL-DE-SAC
by Daniel MacIvor**
New event this year!
Sunday, July 23



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The Coast
HALIFAX'S WEEKLY

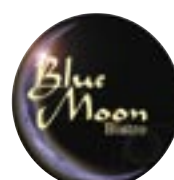
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Ask Lulu

Warning: Outrageous Content.
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Q: Hey Lulu. You are amazing. I was wondering what do you have to say to a big girl like me who still gets shit on for being big. What would you say girl, tell me all. Dawn

A: Dear Dawn: The answer is simple, tell them you eat just as much food as they do...you just don't puke when you are done. Then tell the skinny bitch not to move around too quickly, the rattling of their bones is loud and hard on the ears. <grin>. Hope that helps, Love Lulu...and remember hun, big is beautiful don't you forget it.

Q: Dear Lulu. I have met the guy of my dreams. We really like each other. We didn't even have sex until almost three weeks after we met. He is great! But...he has got a

pound of foreskin on his otherwise nice dick. Needless to say, it is not a turn on. Should I ask him to consider a circumcision, or should I just suck it up and chew on it and hope it goes away? Thanks, Love you, your store Making Faces, and your show! Chewie

A: Dear Chewie: Being born to an overly optimistic mother I never had the pleasure of having a foreskin as she had an inch chopped off almost as soon as I was born, so personally I find them exotic and mysterious. Now that being said I also know when to draw the line... I like foreskin... not fiveskin or sixskin. Too much of a good thing well, is just that... too much. I have a few simple pointers to determine if in fact it is too much. 1. Can it pick up peanuts?

Chances are that's too much. 2. Can you smell it before you get his undies all the way down? Chances are that's too much. 3. Does the penis stay encased in its hood even when fully erect? Chances are, for me anyways, that'd be too much. Now don't get me wrong, this is simply my own preference. There are many men out there that love nothing more than having enough skin to blow up and make balloon animals out of. Alas, I am not one of them. As for your man getting a circumcision for you... good luck with that one. I suggest you try to adapt to his flaps and learn to love it. I personally believe that if you are that into him, the skin shouldn't be that insurmountable. Good Luck!

Fag Hags and Fruit Flies

What do you think about these terms for women who have friendships with gay men? Female participants needed for online Mount Saint Vincent University study on relationships between gay men and

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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.

personals

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spiritual

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support

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Seaview Park is pleasant...

but can be risky

By Bill McKinnon

Seaview Park in Halifax's north end near the MacKay Bridge can be pleasant in the summer. You may lie in the sun contemplating Halifax Explosion horrors, the outrage of Africville's expropriation or the charms of that hunk sitting on a nearby bench. It's all part of the area's cultural heritage.

The park gets used a lot for boat-launching, dog-walking, sunbathing, various parked-car pastimes and by men who wander the labyrinth of secluded foot-paths meandering here and there up the

hill at back of the park. Whether these guys are ostensibly birders, flora and fauna photographers or would-be explorers is uncertain, but there are sometimes quite a few and many seem past their best-before dates.

What you do in privacy is one thing but the same activity in the bushes can be risky and illegal. I don't just mean your falling off the rocks into the Harbour, being run down by a train or bitten by a Chebucto rattlesnake. You may encounter unpleasant surprises round the bend in the trail and

seemingly innocent indiscretions could invoke dire consequences.

It probably wouldn't matter much if everyone were there for the same purpose but some are not and a few people complain to the authorities. It's their park, too. Then trouble starts. There may also be a risk of muggers.

Incidents involving authorities have occurred at Seaview and at parks on the Dartmouth side of the harbour so it is a good idea to be careful. Aside from that, breathe in the fresh air, bask in the sunshine (with sunscreen of

course), gaze at the splendid views of Bedford Basin and the Narrows, meet new friends and enjoy yourselves. And oh, yes; there is actually no such thing as a Chebucto rattlesnake.



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I'm a lesbian - do I need a Pap test too?

By Wenda MacDonald, PhD, Education Coordinator, Capital Health GLBTI Initiative

In my work on Capital Health's GLBTI Initiative and as a community member, I am often asked: what is so different about GLBTI health?

I was at a gathering of local lesbians and bisexual women this spring, getting to know the other women. The issue of health care came up, and one comment really struck me.

"I've heard if you are a lesbian, you don't need a Pap test."

Alarm bells went off in my head. It was clear in that moment that our initiative wasn't just timely. It was a necessity.

Evidence shows that there is a discrepancy in our health status compared to that of our straight friends. We may be at higher risk for some conditions – not because we are lesbian, transgender, gay, or bisexual, but because of what being lesbian, transgender, gay or

bisexual means within the context of our daily lives. It can affect our self-esteem, our day-to-day living and coping strategies, and our ability to be completely who we are. The stresses of coming out, time and time again, or the stresses of not coming out and having others assume we are straight, can adversely affect our health.

As a group, we may be at increased risk for some ailments. And we don't see our doctors for regular preventative screening as often as

our straight friends. When we do, we may not feel comfortable coming out to our health care provider, so an opportunity to explore some of our unique health needs is lost.

What has become clear in our initiative's work thus far is that the GLBTI community is a population that has specific health care needs and risks that are often unknown – to both providers and patients alike. Therefore, too many health care needs go unaddressed.

While we have directed our ef-

orts to health care professionals this year, we hope to begin working with GLBTI communities in the future. Pride Week is such a great place to start!

And to the comment on Pap tests: yes, if you have a cervix, you need a regular Pap test.

Visit Cancer Care Nova Scotia's website to find more information on Pap screening for lesbian women: <http://www.cancercare.ns.ca/media/documents/Lesbian-WomenFactSheet.pdf>

Transgendered Diaries

Walk A Mile In My Heels

By Denise Holliday

It seems like I never was very good at meeting strangers on a social level. Strange, perhaps, if you consider the fact that I have made my living most of my life in various sales positions. I had committed to going to a coffee night at the home of a recent acquaintance. My spouse had declined for the present but I was committed and thinking I probably should be – committed that is – since I never met any of these people before and only knew the couple a short time.

I nervously picked out an outfit that would be nice without looking sexy or as if I were competing for Belle of the Ball. It was a come as you want, we all know how you end up kind of thing. All the girls except YOU dress the same. Durrrrrr. The food was pot luck, my favourite, and I had been told to just bring bread rolls since the other girls already had things covered. I seemed to take forever with getting ready and after one last and nervous look, with assurances from my spouse that I looked "fine," I threw the rolls in a plastic bag, slipped on my brown two-tones with the two-inch heel, thinking "stupid, should have wore flats to drive." I grabbed my coat and small shoulder purse that held my credit cards and drivers license, and then headed for the car.

Butterflies danced in my stomach as I checked my hair, make-up and earrings for the fifteenth time in half an hour as I drove. The radio played, but not to me, I was way too nervous to pay any attention. It had actually been a long time since I went to any social event without my spouse and I was starting to have second thoughts about the whole deal. Driving carefully, so as not to cause police traffic problems, I finally reached my

destination and with the rolls in hand I headed for the door. The hostess and spouse were waiting and welcomed me with hugs. They ushered me into the room.

The room was filled up and people were side by side all around the small country kitchen. Most of them were dressed to kill and yep, I was the dowdy looking one despite my best efforts. The girls introduced themselves, not that I would remember names for some time, and several had spouses that they also introduced to me. Their spouses were distinctive by their non-dressed-up approach to the evening. Go ahead, say it, LOL. I was starting to settle in and the conversation was interesting. Suddenly, I was brought up short as one of the girls, being kind and considerate, said, "Oh, Denise, I am so sorry your wife was not able to make it."

Welcome to my first walk in my heels. You see, I have been a male-to-female transsexual all my life, but never mixed or dressed with others. A lot of these girls have heterosexual marriages, children and businesses, as well as wives. They all belong to a transgender support group. Denise had just entered the world officially and in public for the first time in her life. I was very close to tears.

How can a transsexual person live in this world and survive? Do we lie to spouses, fool friends? What are we trying to prove? Good questions, with answers in some cases difficult to understand; and for others, no answers.



How to Travel for Less Money this Summer

By Bill McKinnon

Would you like to travel in Atlantic Canada this summer but can't afford it? Gas prices are so expensive, although you can travel with several in a car and share the costs. You may want to get to Pride in Halifax, Saint John, Fredericton, Sidney or Charlottetown, go on a weekend spree or visit friends or relatives but hotels are \$100 or more per night. There is a way. Stay at the universities for clean, safe and really cheap accommodation. All room rates are low, doubles are lower and rates are usually less if you are a senior or student. Minor downside features may

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In Cape Breton stay at Cape Breton University for \$31-115; phone/fax (902) 563-1792 or e-mail doug_connors@conferences.uccb.ca.

In Charlottetown stay at UPEI

for \$52.50 or so plus tax (breakfast included); phone (902) 566-0362, e-mail conferences@upei.ca or check www.upei.ca/housing.

In Saint John stay at UNBSJ for as low as \$34 for singles; phone (506) 648-5762, e-mail conf@unbsj.ca or check www.unbsj.ca/res-conf.

In Fredericton stay at UNBF for \$28.65 or less; phone (506) 453-4800, e-mail unbotel@unb.ca or check www.unbf.ca/housing.

For other possibilities check www.novascotia.com, www.pei-play.com, www.newfoundlandandlabradortourism.com or www.tourismnewbrunswick.ca.



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AtlanticCanadianLesbians: For Lesbians from the Atlantic Provinces. web: groups.msn.com/Atlantic-CanadianLesbians

AtlanticPoz: A new discussion group is for individuals living with HIV in Atlantic Canada. email: atlanticpoz@yahooogroups.com web: health.groups.yahoo.com/group/atlanticpoz/

Canadian Transsexuals Fight for Rights: One-stop site for needs, accomodations, doctors, therapists, legal etc. web: www.ctffr.org

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@yahooogroups.ca at Please write for further information on our upcoming meetings and social events.

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

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 or making a panel) at 3544 Acadia St. Halifax, NS B3K 3P2

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

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

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

New Brunswick (506)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fredericton Lesbians and Gays, Fredericton: Occasional social events and Email listserv. email: jwhiteh@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

ca (Dances are held at GNG club every Saturday night. See www.gngnb.ca for a list of upcoming events.) at 702 rue Principale, Petit-Rocher NB. Look for rainbow flag and/or door with pink triangle at rear of parking lot.

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

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

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

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

PFLAG Moncton : Parents, families and friends of GLBTT2&Q persons. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd monday (occasionally on the 2nd Monday — please call) at 7:30 pm at U. de M. at Rm 302, Adrien-J.-Cormier building.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

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

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

LBGT-MUN Resource Centre, St John's: LBGT-MUN is an information/resource, service, and peer support centre staffed by trained volunteers! 737-7619 email:

lbgtmun@mun.ca web: www.mun.ca/lbgt/ (weekdays 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM; two-three meetings each month; Coffee-House Fridays from 12-2pm; movie nights and other social events occur at least three times per month!) at Smallwood/University Center, UC-6022. Building located on Prince Phillip Drive. Call us! Get involved! LBGT-MUN: "A Positive Place, for Positive People!"

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

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

Nova Scotia (902)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ns.ca (Meeting are as requested.)

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

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Truro Gay Youth: Vida at 897-4366.

Truro Pride: GLBT support group in Central NS. 897-6654 or 895-8363 email: truropride@hotmail.com web: www3.ns.sympatico.ca/greenoaks/Home.html (Every second Wednesday at 6:00 PM. See webpage for next date.) at Calico Cafe @ 564 Prince Street, Truro, NS.

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

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

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

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

Prince Edward Island (902)

Abegweit Rainbow Collective: Serving GLBTTQ Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: arcepi@isn.net web: www.arcepi.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@yahooogroups.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.arcepi.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. (902)314-0673 or (902)940-3971 email: pridepei@isn.net web: www.peipride.com (every other Tuesday @ 5:30pm -- see web site) at UPEI women's center. Take university ave and turn at lights by University. To left and take first right. Bldg on the right is the place we meet.

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

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

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

See page 6 for what's up in Sydney. Email submissions@wayves.ca with your events for the Island!

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.

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

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Halifax

Every Sunday

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

Every Sunday

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

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.

July 6, 20, Aug. 3, 17, 31, Sept. 14, 28

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

July 9, 23, Aug. 6, 20, Sept. 3, 17

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

July 10

Workshop at Venus Envy: G marks the Spot Everything you've always wanted to know about the not-so-elusive G-Spot! We will cover history, anatomy, ejaculation and practical g-spotting tips. 6:15pm \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00) Please pre-register by calling 422-0004 visit www.venusenvy.ca for details

July 13

Workshop at Venus Envy: Sex Toys 101 for Queer Girls cost: \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00) We've modified our very popular Sex Toys 101 workshop to make this class specific to women lovin' women. We've taken out the boy toys and added info about harnesses, double dils, and safer lesbian sex. Open to all women who have sex (or want to have sex) with other women, regardless of your identity. 7:15pm \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00) Please pre-register by calling 422-0004 visit www.venusenvy.ca for details

July 16

Sunday Moosedeck patio Buffett Brunch and Silent auction in support of the 2006 A.I.D.S walk, from 11am -1pm \$10.00 Location Level 3 of the MENZ Bar. Brunch includes Pancake/sausage/ scrambled eggs and great conversations. Hope to see you there. For more information contact Ron at rgnugent@yahoo.com or MENZ Bar at 446-6969.

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 25

Workshop at Venus Envy: Going Down: A Guide to Cunnilingus cost: \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00) This workshop will cover anatomy, technique, communication skills and tricks to please your lady with your lips. And tongue, and teeth, and hands, and then some! 7:15pm \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00) Please pre-register by calling 422-0004 visit www.venusenvy.ca for details

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. 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

Halifax Youth Project Calendar

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

Week 1

Monday - Transgender Discussion Group: A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the

youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what trans youth have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. A place to talk about trans issues and make new friends! 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick St. Tuesday - Discussion Group (ages 18 and under) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick St. Wednesday - Discussion Group (ages 18-25) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 7-9 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 2

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

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and please feel free to e-mail us at
thegirls@nb.sympatico.ca

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

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Week 3

Tuesday - Guest Speaker & Discussion night (ages 25 & under) A new speaker every week to educate & spark discussion. This is a structured environment. 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick street

Wednesday - Activity night (ages 25 & under) A chance to have fun and perhaps learn something new. Activities will be on this night lasting two and a half months. First activity class IMPROV classes. 6-8pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 4

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Themed Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event with a fun & exciting theme. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick street

Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Halifax Pride Calendar

For full Halifax Pride details, see pages 11-14!

Halifax Bar & Business Calendar

BLUE MOON BISTRO/BACK BAR

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

Weekly Events.

Sundays - Show's from Drag to creative dance music or themes.

Mondays - 5-9pm Tarot reading's with Shadow. 9-close - Oh My Gay Nerves -

Tuesdays - Karaoke with Trevor ... cash prize draws.

Wednesdays -10pm till close - Act it Out with Boom Boom (front bar) 7 - 10pm Swing Dancing (back bar)

Thursdays - Karaoke and Wings with Justin ... cash prize draws. So you think you can groove !!!

Fridays - Stage Show's in the Bistro. DJ and dancing (back bar)

Saturdays -Stage Show's in the Bistro. Dance all night long with DJ Electro (back bar)

Special Events.

Saturday, July 1. The Blue Moon Bistro/Back Bar Grand Opening.

Sunday, July 2. Breast Cancer Fundraiser.

Sunday, July 9. ISCANS Drag Auction & Show.

Saturday, July 15. Fetish Night.

Sunday, July 16. Halifax Pride Week Opening Show.

Monday, July 17. Bimbo Bingo.

Tuesday, July 18. Designing with Neville.

Thursday, July 20. Pride Karaoke with Justin.

Friday, July 21. Blackout Party.

Saturday, July 22. Happy Pride Day. Join us for our Pride Party !!!

Sunday, July 23. Pride Buffet.

Friday, July 28. The Window Drag Show with Boom Boom.

Sunday, July 30. 50's / 60's Night with ISCANS.

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Saturdays - TOP 40 with DJ NEEDLES!

Sat & Sun - Brain Freezers & Brunch Starting @ Noon

The PARTZ Dept & Pool Table on Level III JULY LINE UP

Canada Day Long Week End

Fri. June 30th, After 5 - MARTINIZ & MARGARITAZ followed by ARMY/NAVY Night with DJ Needles

Sat. July 1st, OH CANADA LEATHER! Tattoo You with DJ Needles

Sat. July 1st, Watch the Fireworks from our Moose Deck on Level III

Sun. July 2nd, Mexican Food, Frozen Margaritas & Music on the Patio

Mon. July 3rd, KARAOKE with BEAR777 with EXTRA Prizes

Fri. July 7th, AFTER 5 - MARTINIZ & MARGARITAZ followed by short SHORTS & T's Contest @ 10PM

Sat. July 8th, WET T-SHIRT Contest on the Patio @10PM then Party with DJ Needles

Sun. July 9th, BRAIN FREEZERS & Brunch on the Patioz

Fri. July 14th, AFTER 5 - MARTINIZ & MARGARITAZ then Party with DJ Woody

Sat. July 15th, PRIDE EVE & UNDIS PARTY - Show Us Your Skivvies!

HALIFAX PRIDE '06 OPEN TILL 3am Fri & Sat!

Sun. July 16th, AIDS WALK BRUNCH BUFFET & SILENT AUCTION followed by BRAIN FREEZERS on the Patioz

Mon. July 17th, Karaoke with DJ Electro - Mystery Jack Song, Win up to \$300

Tue. July 18th, MOOSE DECK DRAFT NIGHT & \$2 Off Coupons @ SeaDog's

Wed. July 19th, KARAOKE with BEAR777 - Extra Prizes + Mystery Song, win up to \$300

Thu. July 20th, Cruiseline Grab Bags with purchase of MOOSE LIGHT till Supplies Last!

Fri. July 21st, AFTER 5 - MARTINIZ & MARGARITAZ followed by Cowboy Night with DJ Needles

Sat. July 22nd, Blue Collar PARTY with DJ Needles. Are U a Working Stiff?

Sun. July 23rd, SURVIVOR BRUNCH Inside & Out with BRAIN FREEZERS Till Close

Fri. July 28th, AFTER 5 - MARTINIZ & MARGARITAZ then Party with our Guest DJ

Sat. July 29th, Cowboy Night with DJ Needles

Sun. July 30th, BRAIN FREEZERS & Brunch on the Patioz

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

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


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

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

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

Saturday - 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

Send events to submissions@wayves.ca now -- Event listings are free!
Make sure you include contact info!




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CANADA DAY WEEKEND

Fri., Jun. 30:
Army / Navy Night!
Wear Your Uniforms Boys!

Sat., Jul. 1:
Oh Canada Leather!
Celebrate Canada's Win @ International Mr. Leather!



MENZ BAR

PRIDE 2006

Sun., Jul. 16:
AIDS Walk Brunch
with Silent Auction
+ Brain Freezerz on the Patioz

Mon., Jul. 17:
PRIDE Karaoke I
with DJ Electro

Wed., Jul. 19:
PRIDE Karaoke II
with Bear 777 + Extra Prizes!

Sun., Jul. 2:
A Latin Evening
Mexican Food / Drink / Music

Mon., Jul. 3:
DOUBLE Karaoke
With Bear 777
Double the Prizes!

Fri., Jul. 21:
Cowboy PRIDE
Ride On Pride! + DJ Needles

Sat., Jul. 22:
Blue Collar PRIDE
Are You a Proud Working Stiff?
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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 Bar & Business Calendar

CLUB CHAMELEON

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

Hours: 9pm until 2am

Phone: 506-858-5861

Email: gasmith@nb.sympatico.ca

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

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

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

Saturday - Moncton Leather Chapter Charity BBQ - 4pm on

Sunday - T-Dance and BBQ 4-7 pm

TRIANGLES

Friday June 16th Triangles will hold its annual Anniversary Party. "White" is the party theme this year - the Club will be decorated in white - so please wear your whites to qualify for a special door prize. There will be a variety show from 10 pm till midnight - the performers will be people you know, and perhaps friends - let Stella know if you want to participate. After 12 there will be dancing with DJ da Boss. Because it's the Anniversary Party, there will be lots of great drink specials, and prizes.

Upcoming for Fridays this summer, Triangles will feature guest DJs from all over the Maritimes on the last Friday of the month. Triangles is currently looking into having local DJ's play every Friday. Anyone interested in being part of this is asked to contact Stella also. Check out Triangles website at www.trianglesbar.com for all upcoming events. Stella can be reached at 506-381-7550.

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

Saint John Bar & Business Calendar

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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)

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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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launching "Pennies for Lindsay," a penny collection that will aim to raise funds for Ms. Willow's legal fees. To make this initiative a success, we need your support. We are looking for locations in the community to display "Pennies for Lindsay" jars to collect small change from people who want to show their support. If you would like to contribute, check out these collection locations (or visit our website for more collection sites).

- The LGBYP, 2281 Brunswick street
- Halifax Pride meetings, 2281 Brunswick

If you would like to take part in our collection, please contact us. We offer our most heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely, Sheena Jamieson, Chris Murphy, Gina Ookami, Jon Burton, James Healy, Reigh-Leigh Foster, Kris Figueroa, and Matt Tracey Youth Board, The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth Project. (902)-429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

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St. John's has the highest rate of Hepatitis C in the province, especially among youth. Up until the end of 2005 there was a total of 509 people infected with Hep C, twice the number of people infected with HIV. Yet there is a lack of education on HCV issues in the province. The GUYZ Project will significantly raise awareness about prevention, transmission, impacts, and effects of Hep C.

Youth perceive themselves impervious and invulnerable for contracting HIV; they sometimes experience poor self esteem, have an inability to demand protected sex, and don't see how HIV and Hepatitis C can impact their lives. They believe in the myth of a cure/vaccine and were not affected by previous education campaigns of the 1990's. These factors, combined with the effects of drugs and alcohol, can put them at a high risk for infection. There appears to be a lack of testing, as well as irregular practice of harm reduction strategies. People need to be educated on the potential risks of transmission, have access to free condoms, and, they need to enhance skills related to healthy decision making.

The GUYZ Project is designed to address these issues and will hopefully be effective in reducing the spread of HIV, Hepatitis C, and STI's. If we can adequately prepare gay youth to take control of their own personal health needs while

being considerate of their peers, then it will work towards benefiting the community; and result in improving sexual health for all.

The GUYZ Project Coordinator is soliciting gay identified men, aged 19-29, to partake in a needs assessment to help ground the project in local knowledge and experience. If you are a man who has sex with men, and would like to provide your input on issues that gay men face in St. John's, please consider becoming involved in the GUYZ project. If you have faced some of these issues then have your voice heard.

Become part of a movement to stop the spread of HIV, HCV, and sexually transmitted infections.



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Harper silences MPs on RCMP marriage

By Gerard Veldhoven
Stephen Harper, as our esteemed Prime Minister, has once more muzzled his MPs. This time they are not to discuss the upcoming marriage of Jason Tree and David Connors, two respected RCMP officers stationed in Nova Scotia. All questions regarding this issue have been put on the not so able shoulders of Stockwell Day. He refuses to answer any inquiries associated with this marriage. This

should not come as a surprise as he has fought against same-gender marriage from the beginning. Only four Conservative MPs voted in favour of same-gender marriage, in fact making it certain the vast majority will vote negatively again. This is likely to resurface this fall.

Harper has found an ally in George Bush, as both are vehemently attempting to rid society of "this evil." It is apparent Harper lives in the shadow of the

American President. The redneck thinking of this Prime Minister is certainly something we have to be concerned about. I suppose he is not even aware the world is changing to accommodate the diversity of its numerous citizens.

Consts. Tree and Connors have the support of the majority of Canadians, much to the dismay of our dictatorial Prime Minister. We prefer

to think of Canada as a socially progressive nation, making the attitude of Harper and cohorts impossible to swallow. These two men are making history and have the full support of the RCMP brass. So, it seems fitting for our government to support this also, especially since this body is part of the federal government. This minority government will never condone same-gender marriage. It is not likely they will succeed in bringing it back to parliament for a new debate. Polls suggest the majority of MPs wish to put this issue to rest.

It has been suggested in many

letters written to the newspapers the need to keep this quiet and in the "closet." However, this only serves to further alienate the various sections of our society. In fact, this is the "Harper government attitude." If this is not spoken about it will simply disappear. It is a very

naive attitude. The general public may not be aware gays and lesbians exist in all walks of life. Therefore, the negative response by some is attributed

to the thought police forces could not possibly have gay and lesbian members in their ranks.

The fact Jason Tree and David

Connors are in the public eye serves to re-enforce the fact gays and lesbians do exist everywhere. They should be saluted and embraced for being so open and determined to display their love for each other. This certainly will open the door for many others and is a great model for young gays and lesbians who feel confused and are alienated by their families and friends. The need for more couples to be public is very great indeed. Eventually the tide will change and so will attitudes. We just have to be vigilant and be "out there." This marriage will take place in spite of Harper and his cronies. We do seem to live in a democracy after all.

"This marriage will take place in spite of Harper and his cronies"

The Ostrich Bill

By Gilles Marchildon,
www.egale.ca

I'm reluctant to give Alberta bad press, especially after the province made such a valiant effort to promote its stand-in role for Wyoming in the film "Brokeback Mountain."

Plus, since Wayves readership is mostly Atlantic Canadians, I doubt anyone will jump to the defence of Canada's very own Texas.

But Alberta ain't so bad. Their provincial politicians, before taking a break for the summer, aborted the misguided private member's Bill 208.

Let us christen this short-lived draft legislation "the ostrich bill," after that imposing flightless bird reputed to stick its head in the sand, thinking it is well hidden from the world.

The bill was conceived by Ted Morton. A relatively new Conservative member of the legislature (MLA) Morton has a long history of opposing equality rights for LGBT people. He's also running for the provincial party leadership, now that Klein has been shown the door.

As for the guts of this ostrich, Bill 208 aimed to protect Alberta's marriage commissioners from being compelled to perform same-sex marriages, despite the fact the province's government has already committed itself to this.

It intended to build a "fire-wall" (to use a term much-loved by some Alberta politicians) around the Human Rights Code, making sure no-one could launch a complaint before the commission as a result of a marriage commissioner's refusal to celebrate a same-sex marriage.

The original Bill 208 also included provisions to allow teachers to not talk about same-sex mar-

riage and other issues contrary to religious beliefs. In other words, it would have allowed them to stick their heads in the sand, pretending they could hide from the outside world and its realities... just like the ostrich.

Though Morton said his legislation aimed to "protect" teachers, the Alberta Teachers' Federation saw it quite differently. Federation president Frank Bruseker said the bill stigmatizes same-sex marriage and increases challenges faced by LGBT students: "These students are already at greater risk of being bullied, being alienated from school and eventually dropping out.... They need all the help and support that the school system can provide."

With public controversy erupting over the bill, more reasonable heads prevailed in the Conservative caucus and Morton's bill was somewhat watered down. But then, the ostrich bill was stopped in its tracks, running out of air time because of the limited number of days on which private members' bills could be debated before the Legislature rose for the summer.

Morton vows to make it an issue during the provincial Conservative leadership race. Wonderful. Nothing beats campaigning against LGBT folks for political advantage. Obviously, Morton has taken a page from U.S. President George W. Bush's re-election campaign.

Fortunately, there are more enlightened fellow Conservatives. Gary Mar, a Cabinet minister and leadership rival to Morton, plucked the feathers out of his colleague's ostrich bill, suggesting it would not have achieved anything. "I think it's a solution looking for a problem," he said.

Or an ostrich looking for a hole.



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CD Release



Interview by Raymond Taavel
I arrive at Blue Moon Bistro, late as usual and in a panic. To make a long story short, this is my second attempt to rendezvous with Debbie Diamond this week and I am determined to make it happen. Upon arrival at 9:15 I light up a ciggy and anxiously down a scotch neat. I check my watch, and it dawns on me: Hey! Wait a minute! Okay, I'm doing an interview with a drag queen, for gawd sakes. Hello! She's on drag time and thus time for me to relax. Right on time, her sparkliness Debbie Diamond waltzes in at 9:25.

Tonight Debbie is wearing thigh-high leather boots and a slinky leather outfit from Night-Magic. Hair à la Madonna, of course.

So the reason for this rendezvous is Debbie Diamond's new CD, "Down and Dirty," which launched at Lulu LaRude's Five Minutes of Fame Show at Reflections on June 1st. As soon as I can get her to stop flirting with Dave,



the bartender, we sit down for a talk about Debbie, Jason, alter egos, the new CD and everything in between.

By Debbie's account, the launch was a success for her, especially after winning Five Minutes of Fame with her Carol Burnett impression and walking away with \$200 cash for the effort. She has built her reputation on parodies of characters such as Celine Dion, Tina Turner and, of course, Carol Burnett. "I was a bit nervous," Debbie explains about performing from her CD at Reflections. "It was my first time performing there in a while and I think I sucked!" she laughs. Lulu LaRude commented, "It's good to have Debbie Diamond back," after her eight month hiatus.

Debbie, aka Jason in boy life, says she absolutely loves the spotlight, show business, parody, and celebrity. To her, it's all about having fun. She got her start quite early in life, recalling a time when she was five years old, standing in front of the microphone with her disc jockey father: "Something

just clicked and it just felt like the right place for me to be." Now approaching 30, Debbie started exploring drag almost a decade ago, 1998 to be exact.

Debbie proudly beats her own drum, which isn't unique to drag queens by any means. In fact, I daresay it's an essential element to standing out amongst peers and being successful at this uniquely queer genre.

This isn't Debbie's first CD but this is the one she prefers to talk about. "Down and Dirty" took seven months to write and produce and, with the exception of one song, done solely by her.

I ask Dave the bartender to put on the CD. He gladly obliges. "It doesn't sound like you, Debbie," I exclaim.

"Well, it's me!" she laughs. "I'm not doing a Milli Vanilli!"

The second track, "Bone Me," was reworked with Dennis of

Denmark (who helped produced the CD) and is a spoof of the sound of early porn days, New York City in the 1970s.

"Talent is natural. It can't be taught," Debbie says. "In other words, you either have it or you don't." She's fearless about professing that. However, Debbie is fun,

"I wanted to push outside my comfort zone,"

ambitious, and self-effacing.

Debbie's music is inspired

by the likes of Donna Summer, Andre True and Madonna. "I wanted to push outside my comfort zone," she says of the CD, which was born out of the idea of parody, having fun, being sexual – very sexual – and adventurous. "I want my music to make people very horny," she grins.

I asked her if there is anyone locally who inspires her. Without missing a beat she blurts out the names of three Hali-famous drag queens: Lulu LaRude, Studio X Lenoir, and Dita Parlow.

She says of these three that in

various ways they have given her confidence in performing and have been her positive role models. As an aside Debbie says, "Drag has seen better days here... and hopefully better days will come."

In the meantime, though, Debbie announces, "I'm back! And I'm here to stay." She hopes to continue producing music and perhaps perform across the country or Europe. In some ways she feels as though she is starting over again after her break and is back "at the bottom of the well" in the scene. She remains undaunted and up to

the task. On June 23rd she played at Blue Moon Bistro and she's got other gigs planned.

The overall impression of the CD is that it definitely is unabashedly sexual. Very cheeky and punchy, and very danceable. With its heavy synths, there's no missing its homage to disco. Listen to the lyrics and you'll get an earful.

"Down and Dirty" is available from Taz Records on Gottingen for \$10.00. You can also buy a copy from Debbie Diamond herself. Send her an e-mail at debbalicious@hotmail.com.





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