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Dear Friends Of Lulu

"Several significant situations have arisen which I'm going to share with you now. I wanted to make sure I told all the people I needed to personally before going public with this. I've done that now, so here it is: I have really good news and I have really bad news... the bad news is that I have been diagnosed with a brain tumour - I know, that really sucks doesn't it! I was hospitalized after an emergency CT found a lesion resting on my optic nerve. They wanted to keep me in hospital, but managed to figure out a pain management approach I could

administer myself and I'm able to be comfortable at home, awaiting the results of more detailed tests to determine if it's benign or malignant. A course of treatment will commence as soon the results come back. On a plus side, by the next time you see me, Billy and I will be married. Billy came into my hospital room and asked what I thought of Tuesday because that's the day we're getting married. I was so thrilled. We'd planned to get married next fall, but he felt,

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Some of the fun at the Halifax Pride Parade. For more pictures and stories, see centre section, pages 9-12.

Thom Fitzgerald Nominated for Directors Guild of Canada Award

TORONTO, August 10, 2006 - Halifax Filmmaker Thom Fitzgerald has been nominated for a 2006 Directors Guild Award for Best Direction of a Feature Film for his work on "3 Needles - The Director's Cut."

"3 Needles" tells stories of people changed by the global AIDS pandemic in Africa, Canada and China. The film stars Oscar nominated actresses Chloë Sevigny and Stockard Channing, as well as Shawn Ashmore and Lucy Liu.

The Directors Guild took the unusual step of viewing the director's cut of the film, which will be released in the USA on December 1st. Fitzgerald's nomination marks the first time a resident of Atlantic Canada has been nominated for the award. The director shot the epic trilogy film over two years in South Africa, Halifax, Thailand and Montreal. Now in its fifth year, the previous award winners include Denys Arcand and David Cronenberg.

Fitzgerald earlier won the Award for Excellence in Direction at the Atlantic Film Festival for "3 Needles." The Genie winning filmmaker has won prizes at the Toronto Film Festival, the Berlin Film Festival along with several other major international

awards. Toronto residents will be able to see "3 Needles - The Director's Cut" this weekend. The film is the opening presentation of the AIDS 2006 Film and Video Festival at the Royal Ontario Museum this Saturday August 12th. The screening is part of cultural programming for the International AIDS Conference in Toronto. Co-stars Sandra Oh and Olympia Dukakis be on hand to cut the red ribbon unveiling the AIDS sculpture by art collective General Idea at 6:30 PM, followed by a screening at 7:00 PM including a question and answer session with the director and actresses.

"3 Needles - The Director's Cut" will be released in the United States on December 1st, which is World AIDS Day, as a special initiative of Wolfe Releasing and Showtime Network. The film will also hit screens and televisions in Europe, South America, Asia and Australia on the same day. Benefit screenings for Canadian charities are scheduled in select Canadian cities this fall, beginning October 12th in Halifax, to benefit the Nova Scotia Gambia Association.



Spiritual Weekends

Edited by Bill McKinnon

Bob Johnson wants to share information about events upcoming events at Tatamagouche Centre this fall and winter.

First, the Centre offers the 3rd Annual Rainbow Retreat Weekend, October 27 to 29. This is a "retreat" experience which Bob has helped to plan and coordinate since its inception. The target audience is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited persons in the Christian community. The previous two weekends were attended mostly by people associated with United Church congregations. The weekend cost is \$220 per person; this covers everything. Please let those who might be interested know about it soon - especially once regular church program picks up again in September.

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Lounge-Zilla at the Fringe Festival

Edited by Bill McKinnon

The Atlantic Fringe Festival, Aug 31 - Sept 10, includes LOUNGE-ZILLA. According to their press release, LOUNGE-ZILLA is "twisted, naughty, and demented." It describes itself as "America's most outrageous gay comedy sensation." It may well be. Fringe shows have to pay the Festival up front to perform, then pay themselves from ticket sales. If they're no good, word gets around and the performers starve.

LOUNGE-ZILLA, the self-styled "Armageddon of Queer Cabaret" invades Halifax with his atomic blast of twisted music, politically-incorrect comedy and an outrageous 3D finale that must be seen to be believed, according to the promoter(s).

Recently playing to sold-out audiences in Singapore and packed houses in the gay New England resort of Ogunquit, Maine, LOUNGE-ZILLA! brings his popular, award-winning, critically-acclaimed comedy act to Halifax for a two week run.

Tickets: \$8 - \$9 General Admission

Tickets are available at the Central Atlantic Fringe Box Office/Info Kiosk (foyer of Neptune's Studio Theatre, 1593 Argyle Street, Halifax or 30 minutes prior to each show at the venue. More ticket info will be available at www.atlantic-fringe.ca

This year's Atlantic Fringe Festival schedule will be available soon, so look for details in the Halifax dailies and in The Coast. There will be lots of interesting shows appealing to people in the LGBT-TIQ world. The Atlantic Fringe Festival is fun, prices are low and there's something for everybody, so go and enjoy.

Pennies for Lindsay Going Strong!

Pennies for Lindsay, the ongoing penny/spare change collection fundraiser for Lindsay Willow by the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, has gotten more community support than we ever imagined! The donations keep coming in - and we aren't through yet! When the total reached \$1000.00 in two months, we were amazed. We owe it to the people of Nova Scotia for their strong show of support, and helping us to assist a great teacher.

If you're interested in making a donation to Pennies for Lindsay (every penny goes towards Lindsay Willow's legal fees - a staggering \$90,000) visit us or a drop-off spot in the Halifax area: Venus Envy (Barrington), or the Halifax Sexual Health Clinic (Quinpool).

The Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project 2281 Brunswick street, Halifax (www.youthproject.ns.ca).

Cumberland Pride Support Group

Opportunities for GLBT community members who seek support and friendship in an open and friendly environment will soon be available in Amherst, NS. Call 902-660-5004 or e-mail: gaylords_1975@hotmail.com for information. This is a new group and the first meeting will be held on September 21, 7:30 pm in Amherst. Gerard Veldhoven and Norman Carter are the coordinators. If you need to talk, need to meet others in your particular situation, need to make friends or to simply socialize, contact us.

Walk for Life Halifax

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Atlantic Waves Conference

A student-led conference to connect community and academic feminists working toward women's equality in Atlantic Canada will be held October 13-15, 2006 at Saint Mary's University in Halifax. To obtain a "Call for Submissions" form or Registration Form or for further information contact the St. Mary's University Women's Centre, at 902-496-8722 or e-mail atlanticwavesconference@yahoo.ca.

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Butcher and Kansas To Read at Venus Envy

by Jean Louise MacDonald
Megan Butcher, the Ottawa poet, comes to Halifax for a reading on September 22.

It is the job of a poet to strike deeply at things, to travel to the places many of the rest of us don't talk about, and then report back. From Butcher's poem "Hold On":

Hold On. You got your hands right where I like them, thumbs denting the soft meat of my belly, nails curled into the tattoo on my lower back. This is where I stop breathing, this is where I hurt myself grinding down on your cock, this is where I come.

Butcher was raised in an Ontario village, lived in Toronto for six years and went to York for English Lit and Women's Studies. There she discovered bisexuality and felt relieved and then lived in Halifax for almost two years while going to Dalhousie Library school. Butcher has been writing poems since she was 10. "I didn't get serious about reading them to people till I moved to Ottawa in 2001," she says. "It has a pretty kick ass lit scene."

Shelley Taylor, owner of Venus Envy, says there's a disconnect when hearing Megan read. "She's the librarian next door, the nice girl you can bring home to mom;

just don't let mom read her poetry. She's dirty in that uncomfortable, make-you-squirm-in-your-seat kind of way but is also witty and intelligent at the same time."

Taylor continues, "Megan mixes playful with dirty in a very pleasing way. One poem will have you holding your breath and the next giggling as she reads about a crush or a break-up. She has a keen awareness of herself and the people in her life and knows how to render that beautifully."

Local content will be supplied by Jane Kansas. Kansas has written for Wayves, The Coast and CBC Radio One. She occasionally reads her fiction in public, most recently at several of the Blowhard Nights, where writers read new fiction; these outlets haven't allowed her the opportunity to air her own story. "Well," she says, "I am the proverbial biggest fool this world ever knew. The story I'm reading, 'How I Fucked Up My Lovelife Forever' is, unfortunately, non-fiction." She laughs and rolls her eyes. "Part of the sad memoirs of a pathetic life."

Taylor says writing by Kansas can make one cry. "Jane can make a trip to the laundromat interesting, full of characters and observations. She's both opinionated and vulnerable in her writing, making her

tough, sweet and honest."

Entrance for the evening is by donation, no matter how small, with every cent collected going to Venus Envy's Bursary Fund, created in winter 2000 as a way to give something back to the community that supports Venus Envy. The Fund supports women in need who want to further their education. About \$15,000 has been given to women studying in a variety of programs in Nova Scotia.

The Bursary Fund raises money through dances, shows and other local events, sales of pins and t-shirts at the store, donations from store proceeds, and private donations. The Venus Envy Bursary Society is currently registered as a charitable society (which means it donates all the money it raises), but unfortunately it can't yet issue

receipts for taxation purposes.

The women who have received bursaries over the years have been studying everything from law to social work to engineering. Some have been returning to high school after decades out of school and others just starting college and university right out of high school. The only real commonality is that the women awarded the money have been in financial need at that time in their lives. The hope is that by helping a few women complete their education they are empowered to lead independent and more comfortable lives and might help other women in need.

Megan Butcher and Jane Kansas read at 7pm, September 22, at Venus Envy, 1598 Barrington, Halifax. Entrance by donation. More info: 422-0004

Letter

Dear Wayves

I attended the Pride week spiritual celebration here in St. John's, Newfoundland. At this time I would like to thank the Pride spiritual committee who put it together.

I am glad that finally we have gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) people who see the need to hold a spiritual celebration of who we are.

As everyone knows the mainstream churches and other religious groups have been leaders in viewing GLBT people as being not worthy and have attempted to block our rights and progress as we have tried to advance our human rights in society. That has led many GLBT's to totally dissociate from the religions that they grew up in. This has led to a certain amount of spiritual suffering both individually and as a group.

In the meantime, most of us agree that we are all spiritual beings. In my opinion I think it is time that GLBT people "take back" our spirituality. While we may not find any peace or welcome in mainstream religions, especially

if we are "out," I am sure that we can all find a spiritual practice that is useful to us. I meditate and do Yoga and I read various secular spiritual books as well as Scriptures from different religions. I have also attended some spiritual retreats. I think that this has done much to help me personally and spiritually. Reading books on Buddhism, Dao teachings, the Christian Bible as well as some Yoga philosophy and Wiccan practises has only added to my enjoyment of life. There is always some spiritual philosophy that I can choose to look to in any time of my life.

I hope that during Pride week 2007 there will be another spiritual celebration. Maybe we can be more inclusive and advertise more. Otherwise, it was a beautiful time of sharing and celebrating who we are.

In closing I would like to say that hopefully that we will continue to look inside and explore the divine within.

Sincerely,
Marg

Mark Tewksbury at NSRAP Gala

The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP) will hold its third annual Gala Dinner & Dance at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Saturday, September 30.

Coinciding with the second anniversary of same-sex marriage in Nova Scotia, this year's theme is "Coming Together."

"We're so happy that this event is becoming a successful annual tradition," said NSRAP Chair Kevin Kindred. "It's a great opportunity for people to come together in celebration, and also an important financial support for the work of NSRAP."

The keynote speaker will be Olympian and Outgames organizer

Mark Tewksbury. Tewksbury has become a much-sought speaker on the theme of leadership and making a difference, and often speaks of his experiences as an openly-gay athlete and public figure.

"Having Mark speak will really be a highlight of the Gala," said Marie Paturel, who is planning the event. "He has a lot to share about his experience and his vision of leadership for the LGBT community."

Tickets are available from NSRAP (444-7887), at a cost of \$90 per person for the dinner and dance. Tickets for just the dance are \$10. Funds will be used to support the ongoing work of NSRAP.

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Northern AIDS Connection Walk for Life

By Josie Webster

The International AIDS Conference is being held in Toronto this year, and while many national leaders will be there, Prime Minister Stephen Harper will not be among them. Mr. Harper is an example of how easily people can turn away from the epidemic and pretend it's not a problem. Every two hours, someone in Canada is infected with HIV. In countries such as Australia and the U.K. with a far more aggressive response to HIV/AIDS than Canada's, transmission rates are much lower. In 2000, at the 8th International AIDS Conference, Kenneth Roth, Exec. Director of Human Rights Watch said: "Preventing HIV is not only a matter of resources, it is a matter of political choice, courage and will."

The epidemic is still increasing. With a growing number of infections, with more people living longer with HIV, with costly new therapies, the economic toll of HIV/AIDS is also rising. Every HIV infection prevented saves our health care system hundreds of thousands of dollars. Reducing the number of new infections by 50% would save approximately 1.5 billion over a five-year period.

Misconceptions fuel the spread of HIV. About 81% of Canadians surveyed think that if a person is treated early, they can be cured. This is not true. The Northern AIDS Connection Society (NACS) states that there's a need for con-

cern regarding teenage pregnancy and Chlamydia in the Truro area. This shows that youth are not practicing safer sex. Furthermore, young, straight women are the number one group for risk of HIV infection. The community needs to start talking about HIV/AIDS. In this case, silence can be deadly.

The NACS will hold its annual Walk for Life on September 24 of this year. There will be three walks this year, in Amherst, New Glasgow and in Truro. The Walk is the main fundraiser for the NACS, which has limited operational funding. More importantly, it raises awareness and helps prevent the spread of the disease. NACS encourages teams to get together and raise money by allowing each team to keep 50% of the funds they raise for an HIV/AIDS related cause of their choice. There's been a lot of involvement with teams from the NS Community College, the NS Agricultural College, Colchester Sexual Assault Center in past years, and NACS would like to see even more community involvement in 2006.

I know all too well the effects of the virus. Growing up, my uncle Bruce was the closest person to a father my sisters and I had. He was so much fun, always teasing us and spending the whole day watching cartoons or making up stories. We always looked forward to his Christmas presents because he'd remember the little things you'd

said during the year. He was so thoughtful and kind. Christmas hasn't been the same since he died in 1998.

Mr. Harper's quick to stand up in the "war on terrorism," but not to stop an epidemic that is killing millions. Acting now will save our health care system millions of dollars, it will save millions of lives. The end of the epidemic is in sight, but we need the support of media, politicians, and the general public. It will take our entire community to raise awareness and this means you, the reader. I hope it doesn't take losing a close family member to make you aware of the consequences of doing nothing.

For more information, contact the Northern AIDS Connection Society (902) 895-0931 nacsns@hotmail.com.

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On The Stands and In The Mail:

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Is Domestic Violence in Same-Sex Relationships a Concern for You?

Out of 21 responses received at press time, nine people said 'No,' eight said 'Yes,' four were 'Not Sure.' Of the negative responses, most related the question to their own relationships. "Neither partner would tolerate it! We have been in relationship for nine years and respect each other," wrote one. "We settle our disputes by arguing, shouting, pouting and foul language, not by fighting," said another. Others offered advice, such as, "Get to know your potential mate first before you face the risk of an abusive partner." One person who identified as 'Not Sure' said, "I've never thought about it happening to me personally. Maybe I'm one of those who thinks it can only happen to other people?" Another wrote that while not directly affected, he had "known many cases of it occurring. I always find it more surprising in gay relationships somehow. I guess I don't expect those kind of power dynamics with same sex couples."

Those who expressed a definite concern recognised that "Because gay and lesbian relationships have been 'hidden' or 'closeted' for so long, we don't have comprehensive statistics on domestic violence within these relationships. Our relationships are a fact of life in today's society. We need to know if domestic violence exists so we can offer support, education, and safety to those in need: the persons who violate, the violated person, and children with gay and lesbian parents, all need help and protection." One wrote that "Domestic violence, be it gay or straight is a concern. More education is needed for people in these relationships to get the help they need." Another agreed, "Domestic violence is a concern in all relationships, not just same-sex. I also feel that it's much, much more difficult for same-sex couples to seek and obtain the help they need." Finally, one person offered that "As a survivor of same sex domestic violence, I believe that it should come out of the closet."

This Month's Question

Now that Pride 2006 is over, it's time to start planning for next year. This month's question is: *What would you like to see for Pride 2007 in your community?* Tell us at <http://wayves.ca> !!

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New Brunswick...

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

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

Riverview: Reid's - Riverview

Sackville: Mount Allison; Tidewater Books

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

Newfoundland...

Corner Brook: Corner Brook Status of Women

Gander: Gander Public Library

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

Nova Scotia...

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

Annapolis Royal: The King George Inn

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

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Bridgewater: Sexual Health Centre - Lunenburg County

Canning: Canning Library

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

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

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

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

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New Glasgow: Pictou County Women's Centre

Pictou: Pictou Library

Port Williams: Port Williams Public Library

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

Tantallon: Tantallon Library

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

Windsor: Readers Haven

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

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

Prince Edward Island...

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

Alberta...

Edmonton: Buddy's / Woody's / Steamworks

British Columbia...

Prince George: GALA-North Society

Vancouver: Little Sisters

Manitoba...

Winnipeg: Rainbow Resource Centre

Ontario...

Guelph: Out on the Shelf

Ottawa: After Stonewall; One-in-Ten

Toronto: Glad Day Bookshop; Out on the Street

Saskatchewan...

Regina: LGBT2A Centre, University of Regina

Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITEH

Hi Tom

I'm glad you liked the Crawford martini and I agree that using root beer schnapps with the Drambuie would be effective as long as you give your guests the usual warning about not driving or operating power tools. Of course after a few of those, even a battery vibrator could be considered heavy machinery. I had a few of those — drinks, that is, not vibrators — during Pride week when I visited with Doctor Martini. He makes delightfully lethal cocktails and there are few pleasures to compare to getting quietly hammered in his kitchen while he prepares a delicious meal. Sizzling garlic, freshly chopped herbs, black olives tasting of earth and sunshine, along with steady helpings of ice cold gin, quickly made us forget all about the rain and wind outside. As the sun dropped towards the west I hoped for a prismatic display of light to offset the dreary grey skies, but no rainbow, not even for Pride week.

I was in metro for that annual celebration of all things queer. I've been thinking about the rainbow symbol and, you know Tom, I think it's time we moved on to something else, something with a bit more panache, more zip. Nothing inherently wrong with rainbows — although rainbow clothing is extremely difficult to accessorize without looking like an escapee from a day care mural. All those bright primary colours. Rainbows are all very nice and all but they are sooooo... last century. We need to move forward.

The rainbow flag represents a certain part of our past and like the pink triangle it will always be a part of who we are, it is our history. It recalls, for me, a certain period of the gay movement, when we struggled to find our feet and stand tall — proudly, publicly. During the very dark days of the eighties the glowing rainbow seemed both a sign of hope and a mockery as hurricane death went sweeping through our tribe. Oh yes, there is a lot of emotional history in those six stripes of colour. But we've got to have more to unite us than being the objects of oppression otherwise we run the risk of becoming like the sad, self-pitying barroom drunks who moan about their wives not understanding them. Boring! I am not advocating getting rid of the rainbow, just looking for additional symbols to show the world and ourselves who we are now. For the new age we need new symbols. Rainbows are gentle smiles. Give me exploding rockets, lightning bolts and blazing comets!

Let's face it, Tom; parts of the Pride celebration are dull. Everyone is aware of it and no one

says anything. The yellow brick road has become middle of the road. I'm all for tradition — I love the parade with bare asses in leather chaps, the proud parents of PFLAG, the floats, the blaring music (although I could have cheerfully slaughtered the man behind me with his incessant whistle blasts!) and all the indulgent peacock display of the drag shows after. (Well, I love the costumes, the brassiness, the choreography of drag shows, but lip-synching as an art form reached its peak with Milli Vanilli in my opinion.) Tradition is wonderful but shouldn't it be balanced with innovation? And yes, Tom, I'm aware of the irony of a bitter old queen clapping my martini glass and humming show tunes while complaining about stereotypes. But, one can adore Barbra and still appreciate Nine Inch Nails and Scissor Sisters, you know.

We've become nice; we're losing our edge, we're afraid to offend. We even have some queer hardliners in British Columbia who want to disallow the use of the word Pride without their approval. Under what authority? What is this, fag fascism? We've made great legal and social advances but have we lost our anger, our energy, our excitement?

Besides, our acceptance by the larger population is more apparent than real. What is accepted is a bourgeois, watered down version of queers. We have the nearly asexual — but amusing — Jack and Will on TV, seldom shown in any activity likely to rumple a cashmere sweater or startle Middle America. (Doris Day comedies anyone?) *Brokeback Mountain* was a heartbreakingly beautiful film about two gay men who hide who they are. Society's comfort can be measured with the number of fag jokes that followed the release of that film. And for most of us, any queer content is still a step forward, right? But are we accepted or have we just been assimilated? What we see is someone else's vision of who we are. Where are the voices that brought us *Angels in America*, *Torch Song Trilogy*, *La Cage aux Folles*?

When the Harper government reintroduces debate on same sex marriage, let's add some resounding trumpets and booming kettle drums to our chant of We're here, we're queer, we're having a wedding. (And he's not invited!)

We still need rainbows as heraldic symbols but let's show some fireworks and shooting stars on the banners too.

Love ya!
Crawford

Equal Rights...

By Susan Vickers

"I think [the] long-term goal [of gays and lesbians] is to portray themselves as equals, as people who are the same as heterosexuals, that their lifestyle is just as legitimate as heterosexuality." (Alan Chambers, Exodus International)

The United States is in the midst of an internal battle, between Christian fundamentalists on the far right and everyone else of every faith (including Christianity) or lack thereof in between, from right to centre to left. The battle is fought over many things—the right to access to abortions and even contraception, the right to freedom of every religion, not simply the fundamentalist Christian religion, and, of course, equal rights for the rainbow community.

But, of course, we are in Canada. Why should we be concerned?

The answer is simple: Some of the key players in the fight to keep the rainbow community from possessing rights equal to those of heterosexuals are in Canada, and they have been here for a long time.

With a vote on same-sex marriage set for sometime this fall, those fighting for the rights of the rainbow community may want to be aware of a few of the groups on the other side: who they are, what they think, and what they are saying about the rainbow community. The above quote by Chambers is only a glimpse of the mindset of these groups.

This article will present two such groups—one of the largest and a smaller, somewhat less active group. These groups are Focus on the Family Canada, the Canadian branch of one of the most notorious anti-rainbow community rights groups in the United States, and the Canada Family Action Coalition.

At first glance, the Focus on the Family Canada website (www.fotf.ca) seems innocuous, like the site of every other Christian charity group. Not much on their site seems particularly alarming to the casual browser.

The opening to their mission statement in particular seems impeccable:

"Focus on the Family is a charitable organization, built on Christian principles, which supports, encourages and strengthens Canadian families through education and resources. We are a champion for the family, providing resources and solutions that work. Today, with a ministry that impacts hundreds of thousands, we are uniquely

positioned to expand our role as Canada's premier family organization."

That is, until one reads further.

"We believe that the institution of marriage was intended by God to be a permanent, lifelong relationship between a man and a woman, regardless of trials, sickness, financial reverses or emotional stresses that may ensue. The family exists to propagate the race and to provide a safe and secure haven in which to nurture, teach and love the younger generation."

The purpose of Focus on the Family Canada (to be abbreviated as FOTF Canada) becomes even more clear when one clicks the "Today's Family News" link. In the left sidebar of the new page, there it is, in bright red capital letters for all to see: "PROTECT MARRIAGE 2006."

Now, of course, it would be too much to ask for FOTF Canada to be protecting same-sex marriage. Instead, what they are doing is attempting to destroy marriage with hatred, discrimination, and propaganda. Articles in that sec-

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tion of the site when I visited on July 24 included: "Struggling with homosexuality," "What About the Children?" "The Case Against Same Sex Marriage" and "The marriage debate is not a human rights debate."

The next organisation is the Canada Family Action Coalition. This group is far more upfront about its anti-human rights stance. At the very top of their homepage, www.family-action.org, is the following quote:

"Marriage is the most enduring and important human institution, honored and encouraged in all cultures and by every religious faith. Ages of experience have taught us that the commitment of a husband and a wife to love and to serve one another promotes the welfare of children and the stability of society. Marriage cannot be cut off from its cultural, religious, and natural roots without weakening this good influence on society. Government, by recognizing and protecting marriage, serves the interests of all."

The quote of one whom understands the GREAT significance of one man and one woman in union.

This group also seems even less willing than FOTF Canada to concede that there could be anything good about a same-sex marriage, as is demonstrated by the title of one of their articles: "Being raised in a homosexual 'home:' 'What About the Children?'" Same-sex couples do not have a home—they have a "home."

The Canada Family Action Coalition is more open in its accusations than FOTF Canada; in various articles scattered across the website, it calls transgender people "sexual perverts," it calls a Cape Breton University student who

lodged a human rights complaint against a homophobic professor a "bigot," it proclaims Liberal parents "harm their children," and it accuses Liberal leadership and policies of "lead[ing] children into crime."

While it is true the likelihood is questionable of a vote being called to ban same-sex marriage, this should not be an excuse for laxity in activism. These groups will not be silent. They will and do crusade to portray the rainbow community as being anti-family (after all, if these groups are pro-family, what does that make their opponents?), sexual deviants who harm children in their quest for fulfillment with endless partners.

What can be done to fight against these harmful stereotypes perpetuated by such groups? FOTF Canada has an excellent resource for those who wish to be politically active in crusading against human rights (located at <http://www.fotf.ca/tfn/takeAction/index.htm>). I suggest that members of the rainbow community use this resource for our own purposes. Protecting your rights and your unique family using the resources of those who wish to take those rights away—I can think of no sweeter irony than that.

Be active. This vote may not be successful, but who is to say the same will be true for the next one?

And do not be afraid to stand up for Canada.

What can be done to fight against these harmful stereotypes?

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AIDS/HIV Candlelight Memorial in St. John's

By Bill McKinnon

The 23rd International AIDS Candlelight Memorial was held in the courtyard of St. John's City Hall on Sunday, July 30th as part of Pride Week. It was a moving experience.

John Baker, a 13-year survivor and ACNL's Outreach Coordinator hosted the gathering. Susan Ralph, Chair of the AIDS Committee of Newfoundland & Labrador, welcomed the crowd who took the time to honour the memory of those lost to AIDS and to support people now living with AIDS/HIV.

Guest speakers included the Honourable Tom Osborne, Minister of Health & Community Services, Andy Wells, Mayor of St. John's, and Consie Howley, a nurse practitioner at the Eastern Regional Health Authority. Words of concern were expressed for those who have died and hope for those now battling the disease. The need for public education and ongoing vigilance in prevention of the disease, a lot more financial support, reduction of the stigmatization of those infected, and the horror of the situation in Africa were some of the topics addressed by speakers.

The talks were reinforced by candle-lit remembrance of the individuals who have died and captivating renditions of the songs: "Vincent" and "Let There Be Peace On Earth" by the marvelous voice and presence of Newfoundland's Barry Galloway.

Finally the words and music were put in perspective by Sarah Sexton, mother of the late Tommy Sexton, in A Candlelight Prayer. Mrs. Sexton's words have been converted to prose for this article:

"We have come to raise our candles and unite with folks around the world; to remember those who have gone from us too soon; and pledge that this flame of hope must never die. This is a passionate plea to our God of Love, to give peace and rest to all who lost the battle with AIDS, to comfort those who mourn their loss, and to grant healing to the living, and



Mrs Sarah Sexton, Mother of Tommy Sexton

strength and stamina to all who serve and care. We ask for our eyes be opened to the people, help for us to be concerned about those imprisoned in their fears, help for us to bring liberation to all in the grip of injustice, and for all present to be a community of service, love and hope."

Refreshments and fellowship in the City Hall followed the service.

Wedding March Choir Benefits Manna For Health

By Bill McKinnon

A make-believe gay choir of 10 Halifax guys raised \$3,000 for Manna for Health by volunteering their time as extras in the made-for-TV movie Wedding March. The movie company paid \$2,500 for the choir's work and lead actor John Stamos donated another \$500 to show his support for the cause. The \$3,000 represents almost half of the fundraising needed to run Manna for a year.

Filming took place on June 27 and 28 at a St. Margaret's Bay mansion. In the movie, the choir, decked out in tuxedos, lip-synched Michael Jackson's "Ben" (a love song to a rat), and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and then jumped around in a wedding reception dance with more than 100 other extras. It was a fun way to raise money for a charity.

The guys in the choir were Adam D, Bob F, David B, Eric R, Hal W, Rob P, Stephen H, Terry C, Tom S and me. Our group was not large enough so they added



Adam D, Bob F, David B, Eric R, Hal W, Rob P, Stephen H, Terry C, Tom S & Bill M.

a half dozen straight barbershop singers who serenaded us from time to time. So the make-believe gay choir was neither entirely make-believe nor entirely gay. Such is reality in Hollywood north.

Why did we do it? What did we get out of it? Well, although we did spend long days standing around much of the time, listening for the movie-lingo *rolling and cut*, it was a delightful adventure.

We got the chance to wear a tux, see the stars close up, learn how movies are filmed, eat good food and lots of it, and enjoy a friendly atmosphere and great fellowship. Most of all it was an opportunity to do something for somebody else. Maybe we need more of that in the LGBT world for sometimes some of us may be too self-seeking.

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Atlantic Canada Pride Roundup 2006

PEI

By Bill McKinnon
PEI Pride, part of the Abegweit



Rainbow Collective, has a number of interesting features: its size, quality of the organization, its outreach to other Prides, the website, and the city in which it takes place.

The Island's celebration is set in Charlottetown, a city half as big as Moncton, but the parade is bigger than the one in Moncton (another delightful place). The parade included lots of floats, an antique car, a stretch limo for Co-Chair Robbie Veniot and her partner's wedding that morning, and of course, dogs; for what gay parade is complete without a few dogs dressed for the occasion.

Co-Chairs Robbie Veniot, Mark

Gallant and their committee put on an exemplary Pride. There may be some that are better organized but I have yet to experience them. Maybe it has to do partly with Charlottetown being small so everyone knows everybody else, but it's much more than that. Other Prides would do well to follow PEI's example. It seems to be the best organized in Atlantic Canada.

Name one Atlantic Pride which sent a delegation that marched behind their banner in the Moncton and Halifax parades, supported and encouraged fledgling Pictou County Pride and attended the InterPride Conference in Halifax.

Reaching out to others broadens the scope of what these Islanders are part of and proud of.

Take a look at PEI's website, <http://www.peipride.com>. It's great and provides an understanding of what Pride means to the LGBT community in Canada's smallest province and how they go about celebrating it. One guest noted that the PEI webpage is "clean, attractive and informative."

Charlottetown is a lovely place in a picture-postcard province. It's not that far a drive from most large cities in the Maritimes and

if you take the ferry going to the Island, the crossing provides a nice break in the trip. Ch'town can be inexpensive to visit; I stayed at a motel near the airport for less than \$50. The venue for the get-together after the parade, Peake's Quay, is beautiful. There's a stage, lots of greenery and plenty of room for booths and mill-

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PEI Co-Chairs: Mark Gallant and Robbie Veniot

ing about. The city does not have a gay bar but there are lots of gay-positive places where you can relax and meet other people; it's a friendly town.

There were many events but I took in only a few since my visit was brief. The softball game out at the Carrefour de l'Isle St. Jean was fun, drinks and hot dogs were only \$1 and you could buy nice T-shirts with no year on it (a smart idea) for a reasonable price. Rain finally ended the ballgame but only after quite a few innings. I think the men narrowly beat the women, but then, since the guys had no catcher, the women's catcher played for both teams.



PEI Youth Project

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Everyone cheered and applauded as elected officials took turns to hoist the four and a half foot by nine foot rainbow flag to its place of honour. This is the first year that the large flag replaced the smaller three by six foot flag that has flown on this pole the previous three Pride Weeks. The UNBSJ Q-Collective donated the flag for Pride Week. Among the many in attendance for the mid-week kick-off to Pride Week were Wayne Harrison (Honourary Pride Week 2006 Parade Marshall) and his husband Ross Leavitt, Mayor Grace Losier (Grand Bay-Westfield, NB), Councillor Peter McGuire (Saint John), Councillor Beth Thompson (Quispamsis, NB), Councillor Paul Barry (Rothesay, NB), and the Honourable Member of Parliament for Saint John, Mr. Paul Zed and his executive assistant, Mr. Aaron Kennedy. The faith community was represented by Reverend Don Uhryniw of Centenary Queen Square United Church. Thanks goes out to the many sponsors and supporters of Pride Week 2006 and to the creator of the cake.



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Halifax Pride 2006 -

Daigle and Dann Report

By Patrick Daigle & Hugo Dann

Has Pride 2006 really come and gone? For those of us who were involved, it's hard not to feel a sense of astonishment that it's actually over! Where did it disappear to, and so quickly?

The whole week seemed to flash by, a dazzling blur of colour and emotion; countless details demanding our attention and stealing us from the moment. Still, numerous sights and sounds remain imprinted on our memories: traffic and sirens mingling with a lilting Hindu prayer at the Interfaith Service on The Common; the fine runners in kilts at the first Out Run earlier that morning; the young Leading Seaman, marching in his first Pride Parade, proudly in uniform and upholding the giant rainbow flag; the sight of thousands of us, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Nova Scotians, streaming across The Common to the hypnotic pulse of the Samba Drummers; the roar of support from the crowd when Lindsay Willow took the stage, her words of courage and determination so inspiring. And that was just Pride Day!

There was also the 5th Reel Out! Film Festival, beautifully produced by Thom Fitzgerald; Dykes vs. Divas; Reading Out Loud. New events: a health forum at Venus Envy; GSI: Gender Scene Investigation; lectures on Plato and the struggle for our rights by Vance Maxwell and Sean Foreman; Queer Times, Queer Measures; Daniel MacIvor's moving "farewell performance" of CUL-DE-SAC; other terrific performances from Lulu LaRude, Candy Palmetter, Ryan MacGrath, The Kliks, Gentleman Reg, Ben Dover and so many others; last-but-not least, the debut of the fabulous Dawgtown Puppies!

Perhaps closest to our hearts, nearly all the proceeds from Pride were directed towards groups or individuals that support our community. The Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project was able to raise almost three thousand dollars. Twelve hundred more was collected at the Parade and Concert to help deal with Lindsay Willow's daunting legal bills. As the outgoing committee we realize Pride 2006 was far from perfect, but given where we started last November (nearly \$10,000 in debt!), and how far we were able to carry it forward, we can't help but feel a deep sense of accomplishment. We made mistakes, but we learned much about how to produce and program a festival as large as Halifax Pride has become, and it is our committed intention to place that knowledge at the service of the 2007 Pride Committee.



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Politicians Bid for a Piece of Halifax Pride

By Bill McKinnon

It seems to be the thing these days for politicians to be involved in Gay Pride, whether it be a letter of support or motion of recognition, dinner with activists, a city hall flag-raising or actually walking or riding in the parade. It's all good.

For a while it seemed Vancouver Liberal MP Hedy Fry might be relocating to Halifax as she ate with us, kept coming back to NS, tried to hold a campaign fundrais-



er hatbour cruise (cancelled due to tropical storm!) and walked in the parade, as she'd said she would back in May.

We experienced a first when Tory Premier Rodney MacDonald endorsed Pride in a message of support. Not to be outdone, Opposition Leader



Darrel Dexter of the NDP moved a resolution in the Legislature to recognize Halifax Pride and to thank its or-

ganisers, and lo and behold, the MLAs unanimously voted for it. Nova Scotia's NDP caucus not only talked the talk but walked



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One of the most valuable assets we can offer to our successors is more time. With that in mind, we're holding the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Youth Project on Brunswick St. on Thursday, September 14: that's a two month head start for Pride 2007. The AGM is when we disclose our financial statement, making a full accounting to you, our community. This meeting is completely open to the public and we definitely encourage anyone with any curiosity about Pride to attend. At the AGM we invite everyone interested in planning Pride 2007 to come forward and make their voices heard. Virtually all of the positions on the executive are open to anyone who's interested, including Co-Chairs. Although our experience and support will always be at the service of the Committee, neither of us intend to re-offer. Opportunities include working with media, raising awareness through community outreach and fund-raising, programming and producing events, and securing funding through partnerships with business and government. Pride also needs people who just want to contribute their ideas and support at meetings. It can lead to new friendships, rewarding challenges, some hard work but lots of fun as well. If you want to learn more about Halifax Pride, please join us at The LGB Youth Project, 2281 Brunswick St. on Thursday, September 17

at 7 PM. Check your local papers or visit www.halifaxpride.com for details, or any changes of plan.

Pride offers a wonderful opportunity to serve our community at an exciting time in its history. There are many challenges facing us under the Harper regime: same-sex marriage, of course; but also making sure government continues funding for HIV/AIDS and other health issues; advancing the safety of our youth; striking down archaic laws that restrict our sexual freedom, and ensuring Trans rights and protections.

Pride Week can serve as a kind of annual check-up on the health and well-being of the LGBTQ community. Judging from both attendance and attitudes at this year's festival, we are growing in acceptance, not only within the general populace, but within our own selves and our collective sense of values and community. As Lindsay said so eloquently in her speech on The Common, "Take a look around! We have a big voice!" Let's make sure it's heard loud and clear throughout 2007. Happy Pride, Halifax! Happy Pride, Nova Scotia!



Project, spending a couple of hours with staff and organisers, but mostly delighting the assembled LGB youth. Although the mayor did not march, a float of HRM Councilors did, including Krista Snow, Dawn Sloane



and Andrew Younger.

Finally, we got one of our own to celebrate with us as Nova Scotia's only openly gay MP, and former senior Liberal cabinet minister, Scott Brison, walked in the parade with a contingent of red-shirted supporters.

the walk. I am not sure whether other MLAs showed up, but five from the NDP did: Kevin Deveau, Joan Massey, Trevor Zink, Maureen MacDonald and Leonard Preyra.

Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly doesn't need a half-baked public opinion poll to decide if he'll march in the Parade, but the Chronicle Herald had one anyway. Hey, Peter is support-

ive enough as it is without. He attended the annual Pride BBQ at the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth

though the mayor did not march, a float of HRM Councilors did, including Krista Snow, Dawn Sloane

Moncton



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St. John's St. John's Pride, An Outsider's View

By Bill McKinnon

Newfoundland & Labrador, its dogs and its people are all great. St. John's (SJ) and its Pride are also super. Mark Hanlon, Vice Chair/Treasurer is writing about his Pride; I don't want to duplicate or upstage his work so I'm reporting on a few interesting points Mark likely won't mention.

Many may not know it but SJ's Pride is probably the second biggest in Atlantic Canada, after Halifax. It is easily larger than Prides in Moncton, Saint John (NB), Cape Breton and Pictou County, etc., and I think it also edges out P.E.I. Although SJ has no floats or vehicles in its parade, there are a many events (29 in fact) and I think total LGBT community participation exceeds that of every other Pride but Halifax. Of course SJ is the second most populous East Coast city.

The approach taken by the Pride Committee is about community, not money. The budget, if there is one, is low, with few cash sponsors except for some labour unions. On the other hand there is lots of support and encouragement from the city and province, the university, churches, LGBT organizations, bars/restaurants/hotels and other gay friendly businesses. They provide facilities, services, and sometimes food and prizes. What else is really needed? SJ Pride is more about bringing rainbow community members together and avoids both commercialism and big ticket expenditures of Prides in some cities. It is also not particularly concerned with the mainstream world but surprisingly you meet a lot of non-gay moms and dads.

SJ Pride has typical Pride events but also others that are less common. When I watched the "Who's hot and who's not" contest at Zone 216 and saw all the gorgeous "tops," I wanted to move to SJ immediately. Other typical events were fun too as but I especially liked the other ones. There was a fun gay trivia night at MUN's grad lounge. The last question the MC asked was "Who was the first openly gay man to be named to a Canadian Human Rights Commission?" The answer was "Me," the MC. The Karao-Gay at the Zone was joyful (I sang two songs), as was the Poster-Making Party at MUN where I got to know the gang better.

One compelling attraction of SJ Pride is how friendly and welcoming everyone is. SJ's gay people are a unique combination of charm, warmth, sophistication and spunk.

SJ is a great place to visit. There are many unique attractions, the night life is the best in Atlantic Canada – especially George Street, and there are plenty of good eateries. On the minus side, downtown hotels are expensive – but you can stay cheaply further out or camp at Pippy Park, right in the centre of the City. SJ is also far away from the Maritimes. It's a 10-hour drive from Port-aux-Basques to SJ plus time-on-the-ferry (6 – 7 hours); so unless you fly in, traveling to-and-from is formidable. Nevertheless, North America's oldest city is well worth it.



Chris Shortall & Greg Malone at the Courtyard Marriott

Seen here are Chris Shortall and Greg Malone at the Courtyard Marriott in St John's on Thursday, July 27. The occasion was "Happy Hour," part of St. John's Pride 2006.

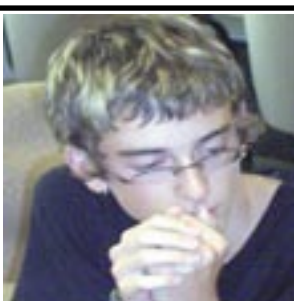
Chris Shortall, 26, the effervescent, charming and never-stops-working chair of Pride 2006 is GUYZ Coordinator for the AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Gay Urban Youth Zone Project, written-up in July *Wayves*, targets gay men 19 to 29. It's an action-oriented, peer-education approach to prevention of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other STDs, raising awareness of testing and transmission through meaningful involvement with gay youth.

Newfoundland impressionist/actor/writer and seven-time Gemini award winner, Greg Malone, co-starred with the late Tommy Sexton in the CODCO television series, forerunner of "This Hour Has 22 Minutes." He is perhaps best-known for his impersonations of Barbara Frum, Queen Elizabeth and Jean Chretien. In his new St John's based show Greg recently did an incredible and irreverent take-off of Pope Benedict. Episodes of his new show from George Street TV currently air on The Comedy Network on Tuesdays at 11.30 pm AST.

Greg is also well-known as an environmental activist and for his work in spreading awareness of HIV and AIDS to which Sexton sadly succumbed in 1993. Greg helped out in 2006 Pride by participating in an evening of Fairy Tales and Poetry at the Ship Inn on July 25.



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David McDonald is Secretary and Communications Coordinator of NGALE (Newfoundland and Labrador Gays and Lesbians for Equality), was busily involved in the St John's 2006 Pride preparations, participated in many of the events (i.e. the ones he was allowed to attend) and wrote an article which appeared in the July issue of *Wayves*. He is a person of considerable accomplishment. You might say that lots of people are, but one point about David is

that he's 15 years old. To other young people in Atlantic Canada: Watch out, David is here

Chef's Corner



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

By Chef Darren

September is the prime time for local sweet "peaches & cream" corn and a good way to feature this wonderful produce is in a down home style chowder. At Chives we are always looking for way to feature local ingredients in familiar, yet interesting ways. Ask most Maritimers about corn chowder and they will most likely think of corn and potatoes in a creamy broth. Well this recipe is slightly different in that it uses just a hint of cream, features double smoked bacon, is thickened with another form of corn "polenta" corn meal, and garnished with spicy jalapenos and tangy aged cheddar. Give it a try and let me know what you think.

Corn on the Cob Chowder with Aged Cheddar & Jalapeno Crème Fraiche

Ingredients

6 cobs sweet corn (shucked and kernels shaved off the cob)
1 medium yellow onion (small dice)
2 cloves garlic (minced)
1/4 cup diced smoked bacon
2 L chicken stock (low sodium store bought OK)
1/2 cup corn meal (yellow)
1/2 cup whipping cream
1 jalapeno pepper
1/2 cup crème fraiche (store bought sour cream OK)
1/2 cup grated extra old cheddar cheese

Method

In a large saucepan, sauté the bacon, onion, garlic and corn kernels until browned, add the stock, cobs, and cream, bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer covered for 1 hour.

Remove the cobs, return to the boil and whisk in the corn meal. Reduce the heat and simmer again for 20-30 min whisking frequently to avoid sticking or clumping. Finished soup should have a smooth silky consistency when corn meal is properly cooked through.

While soup is finishing, clean and mince jalapeno pepper and fold into the sour cream.

Serve in warmed bowls with a dollop of jalapeno crème fraiche and a sprinkle of aged cheddar. Serves 4-6.

To send this dish over the top, serve warm cornbread as an accompaniment.

EGALE News

Montreal: Barometer for Canadian Politics, Platform for Global Human Rights

By Gilles Marchildon

Montreal was the place to be this summer for several thousand LGBT activists and athletes.

In late July, the city hosted an international human rights conference intertwined with three other conferences. 1,500 representatives from the labour movement, the LGBT business world and athletes met up before over 12,000 athletes arrived for the first ever OutGames, a second LGBT "Olympics" held by the new Gay and Lesbian International Sports Association.

Those gathered for the conference heard from inspiring speakers such as athletes Mark Tewksbury and Martina Navratilova, as well as U.N. human rights advocate Louise Arbour. The assembly approved The Declaration of Montreal which outlines the human rights aspirations of the world's LGBT people.

The timing of the Declaration couldn't be better. The profile of LGBT human rights within the United Nations is at a critical point.

The U.N. recently established a new Commission on Human Rights. But certain national governments are attempting to hold back LGBT human rights, for instance blocking consultative status for LGBT groups within ECOSOC, another U.N. body.

Human rights abuses of LGBT people are particularly severe in many countries. A new group, the Persian Gay and Lesbian Organization or PGLO (www.pglo.net), has established itself to defend the rights of Iranian LGBT people but must operate outside of that country because Iran's Islamic Penal Laws punish by death any homosexual behaviour between men.

On the domestic front, something quite extraordinary happened in Montreal's Olympic Stadium during the dazzling musical celebration to kick off the

OutGames.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper sent his top Montreal representative, Michael Fortier, to deliver greetings from the Canadian government. A former Conservative campaign organizer who did not run as a candidate in the last federal election, Fortier was nonetheless appointed a Senator by Harper, then named a Cabinet Minister.

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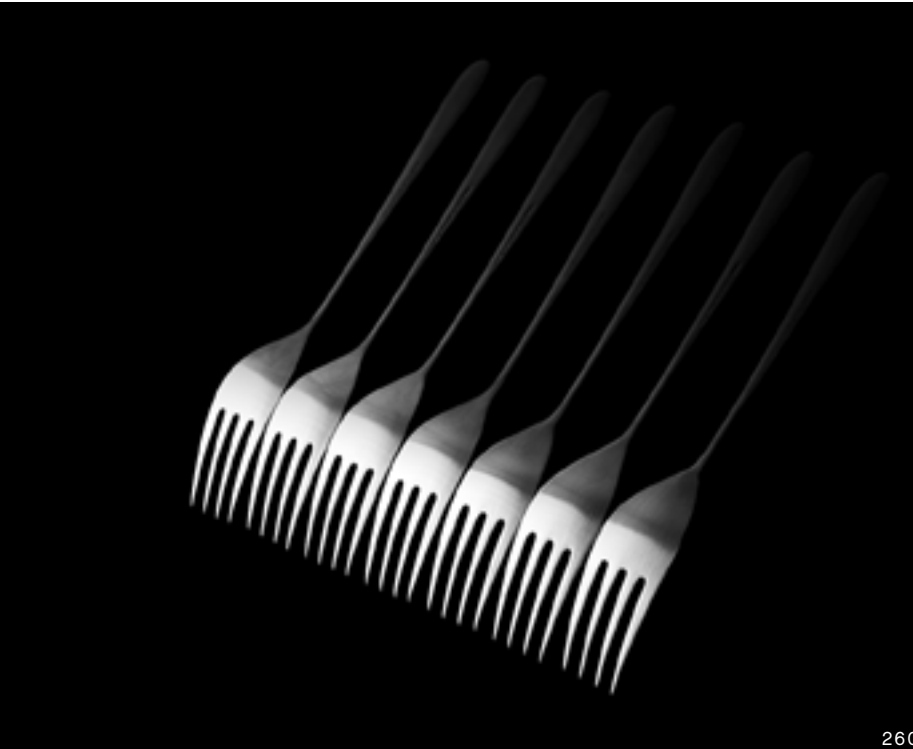
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Transgendered Diaries VIII

By Denise Holliday

What it is like to grow up transgendered, I really don't know. Yes, I have always been transgendered and my mother told me when I was over fifty that they (my parents) knew I was different before I was three years old. The question is really asking what is it like compared with growing up as a heterosexual person. Since I have never experienced or identified with that phenomenon, it is impossible to compare.

I can tell you that as a youngster I learned to lie and cover my actions so well that very few ever guessed the truth. Being made the target of every kid in the pool at age 5 because I was wearing a girl's bathing costume taught me at an early age to hide a lot of things in my life. Since I could not openly dress as a girl I had to be satisfied with secretly borrowing clothes. I learned to tell an item of clothing by touch in the dark before the

age of seven. In a house with four sisters and one brother, I still maintained my secret. As control got harder, I decided to place myself in the military, not knowing I was following a general and well-worn path of many TS before me. Since I joined two weeks before my 18th

A Sergeant Major once asked me in a private conversation, "Why are you in the Army?"

birthday I was reluctant to let people know I had never had a date, never mind sex. It was quite a shock to discover this was such a priority with genetic males. Even at age 23 while I was aware of my transgendered desires, I had no idea that it had a name. I had heard about transvestism and being gay. Neither was anything I related to. The military was a torture chamber for me. A Sergeant Major once asked me in a private conversation, "Why

are you in the Army?" He knew I did not belong, but had no idea why. Just that I was different. No one ever guessed or treated me badly; I just did not fit the mold.

By age 23 there were two things I wanted out of life: to stop being male and to have my own children. This caused me an additional problem; I could not change gender and then have children. I literally did a survey job for a mother of the children I desired and came up with a young woman who turned out to be perfect for the job. We were married within six months and within three months I explained my limited knowledge of my female side to her. We stayed together and raised three children

and are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter. We have now been together thirty-five years. She is my spouse, mate, wife and soul-mate. And I realized within weeks of being married that I loved her


more than any person I have ever known; I still do. She has always been free to move on with my blessing if she desired.

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DalOUT Night

On Friday, October 6, DalOUT will holding a society night at the Grawood (Dalhousie's campus bar) to celebrate National Coming Out Day, tentatively titled "Come Out

at the Grawood." This will be one of our major fundraising initiatives for the year and we would appreciate the support of the community in helping to spread the word.

Resources for NS GLBT Parents

By Jen Macdonald

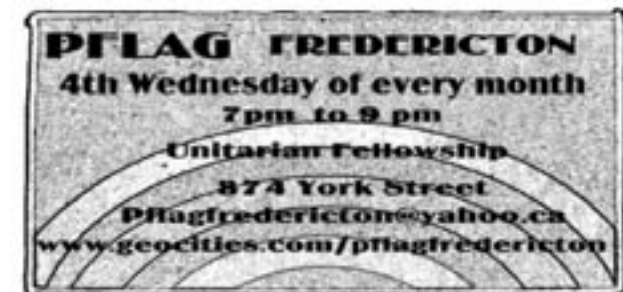
Public Health in Nova Scotia is creating a new series of parenting booklets. Last year we did a literature review and series of focus groups and key informant interviews regarding health education information for parents with children from birth to three years of age. We wanted to know not only what kinds of information parents in Nova Scotia want, but also how and when they want to receive it.

We found out that parents want information on a wide variety of topics. The priorities appear to be: developmental stages and corresponding activities, breastfeeding, emotional and physical changes and self care for new moms, signs of illness in infant, and infant and child feeding. We also learned that parents want information on their two-month old at two months; this implies that the information must be provided in an age-paced format. Most importantly, the writing should use plain language and be written at a lower literacy level than is our current practice in

Public Health.

We also heard in the research that the content and language is to be as socially and culturally inclusive as possible so all Nova Scotian parents can benefit from the resource. This includes gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender parents. We are currently seeking feedback from all kinds of parents of young children across Nova Scotia. We want to hear your voice too. We're at the stage of focus testing the first booklet in a series of five booklets.

If you are interested in volunteering your time by reviewing a draft of the first booklet and completing a short questionnaire, please contact Jen Macdonald. Jen, a health educator with the NS Department of Health Promotion and Protection, can be reached at 902-424-6093 or at macdonjy@gov.ns.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 Transexuals Fight for Rights: One-stop site for needs, accommodations, 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 Transexuals. email: gender_expressions@hotmail.com web: www.geocities.com/gender_expressions/ (No scheduled meeting. Occasional social events, by invitation only.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nova Scotia (902)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Truro Gay Youth: Vida at 897-4366.

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

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

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

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

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

Prince Edward Island (902)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Events >>

Amherst

Second Monday

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

First and Third Wednesdays

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

Sept. 21

Cumberland Pride Support Group. Opportunities for the GLBT community members who seek support and friendship in an open and friendly environment. Call 902-660-5004 or e-mail: gaylords_1975@hotmail.com. This is a new group and the first meeting will be held on September 21, 7:30 PM. In Amherst. Gerard Veldhoven and Norman Carter, coordinators. Need to talk? Need to meet others in your particular situation? Need to make friends? Need to simply socialize? Contact us.

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@yahoogroups.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

What's up in Sydney. Email submissions@wayves.ca with your events!

Fredericton

Every Wednesday

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

Third Sunday of each month

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

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

Fourth Wednesday of each month

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

Last Saturday of each month

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

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

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

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

Halifax

Every Sunday

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

Every Sunday

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

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@yahoogroups.com. Possible events that are being planned for the winter semester include sexuality awareness week, movies nights, potlucks, guest speakers, and many more. There are always spontaneous meals and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join.

First and Third Tuesdays

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

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

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

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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.

Sept. 14, 28, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 9, 23

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

Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 12, 26

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

Sept. 30

Walk for Life 2006! Who are you walking for?

The annual AIDS WALK is fast approaching and once again Bruce Hayre AKA 'Mz Vicki Star deKnight' (the top walker in all of Canada) will be walking for 'Manna for Health'. Pledges supporting Bruce help raise a significant portion of the operating budget for 'Manna for Health' - a special needs food bank that assists those living with HIV-AIDS and other life threatening illnesses. (For more information on Manna for Health visit: http://www.safeharbourmcc.com/manna.htm. If you can help out through sponsorship or by soliciting pledges it would be most appreciated. You can use an online form to make/or solicit pledges, or if you would like pledge sheets or would like to add your name to a sheet in progress please email the church at safeharbour@eastlink.ca. Visit http://www.acns.ns.ca/events/walkforlife/index.htm to Register or Collect pledges online from your friends/family and contacts! For more information Call The AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia at 425-4882 ext 228

Oct. 13-15

A student led conference to connect community and academic feminists working toward women's equality at Saint Mary's University Halifax, Nova Scotia. Recent decades have seen feminists making significant strides in encompassing diverse experiences and voices. The aim of this conference is to address a specific consideration: region. How are women's challenges and projects in the Atlantic region different, and where do they intersect with the experiences of our feminist allies

across Canada? And perhaps more urgently, how do our own Atlantic experiences, challenges and successes differ from and mirror each other? How can we make alliances and strengthen the Atlantic feminist community? In giving voice to our experiences, and hearing the experiences of those who are engaged in the grassroots and academic feminist communities, we will be provided the opportunity to make connections, establish partnerships, integrate our work, and ultimately strengthen our Atlantic feminist networks. The deadline for registration forms and payment of conference fees is September 11st, 2006. For more information, contact atlanticwavesconference@yahoo.ca

Halifax Youth Project Calendar

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

Week 1

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

Week 2

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

Week 3

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

Week 4

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

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Wednesdays - 7pm-11pm Swing dancing "All Welcome", 11pm-2am "Act it Out" w/Boom Boom; Can you act?? Bring it OUT!!!
Thursdays - "Karoke and Wings" w/Justin, cash prizes, draws and wing specials
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Sept Events:

Sept 1-3 - Highland weekend
Sept 3 Ceilidh with Meshally & Lee, dig out your quilt for some real fun
Sept 8-10 - Grand opening weekend come see the new bar
Sept 10 Back to basics Drag queen to Dream girl see what a drag queen can do to a real woman
Sept 16 Fetish night
Sept 17 Studio x lenoir community achievement awards see who the community votes as best in drag
Sept 23 Iscans campaign opening show see who's running for emperor and empress
Sept 24 Drag auction queens clean out their closets for aids emergency fund

Sept 30 Heat come into the jungle and go for a dip in the hot tub

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Wednesdays - KARAOKE with BEAR777 - Mystery Jack Song, win up to \$300 - 20 Wings & 20oz Draft \$11.97 (till 10pm)

Thursdays - Musselz & Beer \$8.63
Fridays - Party with DJ Electro!
Saturdays - TOP 40 with DJ NEEDLES!
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September LINE UP
Labour Day Long Week-End!
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Sat. Sept 2nd, WHITE PARTY Part II with DJ



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 Fri. Sept 8th, 5-8 MARTINI & MARGARITA TIME & Party with DJ Electro
 Sat. Sept 9th, TOP 40 with DJ NEEDLES!
 Fri. Sept 15th, 5-8 MARTINI & MARGARITA TIME & Party with DJ Electro
 Sat. Sept 16th, BLUE COLLAR NIGHT & TOP 40 with DJ NEEDLES!
 Fri. Sept 22nd, 5-8 MARTINI & MARGARITA TIME & Party with DJ Electro
 Sat. Sept 23rd, KISS SUMMER GOOD BYE Party! with DJ Needles
 Fri. Sept 29th, Bear Belly Night with DJ Electro
 Sat. Sept 30th, ARMY/NAVY Night with DJ NEEDLES

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SUNDAYZ - All You Can Eat BRUNCH BUFFET 11AM till 3PM \$9.96

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Labour Day Long Week End

Sunday September 3rd from 4 - 8pm
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Saturday September 30th,

Walk For LIFE All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet Kick Off @ Mollyz Diner, Serving from 8am till 1pm. Buffet includes: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, French Toast, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit Salad, French Rolls, Toast & Jam. All for only \$9.96 with \$2.00 from every Meal in support of Walk for Life!

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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.

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SAT. & SUN.- Bar Specials till 6PM!

Moncton

Third Monday of each month

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

Second and Fourth Mondays

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

Last Saturday

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

Moncton Bar & Business Calendar

CLUB CHAMELEON

http://personal.nbnet.nb.ca/garysm/chamel.htm

939 Mountain Road, Moncton.

Hours: 9pm until 2am

Phone: 506-858-5861

Email: gasmith@nb.sympatico.ca

Wacky Wednesday - \$2.00 Beer & Barshots

10 til close

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

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

Saturday - Moncton Leather Chapter Charity BBQ - 4pm on

Sunday - T-Dance and BBQ 4-7 pm

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Thursday: Karaoke Night, Beer / Bar Shots \$3 until midnight, Shooters \$2.75 all night

Friday & Saturday: Dance Music with DJ daBoss, Summer Special Beer with Shooter \$4 11pm-midnight

Sunday: Request all your favourite songs with DJ daBoss, Beer / Bar Shots / Shooters \$3 all night

Check out our monthly events page at www.trianglesbar.com, and send comments & suggestions to thegirls@nb.sympatico.ca

Sackville

Second Monday

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

Saint John

Third Saturday

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

Saint John Bar & Business Calendar

CLUB MONTREAL

Wednesdays: No cover, free pool

Thursdays: No cover, karaoke with prizes

Fridays: No cover, open turntables

Saturdays: \$5 cover after 10 PM

Sundays: No cover, free pool

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

St. John's - LGBT-MUN

Every Friday

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

Every 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

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TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP

Welcoming all who are affected by gender diversity: individuals who are trans-identified, their partners, parents, friends and families.

Adrien-J.-Cormier Building, Room 302, Université de Moncton
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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)

Sept. 17-25

LBGT-MUN Pride Week! Contact LBGT-MUN at UC 6022, 737-7619 LBGT@mun.ca

St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

Zone 216

216 Water St, 754-2492
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Oct 25-27

Educating allies: Breaking the Cycle of Oppression

Oct 27-29

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WAYVES DATES!

Check out page five for Wayves deadlines.

Wileville

...see Bridgewater

Wolfville

Every Second Tuesday

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

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groups

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personals

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spiritual

CALLING ALL ANGLICANS An Integrity chapter has been formed in Nova Scotia. Call George 902-757-1706. For Propitiation (traditionalist Anglicans) call Peter 416-487-7406 (evenings).

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support

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

visit our website at <http://groups.msn.com/GayFathersOfHalifax>

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

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Queerly Canadian Mark Tewksbury

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Lulu, cont'd from p. 3

under the circumstances, moving it up would provide me with a wonderful diversion while we're waiting for the tests, and would get me on his health plan ASAP, which will be a must over the coming months. Of course I couldn't do this without his strength and love. I really can't find the words to describe how much I love him, and how much closer this catastrophe has made us. He is what propels me and gives me the strength, courage and hope to carry on.

Billy, my family, and friends have all been amazingly strong and supportive. I'd never be able to make this journey without them. My parents came up from CB on the day of my biopsy and their being there made it easier to handle. I could not ask for better friends than Priscilla and Rob...thanks so much, guys.

Thanks to everyone that sent me flowers. It was incredibly heartwarming to look around and see so many beautiful bouquets, and wonderful to know I am in your thoughts. We will have a party once my health improves and of course everyone will be invited (if you think I'd miss out on the wedding present haul, think again! lol) So on the plus side, silver linings don't get much better than that".

This article was excerpted from Lulu's blog entry for August 8th. Lulu and Billy were married in a small, private ceremony at their home. All of us at Wayves extend our heartiest congratulations, and we wish her a swift recovery. For updates from Lulu and to show your support, visit www.lulularude.com.

Wedding, cont'd from pg. 8

Actors in Wedding March include James Brolin, Eric Dane, John Stamos, and Bonnie Somerville and local Halifax drag queen Katya Wackinoff (Kris Anderson.) The director is Jim Fall. Set in Maine, it's a comedic satire. The storyline is the impact that an anti gay marriage paper written from the Governor's office has on one family, the Governor's aide who wrote the paper, the Governor's daughter who is engaged to the aide and her gay brother who is outraged by the paper. Wedding March will likely air on A&E sometime this fall.

Manna for Health gets a nice boost from the film but requires lots of money. Manna is a special needs food program, an outreach ministry of Safe Harbour (MCC). It serves people living with AIDS and other life threatening illnesses. Manna has a great need for support. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation to this cause, to donate food or want to learn more about Manna, contact the office at 429-7670 or check out www.safe-harbourmcc.com/manna.htm.

EGALE, cont'd fr. page 13

the entire human rights conference until Fortier's appearance at the OutGames opening ceremony. A crowd of over 40,000 people in the stadium enthusiastically applauded speakers... until Fortier, Minister of Public Works, entered the stage.

Seconds into his speech, the boo-ing starts. Within a few short moments, it seemed the entire stadium was loudly jeering the representative of a federal Cabinet which has pledged to re-open the issue of equal marriage for same-sex couples and attempt to roll back equality rights.

It was quite something. I almost felt sorry for the guy. Almost.

In fact, Montreal's popular mayor, Gerald Tremblay, intervened in order to beseech the crowd to please listen with respect. Again, Fortier took the podium to continue his speech. The crowd, slightly more quiet, nonetheless continued its insistent booing which reverberated throughout the stadium.

Maybe the Globe and Mail's John Ibbitsen is right. He suggests Harper's government, by upholding policies which are counter to the views of the people whose support they need to gain, namely in Montreal, "may have done irreparable harm to their dreams of winning a majority government."

We can only hope. Perhaps the Stadium boo-ing is a political barometer, telling Harper's Conservatives to expect cold showers in the next election.

Gilles Marchildon is Executive Director of Egale Canada, a non-profit organization that advances equality and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-identified people, and their families, across Canada. www.egale.ca



Spiritual, cont'd from pg. 3

Secondly, Bob invites you to consider another retreat in March 2007. Rev. Chris Glaser (of the MCC) will be back at Tatamagouche to lead a 3-day spiritual retreat focused on the writings of Henri Nouwen. Chris was a student of Henri's during his seminary days, became a close friend over the years, and edited a collection of Henri's writings. The retreat is planned for March 21 to 23 (Wed to Fri). More details will be included in the Centre's calendar when it is distributed in the fall. For more info check out www.chrisglaser.com

The 3rd event, also to be facilitated by Chris Glaser, is the "Spirituality of Inclusion" weekend planned for March 23 to 25. Chris, Martha Martin, and Bob facilitated a similar weekend in March 2006. All participants urged that it happen again. The team is working on the focus of this event but will likely keep in mind the church's "Emerging Spirit" program which helps us discern how to be sincerely welcoming of all our neighbours. This might be a weekend event that a team of participants from your congregation or pastoral charge might benefit from. Watch for details in the upcoming 2007 Tatamagouche Centre calendar; see www.tatacentre.ca

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