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Cam MacLeod

Dear Wayves,

(The argument in this article is largely dependent on a previ-Werner of Saint John. It is a privilege to acknowledge her fine thinking).

Moncton MLA John Betts berates NB Premier Shawn Graham for promising a \$2,000 grant to first year New Brunswick students, but then excludes students from the Atlantic Baptist University, and two other institutions in the province [Bethany and St. Stephen] ("Government should keep promise to all students," Times & Transcript[Moncton, NB]. Jan 29, D8).

Graham's promise was made to all students entering a provincial university. ABU and the two others are private, not public universities. They should not get public tax dollars, for two reasons.

First, these private institutions do not meet provincial standards. According to the New Brunswick Human Rights Act, "recognition of the fundamental principle that all persons are equal in dignity and human rights without regard to race, colour, religion, national origin, ancestry, place of origin, age, physical disability, mental disability, marital status, sexual orientation, sex, social condition, political belief or activity, is a governing principle sanctioned by the laws of New Brunswick."

The Act prohibits discrimina-

tion in employment on various grounds, including sexual orientation. However, to be employed at ous one, written by SarahRose ABU, staff and faculty must accept a "Lifestyle and Ethical Standards Covenant" in which they agree to "refrain from" homosexuality. Violation of this covenant is

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Mea Culpa

The photo on page 8 of the January-February 2007 Wayves was incorrectly captioned "Theresa Morris remembers her son Frederick." Frederick is neither of Ms Morris's two sons, who are both very much alive.

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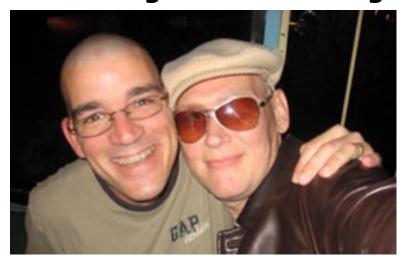
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<u> March 2007</u>

"Let my life be anything. Anything but boring."



On January 30, in a posting on his website, Lulu LaRude, a.k.a. Charles McDuff Gillis, shared with us that his cancer was getting worse and doctors had given him about like you and never will be." two months to live.

I am fortunate to find and fill some wonderful times with my friends and one and only true family, my mom and dad and of course my beloved bro and sisters," Mr. Gillis wrote in what proved to be his final web posting on www. lulularude.com.

"They have never failed me and are there for me every minute."

Mr. Gillis also had kind words for his husband, Billy, who shares his surname.

"Billy, what can I say but you are simply the most amazing man. Every gay couple out there should be deeply jealous. There is no one

Born in Fredericton, N.B., on "I do know that in the meantime November 12, 1963, Charles was the son of Joseph and Alexina (Jordan) Gillis. Throughout his life, he was a successful make-up artist, who had a natural flare for this passion. Affectionately known as "Chuck," he will forever be remembered for his love of photography, and as being the entertainer who had a huge heart. It is as the often acerbic but always witty drag queen, Lulu LaRude, that Chuck will be mourned by the gay community across Canada, especially in Edmonton, Toronto and Halifax, where he made his home. He deeply loved his family, and he was special to all who loved him. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten by his husband, William "Billy" McDuff Gillis; by his parents, Joseph and Alexina Gillis; his brother, Joseph and sisters, Mary, Kathy, and Jo-Ann; and his many nieces and nephews.



His memory will be treasured by special friends, Priscilla, Trudy, Darrin, Kieran, Neon, Trash, and others, too numerous to mention.

Charles William "Chuck" McDuff Gillis- passed away on Thursday, February 8 in Halifax, surrounded by his family and closest friends.

I remember the first night we went to LuLu's show...

By Cameron MacLeod

to Lulu's show. It was a cold, damp Thursday and we had heard we should head out to our favourite bar at the time, Club Vortex. There was this talent show thing that was a fun time. Several friends were there, and this would come to be the most reliable way to find friends to hang out with on any given Thursday.

two weeks so far, and was already hitting its stride. Anyone could sign up to perform whatever they wanted, however they wanted, for their so-called "five minutes of fame." Now in a Halifax gay bar four years ago, "talent show" fine, said the author, envisioning letters to the editor from the amazingly talented and not at all intense Halifax crowd.) But somehow this show was different. Lulu and her erstwhile foil and (ahem) straight man Sandy gathered performers show, if I recall correctly, had two drag queens, along with a folksinging guitarist, a country-rock blaring regional sensation, and a physical comedy sketch to boot.

After each five minutes -- which when truth be told ranged from 49 - the judges would chime in. Judges ment might be something like,

were gathered from the crowd, and I remember the first night we went their role was not only to provide some scores but also to comment, Idol-style, on the performer's work. Catty, bitchy, flirty, confused -- and that was all just the first one! The judges also provided fodder for Lulu to express her opinion on the performer's work – or on her suspicion of who was sleeping with whom that night.

Anyone who ever attended Five Minutes of Fame with Lulu Five Minutes of Fame knows that LaRude had only been going for the first marks were for (yell this two weeks so far, and was already part out loud) "TECHNICAL miss if my visit included a Thurs-MERIT!"

The second set of marks was for Autistic Impression. That's not a typo. Lulu even had a little handseizure and funny face to go with it. Politically correct she was not. meant "drag show." (Which is In later weeks, then months, then years of watching Five Minutes of Fame, probably one of my favourite sights was the looks on the new audience members' faces when they heard that for the first time.

Based on the scores from the first round, three performers would be of all stripes and forms. The first invited to the second round. They could perform another number, which some actually had to frantically pick out, so convinced were they that wouldn't get that far. Lulu always had encouragement for new performers and people that were breaking out of their shell, seconds to 6-7 minutes on occasion but for her, words of encourage-

"did you see that shoelace she calls a dress?! God love 'er!'

Not that Lulu herself couldn't find the most stunning outfits to sparkle in. Her favoured way to describe an outfit included the likelihood of a button firing off it and blinding someone in the audience.

We always sat well back just in case.

I moved away from Halifax over two years ago, but Five Minutes of miss if my visit included a Thursday. It changed locations, upped the prize money, Lulu even tried to quit last summer - she loved the dramatic events. She left in a blaze of love from her friends and family too.

Lulu's alter ego Chuck Gillis died after a long illness February 8, 2007. An audience regular said it best: "What a bright light in our lives, even those of us who only

saw it in glimpses."

Lulu's final blog entry finished off as follows: "I will be back soon, till then much love and thanks for the Love, dont know what i would do with yu." Located at www.lulularude.com, the entry quickly became a place to leave vour respects for Chuck and his husband Billy.

How we'll remember her best: "Wig out!"



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<u> March 2007</u>

Healthy Decision International Making Fair

By Lynn Curwin

The Northern AIDS Connection provide access to resources. Society (NACS) and the Truro campus of the Nova Scotia Community College Student Association are hosting a Change the World/Healthy Decision Making Fair on April 5.

This year the fair received funding from the Truro and Area Community Health Board's Change the World program. The fair was first held four years ago, and has been drawing more people every year.

"The biggest challenge is to organize it in a way that it gets the most exposure to a larger audience," said NACS Chair Al Mc-Nutt, "We would like to see more community groups get involved this year, and make the event as broad as possible."

Some of the organizations joining the NACS at the fair are the Colchester Sexual Assault Centre, Community Justice for Youth, Central Nova Women's Resource Centre, Public Health, and the com/. Mainland Needle Exchange. There will be information on topics such as smoking, eating disorders, gambling, heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.

By attending the fair, people interested in volunteering can find out what organizations are working in the community. It also provides an opportunity for people to find out what organizations might Hello Wayves Readers, have someone available to speak to classes or at events.

The fair will be held at the Truro campus of the Nova Scotia Community College. Before the event opens to the public there will be presentations for exhibitors. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., a panel will address issues like injection drug use, youth at risk, and the justice system. The fair opens to the public at 11 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m.

The NACS is also organizing a support group for family members of people with HIV/AIDS. The group will offer monthly sessions for people who are dealing with issues such as grief and loss, anticipated grief, and self care; and will

"The reality of having a family member living with HIV/AIDS or dealing with a loss is often overwhelming," said McNutt. "With the stigma and discrimination attached to this virus, it is often difficult for family members to talk about their fears, loss and grief. A support group can often be very helpful to these people."

The annual art auction will take place on June 4 at the Best Western Glengarry, in Truro. The NACS would be pleased to hear from any artists interested in donating art work.

The AIDS Walk will be held in September, and a Christmas ornament sale is being planned for later in the year.

More information is available by calling 895-0931 and speaking to either Al or Heather. Information can also be found on the NACS website at http://nacsns.tripod.

Model Search

By Ralph Higgins

Forget Canadian Idol! Forget Survivor or Big Brother. The only reality show worth looking at is the PriapeWear International Model Search and it is coming to Halifax on March 24, at Menz Bar on Gottingen Street. If you want to see the excitement of live auditions, competition and lots and lots of sex appeal then this is the show

Competitors from all over the Atlantic region will have a chance to strut their stuff for the judges who will be looking for a number of qualities besides how well you fill out a tee shirt. Stage presence, ability to speak publicly, ease in moving and displaying clothing, and personality will all be key traits for the winning entrant, as well as that "certain something" that sets you apart from the rest. There will be three judges: one from Priape, one chosen by Menz

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bar and a guest judge. Registration for the Halifax venue of the Model Search ends March 7. Full details are available by going to www. priapewear.com.

The winner of the regional search wins clothing and prizes from Priape and an all expense paid trip to Montreal to take part in the grand finale when Mr. PriapeWear International will be selected. The grand prizewinner receives a one-year contract to be the spokesperson and cover model for PriapeWear, a trip throughout clothing from PriapeWear and a photo session with well-known photographer, Robert Laliberté.

Priape Wear - at one time known as This Ain't Kansas - has been designing and producing tees, tanks, jeans, underwear, shorts and swimwear in Canada since 1999. Now they are bringing their quality and style to the international

scene. They are soon to open a store in Berlin and a German model search is already underway.

Model searches are being conducted as well in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal and a number of US cities.

Doug Melanson says of the Halifax gay community, "we are already on the map. Now it is time Europe and the US, \$1,000.00 in to shine a light on us." And part of that light of attention and glowing approval will be the spotlights gleaming on the contestants of Mr. PriapeWear International Model Search at Menz Bar on March 24. Real and live - the only air brushing of these contestants will be the collective sighs of admiration coming from the spectators! You won't want to miss this!

BOOM Relaunched

In November 2005, my wife and I began publishing BOOM Magazine, "Metro Moncton's Alternative" here in Metro Moncton. We launched BOOM to offer Metro Monctonians an uncensored, alternative, "indie" media brand in a province where Irving-controlled print media and censorship has sadly become the standard.

Sixteen months later and after listening very carefully to our readership and business supporters in 2006, we have decided it is time to make some significant changes to the publication. On Thursday, March 1, BOOM Magazine will be

re-launched and on the streets again with more editorial content and an improved graphic design/layout. This new editorial content will also feature a new GLBT page/ section that will cover events and issues specific to the community along with our print advertising

We are currently looking for freelance writers and photographers who would be interested in covering the community for BOOM. If you are interested in contributing to this page/section, please contact me at scott@boommag.ca.

Scott Bulman, Co-Publisher

Rocky Horror (Stage) Show

The King's Theatrical Society proudly presents Richard O'Brien's Rocky Horror Show, directed by Andrew Durkee. The cult classic will be performed Wednesday, February 28 to Friday, March 2 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, and March 3 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., in the Pit at the University of King's College (6350 Coburg Rd.) One week before the show, you can make reservations by calling 422-6011 ext. 102. Tickets cost \$5 for students, and \$7 general admission.

Audience participation in this show will be encouraged. Please feel free to show up in costumes, to dance along to the Time Warp, and to shout out your favorite lines. Due to safety regulations, however, the use of squirt guns, lighters, and the throwing of rice will not be tolerated during the performance.

Give yourself over to absolute pleasure: come see the Rocky Hor-



Employment Opportunity

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Please provide a covering letter, resume and the names of two references by February 28, 2007 to executivedirector@egale.ca.

For more information on Egale Canada and this position, please visit www.egale.ca

Last Month

Wayves received a variety of responses to last issues' "You Tell Us" question. They included a couple of replies which amounted to "keep up the good work," a suggestion for a "Dear Abby" style of advice column, a request for more coverage of community news and events (in advance and after the fact), along with a comment about the difficulty of recruiting contributors from across Atlantic Canada. One response made a suggestion for a writers "wanted" poster. There was a request for and offer of more lesbian content, a request for more inclusion of personal experiences (particularly those with a positive spin); and the observation was made that we are more than our sexual identity. Thanks very much to everyone

This Month

Imagine that you're a tour guide, taking a LGBT tourist around Atlantic Canada. Where would you take them? What would you see? Or, as they are planning their trip, they'd like to know why they shoudl come here. Our question is:

As an LGBT tourist, why would you come to Atlantic Canada?

You Tell Us at: www.wayves.ca

Transgender Diaries XIII

By Denise Holliday

One of the most basic things in life that especially for men, never usually changes, is our name. As a male to female transsexual this would be the hub of my wheel of transition. Everything else would come revolve on the name change.

My spouse came with me the day I applied for the name change and officially became Denise. We went to Halifax and my spouse took a seat in the waiting area while I waited behind a couple of other people in the line-up. The area was open concept and quite large and the only others in the waiting area was a couple filling in the same type of forms I had brought from home. "Next." The voice was female and the face looked as tired and lethargic as the voice. With my emotions in high gear I stepped forward and placed the paperwork on the counter. I wish to change my name, I said. For a moment her demeanor froze and then her eyes flicked in my direction. Obviously the masculine voice and female appearance was not lost on this one. Looking down at the paper and occasionally back at me she was going over the paper work. Finally she reached the interesting part, you know, the part that said Denise was a man. "You're still married." It was a question and statement at the same time, as she looked at me with obvious amazement. "Yes," I reply quietly. Another set of eye flickers and a moment of uncertainty. Hmm, is your spouse aware that you are changing your first name to that of a woman? I smile and turn. In a voice loud enough for anyone in the waiting area to hear, since my spouse was at the other end of the room, I call out "are you aware of the fact I am changing my name to Denise?" "Yes, of course" couple who were filling in forms

in various orders but all would look up in response to this then go back to their own problems. The counter lady shrugged with a somewhat perplexed look on her face, stamped the documentation and told me I would receive the official paper in about six weeks. Denise was now a legal entity but still years away from being a fully

female one.

The name change, two letters and letter confirming surgery and living full time as a woman allowed me to obtain a British female passport. With those I obtained my female NS drivers license and with those I received my official NS MSI card. There is a lot in a name, I assure you. Now I was myself at least in name and in part in my documentation. I could now legally start living and working as Denise. Many TS's tend to sometimes get a little too much rose coloured tint on our view of life. But not too worry, life soon steps in and reminds us of how cold and cruel reality can really be.

Few people seem to realize that regardless of education or ability, over 60% of transsexuals suffer from marginalization. If they are already in a marginalized group this tends to quadruple the potential and effect of marginalization. Often TS's leave home due to stress and violence at an early age and the group from ages 13 to 25 in North America have a 20% chance of being involved in the sex trade and/or living on the street. This group also has a HIV risk factor 10% higher than genetic female sex workers and the violence they are she replies with a smile. The exposed to is often extreme even by so called normal standards.

Breaking Out of the Gender Binary

Sex is about what's

between your legs;

between your ears

By Bill McKinnon

King's Pride and Dalhousie Allies held a panel discussion on gender issues at the University of King's College on Nov. 16. The Trans Panel discussion chaired by Sheena Jamieson included Staci Montgomery, a transsexual; Wenda MacDonald, Education Coordinator of Capital Health's GLBTI Initiative; J.T. Davis, a master's student at MSVU; and Jim Oulton,

a clinical therapist/social worker at the Abby Lane Hospital. The discussion's gender is about what's for transpeopurpose was to hear transpeople and allies speak

of their experiences and help us break out of the gender binary.

The terms "sex" and "gender" are confusing. Staci says sex is about what's between your legs and gender is about what's between your ears. Gender dysphoria/gender identity disorder is about the inadequacy of the gender binary for transpeople. It's about unhappiness with one's biological sex and/or its usual gender role; i.e., what's between the legs is out of sync with what's between the ears.

Transpeople experience problems growing up and as adults in a sex-gender conundrum of isolation and loneliness. If one goes through sex reassignment, the process is expensive--thousands of dollars, even tens of thousands. Transpeople face discrimination, harassment, and violence from the public, co-workers, employers and even families. They may be denied access to washrooms, housing, jobs, medical services and other amenities of normal life. Some succumb to substance abuse and are often the victims of hate crimes.

Outside Halifax, little has been done in Atlantic Canada by health care authorities to address transpeople's concerns. In HRM, however, Capital Health has undertaken an initiative with the vision of improving care for GLBTI people by focusing on their unique health needs and the role of health

care providers in addressing GLBTI needs. Health care access and safety even if clinicians can

be found at a defined safe place of entry. What does a transperson face if (s)he goes to emergency? In HRM, like most other places, there are no standards of care. A survey done at the Dalhousie medical facility revealed that there are no standards or clinical guidelines for nurses or social workers for services to transpeople. Some issues of concern include lack of sensitivity by clinicians, clinicians who are interested but don't have the information they need, use of the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care (a guide for health care professionals who assist the gender-questioning), and the adoption of clinical guide-lines for family physicians. Capital Health is making progress, but the resources allocated are limited and there is a long way to go to achieve meaningful improvements.

Grad student J.T. Davis doesn't recall having a gender as a child but found a great disjunction between

prepubescence and post-pubescence. She came out as "bi" at 16 and at 20 had a girlfriend. Now she identifies as queer, genderfluid or "trans." It has been a long journey and J.T. says she may not be "trans" enough. There are a variety of options for transpeople. Some go for the "full-meal deal" but others prefer "no ho - no op" so there are a lot of "in-between

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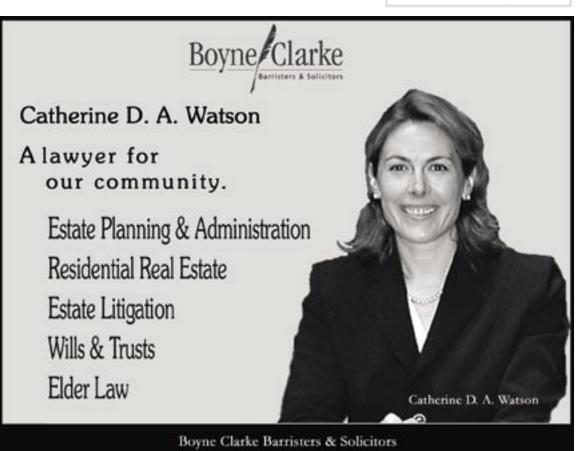
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Hey Tom,

You know, these days when I watch the news I'm never quite sure whether to be amused or outraged. First, there is the whole Grey's Anatomy controversy with Isaiah Washington calling co-star T.R. Knight a faggot, then publicly apologizing, then even more publicly denying it at the Golden Globes, then announcing he's going into rehab and therapy. Is this some kind of weird cosmic joke on the old saying, "Physician, heal thyself"? His decision may, in some part, have been influenced by the fact that the Disney/ABC TV has a very strict anti-discrimination policy and Washington's actions were grounds for dismissal.

Then, there's Paris Hilton, the famous... uh... famous... uh... anyway, Paris Hilton who reportedly made a home video in which she utters the f*gg*t word and the n*gg** word. You think it's the double "g" sound that is so appealing? Or maybe it is we who are being unrealistic. Isn't expecting Paris Hilton to be socially conscious a bit like asking Donald Trump for hairstyling tips?

And, most recently, during the Super Bore football game, Snickers ran an ad in which two men are so avidly eating the same chocolate bar that they end up mouth to mouth. EEewww! To make up for this lapse in manliness they rip out chest hair. This is supposed to be hysterically funny, one assumes. Interesting that so many still find homosexuality threatening. GLAAD and the Mathew Shepard Foundation have both issued public condemnations of the commercial.

As a recent guest on Ellen quipped, "Gay is the new black."

I think the only course of action is to face the issue head on. If Mr. Washington, for example, truly wants to atone for his behaviour how about an episode of Gay's Anatomy? I've already submitted an idea to the networks entitled "Don't judge a man until you've walked a mile in his Prada Slingbacks."

In my version, when Dr. Burke refuses to treat a patient who is a drag queen, the patient's mother, played by Cher, inflicts the evil eye on the physician, while singing Gypsies, Fags and Thieves. The doctor dismisses the curse as nonsense until he arrives home to find his front door painted lavender and his living room tastefully decorated. On his answering machine are threatening messages from Melissa Etheridge and Boy George. Subscriptions to International Male and Underwear Over the Rainbow start showing up in his hospital mailbox. His nights are plagued with a recurring nightmare of having his nipples pierced by Liberace while having his legs waxed. At work, when he does a follow up consultation on Liza Minelli's hip replacement, Liza proceeds to demonstrate how well the operation succeeded by kicking him in

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the groin and calling him a homophobe.

When even his colleagues shun him Dr. Burke finally seeks help from a shrink, Dr. McNutbar. Under hypnotherapy, Burke confronts his prejudice and says he is sorry for his behaviour. The therapist says talk is cheap (except if you charge by the hour to listen to neurotics) and Burke must put his money where his mouth is. This leads to an unfortunate posthypnotic compulsion where Burke tries to perform fellatio on his wallet.

The curse is finally lifted after Burke gets drunk and submits to being spanked with a pink purse by McSteamy and McDreamy in the shower. (Viewer discretion is advised.)

Okay, silly, I know but I tend to make jokes when I'm angry - in case you haven't noticed. What is dangerous is the prevailing idea that name calling doesn't matter, that we should just shrug it off and forget about it. An American newscaster stated on the air that he didn't see what the big deal was and he though the controversy was blown out of proportion.

The problem is name calling is powerful. Words are mighty. Think how we all react when we are called fat or stupid or ugly or any name that sets us apart from others. To be named different, odd, queer is to be set apart, is to labelled not normal, which really means less worthy, inferior.

Names can produce deep wounds that remain long after the name caller has forgotten the incident. They stick with us and become the names we call ourselves - loser, timid, unattractive - working away like time-released capsules of contempt

If you've ever had someone say to you "I love you," you know the power of those simple words. Just as the phrase, "I've met someone else," carries an equal power. Just words? Think of the time spent by expectant parents selecting a name for their child. Just names?

We all have prejudices and ingrained negative associations. The key is to recognize them and realize that our judgement is less trustworthy in those areas. And we must take responsibility for our actions and our words; be aware of the names we use for ourselves and for others, even when not spoken aloud.

Consider all the many names you and I have called each other, Tom. Oh sure, insulting names spoken in jest, but most of all we've used a very potent name brimming with power: friend.

Sadness... Still a Way to Go

By Eldon Hay

Call her Jean Smith. There she was, photo and all, in the obituary column of the daily newspaper. It remembering names... How did I know her?

Then - it came back to me. Jean had attended several consecutive PFLAG Canada meetings. It wasn't easy for her to do so. Šhe was dependent on someone else driving her from the Seniors Home where she lived. I phoned for a while, she couldn't come for several meetings - arrangements were just too difficult. I continued phoning, but irregularly - at Christmas time.

Jean was a senior citizen, of course. She'd been married, had children, then much later divorced. She identified as a lesbian, somewhat shyly. It was difficult for her to admit that she was lesbian; though she did so at the PFLAG meetings. She had heard her adult sons and daughters speak about gays and lesbians - in very unflattering terms. She feared that if she came out, Jean wouldn't see her grandchildren again. She didn't want to risk that.

Sometimes youngsters fear coming out, what will their parents say/think? Will they be disowned? sometimes oldsters fear coming and for all of us.

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Jean's obituary brought back took me an instant... I'm poor at those memories. And elicited others.

One conference, Montrealer Bill Ryan told of a elderly woman in Vancouver, who walked in the Pride March, with a paper bag over her head. She wanted/needed the companionship of fellow queers; but she didn't want her own children to know.

I officiated at the funeral of a dear friend several years ago. Call him Bob Brown. His family was present, his wife, his son and daughter. Bob had been a long time PFLAGer, all his family knew he was gay. But there was an unspoken understanding that this was not to be made public. Not even at the funeral. The understanding was maintained.

I pay sincere tribute to Jean Smith and Bob Brown. Okay, that's not their real names. But you may know of other comparable situations/persons. These lived as best they could, we honour them. And we renew our efforts to create a new culture and community, so that future Jeans and Bobs can come out; and be the persons they At the other end of life, sadly, really want to be, for themselves,

Bits

By David McConkey club (www.frontrunners.org) has entered a team in the Cabot Trail Relay for May 26 and 27 in Cape Breton. Ray, the team captain, based with Toronto Frontrunners would welcome additional runners for the event. Email Frontrunner Dave at sunshyne@nexicom.net and he will put you in contact with at glisanaoutreach@sympatico.ca the team captain.

OutReach to Youth for the Out-Frontrunners, a GLBT running Rights, OutGames and OutFest in Calgary in early April encourages youth participation and donations to support them getting there by those in the community who support them. Youth requiring assistance and donors are encouraged to contact Youth OutReach Request and Funding Coordinator

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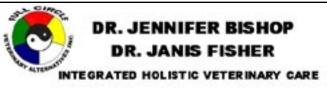
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Spiritual Renewal MAC Leather Society

By Bill McKinnon

In March, Chris Glaser will be rapher, "sucback at the Tatamagouche Centre to lead two spiritual retreats. I attended the one he led last year (See Wayves May/06, P 13) and found the retreat experience: inspiring, the fellowship: friendly, the accommodations: comfortable, and the meals: hearty and wholesome. Rev. Chris Glaser is the author of ity.' ten books, and is currently Interim Senior Pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, a church that welcomes all, including the homeless, dozens of 12-step programs, even a Buddhist "sangha." For more on Chris, check out www.chrisglaser.com.

The first retreat, March 21-23 (Wednesday, 7 pm to Friday, 1 pm) will be based on the life and writings of Henri Nouwen. The cost is \$320 (meals, accommodations and tuition) and the co-leader is Betty McKenna, coordinator of the Tatamagouche Centre. Whether you go or not, check out "Henri's Mantle: 100 Meditations on Nouwen's Legacy," edited by Chris Glaser (Pilgrim Press, 2002, p.211.)

A book review of Michael Ford's biography of Henri Nouwen can be found at jmm.aaa. net.au/articles/4673.htm. The reviewer writes, "Nouwen was a prophet to millions of people circle of inclusion." who heard him speak and read his books, but he also was wounded in so many ways. His life was one of paradox and pain. Nouwen, for example, knew some 1,500 people he ter check out: http://www.tatacencounted as personal friends, yet he constantly struggled with intense feelings of loneliness;" and notes email tatacentre@tatacentre.ca.

ceeds brilliantly in shedding light on Nouwen's inner life, particularly his angst regarding his homosexual-



The second retreat, March 23-25 (Friday 7pm to Sunday 1 pm) is called, "Making Church a House of Prayer for All Peoples." The cost is \$340 and the co-leader is Rev. Bob Johnson, a minister in St. Andrew's NB. Bob who is a member of AF-FIRM United (www.affirmunited. ca) has been organizing LGBT retreats at Tatamagouche for some time and one of many good words to describe them is "uplifting." The promo for this retreat reads, "Jesus taught inclusivity, saying that temples/churches should be houses of prayer for ALL peoples, regardless of gender or sexuality, race or ethnicity or nationality, ability or age - maybe even regardless of their spiritualities! God's tabernacle is big enough for all of us. How can our churches truly express God's all-inclusive welcome? Come to this retreat and discover new practical ways to grow into God's hospitable presence, and widen the

Tatamagouche Centre is in Nova Scotia near the Northumberland Strait in a beautiful rural setting. For more information or to registre.ca/, phone 1-800-218-2220 or 902-657-2231, fax 902-657-3445 or

Poetry at Mollyz

By Bill McKinnon

If you like poetry or write it and like to read it in front of other writers, here is your chance. The Halifax Poetry Society meets every month at Mollyz Diner. Come charge but you can make a dona- iteracyandarts.net.

tion if you wish.

For meeting dates/time, see Wayves Events - Menz Bar listings. For more information on the group see the website of the Society of East Coast Literacy & and bring your poems. There is no Arts Network at www.eastcoastl-





Road Show

in Saint John hosted the MAC Leather Society 101 Road Show, the first show of the year for the MAC Leather Society. It was a fun, quaint evening with a very supportive and pleasant audience. Steve Laviolette, the MC opened the show with the introduction of the new Mr. & Ms. Atlantic Canada perform. MAC Leather 2007: Rob Myers

from Moncton, and Saint John's very own Marcy Walton.

h e evening's entertainment included the

very talented Gilbert, who per- Show in Saint John, the home formed such hilarious acts as "Youngblood," "Patricia the Stripper" and "Equal Marriage". The angelic voice of Mr. A.C. MAC Leather, himself, singing "Advertising Spaces," by Robbie Williams, wooed the audience. The evening included a leather fashion Show which began with the casual wear, continued later with the minimal wear portion and concluded with the full leather segment. Each portion was narrated by Steve Laviolette who explained the relevance of each category.

Halfway through the evening Ms. A.C. Leather and Wayne Richard (MAC Leather's VP) held a few draws and gave away door prizes sponsored by My Diversity Place and discussion Shop of Moncton, Club Montreal list were held. of Saint John, Triangles of Moncton, and Mario's Framing Shop of Saint John.

Then Ms. A.C. Leather had the privilege of introducing the

group of guys is extraordinary! They performed a fabulous rendition of the ever popular "YMCA" by the Village People from the 70s. What a sight to see, and if you missed it this time I feel sorry for you. Hopefully you'll be able to catch them the next time they

All in all, a very fun time was

had by all who attended, and the MAC Leather Society was very excited to begin their Road

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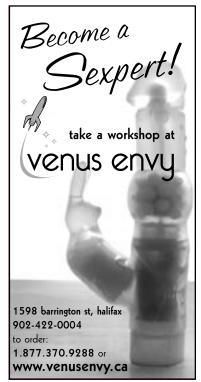
The end of the evening introduced a Valentine's Day draw in which Ms. A.C. MAC Leather and Mr. MAC Leather Saint John (Irl Washburn) repeated every Saturday night at Club Montreal until February 10.

The MAC Leather tour enjoyed making its debut in January at Club Montreal. Kudos go out to Marsha and Irl, owner/staff of the bar, and the many out-of-town entertainers who all made for an enjoyable evening. Next stop was in Moncton on February 17, which included a Society brunch/meeting at which this year's schedule was finalized and discussions on a membership

March takes us to Petit-Rocher on Saturday March 24 at CLUB G.N.G. (www.gngnb.ca) with both local and out-of-town entertainment, a leather fashion show, door highlight of the evening, the "New prizes and a 50/50 draw. A Society

On January 13, Club Montreal Brunswick Village People." This meeting will be held on the March 25 with the MAC09 competition, scheduled for September 2 at Camp Ectus, high on the agenda. Merci à nos hôtes du NORĎ.

MAC Leather 2007, Rob Myers, will be hosting a "men-only party' at Triangles, (www.trianglesbar. com) Friday, March 30. Plans are in the works for a Halifax tour/meeting in April during the Fetish Ball weekend and maybe to another town near you. Let us know if you would like to host our tour or if you wish to request membership, contact us through our Secretary, Paul LeBlanc at 506 854 3081 or email chinman520@hotmail.com.





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March 2007

Welcome from Halifax Pride

Halifax Pride 2007

Thanks to the tireless effort of the 2006 Pride Committee we are off to a great start for 2007. Last year we saw Pride grow and become the fourth largest in Canada.

We have come a long way from a few covered faces with banners and chants. But with growth comes other challenges. Pride has grown into a series of events which need many hands to help it along. In this day of too much work and too little time, a person may be left to wonder if they can indeed spare time to help out. I think of the saying "it takes a village to raise a child." Well, Pride is our child and our community is certainly one of the largest and gayest villages around. Pride welcomes all to help it grow. With growth comes recognition from the powers that be that we are certainly not a few covered faces any longer.

I came to Pride a long time ago in my own journey to see where I fit into the community. With many changes inside the community and the world around, it has not always been an easy quest and at times I have had to sit back and re-examine why I still do it. The answer I found was neither in the parade nor the party, but in the faces of the children being brought up in out for change in the local (and our community, children who can provincial) queer scene is varied, say they have two moms or dads, children who play in the crowd on most clamorous when we gather at

Pride day may be a good party but that is not what the bottom line is about. It's about the legacy we can leave behind, one that helps stop the fear, the confusion and the persecution of those yet to come; because for every child who stands proud of his or her family and waves a flag along the side of the road there are still those standing in the shadows. We need our village to help make a change and our legacy to continue to grow.

There are openings for all avenues of interest in Halifax Pride. We urge you to spare the time you can and help us make that change. For upcoming Halifax Pride Events, check the big Halifax Rainbow events page, gay.hfxns. org, and click on "Events". Thank you

Community Town

"Halifax needs more gay and lesbian sports!" "We need a LGBTQ choir!" "More men's events!" "A dyke march!" "A community health centre!" "A Queer theatre company!" "More for youth!" "More for seniors!"

The chorus of voices crying

By Michael Davies-Cole, Co-Chair, Pride day and no longer stand in events like Halifax's Pride Festival. That's one reason why the Halifax Pride Committee wanted to hold a Town Hall gathering before the hoopla and partying starts in July. We want to hear from you about what you would like to see, not just in Halifax Pride 2007, but what you would hope to see developing in the community at large.

We will be partnering with any and all organizations that work on our community's behalf; we hope that many of them will be able to participate in this evening. We hope this will give all members of our diverse, rainbow world a chance to meet and hear from our

As this article goes to press, the location is still to be determined. However, set Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in your calendars, and pay close attention to the events board on gay.hfxns.org, your local papers, TV and radio outlets for the location.

It's very possible that Nova Scotians may be going to the polls in 2007 to elect new federal and provincial governments. What do we want to say to the politicians? What are our issues? How can groups like Wayves, NSRAP and Pride best advocate for these causes on our behalf? We hope this meeting will help us all to better understand the issues that matter sometimes competitive, and often most to us. Come and make sure your voice is heard.

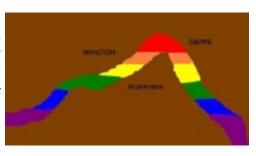
September: **Moncton Pride**

With the start of 2007, the organizing committee for this year's Greater Moncton pride festivities has adopted a new working name, "River of Pride-Riviere de Fierte," along with a new mission statement and has been working hard to provide

a variety of activities throughout the next eight months leading up to the main event, scheduled from September 8 through 16 inclusively. You may follow developments on our website at www. fiertemonctonpride.ca as well as checking the updated calendar of events on Triangles bulletin board. Suggestion forms and volunteers forms are also availible.

It was in a red-hot decor, that the colour parties were resurrected on February 3 at Triangles. Guests were given a sneak preview of confirmed projects as well as those in progress while taking advantage of drink promotions and prizes offered by our sponsors: Finlandia, Moosehead, Hotel Beausejour, My Place Diversity Shop and Triangles.

Orange will be de rigueur on March 3, followed by the other colour parties on the first Saturday of every month, leading up to the all colour bash on August 4. The committee appreciates the continued support of Triangle's owners and staff who help facilitate all these fundraising opportunities (www. trianglesbar.com.)



Le comite Riviere de Fierte se mobilise pour vous presenter un programme divers du 8 au 16 septembre prochain ainsi que plusieurs activitiees d'ici la. De nature volontaire, le comite essaye de promouvoir ces demarches dans les deux langues officielles. Cependant il arrivera des circonstances ou ca ne seras pas possible. Nous apprecions votre comprehension et nous nous engageons a faire de notre mieux a cet effet.

Recently appointed volunteer registrar, Terry Clancy, tgoo@rogers.com, offers this:

Planet Volunteer: On our busy planet the demand for volunteers is becoming higher and higher. Volunteers are the foundation of all non profit charities, organizations supporting the cause strong and true. Volunteers are the legions of people that work endless hours for little reward, and are loyal members for their chosen charity. Many of their duties are meeting and greeting the general public, organizing, and manual labour. Volunteers will arrive with a vision in their soul and a song on their lips. I applaud all volunteers with pride.

DalOut and Allies



By Bill McKinnon

This article is about Dalhousie University allies but students at all universities, colleges, etc will identify with the issues. DalOut, Dalhousie's very active LGBT society met at the Dal SUB on January 18 with some non-gay friends for a discussion about the role of allies of the LGBTQ community. There were about 25 people. It was a fascinating discussion. Here are some of the points made.

Who is an ally? (S)he's a student, faculty or staff person (straight or gay) to whom a LGBT can go to and feel secure. Dal Allies publishes a list of those officially designated as allies and a person may apply to be put on the list. Some think of there being "big A" allies, the of-ficial ones, and "little A" allies, i.e. sympathetic straight friends and acquaintances. The role of allies may include being available for LG-BT's to come and talk, providing an accepting environment, being a

good listener, and being open and accepting. Big A Allies need to be visible; often signs are put up to indicate a safe space.

Should professors be allies? Some are; some: not; some may even be homophobic, and for many being an ally is an extra responsibility they do not want to take on.

In some areas of the university, allies are less evident than in others. The Engineering campus, for example, may be less hospitable because it is male dominated. Some times straights are not comfortable with gays because they are not familiar with them. Some collectively come across as homophobic but may be supportive on a one-to-one basis. Small A allies may be there too but invisible until you get to know

telling someone you are gay was discussed. Sometimes not coming out may be more comfortable. A lot depends on self-confidence and perhaps parental influences. How do your parents talk of gays? Are they open or is it all hush-hush or negative? The discussion included some coming out stories from straights who told of gay-friendscoming-out-to-them experiences.

Homophobia/anti-gay sentiments exist in today's society. People tell gay jokes or make unkind, hurting remarks. Sometimes it's just part of today's culture and not really intended as a put down, but when we are in the closet, newly out or not yet ready, little slurs and jokes can hurt. Different terms hurled at us or about gay people in general have varying levels of discomfort to our ears (depending on our age and background) e.g. queer, homo, dyke, faggot, "that's so gay," and worse. Fortunately, as we mature and are more comfortable with ourselves we become less sensitive to it all.

In a perfect world, there would be no need for allies, but it's not perfect. Allies can be important for students, somebody to stick up for you, you don't have to struggle alone with the hatred, phobias and ignorance of some straights. It Board. Charles Hsuen has also per- oped strong links with many gov-The question of telling or not means a lot when people are suportive and stand up for you. Allies help themselves too. Being an ally can also be a satisfying experience which could change the ally's life.

For more information on DalOut, see societies.dsu.ca/ DalOUT, for a really good writeup on Allies, see dalally.studentservices.dal.ca, and to learn about LGB Youth Project which supports Dal Allies and other ally groups and GSA's, see www. ence of over 4.5 million listeners youthproject.ns.ca.

Chuck Hsuen at NSRAP

A new year is upon us and as always we are hopeful that it will be an active year for NSRAP. A new face will help us with that and I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Project Coordinator - Charles Hsuen.

For the past five years Charles has been involved with various aspects of the Rainbow Community in Halifax. He was the former Events Manager for Club NRG/Evolution, in which he coordinated the application for their cabaret license with the Alcohol and Gaming Authority and the Nova Scotia Utility and Review formed and emceed for countless ernment departments and non-gov-Halifax Pride, ISCANS, Manna for Health, Family Pride Camping Association, and the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia.

Charles is a radio broadcaster in HRM for three separate networks: SEASIDE FM 94.7 in Eastern Passage; VoicePrint, which broadcasts across Canada; and CKDU 88.1FM in Halifax, with an estimated audi-

Over the next few months, Charles plans to work closely with various LGBT groups in Nova Scotia to promote awareness, coordinate events, and



unify the community with NSRAP initiatives.

NSRAP has been working throughout Nova Scotia as a voice for the Rainbow Community since 1995, growing over the years, and relying on interested volunteers and active members who identify and bring relevant issues to the Board for action. We have devel-Rainbow Organizations, including ernmental organizations, especially in the areas of education, human rights, policing, legal/political affairs, health care, faith and religion, and community development.

For more information on NSRAP logon to: www.nsrap. ca. To contact NSRAP email: info@nsrap.ca.

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March 2007

Jay Walsh

When Jay Walsh returned to Halifax recently after years of being away, he was eager to continue with the sports activities he had participated in during his six year stay in Toronto. Although not a jock - he describes himself as much more comfortable with the literary and arts communities - he enjoyed biking, curling, hiking as social activities with an obvious fitness benefit. Additionally he derived great satisfaction in events like the Toronto Bike Rally, which is a

People With AIDS Foundation. A native Nova Scotian working in the public relations field, Walsh is committed to raising the public profile of the queer community and in bringing together others involved in sports and physical activity of all levels to improve and diversify the public image of what lot more research to do and people he sees as an already vibrant gay community.

major fundraiser for the Toronto

in every sport in the city. I'd like to spearhead a cycling group, but more importantly I'd like to bring other people together from different disciplines who could lead or at least coordinate activities in their area."

experience in organization, communication and a strong focus on the goal of creating something



Photo by Aidan Tierney

worthwhile and long lasting for the GLBT community. He began his participation with the Bike Rally as a volunteer and over several years his involvement increased to his being on the steering committee. Walsh believes that Halifax has the possibility of putting on this kind of major fundraising event and even hosting national LGBT

Walsh is clearly enthusiastic about the possibilities here and knows that the first step is to talk with those already involved in physical activities. "It all starts with a get-together, a cup of coffee or a beer and some laughs. I'm realistic - I know it might take a long time. And I know there's a to listen to."

Whether you are interested in "I'm not looking to participate competitive sport, already involved in sport or fundraising, or are just looking for a social activity outside of the bar and club scene, Jay Walsh would like to hear from you.

He is looking forward to getting wheels turning - not just bike wheels, but also the small wheels What he brings is considerable in the brain that generate ideas and possibilities.

Jay Walsh can be reached at get. out.halifax@gmail.com.

Making a Difference: Gemma Schlamp-Hickey

By Bill McKinnon

Gemma Schlamp-Hickey, has entered Newfoundland and Labrador politics on behalf of the NDP. She sought election to NL's House of Assembly, in a by-election in the district of Kilbride on February 8. Gemma grew up in the district. The seat was vacated by former Conservative cabinet minister, Ed Byrne who was forced to resign from Premier Danny Williams's munity in many capacities, e.g. government.

Gemma realized that it is tough to win in a staunch Conservative district but accepted the challenge, received a lot of encouragement from the St John's LGBT community and even got help from Nova Scotia when Peter Stoffer, MP for Sackville-Eastern Shore pitched in to help in her campaign.

Gemma, who was married last summer and lives with her spouse in St. John's, has long been a tireless local advocate for gay and lesbian rights. As President of Egale Canada, Canada's leading advocacy group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-identified (LGBT) people, she recently applauded a Nova Scotian the campaign for equal marriage school board for its leadership in across the country, she orches-

ship shown by the South Shore Regional Board acts as a figurative lighthouse for navigating the sometimes treacherous waters of safety in schools. They are providing a beacon of decency, compassion, humanity and justice to be shone across the nation."

Gemma has served her com-



Sexual Health Centre (a position she created), Chair of the AIDS Committee of NL, Executive Member of Canadians for Equal Marriage and as President of Newfoundland Gav and Lesbians for Equality. Not only did she co-lead

adopting a comprehensive anti- trated the NL same-sex marriage homophobia policy; "The leader- court challenge and courted Halifax lawyer Sean Foreman as council for the couples.

On progress towards being accepted in NL, Gemma agrees that St. John's is very gay friendly, but maintains that there is a lot of apathy particularly in the rural areas. "People have identified me and called me as a person of support. I'm hearing that there's a number

of gay and lesbian people who live in these rural areas who experience harassment and threats and who just don't report it because they re not out of the closet and they're afraid that if they do report it and if they do come out, then the abuse will in-

as LGBT Coordinator at the NL crease." She adds many young people leave the province for the open gay communities in cities like Toronto and Montreal.

Gemma did not succeed in her election bid, but as Peter Stoffer told Wayves, "She's a Gemmacrat and is in for the long haul." Way to go Gemma! Thanks for making

Girls will be Boys: An Exploration of Drag Kings

I want variation in

multiple forms: men,

women, girls, grrls,

boys, boyz, bois, trans

By Gloria Nickerson

I carefully laid everything out I would need. Plastic wrap, tape, hair gel, glue, eyeliner, eyeshadow, white tank, loose jeans. I cut pieces of my long hair into small pieces and put it in a little pile on the bathroom counter. I got undressed down to my femme undies and had my girlfiend help me bind my breasts flattening them by four rounds of tight plastic wrap secured by tape. I was mesmerized. I wore my jeans low. I greased my hair back and started gluing hair to my face. It had begun. I couldn't stop now.

Writing on drag kings and doing it are two entirely different things. I was not prepared for my own contradictions to gender that are so etched into my head I had to see myself dressed as a man before I finally got it. All gender play is subversive. It removes us a little further from the stereotypical heterosexual dichotomy of man/ woman, masculine/feminine. I've been asked if I think gender exists. Of course it does, and we need to do for gender what we do for multiculturalism. I do not want a world of gender androgyny. I want

women, girls, grrls, boys, boyz, bois, trans everything, genderfucks. We need to detach how we think of gender and how where we think it should belong. Whether performing from an inner sense thought, gender becomes fluid and

of masculinity or not performing at all, it still challenges the assumption that masculinity is firmly and immovably attached to the everything, genderfucks. male body only. Wrong.

Gender is a social construct; it is malleable, fluid and wonderful. Gender is not permanently or naturally linked to our biological sex roles. Masculine and feminine are only ideas about gender identity that can change over time not just in society but also in an individual's lifetime. Starting at this assumption we can explore how our notions of gender are created and maintained to preserve a binary and segregated structure. In this system, masculinity is assumed to be naturally linked

variation in multiple forms: men, to the male sex role and femininity to the female sex role. Exploring gender as a social construct allows for an opening of dialogue in the dominant heteronormative discourse; making room for variations a drag king is femme off stage or of gender identity. In this mode of

> changeable and the possibilities for alternative gender

women who dress as men. Drag kings take gender and put in on the stage to explore its performative and political aspects. As a marginalized culture that is not accepted in the mainstream they possess oppositional power to challenge societal standards of appropriate behavior where alternative gender identities can be produced, validated and celebrated. By disturbing our notions of gender, drag kings, empower those who do not fit into the binary gendered structure by

dismantling gender and than making it dysfunctional in any recognizable manner. Making gender fluid destabilizes our naturalized societal norms to explore new and exciting categories of gender. Drag kings may vary in definition and

performance but anything that disrupts gender and makes us question what is natural is productive in re-establishing the allocation of identities privilege and acceptance.

emerge. My favorite photograph ever is D r a g the August, 1993 Vanity Fair cover kings are of Cindy Crawford giving kd lang not just a shave. I remember finding the For a Day workshop." (www.dimagazine as a kid in my sister's closet. I'm not sure how long I stared at it in amazement, but I couldn't keep my eyes off it. I've personally explored more than a few gender stereotypes only to arrive here again in this in between place. I guess I'm trying to say that I'm sensitive to gender. And for the hundred times I've had to explain my thesis, usually to critical and comical expressions, I think gender glorianickerson@hotmail.com



scorn, distaste or fear.

Gloria Nickerson has recently graduated from St. Thomas University with an Honours in Sociology. Her thesis, "Girls Will be Boys: An Exploration of Drag Kings," includes a personal interview with Diane Torr, a famous perfomance artist and facilitator of the "Man anetorr.com.) Also, a professional photographer, the portraits of Gloria as Mick, her drag persona, are part of a photographic series for an upcoming exhibition. She will be presenting parts of her thesis at an upcoming Research Fair to be held at St. Thomas University. Anyone with comments, questions or if interested in being photographed should please contact Gloria at matters. I think multiple genders http://newphotographers.net/should be celebrated without Gloria_Nickerson/index.html.

Chef's Corner



Welcome back after our short hiatus. Oh, how the season has really settled in! Last time I wrote to you, we weren't sure if winter was really going to show its face. Now we're asking groundhogs for their supernatural predictions on how much more of this weather we will get. This month's recipe is comfort food for a frigid season. It's hearty enough to be great meal on its own with a nice slab of crusty bread. Its even suitable for clairvoyant rodents.

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

Potato, Cabbage, Smokey Bacon and Cheddar Soup

Ingredients

1 med size winter cabbage (cored and shredded) 1/2 lb bacon (diced) 2.5 lb Yukon gold potatoes (washed, peeled and 4 L chicken broth diced small)

1 Spanish onion (peeled and diced small)

3 ribs celery (small diced) 3 cloves garlic (minced)

2 tbsp olive oil

1 cup white wine 1 cup heavy cream Salt & pepper to taste

1/2 cup grated old cheddar (for garnish)

Method

Crisp the bacon on medium high heat, remove from pan and reserve the fat drippings. In a large soup pot, sauté onions, garlic, celery and 1/2 the potatoes and cabbage in the bacon drippings. Add the chicken broth, bring to the boil, reduce and simmer until fork tender. Puree the mixture in a blender, pass through a fine sieve, add the cream, season and return to pot and keep warm. In a fry pan in the olive oil sauté the remaining cabbage and potatoes until cabbage starts to wilt, add 1/2 cup white wine, cover and let simmer until vegetables are tender, season with salt and pepper. Add this to the finished soup. Bring to serving temperature, ladle up a serving, garnished with bacon bits and grated cheddar.

Spring for Life in Moncton

Spring for Life was developed in work. 2003 by the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research in recognition tion of AIDS agencies and the of the need to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS. While medical ad- HIV/AIDS. Hundreds of busivancements have prolonged and nesses will participate by raising enhanced the lives of people living with HIV, they laid a foundation for belief that AIDS is no longer a problem. This most devastating andemic has been relegated to the backburner.

This campaign raises awareness and supports the CURÉ/CARE sides of the fight against AIDS: the need for re-



search, to find a cure, and commu-

Spring for Life engages a coaliprivate sector in the fight to end funds and awareness in support of HIV/AIDS research and enhanced prevention work. Bright and beautiful gerbera daisies will be on sale March 19 – 24.

You can buy daisies in Moncton at WINNERS, 35 Plaza; HOME-SENSE, 125 Trinity Dr; Blue Cross Centre; Moncton Hospital; Highfield Square Mall; Studio Paul Le-Blanc; and Moncton Farmers Market. For information please contact SIDA/AIDS Moncton at (506) 859-9616 or sidaidsm@sidaidsmoncton. nity-based services and prevention com or visit www.springforlife.ca

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grounds for disciplinary action up a good job - the province has no to and including termination of employment "without notice or compensation."

I'm a taxpayer. I object to the funnelling of provincial funds, whether via the \$2,000 first-year credit to students or in any other form, to any academic institution which operates so flagrantly in violation of a governing principle of provincial law.

Secondly, the four provincial universities in NB fall under the responsibility of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Committee, which is directly accountable to the Council of Atlantic Premiers. The Commission reviews all new programs and incipient modifications as well as monitoring the universities' quality assurance mechanisms.

ABU and the other private universities are subject to no such scrutiny; they may or may not do way of knowing. Common sense and responsible governing says that provincial dollars must go where the province can assure itself of the quality of the job being done.

Eldon Hay, Sackville, NB









WAYVES GROUPS AND SERVICES

Atlantic Canada

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. web: health.groups. yahoo.com/group/atlanticpoz/

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

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

Gay Men's Gathering: at PO Box 36054, Halifax., $\mbox{B3J\ 3S9}$

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

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

Maritime Transgender Workplace Solutions Project: email: denisesined@ns.sympatico.ca web: www3. ns.sympatico.ca/winpapernews

Mr Atlantic Canada Leather Society, assorted cities: Dedicated to developing gay leather communities in the Atlantic region. email: macleatherinfo@bluewater. anikast.ca, meets 1st Saturday (Monthly Leather Bar Night at Menz Bar (see www.menzbar.ca for themes).) at Menz Bar, 2104 Gottingen St., HFX NS (see www.menzbar.ca for maps).

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

New Brunswick (506)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Integrity, Fredericton: Supports and encourages Gays and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. web: www. anglicanbeads.com/Integrity/ (Watch our website or details of 2007 planned events, (coming soon). Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual

orientation.) at St John's Anglican Church, 59 Broad Road, Oromocto, New Brunswick.

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: themlo@rogers. com web: www.MonctonLeatherChapter.com, meets last Saturday at LEATHER NIGHTS: Triangles - LAST Saturday of the month

Moncton Transgender Support Group, Moncton: Transgenders, their allies, families and friends. email: ellisk@nbnet.nb.ca (Meets Monthly, email for time and place)

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

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

PFLAG Canada - Sackville/Amherst, Sackville NB/ Amherst NS: Support and education for GLBTT2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd Monday (7:30 to 9:30pm) at Meeting location alternates monthly between Sackville: United Church Parlours, 112 Main Street, and Amherst: Maggie's Place, 12 LaPlanche Street

PFLAG Canada - Saint John NB, Saint John: Provides support to anyone dealing with issues of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. 648-9700 email: wandr@nbnet.nb.ca, tiggerj@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.pflag.ca/saintjohn.htm (1st Friday of each month September - June at 7pm. No meeting in July & August.) at 116 Coburg Street in Saint John, New Brunswick in the Community Health Centre next to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Port City Rainbow Pride, Saint John: Pride Celebrations Committee. email: events@portcityrainbowprid e.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 QUESTIONNING 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.unbf.ca/clubs/spectrum, meets every Tuesday (7 pm) at SUB 203

UN sur DIX - l'Association des étudiant.e.s GLB de l'Université de Moncton, Moncton: Vise 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. , meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

Conception Bay North AIDS Interest Group, Conception Bay: 709-596-4433 email: cbn.aids.intgr@nf. sympatico.ca web: www.cbnaig.org (Taylor Bldg., Carbonear Road, P.O. Box 993, Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, AOA 2M0)

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: blotmun@mun.ca web: www.mun.ca/lbg/ (weekdays 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM; two-three meetings each month; Coffee-House Fridays from 12-2pm; movie

nights and other social events occur at least three times per month!) at Smallwood/University Center, UC-6022. Building located on Prince Phillip Drive. Call us! Get involved! LBGT-MUN: "A Positive Place, for Positive People!"

NGALE: Newfoundland and Labrador Gays and Lesbians for Equality. 709-579-8656 email: info@ngale. org web: www.ngale.org

PFLAG Canada - St. John's: Information or referral to one of our parents. email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.pflag.ca

Nova Scotia (902)

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

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: Live & Let Live AA Group for GLBT community- (902) 463-7895 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.rationallunacy. 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

Bedford United Church, HRM/ Bedford: An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada - ALL welcome. 835-8497 email: bedfordunited@eastlink. ca web: www.bedfordunited.com, meets every Sunday (9 am service - Casual and contemporary service. 11 am service - Quieter and more reverent in tone.) at 1200 Bedford Hwy at Sullivan's Hill, near Atlantic Gardens

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

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

Cape Breton Pride: dedicated to promoting well being & unity of our gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgendered community. web: www.capebretonpride.org/ (Monthly women's, men's and/or 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 for event listings, Ally Training, and Anti-Heterosexism/Homophobia Workshops!) at the Students' Union Building, Cape Breton University.

Colchester Sexual Assault Centre, Truro: 902-897-4366 email: trurosexualassault@hotmail.com (80 Glenwood Drive, Truro, N.S., B2N 1P3)

Cumberland Pride Support Group, Amherst: For gay,lesbian,bisexual,transgender and transsexual individuals of cumberland county. 660-5004 email: gaylords_1975@hotmail web: available shortly meets 3rd Thursday (group's first meeting to organize our agenda and purpose) at 7 kent drive, amherst, n.s. exit 3, victoria st., 3rd street on right.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Halifax Rainbow Speakers, Halifax: Speakers avail-

able, contact us if you are interested in joining also. 494-6662 web: www.thenovascotiapublicinterestresearchgroup.dal.ca (Call for times & locations)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colchester, Pictou, Cumberland & East Hants. 895-093 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 Dalhouisie Law School. 6061 University Avenue. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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

PFLAG Canada - Amherst/Sackville: Support and education for GLBTT2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd monday (Contact us for meeting details.) at Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

PFLAG Canada - Halifax, Halifax: support and education to parents, family and friends. (902) 443-3747 email: ab274@chebucto.ns.ca (September-March: 2nd Sunday of the month, 2-4 PM April-June: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7-9 PM) at individual homes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Red Door, The, Kentville: Youth health adolescent

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

RESPECT, Truro: Students Making Healthy Decisions. 902-893-6300 email: respect@nsac.ca (P.O. Box 550, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, N.S. B2N 5E3)

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 an affirming ministry to the GBLT community. Everyone is welcome! 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com (Every Sunday 11:00am, and also a 7:00pm service on the Second Sunday of the month.) 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 19 & older. 685-3297 email: info@southshorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca at We hold dances on the third Saturday of each month. In March and possibly April 2007, the times will be from 8:00PM to 12 midnight; other months from 9:00PM to 1:00AM. Call or email for location.

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

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

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

The Rainbow - Atlantic Awareness Society, (Cape Breton/Halifax/Annapolis Valley): email: tpineo@hotmail.com web: To be released

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

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

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

Gay PEI Mailing List, province-wide: Electronic mailing list for all GLBT, questioning and friendly, focus is on PEI. email: gay-pei-owner@yahoogroups.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: youth@arcpei.ca web: youth.arcpei.ca at 144 Prince St. We have a lending library, books, movies, magazines and a place to hang out and chat. Special events planned throughout the year.

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

PEI Pride, Charlottetown: Organizing The Island Pride Festival. (902)314-0673 or (902)940-3971 email: pridepei@isn.net web: www.peipride.com (every other Tuesday @ 5:30pm -- see web site) at 144 Prince Street

PFLAG Canada - PEI, Charlottetown: Parents & Friends. 368-8416, meets 4th Monday at Boys & Girls Club St. Peters Road Charlottetown

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

UPEI Rainbow Alliance, Charlottetown: Fellowship, information, social events, awareness-raising. All welcome. email: rainbow@upei.ca web: upeira.ca/index.php at see UPEI Women's Centre for more info

Events >>

Amherst

Second Monday

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

First and Third Wednesdays

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

Third Thursday of each month

Cumberland Pride Support Group: Opportunities for the GLBT community members who seek support and friendship in an open and friendly environment. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month in Amherst. Place: Trinity St. Stephen United Church, Heartz Hall, 1 Ratchford St., Amherst, N.S. Need to talk? Need to meet others in your particular situation? Need to make friends? Need to simply socialize? Contact us. Call 902-660-5004 or 902-660-9507. E-mail: qaylords 1975@hotmail.com

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance for ages 19 and up from 9pm-1am. If you need m ore 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 grou at Valley_Girls@yahoogroups.com.

Bridgewater

Third Saturday of each month

Wileville Dance. Smoke free. For more details call 685-3297 or email info@southshorepride.ca or www. southshorepride.ca

Cape Breton

Mar 25, Apr 29, May 27, June 24

Meetings will be in the same place (Family Place Resource Centre), same day (Sundays) and same time (7:30 - 9:30 pm). All are welcome. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our meetings - they can contact us at sydneyns@pflagcanada. ca, sexual diveristy centre 563-1481, Celeste 563-1389 or B. Durdle 563-1443.

Charlottetown

What's coming up on the island? If you don't tell Wayves, who will?

Fredericton

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Third Sunday of each month

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

Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

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

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

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

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

Halifax

Every Sunday

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

Every Sunday

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

Second Sunday of each month

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

First and Third Tuesdays

Formerly known as the Queer/Straight Allance, 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 spontanious meals and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join.

First and Third Tuesdays

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

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

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

First and Third Sundays

BLT-WOMYN OF HALIFAX. This is a Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgender Womyn's GROUP! 6pm - 7pm, at DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTRE, 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) Come to a discussion night or send us your e-mail address or call a moderator (Sue @ 499-0335). If you have any questions or concerns. A discussion group for Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgender women, who will meet to have open discussions, in a positive environment. To discuss topics concerning ourselves and our community. This is a bi-weekly meeting on Sunday evening at 6pm -7pm (1st. and the 3rd. week of every month) and a online discussion/chat group (every 2nd and 4th week at 6pm - 7pm on line)- We are working on, an Online Chat at this time. http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/ group/blt-womynofhalifax/ or blt-womynofhalifaxsubscribe@yahoogroups.ca

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

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.

Mar 1, 15, 29, Apr 12, 26, May 10, 24

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

Mar 4, 18, Apr 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27

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

Mar 5, 22, Apr 2, 19, 30

Halifax Pride, Committee meetings are held at the LGB Youth Project, 2281 Brunswick St. at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome; so get involved. To learn more about Pride, check out www. halifaxpride.com

Halifax Youth Project Calendar

Youth Project events operate in a 4-week schedule. To find out what week we're operating





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



in, please see our website or contact us! www. youthproject.ns.ca, youthproject@youthproject. ns.ca. 429-5429

Week 1

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

Tuesday - Discussion Group (ages 18 and under) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the vouth 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

Halifax Bar & Business Calendar

BLUE MOON BISTRO/BACK BAR

2099B Gottingen St., Halifax, (902) 446-3644 5 pm-2 am, 7 days a week



chinman52@hotmail.com

Weekly Events

Sundays - A variety of drag shows and fundraisers, including many ISCANS Reign VII fundraisers.

Mondays - Poor Student Night, A variety of fundraisers with food and prize giveaways, hosted by Mz. Vicki.

Tuesdays - Karaoke with Troy. Cash prizes. Wednesdays - 7 PM-11 PM. Swing dancing with the Dalhousie Swing Dance Society.

Thursdays - Karaoke with Candace. Cash prizes.

Fridays And Saturdays - Dance the weekend away with DJ Geo, DJ Special Tee, DJ Atmosphere and other guest

MENZ BAR

2104 Gottingen St, Halifax's Gay Village. 902-446-6969, www.MENZBAR.ca FREE INTERNET & WI-FI 7 DAYS A WEEK CHECK OUT OUR NEW 2007 MENU!

The PARTZ Dept with Pool Table & Moose Deck on Level III

March LINE UP

Mondayz 9:30pm-1:30pm Karaoke with Trevor - Sing the Mystery Song & Win up to \$300!

Wednesdayz 9:30pm-1:30pm Karaoke with Bear777 - Sing the Mystery Song & Win up to \$300!

Fridayz 5pm-10pm Galz & Guyz MARTINI TIME with your favorite bartender.

From 10pm-2am Dance Party with DJ Electro Saturdayz 10pm-2am Dance Party with DJ Needles

Sundayz: BRUNCH 10am-3pm & Caesar TIME from 10am-7pm!

SAT. Mar 3rd - Leather Night with DJ NEEDLES SAT. Mar 10th - Blue Collar Night with Guest "DJ LMNOP"

FRI. Mar 16th - St Patty'z WARM UP Party with DJ ELECTRO - 50/50 Draw in support of Halifax Pride'07

SAT. Mar 17th - THE BIG GREEN St Patty'z Day Party with DJ NEEDLES Dress Code in Effect: ANYTHING GREEN!

SAT. Mar 24th - Touch a TEXAS with DJ Sonny D! CALLIN' ALL COWBOYZ & GALZ Texas BBQ Specials @ MOLLYZ

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Licensed Caterer. "Mollyz Hitz the Spot" HFX-The Daily News. In the Heart of Halifax's Gay Village, 2104 Gottingen St,. BOOK YOUR PRIVATE PARTY NOW! 902-405-3376. FREE WiFi 7 DAYS A WEEK. Hours: MON - THUR: 11am till 9pm, FRI: 8am till 10pm - BAR till 2am. Check Out our New Daily Specials.

MEXICAN Mondayz -You choose! MUCHO MACHO NACHOZ; MEXICAN MUSSELZ OLE! Or TEX-MEX QUESADILLAZ

Tuesdayz - MOLLYZ YOU PICK - PASTA & WINE Comboz

Wednesdayz - WINGS & Draught

Thursdayz - All U Can Eat Mussel Night with Choice of any Moose Product!

FISHY Fridayz - YOU Choose 1, 2 or 3Pce of Mollyz BEER BATTERED Fish & Chips & Draught

Saturdayz - Special BRUNCH Menu till 3pm Sundayz - All You Can Eat BRUNCH BUFFET 10AM till 3PM \$10.96

SATURDAY March 10th, Matchmaker Mollyz' SPEED DATING DINNER FOR WOMEN! Limited Seating; BOOK NOW!

WEDNESDAY March 21ST, Starting @ 8pm, An Evening with the Halifax Poets Society!

SATURDAY March 24TH, TOUCH OF TEXAS **BBQ SPECIALS!**

THURSDAY MARCH 29TH, @ 8pm "Café DaPoPo" - Theatrical Teasers Tailored to Taste! Reserve NOW!

March 31ST, Matchmaker Mollyz SPEED DATING DINNER FOR MEN! Limited Seating; BOOK NOW!

REFLECTIONS

5184 Sackville Street

(902) 422-2957, toll free (877)422-2957 Fax (902) 422-2970

mail@reflectionscabaret.com www.reflectionscabaret.com

Open 7 days a week, Mon-Sat 1pm to 4am, Sun 4pm to 4am, Manager: Stephen Filek

Monday \$Rockin for Dollar\$-open mic contest. We supply the gear, you supply the band. Compete for a chance to win

This runs from 10-2 with a \$2 cover followed by great dance music till 3:45 with DJ HedFones

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

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

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

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

SEADOG'S SAUNA & SPA

VOTED 4th Top Cruising Spots in the WORLD by Squirt.com. NOW FULLY LICENSED! Come for the Beer, Stay for the MEN! 2199 Gottingen Street. Hours: Mon-Thu 4pm-1am & 24 Hour Week Ends We accept VISA, M/C & Debit, 902-444-3647 - www.SeaDogs.ca. In the HEART of Halifax's Gay Village

Mondays - Student Night, FREE Lockers with Valid Student I.D.

Tuesdays - TOONIE NIGHT - \$2 Bucks OFF Lockers & Selected Beverages!

Wednesdays - HUMP NIGHT - 1/2 price pass for your next visit with purchase of a Room or Locker

Thursdays - It's NAKED Night! Towels Optional

SAT. & SUN. - Early Bird Special 6am till Noon, Rooms are \$15 & Lockers are \$7.50 & Beverage Specials till 6PM!

Moncton

Second Friday of each month

Women's Meet & Greet at Triangles Bar. Free Pool, Happy Hour from 5 to 9. Doors open at 5PM. 234 St. George St.

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

TRIANGLES

234 St. George St, open Tues-Sun 8pm-2am Tuesday & Wednesday: Free Pool, Beer / Bar Shots / Shooters \$3 all night

av Karaoke Night Beer / Bar \$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 New Year's Eve Dance! Tickets \$20.00 at the door. No advance tickets will be sold.

Second Friday of each month: Women's Meet located in UC-6022. & Greet every 2nd Friday of the month. Free Pool, Happy Hour from 5 to 9. Doors open at 5PM.

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

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

July 9-15

Pride 2007 will take place from July 9-15th, 2007 To sit on the planning committee, please contact Mark Hanlon by email at mlhanlon@gmail.com or Danny Smith at dannyontherock@yahoo.ca

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

Every Second Friday

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

St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

Zone 216

216 Water St, 754-2492 http://www.hello.to/zone216 Winter Hours Open Fri&Sat Nights 10pm-late No cover before 12 Friday No Cover before 11 Saturday

Sydney

...see Cape Breton

Every Wednesday

Truro Pride: GLBT support group in Colchester County, Nova Scotia. (Coffee hour at the Fair Trade Café on 535 Prince Street in Truro, every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. For information call Northern AIDS Connection Society at 902-895-0931 or email truropride@hotmail.com

WAYVES DATES!

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

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 Earnscliffe 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

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Vancouver Feminist **Action Project**

The Vancouver Feminist Action and without. These have resulted Project, a group of undergraduate in fragmentation. We believe that reflect research or activism related students and community activists, we can help re-establish a strong is hosting the Strengthening the network of feminists that can col-Ties Conference on third wave feminism(s)in Vancouver, BC, May 24-26, 2007.

the work of undergraduate students, while including feminists from graduate programs as well as professional, activist, and businesscommunities.

We recognize that feminism has become a movement marked by challenges both from within

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

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Events continued

laborate on an issue-to-issue basis to effect powerful social action.

We are looking for presenta-This conference will focus on tion proposals for our conference. Please send an abstract of no more than three pages in length to feminisms@gmail.com by March 1, 2007. Presentations can be either 20 or 30 minutes long, including discussion. More details are available at the website below.

We welcome submissions that to a range of topics that fall under the scope of feminism. Please refer to our website for more information. We welcome participants of all genders, abilities, and backgrounds.

We welcome feedback, questions, and requests for more information, write V.F.A.P., Grandview RPO, P.O. Box #78074, Vancouver BC V5N 5W1, email feminisms@gmail.com or check out www.feminisms.ca.

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Church

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2786 Agricola St. Suite 108 Bloomfield Center

Phone:453-9249 Email:safeharbour@eastlink.ca www.safeharbourmcc.com ALL are WELCOME!



Classifieds

groups

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

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

research

Étude -- LGBT & Canadian Military -- Study: Were you discharged for homosexuality? Are/Were you a LGBT soldier? Or their Partner? Congédié(e) dû à votre homosexualité? Étes/Étiez-vous militaire LGBT? Ou leur conjoint(e)? http://tinyurl.com/yab8yy мау07

spiritual

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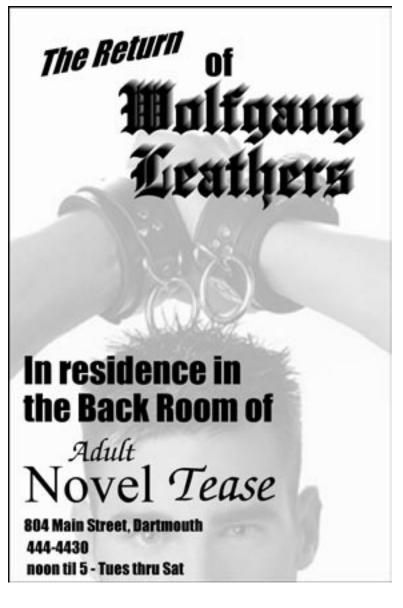
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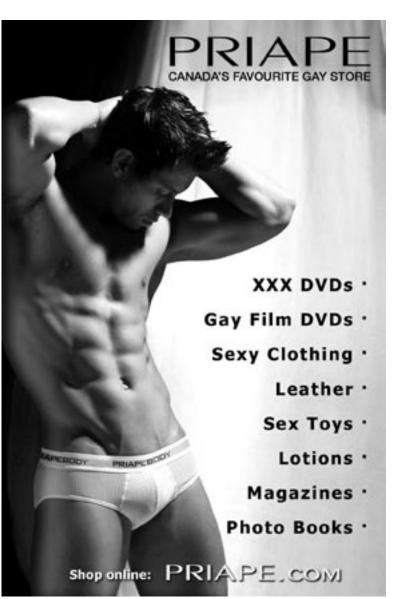
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people" who are caught in the "trap of pronouns" and face a variety of possible terms to describe themselves, including: "gender queer,"
"transsexual," "transgender," or
just plain "gender-fucked."

J.T.'s studies are influenced by "Transwarrior" Eli Green--a social justice gender-junkie who runs Trans-Academics.org and focuses on gender-based systems of oppression-and the work of another Transwarrior, Leslie Feinberg. These Transwarriors' websites are interesting.

Jim Oulton works with people considering sexual reassignment. Some clients want surgery and hormones; some want one or the other or neither. Client assessment follows the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder (DSM - IV). Individuals may be classified in four ways: by Sex--M or F; Identity--M, F or in-between; Gender - M, F or in-between; and by sexual orientation.

There is hope and help now available in Nova Scotia for transpeople--not what there should be, but much more than there used to be. For information on support groups, contact Staci at mileneum@hotmail.com.



Not In Our Name, Mr. Harper!

no one left to speak.

By Marla Kavalak, Moncton, NB On Friday, December 8 a crowd of approximately 300 people gathered at Moncton City Hall to show their opposition to recent cuts made by the Conservative Gov-Stephen Harper. This public rally, organized by the Coalition Against the Harper Government Cuts, Brunswick Advisory Council on the only targets? Let's look a little

the Status of Women, the Public Service Alliance of Canada, the Canadian

Federation of University Women, Challenges program. This program the New Brunswick Childcare Coalition, the Common Front for Social Justice, among others.

Cries of "Equality Now!/Egalité maintenant" could be heard between the addresses of various guest speakers before the group marched to MP Greg Thompson's Main Street office to deliver their message. The rally was held in protest of the devastating cuts to groups across the country who LeBlanc, both attended the rally. work tirelessly to help end violence, poverty and discrimination at a time when Canada is recording budget surpluses.

The Prime Minister has supported Canadian involvement in Afghanistan under the guise of supporting rights for women in that country while explaining his recent cuts by saying that women are now equal in Canada. Perhaps Mr. on many of Canada's most vulner-Harper doesn't realize that women able citizens. Of concern is that earn, on average, 14 percent less than men in New Brunswick; many continue to struggle with inadequate childcare arrangements; and many flee violent homes to stay in New Brunswick's transition houses each year. During his Pastor Martin Niemoller can best campaign, Mr. Harper said that, if help you understand: elected, he would enact measures to its commitments to women in Canada.

Ironically, the government recently eliminated equality from Canada. This appears to be in direct opposition to the campaign statement above. According to Ginette Petitpas-Taylor, chair of the NB

Advisory Council on the Status of Women, "[Status of Women Canada] no longer funds what it was created to do, advance women's equality. Canadian governments have up to now felt some responernment under the leadership of sibility towards making real the promise of equality written in the Charter, by assisting groups working to end violence, discrimination brought together representatives of and poverty, for example." Oh, various groups including the New but do you think that women are

closer. The ... and then they came federal govfor me, and there was ernment has moved to abolish the Court

> provided access to the courts to establish rights under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and served seniors, handicapped Canadians, victims of sexual assault, and official language minorities, among others. It also served the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited and queer community. New Brunswick Liberal MPs, Brian Murphy and Dominique The December 9th edition of the Moncton Times and Transcript quoted Leblanc as saying "I don't blame them (in reference to the rally), it's a totally obscene example of an ideological government. We have a \$13 billion surplus and you turn around and cut literacy and women's programs!"

> These cuts have a clear impact this could be only the beginning, especially if there are few consequences or little negative fall out as a result of these decisions. So if you find yourself asking, "How do these cuts impact me?" perhaps

First they came for the socialensure that Canada fully upholds ists, And I did not speak out - because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, And I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist Then they the mandate of Status of Women came for the Jews, And I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew Then they came for me, And there was no one left to speak for me."

Reviews

King's "Laramie Project"

By Dan MacKay

King's Theatrical Society (KTS) performed the play, The Laramie Project on Friday, February 2 at the University of King's College in Halifax and donated the proceeds to the Matthew Shepard Foundation (www.matthewshepard.org.)

The KTS production was directed by Kalie Glick and Nisha Platzer and produced by Martin

This is the second time Halifax has had the Laramie Project; see Mike Goodwin's review of Menial Sins' Theatre Company's production in the December 2004 issue of Wayves.

The Laramie Project is a docudrama by Moises Kaufman chronicling actual interviews conducted with the residents of the town Laramie, Wyoming in the wake of the homophobic murder of Matthew Shepard. Kaufman and his theater group recorded these encounters in 1998, and used them as the foundations to create a shocking and relevant piece of theater about intolerance, acceptance, and the life of a small town. It's interesting to consider that the students who performed in this production are about the same age or maybe a bit younger than Matthew Shepard was when he was killed.

Kings' production of this difficult piece was absolutely brilliant! I was expecting the student production to be a little rough around the edges, but the performances were magnificent; there were a couple of mangled lines which is not unusual for the first night of even a professional production. On the other hand, the things I expected to come up a little short -- the timing and pace and diabolically difficult deployment of character -- were perfect.

The most difficult set of roles in the play are for the actor who plays the town limo driver "Doc" O'Connor, the bartender, Ron Phelps, and a number of other characters. Actor Ira Henderson delivered the nine different personalities with power and precision. Each of the characters has a different presence, stance, accent, and speaking cadence, and he was right on the mark for each, even when playing a soft-spoken farmer back-to-back with a raving Phelps. Frequently in this piece, one person is speaking while the other actors have to be invisible on stage to let the audience focus, and when he wasn't "on" he was frozen, like a statue. And he's a big redhead and devastatingly handsome :-)

There are two or three places in the play



where the actor plays both the interviewer, an actor from an experimental theatre in NYC, and the interviewee, a redneck from the US midwest, face-to-face. Both characters face the audience and the actor switches personality between each question and answer - if it was film, there would be one camera behind each person, and it would be edited back and forth. It's a tough bit o' work, and Ella Bedard carries it off perfectly.

Of course the KTS production is over so you can't see it, but you can watch the movie, The Laramie Project (2002) based on the play. The DVD is available from www.chapters.indigo.ca or www. amazon.ca, or you can rent it from Video Difference or other video outlets, or borrow it from the Halifax Public Library (for sure) or maybe other Atlantic Canada libraries. For more about Matthew Shepard, see his Wikipedia page.

On February 28 to March 3, KTS is presenting the Rocky Horror Show complete with audience costumes and participation! See the notice on page 4 for that!

35 Cents

by Matty Lee published by Suspect Thoughts Press (www.suspectthoughtspress.com)

review by Ralph Higgins

In 35 Cents Matty Lee remarks that books were one of the things that changed the direction of his life and this remarkable memoir may very well change yours. Certainly it will challenge your assumptions about gender and sexuality as well as cause you to rethink notions of wisdom, innocence, blame and what we mean by "normal."

Abused and largely abandoned by his biological family, Matty Lee falls into a pattern of skipping school, petty crime, drugs and hustling. The 35 cents of the title refers to the amount he first earned for sex. These circumstances are, unfortunately, not unusual

these days. What is remarkable, nothing, however, is that Lee managed not merely to survive these less than ideal conditions, but to thrive and grow while retaining an open, generous spirit and a loving heart.

A straight kid, raised and nur- the forces tured for the most part by gay men, many of whom he met by hustling, Lee's story is a clear declaration that no one need be defined by his of safety and past or restricted by current situation. This extraordinary memoir is, in Lee's words "a celebration of this life and the strange and beautiful people in it.'

Lee tells his tale with simplicity and disquieting honesty. Exuberantly sexual, though often confused about love (and who of us is not?) seedy, sordid existence. He hides to cheer.

for nothing in recounting his quest to understand that shape his life, and to find a place acceptance.



Although he has ample reason to become hard and cynical, Lee is never bitter, rejoicing instead in the loving, supportive people he finds everywhere "even in the darkest of parked cars and leather bars." By turns hilarious and heartbreaking, 35 Cents is a treasure and the kind Lee embraces every moment of his of book that will make you want

High On Highsmith

Review by Calandra Smith

I fell in love with several of Highsmith's creations before I ever knew her name. During a browse at Venus Envy over Christmas 2006, Andrew Wilson's book, Beautiful Shadow: A Life of Pa- among numerous others. tricia Highsmith [Bloomsbury, London UK, 2004] caught my eye as a complex and somewhat bizarre, and now here I am, recommending it whole-heartedly as an inspiring read for lesbians, and those with writing aspirations in particular, but essentially for anyone who likes user-friendly biographies. Wilson has presented us with a well-researched, moving, and hardto-put-down take on the world-renowned American lesbian author name as Carole. Wilson's symof many works which include the pathetic treatment of Highsmith of this review

(memorably filmed by Hitchcock), but actually fall The Talented Mr. Ripley (Paramount's production starred Philip Seymour Hoffman, Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett) and its four sequels,

Highsmith is sensitively revealed but ultimately fascinating, subject - a tortured, talented, prolific and promiscuous writer of macabre and unsettling short stories and novels, including a classic lesbian pulp fiction novel initially published under the pseudonym Claire Morgan in 1952 as The Price of Salt, and reissued in 1990 under her own well-known Strangers on a Train made me not only see and feel her,

even more in love with the tragic Ripleyesque beauty. This book left a void I'd love to see filled with Carole, which Hugo Dann



has promised to review for you, faithful reader. So stay tuned, but remember the man being fickle, I may have to step in and do Carole myself.

In writing about Patricia Highsmith, I also can't resist noting that my name, Calandra, means one "Who Rises High" - thus the title



March 2007

Elder Abuse: Tossing Old Faggots on the Fire?

Getting old is problematic for GLBT's. It's not all joy for straights either but we tend to be more isolated, prone to loneliness and part of a many-faceted, complex problem.

As baby boomers and silent gen'ers (born from 1925 to 1942) reach the twilight years, we become vulnerable. Eyes, hearing, and memory deteriorate. Illnesses become more serious, it becomes harder to get around and eventually we cannot cope on our own. Our previously cheery disposition may also morph into irritability.

When we reach the vulnerable stage, others may take advantage of our situation. I don't just mean picking up rough trade and being beaten up. The person who abuses or neglects us may be our spouse, partner, relative, or roommate. We can be a target for abuse from those who want our property and money. Some significant others

personal problems and take out their frustrations on us. Verbal and physical abuse may be there too from those we would expect invisible. This article addresses to be loving and caring. Alcoholism and internalized homophobia may also be factors. This is a reality of old age and abuse occurs more frequently than some imagine.

What are some danger signals to watch for? He (or she) may want to use our credit or debit card and says he needs our PIN so he can go-get-things for us. He may want us to give him a power of attorney so he can look after us and/or make out a will in favour of him and give it to him to look after, or ask us to co-sign or guarantee a loan. He may ask us to sign a paper but "Don't bother to read it." He may say "what do you mean, you want to know what I did with your money?" He may even threaten to put us in a seniors' home unless we sign over the house. If we let it happen, we could end up penniless,

may abuse us because they have alone and in an institution. We Safe Harbour and a seniors' club may want to share our prosperity with others but this has to be our choice, not their decision to help themselves.

> It gets worse. I have heard there are said to be no gay seniors in Halifax's Northwood Centre. That's another downer as is the health care and social services systems where treatment of GLBT's is often in a homophobic environment. Where do I go when I can no longer cope by myself? When GLBT's retire to an old age facility or hospital, do they also have to go back into the closet as well as being unloved and abused?

> Abuse and neglect do not have to happen; we can protect ourselves. Here are some ideas. Learn all about elder abuse and make a plan, consult a law firm which specializes in Elder Law (such as Boyne Clarke or Bedford Law) develop a support system including friendships with people we are sure we can trust, join a church such as

and become involved, make contact with social workers who can and will help us, stay close to true friends and stop isolating. Refuse to be pressured by anyone, learn assertiveness and don't allow people to treat you like a doormat. When you make your will, consult your lawyer and people you trust, and when it's necessary to give a power of attorney, be careful.

We may well care for the person who is abusing us; we probably do. Protecting ourselves does not necessarily mean rejecting the abuser altogether. Maybe we can get help for him or her too but ultimately we have to safeguard ourselves. We may also be part of the problem, so professional counseling can be obtained to determine to what extent our behaviour and attitudes need to be changed and then take responsibility and action to fix our share of the relationship's difficulties.

Some elders slip into a submis-

sive state and allow significant others to bully them because they fear being left alone and decide being abused is better than isolation. It does not have to be that way. We don't have to face our declining years in dystopia. If we make a choice to say no to abuse and prepare ourselves, we will end up okay and not like an old faggot tossed on the fire while someone else enjoys the prosperity we deserve. We can live out our lives in reasonable comfort and without undue stress.

This article was inspired by a talk on elder abuse (in general), given at Northwood by Jeanne Desveaux, an Elder Law lawyer. There are lots of references on the web including www.forge-forward.org/ handouts/tgelderabuse-neglect. html, and www.gaywired.com/ article.cfm?section = 9&id = 362, which specifically address LGBT elder abuse.

Transphobic Situation — and Related Stress

By Denise Holliday

Since December 1, 2006, I have to come, that had been ongoing in had two very clear situations that my life. triggered responses within me that I was not pleased with, and those around me will often not understand.

The first was a transphobic verbal abuse, as someone I did not and retreat as quietly as possible, not wishing to get into a fight with this unknown male person. In donumber, remembering a description etc. This left me feeling upset and vulnerable. This was to be a fare, the company offered me some

catalyst for other things in the days

Last year I was working for a company on an hour-by-hour basis, and they seasonally lay off in June-July. I was then unable to get unemployment insurance, due to lack of hours, and was forced to recognize started ranting at me at call Welfare. It would be several an unexpected moment, as I was weeks before Welfare found time entering what I had always conto see me, so I needed to borrow sidered a safe space. My reaction money to get through. I explained was to avoid further antagonism the situation about transphobic issues to my worker, whose response was "Well, you knew that going in." The person was referring to ing this I forgot some basic stuff, my awareness of social displeasure including taking down a vehicle regarding my "choosing to transi-

After several months on wel-

three-hour-a-day jobs, and I realized that was only five-to-ten dollars more than the gas but would add hours to my unemployment total. After a lot of small ones and a couple of longer jobs, I was running approximately a 50% cost factor. I discussed this with the worker who said they only allowed me to keep three dollars of every ten. This meant I was actually losing around two to three dollars for every ten earned. I pointed this out and the worker's response was to tell me I had the option to turn down work I would lose money on. After another week and a half working for what I perceived to be less than nothing, I was stressed out and while working almost passed out. I resigned and after resting, went home. The next day

I attended a public meeting with Governments and businesses are Welfare officials and while they were polite, their comments and terminologies were like a match in a propane tank and I blew.

Do I think it was appropriate? Probably not. Were the people who were there directly respon-

Was the way I handled the situation the best? Absolutely not. When you are systematically raped of your self respect, personal safety assurance and your ability to provide your own basic needs are marginalized to a point of non-existence, it is hard to be politically correct. People earning thirty to sixty thousand dollars a year sit in judgment of people with issues that the workers often have little or no knowledge of, and when poor people eventually stand up in their hunger and frustration and scream enough is enough, they (we) get accused/treated as if we are mentally unstable.

weeks of unemployment, I found myself eight years plus into transition with issues related to finding work, and some issues after finding work. I have had my integrity attacked, been ordered to leave a female washroom by management transgendered.

We suffer transphobia from heterosexual and gay communities. The transgendered people that do well and have the money to complete surgery often look down on those who do not. Those who suffer major marginalization are estimated to be around 60% of our community. Education is not have lost the jobs over the years. The Editor.

changing their statements and benefits, but as the gay community has experienced for years, without further education, the gatekeepers block access to many. What can we do? Keep our heads high, keep track on paper of everything that happens and share our thoughts with friends who care. If someone acts inappropriately, and is representing a company, then consider at least telling the company about the way that person made you

Organizations such as PFLAG, Safe Harbour Church, NSRAP, ACNS, LBT and Wayves have people who have knowledge and can direct you to sources of assistance or advice, but we have to ask for their help. They do not read minds. Recognize that not all issues in life are transphobia related and constantly re-appraise your situation.

On 24th Jan. 2007, I personally After a life time with only six responded by sending an open letter to all municipal councillors, MLA's and MPs as well as some mainline media. I had six responses. None were from parties involved (who received copies) or media and the follow-up contact promised by the Premier's office has not mateand had to face situations where I rialized at this point of time. My was isolated simply due to being local councillor, Stephen Streatch has not responded and my local MLA, Brooke Taylor's secretary assured me he would be informed of my email over a week ago. NDP critics promised to forward their comments to Minister Judy Streatch along with a copy of my email. Still, by government standards, it is early days.

Any questions or comments are a guarantee. Ask the teachers who welcome; simply address them to

