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Eldon Hays Invested in the Order of Canada by Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson



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(updated 2004/11/12)

New Brunswick...

Bathurst: Gaie-es nor gays
 Fredericton: AIDS New Brunswick; Boldon's Bookmart; Campus "Smoke" Shoppe, UNB; Molly's Coffee House; Student Resource Centre, St. Thomas University; UNB/STU Spectrum; Westminster Books, King Street; X-Citement Video, Queen Street
 Moncton: Reid's Newstand; Rainbow Pride Store; SIDA/AIDS Moncton; Triangles; United Book Exchange, Mountain Road; X-Citement Video
 Sackville: Babylon East; Bridge Street Café; Mount Allison; Tidewater Books
 Saint John: AIDS Saint John; Mahogany Manor

Newfoundland...

Corner Brook: Corner Brook Status of Women
 Gander: Gander Public Library
 St. John's: AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador; Bennington Gate; LBGT M.U.N.; Our Pleasures; Shopper's Drug Mart, Le Marchant Road; St. John's Public Library; Word Play; Zone 216

Nova Scotia...

Amherst: Carvel Upholstery and Draperies; Cumberland County Family Planning
 Annapolis Royal: The King George Inn
 Antigonish: Antigonish Women's Centre; Student Union Resource Centre; Webb's Superstore
 Bedford: Bedford Library
 Bridgewater: Second Story Women's Centre
 Canning: Canning Library
 Dartmouth: Alderney Library; CD Heaven; Dartmouth North Library; Healing Our Nations; Jake's Video & Variety; Nova Scotia Government Employees Union; Wolfgang Leathers; Woodlawn Library; X-Citement Video, Main Street
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 Kentville: Annapolis Valley Regional Library - Kentville Division; The Red Door
 Lower Sackville: Halifax Public Library; Sackville Library; X-Citement Video
 Middleton: Mark Rutherford; 92 Balcom Crescent, Nictaux
 New Glasgow: Pictou County Women's Centre
 Pictou: Pictou Library
 Port Williams: Port Williams Library
 Scotsburn: The Mermaid & Cow
 Sydney: Harrison Society; AIDS Coalition; Sexual Diversity Office, UCCB
 Tantallon: Tantallon Library
 Truro: Central Nova Women's Resource Centre; MacQuarries Pharmasave - The Esplanade; NSCC Truro Campus; Northern Aids Connection; Colchester Sexual Assault Centre
 Windsor: The Hants Youth Health and Resource Centre
 Wolfville: Acadia Pride; The Athenium, Acadia; The Coffee Merchant; The Odd Book; Wolfville Public Library
 Yarmouth: TOOTS; Tri-County Women's Centre; Western Counties Regional Library

Prince Edward Island...

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

British Columbia...

Vancouver: Little Sisters

Ontario...

Ottawa: After Stonewall; One-in-Ten
 Toronto: Glad Day Bookshop; Out on the Street

Quebec...

Montreal: L'Androgyne

Letters

Outgames Montréal

Hi everyone

A group of Acadiens from everywhere are planning to participate at the first Outgames Rendez Vous Montreal between July 29 until August 5 2006. There will be dozen of gays and lesbians from all around the world who will participate at that cultural and sporting event.

If you register before the end of 2004 you will have a reduction of your fees.

If you want to join our acadien team please contact us at yvonbonbon@hotmail.com.

Thank you.

Yvon Godin

Pictou Youth

Dear Wayves:

Well, I am a 23 year old gay male and I live in Pictou County. I have been moving back and forth to Halifax trying to find my place and a great support network for me. At first, I didn't even want to move to Halifax, I thought I could get some support around my area, in Pictou County. A few years ago, there was a support

group for people up to the age of 18, which leaves me out. Growing up all through school, not even being out but people assuming I was gay, people spit on me, bet me up, called me fag, queer, fudge packer. I was a mess, I wanted some sort of support network that dealt with these issues but there were none. I started experimenting with drugs, and alcohol. In Pictou county as of now, there is nothing for queer youth. People on a low income cannot afford to go to groups outside the county. There has to be something done about this. People should not feel forced to move away because there is no one to talk to about being gay. Support groups are vital in rural areas, and it doesn't seem town reps or anyone besides me who want to take action. Groups in the city are very hard to access because of transportation issues. If there was some sort of support network, that would be ideal, it is in need desperately. I am a proud gay male, and for the younger generation, support is necessary. Rural gay youth have voice, but are nowhere to be heard.

Sincerely, Rodney Beck

Professionals Group

Hi folks:

I'm interested in getting together with women and men to explore the idea of starting a Professional Singles Gay Group. There are similar groups here in Fredericton for singles such as the Young Professionals and the Mature Professionals Network (MPN) but both groups are for heterosexuals.

This past summer I joined the MPN and did some activities with them, however I was the only gay member of the group.

So what would we do in this group? Here are some of my suggestions: attend movies, walking/hiking, brunch on Saturday, pool at Dooleys a certain night, crosscountry skiing, plays, dancing, book review discussions, golf, kayaking, concerts, etc, etc, etc.

We could have scheduled events sent out in an email distribution list or just be spontaneous at times.

If you are interested, I would welcome your ideas, suggestions, and possible time for an organizational meeting. Please write to twige4@hotmail.com

Thanks--Bren

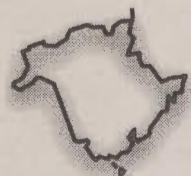
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Mount Pride

Formally known as the Queer/Straight Alliance, Mount Pride in the GLBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University. We are an active and online group that meets bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 12 noon in the Diversity Center in Roseria on campus, and online at mountpride@yahoo.com. Possible events that are being planned for the winter semester include sexuality awareness week, movies nights, potlucks, guest speakers, and many more. There are always spontaneous meals and events that are always fun.

This group is open to anyone who would like to join.



Family Pride Moncton

Lesbiennes de Moncton Lesbians are organizing a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and

Two-Spirited Parent/Children's group focusing on activities for the children. We feel that it is important for our children to have an opportunity to socialize with other kids from similar family situations so that they know that they are not alone.

Now in its third year of existence. Contact Sam at samshe@nb.sympatico.ca or Marla at mmk@nb.sympatico.ca

Moncton PFLAG

Moncton PFLAG is pleased to announce the formation of a new committee responsible for bringing the PFLAG vision to the general public.

Moncton PFLAG's Community Education Committee is tasked with creating programs that will inform, inspire and provoke. Until people can have open and frank discussion about sexual orientation and gender identity, gays, lesbians and transgendered persons will never achieve social parity with the straight majority.

Moncton is still a very closed community. Educating our citizens is the only way to affect change.

For more information please contact: Cherie MacLeod at (506) 387-8349 or Eldon Hay at (506) 536-0559.

Halifax Pride: Ready-Set-Go!

Halifax Pride has taken off for another year, and 2005 will be better than ever! We are very excited about the planning and can't wait for another week long of celebrations. Halifax Pride gets under way July 18-24th, so mark your calendar now!

Halifax Pride held its annual general meeting October 25th and has an awesome team of dedicated



people. Some new talent joins the committee and we are very proud to have these individuals as part of our organizing team.

Co-Chairs: Jay Thordarson & Calandra Smith; Events Coordinator: Jan Paynter; Marketing Coordinator: Rosemary Porter; Parade Coordinator: Raymond Taavel; Sponsorship Coordinator: Michael Beaucage; PR/Media: David MacMillan; Volunteer Coordinator: Chris Racine; Pride Ambassador: Kara Redden; Deputy Ambassador: Harmony Angel; Treasurer: Ian Crowe; Webmaster: Maurice Michaud; Members at Large: Norval Collins, Laurie Bryson, Leon Keyes, Lisa Pottie, Ryan Stevens

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Our general committee meetings have been set for November and December. We invited anyone who is interested in working on the success of Halifax Pride 2005. Next meeting date is: December 14th, 7:30pm. Meeting location will be Shambhala Sun Magazine, 1660 Hollis Street, Suite 603. Our website will be getting a well deserved face-lift early in 2005. For all the information you'll need, check out www.halifaxpride.org

Yours in Pride, Jay Thordarson & Calandra Smith, Co-Chairs - Halifax Pride 2005

fecting GLBT youth. The youth also benefited from the retreat by gaining a network of other youth working on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered youth issues. If you are interested in this project and want to find out how you can become involved or you would like more information, please email the project facilitator, Jill Davis, at davisj@youthproject.ns.ca or phone (902) 429-5429. Requests from community groups who want to have members of this committee speak to their organization are also welcome!

Tatamagouche Retreat for NS Youth

By Jill Davis
The "Hear Us Out" committee attended its first retreat at the Tatamagouche Centre on November 12-14, 2004. This committee is composed of youth from throughout Nova Scotia and is a new project out of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth Project. The committee worked on leadership and public-speaking skills during the weekend retreat, and composed a presentation which they will bring to government and policy-makers on issues af-

Valley Hallowe'en Dance

By Mark R. Rutherford
Well if you were not there you missed a fantastic Valley Halloween Dance on Sat 30 Oct in Nictaux. Put on by the Valley Gay Men's Coffee house and extraordinary work by Doug, Steve and David the event started at 9pm. By Mid evening there were clowns galore and boy the



girls dressed up well too. The crew from Bridgewater made the ride up over the hill sans costumes but great to see them come to the dance and support the valley. We were visited by a tree God who purified us all with sweet grass. The DJ did a great job at keeping everyone up hot and sweaty. The staff at the Lions Hall were great and friendly. We ended the evening with about 80 people and a good 70 % were dressed up. I wonder who was that curly haired roman soldier. The next dance is Sat Dec 04 2004 at the Lions Club Hall in Nictaux. It's a great place to come out have fun and be free to dance with who ya wanna dance with.

14th Safe Harbour Christmas Dinner

You're invited to Safe Harbour MCC's 14th Annual Community Christmas Dinner

For the past thirteen years, Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church has organized and prepared a free Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings for those from our community who want to celebrate the Christmas season with good food friends and family.



The Dinner was started as a way for the church to share a gift with the community, enabling people to come together and share in the spirit of the season.

In the history of the Dinner, Safe Harbour has served over 1500 meals and continues this tradition through the generosity of its members and friends who have come to experience the Dinner as a special part of their Christmas observance.

"The Dinner is a very rewarding experience for me," says Emily, "It's a way that I can join with the community and see so many of my friends and celebrate with them."

"The Dinner is awesome," says Scott, "to see so many different people coming together, it really shows that we can do some great things for each other when we put our hearts into it."

Gary, the long time coordinator for the dinner says; "There are many people within the rainbow

On Our Cover

Mi'kmaq bands in Atlantic Canada background our look at First Nations - plus Eldon Hay and ISCANs!

Mea Culpa

In last month's issue, the Page 5 Marriage article was written by Ian Crowe and photos were taken by Jay Thordarson.

community who have come to the dinner every year since it began - it's become an event that people look forward to, and it means a lot for some who don't have family to celebrate with."

This year, as in the past; the Dinner will be held at St. John's United Church Hall - Windsor St. Halifax at 6pm on Saturday Dec. 18, 2004. We are also planning to have some seasonal entertainment and door prizes to enhance the festivities.

Please plan on joining us for the Dinner by calling 453-9249 from Tuesday to Friday, 9am-4pm to reserve your space, or if you would like to volunteer please contact the church at the same number.

All are welcome - young and old, one and all! We hope to see you there.



Spy Bar Closes

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By Mike Parker
Spy Bar, a popular gay bar on Dorchester Street, has closed. Bar owner Michelle Petite blames declining liquor sales and the popularity of other gay clubs in the city for the business's demise.

"I guess there have been a lot of odds against us since we started up," she says. "But in the end the money just wasn't there."

The bar shut its doors for the last time Sept. 25. About 150 customers gathered to mark the event, with some bringing gifts for the staff.

At first, says Petite, the mood was festive with many of those gathered laughing and singing. But as the night progressed a feeling of sadness crept through the crowd, with some people openly crying as the last hours wound down.

"There were a lot of hugs and tears," says Petite.

Saint John has seen a mini-explosion of gay bars opening in recent years. In addition to Spy Bar, Club Montreal on Sydney Street and Babylon on South Market Street cater to the gay market.

Kevin Dobson, owner of Club Montreal and Babylon East, says the bar would be missed. The two night clubs competed for business, with Spy Bar being popular with many older people and Club Montreal catering to the younger gay crowd.

"It is unfortunate that the city could not support three gay bars," says Dobson. "But the fact

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that there are still two is a good thing."

Local businessman Wayne Harrison was surprised to hear the bar is closed.

"This is a shock to me. It seemed to have a solid group of people supporting it," he says. "Where is the loyalty?"

Harrison says it is difficult for gay businesses to survive in Saint John. He estimates that between 12 and 13,000 people in the Saint John area are gay. But only about 200 would be public with their sexuality and be willing to frequent a gay establishment.

With numbers like that it's unrealistic to expect three gay bars to survive. "We just don't have the people," he says.

Spy Bar played a role in fostering tolerance and acceptance in the city for gays, says Danny Jardine, president of the Port City Rainbow Pride Committee. Petite sat on the group's board of directors and the bar hosted many events during pride celebrations.

This year, staff and customers raised about \$2,000 for the celebrations through various fundraisers, including a drag queen show.

"It was definitely a very important bar to the Port City Rainbow Pride Committee," says Jardine. "It raised more money than any

other group in the community."

Petite says the owners considered hosting all-night raves as a way to prolong the establishment's existence. But they abandoned the idea because they thought it would lower the building's property value.

She says she will miss the bar and the many people she has met over the past two years.

"It has made my life better in so many ways," says Petite.

Northern AIDS Connection

The Northern AIDS Connection Society hosted two walks during the Walk For Life campaign on September 26th. Walk For Life was formerly AIDS Walk Canada and the Northern AIDS Connection Society has had a walk in Truro for the past five years. This year as our mandate is to conduct HIV/AIDS prevention education presentations and support initiatives in Northern Nova Scotia, our Board of Directors decided to have two walks, one in Truro and one in New Glasgow.

In Truro about 200 people took part and in New Glasgow there were 100 participants. What a great turnout in both communities!!! Everyone from Northern Nova Scotia including walkers

from Colchester, Pictou, Cumberland and East Hants area took part. What a show of support. A very special thank you to teams from Mainline Needle Exchange and Direction 180 from Halifax for walking to bring attention to the injection drug use activity and the great work both organizations do in Northern Nova Scotia. A very special thank you to Janet Conners for attending the New Glasgow Walk. Both walks were dedicated to Paul White.

"This was the largest walk ever" said Al McNutt. "I was completely overwhelmed by the turnout and support". The total raised so far including some in kind donations came to approximately \$15,000.00!!! Super Job!!! Still more coming in.

A very unique concept the Northern AIDS Connection Society has to encourage participation, is to return 50% of what each team raises, so that these agencies can assist in HIV/AIDS education and support. Teams from the local schools, colleges, churches and community agencies participated. Food was donated by Atlantic Superstore in Truro and Sobey's in New Glasgow. A huge AIDS Walk cake was provided by Frasers Bakery, courtesy van by Hollis Ford, motor home office by J.C. Mechanical, entertainment by

Langille's Music and Little Moe's Kennels - Paws For Fun, ice from Kennedys, coffee / donuts from Tim Hortons Main Street and so much more. The Truro Walk was held at Victoria Square and the New Glasgow Walk was held at the YW/YMCA. Thanks to the staff of the YW/YMCA for their help.

The volunteers and walkers were absolutely wonderful. Where would we all be without the volunteers. A very special thank you to all who made pledges. Without your generous support, what would we do and how would we do our much needed work.

Great strides are being made in regard to awareness, however there is still a great deal of discrimination and stigma. This is such a hard cause to raise funds for and we all need to stand together to fight this dreaded disease... HIV/AIDS truly does affect us all!

Thank you for your support. You can contact the Northern AIDS Connection Society at 902-895-0931 or by email at nacsns@hotmail.com

Visit our website at nacsns.tripod.com



Gay Marriage On The Rock!

By Gemma M. Hickey

The rock has been rocked with the issue of same-sex marriage because Newfoundland and Labrador is a province with lots of so called Christians!

It all began when I appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights in Halifax to deliver my brief on same-sex marriage on behalf of LBGT-MUN as General Director. Upon graduation, I came out to my Roman Catholic family again. This time as a Protestant! And trust me when I say they took me being a dyke a lot better!

I wanted to pursue a call to ministry. As a lesbian and a woman, I couldn't do that in the Catholic Church. So, I shopped around and became a member of the United Church. Its social gospel really appealed to me.

While working at my new church, same-sex marriage became legal in 3 Canadian provinces. I thought to myself, it's no wonder Canadians think that Canada ends in Nova Scotia! NL is so isolated both geographically and politically! My goal, my dream was to bring same-sex marriage to the rock and to show the rest of Canada that we're here and we're queer!

I formed a chapter of Canadians for Equal Marriage and became Chair. I formed a chapter of PFLAG and became Chair. I'm the Co-chair of NGALE (Newfoundland Gays And Lesbians for Equality) and the Vice-President and Atlantic Rep for EGAL Canada. I organized our annual provincial Pride last summer and centered the theme, "Love is Love" around same-sex marriage. Not only are the queers in Newfoundland coming out of the closets, we're coming out of the woodwork!

After numerous media interviews, extensive politicking and heavy lobbying, I found 2 wonderful same-sex couples and an amazing lawyer to challenge the current definition of marriage in this province. Sean Foreman, the lawyer who represented NSRAP and the 3 couples in the Nova Scotia marriage case, filed our application on November 2nd. Now that same-sex marriage is legal in 6 provinces and 1 territory, our case is strong. We may not be the first, or even the second, but number 8 ain't bad either!




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"With intelligence, integrity and compassion, this human rights activist has championed a more tolerant, inclusive society. Professor Emeritus of religion at Mount Allison University and a United Church minister, Eldon Haye has provided determined leadership to PFLAG, a support group for parents, families and friends of gay, lesbian and bisexual persons. The first president of PFLAG Canada, he also leads local chapters in Atlantic Canada, where he is highly respected for his thoughtful perspective on the issue of human sexuality. A pillar of his community, he has made a lasting impression on the lives of his students, parishioners and the community at large."

And with this citation Eldon Haye, of Sackville, NB, leader of Moncton PFLAG chapter and a great inspiration to a great many people in the Atlantic Canada community was invested as a member of the Order of Canada

in Ottawa on 30 October 2004.

Eldon took a moment to share some reflections about his investiture with Wayves Magazine:

The Ottawa weekend had several parts: here, I concentrate on the ceremony itself - the investiture at 11 am, a reception thereafter; the dinner in the evening.

At the investiture ceremony, citations are read by an official, before one is greeted by the Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul. Then one proceeds to sign a book, finally wending one's way back to a chair in the audience.

Immediately after the ceremony, at the reception, a man headed right for me and warmly congratulated me. "I thank you for the work you're doing, I was surprised to read and hear in your citation the wording about gays, lesbians and bisexuals." And there

was more, much more. This heterosexual gentleman had recently been bereaved, and was now being supported by a woman, who was becoming a close friend. This close friend was bisexual, and obviously she had shared some parts of her life-experience - how difficult that had been and still was.

The Governor General has a staff, some of whom are from the armed forces. The staff members are approachable and friendly. I asked one of them, who had been a soldier for 15 years - 'Are the services gay friendly?' There was a slight pause, then 'Well they're much better than they used to be - they're much better here than in the States ... I have a couple of friends who speak openly of their gay partners. That didn't happen a few years back.'

I made a point of looking up a newly minted Officer of the Order, who "is renowned for his desire to work on behalf of marginalized groups in our society ... Leading by example with the Royal Bank of Canada" I quizzed him about the Royal Bank policy - allowing and encouraging gays and lesbians to set up an education and awareness program; then, a short time later, pulling

the plug. He knew about it, and was prepared - the response was strictly along official lines. The initiative was local and regional, did not have full backing and sufficient foundation thinking thus it had been stopped. I thanked him for the information, and said I hoped that future efforts might be more successful.

In the seating order at the investiture, I was placed beside Stephanie Felesky of Calgary, who was made a member because of her volunteer work, she was key in "a community action group committed to creating systematic change ... enhancing the quality of life for youth." I asked her if she was aware of what was being done for gay youth in Calgary. She said she had no direct information, but she added that in her own personal circle of friends, there were issues around glbts and their coming out. One young man had died of circumstances not entirely clear. Stephanie's own impression was that he may well have been gay. My other seat mate was Susan Knight of St. John's, NF, famous for her work with youth choirs. She thanked me genuinely for my work, and said there was much to be done - she knew it was dif-

ficult for young gays and lesbians among the youth she worked for in choirs in Newfoundland and Labrador.

My gay son Ron and I had a brief conversation with Adrienne Clarkson. I feel certain of the Governor-General's personal gay positive stance, though this may not be voiced in public. In an even briefer talk with Canada's Chief Justice, Beverley McLachlin, I was convinced that she too was 'on our side.' McLachlin is the Chair of the Advisory Council, which chooses recipients of the Order. I've been a long-time admirer of our Chief Justice - it was good to see her and talk with her, however briefly.

At dinner, one of my seat mates was Elizabeth Rabinowitch, whose husband had been named an Officer of the Order (the top rank are Companions, then Officers and finally Members). (At the dinner, spouses sit at different tables). Elizabeth and her husband had recently lived in Dublin, Ireland. Among their circle of friends in that city was a long-standing gay couple. Then, one of them died suddenly. Much to Elizabeth's astonishment and

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Good Yule Tommo! I know this will sound terribly Charles Dickens and all but I did truly have this really weird dream the other night, Tom, full of spirits and... well, you'll see.

A sound wakes me in my sleep, there is moaning and a metallic clanking of chains. I open my eyes to find a bare-chested Patrick Swayze beside my bed. The chains I heard are attached to tit clamps which he tugs on with a forceful motion. This explains the moaning.

"Are you in agony, Spirit?" I ask, wondering why I am talking like someone in a Victorian melodrama.

"Hurts so good!" He gives another yank and a moan and then fixes me with a stare. "But that's not why I'm here. I want to prevent you from making some of the mistakes I made."

"If you're talking about that Wong Foo film," I answer, "I'll agree it was a stinker but hardly worth suffering eternity for."

He looks rather annoyed at this disparaging assessment but without further comment my Swayze ghost grabs my neck and the two of us go swirling off into the misty night. It's one of the few times I've regretted sleeping in the buff - misty air can be quite chilly and.... shriveling.

We come to earth at the scene of a Christmas office party. I remember this party quite well. It's the one where I had a bit of clandestine groping in the supply room with Mark, the head of advertising followed by fellatio performed while Mark was seated on the photocopier which whirred

and made copies of his bare ass. Because of that festive encounter, and perhaps because I used the photocopies of his ass for interoffice memos, Mark stopped fighting his homosexual urges, quit his job and followed his no-longer-latent queerness to Chicago where - Patrick Swayze shows me - Mark now performs a drag act at the motel next to the bowling alley on Route 351 leading to the airport.

"Just what the world needs is one more Liza impersonator," mutters my spectral companion sourly. "Though I'll admit the rendition of New Hip, New Hip was clever."

He then shows me, in a series of flashing sequences, that Mark left behind two corgis - now fat and snappish without

their Daddy to take them for walks - while his wife, Cynthia, is forced to support herself by hosting *Fantasia* home parties. She assuages her loneliness now with phallic band blown key chains and Johnny Walker - the man, not the scotch. This Johnny Walker is a former radio personality who models lifelike toupees for an infomercial on television and covers his persistent body odour problem with overenthusiastic applications of cheap colognes he finds in the drugstore under the name *Smells Just Like*. Cynthia ends her late night trysts with Johnny staring out the window in the laundry room and leaning against the vibrating washing machine, attempting to rinse out of her sheets the stray lifelike hairs and the lingering smell of ersatz Hugo Boss. So different

from when Mark picked out her clothes and fashioned her hair into an elegant chignon when they went out to dinner dances. How he loved to dance, she remembers. She dreads the approach of Christmas and refuses to even take out the rainbow cross-stitch tree ornaments Mark made. The corgis growl in their sleep by her feet as the ghost takes me back to the present.

Once again in the warm comfort of my duvet, I turn to my companion who is admiring himself in my cheval mirror. "You can hardly blame me for decisions made by Mark. His life with Cynthia was a lie, I didn't force any choices on him, I just gave him an opportunity to follow through on urges he already had."

But Patrick was already fading away.

"Give my regards to Demi Moore," I shouted.

He smiled. Sarcasm is wasted on some people.

I had barely closed my eyes when a hand shook my shoulder and a clear unearthly beautiful voice spoke my name. I recognized that voice and sat bolt upright in bed.

Sarah Brightman stood glowing, filling the room with light. "Oh my Gawd!" I murmured in astonishment before my duties as host took over. "Can I get you something? A glass of Evian water? Fresh cut flowers? Silver polish for your tiara?"

She laughed then and the sound was like tiny bells. Goose bumps rose up on my arms. She reached for my hand and once again I felt myself flying higher and higher. "I've got an early rehearsal in Las Vegas so we have to make this quick", La Divina explained. She began to sing very softly and I, quivering with delight, closed my eyes.

I awoke from my rapture to discover a scene of me at the com-

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AMOUR, ACIDE ET NOIX (2001) de / by Daniel LÉVEILLÉ
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Amour, acide et noix: contradictions of the human spirit

By Marla Cranston
From December 9th through to the 11th Halifax's *Live Art Productions* presents the provocative Montréal talent of Daniel Léveillé *Danse*.

This contemporary dance group will perform its acclaimed *Amour, acide et noix*, which earned Léveillé the 2004 Dora Mavor Moore Award for outstanding choreography.

Inspired by the turbulent energy of Montreal street kids, this hour-long performance explores acute intensity of life and contradictions in the human condition. Raw, immediate movement speaks about ecstasy and despair, and our ongoing need for both solitude and interaction. Much has been made of the fact that the four dancers - three men and one woman - are nude from beginning to end, but Léveillé insists "once you see the piece, it is clear that the only possible costume is the skin itself." He adds: "In fact, the nudity reveals what is hidden underneath - a fragility and an infinite tenderness, in spite of the implacable hardness of life."

Léveillé presents nudity as the only true alternative to the reading of the body - frank and free of false modesty. The dance reveals what takes refuge behind the concealing shell of our skin: muscle, water, breath, heartbeat, energy. While the movement touches on themes of love and desire, the nudity is not at all sexualized. As poignant as it is stark, the choreography is also stripped to its bare essentials, with isolated staccato bursts of energy erupting from total stillness. This movement is set against an equally unsettling soundtrack, with the music of Led Zeppelin and German techno-rockers Rammstein alongside the wild winter storms from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*.

Translated as "Love, acid and nuts," the piece studies love as an open state, a utopian but often fleeting achievement. Acid is an analogy for any substance that makes life easier, even momentarily, while nuts represent simple food and basic sustenance for the human body and soul.

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Opinion

Wondering about Moncton's Gay Community

By Kim Firlotte

I have heard rumblings in my four or so years in Moncton that we are the little San Francisco in GLBT population. Now I wonder where are all these diverse people? I see a lot of them at our local Pride celebrations each year, and it brings a bounce to my step that they come out and show their pride in our individualism and diverseness. Others are up front and in their own individual way fight for their rights, along with the rest of ours. A lot of the community may not agree with the way they are fighting for these rights, ie, the marriage controversy, but in the long run, it's the fight that counts and when the right/s are granted, then we all rejoice.

I'm just wondering after reading a few of the message boards and an advice column, "Coffee Talk" by Alexis Carr, on Gay-Maritimes, what our community expects from each other and the community in large. In Alexis's last post, she put this out to the community:

"I've been apart of the Moncton Gay community for a longtime and in my opinion, IT SUCKS! Moncton has the most ungrateful Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Trans Gendered and Two Spirited Community I have ever seen. Whenever anyone does anything, someone's always there to bitch and criticize! Well if you think you can do a better job go ahead, give it a try and see what you can do. But people will still bitch and moan. So, I guess your damned if you do, and damned if you don't!

To sum things all up. The Moncton Gay, Lesbian, Trans Gendered and Two Spirited Community had better get their shit together soon or else we won't have a gay community!"

Now Ms. Alexis did have some replies to her challenge, but not as many as she usually gets on a given topic. Why is this? Does anybody care that our community seems, to quote Alexis once again, "not give a damn"?

I really don't think this is the case, as I know from personal experience we do have some very hard working, caring people out in our community. They may not want to be in the front lines of everything, but still work just as hard in the background.

What worries me when I read these message boards? Why do I not just ignore them and go on my way. Better yet, why do I even read them? Well first off, I like to know what people in our community think about things, and where as I do not go out to the club as often as I used too, this seems like a good place to start. And of course, why not help out the webmaster of GayMaritimes and visit his site often.

So, back to the main concern about the posts on these message boards. I know there will always be ill pushers and people who seem to think, no matter what others do, it will never be good enough, but yet they never seem to get out there and help the pride committees or start something else in their own way. But the biggest worry is that what if the average person in our community, is surfing around, and comes across these boards, and reads what's on them, and takes all the words to heart. And like myself a lot of time, does not post on them, just reads what's there!

Does that make the leaders and pushers of our community have to work twice as hard, to bring a more positive slant on things.

For the past two years I have

been on the Pride committee, and was Female Co-chair last year. We were a very small committee, and had some hurdles to overcome. But on June 19th, we pulled off Pride Day. Yes we actually had rain, and it put a bit of a damper on our after parade show, but none the less, we had a good turnout. Following the days after Pride week, myself and a few others on the committee, heard nothing but good reviews of this years events. But yes with chagrin, I read on the boards, when we posted our notice about the Annual General meeting, about what a shamble everything was.

Do I? Or Should I? Take this personally? Should my fellow Co-chair take it personally? Should Greg Daborn, who has worked tirelessly over the past 5 years, or the others like Art Vautour-Toole, Eldon Hay, to just name a few of the founders of Pride, take this personally?

One direct quote from the board is, "they were the only two who had the gumption to take it over and try and turn around the mess that has been made of it in the past." This was said on Jeff and Tina taking over as co-chairs for 2005.

Again, my first feeling was one of anger, then wonder, thinking do they really think that the last 5 years of hard work, and volunteer work at that, has been for naught. And at the same time with those words, they were actually lumping the Current co-chairs, Jeff and Tina in the last 5 years. As they have served on the executive before. Tina even as a previous Co-Chair.

So, I have chosen to ignore the few sour apples on the tree, and hope above all else that the people out there who read the

negative stuff on these boards, will take everything with a big grain of salt.

So, in all my ramblings here, I guess, all I'm trying to say, is that I still have faith in our community, and know that there are good people out there, who may not jump out, and say hey I'm here, but still like what we have, and support it in their own way. So, Moncton, lets live up to our Little San Francisco ctile, and show

the doom-mongers, that we can come together and enjoy what we have.

Kim Firlotte is a partnered lesbian who has lived in Moncton for five years. I am very interested in having equality across the board for all people. I have been writing and editing stories since high school, and believe me, that was quite a while ago.

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Miigamagan: Wise Woman of Esgenoopetitj

By Janet Hammock, Co-facilitator, PFLAG Amherst/Sackville Chapter

In May 2004, PFLAG Sackville's guest was Miigam'agan who lives in the Mi'kmaq community of Esgenoopetitj (Burnt Church) and is a Member and resident of the Mi'kmaq Nation of the Wabanaki Confederacy and a Member of Lobster Clan of the Mikmaq Nation. Her work involves sustaining the Spirituality and Life of the Wabanaki Clan System, focusing and nurturing womens values, empowerment, traditions, customs and history. We had invited Miigam'agan to teach us about two-spirit persons in her tradition.

Because we had invited her to speak with us about the two-spirited tradition in her culture she helped us first to explore the nature of our question. Miigamagan explained that we all have two spirits; the heaven above, the earth below, everything is two-spirit. For example, the circle of the Medicine Wheel with the



Summer and Winter Solstices at the top and bottom, and the Spring and Autumn Equinoxes on the sides, has doors which open during those times and tremendous sacred power moves and shifts between the two doors. During the Summer and Spring Solstices powers pass between the adult and adolescent. There are many such intersections where spirit exchange and variation occurs. Miigam'agan pointed out that in her language there are no gender-specific words — no pronouns. That is because in everything, and in everyone, both spirits exist. Male and Female. Our two-spirit selves are in each of us in different proportions and the balance varies as we move through life. The shifting and re-balancing of energy is happening all the time.

The words of the Mi'kmaq language are sacred. There is no way that we can easily translate their language into English and have it mean to us what it means to them, because their language is born of their sacred understanding of, and relationship to, everything.

In attempting to strip First Nations peoples of their language, the white race tried to strip them of everything. I could see in this a similarity to the way that our society continues to try to shame, "fix", or get rid of homosexual persons by withholding some of our basic human rights.

As I listened to Miigam'agan I felt overjoyed to be the way I am: a person who has loved in a heterosexual relationship, and a same-sex relationship. I felt, in fact, that I was more fully whole because of this. And that is the way that Miigam'agan's people look upon homosexuals. They are celebrated as being fully whole. Later in the meeting someone said how wonderful it would be to live in a culture and tradition where this was celebrated rather than despised.

When her presentation concluded there was silence in the room. We were way beyond words. As the group facilitator I felt that I should start to say something, and again, what came out of my mouth were words I had not thought about saying. They issued forth. I had tears in my eyes, and as I looked out, finally, from my inner self and into the

room, I saw that I was not alone in this. Others spoke and said things that they had never been able to say until then. Others cried. We were filled with peace and a quietness that was beyond words. The people in the room were great human beings. Every one of them. (Of us.) Why? Because Miigam'agan, through her openness and wisdom, had helped us to open ourselves to receive, to join with, and to feel ourselves a part of all that there is.

The hugging, the smiling, the words we said to each other in joy after the meeting was over were overwhelmingly lovely! No one wanted to leave. People took the little branches of evergreens which had become, like everything else, sacred. Miigam'agan's teenage daughter, who had been listening to her mother speak, told me later that like her mother and grandmother, she is already involved in carrying on the sharing of the healing, sacred traditions of her ancestors.



Two-Spirited - One Person's Story

by Gabe Saulnier

Straight, Bisexual, Gay, Two-Spirited, that was the order by which I have defined myself to the "mainstream" community. Hi, my name is Gabe Saulnier and I am a Two-Spirited man of Mi'kmaq descent. I was approached to write an article on being Two-Spirited, a few months ago and my initial reaction was no. How could someone ask me to share so much about my personal being? It's so private and personal and different for anyone who is Two-Spirited; myself included. However, after some reflection, I agreed to share my personal understanding of being Two-Spirited. In these few paragraphs, I will share with you some of my journey of fear, hope, happiness and discovery.

I am the second child in a family that consists of five children. Three of us are described by mainstream society as "gay" (Whoop hoo! A majority!). Although I have always known my biological family, a much older couple that had no children of their own adopted me.

From an early age I noticed I was "different" than other boys of my age. I believe that it was quite early on, say 7-8 years old. I remember that I would literally

dream of being a friend to a male television character (girls never entered my mind until years later; when society dictated that for me.)

As a teenager, I was sort of a loner, keeping a very small circle of friends, and keeping "my secret" to myself, unless, of course, there was alcohol or drugs involved. That is when I felt I could be me. The numbness caused by the alcohol and drugs suppressed my feelings for guys, I remember thinking that if I could drink enough booze, I could be straight. That was my first big mistake. After years of alcohol and drug abuse, I nearly died. I'll spare you the gory details; all I can say is that this event forever changed my life.

After a failed attempt at being "straight" (I really, really tried), I decided that if I could not be in the heterosexual arena, I would certainly fit into the bisexual one, I mean, I had sex with both male and females, therefore, I must be bisexual. It didn't sound or feel as bad as being gay. I told my partner at the time (a woman), that I was bisexual and that was the beginning of the end of my life, as I knew it. The relationship lasted

several months after that.

By this time I had again begun to drink heavily and continued to announce to the world that I was bisexual. That is when one of my friends pointed out to me that would I rather spend the rest of my life with a man or a woman? I knew then that I was gay. I

Traditionally, the Two-spirited person was one who had received a gift from the Creator,

remember my heart sank once I made that decision. I remember thinking that life, as I knew it, was gone; never would I be seen again as heterosexual or bisexual. And a life full of misery and pain was beginning, so I thought.

My coming out experience is quite dull in fact. As I became more and more comfortable with being "out," I told more people and the response by this time was "well, tell us something we do not know." My family was extremely supportive as well as the few friends I had prior to

HIV/AIDS Among The Aboriginal Population

By Kevin Barlowe

The last decade has seen a steady rise of HIV/AIDS among the Aboriginal population in Canada. The latest statistics from Health Canada show no signs that the epidemic is slowing down.

Health Canada reported in April 2003 that "an increase was seen in the first six months of 2002, where Aboriginal persons accounted for 14.1% of the total reported AIDS cases where ethnicity was known." Aboriginal people account for about 3.3% of the overall Canadian population.

The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN), who recently held their Annual General Meeting in Dartmouth NS, was incorporated in 1997 and established offices in Ottawa that same year. CAAN has played a central role in trying to curb the epidemic.

Issues such as residential schooling, where various types of abuse occurred, and a power imbalance which has only recently begun to be reversed, are believed to be contributing factors for why HIV and AIDS is such a major concern.

Aboriginal statistics differ from mainstream HIV/AIDS figures. Aboriginal women make up 45.3% of HIV-positive tests compared to 19.9% for non-Aboriginal women. Aboriginal people also tend to be younger (27.9% among those aged 20-29 versus 19.6% for non-Aboriginal people.)

In light of this growing concern, the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network is expanding its annual awareness campaign from one day to a full week. The campaign will now run from December 1st to 5th each year.

Kevin Barlow is Mi'kmaq from Indian Island NB and is now Executive Director of the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network based in Ottawa. He has been an HIV/AIDS advocate for over twelve years.

Caid Mile Failte... Ciad Mile Slan to Reign IV

By Lynn Laurent
The Westin Hotel on Halifax's beautiful waterfront set the stage for Coronation I on October 23, 2004...a culmination of a year of fundraising and community events presented by The Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society (ISCANS). Approximate-ly

75 people, many from out of town locales such as Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Hamilton, Toronto, New York, Chicago, and Rhode Island were on hand to celebrate the stepping down of ISCANS Reign IV monarchs Empress IV Boom Boom Lubalicious and Emperor IV Joseph Penny and to congratulate the newly elected Reign V monarchs Empress V Deva Station and Emperor V Gary Turner.

"Boom Boom, along with Joseph, raised over \$10,000 to assist their charities this year," says Finance Minister Bruce Crooks. Brain Child, The Kid's Help Phone, The AIDS Coalition Emergency Fund and The Har-ri-son Group of Cape Breton are the recipients of their efforts this year... and what a year it was. From mock jails at Club NRG, to Winter Carnivals, Award Shows, and weekly 'themed' shows at Club NRG, Club Vortex and Reflections Cabaret...Reign IV was a force to be reckoned with. Boom Boom Lubalicious worked tirelessly on a number of events and she's proven that she knows how to pool her

Empress IV worked tirelessly ... and has proven that she knows how to pool her resources and get the job done.



resources and get the job done AND stay flawless at the same time. She, as well as Joseph, also traveled

to many places in Canada over the course of the year, representing Halifax with dignity and style. Amidst the nautical motif, visiting Emperors and Empresses also celebrated the elevation of The Imperial Barony of Halifax to its long awaited Imperial Court status and it's new name, The Imperial Court of Halifax. Co-founder of ISCANS Simon Abbass explains: "All I can say is it's been a long time in get-

ting here. It brightens my life to see the Society we formed finally get to where it needed to go. So many other people were instrumental to getting the Barony of Halifax elevated to The Imperial Court of Halifax I can not thank them enough; especially Empress IV Boom Boom LubaLicious. But don't worry; our dedication to helping those less fortunate than ourselves will continue to be the driving force behind all of us."

During the course of the night, a delicious three course meal was served and everyone in attendance enjoyed fantastic performances from both out of town guests and home town performers. As one in town guest exclaimed, "It's so nice

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Reign V: "More fun, less politics"

Raymond Taavel interviews the new Emperor & Empress V

Gary Turner and Deva Station share

ballroom. Next, in came Empress IV Boomboom Lubalicious who walked over to Deva Station and brought her out too.

With the oath of office, the receipt of the instruments of monarchy, the orb, scepter and crown, Emperor V Gary Turner and Empress V Deva Station were proclaimed ISCANS' reigning monarchs for 2005.

Besides still both being in a bit of a state of shock, Gary recalls the oath as being quite long and Deva Station remembers thinking to herself as she was being handed the orb "this is really ugly. I need to make this pretty!"

They both laughed recalling those moments.

I recently had the opportunity to ask them to share a few thoughts about the election, the Society, their role and the direction they wanted to lead it for the upcoming year.

many thoughts and feelings in common but the one moment that held frozen in their minds was just before 'that moment' on Coronation night.

Anxious, nervous, even a bit nauseous and alone with their own thoughts, the voters had voted, the official tabulator had tabulated and there was nothing left to do for them and the rest of the contestants but to play the waiting game.

Then, Emperor IV Joseph Penny walked into the side room of the Westin Nova Scotia Confederation Ballroom and took Gary by the hand out to the

Gary and Deva had a lot of fun during the whole election process. Gary found it fun to compete in the company of friends. "That made it fun and I wanted to keep it fun" Gary says. Deva Station said the more challenging part was shaving every day. "My face was getting sore!" Deva exclaims.

"More fun and less politics

seems to be their common mantra throughout my interview with them. Gary a founding member of ISCANS says he ran because he wanted to bring the Society back to its roots — bringing strong leadership and a change of direction. Deva Station agrees. And for similar reasons although he feels that he has a lot of resources from his professional life that could be used to support and strengthen the Society in achieving its aims and goals.

They want to build a more unified society and also want to reach out to the whole community

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*Emperor & Empress V
"We won't let people down"*

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Reign V Charities

Each year ISCANS Empress and Emperor choose several charities to raise funds throughout the year for. Empress V Deva Station and Emperor V Gary Turner have chosen these charities for

their 2005 reign: Bryony House (For battered women and children) because we felt this is a charity that sometimes gets overlooked and helps so many people.

The AIDS Coalition Emergency Fund because: it was special to us as the funds raised go directly to people living with HIV and AIDS in our community.

The Atlantic Canada Breast

Cancer Association because: this charity touches everyone gay or straight and this disease holds a distinct place in our hearts as both of us have had people in our families touched with this disease

as have so many others. Family Pride Camping Association because: this charity has been working for years to give the kids of GLBT families a week of fun at summer camp.

Reviews

Laramie Project Comes To Halifax

By Mike Goodwin

This past October I was fortunate enough to be present for the debut performance of Menial Sins' Theater Company's emotional adaptation of The Laramie Project. Written by Moises Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project, of New York, a series of intricate monologues relate the emotionally charged story of a small town's struggle with the aftermath of a gay man's horrific murder. The monumental effects of the events of October 6th, 1998 were as raw and deeply moving in each performance, as if you were hearing of it for the first time. For those of you who do not know the story of Matthew Sheppard, he was a young gay man that was brutally attacked on the outskirts of the small town of Laramie, Wyoming, and left to die. The production of the Laramie Project was a means by which Moises Kaufman was able to portray the more intimate details of how the town and its residents were affected.

The play was staged at Club Vortex. The playbill contained a brief synopsis of the play and bio's of the cast and crew. The

last page had a message to the audience, which I feel I must share with you.

"Formed by Producer Ryan Auld, Director Kat Biondi, & Stage Manager/Assistant Producer Danielle Trotter, Menial Sins' Theatre Company hopes to offer Halifax a different form of theatre. Menial Sins' has set themselves out to fill a niche in the city of Halifax by trying to

performers appears onstage one by one, each being introduced by the previous until the audience has met the entire group, in character. Slowly, at first, the cast adopts the persona of the character they're portraying. With only a simple costume change of adding scarf, a pipe, a hat or angel wings the actors portray a mirage of characters. One by one the audience is introduced to a small assembly of

Laramie experienced. The scenes shift fluently, the actors appearing and disappearing on and off stage. However it is not until the second act that the emotional



climax of the story truly hits the audience. Lee-Anne Poole performs the scene as the character of Aaron Kriefels; the boy who finds Matthew tied to the fence. It is this monologue that moves the audience, including myself to tears. The range of emotions that this young actress exposes is extraordinary. The image she portrays is one so believable; it is as if you're standing there with Aaron when he finds Matthew. Somewhere from deep within, the tragedy of this story hits the very core of your soul. Your heart breaks and you're left feeling very vulnerable. It's the emotional

facets of this play that keeps the audience riveted to the stage. Like the very earth itself with its "tectonic movements" Menial Sins' performance recreated those very real "peaks of intensity and gullies of emotions" that seeing live theater is all about. The audience is left wanting to know more about these characters, their lives, and what became of them.

One of the lines of the play is "Do it right... say it correct". These words could not ring more true of the Menial Sins' troupe. A definite credit to the words of Moises Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Project, Menial Sins' rendition of The Laramie Project was stupendous. It was hard to believe that this young cast was performing the words of another theater troupe written some six years ago. Their performance was as current and relevant today as it was when the events shook Laramie to its very core. One can only hope that the next production of this troupe to be as moving and well performed as their debut.

It's the emotional facets of this play that keeps the audience riveted to the stage.

create a form of queer friendly theatre, which will appeal to both the gay and straight community. To accomplish this, Menial Sins' will make a concentrated effort to offer shows which deal with issues that affect both communities."

This message gave only a glimmer of what the audience was to experience that evening... the performance that followed, was nothing short of spectacular.

An ensemble cast of eight

the townsfolk. Soon the audience is reliving the events as told by the townspeople.

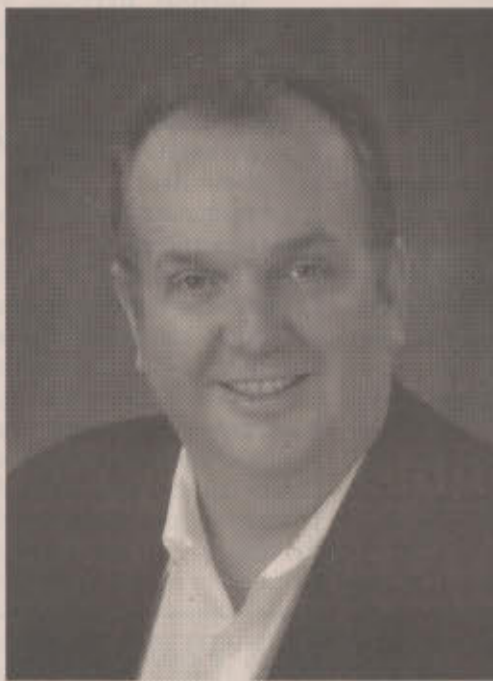
The first act of the play lays the groundwork allowing the audience to get to know the characters. Gradually each character's story is unfurled. The lines between past and present are blurred as we transcend the barriers of time. It's no longer just a story; the audience begins to relive those moments in time, which the people of

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When I remember the days when I eagerly scoured any book or movie for the slightest hint of gay material, it seems almost shameful to complain that now there are many, many more queer-themed stories than anyone can possibly keep up with. Of those that arrive on my desk for review I am forced by constraints of time and print space to select only a few of the many which are worthy of notice and appreciation. The following are some of the titles which I recommend adding to your shopping/giving list this holiday time although you will have to resist the temptation to keep them for yourself!

Latter Days is the intelligent and emotionally powerful story of a Mormon missionary who comes to California and falls in love with a gay party boy. The

movie gained notoriety when it was refused a showing in Salt Lake City. More important than the hype are the quality performances from seasoned performers Jacqueline Bisset and Mary Kay Place as well as the nuanced acting skills of newcomers Steve Sandvoss and Wes Ramey. The scriptwriter and director is C. Jay Cox (a former Mormon missionary) best known as the screenwriter of Sweet Home Alabama.



LATTER DAYS

9 Dead Gay Guys- Nobody does black comedy better than the Brits. Two Irish friends frequent a gay pub to make a few bucks to buy beer but become caught up in a treasure hunt for money when a wealthy old queen is found dead. And this is only dead gay guy number one!

Both these films are from our old friends at TLA Releasing (www.tlareleasing.com) who continue to provide all the best in queer, independent and foreign films.

Bruno Gmuender publishes an amazing array of photo books and calendars. Two in particular get my stamp of approval:

Universal is a collaboration between Kingdome 19 and Henning von Berg. The sepia tone and modifications give many of the photos the look of old time postcards or snapshots found in a hidden trunk in the attic. The male nudes manage to be both erotic and artistic.

Jeff Palmer's Temptation is a fantasy world and one one longs to enter into. Great subject matter and an atmosphere which is both intensely sexual and loving.

The Phoenix (The Writers' Collective, Rhode Island) by Ruth Sims is an historical romance set in the latter part of the nineteenth century and follows the lives of Nicholas and Kit, two men irresistibly drawn to each other but hampered on every side by religion, social prejudice and internalized homophobia. The plot is a bit of a soap opera but very engaging nonetheless. Think Queer As Folk meets Charles Dickens.

If you'd like a good cardiovascular workout but who lack the discipline to get regular exercise,

I recommend Be A Man from Channel 1 Releasing directed by Chi Chi LaRue. This film will get your heart pumping, have you breathing deep and hard, and will certainly renew your appreciation for a well-maintained body. Think of it as erotic aerobics.

The Dick Hardesty Mysteries by Dorien Grey are always an engaging read and the newest arrival, The Popsicle Tree, proves that author Grey's powers to charm and compel have lost none of their strength. In

addition to the usual dead body or two, Dick and his lover Jonathan are forced to confront the possibility of parenthood. The Hardesty mysteries are like peanuts, you won't be able to stop with just one. www.GLBpubs.com

Canadian Anthony Bidulka is the author of the Russell Quant mysteries from Insomniac Press. The witty, attractive Quant juggles all the usual anxieties of 21st century gay men while dealing with blackmailers, thieves and murderers. Both Amuse Bouche and Flight of Aquavit will provide a chuckle along with suspense.

When Fox Is A Thousand (from Arsenal Pulp Press) by Larissa Lai, is a retelling of an old Chinese folktale. An ancient shape shifting fox comes to haunt Artemis Wong, a young woman living in Vancouver and who is on the verge of falling in love, or maybe breaking up with, a series of eccentric women.

Look for these titles at your local book or movie store. Happy Holidays.



Swedish Holiday Punch

Believe it or not here we are approaching the Holiday Season While still trying to accept our non-summer we will very soon be once again 'donning our gay apparel and embarrassing ourselves at staff parties.

So in the spirit of the festive season I offer a fabulous Swedish Holiday Punch which my grandfather Lewis picked up on a business trip a ways back (the punch that is, not the Swede). My family still serves it to unsuspecting holiday revelers every Christmas day. Enjoy!

Swedish Holiday Punch (serves 8)

- Large punch bowl
- 1 (750 ml) bottle of your favorite Premium Vodka (from the freezer)
- 1 cup Cointreau Liqueur (chilled)
- 2 (750 ml) bottles of Pink Champagne
- 1 L tonic water
- Juice of 2 Lemons
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- lemon juice and Cointreau.
- 2. Add Vodka, Champagne, and Tonic water
- 3. Stir gently
- 4. Float the cucumber peel on the top and place the punch in the freezer for half an hour to chill fully
- 5. Remove the cucumber peel and garnish with slices of Seville orange and fresh cranberries.
- 6. Serve in chilled Champagne coups.

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OAAW!

By Bernadine LaPointe

One of Out And About Womyn's (OAAW) favourite events of the year is its Halloween Murder Mystery Party. The mystery is custom-written each year by Bernadine LaPointe, and many of the characters are bent. You know, *that way*. The title for this year's mystery was "Your Bleedin' Heart."

Justin Trubble, one of Nashville's hottest country and western singer-songwriters, was found stabbed to death in his home, and the list of murder suspects included his lawyer Steelan Bux (Allison Bolton), his manager Ovar Bookin (Jane Greening), and several of his peers including Sawyer Grapes (Pamela Fisher), Hillbilly Hellson (Tapatha Curnew), Polly Phartin (Ellen MacPherson), Ann Murkey (Joanne Rivest), Twitchy Hicks (Karla P.), Hoy Robinsegg (Sharon Brow), and Sheba Sickniiliar

(Kathy K.)
T h r o w n
into the mix
were Chuck
Waggin (Jan

Paynter) editor of the Nashville Insider, and Trubble's wife, Greevan Wideaux (Glenna Parsons).

It's amazing what secrets lie below the surface of a celeb's facade. Spectators were shocked to learn that Ann Murkey's marriage to Phil Cantstrum was a sham! Her longtime affair with Polly Phartin (and their appetites for leather) were revealed when Ann Murkey sang her hit song, "Crack Your Mighty Whip."

Other musical numbers included Polly Phartin's rendition of her hit, "Dress of Many Feathers" and Hoy Robinsegg's dramatic reading of his hit, "Bawlin," and



hip-gyrating hit by Sawyer Grapes called, "Shaky Drapy Tarp."

About sixty women crammed into a spooky Victorian mansion in the South End of Halifax to discover who killed Justin Trubble, after which everyone voted for Best Pumpkin Carving (won by Shelly B.); best actress in a female role (Joanne Rivest for her role as Ann Murkey), best actress in a male role (Pamela Fisher for her role as Sawyer Grapes), the most outrageous and most creative costume prizes went to Ellen MacPherson, and the sexiest costume was won by Joanne Rivest.

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to make ISCANs more inclusive of the society's many gay-friendly supporters while they raise dollars for good causes and do positive things for the community. This year they also plan to ensure their chosen charities get more attention so that people know who they and more dollars can be raised for these worthy causes. (see Reign V Charities sidebar).



Neither seems to take their new positions as good will ambassadors lightly and both seem intent on working hard to bring the society to 'the next level'.

Deva Station says teamwork is very important and wants to encourage everyone from the executive to the membership in that direction. Listening to the 'voices of the membership' is something Deva Station is looking forward to doing. "Its not all about my big hair and big crown" Deva Station laughs.

While Gary and Deva say they would like to see the membership taking a more involved role in the activities of the society. "I think we can do more to be more inclusive and have more events and activities spread out more evenly among the bars and even hold some of these events outside the bars.

Both Gary and Deva Station are not short on ideas or excitement and enthusiasm to face the challenges that lay ahead for them and the society and are

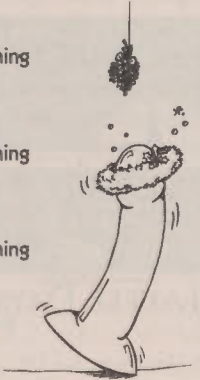
determined to do their best and work their hardest to follow in the steps of their predecessors and achieve another successful year for ISCANs.

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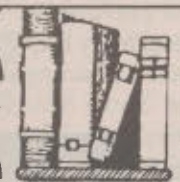
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their spiritual guidance and had the ability to foretell the future, to name a few. Once colonization and religion took over, these individuals were seen as monsters and many were shunned, killed or buried alive. The traditional Two-Spirited person began to be erased and an awful stigma against them was created.

With the onset of the current AIDS pandemic, I saw many friends and a partner die from AIDS. Since AIDS was perceived as being a gay disease, the stigma of being a Two-Spirited person was once again reaffirmed, especially if they were HIV positive. Unfortunately, after 400 years the

stigma of being Two-Spirited is still alive and well.

It was about 10 years after I came out to everyone that I heard the term "Two-Spirited." I was a bit confused about the term, but I was also very intrigued. At the time, I had been invited to attend a Two-Spirited gathering in New Brunswick. Being raised in a mainstream community (not a Native community), I had had very limited contact with other Native peers, and often thought of myself as being alone.

Being with my Two-Spirited peers changed the way I perceived being gay. I redefined myself as being Two-Spirited. Taking on the

responsibility of defining oneself as being Two-Spirited, should not be taken lightly. I spoke with numerous Two-Spirited Elders at the gathering and found out that I was certainly not alone. Many Two-Spirited persons define themselves with terms that they feel comfortable with. It is perfectly normal that a person of Native descent not consider themselves as being Two-Spirited. It's all in how you perceive being yourself. In my case, I did some research and found out that I was doing things that a Two-Spirited person traditionally did. Some of these include but are not limited to, tending the fire at sweats (a

Native ritual, which purifies the soul and body), collecting food from Mother Earth, helping others, building shelters, sweat lodges and having visions.

The current Two-Spirit community, which encompasses indigenous peoples from around the entire world, has begun to come together to share their experiences. The gatherings now being organized across Turtle Island are usually once a year and allow Two-Spirited people to and share their experience in a safe atmosphere where they are not judged.

My journey to being who I am today has been long and is not over, each day I learn different

things and live new experiences. I thank the Creator each day for the gifts that have been given to me. I hope that by sharing my experience with you that you will begin to understand what being Two-Spirited means. My opinion and views are strictly mine and do not represent how all Two-Spirited persons live their experience. I am currently sharing my life with my life partner who accepts my Two-Spiritedness with open arms and open mind. - Welalin

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to see what 'out of towners' are doing to make their performances different and fresh." The seven candidates for Emperor and Empress (Diva D Divine, Mame St. Claire, Deva Station and Mz. Vicki DeKnight for Empress, and Gary Turner, David MacMillan and Allan Dowding for Emperor) gave outstanding performances, and are to be commended for the way they conducted all aspects of their campaigns. In this reporter's eyes, they are all winners and should be extremely proud of their accomplishments. This is not a job for the faint of heart, and their dedication to ISCANS and their community is undeniable.

In between each performance, each visiting Court was given a 'walk', where titles are announced and who are presented to the Empress and Emperor of Halifax to

offer their congratulations for a year well done and completed.

Through all the pomp and circumstance of the evening, the true spirit of community during these 'walks' is very apparent. We are all working towards the same goal, which is helping to raise awareness of the need for change in the social structure of the gay and lesbian community at large, as well as raising money to assist those who are trying to make a difference to those who are in desperate need of help. This common bond with everyone in attendance was abundantly clear, and the camaraderie was not lost on anyone.

At the end of the evening, after weeks of waiting and wondering, after all the performances were finished and the current Emperor and Empress had their final walk

as the representatives of the Imperial Court of Halifax, Gary Turner and Deva Station were named as the newly elected Emperor and Empress for the coming year. Their job is not a small one, and they will have a monumental task during the next year to raise money for their chosen charities (see *Reign V Charities*, below.)

So when you see another Court show or function coming up in the months to come, remember that every dime that is raised goes towards helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It's not a question of 'giving 'til it hurts', rather a reality of 'giving until you feel good about making a difference'.

HRH/Capital Health Projects Update

By Dawn Archambault
The Halifax Rainbow Health Project is intended to increase access to Primary health care for members of the community in the Capital Health District.

In October, focus groups for Primary Health Care Providers and the Rainbow Community were completed, surveys were filled out and returned and the process of analyzing the data was begun.

We were able to obtain much needed input on gaps in services experienced by providers as well as ideas of how to make improvements and create services to better serve the Rainbow community. A separate focus group for Doctors and other Primary Health Care providers was facilitated by

the Capital Health Project was attended by 17 Doctors, Nurses, Endocrinologists, Therapists, and Psychiatrists, etc. who had many suggestions and thoughts on Primary Health Care for the Rainbow community.

The focus groups for the community members gave us a clear sense of the gaps in services as well as experiences, thoughts and opinions.

A final report will show our findings, conclusions and recommendations and will be published on our website, www.nsrp.ca/hrhproject

We are greatly appreciative to all those who took the time to participate in these groups and fill out surveys.



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Happy Holidays

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12th - ISCANS Annual Christmas Extravaganza - 10pm

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First and Third Wednesdays

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Third Thursday of each month

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

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

Valley Gay Mens Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance from 9pm-1am. *Instead of a November dance, we're holding a Halloween Dance on October 30th! Costumes and all-request DJ!* If you need more information please contact 1-902-825-3197 or menembracingmen@yahoo.ca

Every Sunday

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

Bridgewater

Every Monday

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

Charlottetown

Nov 27

From 9pm-2am we will be having a fund raiser at the Delta Prince Edward featuring Electra and guests from Moncton. The admission is \$10.00, dance to follow. The money raised will be divided between AIDS PEI, PRIDE PEI, and Abegweit Rainbow Collective.

Dec 31

A fabulous White Ball...also at the Delta Prince Edward. This amazing event will happen from 10pm to 2am. Wear your best white outfit. More information will be posted on our website as it becomes available. www.arcpei.isn.net

Fredericton

Every Wednesday

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

Feb 12

The Queer & Other Folks Dance Committee in partnership with AIDS New Brunswick and the East Coast Bears presents Our Valentine's Dance! Love is in the air! Join us for Our Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at the Wandlyn Inn, 958 Prospect St, in Fredericton, NB. Doors open at 9:00 PM and dancing with DJ Pete goes until 1:00 AM. This is an all ages

event and tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door. Proceeds from this event will go directly to AIDS New Brunswick's prevention education and support programs, especially programs and resources that focus on gay and lesbian health. For more information contact Haley at AIDS New Brunswick at 459-7518 or 1-800-561-4009 or sidaids@nbnet.nb.ca

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Sat Dec 25 - Open! Check our site for details!

Sun Dec 26 - Atlantic Canada's only Boxing Day T-dance! Come find your dates for New Year's Eve!

Fri Dec 31 - boom! rings in 2005 with a spectacular hi-NRG blow-out. 4-3 - Yes, 3!

Sun Jan 2 - New Year's Weekend wind-down T-dance. Not time for bed yet, boys and girz!

Halifax

Every Sunday

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

Second Sunday of each month

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

First and Third Tuesdays

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

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project 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, 2281 Brunswick Street

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project Group 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

Every Wednesday

Club Vortex has Womyn's Nights with live entertainment (female acts) every second Wednesday. So far Ashego (www.ashego.ca) and Amelia Curran (www.ameliacurran.com) have performed to an appreciative audience.

First Wednesday of each month

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

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.

Dec 2, 16, 30, Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, 24

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

Nov 28, Dec 12, 26, Jan 2, 16, 30

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

Nov 29-Dec 1

The AIDS Quilt will be on display at Dalhousie University.

Dec 1

Annual World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil will be held at Dalhousie University - The McInnis Room at 7pm. For the first time in the history of the Vigil the service will take place in conjunction with the Dalhousie Student Health Services' display of the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt. Amidst approximately 25 quilt panels made by the friends and families of those who have died of AIDS we will be lighting candles, reading the names of those who have died within Nova Scotia and sharing in a time of remembrance and reflection. For further information about the Halifax AIDS Vigil or to volunteer to help organize or participate in the event, call Kathy Giles at the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia at 902-425-4882 ext. 225.

Dec 4

Don you now your gay apparel and get your tail to Club NRG² for the Mr. Atlantic Canada Leather Society's XXXMas party. Sit on Santa's knee,

tell him how naughty you've been over the past year and remind him that the coal you got in your stocking LAST year was not the lump you asked for in your letter. <http://www.macleather.net> or info@macleather.net

Dec 12

Mz Vicki's 10th Annual Manna for Health Christmas Dinner. Special Guests: Fat Bitches Society, \$3 Cover, Club NRG2

Dec 18

Safe Harbour MCC's 14th Annual Community Christmas Dinner at St. John's United Church Hall - Windsor St. Halifax at 6pm. Please plan on joining us for the Dinner by calling 453-9249 from Tues-Fri. 9am-4pm to reserve your space or if you would like to volunteer please contact the church at the same number. All are welcome - young and old, one and all! We hope to see you there.

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Moncton

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Third Monday of each month

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

Second and Fourth Mondays

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

Every Third Wednesday

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

Dec 8 12-1pm

General Meetings. These are regular meetings that LBGT hosts every second week. The reason for these meetings is multi-faceted. We talk about personal issues, in a group setting, have votes on what is/should be happening at the centre, meet and greet new people, talk about our major events, etc. Essentially, when these meetings occur, what happens is up to whomever attends. So, bring your ideas and items for discussion. Just make sure, if you want to vote on something, that you are on LBGT's Membership List.

Sydney

Q: Why does Wayves think there's nothing going on in Cape Breton?
A: Because nobody told about your events! Email submissions@wayves.ca right now!

Truro

Dec 11 - NEW DATE!

End of Year Dinner at the Calico Cafe - 564 Prince Street. Bring your own alcoholic beverages. The dinner will be a turkey Christmas style dinner and the price will \$15.00 per person. Book in advance. Limit to 30 people. Come and join us for a great evening and super food. For further information and last minute details check out www3.ns.sympatico.ca/greenoaks/Home.html Tickets will be sold in advance on a first come first served basis...don't miss out!!!

Wileville

Third Saturday of each month
Dance 9PM to 1AM. Smoke free. For more details call 685-3297 or email info@southshorepride.ca or www.southshorepride.ca

Important WAYVES Dates!

Issue Content Deadlines:

Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1
Send your ideas, comments, criticisms, columns, cartoons and more to submissions@wayves.ca any time!

Production Meetings (Halifax)

Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4
Help decide what goes in the next issue, 7:30 PM, CEF, 5443 Rainnie (above Century Computers), all welcome!

Layout Parties (Halifax)

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

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puter checking out www.quentinelias.com. (He's that hunky, hunky French singer - at least, I understand he sings, Tom, I just haven't gotten past the physical appearance yet.) I saw the other Crawford totally engrossed in the images on the screen, my..uh, his hand rapidly manipulating the mouse with excitement.

"Saliva," Sarah said in that breathy thrilling voice, "and other bodily fluids are quite detrimental to your keyboard, Crawford dear." (She called me "dear", Tom! Even in a dream it's exciting!)

I blushed watching the other Crawford reach a fever pitch of ...passion. Sarah gave a remarkably ribald chuckle.

"We need you to be aware, Crawford. Don't get distracted."

"It was research," I remarked unconvincingly. Then, suddenly, "Hey, how come we had to fly through space if we were only coming into the living room? It's like 4 feet away. Couldn't we just have walked?"

However, both Ms. Brightman and the hologram of a spent Crawford slumped back in his chair were gone. I stomped rather petulantly back to bed, muttering under my breath how if my eyes looked like two piss holes in the snow come morning it wouldn't

Suddenly there were garish lights everywhere hurting my eyes with blinding blues and yellows, hot pinks and acid greens. Horrible children's voices screeched out rhythmic words like some diabolic chant.

be my fault.

I don't know why I even tried to catch up on my beauty sleep since no sooner had I closed my eyes when ...you guessed it, Tom!

A small apologetic cough next to my ear let me know the third spectral visitor had arrived. I feel a tapping on my shoulder. Hoping that if I refuse to cooperate the entity would drift off and haunt someone else, I attempted to brush the fingers off my shoulder and encountered the unmistakable feel of latex.

Intrigued I sit up and discover GiGi's mother waving a large dildo at me. "I've been trying to sell this at my Tai Chi class," she remarks while fondling it. "But so far, no takers."

"I didn't think you were allowed to sell used sex toys," I observe, wondering if lack of sleep is now making me hallucinate.

"Don't be silly," she scolds. "It's clean. Here, smell it!"

She thrusts the object toward me and I recoil and fall...

Once again, drifting through mist, which is really getting quite tedious at this point, Tom.

The dream, which up until now had been odd but not unpleasant, now took on elements of nightmare. Suddenly there were garish lights everywhere hurting my eyes with blinding blues and yellows, hot pinks and acid greens. Horri-

ble children's voices screeched out rhythmic words like some diabolic chant. I tried to block it all out but my guide's hand - mercifully not the one holding the dildo - tugged and led me on.

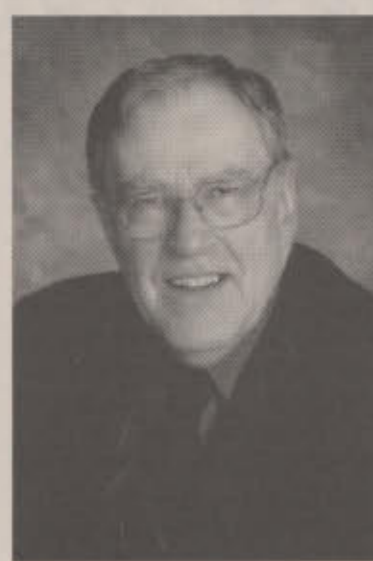
"Where are we now," I asked, my mind reeling from the assault on my vision and hearing, "Is this a madhouse? A vision of hell?"

"Silly boy," she replied. "This is New Minas at Christmas. Don't you recognize it? Still a few years down the road yet but not too far." My ghoulish companion announced cheerfully. "Oh look, there are mirrors on sale in this store."

She forced me to look into a silvery surface which spun and shimmered with rapid shifting scenes. Unable to move I saw horrible visions like something out of Hieronymous Bosch. People were wearing clothing without any natural fibres, Tom, and putting plaids and paisley together! All the Paris fashion houses had been taken over by Wal Mart! Time magazine had a cover story on the return of the black velvet painting! On television, the only non-reality show was Friends, which was entering its 47th season. I felt nauseated and full of despair.

"I know that this is an image of what has not yet come to pass,

Eldon Hays Con't from page 5



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anger, the survivor was simply pushed aside, the house sold, the survivor defeated and broken. "It must be better in Canada, where gays could marry?" "Not in New Brunswick", I informed Elizabeth.

Receiving the Order is a sign that we have come a long way and the conversations I shared with those around me indicated. They also indicated there's still a long way to go.

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

LESBIANS, GAY MEN, BISEXUALS will find themselves welcome by Quakers, who recognize that there is "that of God in every person." Call (902) 429-2904 for more info.

Support

GAY DISABLED: Anyone who is, or anyone interested in the gay disabled, and would like information on being both gay and disabled, or if you are and simply would like to chat, please feel free to contact me at: leave your name and telephone number, daytime only before 4 p.m. at 1-902-832-0453 and I'll try to return your call ASAP.

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

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

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

YOUTH PRIDE GROUP Bridgewater. Contact through Second Story Women's Centre, at 543-1315 or secstory@auracom.com

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Atlantic Canada

AtlanticCanadianLesbians: web: groups.msn.com/AtlanticCanadianLesbians
CHAT-OAAW, Halifax: This online chat group for Out And About Womyn accepts members from NB, PEI, NFLD & NS. email: oaaw@eastlink.ca web: www.geocities.com/oaawchat

EGALE Vice-President & Atlantic Rep., St. John's: (709) 690-5244 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.egale.ca
Gay Men's Gathering: at PO Box 36054, Halifax, B3J 3S9

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

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

Healing Our Nations, Dartmouth: HIV/AIDS prevention in a manner respectful of our native way of life. 1-800-565-4255 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.

Integrity Nova Scotia PEI, Nova Scotia / PEI: Gathering of GLBT Anglicans and their friends of Nova Scotia and PEI. email: integritynspei@yahoo.ca (Monthly meetings. Email for details!)

Maritime Lesbians: Online info for all maritime lesbians. web: www.maritimelesbians.com

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

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

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

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)

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

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

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. 364-2255 email: ktrotter@mta.ca (Email for meeting info. Catalyst is not active during the summer.)

Closet Chat, Saint John: Discussion space & guest speakers. 506-333-3711 email: clstcht@nbnet.nb.ca, meets every Tuesday (8:00 PM) at Centenary-Queen Square United Church 215 Wentworth Street, Saint John, N.B.

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

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

Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. (GNG), Petit-Rocher (Bathurst area): A bilingual volunteer association serving gay men, lesbians and bisexuals of northern New Brunswick. email: info@gngnb.ca web: www.gngnb.ca (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.

INTERWEAVE FREDERICTON: Support group

451-0919, at 874 York St.

Man-to-Man Peer Counselling: for men who have sex with men about HIV and AIDS. Toll-free in New Brunswick, anonymous, bilingual, confidential. Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm. (800) 561-4009

Moncton Gay Pride, Moncton: The Moncton GLBT group that organizes events and promotes as well as puts on Moncton's Pride events! , meets 3rd Sunday

Moncton Transgender Support Group, Moncton: Transgenders, their allies, families and friends. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca (We will have regular meetings again. But not yet.)

PFLAG Fredericton: all welcome. Francis @ 454-8349

PFLAG Moncton: Parents, families and friends of gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans (transgender and transsexual), two spirit, queer and questioning persons. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca web: www.maritimelesbians.com, meets 3rd Monday (every 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at U de M. (except December - 2nd Monday) at Eldon Hay, 35 Union St., Sackville, NB E4L 4M6.

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

PFLAG Saint John: 652-3995 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. 693-1145 email: dannyj@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

Q-Collective, Saint John: on-campus society at UNBSJ email: glbtq_unbsj@hotmail.com web: groups.msn.com/GLBTFriends (See webpage for schedule.)

Safe Spaces Fundy Region, Saint John: Committed to ending discrimination around issues of sexual orientation in youth. email: safespaces@gmail.com web: www.safespacesfundy.ca (See Webpage for schedule.) at Community Health Centre, 116 Coburg Street, Saint John, NB

Safe Spaces Moncton: email: safespaces@nbnet.nb.ca

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

Saint John LGBTQ Lending Library, Saint John: over 300 fiction and non-fiction titles. 634-8288 email: cqsunited@nbnet.nb.ca (Open weekday mornings & by appointment.) at 215 Wentworth St

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

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

UNB/STU Women's Collective, Fredericton: Women of all ages and orientations. 450-3870 email: gvnkr@stu.ca, meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

Canadians for Equal Marriage , St. John's: The provincial committee connected to the national coalition lobbying for equal marriage. (709) 690-5244 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.equal-marriage.ca at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.

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

NGALE (Newfoundland Gays And Lesbians for Equality), St. John's: We offer support to LGBT people and education on LGBT issues to the general public. (709) 579-8656 email: info@ngale.ca web: www.ngale.ca at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive,

St. John's NL.

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

Nova Scotia (902)

Acadia Women's Center, Wolfville: 542-2287 ext. 2140. email: womens.centre@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: stewardar@gov.ns.ca at Box 33067, Halifax, NS B3L 4T6

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

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

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

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

Bluenose Bears, Halifax: Dinner club for bears and those who like them. 463-4312 email: bluenosebears@yahoo.ca, meets 3rd Friday

Cape Breton Gay & Lesbian Equality Project:

CARAS - Churchmembers Assembled to Respond to AIDS: 473-4055 at c/o Pastoral Care Department, Victoria General Hospital
DalOUT, Halifax: LGBTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: is2.dal.ca/~dalout, meets every Thursday (7pm) at SUB Room 321

Dignity-Canada-Dignite: email: dignity.hfx@ns.sympatico.ca

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

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

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

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

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

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

Halifax Rainbow Speakers, Halifax: Speakers available, contact us. 494-6662 email: nspirg@dal.ca web: is2.dal.ca/~nspirg (Call for times & locations)

HARRISON GROUP SOCIETY, Cape Breton: Dances, socials & support group for Cape Bretoners. 564-6939 at Box 1118, Sydney B1P 6J7

Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society, Halifax: Fundraising. 476-4225 email: info@imperialcourtsns.com web: www.imperialcourtsns.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 (1. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays - Social Drop-in 6-9pm. 2. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - Support meeting 7-9 pm. 3. Grade 7-9 Group - Wednesday 6:30 - 8 pm - same week as support meeting.) at 2281 Brunswick St

LGB Youth Support Group Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: fun social/support group for 25 and under. 543-1315 email: pplc@auracom.com web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Every second Thursday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm) at Planned Parenthood, 12 Dominion St., Bridgewater. (Second Story Women's Ctr building)

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

Mount Pride, Halifax: Social group, open to anyone. email: mountpride@yahoo.com, meets 1st Tuesday, and 3rd Tuesday (Meets bi-weekly, 12 noon) at Diversity Center in Rosaria
Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro:

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

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

Out And About Womyn (OAAW), Halifax: Social group for lesbians. email: oaaw@eastlink.ca web: www.geocities.com/outandaboutwomyn (Times and locations of events sent to members via email)

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

Over 30's Club: Socials, usually potluck dinners. 455-8417 (one Saturday evening a month) at members' homes, mostly Halifax but occasionally out of town.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society: Sexual Diversity Society of UCCB: email: diversity@stunion.uccb.ns.ca

South Shore Pride Social Club, Bridgewater: for 18 & older. 685-3297 email: info@southshorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca, meets every Monday (7:30PM - 9:00PM)

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

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

Tightrope, Halifax: leather, denim & uniform brotherhood. 461-9164 email: tightropehfx@hotmail.com web: www.geocities.com/tightropehfx/ , meets 3rd Saturday

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

Truro Gay Youth: Vida at 897-4366.

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

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

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

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

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

Prince Edward Island (902)

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

Colours Party Planners, Charlottetown: Bar/ party once a month. email: colours@colourspei.com web: www.colourspei.com (10:00pm - 2am, one Saturday a month throughout the winter, please check our website for specific dates) at 136 Richmond Street

Gay PEI Mailing List, province-wide: email: gay-pe-owner@yahoo.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pe

GLBT Youth group, Charlottetown: discussion get-togethers. 566-2437 email: arcyouth@isn.net web: www.arcepi.isn.net/ youth, meets 1st Saturday, and 3rd Saturday (See webpage for schedule) at Charlottetown Drop In's first Saturday of every month at AIDS PEI, 10 St. Peter's Road, Charlottetown. 1:30pm Summerside Drop In's are held on the third Saturday of every month at 1:30pm at Notre Dame Place, 67 Duke Street

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

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

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

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

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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

OUT AND ABOUT WOMYN is a social group for lesbians in greater-Halifax. Visit their website at www.geocities.com/outandaboutwomyn for detailed information, or email oaaw@hfx.eastlink.ca

SAPPHO ABOVE 30 (S.A.T.) Established in 1998, a get-together / talk group for lesbians over 30, in a private home setting, to meet, talk, discuss life issues, relationship problems, or just want a good conversation in a safe environment? cmdrphc@hfx.andara.com or call 455-6041 A real chatroom, not a virtual one!

Men's Reading Group meets regularly in Halifax. Come meet interesting people and discuss gay literature. Check our webpage at www.menread.50megs.com. E-mail menread@gay.com for more information or contact Trevor Drosbeck at 429-0378.

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