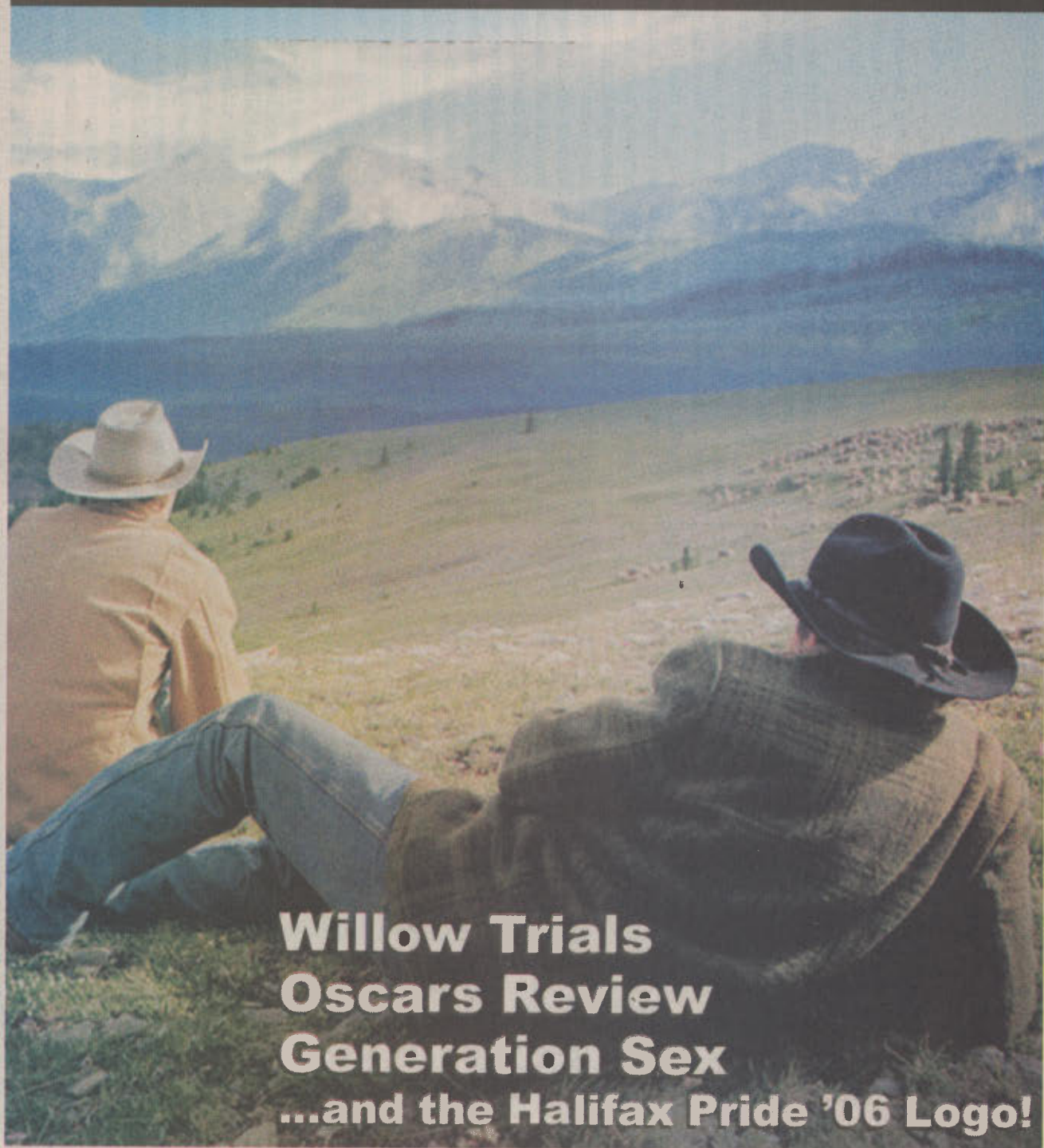


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Letters

Dear Readers:

In January, Wayves staff made the first of many promotional and information trips to New Brunswick. The goal of these trips is to reinforce the idea that Wayves is a regional magazine and get more information for you, the reader.

Wayves would like to thank Art Vautour-Toole and Steve Laviolette of Moncton for an extensive list of contacts in that city. And thanks to Luc and Diana Touchette and Cuttar and Margaret Fillmore for great food, lodgings, and companionship.

Jim Bain

Advertising Manager

Dear Wayves:

I admit that since arriving in Nova Scotia I have been clearly blessed with some good fortune. Last week I had a meal-of-a-lifetime experience when I took advantage of a Chef's Pride 2005 raffle ticket prize offered jointly by Pride 2005 and Chives restaurant. The prize for four included a 7 course meal, each one accompanied by some kick-ass wines. In four hours we were privy to some of the finest food I've eaten and super attentive service from both staff and the chef himself, who assured us smooth and delightful passage through our gastronomic odyssey.

Many thanks to both Pride Halifax and Darren Lewis at Chives for this memorable experience,

Seth Levinson

Halifax

Dear Wayves:

Once more the Conservatives are trying to repress a section of Canadian society by challenging the Charter of Rights. Yesterday, at a news conference in Saint John, former MPs Elsie Wayne and Pat O'Brien made it quite clear they support Stephen Harper's bid to have a free-vote in Parliament to squash same-gender marriage. It is without doubt the most crushing agenda the Conservatives have in mind. This is a blatant attack on the gay and lesbian community and it is devastating that Mrs Wayne and members of this group are using Christian values and morals

to down the Charter of Rights. Hatred and intolerance is alive and well in the minds of certain politicians.

As a defender of gay and lesbian rights, I call upon all who respect the Charter of Rights and Canadian law to speak up and call for the demise of intolerance and homophobia. We certainly have fought long and hard for the equal rights we deserve as Canadians. The Conservative party is set to revisit the same-gender marriage issue should they form the next government. Thousands of couples have now married and as a consequence put Canada on the map of the world as a society that embraces rights for all who inhabit this country. The attack on gays and lesbians is unacceptable and threatens to divide and alienate members of society. We must be vigilant in our continuing battle to ascertain our rightful place.

The Conservative party under Stephen Harper, with the assistance of Elsie Wayne, Pat O'Brien, Grant Hill and others, seek to end equality for Canadian citizens. Harper has been rather silent on this, as have other MPs in the Conservative party. This could be an indication of something drastic once they are elected to form the next government. This is a very serious situation, especially in light of the news conference in Saint John. Therefore, as a gay rights advocate, I call on voters to assist us in retaining our rights and not fall into the trap of silence, believing the Conservative party will not pursue this issue. Hopefully, voters will not be impressed by the rhetoric of Mrs. Wayne and others.

Gerard Veldhoven,

Dear Wayves Readers:

I am looking for fourteen players to take a team to Montréal for the 2006 First Out Olympics. I currently have ten players. The team is part of Team Halifax and we will be known as the Halifax Phoenix. There is a registration fee which covers the metro, three events, opening/closing ceremonies and a participation medal. There is also

the cost of accommodations which can be reduced with sponsorship.

If you are interested in playing (and can afford it if we don't get enough sponsorship) please contact Doug Saunders so we can start fund raising in order to get team supplies and uniforms. You can contact me at doug.saunders@gmail.com or call 465-2164.

Dear Wayves:

I am a member of a local group of film buffs who formed a film society three years ago. We bring in indies and foreign films as well as Canadian features. When the local theatre management decided that there wasn't a market for Brokeback Mountain they opted not to bring it in. Our group began arrangements to get it and screen it for one showing on one evening. Although we knew that there was enough of a market to screen it for one night, we weren't sure whether to book the large or small theatre.

Then something happened. As a result of all the positive media attention the movie has been garnering, the theatre staff began getting e-mails and phone calls asking for it. I believe the manager, Lynn, told me there were 84 enquiries. Lynn had always wanted it so she shared the attention the movie was getting with the owners and they decided to bring it in for a week. It has been playing to a full or near-full house since it opened. People were turned away Saturday night and when I saw it this evening, latecomers were forced to sit in the dreaded and near mythical "very front row." Theatre management had put it in the small theatre but moved to a larger one this evening! In conservative Woodstock!! The so-called Bible Belt. People still read the Bible here, but I suspect that they just read it better. If ever there were a sign that "the times they are a-changing, this be it my friends.

Richard Blaquiére, Woodstock, NB

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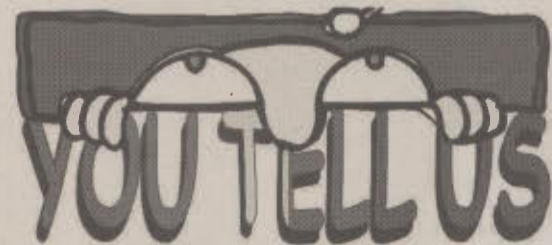
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On The Stands and In The Mail:

March 25, April 29, May 27 June 24



Lindsay Willow is the Halifax school teacher involved in Human Rights Board hearings because she was accused of being sexually involved with one of her female students. As a result of the Willow hearings, the Halifax Regional Municipality school board has decided to survey all its employees, asking who is gay, black, native, foreign, short, fat or otherwise a member of some sort of minority. The board says it's to better serve its needs.

There has been some discussion among Wayves volunteers as to whether or not this is overly intrusive. As usual, we're interested in your opinion, dear readers. Do you agree with the HRM school board's decision to survey its employees in this manner?

To tell us what you think, visit wayves.ca and click on You Tell Us.

Atlantic News

ACNS Plans Barebacking Campaign

Current estimates across North America suggest that as many as 20 to 30% of the men who have sex with men have had, at least on occasion, unprotected anal sex. The AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS), in an attempt to provide information to men who have sex with men (MSM), is about to launch a barebacking campaign. The American author Michael Scarce has noted that "for years now, AIDS prevention programs have struggled to meet gay men where they are rather than where we would like them to be." In order to reach barebackers, prevention workers must become culturally competent and knowledgeable enough to understand why some men have created social identities based on their unprotected sex. "In line with the harm-reduction approach advocated by Scarce and other "prevention workers", the focus of ACNS's bareback campaign is to reduce gay men's risk

when barebacking.

The Barebacking Awareness Campaign will begin before the end of February, and it will be centered in Halifax. Posters and pamphlets containing information about ways to reduce risk are being developed locally for the campaign what will focus on the places such as the bars and baths where gay men tend to go seeking sexual encounters. The campaign material will also be made available to partner-organizations and through the ACNS website.

Acknowledging that the harm-reduction approach will be controversial for some, all campaign materials will carry the following disclaimer. "We know that having unprotected anal intercourse is a high risk activity for the transmission or contracting of HIV. We understand that individuals make their own sexual health choices, and if you choose to bareback, here is some information to help you reduce the risk."

Menz Bar News

Menz Bar receives Award of Appreciation

Presented on December 15th, by Sam Wilson from Manna for Health, the special needs food program outreach ministry of Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church.

Run entirely by volunteers, Manna serves clients living with HIV/AIDS and other life threatening illnesses. It is a member agency of Feed Nova Scotia, and as such receives the bulk of its product through Feed Nova Scotia. Funds are required to supplement the foodstocks received. These funds are raised primarily through donations and fundraising efforts within the Rainbow Community.



Menz Bar has been a major supporter of Manna's operations, through countless fundraisers and promotions. This support deserved recognition, and the presentation of the Award of Appreciation plaque to the Management and Staff of Menz on December 15 is a tangible reminder to the bar patrons of the support provided to Manna.

In addition, we recognize the support provided to other Agencies in the Rainbow Community, such as the Youth Project and AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia. These efforts are invaluable.

Jackpot Winner!

On Monday's Karaoke Night, Shawn Adams won Menz Bar \$300 Mystery Jackpot by singing Madonna's *Like a Prayer*. Congrats! The mystery jackpot starts at \$100 and grows by \$25 each week to a max of \$300 until won! Then we start all over again.

Menz Enlarged!!!

This spring Menz Bar will be expanding once more. In business for just 12 Months, we started off occupying just the second floor. Then we expanded to

the third floor with the addition of the Partz Dept. pool room. What next? Well, construction starts on Mollyz Diner & Licensed

Coffee in March 2006. Watch for details...

Menz Gives 100% of Coat Check

In December Menz Bar introduced a weekend coat check both as a service to our customers, and as a fund raising opportunity for the community. In February, coat check on Fridays are staffed by Halifax Pride '06 and on Saturdays Team Halifax does duty. These two groups receive 100% of the coat check proceeds and to date over \$1250 has been raised.



Halifax Pride Update

You have voted! And Pride 2006's logo is: Community—a rainbow bridge connecting Halifax to cities and beyond. But it's not where, it's who! In 2006, we've seen each other go through struggle and success, and as a community, we show pride in one another. 'Community' asks you to look at the people around you who show their support each and every day, and to do the same. We are diverse, and we are different—but every single person is a part of Halifax. This is how we build a community, and we are proud to show it to the world and invite everybody to be a part.

Pride week gets closer and it's time to start thinking about the exceptional people in our community. Certainly we consider them often, but rarely take the time to recognize the tireless efforts put forth by so many. In 2006, Pride will give out these awards for outstanding contributions made to the community: first, the *Lavender Diesel* Award: Honours a straight-but-not-narrow person who has made

significant and courageous stands in our struggle for equality. Past winners include The Coast and UNB Faculty of Law. Secondly, we are accepting nominations for *Vanguard of the Community*: given to those who are deemed to have been exceptional in their leadership and vision. Past winners include Eric Smith.

Keep an eye on www.halifaxpride.com for the 2006 nomination forms. We want to hear from you, who your heroes have been, gay or straight, how they've inspired you and why you feel they might deserve these honours from our community. Tell us their stories, in as much detail as you can. Remember that both awards are open to anyone from Atlantic Canada, providing only that they're willing to accept the honour. You can send your suggestions to us by mail to: Halifax Pride, Community Awards, 2281 Brunswick St., Halifax NS B3K 2Y9 or you can e-mail your ideas to Hugo Dann (Acting Co-Chair), at hugo@halifaxpride.org

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Spring for Life '06

Spring for Life 2006 is the annual nationwide HIV/AIDS awareness and fundraising campaign in partnership between CANFAR (Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research) and eleven community-based AIDS organizations, including: A Loving Spoonful in Vancouver, Vancouver Friends for Life Society, AIDS Vancouver, AIDS Calgary, HIV Edmonton, Nine Circles Community Health Center in Winnipeg, AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), Fife House in Toronto, Farha Foundation in Montreal, AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, and this year, AIDS Coalition Of Cape Breton.

On March 24 and 25 Canadians

are encouraged to dine out, send flowers, pamper themselves with a spa treatment, or go see a movie. In doing so, they will be making a contribution to the fight against HIV/AIDS. The money collected through donations or the selling of Gerberas (daisy-like flowers) will go directly into the Health Fund to support those living with HIV/AIDS in this community. If you are interested in purchasing flowers (3 for \$5!) please put in an order, by contacting the AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton at (902) 567 1766, or by facsimile (902) 567-1766 or email to Christine Porter, Executive Director at christineporter@accb.ns.ca

HRM School Board Wants To Know

By Bill McKinnon
Halifax Regional School Board (which can't work out its own seating plan without a consultant) is already labeling minority students, labels one of its own minority elected members who objects to the new seating plan and now intends to do it to the staff as well, starting in April. Of course, we are not really talking about the elected board since they are not really in charge. They don't run the system which educates Hali children. As we've learned from the Lindsay Willow NSHRC hearings, education in HRM is controlled by a self-perpetuating gang of "good ol' boys" with the window dressing of a few token women and minorities in positions of power as long as they sing the "good ol' boys" song and don't rock the boat.

The Chronicle Herald conducted the following poll of their readers on January 31.

"Halifax School Board is planning a survey that asks employees whether they are racially visible, aboriginal, disabled, heterosexual, bisexual, gay or lesbian. Is this a good idea?" When I checked, 2,669 of the newspaper's web page readers responded; of these 83% said "no" and 17% said "yes".

Apparently this survey has very limited mandatory information

requirements. All you have to give is your employment number and signature. Of what use is that? They've blown all that money just to find out what they already know? It's sort of like the Geneva Convention which only requires prisoners of war to reveal their name, rank and serial number. The money might better have been spent repairing the rotting/ falling apart structures known as schools in HRM.

The Board is collecting sexual orientation and other minority designation data. It has been said that this information will "provide a clearer picture on the cultural makeup of the region's schools," that "it may be of real benefit," and that "such workplace surveys are not unusual." However, I say how can this information be of any statistical value when it is voluntary-not that I am suggesting it should be mandatory? Partial information put in by those foolish enough to do so can be of no value. Is this just the thin edge of the wedge?

Board front man, Doug Hadley says: "the question on sexual orientation has nothing to do with the ongoing human rights commission hearing into the case of Lindsay Willow." That is hilarious; Mr. Hadley should be doing stand-up comedy. And as Lindsay Willow



says: "I'm not sure what benefit would it be to anybody to self-identify, and anybody watching my case would definitely say, 'I'm not checking that box'."

The Nazis also wanted to keep track of who's who. "The pink triangle has become one of the symbols of the modern gay rights movement, but it originated in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. In many camps, prisoners wore badges. These badges were coloured based upon the reason for imprisonment. In one common system, men convicted for sexual deviance including homosexuality wore a pink triangle.

How do you feel about this question? Visit wayves.ca and fill out our *You Tell Us* for this issue!

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The Blue Moon Bistro is also still very much alive. The Bistro is

open from noon until 2 a.m., 7 days a week. The Bistro is under new management. It was purchased by Mr. John Dickenson and Mr. Chris Robinson but will retain most of the former staff and have the same great specials, and a new affordable menu. Club NRG will become

"Flux," an after hours club starting next Friday under the direction of Mr. Dickenson, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Kyle Curtis of Club Red/Subrosa fame. It will be open every Friday and Saturday night from 4 a.m. until 9 a.m..

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Queer beer flows in Halifax

By Christopher Vaughan
A bar in Halifax's gay village is hoping to raise its profile by launching its own brand of beer. Menz bar, located on Gottingen Street in the city's north end, released Menz Pale Ale on December 31.

Doug Melanson, an owner of Menz, says he and bar co-owner David Landry view Halifax's gay scene as being distinct in Atlantic Canadian culture. They want to express that sentiment in as many ways as possible.

"When we launched it (the bar), our goal was to create something for people from Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver coming to Halifax go away saying 'wow, I wish we had a bar like that in our city,'" says Melanson. "We thought we'd push the envelope more and say not only do we have our fantastic gay neighbourhood bar, but we also have the only queer-beer in Atlantic Canada."

The beer is brewed by Propeller Brewing Company, located down the street from Menz.

Chris Ludlow, spokesperson for Propeller, says the idea of Menz Pale Ale came up during a meeting between the brewery and the bar.

"We said, 'would you like to look at the opportunity of doing something with your own label

Giving Women Power Over AIDS at AGNS

Giving Women Power Over AIDS, the travelling exhibit sponsored locally by the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, will open in early March at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, in Halifax. Organized to coincide with National Women's Week, the focus of the exhibit is a photo-essay *In Her Mother's Shoes* which resulted from the 2003 visit to Zimbabwe of reporter Paula Bock and photographer Betty Udesen. Their film tells of Ruth, a young mother in sub-Saharan Africa, dying of AIDS and of her young daughter Martha who is one

of 11 million orphans in a country where half the teenagers are expected to die someday of AIDS. *Giving Women Power Over AIDS* focuses on "what it means to be a woman in a world of AIDS" a world where many women have no way to protect themselves against HIV and little say about relationships, about sex, about condoms. Maria MacIntosh is Program Coordinator with AGNS. It is a key tool," she says, "in providing opportunities to discuss women's unique realities with prevention in Canada and the world."

Chris Glaser at Tatamagouche Centre

By Rev Bob Johnson

Chris Glaser from Atlanta, Georgia (see www.chrisglaser.com) will provide lead facilitation for a weekend at the Centre on March 24th to 26th. Martha Martin and I will be assisting Chris in the event-The Welcoming Church: How LGBT People's Spiritual Gifts Enhance our Congregations and Ministries

Like other marginalized groups, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Christians have developed spiritual traits that benefit the whole church. Their understandings of coming out, pride, sexuality and the body, safer spirituality, and hospitality may bless the church in the 21st century.

Advertised in The Tatama-

gouche Experience 2006 as 'Chris Glaser-A Spirituality of Inclusion', this promises to be an excellent weekend of further exploration of the value of 'the affirming process' and the potential for affirming ministries, recently identified in the work of the UCC's Emerging Spirit campaign (see www.united-church.ca, click on Emerging Spirit icon) as an area of potential growth for our Church across the nation.

The registration fee of \$230 per person provides tuition, room and board for the weekend, Friday at 7 pm to Sunday at 1 pm.

For more information, contact me at (506) 529-3527 (w) 529-4178 (h) or robertj100@hotmail.com

Lesbian Birthing Couples Study

By Lisa Goldberg
My name is I am currently doing a study with a team of feminist researchers looking at the birthing relationships between lesbian couples and perinatal nurses as they relate to your experiences during birth.

As participants in the study, you, your partner, and both of you as a couple will be invited to share your birth experiences in 60 to 90 minute conversational interviews with the researcher. You will also have the option of participating in a follow-up focus group with other lesbian birthing couples and perinatal nurses who have provided care to lesbian couples during their childbirth experiences.

The study should help us to

understand how various needs of lesbian couples can be met by the perinatal nurses who provide their care. We hope to encourage thinking and discussion about how nursing practice can best support your



needs.

If you are interested in participating or want more information, contact Dianna Cann, Project Coordinator at Dalhousie University at (902) 494-2642.

Lisa Goldberg, is a perinatal nurse and Assistant Professor at Dalhousie University in the School of Nursing, lisa.goldberg@dal.ca

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Dear Tom

Yes, I'm afraid you've heard correctly about the election here: a minority government with Stephen Harper and the Alliance party - I refuse to call them the Conservatives, let's call things by their proper names. Not that I go along with people who feel the need to demonize Stephen Harper; claiming to see his image in the Omen movies or hear his name when you play Black Sabbath records backwards. I'm sure the reflection of hell fire in his eyes is just the photographer's flash and the faint whiff of brimstone is nothing more sinister than a fondness for baked beans. There was even a silly rumour that he was voted Stiff Of The Year by the morticians of Canada.

Although one has to admit he does fall rather short in what I call the cuddle factor, which measures how I'd feel opening my eyes in the morning to find him on the next pillow. I'd place Mr. Icy Blue Eyes right at the end of the scale with Attila the Hun and Tugboat Annie.

Our own Scott Brison - on the opposite end of the cuddle scale - sailed through the election with no trouble at all, his probity never questioned, a fine example of an upstanding member.

Funny how politicians are measures of ourselves. For example, I never date anyone who doesn't remember voting for Trudeau. One has to have standards, Tom.

Even without the depressing atmosphere of politics, the winter months seem long. I generally try to escape the winter greys (like the blues but not as colourful) with the aid of gin and a good book but a good book can be hard to find... or read, if you begin the gin too soon.

The health enthusiasts will all tell you the key is proper eating, vitamins and of course, exercise. I'm not opposed to exercise it's just that generally it is so boring. And what are the choices? I'm gay so that automatically eliminates any sport that involves the throwing, catching or striking of a ball. There is bowling but that is just too Laverne and Shirley to be taken seriously... and have you taken a good look at bowlers, Tom? None of them are going to appear on the cover of Sports Illustrated, are they?

My buddy, Butch Gaylick, is an avid curler;

it's his Scottish heritage. Funny people the Scottish - you'd think sliding a heavy rock over the ice while wearing a kilt would be... well, drafty. All that cold air up your tartan would have a minimizing effect, I would think. On the other hand maybe once you hit the hot showers, frozen penises pop back up like crocuses in the spring. I've always been fond of flowers.

Jogging or running is just too hard on the joints - and believe me these knees of mine have already had years of hard usage. Fencing might be fun, the Queer musketeers... and doesn't all for one and one for all sound enticing?

One needs to exercise the mind and spirit too, not just the body. I thought about taking up meditation, in fact I spent some time contemplating the idea and then opted for yoga since this would combine a spiritual practice with useful physical flexibility. I was doing pretty well with my lessons until the afternoon I sneezed while attempting the Shooting Bow pose and nearly cart wheeled myself out a window.

Horseback riding was fun for a while but I could never decide between the snob appeal of riding English style - think fox hunts, riding crops and jodhpurs (does anyone look good in those?) or western style - cowboy boots, tight jeans and a rough but exhilarating ride. It really is good exercise; I once met an equestrian who boasted his thighs were lethal weapons that could snap a man's neck. I don't remember John Wayne ever using that particular strategy.

Rusty tells people I gave up riding because I couldn't find a sidesaddle. Truth is horses are a great deal of work, Tom. There's all the business of unsaddling, feeding, curry combing and shovelling manure. Hmmm, back to the topic of politics again.

Perhaps I'll just stick to my favourite exercise: screwing off the cap on a fresh bottle of Tanqueray's and squeezing a lime- so important for preventing weak wrists! - and see if I can find someone for a lively game of strip backgammon while we wait for spring.

Love ya! Crawford

Gail Lalita Graville (Cook) 1958 — 2005

In Memory of the love of my life, my femme, Gail Lalita Graville (Cook). March 23, 1958-December 23, 2005. You wanted to change your name one final time to Gail Ryan to symbolize that we were both finally happy and it seemed that day would come. We finally both found the love we were looking for all our

lives; as you would say the love that accentuated our lives. After meeting you, knowing you and learning to trust and love you I finally knew what love was. It surpassed the lustful craze I thought love was; our love was warmth, tenderness, consideration, comfort, understanding and togetherness. It was fulfilling just to be in your presence. You loved me so strongly and so openly I could no longer resist. You know at first I resisted because it scared me but when I finally let you in I was happier than I could have ever imagined.

We first spoke online and on the phone on November 7, 2004 and I fell in love with your voice, mind and spirit. We both wanted to see if the physical connection was there so we met on November 10, 2004. When I saw you drive up in the car I breathed a sigh of relief. I knew that the connection was there—you had me hooked and shortly after I was in love with all of you. The distance part was difficult, you in Dartmouth and me in Miramichi, but we both persevered because we both knew we had something incredible.

You moved in on October 14, 2005 and I knew it was the best thing I'd ever done in my life. The brief time I've known you,



one year, one month and sixteen days seems like a lifetime as we connected and loved so deeply. The time you lived here is a time I'll always cherish as I knew I had found bliss. We were both finally absolutely happy and made many plans for the future; time was cruel and robbed us of those plans. Still time was no measure of the depth of our connectedness and love and I'm so thankful that you shared that part of your life with me, that you loved me and let me love you. We both said that we couldn't imagine life without the other and wondered what we had done before we met. I had no idea that when we set out on that morning that I'd have to live without you so soon. I had no idea that tragic day on December 23, 2005 that your life would be taken and that I'd be left here without you.

Words seem pale and don't seem to fully express my deep sense of loss and love for you. Your radiant smile, glowing personality and loving heart will always be with me no matter where you are. I will always love you.

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Light in the Loafers

A public lecture by Robin Metcalfe

by Bill McKinnon

Robin Metcalfe, Director/Curator of the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery presented a public lecture on January 26 at St. Mary's University. More than 50 people attended. His talk, *Light in the Loafers: The Gaynor Photographs of Gaëtan Dugas and the Invention of Patient Zero*, is based on his essay in a new anthology on contemporary Canadian photography. A reception in the Art Gallery followed the lecture and was the Halifax launch for *Image and Inscription: An Anthology of Contemporary Canadian Photography*, co-published by Gallery 44 and YYZ Books. The editor is Halifax artist and teacher, Robert Bean.

"One summer day at the start of the 1980s, two Halifax acquaintances met by a lakeshore in Toronto," writes Metcalfe. "One had a camera: the other wanted to have his picture taken, so he posed for his friend in a swing. Half a decade later, one of the images that [Halifax graphic designer] Rand Gaynor recorded with his camera entered the popular imagination worldwide as an icon of the AIDS crisis."

American journalist Randy Shilts, in his best-selling 1987 exposé, *And the Band Played On: Politics, People and the AIDS Epidemic*, popularized the notion that Dugas was the 'Patient Zero' of AIDS. Although the term originated simply as a statistical marker among epidemiologists it engendered the myth that Dugas had infected North America with AIDS. In a visual analysis of the photograph, Metcalfe compares it with the most famous image of a swing in Western art, a 1767 painting by the French Rococo artist Jean Honoré Fragonard. The comparison throws light on prevailing cultural understandings of sexuality and gender.

The 232 page anthology, *Image and Inscription* contains 156 colour



reproductions and sells for \$39.95. It comprises ten essays and ten artists, projects, including essays by Metcalfe and Bean, an artist's project by Halifax artist Cathy Busby, an essay by Stephen Horne who teaches at NSCAD University and photographs by Halifax artist Jeanne Ju. Dealing exclusively with the works of Canadian artists, the book is geared to artists, students, curators, critics and anyone interested in contemporary art.

Robin Metcalfe's essay is a good read for everyone interested in the history of AIDS and Halifax gay history. "His (Dugas) stated mission in life," writes Metcalfe, "was to have sex with a different man every night."

I guess that was my mission too when I was young, a long time ago; however, way back then we just didn't know. I was lucky; Dugas and far too many others were not and they died; today we know better and can protect ourselves and our sexual partners. Today we can avoid the "sores and cancers that mark the men with whom he [Dugas] has had sex." On a more positive note Metcalfe's lecture reminded me of my sometimes idyllic casual encounters on Toronto's Centre Island, where Gaynor met Dugas and took some pictures of him a long time ago.

"No interest" in Rapid HIV test

By: Christopher Vaughan

MedMira, a Nova Scotia-based manufacturer and marketer of medical laboratory diagnostic tests, announced Jan. 11 it received an order for 400,000 of its 'Instant Rapid HIV Test' kits to be distributed from its Spanish distributor. It is the company's first significant order for the rapid-test kits for the European market. However, the kits have not been received with the same enthusiasm here in Canada.

This self-administering test can diagnose HIV in just three minutes. It detects human antibodies (special white blood cells) in human serum or blood that indicates the presence of the virus that causes AIDS.

Dr. James Smith, vice president of corporate affairs with MedMira, says their kits are now available over the counter in China.

"In about 300 pharmacies in Hong Kong and Macao you can go in yourself and buy it," says Smith. "It's got directions that are colour coded and everything (so) you could do the test by yourself or with someone."

He says that some European countries, such as Spain, will also have the kits available over the counter once the recent order is filled.

While MedMira has been licensed to sell these kits to health-care providers in Canada, Smith says because medicare covers the cost of HIV testing, there seems to be little interest in the self-administered kits which cost around \$35 Cdn.

However, many health-care providers and interest groups point to counselling and education as being integral aspects of the HIV testing process and prefer this integrated approach to the do-it-yourself method.

"Generally this kind test is most effective when it's done with pre- and post-test counseling," says Robert Allan, Executive Director of AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia. "It helps to reinforce safer behav-

iours and helps to ensure that if someone does test positive, it helps ensure that they get referred to the appropriate services."

Allan also says that even if somebody were to receive a positive result on their first test, regardless if it was a self-administered test or not, they would still have to have a second test done at a clinic or doctor's office to confirm the results.

Smith agrees, saying that a positive result on the self-administered test should only be considered "reactive" and that it should be followed up with a professional "confirmatory" test to verify the results. Smith says though that the confirmation test is much more expensive than the self-administered test.

One such place that provides testing is the Halifax-based Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic. A representative for Planned Parenthood, whose policy is for workers not to reveal their names, says the clinic emphasizes counselling with a mandatory 45-minute session before the actual HIV test is administered. They then schedule another when they return the results to the patient, regardless of whether the results are positive or negative.

"To get a negative result is no problem but what if you get a positive result and you're home alone?" she asks referring to the self-administered test. "You need the support and lots of times we do post counselling after being (tested) positive."

While she notes there is a one-week wait time to get the results back, there is no fee involved and the test is completely anonymous.

"They don't have to give us their real name," she says.

Health Canada says that if MedMira wanted to have their 'Instant Rapid HIV Test' approved for over the counter sales, it would have to apply for permission from the federal government first.

Andrea Young, spokesperson for MedMira, says that while they do not have immediate plans to get such permission, "it's definitely a possibility in the future."

MedMira's corporate offices and manufacturing facilities are located in Halifax. The company is a leading global marketer of rapid diagnostic medical tests.

Health Canada estimates that there are 56,000 people currently living with HIV/AIDS in Canada. Approximately 30 per cent are unaware that they are infected.

According to the Nova Scotia health department, in this province you can be tested for HIV by a family physician who can make the blood requisition either in your name or with an anonymous code. However, the physician will know your name and you may have to go to a hospital to have your blood sample taken.

The only completely anonymous HIV testing clinic in the province is at the Halifax Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic, where your blood is drawn on the premises.



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SIDA AIDS Moncton: Generation Sex: a new TV show for youth by youth

By Debby Warren



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ton, in partnership with Rogers Television; is so very proud to present Generation Sex, a TV show produced by youth for youth that openly talks about sex and other stuff young people need to know to stay safe. Most importantly, the show, which targets the 14 – 24 set, features youth who have experienced some of the issues discussed in this series.

The show takes on the tough stuff of being young today, such as prostitution and youth, needle drug use among teens, getting comfortable with Safer Sex, and promoting acceptance of all sexual orientations – however youth define and live them. It's not all serious though – there are regular appearances by three cartoon condoms named Dick, Shaft and Stretch who are tirelessly fighting the spread of AIDS among youth

Generation Sex - the only TV show in New Brunswick that openly talks about sex and other stuff you need to know. It's a show for youth presented by youth in their own language.

Generation Sex showcases the creative and innovative work of the Youth Educating Sexually Committee, a working group of the Ask, Listen and Plan Youth Project at SIDA-AIDS Moncton.

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"A part of our mandate as an organization is to reduce the spread of AIDS through education and awareness activities," said Lisa White, Project coordinator for Ask, Listen and Plan, a project designed to develop and deliver prevention messages for youth. "The show gives us the opportunity to reach youth all over New Brunswick in a fresh edgy way with information about real-life issues which place them at risk for, among other things, HIV/AIDS infection. With Generation Sex though, we've found that it's not just the youth who are watching. We've received some great letters of support from a number of parents, educators and sexual health experts as well!" says White.

"We've been very supportive of

this venture from the beginning. This has been a great partnership and we believe this reinforces our role in the community," said Cheick Tall, Rogers Television Station Manager. "We provided production support for the show and are very pleased with the results that will serve as an educational tool for youth and adults alike."

A special agreement between Rogers Television and SIDA-AIDS Moncton will allow Generation Sex to be part of educational resources used

by the organization in its efforts to make our communities stronger and safer for everyone.

Generation Sex airs weeknights at 10 on Channel 10. Tune in for some fun and entertainment with a bit of a raw edge – you might just learn a few things from these kids!

For more information, contact Lisa White at SIDA-AIDS Moncton Phone: (506) 859-9616, or email: sidaidsm@nbnet.nb.ca

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Dal Allies: Best Practices In Safe Space Initiatives

By Bill McKinnon

I attended the Dal Allies Winter Term General Meeting on January 27. It was a very friendly welcoming group with tasty refreshments but what was missing was people at the meeting. There were only about 20 present (students, faculty and staff), a nice group of concerned and committed people, but so few. Based on the student population at Dal there ought to be 2,500 individuals or so who are part of our community. Maybe attendance at this meeting of only 20 people would be reasonable if "we" experienced little or no trouble at Dal but that's not the case, as some students say.

The following was found in the Dal Allies website: "Two years ago (2002) a student focus group on the Sexton Campus was part of a Dalhousie project on lgbt issues. 'The students felt that it wouldn't be 'easy' to be gay on campus, 'especially if no one knows' and 'they can't be themselves.' . . . [They] said that there was some 'joking around' on campus about being gay or lesbian, but they felt it wasn't intended to be hurtful. They did say some of these remarks might not be made if it was known that an

lgbt person was present." [M]any of the people interviewed [on the Sexton Campus] found it difficult to believe that people on their campus might be suffering discomfort, fear, or academic hardship [because of their sexual orientation.]

56 universities and colleges have LGBT centres staffed at least half-time by a paid professional. The only one in Canada is at the University of Toronto.

Who are the allies? An ally is a non-LGBTQ-identified person who is supportive of our people. LGBTQ as used here means Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Questioning (a person who is questioning or unsure of their sexual orientation or gender identity/expression).

According to Dal's website, "The Allies at Dalhousie exist to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered students, staff, and faculty by encouraging the University community to welcome and respect its diversity. Allies will work

with students, staff, and faculty to provide programs, services, training, support, referral, and resources on lgbt issues at Dalhousie. Allies are registered with the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth Project's Ally Card Program. They are committed to providing positive and supportive listening and confidentiality to the lgbt members of the Dalhousie community. However the Ally Card Program is only one aspect of the work they do.

I also note that Dalhousie University President, Tom Traves has said that "Dalhousie University welcomes diversity and is committed to its policy of non-discrimination for all students, staff, and faculty. As President of Dalhousie University, I support the efforts of the Dal Allies to make every space on campus a safe space."

Dal Allies principles also state that "every person at Dalhousie University has a responsibility to become aware of homophobia, lesbophobia, biphobia, transphobia,

and heterosexism; to refuse to participate in these kinds of discrimination; and to help provide safe and positive space for all individuals on campus," that "everyone at Dalhousie University has the right to public acknowledgement of their sexual and gender identity and access to campus resources," and "All lgbt individuals have the right to 'come out' on their own terms and be supported through this challenging process."

See dalally.studentservices.dal.ca/ for more about Dal Allies and www.youthproject.ns.ca for more about the Youth Project.

Robert Coffey was the guest speaker. He is now Student Conflict Resolution Coordinator at the University of Michigan (U of M) and previously was Coordinator of LGBT Student Services at the University of New Hampshire (UNH). His UNH job was queer oriented and involved: help with academic difficulties, exploring leadership potential within a multicultural context, finding support from other people and programs on campus, getting connected to

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Who would have thought there is so much fag bashing, queer hatred and homophobia in our institutions of higher learning. It appears there is lots of it at many American schools and in Halifax's own allegedly liberal/thought-to-be-safe Dalhousie University. I don't know about the other 20 or so Atlantic Canada universities and colleges but I bet there is plenty of trouble for GLBTQs there too. Maybe to find out, we can ask readers to write Wayves and expose what's happening at your school. Universities don't like outsiders butting in but Wayves will; so give us a shout by writing submissions@wayves.ca

Witch hunt at the Vatican

By Gerald Veldhoven

Vatican documents leaked to the press recently indicate the Roman Catholic Church is determined to blame gays for the crimes committed against young boys. Church authorities are displaying contempt for fairness, to say the least, as well as making it seem as if these sexual deviants are gay priests. It has been well documented that the majority of these crimes are committed by pedophiles, most of who may happen to be straight offenders. This is another attempt by the Catholic Church to blame a lot of the world's ills on the gay and lesbian community. Is the church prepared to screen prospective priests to determine if they are indeed gay, or are potential child molesters? I believe the Vatican views this as an opportunity to dig the knife in a little deeper and in the process believes it will rid the church of gay priests.

It is not clear how they plan to proceed with this ridiculous idea. However, I don't believe it will be successful. It will definitely cause more friction rather than an effort to heal the constant hatred and intolerance we are subjected to. Of course, the Pope has certainly made his views known. When he came to office, it was established he had little respect for the gay community. The church surely must realize this is an absurd situation, as men shall continue to apply to

enter the priesthood, whether they are gay or straight. They may never know a person's sexual orientation, unless an applicant divulges that information.

This is a blatant attack on the gay community and does nothing to heal the rift, which I believe has intensified as more countries have allowed gay and lesbian marriages. The Catholic Church attempts to belittle this fact, as it views homosexuality a sin. Therefore, making it simple for them to pass judgement on gay men who wish to enter the priesthood. I single out the Roman Catholic Church, as it is the most vocal in opposition to equal rights and opportunities for gays and lesbians. It is unreasonable to assume a prospective priest will molest a young boy because he happens to be gay. We constantly learn about pedophiles attacking young children and the culprits are usually straight men. The church must halt the obvious intolerance and come to terms with the fact homosexuality has always existed and will be here forever, because it is as natural as heterosexuality.

If the Vatican insists on continuing with this horrible plan, I cannot avoid the thought that women who choose to enter a Convent could also be put to the test to ascertain if an applicant who wishes to become a nun is indeed a lesbian. Some women are also capable of seducing youngsters and

many are heterosexuals. I must point to the fact pedophiles will sexually molest any child, male or female. It is a great injustice the Vatican, under the direction of the Pope Benedict XIV, is considering this totally unfair and positively unacceptable plan. Is this the future of the Roman Catholic Church, to repeat the awful practice of an inquisition? I suppose we can only hope the church will not stoop to this level!

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Here Come The Queer Oscars

Queer Oscars

By Ralph Higgins
This year the Academy Awards will have a more than usual significance for members of the queer community. While films with gay content are no strangers to Oscar nominations, (think *Monster*, *Boys Don't Cry*, *Philadelphia*) three contenders this year are especially strong.

much-awarded and chameleon-like actor, takes on the role of Truman Capote when the celebrated writer travelled to Kansas to write about

Brokeback Mountain

Reviewed By Bill McKinnon

One Brokeback Mountain web page says it is "a raw, powerful story of two young men, a Wyoming ranch hand and a rodeo cowboy, who meet in the summer of 1963 shepherding in the harsh, high grasslands of contemporary Wyoming and form an unorthodox yet life-long bond-by turns ecstatic, bitter and conflicted" What, you may ask, has this movie to do with gay life in Atlantic Canada in 2006? Well, let's take a look.

Want to get into he-man sex? This movie is about real men working and living together in isolation from society. True, there are few, if any, cowboys shepherding in the mountains of Nova Scotia, but we do have sailors and fishermen at sea, soldiers in Gagetown, lumberjacks in Newfoundland and elsewhere, and we did have miners in Cape Breton. The common characteristics of these jobs are: the workers are mostly male, the tasks are physical and rather macho, the work places are isolated, they spend a lot of time together (sometimes living in close quarters) and there are generally few women around. So, like the two cowboys in Brokeback Mountain, the guys sometimes have sex (oh-boy-oh-boy) with each other (and perhaps more than

just sometimes). Who knows how common Atlantic on-the-job sex is - but for sure, I bet there is lots happening, and many readers know it; this is not just a one-off tale from 1960's Wyoming. Whether it is more or less common than in the past, who can say? Today there is less of a stigma attached to gay sex but also there are fewer men working in isolation today and more women now in jobs formerly mostly male.

What was good in the relation-



ship between the two characters, Ennis Del Mar and Jack Twist? Well as the write-up says, they had a life-long bond and their affair was at times ecstatic. Of course it helps that most people would see both these guys as real hunks and as a bonus the actor who portrays

Ennis comes across as really tough and the guy who plays Jack is pretty as well as being a hunk. The relationship lasts a long time and could have continued but then all the time they had together was a season or so in the beginning and then only a few long weekends together annually for the next 20 years. Who knows what would have happened had they been able to stay together. We all know how long-term, living-together relationships go - some work; some don't. They say absence makes the heart grow fonder. Maybe this one was successful because most of the time they were not together.

What detracts from the Ennis - Jack love affair? In the first place most relationships are difficult and if they are not they are only a brief fling. Secondly, place and time hangs over the two lovers.

The level of homophobia and intolerance in Wyoming in the '60's was greatly different from the safety and acceptance we enjoy in Atlantic Canada today. Ennis' daunting childhood memory was of seeing the brutal reality of what was done to an allegedly queer man - maybe by Ennis' own father. Jack has some character defects; he has great dreams and schemes but is poor good at actually achieving them. Ennis, on the

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Brokeback Mountain

Heath Ledger, whose mesmerizing transformation into the skin and spirit of Ennis del Mar, the cowboy who loves so strongly it hurts, gives the kind of breathtaking, seamless performance that has already been compared to the subtle intensity of Marlon Brando and Sean Penn. In the brilliantly skilled hands of director Ang Lee (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* and *Sense and Sensibility*) the emotional current that exists between Ennis and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) is like a taut guitar string resonating with a clear singing note yet always threatening to snap from the pressure. This film will haunt you.

Capote

Philip Seymour Hoffman, the

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a murder enquiry. The result is *In Cold Blood*, the controversial best seller and a seminal influence in American literature. Capote, in a

physical and rather macho, the work places are isolated, they spend a lot of time together (sometimes living in close quarters) and there are generally few women around. So, like the two cowboys in Brokeback Mountain, the guys sometimes have sex (oh-boy-oh-boy) with each other (and perhaps more than

Trans America

By Denise Holliday

Awesome, accurate, detailed, empathetic, realistic, and emotionally devastating for a TS who is 58 years old, who raised a son and two daughters as a father should and transitioned late in life only to have the son take off for parts unknown without a word in almost three years, because of the new (to him) TS stressed parent in his life.

I, like everyone else, had some personal ideas of what was probably coming - the sublimely ridiculous way Hollywood is able to turn our life experiences into the pervert or idiot of the year award. Three minutes into the movie I was becoming aware that this was the one time that Hollywood might not have screwed up.

It displayed without apologies the fact that we as a community have no control over our lives. Regardless of the advisor, by any title, being right or wrong, they still maintain control over every

step of our lives up to and through transition - even pointing out that we have to convince two different shrinks that we are sane! so that they will give us letters that allow us to apply for a surgery procedure no sane man or woman would volunteer for. It also very briefly touched on voice, hair and hormone procedures as it raced to the starting climax.

Bree, the male to female transsexual pre-op played by Felicity Huffman was so believable that I was amazed at the make-up work that had been accomplished. The degree of voice degradation she accomplished to sound like a male to female struggling to attain female tones, was astounding. Every TS faces different social situations. Social stress and scenarios are very similar - friends and family disowning you, social isolation, and destruction, in many cases, of self worth. Social stigma and stresses include the kid in the mall saying "Hey, are you a man or a woman?" your mother slamming the door



in your face and personal stress when, presenting in your chosen gender (especially, as in the movie, a pre-op) someone of the opposite gender takes an interest in you. This movie hid nothing from the audience. The son's problems were many and diverse but in reality, for the sake of the movie had no other purpose than to show what we go through while striving to make our way through life and meet our family commitments.

The end of the movie is something you will need to see. As I said at the beginning, although my son's situation bears no resemblance to her son's, the emotional turmoil and stress is every bit as tremendous.

She is a Pre-Op awaiting surgery. Does the doctor give or withhold permission? If so does she make it

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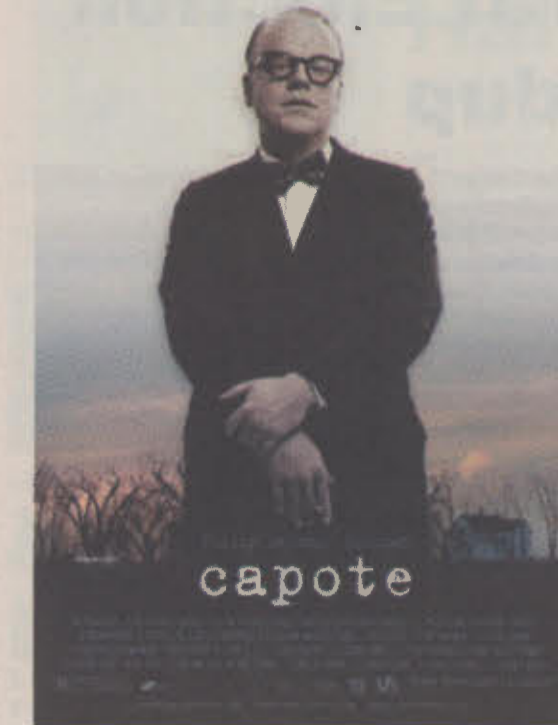
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Capote

By Bill McKinnon

The movie is about the writer, Truman Capote, and Perry Smith, a psychopathic killer and their relationship. It also tells us something about

Capote's long-time friendship with Harper Lee, the woman who wrote *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

I remember Truman Capote. He was a social dandy, the toast of Manhattan who captivated in-crowd gatherings with his quick wit and outrageous persona. He was a bit like Oscar Wilde of the late 19th century. I watched him appear on late-night talk shows, and read some of his books and saw movies based on his books. I was insecure then and found his effeminacy threatening. Now I feel good about myself and being gay and comfortable with what I once feared: effeminacy and gays in general if they seemed gay. That's part of what Capote is for me.

The movie covers the four years Truman spent researching and writing his best-seller, *In Cold Blood*, said by some to be the best non-fiction book ever written. It concerns the senseless murder of a Kansas family by two psychopaths in 1959.

From the movie we learn something about Capote's miserable childhood. He rose above that chaos and became a famous writer. This inspires me to believe we can make it in life no matter how awful our upbringing is. We also learn in the movie that Truman and Perry, the murderer he wrote about, strange as it seems, had a lot in common. Capote came to realize that it was as if he and Perry had grown up in the same house. However Perry left by the 'back door' to a life of failure and crime, while Truman left by the 'front door' and achieved success. Researching the book changed his entire perspective on life.

Capote became obsessed with writing the book which he intuitively knew would be great. He also was obsessed with Perry who hoped he would somehow escape execution for the murders. Capote found however that his two obsessions were incompatible and in the

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Equal Marriage: Back on the Agenda (Even if Conservatives Don't Have Mandate)

By Gilles Marchildon, Egale Canada www.egale.ca
The big news about January's federal election is not what happened, it's what didn't happen.

The Conservatives, while they won "the prize" of forming the next government, did not make the huge gains expected. Despite the disarray of the Liberal Party and the fact it was weighed down with the sponsorship scandal and almost 13 years in office, Stephen Harper did not convince a greater number of Canadian voters to support him.

The Bloc Québécois did not increase its number of seats (decrease from 54 down to 51) and it did not attract a greater share of the vote in Québec (from almost 49% of the vote in the June 2004 election to about 43%).

The Liberal vote did not completely collapse. Some pundits had predicted that the party would be reduced to a rump. But their showing of 103 seats with 30% of votes allows them to form a credible opposition, though Paul Martin has decided he will no longer lead the party.

Strategic voting didn't happen - at least, not the kind Liberals hoped. The NDP under Jack Layton not only maintained their base but convinced a larger share of the voters to send their MPs to Ottawa

- 29 of them, a significant increase from 19 at the campaign's start.

The most powerful "didn't happen" of the campaign: the Conservatives did not receive a mandate to turn back the clocks on equality, though they will likely attempt to reverse same-sex marriage.

Harper stated his intention to re-open the equal marriage issue on

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the first day of the campaign but then realized that it was dragging down his support from mainstream Canada. So he tried to downplay the issue and bury it during the campaign's remaining 55 days.

Harper avoided raising the issue except during the first leaders' debate, in response to a question, he promised not to use the notwithstanding clause. None of his 121 press releases mention equal marriage. The Conservative website's 37 announcements and 38 ads, videos and speeches are also silent.

Harper managed to muzzle his most vociferous anti-equality candidates or they self-censored themselves so not to scare voters. For instance, only 3 out of

34 non-incumbent Conservative candidates with extreme views on social issues identified equal marriage as an election issue on their website. Only 10 of them were elected - fewer than expected.

When the public learned of their hidden agendas, reaction was negative. For instance, Cindy Silver was defeated in North Vancouver. She tried to downplay her anti-equality views, hiding the fact she was Executive Director of the Christian Legal Fellowship from 1998-2000. Rondo Thomas in the Ontario riding of Ajax-Pickering was devastated, handing an even bigger victory to incumbent Liberal Mark Holland.

Despite not having a strong mandate, Harper plans to see if Parliament wants to re-open the issue of equal marriage.

While we would like to move on to other issues, we will have to "defend marriage" (EQUAL marriage, that is!) all over again in 2006. It's frustrating but we can't allow our equality to suffer a Harper roll-back.

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Federal Election Roundup

By Cameron MacLeod
In 2005, Paul Martin's Liberals introduced the controversial Bill C-38. The bill altered the definition of civil marriage throughout Canada to "two persons" rather than "one man and one woman."

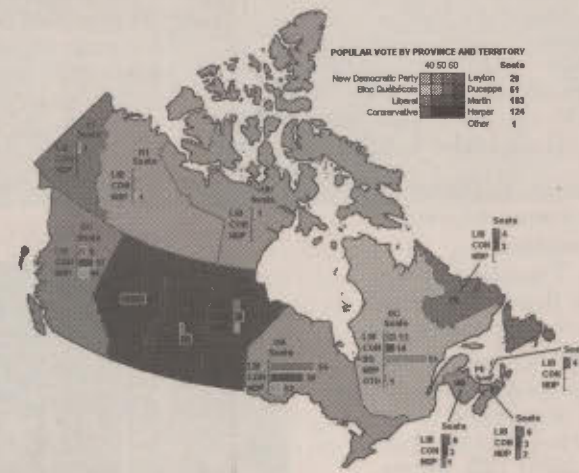
A court decision by the Ontario Court of Appeal in June of 2003 to alter the legal definition of marriage to remove the opposite-sex requirement, which the federal government chose not to appeal, was followed by more court decisions, a Supreme Court reference, coast-to-coast public consultations, anti-equality rallies — including a Gary Beals' headlining gig in Dartmouth — and finally, the actual legislation last year.

received Royal Assent on July 20, 2005, becoming law.

The federal election in January resulted in a new government and significant changes to the makeup of the House of Commons. Given new Prime Minister Stephen Harper's promise to his social conservative supporters of a free vote on equal marriage, it bears some examination.

Several websites are tracking the potential results of such a vote, including the anti-equality www.votemarriagecanada.ca and the pro-equality www.marriagevote.ca. As of this writing, MarriageVote.ca are predicting a vote of 156-141 (with 11 unknowns) in favour of the status quo, meaning a win for equal marriage. But how would your MPs vote?

As it turns out, the same as last time. As my husband said on election night, iSweet, sweet consistency. The only change is that Avalon's MP abstained last time, but is apparently a No vote next time. Clearly, the large vote shifts are in Central Canada (where the Tories gained significantly) and BC (where the Tories lost five seats).



The vote in the 308-member House of Commons passed with a vote of 158-133. Several abstentions bring the total to 308. It passed the Senate with a vote of 47-21, and

Province/Territory	C-38 Vote	Next time?
New Brunswick	Yes	Yes (NDP MP)
Acadie-Bathurst	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
Beauséjour	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
Fredericton	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
Fundy Royal	No	No (Con MP)
Madawaska-Restigouche	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
Miramichi	No	No (Lib MP)
Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
Saint John	No	No (Lib MP)
New Brunswick Southwest	No	No (Con MP)
Tobique-Mactaquac	No (was Lib)	No (now Con MP)
Newfoundland & Labrador	C-38 Vote	Next time?
Avalon	A (was Lib)	No (now Con MP)
Bonavista-Gander		
-Grand Falls-Windsor	No	No (Lib MP)
Humber-St. Barbe		
-Baie Verte	No	No (Lib MP)
Labrador	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
Random-Burin-St. George's	No	No (Lib MP)
St. John's East	No	No (Con MP)
St. John's South-Mount Pearl	No	No (Con MP)
Nova Scotia	C-38 Vote	Next time?
Cape Breton-Canso	No	No (Lib MP)
Central Nova	No	No (Con MP)
Dartmouth-Cole Harbour	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
Halifax	Yes	Yes (NDP MP)
Halifax West	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
Kings-Hants	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
North Nova	No	No (Con MP)
Sackville-Eastern Shore	Yes	Yes (NDP MP)
South Shore-St. Margaret's	Yes	Yes (Con MP)
Sydney-Victoria	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
West Nova	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
Prince Edward Island	C-38 Vote	Next time?
Cardigan	No	No (Lib MP)
Charlottetown	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
Egmont	Yes	Yes (Lib MP)
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Interpride Region 7 is part of a world wide network of pride organizations that span the globe. Region 7 is the Canadian contingent that meets to address issues related to organizing Pride events.

This is an exceptional opportunity for Pride boards from across the country to meet, exchange ideas

and build a stronger information and support network. Some of the workshops last year included such topics as volunteer retention, sponsorship and promotion, liaisoning with your community and fundraising.

Delegates from across Canada will be conducting workshops at Halifax's Lord Nelson Hotel and the weekend conference fee for active pride board members from respective communities is \$50.

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Ask Lulu

N! asks:

Yes, I'd like to order three double Quarter-pounders and a couple of those apple pies. Oops. ANYWAY, I'm writing because I watched the election, girl, and I'm most unimpressed. This Stephen Harper guy needs to take some prunes or something—I mean, just look at the guy! What are your thoughts on all this and why 99% of politicians look so constipated and uptight?

Lulu replies:

Hi there, N! Nice to see others in our community paying attention to the goings-on in Ottawa. Yes, Satan (AKA Steven Harper) may be our new prime minister but it really means nothing in the big picture. His Conservative party represents only 37% of Canadian voters, while the left-of-center Liberal, NDP and Bloc parties represent the other 63%. We as a nation are firmly grounded in our liberal beliefs and there is not too much, even as prime minister, Mr. Harper will be able to do. So I really don't believe there is that much to worry about. As for why politicians look like they are constipated? Easy: they're full of shit, plain and simple. LOL! xo, Lulu

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Healthy People, Healthy Communities

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time when being homosexual was unacceptable and even dangerous, was always openly, flamboyantly himself. He could be petty, quick-tempered and a braggart, but he was also a loyal friend and brilliant writer. Hoffman's portrayal shows all the many sides of this fey genius.

Transamerica

Felicity Huffman has already garnered several trophies for her role as a pre-op male to female transsexual who discovers that she has a seventeen-year-old son. During a long, sometimes hilarious, cross-country car ride, the two strangers, whose only connection is DNA, must discover each other and strive to find some common ground where both may stand and face the future.

While it has become popular to sneer at Hollywood and its meretricious glamour, there is no denying the power of cinema to affect public opinion. The acceptance of these films, both critically and by the public, is a clear indication that the days are long gone when playing a gay character would negatively affect an actor's career. We await the day when being an openly gay actor will have the same acceptance. The era of closed closet doors is far behind us. We are demanding admittance to the big rooms now. We're here, we're Queer, and we're on the Big Screen!!

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end his ambition won out as he betrayed Perry.

Sex changes everything in relationships but Truman and Perry didn't have any. Perry was always on death row and while they spent an enormous length of time together, there were always prison



guards not far away. But then Truman wasn't after sex. Maybe the 4 F motto of Find 'em, Feel 'em, Fuck 'em and Forget 'em doesn't apply, but maybe it does. Truman wanted Perry to tell him everything about the night of the murders and Perry clung to the faint hope that somehow Truman would save him from hanging. Near the end Capote got what he wanted and then largely abandoned Perry until the day of his execution.

Perry lost his life on the gallows but Capote lost part of his soul. The book he then completed was a masterpiece but he never wrote another major work and died of alcoholism and drug addiction in 1984.

The movie is a must-see for the superb performance of Phillip Seymour Hoffman in the title role, a fascinating story of emotional turmoil, an insightful examination of the souls of two men and the masterful cinematography.

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other hand, seems incapable of ever being anything but a ranch hand. They seem to be strong to-

gether but weak apart. Jack was somewhat financially successful but unfulfilled without Ennis, and Ennis is at first tied down first by his wife and kids and then by support payments when he divorces. A good lesson to be learnt here is the long-term support payment consequences which arise when you have kids and then divorce; it can leave your back broke forever and there's no escape. Both men seek consolation in the beds of women but only seem to find the joy and excitement

they need with each other.

The two characters put it this way. Jack says: "I can't make it on a coupla high-altitude fucks once or twice a year! You are too much for me Ennis, son of a whoreson bitch... I wish I knew how to quit you!" And to this Ennis replies: "Well why don't you? Why don't you just let me be, huh? Because of you, Jack, that I'm like this. I'm nothing... and nowhere." These two guys loved each other, but...

Did I like the movie? Yes, it was great, but I felt down afterwards. To revive, I considered why I am reasonably happy but our two heroes were not except when together. The answer was having more than one passion and finding success in several life interests. Some pursuits fail, sometimes miserably, but I cannot let one passion which can never be fully satisfied prevent me from having a good life. I have long-time romances too. I really treasure them but they are not perfect, never can be and I dare not allow them to consume me and prevent me from getting on with other aspects of my life.

I look forward to seeing the DVD.

Stephen Harper Is My Prime Minister

By Rev. Eldon Hay
Stephen Harper, whose party ended up with the most seats in the House of Commons, is Prime Minister of Canada. He is my Prime Minister.

True, I did not vote for the Conservative party candidate on 23 January. I was distressed by Harper's promise to open up the subject of same sex marriage; I was wary of his stand on human rights issues.

Canadians voted for change. Harper promises to deliver. His party has representatives from Quebec. Transparency in government is called for. Conservatives are joined by Liberals and New Democrats in a crack down on crime (all three parties are mistaken, as I see it). Many Canadians felt that the Liberal party had been in office too long. Its record was tarnished; Stephen Harper was the alternative voted for by many.

Gay rights activists are grateful for Chrétien and Cauchon, for Martin and Cotler. In New Brunswick, we depended on Liberals Andy Scott and Dominic LeBlanc (we counted on Claudette Bradshaw, as we can count on her successor, Brian Murphy). But some Liberals opposed same gender marriage: Paul Zed and Charles Hubbard (so did Andy Savoy, defeated by a Conservative candidate who, like Savoy, will be negative on the key issues). Yvon Godin, the sole NDP candidate from NB, is of course on side. In this province, as in the country, that party's record is very pro human rights. But its numbers

remain relatively small. Gratitude to the Bloc, whose rights record is solidly pro human, pro humane.

Stephen Harper is my Prime Minister. There are some in his party who, disagreeing with their leader, have stated their support for same gender marriage - Gerald Keddy, Jim Prentice, Brian Moore. There are right wingers in the Conservative party; there are also social moderates.

Paul Martin claimed that to vote for Harper was to choose an American style of politics, with deep divisions. Martin was wrong. Canada is not sharply split along blue-red lines; most Canadians want to avoid an ideological and stringent 'we-they' stance. To demonize and distrust all Conservatives is to go along with and abet Martin's mistaken mantra. Not a good idea, eh?

Support Stephen Harper when he legislates good measures. When the measures are negative, oppose in time-tested fashion—rallies, petitions and letters. Harper has called for the vote on same sex marriage in the life of this Parliament. Good: there is an excellent chance our side can win and Harper has promised not to use the notwithstanding clause. In the next Parliament, who knows? The 124 could be increased—perhaps dramatically.

Gay marriage is not under immediate attack, but heightened vigilance against attacks on rights is needed, now as always. And Stephen Harper is my Prime Minister.

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to the operating table? Do family challenges in the way of a son she never knew she had and his dire needs change her mind? Does the son stay, leave, live or die? Can any of her family come around to seeing her for who she really is? Go find out and take some tissues, if you are emotionally inclined.

As for me, this was a walk through memory lane. An at times dark lane for me that so far has no light in sight when it comes to my sons whereabouts and while I struggle daily with many of the issues shown in this movie I rejoice that my spouse, family, spouse's family and my daughters have stood by me. Most transsexuals are not that lucky; so go see how Bree does.

I have never ever come out of a movie theatre so stressed out in my life. I give it 11 out of ten.

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Grand Slam!

Having won eighteen Grand Slam championships during her professional tennis career, Martina Navratilova has demonstrated what is possible when we strive to do our personal best in the sports we enjoy. There is no doubt that the Montréal 2006 organizers are excited that she has joined the Outgames Circle of Champions, an international group of prominent individuals supporting the goals and principles of the 1st World Outgames.

Navratilova will also participate in the International Conference



on LGBT Human Rights which is taking place from July 26 to 28 in Montréal. One goal of this conference is to produce the Declaration of Montréal, a statement of human rights. Navratilova, along with Olympic gold medalist and Outgames Co-President Mark Tewksbury will present this declaration at the Opening Ceremonies of the Outgames on July 29.

Size Matters

For some size is very important. For others, size is less important than what takes place. For organizers of international sporting events, size does matter. It is the first measure of how well they have organized their events. The 1st World Outgames, which take place from July 26 to August 5, now has over 10,000 athletes registered. About half of the participants are

from North America with its share of the registered athletes at 53%. Europe accounts for 34%, Oceania (Australia and New Zealand) for 9%, Africa for 2% and South America and Asia for 1% each. The programme features 35 sport disciplines, 6 cultural activities and the International Conference on LGBT Human Rights. With \$12 million dollars of their \$16 million dollar budget in the bank, Montréal is on target for hosting a successful event. Montréal has received financial backing from the federal, Québec and Montréal governments and numerous corporations. By the way, their budget is carefully audited because of government involvement.

La déclaration

Durant sa carrière, la légendaire championne de tennis Martina Navratilova a remporté 18 tournois du Grand Chelem en simple, 40 titres en double dont 31 doubles féminins et 9 doubles mixtes. Sa fiche comprend également 9 victoires à Wimbledon en simple. Elle a été intronisée au Temple

de la renommée International de Tennis en 2000, comme l'une des meilleures joueuses de tennis de tous les temps.

Mark Tewksbury, coprésident des 1ers Outgames mondiaux et champion olympique canadien, a annoncé, « Nous sommes extrêmement honorés de compter sur l'appui de madame Navratilova qui nous aidera à faire connaître cet événement international sans précédent. Nous avons eu d'importantes discussions et madame Navratilova participera à la Conférence internationale sur les droits humains des LGBT, rencontrera nos différents partenaires et participants, et finalement, dans un moment à la fois émouvant et mémorable, nous présenterons ensemble la Déclaration de Montréal, l'héritage véritable de cette conférence, à la cérémonie d'ouverture des 1ers Outgames mondiaux.» La Déclaration de Montréal sera ensuite portée aux autorités des Nations Unies et d'instances internationales afin de mobiliser un appui commun. (communiqué, Montréal 2006)

Aussie Rules

Rennae Stubbs isn't as well-known as Martina Navratilova, or even Amelie Mauresmo, but in Australia she rules the tennis court. She has 52 doubles titles, six of which were earned at Grand Slam events. Only 10 women in professional tennis have won more titles. Stubbs has now told the world what she says the tennis world has known for a while. She is a lesbian. "I always say to my friends, 'Wouldn't it be great if everybody who was gay said they were?' If we said: February 21, or whatever, this is the coming out day. So, if you are, you have to come out to everybody you know.' It would be phenomenal."

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LAPD

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Atlantic Canada

Atlantic Canadian Lesbians: For Lesbians from the Atlantic Provinces. web: groups.msn.com/AtlanticCanadianLesbians
Canadian Transexuals Fight for Rights: One-stop site for needs, accommodations, doctors, therapists, legal etc. web: www.ctffr.org
Egale President & Atlantic Director, St. John's, NL: (709) 690-5244 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.egale.ca **Gay Men's Gathering:** at PO Box 36054, Halifax, B3J 3S9
GaySpaces: Free postings of GLBT-friendly places to live in Atlantic Canada. email: info@gayspaces.org web: www.gayspaces.org
Gender Expressions Atlantic: Support for transgendered individuals ranging from Crossdressers to Transexuals. email: genderexpressions@hotmail.com web: www.geocities.com/genderexpressions/ (No scheduled meeting. Occasional social events, by invitation only.)
Halifax Transguys: support group for transmen at any point in transition, locally and in Atlantic Canada. email: halifaxtransguys@yahoo.com 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.

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.namesproject.ca (Call if interested in volunteering) at 3544 Acadia St. Halifax, NS B3K 3P2

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

Project E: Presentation for youth, on gender expression, myth busters, proper terminology, and other facts. email: projectex3@hotmail.com web: www.freewebs.com/xprojecte/ at available via web page

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

New Brunswick (506)

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

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

Boom Nightclub, Fredericton: Gay Bar. (506) 463-2666 email: info@boomnightclub.ca (Hours: Mon & Tues - Closed, Wed 4-12, Thurs 4-1, Fri & Sat 4-2 and Sun 1-dance 4-8)
Catalyst, Mount Allison U, Sackville: support & information for Mount A students, occasional social activities. 506-364-2357 email: ktrotter@mta.ca (Catalyst meets approximately ever week from Sept-Dec and Jan-April. For meeting info, contact Kris Trotter at 364-2255 or the Students' Administrative Council at 364-2231. Catalyst is not active during the summer.) at Fax: 506/364-2216

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
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.

Moncton Gay Pride, Moncton: The Moncton GLBT group that organizes events and promotes as well as puts on Moncton's Pride events! . meets 1st Sunday

Moncton Transgender Support Group, Moncton: Transgenders, their allies, families and friends. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca, meets 3rd Sunday (except December - 2nd Sunday) at U de M. Room 302, Adrien-J.-Comier building.

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

PFLAG Moncton: Parents, families and friends of GLBT2Q&Q persons. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd Monday (every 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at U de M. (except December - 2nd Monday)) at Room 302, Adrien-J.-Comier building.

PFLAG Sackville/Amerst: 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. Amerst: 12 La Planche Street

PFLAG Saint John, Saint John: 652-3995 email: wander@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: a UNBSJ-based group of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgendered persons, and their friends. email: glbtq_unbsj@hotmail.com web: groups.msn.com/GLBTFriends/ (Post an email to the MSN group at GLBTFriends@groups.msn.com. Your message will be visible to all subscribers. (In order to join the group, a person must use a hotmail account.) The Q-Collective also has a mailing list: to subscribe, email glbtq_unbsj@hotmail.com.)

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

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

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

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

UN sur DIX, Moncton: l'Association des Etudiant(e)s gais, lesbiennes et bisexuel(le)s de l'Université de Moncton. email: unsurdix@umoncton.ca web: www.umoncton.ca/unsurdix/

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

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

Gay on the Rock: Gay Life in St. John's and Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. email: gay-ontherock@yahoo.com web: www.geocities.com/gayontherock
LBGT-MUN Resource Centre, St. John's: LBGT-MUN is an informational/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 (NGALE Inc. (Newfoundland Gays And Lesbians for Equality) offer support and education to LGBT persons, their families and friends, as well as the general public. (709) 576-8656 at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.) at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.

NGALE LIST-SERV, St. John's: Email discussions & events for Newfoundland. email: subscribe@ngale.cjb.net, meets 1st Wednesday at 50 Harbour Drive: ACNL Office
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Acadia Pride, Wolfville: community at Acadia. 585-2165 email: acadiapride@acadiau.ca web: euler.acadiau.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (7:30pm (during academic year)) at Beverage Forum (oldSUB)

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

Affirm United, Halifax: support, action and worshipping community within the United Church. email: stew-aral@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 glbt communities- (902) 441-7505 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.rationalanycity.com/cout, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St. Mary's Basilica, basement - side entrance
Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

Bluenose Bears, Halifax: Club for bears and those who like them. 463-4312 email: bluenosebears@accesswave.ca web: www.geocities.com/bluenosebears, meets 3rd Friday
Cape Breton Pride: dedicated to promoting well being & unity of our gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgendered community. email: capebretonpride@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/capebretonpride (Monthly women's, men's and/or gbt pride and social events. For up to date info and official Pride Week details, check the webpage or write c/o 41 Broadway, Sydney, N.S. B1N 2Y3)

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

DalOut, Halifax: LBGTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: 152.dal.ca/~dalout, meets every Thursday (7pm) at SUB Room 321
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.)

FunDay Fruit, Valley: Social group for valley folk: hiking, movies, snowshoeing, board games, parties. email: fundayfruit@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 Göttingen Street (corner of Göttingen & Cunard) press the buzzer.
GLB CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE (SUNS): 494-6654 at c/o the Students' Union of NS
Group Harrison Society, Cape Breton: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. 564-6939, meets last Saturday (Admission \$6.50- Best light and sound show around!) at Steel Workers Hall, Sydney
Hal-Gal, Halifax: low-traffic Yahoo group that provides events and information for queer women in the Halifax area. email: hal-gal@yahoo.com
Halifax Front Runners, Halifax: Running/walking club. 422-7579 email: Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca

web: www.frontrunners.org/clubs/halifax/, meets every Saturday, and every Tuesday, and every Thursday (Sat: 9:30am, Tue: 5:30 pm, Thu: 5:30pm) at Main gates of the Halifax Public Gardens, corner of Spring Garden Road and South Park Street.
Halifax Rainbow Speakers, Halifax: Speakers available, contact us if you are interested in joining also. 494-6662 email: nspirg@dal.ca web: www.the-novascotiapublicinterestresearchgroup.dal.ca (Call for times & locations)
Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society, Halifax: Fundraising. 476-4225 email: info@imperialcourts.com web: www.imperialcourts.com (Meeting times vary)
Intensity Dance, Halifax: non-profit dance collective and presenting organization. email: intensitydance@yahoo.com web: intensitydance.tripod.com

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax: support and connection across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax: support and connection across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (1) 1st and 3rd Tuesday - Social Drop-in 6-9pm, 25 & under 2, 2nd & 4th Tuesday - 18 & under Support meeting 6-8pm 3.) 2nd & 4th Wednesday - 18-25 Support meeting 7-9pm. 4.) 2nd & 4th Monday 25 & Under Transgendered Support meeting 7-9pm. 5.) 1st & 3rd Wednesday Movie night, 25 and under, 7pm. A foodbank is also on site for those youth who may need it's use, and STI testing on site. Please refer to website to times and details.) at 2281 Brunswick Street.

LGB Youth Support Group Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: fun social/support group for 25 and under. 543-1315 email: pplc@auracom.com web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Postponed until further notice: Volunteer facilitators needed!)
Manna For Health, Halifax: A special needs food bank for those living with illness. 429-7670

Mount Pride, Halifax: Social group, open to anyone. email: mountpride@yahoo.com, meets 1st Tuesday, and 3rd Tuesday (Meets biweekly, 12 noon) at Diversity Center in Rosaria
Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties 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 Rd., Truro, N.S.

Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, Halifax: fostering change through networking, education, outreach & community education. 902-444-7887 email: nsrap@nsrap.ca web: www.nsrap.ca (See Web Page) at 100 - 2786 Agricola St. Halifax NS B3K 4E1
Outlaw, Halifax: Queer Law Students Association at Dalhousie Law School. email: dal_outlaw@yahoo.ca (Meetings vary. Please email if interested.) at Dalhousie Law School. 6061 University Avenue. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Over 30's Club: Socials, usually potluck dinners. 464-8925 email: atlanticoverthirty@hotmail.com (one Saturday evening a month) at members' homes, mostly Halifax but occasionally out of town.
PFLAG Halifax: support and education to parents, family and friends. 443-3747 email: ab274@chebucto.ns.ca, meets 3rd Sunday (2:00 pm) at individual homes

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

PFLAG Sackville/Amerst: 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. Amerst: 12 La Planche Street

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

PFLAG Truro: 662.3774 email: s.r.burns@ns.sympatico.ca
Positive Connections: Teleconferenced support groups for people living with. email: connections@acns.ns.ca, meets every Monday (evening 7:00pm - 8:00pm) at by phone. No long distance charges. For more info call 425-4862 ext 228 or 1-800-566-2437 ext 228 or e-mail.

Pride of Pictou County: email: [pride_pictou_county](mailto:pride_pictou_county@yahoo.ca)

Events Calendar >>

Amherst

Second Monday

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

First and Third Wednesdays

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

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

Valley Gay 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. We are having two dances in May, on the 7th and 28th and no June dance. The 28th dance will be a special Apple Blossom event.* 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 grou 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

Third Saturday of each month

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

Cape Breton

March 24-25

ACCB Spring For Life Campaign - Canadians are encouraged to dine out, send flowers, pamper themselves with a spa treatment, or go see a movie. In doing so, they will be making a Contribution to the fight against HIV/AIDS. The money collected through donations or the selling of Gerberas (daisy-like flowers) will go directly into the Health Fund to support those living with HIV/AIDS in this community. If you are interested in purchasing flowers (3 for \$5.00!) please put in an order. By contacting the AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton at (902) 567 1766 by phone, or by facsimile (902) 567 1766 or email christineporter@accb.ns.ca.

Fredericton

Every Wednesday

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

Third Sunday of each month

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

Fourth Wednesday of each month

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

Last Saturday of each month

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

March 2, 16, 30, April 13, 27, May 11, 25

PRIDE CHAT..... an informal and informative gathering where gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and friends of the glbtq community can meet and discuss issues relating to our community, while being in a safe and comfortable environment. Pride Chat will have Guest Speakers on a regular bi-weekly basis to speak to the issues you want to discuss or learn about. Pride Chat meetings are at Wilmot United Church at Carleton Street entrance, beginning at 7:30 pm.

Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

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

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Halifax

Every Sunday

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Every Sunday

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

Second Sunday of each month

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

First and Third Tuesdays

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

First and Third Tuesdays

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

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

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

Every Wednesday

An all gay men's bowling league is starting up in the new year and I am looking for any men who are interested in joining. 7pm to 9pm at The Bowlarama at Bayers Road Shopping Centre. If you are interested in joining contact Richard at 440-6729 after 4pm.

First and Third Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project Movie Night, 25 and under, starting at 7pm. 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

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

First Wednesday of each month

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

Second Wednesday of each month

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

February 26

Picture it. A crisp February Sunday afternoon. The beautiful city of Halifax. A warm escape on Gottingen St. Great atmosphere. Great friends. High energy crowd. Beer and drinks. What more could you want? How about hot, fresh pancakes made just for you! (OK, possibly cooked by a Team Halifax member with very little culinary talent or expertise, but certainly with lots of enthusiasm!) Sound too good to be true? Nope! Join Team Halifax at MenzBar on Sunday, February 26th, noon to 3pm. There will be a suggested donation of \$6 for the pancakes, and all proceeds are going to support Team Halifax. This is part of MenzBar's Winter Carnival Weekend and should be a

fantastic time! We hope to see as many community members there as possible, so mark the 26th in your calendars and bring some friends along for the good eats!! (2104 Gottingen St., Halifax).

March 2, 16, 30, April 13, 27, May 11, 25

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

March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 30, May 14, 28

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

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Fri. March 3rd, Family Pride Camping Association Fundraising KICK OFF

Fri. March 3rd, MARTINI TIME with Chad & Friends 5PM - 8PM

Sat. March 4th, MAC is BACK - Boot Black Fundraiser featuring Guest DJ SONNY D.

Fri. March 10th, DaiOUT Poor Student Draft Night & 50/50 draw.

Sat. March 11th, Best Package Contest - Leather or Jeans. 1st Prize \$30 2nd Prize \$20 - Judges Needed!

Fri. Mar 17th, St. Patty's Party I

Fri. Mar 17th, MARTINI TIME with Chad & Friends 5PM - 8PM

Sat. Mar 18th, St. Patty's Party II

Fri. Mar 24th, 70's & 80's Costume Party 1st Prize \$25

Sat. Mar 25th, Best Chest Contest, 1st Prize \$30, 2nd Prize \$20

Fri. Mar 31st, MARTINI TIME with Chad & Friends 5PM - 8PM

Sat. Apr 1st, Mr. Menz Leather Night & BEST ASS contest.

Fri. Apr. 7th, MARTINI TIME with Chad & Friends 5PM - 8PM & Best TATTOO Contest win \$25

Sat. Apr. 8th, Best NIPPLES contest, 1st Prize \$30, 2nd Prize \$20

EASTER Moose-Bunny Weekend - see Bartenders for Details

Thu. Apr. 13th, BEST LEGS Contest, 1st Prize \$30, 2nd Prize \$20

Fri. Apr. 14th, GOOD FRIDAY - Closed

Sat. Apr. 15th, NO SHIRT Night with DJ Needles

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Tuesday Classic Karaoke and Wings with Justin 10pm \$100 Cash Prize

Wednesday - Halifax Idol with Anita Mann and Annie Cockadoo 10pm \$100 Cash Prize

Thursday - Classic Karaoke and Wings with Justin 10pm \$100 Cash Prize

Friday DJ Laptop Spins 10pm

Saturday - DJ Laptop Spins 10pm

REFLECTIONS

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Moncton

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

Second and Fourth Mondays
SAFE SPACES MEETING, 7pm. Support group for GLB youth, 14-25. For more info, 869-6224 or

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Events Calendar

safespaces@nb.aibn.com

Last Saturday

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

March 24-25

SIDA AIDS Moncton's Spring For Life Campaign - Pick up your beautiful gerbera flowers and support the fight against HIV/AIDS! Spring for Life gerbera daisies will be on sale: Friday, March 24/06 at the Blue Cross Atrium from 10 am to 2pm & Saturday, March 25/06 at the Dieppe & Moncton Farmer's Markets. Only \$5.00 for three flowers! For more info, contact SIDA AIDS Moncton at (506) 859-9616.

Moncton Pride!

Fierté diversité Moncton Pride diversity 2006 new web site www.fdmpr.com
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June 20: Flag raising
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Montréal

July 9 - August 5, 2006

A group of Acadiens/Acadiennes from everywhere are planning to participate at the first Outgames Rendez Vous Montreal between July 29 until August 5, 2006. There will be dozen of gays and lesbians from all around the world who will participate at that cultural and sporting event. If you do your inscription before the end of 2004 you will have a reduction of your inscription fees. If you want to join our acadien team please contact yvonbonbon@hotmail.com

Philadelphia

April 5-9

20th Annual IFGE Conference - Transgender 2006 - 20th Annual Conference of the International Foundation For Gender Education Inc. Philadelphia Airport Hilton Hotel, Philadelphia, PA. From Wednesday to Sunday, over 60 information-packed, thought-provoking workshops will be presented for crossdressers (experienced or not) transgendered, male to female, female to male transsexuals, community support group leaders, healthcare professionals, significant others, trans-teens and parents, friends, students, educators, inquirers, general public, and anyone interested in or associated with the trans community. Meet new friends or reunite with old acquaintances, join us for our many social opportunities and experience Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly love. All information is at www.ifge.org/convention. Register early for the discounts. www.ifge.org/convention

Sackville

Second Monday

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

Saint John

Third Saturday

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

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St. John's - LGBT-MUN

Every Friday

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

Every Third Wednesday

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

St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

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Mar 17-19

Come spend the last weekend of March break with us! Join with other gay, bi-sexual, lesbian, transgendered, two-spirited youth (15-19) and friends to discover ways of creating and being in community. Laws may be changing but attitudes are slower to change and acceptance is not a reality for many of us. We'll help you feel good about who you are - as you are, make connections with other like-minded youth and leave with some tools and skills to help you stay connected in your own community. There will be time to talk in large and small groups in a safe and friendly space, to socialize, have fun and to strategize. We especially welcome youth living in rural communities. Come out and be a part of creating a more accepting and safe place to live for yourself and others! Cost: \$150 We want you here! Bursaries available if necessary. Cost includes meals and lodging.

Mar 24-26

Chris Glaser - A Spirituality of Inclusion

Oct 25-27

Educating allies: Breaking the Cycle of

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Oct 27-29

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WAYVES DATES!

Check out page two for Wayves deadlines.

Wileville

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Wolfville

Every Second Tuesday

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

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Anal Sex-An A to Z guide for the Gay Male, Part 2

by Terry Richard

The best way for me to take a guy inside of me is by me having him lay flat on his back with me being on top. This allows me to take as much of his penis in me that I can and to control movement. Out of all the sexual positions for anal intercourse I find this is the best one to begin with. Then, once a guy is relaxed he can be penetrated in all sorts of positions as once the rectum is relaxed a guy can be prepared to be penetrated for as long as he likes.

Another important point to make is to use as much lube as possible. "Greasing" your buddies tool and your inside is a must. I find taking a bit of K Y jelly and placing it inside your rectum slowly with your finger really helps. This makes insertion that much easier. Lubricant that is water based is the best and never use vaseline or body oil on condoms as this will lead to breakage.

Relaxing is another important hint. Breathing and just being at ease helps all the more, as this relaxes the sphincter muscles that a guys has. There are actually 2 sphincter muscles that we have and they, like any muscle, need time to open up. The first one is located at the opening of the rectum and the other is about 1 and a half to 2 inches inside.

And remember if there's any pain what so ever your partner must stop. Make an agreement with your partner that when you say "ouch!" or "it hurts" that he must pull out immediately. Pain is your bodies way of telling you something is wrong. So be careful.

Probably the most important issue in regards to anal intercourse is the use of condoms. Unsafe sex or bareback sex simply means that one is putting his life and his partner's at risk for all the sexually transmitted diseases including HIV and AIDS. Is one's life really worth one careless night of anal sex? Using condoms when one masturbates alone gets a guy use to wearing condoms when he's with a hot stud. I have also discovered that for added pleasure using condoms that are rigged increases sensitivity.

Another factor in regards to anal sex is fisting. This technique requires someone to actually take his partner's entire fist in his rectum. I know a lot of guys do this but I

wouldn't recommend it. I know of guys who had once engaged in this activity when they were young and now they have a lifelong problem with their bowels. Some are even using depends. This may sound funny but it's not. Inserting a guy's entire fist is really stretching the rectum beyond capacity, and this leads to the muscles of the anal canal being damaged. So if a guy asks you about taking his fist inside of you think twice about it.

Penis size is of course another factor. Some guys can only take maybe a 5 inch penis inside of them while others can take 12 inches. It really depends on the individual. Most bottoms that can accommodate a large penis have been practicing anal sex for years and they have exercised the anus, while others have tried to take on a huge "tool"

but to no avail they can't do it. If you've tried over and over but have no luck I'd say try something else when having sex with your partner who happens to be well-endowed. I would also say if your having trouble taking on any size penis, regardless of the size, try other sexual activities. Not having anal intercourse is not the end of the world; a lot of guys can't do it. So try oral sex, cuddling, mutual masturbation, and kissing.

However, anal sex can be a lot of fun. Try some of these hints that I've talked about and perhaps you and your partner's sex life will be improved a little. The key is to get to know your body. Only you can decide what is right and good for you.

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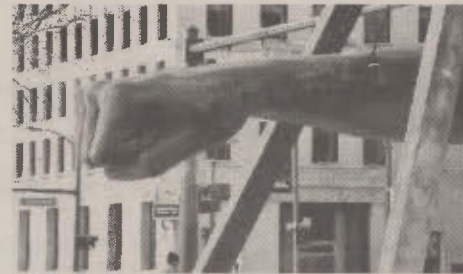
the LGBTQ community, learning more about race, sexuality and gender, responding to acts of intolerance, and helping LGBTQs to feel safe at the University. At U of M he has some similar responsibilities but helps all students ^ not just our crowd.

Robert told us that 56 universities and colleges have LGBT centres staffed at least half-time by a paid professional. The only one in Canada is at the University of Toronto (opened in 1999). Most of these centres receive funding from the institution but more than one-fourth rely on student fees. Should not we be pressuring all Atlantic Canada schools to establish LGBT centres?

What do we know about the climate for our people at institutions of higher learning? A number of campus climate surveys have been carried out in the US. In Canada ^ well who knows? One US survey found that 36% of LGBT undergraduate students had experienced harassment within the past year, 20% of all respondents feared for their physical safety because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, 51% concealed their sexual orientation or gender identity to avoid intimidation, those who experienced harassment reported that derogatory remarks were the most

common form (89%) and that students were most often the source of harassment (79%), 43% of respondents rated their campus overall climate as homophobic, and 10% of respondents chose to avoid areas of campus where "they" congregate for fear of being labeled. Is the situation any better at Atlantic Canada universities/colleges? Maybe but then maybe not.

What is being done or can be done to minimize the grief which GLBTQs experience at universities/colleges? There is no magic bullet but here are some general approaches: establish GLBT centres with paid staff to take the actions Robert did at UNH, get active support from the administration and faculty members and get them to bridge the gap between values and practice, conduct campus climate surveys, establish Allies at all universities/colleges, and in Nova Scotia work with the Youth Project which "provides a safe, supportive, youth directed environment where youth can access information, peers, support, and social activities [and] strives to meet the needs of all [LGBT] youth". Another idea is to get in touch with Dal Allies and with Robert Coffey himself to determine what to do at your university or college. The Dalhousie Allies contact I have is dalally@dal.ca



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on it?" says Ludlow. "So it started with the concept of using their existing logo and we created a tap handle. The beer itself is a two week process of brewing, from fermentation to kegging or bottling."

Menz Pale Ale costs the same as regular beer and Melanson says it has gone over well with customers.

"It's been a surprisingly great response from everybody in the community, even the straights like it," says Melanson.

Wayves dispatched several staff members for a beer-tasting. "On New Years' Eve at Menz Bar, it was a very enjoyable alternative to champagne," says Daniel MacKay. "Having our own beer is very much an element of pride in our community."

MacKay also thinks the beer provides other benefits.

"What's cool is that Doug has forged a link between businesses on Gottingen Street, and continues to work on interesting and fun things for the gay community."

Raymond Taavel decided to try the gay-themed beer recently when he and four of his friends met up at the bar. They decided to have an impromptu taste test trying Menz Pale Ale alongside Keith's and Coor's Light.

"All except one person ranked

it one or two out of the three beers we tasted," says Taavel. "One person commented that it would make a great summer beer. It's got a nice amber glow to it. A bit sweet, not a guzzling kind of beer, but a sipping one. I'd definitely buy it again."

Right now it is only available on tap at the bar. However there are plans to expand. "We're going to be bottling at the end of March or early April and it will be exclusively at Menz from a bar perspective and customers should be able to purchase it by the case at Propeller during the summer," says Melanson.

He says the bar is meant to be a comfortable place where everybody can go and enjoy themselves. "It's a no-attitude bar," says Melanson. "Everybody is welcome within the community whether it be the (gay) men, the lesbians or the drag queens. Everybody is welcome at our bar."

In order to give something back to the community which has supported it so far, Melanson says that Menz will donate one dollar to Halifax Pride 2006 for every large glass of Menz Pale Ale sold during the upcoming St. Patrick's Day weekend.

"It's a good way," he says, "to kick-start the funding for this year's Pride."



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Human Rights inquiry re discrimination based on sexual orientation

By Bill McKinnon

This is about the Lindsay Willow inquiry.

This is the basic story. In September of 2000, Lindsay Willow, a popular female gym teacher, and Nadia Ibrahim, a female student, were encountered by two male teachers, John Orlando and Rick Kitley, coming out of a high school boys' locker room. The male teachers reported the encounter to school principal Dr Gordon Young, and indicated that the situation was suspicious of sexual impropriety. They reported that the women expressed surprise and/or embarrassment at the encounter and perhaps fear had been in the expression of the student. Lindsay and Nadia later stated that they had been in the storage in from the locker room moving some gym equipment and subsequently washed their hands in a small washroom in the boys, locker room area. Later Young reported the incident to the police who investigated and took statements from the Lindsay and Nadia and cleared Lindsay of any wrongdoing.

It was reported in testimony by one policeman that the Young said to the female teacher, "Does she (Nadia) know you are a lesbian?" At the time Lindsay's sexual orientation was not known; she was not out.

According to a male teacher, Dan Smith, one of the accusers made derogatory statements about Lindsay at various times in subsequent months and notably at an all-male going-away party the following June. These remarks identified Lindsay as a canoe-licker, dyke and lesbian. Dan testified that Orlando said Lindsay was unfit to teach and should be dismissed. However Orlando has now denied making remarks about Lindsay.

In June of 2001 Young told Lindsay she would be declared redundant. It also appears that since the incident in 2000, Lindsay's career advancement has been stalled because of discrimination against her. She was prevented from attending camping trips and her physical and emotional health has greatly suffered. In August of 2001 Lindsay filed a complaint with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission against the School Board, Young, Orlando and Kitley (who subsequently died in 2003).

An inquiry chaired by J. Walter Thompson started in December 2005, and was nearly completed by the end of January 2006. Mr. Thompson will eventually hand down a decision based on the evidence and the arguments of counsel. This could take six months or longer. I believe that Mr. Thompson, a respected member of the judiciary, is an honourable man, but rules of evidence are tricky and sometimes unfair; however, whether that decision will reflect the truth is uncertain. Much de-

pends on whom Mr. Thompson believes. Many witnesses have testified and of course the counsel for the defense has tried to discredit the plaintiff's witnesses and the defense's witnesses have contradicted the plaintiff's witnesses and in some cases cast aspersions on their characters.

To me, the evidence and principles suggest that Lindsay has been badly treated and her claims are valid. She should be paid at least \$100,000 by the School Board for the damage done to her. I also think Young and Orlando should be censured. Neither of these men should have anything further to do with educating children. Both should pay part of the damages due to Lindsay. Why should we, the taxpayers have to pay it all? Enough of our money has already been blown by the Board defending the behaviour of Young and Orlando.

My opinion and \$1 will buy a cup of coffee, but here it is anyway. There are strong indications that the operations of the Halifax Regional School Board are run by a gang of 'good ol' boys' determined to keep women and minorities under control.

Gay and lesbian people are no more a threat to children than anybody else. This is a fact. Why do HRM so-called educators continue to imagine otherwise?

Although police attitudes in recent years are becoming more positive towards gays and lesbians, many are not our fans. However the police officers who investigated the alleged sexual impropriety found no evidence to support the allegations but Lindsay's accusers would not accept the police view. Whatever happened to the principle that accused people are considered innocent until proven guilty? The opposite seems to be true in HRM's schools. Great example for our children, eh?

Why was the retirement party for Pat Hayes attended by only men? By his own admission, it was his only send-off and he had worked at that high school for a long time. It's weird. It was also odd that the bottle of rum bought for him was never presented to him.

Orlando and Kitley claimed that Lindsay and Nadia expressed surprise, embarrassment and even horror when they encountered them leaving the locker room, yet another female teacher stated under oath that she saw the two women leave the locker room but saw nothing unusual on the faces of the two women. How come?

I believe the testimony of Dan Smith despite the defense's efforts to prove he was drunk. A few drinks do not impair one's hearing of slanderous comments; furthermore he heard many derogatory comments from Orlando while at school when he had nothing to drink.

A visiting gym teacher friend of Orlando's met with Orlando after the locker room incident and then told Lindsay to 'watch her back'. Why was that?

Very few women appeared for the defense and there were hardly any of the women in the audience were there supporting the defense but many were there for the popular plaintiff and many women testified for her.

Lindsay had been fast-tracked for the leadership program by Gordon Young and everybody I

know or have heard likes and respects Lindsay; yet her accusers now say that she is difficult to get along with.

Nadia Ib-

appear after the Christmas holiday when most of the plaintiff's witnesses had been dismissed and could not be asked about the points made by Young. If you find this tale believable, I have two bridges spanning the harbour that I'll sell you for a bargain price. And speaking of notes, wasn't it convenient that the record of Board meetings in Dartmouth in the fall of 2000 regarding Lindsay Willow were lost?

I attended about half of the hearing sessions and was always busily scribbling notes. However, I am not involved in this hearing-just an observer. Why did John Orlando go out of his way to try to find out who I was?

Whatever the results of the Human Rights Inquiry are, I believe that Lindsay will be vindicated. She will succeed in life as will Nadia and Dan Smith; cream always rises to the top. As for the gang of 'good ol' boys' and their lackeys, well, what we give out we get back and what goes around comes around.



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the evidence and principles suggest that Lindsay has been badly treated and her claims are valid

brahim highly respects Lindsay, has spoken so highly of her during the trial and has used Lindsay as a career model. Why would this heterosexual girl feel that way? It appears to me that she respects Lindsay as a power of example. Nadia has already completed one university degree and will soon finish a second degree and become a teacher.

Why did the defense rent or borrow a room at the Students Union Building for private discussions while the plaintiff's people were comfortable talking openly in public?

Why were the plaintiff's witnesses not recalled to answer the outrageous statements made by some of the defense witnesses?

Gordon Young took notes regarding the Lindsay situation but these notes conveniently disappeared for five years only to miraculously re-

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