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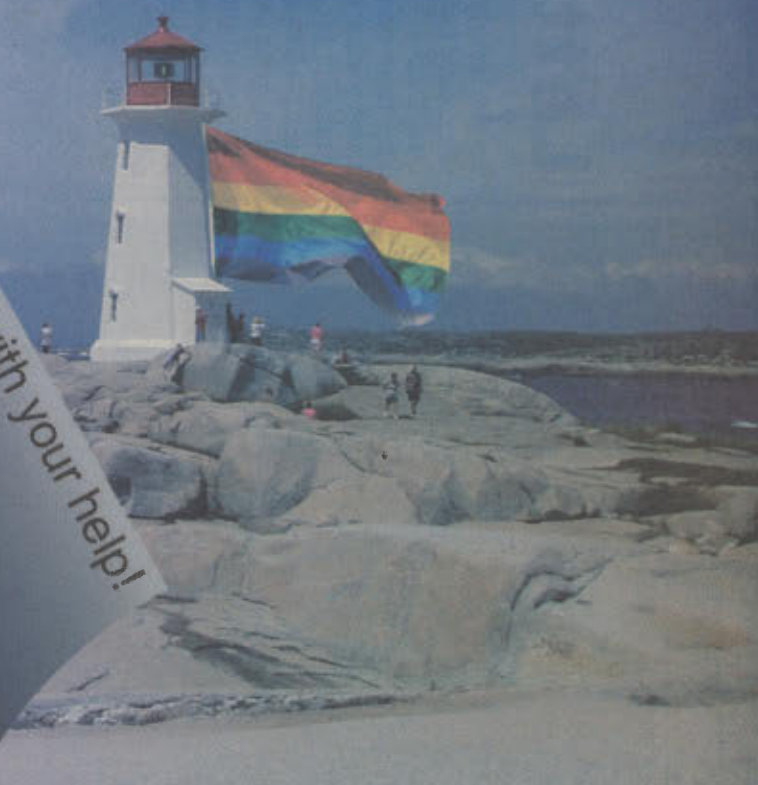
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New Brunswick...

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Moncton: Reid's Newstand; SIDA/AIDS Moncton; Triangles; United Book Exchange, Mountain Road; X-Citement Video
Sackville: Bridge Street Café; Mount Allison; Tidewater Books
Saint John: AIDS Saint John; Mahogany Manor

Newfoundland...

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

Nova Scotia...

Amherst: Carvel Upholstery and Draperies; Cumberland County Family Planning
Annapolis Royal: The King George Inn
Antigonish: Antigonish Women's Centre; Student Union Resource Centre; Webb's Superstore
Bedford: Bedford Library
Bridgewater: Second Story Women's Centre
Canning: Canning Library
Dartmouth: Adult Cash & Carry; Alderney Gate Library; CD Heaven; Dartmouth North Library; Healing Our Nations; Jake's Video & Variety; Nova Scotia Government Employees Union; Wolfgang Leathers; Woodlawn Library; X-Citement Video, Main Street
Halifax: AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia; Alteregos Café; Apollo Sauna; Atlantic News Stand; Blowers Street Paperchase; Bookmark; Buy the Book and More; CD Plus; CKDU Radio; Club NRG; Counseling and Community Support Services; DALCUT; Dal-Tech; Daily Grind; Diamond; Fresh Salon & Spa; Fresh Start B&B; Grad House (Dal); HMV; Hairdressers' Market; Halifax Backpackers Hostel; Junk & Fribbles; Khyber Club; Libraries: Captain William Spry, Halifax North, Keshen Goodman, Killiam, Spring Garden Road, Weldon Law; Menz Bar; Mount St. Vincent University - Rosaria & Sexton; Night Magic Fashions; Nooks and Crannies; NSCAD - supply store; N.S. Advisory Council - Status of Women; One of a Kind Clothing; Outside The Lines; Planned Parenthood Clinic; Random Play; Read All About It; Reflections; Robyn's Grocery; Room2Move Fitness; Sealogs Spa; Second Cup - Spring Garden; Shoe Shop; SUB, Dal and St. Mary's; Venus Envy; Video Difference; X-Citement Video, Quinpool Road; Youth Project
Kentville: Annapolis Valley Regional Library - Kentville Division; The Red Door
Lower Sackville: Halifax Public Library; Sackville Library; X-Citement Video
Lunenburg: Elizabeth's Books
Middleton: Mark Rutherford; 92 Balcom Crescent, Nictaux
New Glasgow: Pictou County Women's Centre
Pictou: Pictou Library
Port Williams: Port Williams Public Library
Scotsburn: The Mermaid & Cow
Sydney: AIDS Coalition; Cape Breton Pride; Harrison Society; Maple Leaf Lounge; McConnell Memorial Library; Sexual Diversity, UCCB
Tantallon: Tantallon Library
Truro: Central Nova Women's Resource Centre; Colchester Sexual Assault Centre; MacQuarries Pharmasave - The Esplanade; NSCC Truro Campus; Northern Aids Connection
Windsor: The Hants Youth Health and Resource Centre
Wolfville: Acadia Pride; The Athenaeum, Acadia; The Coffee Merchant; The Odd Book; Wolfville Public Library
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Prince Edward Island...

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

British Columbia...

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Vancouver: Little Sisters

Ontario...

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

Manitoba...

Winnipeg: Rainbow Resource Centre

Letter

To all recently diagnosed prostate cancer patients:

Dear friend,

You have recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer and it may appear to you and your family that your world has fallen down around you or that your parachute did not want to open when you needed it.

You probably feel intimidated by the amount of textual information given to you, the sequence of diagnostic processes and the choices you will have to make about the best treatment for you. Of course, the treating urologist, your family doctor and the Nurse Navigator for Cancer Patients are primary professional sources to guide you in that process. There is, however, a source where you and your spouse or partner can share your doubts, uncertain-

ties, fears and optimism with fellows (and their spouses) who have fully recovered or who are still in the process of recovery. This source is the Kings County Prostate Cancer Support Group, where you can ask questions you forgot to ask the doctor or nurse and where

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, the first one of which was held

in December 2004. The meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7-9 pm in the East Kings Memorial Public Health Centre on Earnscliffe Ave in Wolfville.

We have had guest speakers who brought us up to date on such issues as diet and prostate cancer, treatment strategies under active development, and in the near future someone will speak on fitness and recovery etc.

Know that you are truly welcome to join us and if you need more information please get in touch with me by e mail: dickgroot2003@yahoo.ca or by phone 542-6125. Our correspondence address is the same as my home address: 210 Main Street, Wolfville NS B4P 1C4. I am usually home working in my studio and you are therefore also welcome to drop in on me. Best to phone ahead though.

Sincerely, on behalf of all our members, Dick Groot.



Atlantic News

AIDS Coalition Conference, AGM

HALIFAX — On June 9th - 11th ACNS will be hosting the Nova Scotia HIV/AIDS Skills Building Ceilidh Conference at Mount Saint Vincent University. It will provide a forum of learning and sharing around HIV/AIDS. It allows people to continue the important work that came out of previous conferences and to expand the focus of involvement to include all areas of the province. It is an excellent opportunity for people to network with others who are doing HIV/AIDS work in NS. We welcome people living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs), community-based AIDS organizations, people in the field of health and those who have a stake in the future of AIDS work in Nova Scotia.

Scholarships are available and must be received no later than May 30th, 2005.

The AGM will be held at the MSVU Rosaria Centre Vincent Room on Friday, June 10th.

For more info on the workshop and AGM, contact Maria MacIntosh at the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, Suite 326 - 1657 Barrington Street, Halifax NS, B3J 2A1, 902 425 4882, Ext: 228 or e: pc@acns.ns.ca

Saint John Pride

Monday August 8th to Sunday August 14th.

The Parade and events in Queen Square will be held on Saturday August 13th.

Please check our website www.portcityrainbowpride.com regularly for updated information.

Please share this information with your friends.

Halifax Same-Sex Marriage

The Session of St John's United Church, Windsor St, Halifax has over-whelmingly approved permitting same-sex marriages to be performed in their parish and granted permission to their clergy to do so.



Last month we asked if outdoor sex is a good or a bad thing. We still don't know. Judging by the responses we got, we have come to the realization that we really need to get lessons in question-asking: we should have known that we can't expect a yes or no answer to a choice (would you like peanut-butter and jam or roast beef for your lunch, Yes or No?). We did, however, get ten replies. Six said no, three said yes, and one wasn't sure, which was actually the correct choice in the circumstances. Put another way, it's two to one that outdoor sex is neither a good nor a bad thing — it apparently just *is*, and the existentialists are satisfied. As the weather to date hasn't been particularly amenable to much of any sort of outdoor activity, the question is rather moot.

If anyone wants to try that again, they are more than welcome (and we'd really like to know how everyone feels about outdoor sex) but this month's question is:

Is faith important to you?

(and anyone else covered by that unpronounceable acronym we seem to have given ourselves in an effort to be all-inclusive)?

Vote on the question on the front page of wayves.ca

Moncton Leather News

Leather Nights In Moncton

By Steve Laviolette
The Moncton Leather Chapter is pleased to announce that it will be holding monthly leather nights at Triangles on the last Saturday of each month.

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.

The Leather Nights will allow people to feel more comfortable about leather and enable them to talk or ask questions about leather and/or the leather lifestyle. It also helps people to understand that you don't have to be into BDSM or kink to enjoy the pleasures of leather or the fetish of wearing it.

Since Mr. Leather Moncton began in 2001, three men from Moncton have won Mr. Atlan-

tic Canada Leather. So there are several approachable and friendly leatherfolk in Moncton that you can speak to about leather.

Leather Nights will also help the Women of Moncton that are showing an interest in leather. Triangles owners, Stella & Evie are excited about this outreach to the Women by The MLC and want to encourage them to participate in Leather Nights, since the 1st Annual

MS. Leather Moncton contest will be held in conjunction with Mr. Leather Moncton. This event starts Moncton Pride Week on Sunday, June 12th, 2005. Contestants Needed and Wanted.

On behalf of The Moncton Leather Chapter, consider this a formal invitation to all leatherfolk and those that are new to leather. Come to Triangles in your leather on June 12th and 25th to meet and congratulate the newly sashed "Mr. & Ms. Leather Moncton 2005."

AN M.L.C FUNDRAISER FOR MACL2006

By: Steve Laviolette
The Moncton Leather Chapter (MLC) has launched a fundraiser at Triangles to help finance M.A.C. Leather 2006.

The MLC did a "Pennies for Pride" drive earlier in the year to financially assist Moncton Pride and within a three-week period we were able to raise over five hundred dollars.

MLC thought this would be a good way to have our Moncton Leather Titleholders assist with hosting this year's "MACLeather 7: Survivors" 2006 contest September 30 - October 2, 2005.

We're handing out clean plastic bottles with a Moncton Leather Chapter label for people to put their pennies into, and we will also accept penny

donations in any type of clean plastic bottle.

People can hand in their penny-filled bottles at Triangles or to a member of The Moncton Leather Chapter. For each bottle of pennies turned in, you will be entered into a draw for a complete "Survivors V.I.P. Weekend Pass" to all events for MACL2006.

The MLC would like the help of our friends in other areas of the Maritimes. To donate your pennies, please contact TheMLC@Rogers.com. We can answer any questions and make arrangements to receive your donation. On behalf of The Moncton Leather Chapter we'd like to thank you in advance for your donations and help.



M.L.C. CONTESTANTS WANTED

The Moncton Leather Chapter is getting set for the 5th Annual Mr. Leather Moncton 2005, and for the first time there will also be a MS. Leather Moncton contest held to kick off this year's Pride Week on Sunday, June 12th at Triangles.

"The feedback has been very positive. In fact, two women have already signed up for the contest," says Steve Laviolette, MLC Chairman, "And yes, we want more women and men within Moncton to step up and take the time to have themselves a lot of fun and a good time in support of the community as a whole. I hope this is a sign

of unity happening within the community, with Leatherfolk and a step forward for all those who have been wanting to get involved, but not quite sure on how to go about it."



About Our Cover

Still with volunteering on our minds, we decided to peel back the cover of Wayves a bit to show you what happens underneath! Wayves is completely volunteer-written and built, so if you've ever wanted to get involved, why not drop us a line?

Pictured is tourist destination Peggy's Cove, somewhere you're not very likely to find a huge rainbow flag for Pride Day just yet!

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ISCANS Calendars Launch Party June 16th.

On June 16th, ISCANS is having a party at The Dome, and you are all invited. The occasion? The launch of ISCANS's most ambitious and exciting fundraising project yet - an 18 month calendar set featuring the Leathermen of Atlantic Canada and the second *Devastated, the Divas of Halifax*. Empress V Deva who has been photographer for this project along with Jake Rafuse have been busy organizing the calendar and getting ready for the

big day when they go on sale. ISCANS hopes the community will support this fundraising project because the proceeds go to Reign V's four selected charities: Canadian Breast Cancer Society, Bryony House, ACNS Emergency Fund and Family Pride Camping Association. The calendars will be available for \$20 each. They can be purchased on-line at www.imperialcourtns.com and there will be several locations throughout HRM where they will be avail-

able for sale too.

Where: The Liquor Dome, 1743 Grafton St

When: Thursday June 16th 6-10pm

What: Calendar Launch Party for Leathermen of Atlantic Canada, 'Devastated' The Divas of Halifax Free admission, entertainment, and finger food.

For additional information for this and other upcoming events check out the ISCANS website: www.imperialcourtns.com or phone 902-446-9774.



Dyna Mighel



Sneak preview from Leathermen Of Atlantic Canada and Devastated - Divas of Halifax Calendars.

Susie Goo: Halifax's Latest Drag Musical

By Ryan Auld

When Menial Sins' started discussing doing plays over a year ago, none of them really knew the success they would find with The Laramie Project, nor did they expect that they would be given a shot to do another

major project. This summer, after a quiet winter's rest, Menial Sins' Theater Company will make their return to the stage with a spell binding show: *Suzie Goo: Private Secretary!*

Trying not to fall into the stereotype of doing serious tear-

jerking plays, the company that brought The Laramie Project to Halifax now brings Halifax's first Drag Queen musical to life!

Written by Sky Gilbert, with music composed by John Alcorn, it was first performed in 1991 at Buddies in Bad Times (BIBT) first home at 142 George Street. It would only be two years after this that BIBT would form its permanent home in a partnership with the Alexander Street Theater Project at 12 Alexander Street, in the heart of Toronto's gay village where it still is today. In 2004, under the direction of David Oiyee, BIBT did another showing of the play in the new theater space.

Suzie Goo: Private Secretary is a prime example of Gilbert's work. Set in the kitschy 1960s, the play has a very campy tone, using drag queens as primary characters, it oozes the feel of plastic happiness and the glamour of the stage. The play focuses on a private secretary (Suzie Goo) and her life at Corporeal Can Inc. where she exists amongst the ambience of exaggerated office politics. Amid a smarmy boss (Mr. Bag), a crotchety and eccentric personnel director (Miss Gulch), and other colorful office personalities, Suzie

struggles against typical 1960s sexual stereotypes, as well as the corporate ladder. A struggle that will surely make you laugh as the office breaks out in song and dance! Things come to a climax in the second act of the play as things are taken into the court room (in a fashion almost referential to Classical Greek Tragedies). Dealing with issues of gender and sexuality, Suzie clashes against the female stereotypes of the 1960s.

The play deviates from expectations, although it is a comedy, it does not treat these issues lightly. Rather, Gilbert gives serious thought to these problems in his work, and adds the appropriate plot twists to drive the point home. With a surreal campy atmosphere but real issues Gilbert brings new insight to the issues for all genders and sexualities, a method that is classically his.

Along with Gilbert's theme of social commentary complimented by extravagant antics, Gilbert also shows some of his signature autobiographic icons. These icons appear in Suzie Goo not only in the form of drag queens, but Gilbert's signature use of the court room. Although traditionally, Greek playwrights used the court rooms as a place where the community could come together with their problems and purge themselves of it. For Gilbert, the court room becomes a place where the community comes together to reveal that the conflict is external to the court

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room, and the members of it. This references Gilbert's own court experience, as shortly after he gave birth to his drag persona, Jane, in 1987. As the story goes, a policeman stopped a cab that Jane was taking to a party and searched her for drugs. When the officer was not able to find any drugs, Jane was charged with not wearing her seatbelt, forcing her into a court appearance. This became a media event and when Jane

was before the judge she was released of the charges.

Keeping with Menial Sins' intentions to provide plays that will be both entertaining and educational to both a straight and queer audience, Suzie Goo presents the perfect opportunity. Taking the theme to further heights, Menial Sins' will be adding more of a drag twist to this production than has been seen in the past versions done in Toronto. The company plans to actually turn the musical numbers into drag numbers. Through the cooperation of BIBT as well as John Alcorn, and Sky Gilbert, vocals will be added over the original score to create lip-sync performance of the songs in keeping with Halifax Drag traditions. One can also expect that the Company will stop at nothing to fill these characters with the comedic life and looks which will surely make Suzie Goo: Private Secretary a memorable experience for all.

Audiences will see several familiar faces from the previous production: Ben Dover (who in The Laramie Project will always be remembered for her role as Father Roger Schmit, and Rob DeBree) in the role of Martin Finway, and Adam Rairdon (who got a lot of laughs as the young Jedediah Schultz) as the smarmy Mr. Vincent Bag, head of Corporeal Can Inc. Other members of the last production will be working in different capacities as the director of The Laramie Project, Kat Biondi, is joined by Lee-Anne Poole (who played Romaine Patterson) to share in co-directing. Other cast shall be joining on behind the scenes, and at the play's fundraising event: Halifax's Rainbow Drag Car Wash.

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Rosie O'Donnell cruising into Halifax

By Gilles Marchildon

Former talk-show host Rosie O'Donnell is used to making waves. Now, her cruise ship is going to make them in Halifax harbour on July 12th.

On April 29, there were whitecaps on Nova Scotian media waves when the venerable CBC and The Chronicle Herald, Halifax's paper of record, reported that a gay cruise ship led by O'Donnell will be pulling into the capital city's harbour in July.

The cruise in question is floated by R Family Vacations, a company established by O'Donnell's partner Kelli with Gregg Kaminsky. R Family aims to provide family-oriented vacations for gay and lesbian

travellers, single or coupled, who may wish to bring children along their trips. The company's first trip was out of New York last summer.

This summer's trip is the brainchild of O'Donnell (Kelli) and Kaminsky, who told media that the reason they picked Halifax is because of its gay-friendly reputation.

Nova Scotia was one of the first provinces to truly roll out the welcome mat for same-sex couples, introducing domestic partnerships in 2001, two years before same-sex marriage became a legal reality in Ontario and B.C.

Speaking of equal marriage, Nova Scotia hopped on the bandwagon last September,

becoming the 5th province to recognize and allow it.

The Maritime LGBT community is dynamic. As you know, dear readers, "Wayves" recently celebrated its 10th anniversary.

While limited in numbers, Halifax's LGBT community displays a vibrancy that allows it to credibly claim to be the queer capital of the Maritimes.

When in July, around 3,000 queers sail in on the "Norwegian Dawn" (R Family Vacation's flagship holds 2,200 passengers and 1,300 crew members), this vitality may not immediately be apparent. After all, they're only spending a brief time docked in Halifax and part of this will be to allow a visit to the pictur-

esque Peggy's Cove.

Still, the visit will have a beneficial economic impact. Apparently, those who work in the travel industry have been eyeing the LGBT market for some time as a lucrative prospective clientele. Move over, Cape Cod and Provincetown!

Just as importantly, though, are the media coverage and resulting greater public awareness. LGBT communities like the one in Halifax can always use a boost like visits by well-known personalities. As the old saying goes, there's no such thing as bad publicity.

The arrival of Rosie O'Donnell and family, not to mention entertainers on board like singer Cyndi Lauper and



comedian Judy Gold, will make quite a splash.

Other celebrities include Sharon Gless (Queer as Folk; Cagney and Lacey), former football player Esera Tuaolo and Art Smith (Oprah Winfrey's personal chef).

Hopefully, the cruise ship's waves won't wash away the fact that the local community is something the city can already celebrate with equal enthusiasm. Many other urban centres boast about their thriving LGBT communities. Halifax should be no exception.

Queer Health Matters

Get Your Yearly PAP Smear - Boys Included!

By Dawn Archambault

Edited by Dr. Keith Loukes
Pap smears for men? Surprised? I was, too, but doctors and researchers recommend that men undergo regular anal Pap smears to screen for cell changes that could lead to anal cancer. Although anal cancer is rare in the general population, the risk for men with a history of anal intercourse can be more than 30 times as great, according to studies by the University of California at San Francisco, Stanford, and the Harvard School of



Public Health. Those studies also showed that that gay men, trans-men, men who have sex with men or bisexual men with HIV are at even more significant risk. An anal Pap smear, which involves taking a swab of cell tissue from the anus, is similar to the Pap tests that women receive to screen for pre-cancerous cells in the cervix. Cervical and anal cancers can be fatal if they are not caught early enough. The cancers — as well as cell abnormalities called dysplasia, which can progress to cancer — are linked to infection with the human papillomavirus, or HPV. HPV is the virus that causes warts on all parts of the body; certain types of the virus cause certain types of warts. For instance, some types of the virus cause the warts that appear on the genital area. A 1998 study published in the Journal of Infectious Diseases showed that 61 percent of HIV-negative gay men in San Francisco, and 93 percent of HIV-positive gay men, were infected with some form of HPV. A lot of women are putting themselves

at risk for cervical cancer by not getting a PAP smear regularly. Some women don't know they're at risk. Even if you've only had sex with women, or it's been a long time since you had sex with men, you may still have been exposed to HPV. The virus lives and reproduces in the cells where the person was exposed. When the virus attacks cells in your cervix, it can lead to abnormality in the cells. If they're not found and treated, abnormal cells can spread and lead to cancer. Our community tends to avoid treatment because health services in general are not inclusive to the LGBTTIQQ community (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, intersex, queer and

questioning). One of the most oppressed groups in our community is the trans community. It has such unique health issues. It is virtually impossible to find a health care provider who is knowledgeable about trans issues. Not having adequate health care for the trans community put this community at even higher risk. Anal and cervical cancers are avoidable; with regular PAP smears you can catch any abnormalities before they get worse.

Dawn Archambault is a Queer activist, writer and diversity consultant. Dawn is the coordinator of the Halifax Rainbow Health Project and can be reached at hrhproject@nsrap.ca. For more information regarding the HRH Project please visit www.nsrp.ca

Atlantic News

Atlantic Fringe Festival

The Annual Atlantic Fringe Festival's job is to challenge, surprise, outrage, and disgust Halifax with performance art that is avant-garde and queer in any sense of the word.

The Fringe Festival is held in early September. In 2005 it'll be September 1st - 11th.

Anyone interested in putting on a show may request an application. Write to: The Atlantic Fringe Festival, 11 Fourth St., Dartmouth, B2X 1Y1, phone 435-4837

Performers, download your application form here: the deadline for submissions is July 8, 2005

Truro Art Auction

This is your invitation to attend the 4th Annual Art Auction supporting the Northern AIDS Connection Society. It will be held at the Glengarry Hotel in Truro on June 6, 2005. This event is designed to raise much needed funds and public awareness for our organization. We would like to express our gratitude to all who participated last year. Please do join us and truly make this years fund raiser an evening to remember.

Door open for viewing at 6:00 pm with the bidding commencing at 7:00 pm. There will be a cash bar. Looking forward to seeing you.

For information contact Al McNutt at 895-0931 or Sharon Farrell at 893-9534.

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Dear Tom

The first thing to consider when attending the Fetish Ball is: What to wear? "Going to the ball" sounds like Cinderella but I wasn't expecting tuxedos and glass slippers

I do have the teensiest interest in bondage but the B/D aficionados I've met always talk about how wonderfully "intense" the experience is, whereas I want to kind of dip my toe in the water. What do I do? Tie up one wrist?

Attach a leash to my zipper and carry the handle in my mouth like The Littlest Homo?

Rubber is too hot; I don't have the ass for leather chaps - although events would prove that this was not a deterrent for most ball goers! I do have a thing for underwear and locker rooms. There is something exciting about that macho domain ripe with its smells of sweat and testosterone, overlaying the aroma of anxiety that pervades any close quarters where males confront each other's naked frailty. But, somehow I just couldn't picture me wearing a nothing but a jockstrap and a gym teacher's whistle.

I finally decided, with the Dolce and Gabbana Boy's help, to go with basic black and a few accessories. He suggested a butt plug and ball stretcher but I opted for a phallic monkey pendant and a couple of carefully selected rips in the jeans. I was ready!

I sailed into the colourful maelstrom of fetishism and immediately felt at home. There was an air of freedom - and leather cleaner and latex - as I made my way past the inflatable doll in the stocks and found my buddy, Focks browsing through the sex toys display. We embraced and then set about discussing gardening! - like two old aunties while all around us was a gyrating kaleidoscope of leather and denim and PVC. We found a table, between the Tightrope display and the movie screen showing a series of out of focus and rapidly shifting images. (Someone's erotic stimulus must be eyestrain) While discussing geraniums vs. pansies, Focks and I soaked up the atmosphere. We decided a woman with a top made of grey duct tape must have a McGyver fetish. Near us a man was giving a demonstration of knot tying - his Cub Scout master must be so proud! while his assistant cracked a whip into his hand for emphasis. There were the expected masters and slaves, a boot polisher, someone dressed in a World War I uniform, complete with gas mask (and the bar is smoke free) and lots of people wearing very little but a jock and a harness. Letting it all hang out, although mostly this was bellies and tits rather than genitals.

I was just wondering what the polka dot handkerchief in the back pocket of a lesbian's jeans might signify, when a procession of four men entered carrying a buxom drag queen tied to a wooden cross. (Mel Gibson would not have approved) Her attire was testimony to the strength of PVC judging by the amount of flesh which had been squeezed into the sausage casing of her dress. (In general, the bulges one saw that night were more likely to be excess adipose tissue rather than tumescent naughty bits, which I found liberating and sad at the same time.)

Released from her bondage, Ms. Shiny Black Dress grabbed a microphone and began emceeing the talent show. This included Mickey Mouse, encased entirely in leather from the top of his head to the tip of his firmly laced up willy. He did a bondage/dance act with two Minnie's, similarly clad. There was dancing spandex and glitter along with the more restrained leather and denim. A man in a very brief loincloth (not a Tarzan look-a-like) was chatting to a woman in a trench coat beside me, while my eyes followed an attractive young man with Eurasian features, conservatively dressed in jeans and torn tee shirt.

As I left the ball sometime later, my mind pondered what fetishes our current crop of politicians might incline towards. I pictured Paul Martin bound to a Saint Andrew's cross while Stephen Harper - in leather, to support the beef industry - teased and tortured him. (My imagination supplied a ball gag for Harper's mouth!) Jack Layton in workmen's clothes would be the aggressive bottom who holds power by appearing to submit. Meanwhile, our own Scott Brison would be looking sexy in leather chaps, bending over and practicing his role of whipping boy.

Love ya! Crawford

I Am Joe's ...

by Randall Perry

(Excerpted from the forthcoming book, I Was A Teenage ABBA Junkie!)

Whoever said that the only two certainties in life are death and taxes was off by one. Of course, the third certainty of life is sex. Having it, not having it, thinking about it, trying not to think about it, trying to stop others from having it or thinking about it; the fabric of life is shot through with sex and it's irrevocably dyed in the weave.

Ours is a culture both obsessed with and repulsed by sex. Scan any grocery checkout magazine stand and the headlines will run the gamut from the likes of "Six Great Sex Tips to Use on Him (They Really Work)" to "My Grandmother is an Alien Transsexual and I'm Having Her Baby!" - I'll leave it up to you to figure out which one is repulsive.

I first became aware of sex, as most people do, at a very early age. From childhood through my teenage years, sex was always present in some form or other in my developing mind as a kind of background noise.

It could have been that I thought about my own body and the bodies of other boys and men because I was raised in a religious household where such things were either not spoken of outright or alluded to with euphemisms like "your little thing" or "the stuff down there." My body was officially off-limits for my own exploration, as well, lest I and my wandering hands helped stoke the roaring fires of Hell.

years old I learned about the mechanics of sex from a Reader's Digest medical handbook I found in a neighbour's bookcase while my mother and I were visiting. Scratch that, I learned about *some* of the mechanics of sex from this lumbering hardcover volume, since the only positions covered were missionary (the "normal" position as advised by the text), doggy-style (called "kneeling") and "lying side-by-side." These latter two positions were described as "best used during pregnancy." That was it. Looking back a quarter century later it seems surprisingly graphic for being Reader's Digest, as it used the terms penis, vagina and ejaculate liberally. This was not, however, a book for people who would have read the likes of Alfred Kinsey and Shere Hite, or even Dr. Ruth or Sue Johansen. There was no discussion of, or even a hint about, oral or anal sex, nothing about masturbation - not even to say that it was wrong! - and certainly nothing good on the topic of homosexuality. I remember the words "intrinsic disorder" from

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the clinical description.

A few years later I read The Hite Report on Male Sexuality, by Shere Hite - it would still be a few more years before I would read Kinsey while in university

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Same-sex Marriage Interfaith Celebration

by Tim Farler

On Sunday, April 10, 2005 at the Brunswick Street United Church at 2 p.m., an interfaith gathering was held to celebrate love, commitment and equality through the inclusion of same-sex marriage. It was truly an interfaith celebration that brought together faith tradi-

tions and communities.

How did this celebration come about? On February 8, 2005 a group of faithful people gathered to discuss the issue of equal marriage for gays and lesbians. The meeting was organized out of a desire to put into motion people of faith who support same-sex marriage who

wanted to become vocal on the issue from a faith perspective, since much of the media portray people of faith as opposed to same-sex marriage.

From the February 8 meeting three goals were set:

1. To establish an affirming statement that various faith communities would endorse.
2. To mobilize the silent majority.
3. To hold an interfaith celebration to show solidarity from a spectrum of beliefs.

On Tuesday March 1, a steering committee that was formed from the February meeting met to work on the directives. The steering committee discovered as many different reasons to support same-sex marriage as there were different faiths. They realised that they needed to become educated, and decided to ask the question, "From a faith perspective, why do you support same-sex marriage?"

Answers came in from across the faith spectrum and from coast to coast. On March 17, the steering committee was informed of a national celebration to be held in Toronto and Vancouver. The Halifax group was asked to participate.

On April 10, 2005, there were celebrations in Halifax, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver — all starting at 2 pm local times. Ottawa and Edmonton followed with celebrations later in the week. The weekend celebrations were wrapped up with a press conference from Toronto on Monday April 11, at which a statement of support for same-sex marriage signed by various faith organizations was

presented.

Among those at the Halifax celebration were representatives from Safe Harbour MCC, Brunswick Street United Church, a Mi'kmaq Elder from Indian Brook, President Elect of the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, The Passage Pagans, Mi'kmaq First Nations, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), The Ragging Grannies, Minister of the Universalist Unitarian Church, a member of the Beechville African United Baptist Church, AFFIRM United-member of St. John's United Church, a representative from the Jewish Faith, the founder of PFLAG

Waves and Water Sangha, Unified Buddhist Church, Halifax Regional Police and a letter of best wishes from Geoff Regan, MP Halifax West.

The highlight for me was when the Lesbian couple joined their individual tapers to light their unity candle. The Gay couple did the same. Two lives burning as one. This was followed by a Heterosexual couple who lit the smaller rainbow-colored middle candle, which burned brighter than the other two: the symbolic support of the traditional marriage embracing the same-sex couples.

The gathering was a great success. The media coverage was wonderful. It is a tremendous feeling to know that as Gay and Lesbian people we are not alone. We need more gatherings like this to see that as people of faith we are all truly different, but are loved just the same.

For those who could not attend the celebration or who would like to relive the event, see the slide show on www.safeharbourmcc.com

To see pictures of the events across Canada go to cuc.smug-mug.com

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Maritimes — retired Professor of Religious Studies at Mount Allison University, Anglican Minister, Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, Alexa McDonough MP for Halifax,

Safe Harbour Logo Competition

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church is seeking new logo for its advertising promotions during Pride. To that end it is launching, throughout the province, a competition for the creation of a logo that will be featured during Pride celebrations in HRM and throughout the coming year. A \$100 prize will be awarded for the best design. The competition will close at 11:59 p.m. Atlantic Standard Time on June 15, 2005.

The logo is intended for display on all media used by the church to communicate information about itself for the next year or so. It should represent the church and its special ministry to the 'rainbow community' and emphasize PRIDE. It should be clear and simple but, to the extent possible, rich with meaning. The design must work in color as well as black and white. It must scale well and maintain visual interest in a variety of contexts, from use in a 1 x 1/2 inch space to, potentially poster size; from the web to letterhead.

Please submit via email to:

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Valley Marriage Protest

By Heather Nicholson

This morning, I awaken with a profound sense of gratitude and ease. The last couple of mornings have felt tense and anticipatory. Meetings with parish priests, ministers and like-minded thinkers have had my brain on full speed since Monday morning when I received a knock on my door.

Carl is a straight, practising Catholic who loves my partner and me all the time. He delivered a flyer that came to him (from where he couldn't say) and I was incensed, yet honoured that my friend came to me with concern. He knows me well enough to judge my response.

The week is a bit of a blur. We have a telephone tree at church (Holy Trinity Anglican in Middleton) that we set up in case our MP, Robert Thibault, was picketed by the religious right again as he had been following another vote in time

past. As word filtered in that this rally was a true event, I felt a surge come over me that I hadn't felt since I became a resident of Canada.

I am an immigrant to this great country, from our neighbour to the south. I have participated in this type of event on the other side of the border. My partner and I have been together since she swept me off my feet in 1996. We tried to have her immigrate to the US, but there is no family clause for our relationship under US federal immigration law. We decided to move to Canada, and using the Humanitarian Clause, a loophole basically, in Canadian immigration law, she was able to sponsor me into Canada and we can live together legally in the same country. To conform to this clause, we had to submit photos, love letters from an eight-month separation imposed by the INS (US), letters of reference from family and friends and our personal saga from both points of view in lieu of a marriage licence.

Domestic partnership in Nova Scotia is only for those who are residents of the province, and until I was accepted by Immigration Canada, I was a resident of Florida. The provincial DP certificate is all well and good, as long as you are Canadian or



a resident. It does no good for a bi-national couple. This is why we need federal legislation regarding marriage. Had we been legally married in this country, we would not have been subjected to the humiliating process of rationalizing our existence to the immigration man. (I'm being a little facetious here—the CIC man was a prince). Our paperwork is sitting in a file in Ottawa and will be for the next six years! They tell me they'll burn it then, we have to trust them. So, I have a personal stake in Bill C-38.

Wednesday the social justice committee of Holy Trinity had a telephone conference and we decided that since this was basically a church issue, that we wouldn't go too public here in the Valley, we wouldn't want to spook the evangelists. Then Thursday, the advertisements hit the papers and all bets were off. Our little church office responded to the call, made up a pile of flyers and we began papering the Valley. We

started in Wolfville and went west, visiting as many United and Anglican parish offices as we could, stopping at as many bulletin boards as we thought of, in any gay-friendly venue we could. By Friday, we were

loaded for bear.

We made posters, wore flags and boas, sang songs. "This little light of mine" has a whole new meaning for us now.

I received an e-mail from my friend Lisa, who stayed 'til the bitter end when the faithful emerged from their lair. She told of the banal and condescending comments from the participants exiting the arena and the sweet words of thanks from our contingent. Four officers of the law were called in for the closing. One female rallier was asked to stop touching a protester—we guess she thought she could "heal" the protester. No conflicts were reported, a peaceful rally response was our goal and we succeeded, and we looked so good!



Photos By A.J. Higgins

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— and in 1983 such a book appearing on the shelves in my home village would have caused a great stir. I was working after school as a grocery packer when I found the book in a carton of new titles to be placed on the racks. Immediately I moved it to a secure corner of the stockroom and over the next two months I read it cover to cover, especially the chapter in which men described their sexual relationships with other men. Eventually the spine was broken open to this chapter and when stock-taking day came around, I stole the book and

promptly quit my job.

I consider The Hite Report on Male Sexuality to be a pivotal resource in my development as a sexual being. I grew up in a small village in Prince Edward Island where the church had final say on matters of morality and sex. There was no education on sexuality in school and there was no way I was going to approach my parents for information. I can imagine what my mother's reaction would have been had I asked her about blowjob techniques because I wanted to ask out one of the guys in my senior high class.

When I did manage to come out to my folks — my mother in August 1988 and my father a few months later — it was after having spent a summer fucking and sucking my way through Toronto. The coming out wasn't pretty. I had managed to un-learn all the myths I had picked up about gays and lesbians in the space of five months but came back in a state of high piss-off. Coming out in anger is definitely not recommended. A close friend told me that when he came out to his mother, he gave her a gay porn video to watch. Definitely a sex-posit-

ive family there: my mother would probably spontaneously combust if she came within fifty feet of a gay porn video!

My mother and I really do have a good relationship, but we differ when it comes to attitudes about sex. One summer when I was home from university she walked in the door with a disgusted look on her face, having come back from the beach. "There was a couple doing it in the back of a truck," she snorted.

"Scandalous," I called over my shoulder, high-tailing it toward the beach. I don't think

she knows about the four-bikers-and-me orgy one summer barely a half mile from the house.

I consider myself lucky. Having grown up in a sexually-repressed small-town environment without the benefit of a good library or the Internet, I could have ended up with all kinds of hang-ups about sex. Instead, I'm fortunate to possess a healthy attitude toward sexuality, both mine and that of others. What remains now is to take on the world and pass along what I've learned.

CUPE Discusses Equal Marriage

By Peter Steele

For three days, commencing April 25, 2005, CUPE Nova Scotia hosted their annual provincial convention in Sydney. On the first day of the convention, I had the honour and privilege to represent Cape Breton Pride, and take part in a three-member panel discussion on Equal Marriage. CUPE has been at the forefront of human rights issues in Canada, and this was an excellent opportunity to present the gay and lesbian side of an issue that has yielded much debate across the country. With many national union representatives in attendance, including National President Paul Moist, and National Secretary-Treasurer Claude Genereux, this was an opportune moment to give a perspective of a community that enjoys a substantial amount of regional acceptance. Joining me in this discussion was Joe Courtney, Senior Officer of the Pink Triangle Committee of CUPE National, and Celine Poitras, Co-Chair of the National Pink Triangle Committee, and representative for New Brunswick. The entire discussion was received very positively, and many in attendance admitted they had learned much about the issue, and were more sympathetic of the gay and lesbian side of the issue.

The passing of Bill C-38 is a major concern to the gay and lesbian community of Cape Breton Island, and like elsewhere throughout Canada, a hot topic for Cape Bretoners in general.

Cape Breton Island is represented federally by two representatives in Parliament, Mark Eyking for Sydney-Victoria, and Roger Cuzner for Cape Breton-Canso. Originally, MP Mark Eyking planned to vote against Bill C-38, but has since

realized this is an issue of basic human rights for all Canadians, and he has changed his mind. Mr. Eyking will vote "yes" to support this Bill. Presently, Roger Cuzner plans to vote "no," a vote he plans to cast because he feels it is the will of his constituents. For the island's gay and lesbian community, the issue of equal marriage is a human rights issue.

Although not a huge "out" community, the gay and lesbian community of Cape Breton is like any other small tight-knit community. We are teachers, doctors and nurses, lawyers and politicians. We work in all areas of the workforce, and contribute to the economy in spending and in taxes. We are all members of a family unit, whether a brother or a sister, and in some cases, a mother and a father. Upwards to 150 "out" members meet somewhat regularly

committed couples do not share these same benefits

through organized social events, and everyone knows just about everyone else. Many members of our community are in long term committed relationships, including myself. Some of these members have taken advantage of the limited access to marriage through the Metropolitan Community Church; however, these marriages have not all been legally recognized. There are community members in committed relationships that are raising children, many of whom who wish to formalize their relationship in the same legalized manner enjoyed by members of our heterosexual community. As of now, these committed couples do not share these same benefits, nor the safety nets legalized heterosexual married couples enjoy, putting their relationships and

their children at risk.

We believe that for most Cape Bretoners, equal marriage is a right they support, or that it is a non-issue. We believe opponents to Bill C-38 are a minority on the island.

Cape Breton Pride is not a political organization, and our vision is to promote the well-being and unity of our gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender community. However, as part of our mandate, we support the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP) and Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere (EGALE), both of which have been active in the courts to assure this basic right for all Canadians. As part of our overall support of the island's gay and lesbian community, Cape Breton Pride has taken an active role in the equal marriage debate.

Members of the board of Cape Breton Pride will sit with MP Roger Cuzner to present our case, and to do our best to educate and convince

Mr. Cuzner to vote "yes" on Bill C-38. Following that meeting, Cape Breton Pride will be submitting letters to the Editors of the Cape Breton Post, and the provincial Chronicle Herald.

Cape Breton Pride is committed to continue our fight for full equal rights for all gay and lesbian Canadians. It is time for our federal representatives to speak for all Canadians; a responsibility, which includes educating their constituents on what, is right, and when it's time to step forward. It is time for all members to join our Prime Minister and uphold the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It is time for all Members of Parliament to pass into law marriage for everyone!

Fetish Ball 2005 Round-up

On Saturday, April 23, kinky folk of every stripe and fabric - including lash and latex - descended on Club NRG in Halifax for the second annual Fetish Ball. A presentation of the Mr. Atlantic Canada Leather Society, the event drew a crowd of nearly four hundred, made up mostly of fetishists of all gender and sexual orientation, peppered with the curious and the shell-shocked. It was one of those rare nights where the dressed-down and ordinary were outflanked by the outrageous and flamboyant.

The ladies from Halfway Creations were on-hand with a great selection of their custom-made gear, and Wayves and Tightrope were also present with representatives. The bar was flanked by large projection screens showing still and moving images of fetishists at play, provided by the Dead Buttler's Society. A mix of techno and underground music provided a growling undertone which perfectly accentuated the dark, yet playful atmosphere.

Precisely at midnight, Boom Boom Lubalicious, Empress IV of ISCANS, was carried in on a St. Andrew's Cross by loyal servants. Entertainment was provided by a number of talented and daring entertainers. The first number, little ditty entitled "Gimpy Da Maus," was performed by The Sex KGB, consisting of Ryan, Lorrie and Renee. (For those who may have missed this little piece of performance art, think of what a certain famous mouse might do if his mind strayed beyond the pure and there were two sexually-charged beauties in his midst.) Also on-stage were the talented The Divine Miss C.; Megean, Shane and Andrew performed a number as a group; Casey Publicover/Ben

Dover worked the crowd into a frenzy; and Andrew and Shane returned and joined Annie Valentina for a final number.

A film crew from the paranormal documentary series "Shadow Hunters" was present to capture some of the event's ambience on video for an upcoming episode. Their presence brought out some of the more exhibitionistic tendencies in members of the crowd, especially that of MAC Leather 2002 Steve Laviolette who, in his leather harness and jock, took to writhing in ecstasy chained to the cross. Watch for Steve and his ecstasy this fall when the episode is scheduled to air on Space.

Many thanks to the management and staff of Club NRG for providing an expansive and welcoming atmosphere for this event. Kudos, especially, to Ryan Auld and David Cossens, the masterminds behind the event, for their excellent planning and execution of this popular annual outing. All the planning and management would have been for naught had nobody showed up, however, so many thank-yous are extended to the literally hundreds of fetish folk who came from near and far. This year's Fetish Ball was a spectacular success and the community is looking forward to what the organizers have in store for next year.



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I can't seem to let go of the crustacean theme for whatever reason. Anyway, you will still end up with a delicious appetizer that is great for a summer party in the back yard, or to take on your next picnic, or trip to the beach. My recipe calls for a deep fryer; however, they are just as good pan fired like mom use to make. Another nice thing about this recipe is that it's just as good with lobster or shrimp. Try them using your favorite crustacean or make a combination of all three. O.K. I have myself talked into making a batch tonight. Off to the fishmonger I go...see you there.

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Questions, concerns, or comments? Contact me, chefdarren@eastlink.ca

Crusty Crab Cakes

(recipe serves 6 appetizer size or 18 hors d'oeuvres bite-size cakes)

For the cakes

2 tbsp butter
1/2 cup small dice of red onion
1/2 cup small dice of celery
1/2 cup small dice of red pepper
1/4 cup chopped chives or scallions
1 lb crab, lobster, or shrimp meat

1 cup fresh breadcrumbs
2 egg yolks
1/2 tsp hot pepper sauce
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 salt
1 tsp ground black pepper

For the crust

3 eggs
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 cup flour
1 cup dehydrated potato flakes

Method

1. Melt butter in skillet over med heat; cook red onions, celery, and red peppers until lightly browned.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the crab, crumbs, onions, celery, peppers, egg yolks, chives, hot pepper and Worcestershire sauces. Form into patties of desired size and chill in refrigerator for at least 2 hours or overnight.
3. Mix 3 eggs and buttermilk with a whisk. Set up a breading station of 3 bowls left to right, first flour, then egg mixture, then potatoes flakes. First dip the cakes in flour, shake off excess; dip in egg mixture, then coat in potato flakes.
4. Deep fry at 350 F until golden brown.

Serving suggestions

I like to serve these cakes with my own Dijon cream. Combine 1/2 cup sour cream, 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 1 tbsp Dijon mustard, 1 tbsp prepared horseradish, 1 clove minced garlic, 1/4 cup chopped chives, 1 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp fresh cracked pepper. Refrigerate overnight for best flavour.



Review

Sugar

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review by Ralph Higgins

Sugar is really the re-telling of a fairy tale. The handsome young hero Cliff (Andre Noble) receives from his fairy godmother (or, in this case his precocious little sister), gifts of vodka, a joint, a subway token and instructions to go get laid and get over his tragic eighteen-year-old moodiness. Taking the magic gifts, Cliff enters into the fabulous lands of downtown Toronto where he meets (surprise! surprise!) drug dealers, prostitutes and a hustler called Butch (Brendan Fehr), who is a combination of handsome prince and evil sorcerer.

As in all fairy tales, one expects the ending of the tale to be less than sweet. Our experience tells us this. But, Cliff, our naïve hero does not know it. He delights in Butch, loves his aggressive sexiness, his cool aloofness and petty angers. It will take a brutal act of betrayal by Butch to crush Cliff's dream. Believing in fairy tales comes as easily to children as cynicism does to adults. We, the viewers, lust after Butch too, but we fall in love a little with Cliff.

The film, based on the JD stories by Canadian author and film maker Bruce LaBruce, has been a huge hit at the international film festivals and deservedly so. Andre Noble (the Newfoundland actor who

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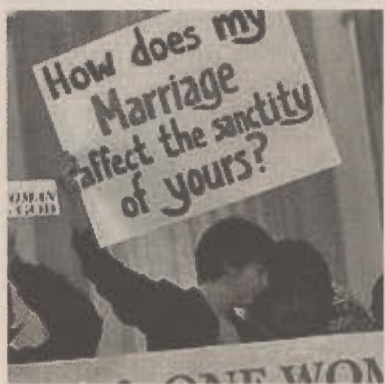
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Dateline Ottawa The Realities of Unsafe Sex



By Cameron MacLeod
It looks like Canada's minority government is about to fall – in fact, it may have already by the time you read this. If that's the case, Bill C-38 will "die on the order paper," as they say. This means it will have to be re-introduced by a new government someday. Needless to say, this is unlikely under a Conservative Party government.

Were the government to survive to vote on Bill C-38, it appears that the bill would pass. On April 12, a Conservative amendment trying to kill the bill failed, 164 votes to 132.

This reflects the likely spread of votes for the final reading of the bill.

Should the government fall, and an election be called, you may wish to consider your vote based on the candidate's support of equal marriage; below you can find your MP, and their likely vote: please contact them and tell them what you think!

Your best bet is a letter, then a phone call, with email being least effective – MPs are apparently drowning in form-letter emails on this issue already.

Phone numbers and email addresses for every MP can be found here: www.parl.gc.ca/common/index.asp. You can send a letter to your MP for free! Just send it to: (MP Name), House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

The Liberal Cabinet has six members in Atlantic Canada, and all six are voting for equal rights, some simply to keep their job: Prime Minister Paul Martin has instructed the Cabinet to support the bill.

YES: Claudette Bradshaw, Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe, NB; Scott Brison, Kings-Hants, NS; John [redacted], Avalon, NL; Joe McGuire, Egmont, PE; Geoff Regan, Halifax West, NS; Andy Scott, Fredericton, NB.

The rest of the Liberal Party Caucus, or "backbench," has fifteen members in Atlantic Canada. Seven will vote for equality, eight against.

NO Gerry Byrne, Humber-St. Barbe-Baie Verte, NL; Rodger Cuzner, Cape Breton-Canso, NS Charles Hubbard, Miram-

ichi, NB; Lawrence MacAuley, Cardigan, PE; Bill Matthews, Random-Burin-St. George's, NL; Andy Savoy, Tobique-Mactaquac, NB; Scott Simms, Bonavista-Gander-Grand Falls-Windsor, NL; Paul Zed, Saint John, NB

YES: Jean-Claude D'Amours, Madawaska-Restigouche, NB; Wayne Easter, Malpeque, PE; Mark Eyking, Sydney-Victoria, NS; Dominic LeBlanc, Beauséjour, NB; Shawn Murphy, Charlottetown, PE; Michael Savage, Dartmouth-Cole Harbour, NS; Robert Thibault, West Nova, NS.

The Conservative Party Caucus has seven members in Atlantic Canada, with only one voting in favour of equal rights.

NO: Bill Casey, Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, NS; Norman Doyle, St. John's East, NL; Loyola Hearn, St. John's South-Mount Pearl, NL; Peter MacKay, Central Nova, NS; Rob Moore, Fundy Royal, NB; Greg Thompson, New Brunswick

Southwest, NB
YES: Gerald Keddy, South Shore-St. Margaret's, NS;

The Bloc Quebecois Caucus has no Members of Parliament in Atlantic Canada, though over 85% of their members are in favour of equal marriage.

The New Democratic Party Caucus has three members in Atlantic Canada, and all three will be voting yes.

YES: Yvon Godin, Acadie-Bathurst, NB

Alexa McDonough, Halifax, NS; Peter Stoffer, Sackville-Eastern Shore, NS

There is one vacant seat, Labrador, which was formerly held by deceased Liberal Lawrence O'Brien.

The Senate is a different story. First, voting intentions are mostly unknown, with only 25 of 98 Senators having made their voting intentions clear: 13 in favour of equality, 12 against. Additionally, the Senate is considered unlikely to vote down a bill approved by the House of Commons, though it has happened before, most recently in 1989 on an abortion-related bill.

So in summary: even if the government survives, MPs need to hear your opinion on Bill C-38, even the ones voting yes – they need your support! Since the government appears likely to fall before the bill comes to a final vote sometime this summer, your opinion is even more important! Make sure that the next government knows your opinion.

By Terry Richard
"I got night sweats and developed a fever shortly after I allowed a guy to bareback me while I was on meth. I soon discovered I was HIV positive." This statement comes from a New York gay man interviewed for The Advocate. Unsafe sex between men has become an issue that many of us in the gay community do not want to admit exists, because we're the ones who started the trend of using condoms in the early eighties and we're the ones who spread the word that safe sex was the only way to go. What is interesting is that many of us are doing exactly the opposite of what we were preaching. The reasons why unsafe sex, also known as barebacking, has reached epidemic proportions, are as alarming, as are its sometimes fatal result.

"Speed Kills"
Crystal Methamphetamine, also known as "speed," "crystal," or "meth," has been around since the 1970's, but only in recent years has it been the "drug of choice" among gay and bisexual men. Meth is extremely popular at circuit parties, bathhouses, and gay bars; it seems to have overtaken the gay community and shaken it to its knees. The drug has been partially blamed for the rise of HIV and STD

infections among gay men and it shows no signs of slowing down. As with most drugs, people use it to feel better about themselves. Some homosexuals often feel unimportant and hopeless because of their sexual orientation, and ultimately turn to drugs to feel better. Crystal meth gives one a feeling of invincibility and power. The fact the drug keeps a person stoned for a long time is one of the reasons it is so popular. Another reason for its unfortunate popularity is its relative low price in comparison to most other street drugs.

What guys don't seem to know is how self-destructive and deadly meth is. Research has shown that gay men using crystal meth are four times more likely to be infected with HIV than gay non-users. The news is no better for STDs: syphilis rates are 4.9 times higher among meth users than non-users. Guys who are "bottoms" seem to be more at risk than other men. When doing meth, one develops what's known as "crystal dick," a condition in which a guy cannot obtain an erection for hours at a time. This sometimes results in his becoming a "bottom" out of necessity, and because the meth has made him lose his inhibitions he's more prone to engage in unsafe sexual activity.

A Complex Problem
Drug use is not the only reason men have developed a "condom vacation" attitude toward sex. Many believe that AIDS is no longer a threat to them, and believe that even if they do get infected, they can always take the AIDS cocktail drugs. The reality is that these "cocktails" don't work for everyone. They are powerful drugs that can have many side effects like lipodystrophy, in which the body unevenly distributes its fat cells and causes distended stomachs and hump backs. Those taking anti-retroviral medications have also reported high blood pressure. These facts are disturbing, but one cannot be oblivious to what's out there. It's a matter of life and death, and education is the key.

Know The Facts
Prevention programs are being initiated in many big cities like Los Angeles and Toronto. It's not uncommon for counselors to be at circuit parties and bathhouses teaching the importance of safer sex. It is our hope that having posters up on walls at gay bars and other establishments depicting condoms as "cool" will lead more gay men to practice safer

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EVENTS AT NRG

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Sports Briefs

Everyone is welcome to contribute brief articles on upcoming gay and lesbian sporting events, experiences as a gay/lesbian athlete, or any other sports-related activity. Send your contributions to any Wayves magazine address. The sports news was compiled by Mark Mutrie.

Tennis and Golf

At the end of March, Martina Navratilova agreed to endorse Olivia, a travel company for lesbians, hoping that her agreement would further the acceptance of gays and lesbians. During the announcement, Navratilova stated, "Anytime you raise awareness, you're helping the issue. People are uncomfortable with what they don't know. Once you put a face on it and make it personal, it changes things."

Many athletes are reluctant to discuss their sexual orientation for fear of losing endorsements. When asked how much money she may have lost in endorsements since her homosexuality was reported in a newspaper article in 1981, Navratilova stated matter of factly, "Who cares? It's millions of dollars, but so what?" Some day an athletes sexual orientation won't even enter the picture.

Navratilova joins golfer Rosie Jones who, last year, announced that she was lesbian and that she had agreed to endorse the Olivia travel organization.

Recognizing Women

In recent years, the International Olympic Committee, Women's Golf Australia and Great Brit-

ain's Ladies Golf Union have changed their rules to allow transgendered athletes to compete. In March, the US Golf Association announced that it too has adopted a policy that will allow transgendered athletes to play in USGA events.

Sensation Bien Agréable

Halifax FrontRunners Running/Walking Club est un club pour les gais et les lesbiennes qui aiment marcher ou courir. Tout le monde sera accueilli chaleureusement par d'autres du même esprit à l'entrée principale du Public Gardens. Les marcheurs et marcheuses commencent à 9h00 le samedi matin et les coureurs et coureuses commencent à 9h30. À la fin de la course les membres s'amuse avec la conversation à un café. Téléphonez Bruce à 902-422-7579 ou Jim à 902-826-7356 pour des renseignements. Peu d'activités vous donne la sensation de l'euphorie que vous pouvez trouver à la course.

Utrecht 2005

The lively gay and lesbian community of Utrecht, the Netherlands, have plans to make June 16 to 19 an unforgettable mid-summer weekend for the athletes, volunteers and spectators attending the 10th European Gay and Lesbian Multi-Sports Championships. Athletes and guests from the Netherlands Antilles (Dutch Antilles) and Aruba have also been invited to the jubilee games which will, undoubtedly, add a bit of Caribbean energy to the event.

Building Bridges

Fifty sports leaders representing gay and lesbian athletes from around the world met face to face in London in mid-February to discuss issues affecting

LGBT athletes around the world. One important outcome of the "Building Bridges for the Future of International Sport" Conference was the agreement amongst the co-presidents of the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) and the Gay and Lesbian International Sports Association (GLISA) to begin on-going communication starting within 60 days of the conference. Each organization and the sports groups that support them have differing views on how to best pursue the goal of supporting and encouraging gay and lesbian athletes around the world. The differences have led to two international sporting events - the Gay Games and the Outgames - being held in 2006 and rifts in some sporting communities.

Come out and play

Denmark is hosting this year's International Gay and Lesbian Football Association World Championship from July 31 to August 7. Twenty-nine (or more) teams from around the world will battle for top spot. Copenhagen 2005 organizers

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sex. When you're going to have sex, know the facts. Whether it's meeting a partner at a bath or a gay bar, have sex sober and clean; don't let drugs or alcohol influence your judgment. Also, if you do engage in unsafe sex, know that your life and the life of your partner could change forever and for the worse. Is it really worth your life? We have a choice- COCKTAIL or CONDOM.

Terry Richard is an openly gay man living in Minto, New Brunswick.

Questions and comments can be sent to nicksam@nbnet.nb.ca

are working hard to make this soccer championship as much fun off the field as on the field. Athletes and friends will enjoy parties, tours, shopping, beaches are more. The slogan "Come out and play ..." sounds just right as an invitation to gay and lesbian soccer players.



Sweat a Little

Sweat a little or a lot ... you've got a choice with the Halifax FrontRunners Running/Walking Club. The club is an amicable group of gay- and lesbian-friendly runners and walkers that meet at the main gates of the Public Gardens (corner of Spring Garden and South Park) every Saturday morning. Walkers leave at 9:00 am; runners leave at 9:30 am. Everyone meets for refreshments afterwards. For information, call Bruce at 902-422-7579 or Jim at 902-826-7356. Build up a sweat with your friends - it's great fun!

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died last year shortly after completing this film) has the kind of face upon which every emotion, no matter how fleeting, is clearly shown, and his happiness and adoration of the sexy hustler becomes for the viewer an infectious joy. Brendan Fehr plays Butch with a steely self-assurance that almost covers his constant anxiety. Sugar is not about growing up gay - indeed Cliff's homosexuality is a non-issue - but is about growing into one's own strength, about gaining experience without losing hope of happiness. Sugar is by turns tragic, disturbing and richly comic, a finely acted and skilfully directed film.

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

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

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

CHAT-OAAW, Maritimes: This online sister-group of Out And About Womyn is for general chat and accepts membership from lesbians across the Maritimes.)

EGALE Vice-President & Atlantic Rep., St. John's: (709) 690-5244 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.egale.ca

Gay Men's Gathering: at PO Box 36054, Halifax, B3J 3S9

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

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

Healing Our Nations, Dartmouth: HIV/AIDS prevention in a manner respectful of our native way of life. 1-800-565-4255 email: hon@accesswave.ca web: www.healingournations.ca (Healing Our Nations staff meet once on a weekly basis. Training offered on request at no charge for Aboriginal peoples and/or organizations.) at 45 Alderney Dr., Ste. 607, Dartmouth, NS.

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

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

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

Names Project (AIDS Memorial Quilt): panels - helping create, and lending. 902-454-5158 email: larrybaxter@ns.sympatico.ca web: www.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: projecte3@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: aidsstjohn@nb.aibn.com web: www.geocities.com/aidsstjohn

Atlantiques Swim Team, Moncton: Swimming for fitness or participating in Masters swimming competitions. email: infoATatlantiques.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 t-dance 4-8)

Catalyst, Mount Allison U, Sackville: support & information for Mount A students, occasional social activities. 506-364-2357 email: krotter@mta.ca (Catalyst meets approximately every 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: jwhite@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 3rd Sunday

Moncton Transgender Support Group, Moncton: Transgenders, their allies, families and friends. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca (We have regular meetings, contact Eldon for time and place.)

Out in the Valley / A la campagne, Fredericton: Gay and Lesbian Outdoors Club. email: OutIntheValley@hotmail.com

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

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

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

PFLAG Saint John, Saint John: 652-3995 email: wandr@nbnet.nb.ca, tigger@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: danny@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/GLBT-Friends/ (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@msn.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.)

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

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

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

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

UN sur DIX, Moncton: l'Association des Étudiant(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: unbstuwomenscollective@yahoo.ca, meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

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

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

NGALE (Newfoundland Gays And Lesbians for Equality), St. John's: We offer support to LBGT people and education on LBGT 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 LBGT 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.)

NGALE LIST-SERV, St. John's: Email discussions & events for Newfoundland. email: subscriptions@ngale.ca web: ngale.cjb.net, meets 1st Wednesday at 50 Harbour Drive: ACNL Office

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

Nova Scotia (902)

Acadia Pride, Wolfville: community at Acadia. 585-2165 web: dragon.acadiau.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (9:00pm during academic year) at Beverage Forum (SUB)

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: for the g/l/b/t communities- (902) 441-7505 email: our-age449@yahoo.com web: www.rationalunacy.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 dances and social events. For up to date info and official Pride Week details, check the webpage or write c/o 41 Broadway, Sydney, N.S. B1N 2Y3)

DaOUT, Halifax: LBGTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: is2.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 LBGT parents. 455-0186 email: info@fpca.ca web: www.fpca.ca, meets 2nd Monday (Contact us if you are interested in helping out, or have a child who would benefit from attending Rainbow Spirit, our annual week-long camp.)

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

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

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

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

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

Group Harrison Society, Cape Breton: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. 564-6939 (Socials fall on the last Saturday of every month- Admission \$6.50- Best light and sound show around Socials are held at Steel Workers Hall, Sydney) at P O Box 1118, Sydney, NS (902)-564-6939

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

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

LGB Youth Support Group Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: fun social/support group for 25 and under. 543-1315 email: plgc@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@yahoogroups.com, meets 1st Tuesday, and 3rd Tuesday (Meets bi-weekly, 12 noon) at Diversity Center in Rosaria

Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colc., Pictou, Cumb. & E Hants. 895-0931 email: l_o_p2000@hotmail.com (Our Board of Directors meet regularly on the third Monday of each month.) at Futureworx 80 Glenwood Dr., Truro, N.S.

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

Out And About Womyn (OOAW), Halifax: Social group for lesbians in the local HRM region. email: oaaw@eastlink.ca web: www.geocities.com/outandaboutwomyn (OUT AND ABOUT WOMYN is a social group for lesbians in the local greater-Halifax region only. Small membership fee pays for various activities and social events for members and (sometimes) their children, throughout the year.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society: **Sexual Diversity Society of UCCB:** email:

diversity@stunion.uccb.ns.ca

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

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

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

Tightrope, Halifax: leather & denim brotherhood. See our monthly events listing at <http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents>. 461-1972 (ask for Mike), meets 3rd Saturday

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

Truro Gay Youth: Vida at 897-4366.

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

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

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

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

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

Atlantic Canada Events Calendar

Amherst

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. lgbyy_amherst@hotmail.com, all emails confidential.

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

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday
Valley Gay Mens Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance from 9pm-1am. 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 group at Valley_Girls@yahoo.com.

Bridgewater

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

Cape Breton

Sept 24, Nov 26
COMMUNITY dances (men and women) will take place every second month, with a separate men's and women's dance taking place the alternate month. Please check our website: geocities.com/capebretonpride for locations and details of events.

June 25, Oct 29

MEN'S dance. Please check our website:

geocities.com/capebretonpride for locations and details of events.

June 18, Oct 22

WOMEN'S dance. Please check our website: geocities.com/capebretonpride for locations and details of events.

July 23-31

Cape Breton Pride Week! For news and updates of the island's gay and lesbian community, or if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please visit our website at www.geocities.com/capebretonpride. If you wish to join our mailing list for updates as they occur, drop us an email and we'll be happy to include you.

July 23 Pride Dance
July 24 Pride Parade, Miss CB Pageant & Talent Show
July 25 Hike and BBQ
July 26 Open Forum at the Library
July 27 Music Fest at Maple Leaf Lounge
July 28 Gay Bingo
July 29 Beach Party
July 30 Wrap Up Party
July 31 Church Service

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
Integrity Fredericton is holding services at the Anglican church in Oromocto. The priest there, Keith Howlett, can be reached at incense@rogers.com. Meetings at 4:00 p.m. with a eucharist followed by coffee. It is planned right now that the regular monthly meetings will be at 4:00 on the third Sunday of each month. For more information contact Hank at hen3ry@nbnet.nb.ca and my home number is 506-454-6967.

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.

June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28
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 Calendar

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Halifax

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

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

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

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays
LGB Youth Project Drop-in Nights. This is an unstructured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones,

and just talk about whatever, 6-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street

Second and Fourth Tuesdays
LGB Youth Project Group meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street

Every Wednesday

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 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.

June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28
Anonymous HIV Testing, AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia 1657 Barrington St, Suite 321, 5-8pm. 425-4882 for an appointment.

June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31
Koinonia Ecumenical Church - Meaning 'community'. Services bi-weekly at 12:30pm at Halifax Feast downtown. Pastor Elaine, 876-8771 or koinonia@ns.sympatico.ca

May 31

Venus Envy Workshop: G marks the Spot Everything you've always wanted to know

about the not-so-elusive G-Spot! We will cover history, anatomy, ejaculation and practical g-spotting tips. 6:15pm, \$15, call 422-0004 to register

June 1, 15, 29, July 6
PrideWeek Planning Meetings; all welcome, at Sobey's at North and Windsor in the community room, upstairs.

June 9-11

"Nova Scotia HIV/AIDS Skills Building Ceilidh 2005" @ MSVU, a forum of learning and sharing around HIV/AIDS. It allows people to continue the important work that came out of previous conferences and to expand the focus of involvement to include all areas of the province. We welcome people living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs), community-based AIDS organizations, people in the field of health and those who have a stake in the future of AIDS work in Nova Scotia. For more info, contact Camille Dumond, Acting Program Coordinator, mailto: pc@acns.ns.ca, 902 425 4882 Ext: 226

June 10

AidsCoalition "Annual General Meeting" @ Mount St Lesbian U, Vincents Room, Rosaria Centre. For more information contact Maria MacIntosh, 425-4882/227

June 16-18

Menial Sins' production of Suzie Goo: Private Secretary will take place at Club NRG (2215 Gottitgen St), and will run from Thursday June 16th to Saturday June 18th. All three shows will begin at 8pm sharp, and tickets will be 10 dollars, and only available at the door. This production would not be possible without the continued support of its community: Wayves Magazine, Club NRG, and Venus Envy.

September 25

AIDS Walk For Life, Contact Jessica Wall 425-4882 for more information.

Halifax Pride

Sunday, July 17
* Oh My! Nice Bat! 1:00 pm: The 2nd Annual Dykes vs Diva's on the Diamond (Diamond #9 - Halifax Commons. Free Admission)

Monday, July 18

* 10:15 am: Official Halifax Pride 2005 Proclamation (City Hall with Hon. Mayor Peter Kelly) Flag raising ceremony with reception to follow.

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Tuesday, July 19

* 9:00 pm: **Queer Comedy Night** (Club NRG, 2215 Gottingen, \$10 advance or \$12 at the door) Special guest star Cathy Jones and many other outrageously funny comics from here, there, and everywhere. Ticket holders don't wait in line. Tickets going on sale in early June, so check back for details!

Wednesday, July 20

* Evening: **Reel Pride Film Festival 4** (Night 1) (Empire Theatre @ Park Lane, Spring Garden Road) Check back for ticket prices, films and show times.
* Evening: **The "Pussy Playhouse"** (SeaDog's Sauna & Spa, 2199 Gottingen) An awesome evening! Get more details from the Venus Envy website...

Thursday, July 21

* Evening: **Reel Pride Film Festival 4** (Night 1) (Empire Theatre @ Park Lane, Spring Garden Road) Check back for ticket prices, films and show times.
* Evening: **Reading Out Loud** (Public Library, Spring Garden Branch) Hosted by Jane Kansas.

Friday, July 22

* Evening: **Halifax Pride Ambassador Show** (Time and venue to be confirmed soon...)

Saturday, July 23 — PARADE DAY!

The Parade!
* **Happy Birthday, Mr. President** 12:30 pm: Marshaling, Cornwallis and Maitland
* 1:30 pm: Parade start time
* **End of parade:** A fantastic line up of entertainment at Sackville Landing. Loads of things to do and see, and hard core fun that will make Halifax Proud. For more information, please contact parade@halifaxpride.org.
* Evening: **RuPaul!!!** (Reflections Cabaret, 5184 Sackville, cover to be confirmed) That's right! Reflections Cabaret and Cigar Bar presents RuPaul! Join in on the largest party in Halifax for pride. Get there early! Many other special guests and performances throughout the evening, so come dance your ass off 'til the sun comes up!

Sunday, July 24

* 10:30 am: **Morning Worship** (St. John's United Church, Windsor between North & Willow) Guest preacher: Rev Eldon Hay, CM, MA, BD, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at Mount Allison University and GLBTT Rights Activist.

Halifax Bar & Business Calendar

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Tuesdays - Toonies Night
Wednesdays - Karaoke & Wings with BEAR777 \$50 1st Prize; \$25 2nd Prize and Mystery Song JACK POT
Thursdays - Cumming soon - Les Girlz
Friday & Saturday - Dancing on the ceiling with DJ Electro
June 4: **MAC is BACK - Cowboy Night II**
June 10: **GRAND OPENING PARTY - PARTS DEPT. Level III**
June 11: show us your gear @ Blue Collar Night
June 18: **Tightrope - Party & Dance**
June 24: **Pajama Party in support of MANA for HEALTH**
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July 1 - **BLACK OUT PARTY**
July 2 - **FETISH PARTY**
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Moncton

Second Tuesday of each month
GLBT Support, 7:30pm at 245 Lutz St in Moncton. We discuss the realities of life within the GLBT community, share stories and gain support from others. Meetings are confidential, and new people are always welcome. For more info, call 506-863-1888

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

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

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

June 12
5th Annual "Mr. and Ms. Leather Moncton 2005" contests to start Moncton's Pride Week.

10:00 PM @ **TRIANGLES** If anyone, female or male is interested in more information or wanting to be a contestant for the contest, please contact Steve Laviolette by Email at: TheMLC@Rogers.com or by phone at (506) 388 - 2781. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sept 30

The very 1st "Mr. & Ms. Atlantic Canada Leather" contest. If anyone, female or male is interested in more information or wanting to be a contestant for the contest, please contact Steve Laviolette by Email at: TheMLC@Rogers.com or by phone at (506) 388 - 2781. I look forward to hearing from you.

Montréal

July 9 - August 5
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

Saint John

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

August 8-14

PORT CITY PRIDE WEEK! <http://www.portcityrainbowpride.com/> for more information. Parade is August 13th!

Saint John Bar Calendar

BABYLON EAST
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CLUB MONTREAL

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

St. John's - LBGT-MUN

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


Every Third Wednesday

Arriba's Night! Arriba's is a bar in the same building as Quintana's De La Plaza, in Churchill Square. We get together and attend this venue on a regular basis, due to its closeness to MUN and the fact that these are "Student Saver Nights" (drinks are cheaper

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Flogging 101

By Heather Nicholson

A Flogging 101 workshop by Patrick Califia was held on April 26 at Venus Envy. There were upwards of 25 attendees, male and female, top and bottom. Patrick brought a healthy collection of floggers, whips, canes and paddles, supplemented by the stock available at the shop. We were such attentive listeners that Patrick was reminded to ask for comments. His US audiences are somewhat more verbose and interrupt frequently; we are so very polite. Yet, when demonstration time arrived, there was no shortage of volunteers. We handled elkhide, suede, pigskin, and plastic implements. It would have been fun to have a whip cracking session, but they do require a little more space.

Patrick took us all the way through a possible scene. We discussed negotiation, safety issues, communication — verbal or otherwise — methods, techniques, warm-up, galloping and after-care. We laughed, we gasped, some squirmed, some purred. I left feeling warm all over. Patrick, you're an asset to our community and to the staff of Venus Envy. Come visit any time!

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 Calendar ☐

Zone 216

216 Water St, 754-2492

<http://www.hello.to/zone216>

Winter Hours

Open Friday and Saturday Nights 10pm-late

No cover before 12 Friday

No Cover before 11 Saturday

Tatamagouche

Nov 25-27

Rainbow Weekend 2005 at the Tatamagouche Centre! More information available from robertj100@hotmail.com

Toronto

June 11

YES, SIR! Covering Atlantic Canada, Quebec and Ontario, the Eastern Canada

LeatherSIR/Leatherboy contest is recruiting Sir and boy contestants for the June 11 contest in Toronto. One of 12 regions in North America, the titleholders go on to compete at the 2005 international competition in Charlotte, North Carolina in October. For info, check out www.LeatherSirCanada.com or e-mail contestinfo@LeatherSirCanada.com.

Truro

June 6

The 4th Annual Art Auction supporting the Northern AIDS Connection Society. It will be held at the Glengarry Hotel in Truro on June 6, 2005. This event is designed to raise much needed funds and public awareness for our organization. We would like to express our gratitude to all who participated last year. Please do join us and truly make this year's fund raiser an evening to remember. Door open for viewing at 6:00 pm with the bidding commencing at 7:00 pm. There will be a cash bar. Looking forward to seeing you. Remember...HIV/AIDS truly does affect us all!! Thank you for your support. For information contact Al McNutt at 895-0931 or Sharon Farrell at 893-9534.

Sept 17

2nd Annual Country Hoe Down Dance Lion's Club in Truro \$7.00 admission/ Bar on location Wear your best cowgirl or cowboy outfit...you might win a prize!

Wileville

Third Saturday of each month

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

Wolfville

Every Second Tuesday

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

Important WAYVES Dates!

Issue Content Deadlines:

June 3, July 1, Aug 5

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

Production Meetings (Halifax)

June 6, July 4, August 8

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

Layout Parties (Halifax)

June 12, July 10, Aug 14

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

On The Stands and In The Mail:

June 25, July 23, Aug 27

Classifieds

groups

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

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

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

personals

Male leather enthusiast with motorcycle seeks same. Quality intriguing leathers and leather masks, etc. Must be university graduate, intellectual, nutrition-health focused, sensitive with a keen and creative interest in leather for occasional encounters and friendship. LLEATHER@hotmail.com (try all small case letters if does not work).^{ju105}

SF, 24, enjoys traveling and living life. Looking to chat with single females, 20-32, who are interested in a relationship and not head games. Email me: ss_nb24@hotmail.com

Single female from New Brunswick seeking single females between 19-35 to chat with (and maybe find Ms. Right). I like to travel and hang with friends. Email me at ss.nb24@hotmail.com

Very young looking GWM, 40, 5'10", 178 lb. Versatile, disease free, uncut. Workout occasionally, introvert, employed. Seeking a feminine male lover - students welcome. Disease free, sexy, tall, lean, uncut, versatile, bubble bum, introvert - for long term friendship, possible marriage, 18-30, photo welcome. 7071 Bayers Road, PO Box 22086, Halifax, NS, B3L 4T7.

Support

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

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

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

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

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Deadlines: end of Events Calendar!

SEND YOUR EVENTS DETAILS TO
SUBMISSIONS@WAYVES.CA NOW!

Wanted

Mr. & Ms. Leather Moncton 2005

To be chosen:

Sunday, June 12th, 2005 10pm at
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Contact:

Steve Laviolette - TheMLC@rogers.com


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