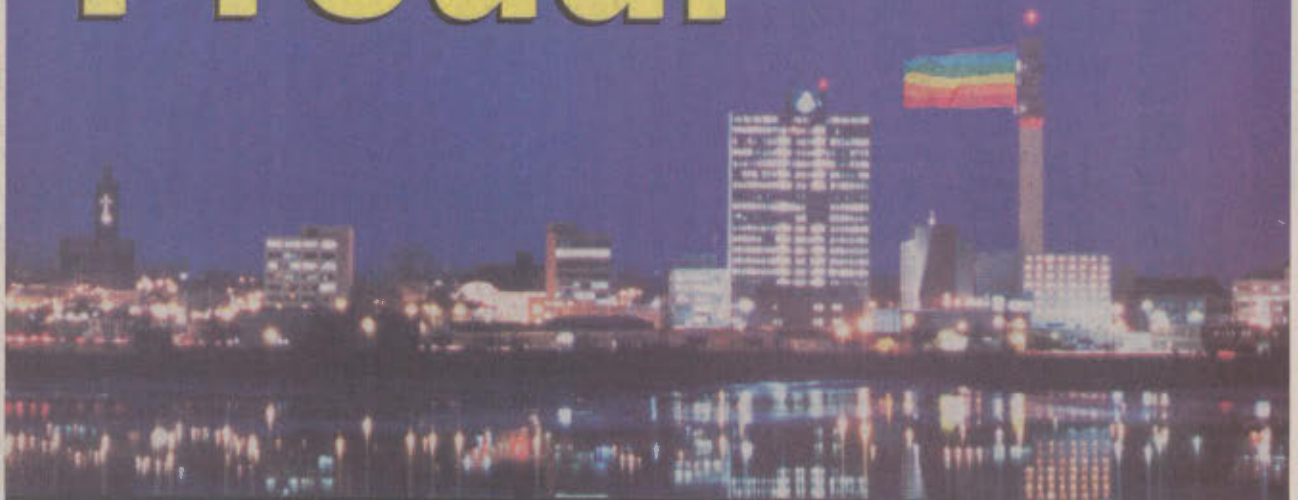


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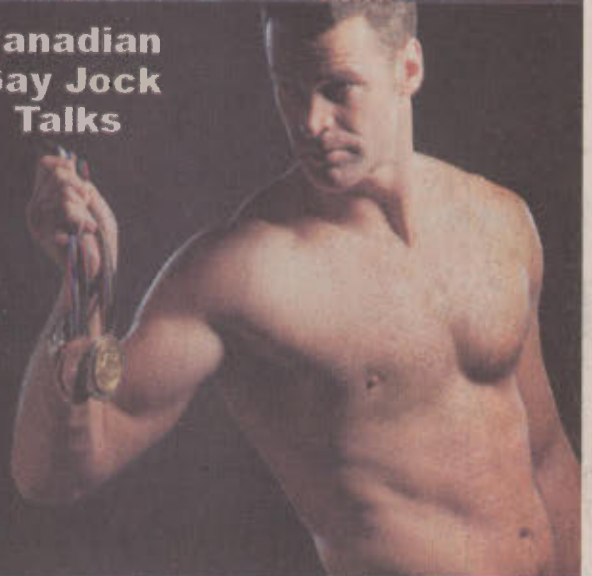
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**Riverview:** Reid's - Riverview  
**Sackville:** Bridge Street Café; Mount Allison; Tidewater Books  
**Saint John:** AIDS Saint John; Club Montreal; Feel Good Store; Hair Station; Mahogany Manor

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**Annapolis Royal:** The King George Inn  
**Antigonish:** Antigonish Women's Centre; Student Union Resource Centre; Webb's Superstore  
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**Canning:** Canning Library  
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**Tantallon:** Tantallon Library  
**Truro:** Central Nova Women's Resource Centre; Colchester Sexual Assault Centre; MacQuarries Pharmasave - The Esplanade; NSCC Truro Campus; Northern Aids Connection  
**Windsor:** Readers Haven  
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**Toronto:** Glad Day Bookshop; Out on the Street

#### Saskatchewan...

**Regina:** LGBT2A Centre, University of Regina

## Atlantic News

# Daigle & Dann On Halifax Pride

By Patrick Daigle and Hugo Dann  
 As we move into the final weeks of preparation for Pride 2006, it's good to take a moment to reflect on our history, our mission and our values.

In 1978 there was a march of lesbians and gays in Halifax, held in conjunction with a conference on LGBT rights. However it wasn't until 10 years later that Halifax Pride became an annual event. The march in 1988 involved 75 people, 5 with paper bags over their heads to conceal their identities.

A decade later, in 1999, the Halifax Pride Committee incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the Nova Scotia Societies Act. That year the Daily News reported 500 people marching in the parade (a Pride observer counted 650) with 300 spectators. By 2003, just four short years later, those numbers had skyrocketed to 4,000 people marching in the Parade and 10,000 people watching. In 2004 and 2005, 6,000 marched in the Parade and 15,000 were watching.

This year Halifax Pride hopes to see 7,000 LGBTQ Nova Scotians express their pride by marching in the Parade with as many as 20,000 friends, families and supporters cheering us on.

### Our Mission

The Halifax Pride Committee is a not-for-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to producing a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Pride Week festival. Our mission is to produce a Pride Week that is accessible to all, fiscally responsible, rewarding for all who participate, and one which truly reflects and celebrates the best of the LGBTQ community and culture in Halifax and throughout Nova Scotia.

### Pride Values

Our Pride values include professionalism, respect, integrity, development and excitement.

Professionalism means being committed to the highest standards of achievement on behalf of our communities.

Respect involves being sensitive and responsive to the rights of all individuals, including those who dissent.

Integrity denotes conducting our business with honesty, transparency and accountability.

Development signifies development of our community, fostering liaisons and partnerships with all



communities (including non-urban and non-queer) and enhancing the quality of life for all Nova Scotians.

Finally, excitement implies having fun producing a Pride Week that we want to be exciting and fulfilling for all Nova Scotians and visitors.

What this all adds up to is that Halifax's Pride Week is about "community". This year all of our events will be linked to charities that give back to the Rainbow World. The AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, Manna for Health, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Youth Project and others, will all benefit directly from Pride Week. We are also working with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture to develop the Lesbian and Gay tourism industry in Nova Scotia, for this will create jobs and opportunities for members of our community.

We are always looking for ways to improve Pride for the benefit of all LGBTQ Nova Scotians, and let's not forget the intersexed and two-spirited people. If you have any ideas, we need to hear from you. Check out our website [www.halifaxpride.com](http://www.halifaxpride.com) for the times and locations of our meetings. Come and make your voice heard.

Happy Pride to you all!



## Letter

### Thank You!

My name is Mark. I am a co-leader of the PFLAG Canada, Middleton Chapter. On Friday, April 28, I was leading the topic of history and pride. After much discussion and such we moved on to talking about getting into this year's parade down in Halifax. I mentioned that PFLAG Canada now has a banner available

to chapters that is 36 by 96 inches at a cost of \$200.00. I said if we could each chip in 10 bucks we would get the banner. Much to my amazement and tears of happiness a lady - not gay not even any gay children, but a friend indeed - stood up and said, "My husband and I will donate the first \$100.00 for the banner." Then

still more amazing, a gentleman next to her stood up and said, "I'll match that \$100.00." So there we have our banner - it will fly freely and proudly in Halifax this summer.

To see and be the recipient of such generosity is a blessing.

Mark Rutherford

### Important WAYVES Dates!

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#### On The Stands and In The Mail:

May 27 June 24, July 29, August 26

## YOU TELL US

This survey produced 14 responses to the question, "Is Pride Parade a family event?" Of these, 1 said "no," 4 were "not sure," and 9 said "yes." The dissenter referred to the pride parade as "a drag queen event". Those who were not sure thought of Pride as a family event perhaps, but were concerned that many families with small children avoid the Parade because of "its oversexed nature." It should be inclusive but tends to alienate and offend many. The 9 respondents who answered "yes" to the question emphasized it as certainly a family event, and obviously so. They remarked that the Pride Parade celebrates all LGBT individuals, their

families and supporters. It teaches pride in our identity and diversity, a pride that should be taught from a young age.

### This Month's Question

What are you hoping to see in your community's Pride Celebration this year?

Tell us what you think! Visit [wayves.ca](http://wayves.ca) and fill out the form!



# Rivers Edge Campground

Atlantic Canada now has a gay owned and operated campground offering fully serviced campsites and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in a riverside, country setting.

The campground has 1000 feet of frontage on the beautiful Nashwaak River, and is just north of Fredericton, 20 minutes from the Trans-Canada Highway. Enjoy the swimming pool, playground, play volleyball, badminton, basketball, go fishing, canoeing or kayaking. Hike or bike the endless trails of the New Brunswick Trail, located at our door or play a round of golf at the nearby Golf club. There are forty fully serviced campsites (30 amp electrical, water, sewer), nine tenting sites, fire pits, washrooms, hot showers, laundry and comfortable, friendly service to all guests.

The owners of Rivers Edge, Ken Burroughs and Bill Mitchell, are a married gay couple who recently relocated to the Fredericton, New Brunswick area from Ottawa, Ontario. Ken, originally from BC, met Bill, who spent a great part of his life in Nova Scotia, in a gay bar in Vancouver in 1991, and married in June of 2004. Both have travelled extensively throughout North America by RV. As experienced RVers they know first hand what RVers and campers expect during their stay at a campground fa-



cility. They are also very aware of how important it is for the gay community to have a campground where they can come and feel welcome and comfortable in their surroundings.

"We want to extend our invitation to all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered travellers, their extended families and friends to come and play and relax in our comfortable gay friendly atmosphere!"

Location and contact information for Rivers Edge Campground & RV Park: 19 Cottage Lane Durham Bridge, N.B. E6C 1R9

Tel: (506) 459-8675 Fax: (506) 458-1049 Toll Free: 1-800-370-1644 E-mail: riversedgecamp@nb.aibn.com Web: www.riversedgecamp.ca

Directions: From Fredericton, follow Highway 8 north, turn right at Durham Bridge (follow campground signs), left on 628, left at Upper Durham Road, left at Cottage Lane.

# Matters Moving in Miramichi

By Eldon Hay

Heather Harvey-Stymiest is a long time friend, an ally of gays and lesbians, and a professor at the Miramichi University Consortium and the New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) in Miramichi. She emailed me, asking if I would come speak to some of her classes. "What about?" I asked.

She replied: "This area is in serious need of addressing issues as they pertain to the rights of gays and lesbians ... as you know. I would like you to tell them about your background as a Professor and as a United Church minister. Then I would like you to talk about the impact your gay son and lesbian daughter have had on your life. What is the importance of PFLAG as an organization, what does it do, what are its goals, etc? And how in the community can work as activists. They will ask you questions on every level, especially concerning gay marriage. Both my university and NBCC students will be in attendance." I agreed to come, and got some further details: "You will be speaking to approximately 150 students from both programs and also to the sociology and anthropology students I teach through extension for Mount Allison University in Moncton." Finally, Heather wrote: "Attendance at this class is not optional. I have made it clear that all students are expected to attend."

How to handle this? There was PowerPoint and all the other appurtenances of a modern class room. I'm not a whiz at these machines, though I know some use them very effectively.

I decided to tell my own story: how a minister and professor, in mid-career, became aware of gay and lesbian issues. Teaching world religions, I had already realized that if I hoped to understand Hinduism, Buddhism, etc., I would need to see the world as adherents of these religions saw their world. I worked at that, and attempted to lead students to do the same. I had some experience already,

speaking for minorities - French persons in Moncton, aboriginals in our society, women in a man's world and, yes, gays and lesbians in a predominantly straight society. All this before my son came out. It radically ratcheted up my awareness (I was helped by a Mount A student, Ricky, who came out in a class, just before my son did). A few years later, I started PFLAG groups in Moncton and Sackville.

At Miramichi NBCC, the students listened, and questioned. There was a written evaluation; Heather sent a few of them to me. The responses are given here, anonymously, but Heather had checked with each student to make sure it was okay to release them. It was. Here's a sampling, the phrasing and punctuation unchanged. My own favourite is the last.

• To be honest I resented having to go to this lecture. I expected to hear some activist shove gay rights down my throat. What I got instead was a gentle, humble man, who simply told his personal story. It effected me deeply. (2nd year student)

• Dr. Hay was a learning curve in my experience and I was able to re-think my life's past events and recent events and now I leave you with this final quote, "to be mighty you must have dreams, to have dreams, you must have heart, to have heart you must have bravery." (2nd year student)

• Dr. Hay put a human face on the issue of gay rights. The gay and lesbian became transformed into someone's son, someone's daughter, someone's brother, someone's sister. (1st year student)

• This area is so homophobic it is unreal. We need a lot more speakers to come to this area and address gay and lesbian issues. But they need to be speakers like Dr. Hay, who speak with a gentle voice not an angry one. (1st year student)

• Dr. Hay made me proud to be a member of the gay community. Not

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# Triangles White Party

On Friday, June 16, Triangles will hold its annual anniversary party. "White" is the party theme this year - the Club will be decorated in white - so please wear your whites to qualify for a special door prize. There will be a variety show from 10 pm till midnight - the performers will be people you know, and perhaps friends - so let Stella know if you want to participate. After midnight there will be dancing with DJ da Boss. Because it's the anniversary party, there will be lots of great drink specials and prizes.

During the summer, Triangles will feature guest DJs from all over the Maritimes on the last Friday of the month. Triangles is currently look-



ing into having local DJs play every Friday. Anyone interested in being part of this is asked to contact Stella. Check out Triangles website at www.trianglesbar.com for all upcoming events. Stella can be reached at 506-381-7550.

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## Cape Breton Pride News

Cape Breton Pride would like to invite everyone to come to Sydney and join us in Pride 2006 Celebrations! Here's our schedule as-of Wayves deadline. Please visit [www.capebretonpride.org](http://www.capebretonpride.org) for details and updates.

### Wednesday, July 26

Flag Raising: TBA; All-Age Social 7:00 pm at the Southend Community Center, Sydney.

### Thursday, July 27

Ball Game at Louisa Street Field, Sydney 6-8 pm; Social for ages 19 and over 9:00 pm at the Southend Community Centre, Sydney.

### Friday, July 28

Pride Garden Tour-5:00 pm location TBA; Gay Bingo, 7:00 pm Southend Community Centre, Sydney.

### Saturday, July 29,

2006 Cape Breton Pride Parade 1:00 pm Downtown Sydney; all wishing to participate please meet at the northend of George Street at 11:00 am; Post Parade Party at Louisa Street Field Pride 2006 Dance-9:30 pm - 1:00 am at the Sydney Curling Club; Admission \$8.00.

### Sunday, July 30

Pride Farm Day and Potluck Picnic at Haywire Hill, 2:00 pm



## Moncton Leather Family Adopts Children

By Steve Laviolette

The Moncton Leather Chapter is pleased to announce that it will be taking on the task of assisting an organization within the City of Moncton that is in need of some financial assistance with fundraising.

The Moncton Leather Chapter's fundraising efforts will go to assist the Greater Moncton Family Resource Centre, which is a non-profit organization that offers families with children from birth to 6 years of age a secure and positive environment for

educational programs to improve the quality of family life for children.

The Centre needs a new location to house their services. It has grown and has been operating on the same minimal budget since 1997. It has gone from 22 registered families in 1997 to over 1100 families here in Moncton as of April 2006. The goal set out and the cost of the new facility is \$300,000 and these funds need to be in hand by December 2006. You can find out further information about this organization through

their website at: <http://frc-crf.com/moncton>.

Here are a couple of quotes from families that have had to utilize the services offered, and explains a little more about just how the organization is able to assist:

"I have a child who is mentally ill and of all the parenting courses I've taken, I've been able to utilize the skills from the programs right away and the courses are great."

"I've learned new ways to deal

with my children using techniques that build self-esteem in both me and my children."

And finally, "Knowing that parents have similar concerns is comforting. Also having the exchanges between parents has given me help over the bumps of parenting."

So, there you have it. Any benefits, fundraising and other means that The Moncton Leather Chapter have of assisting this program with funds will go directly to this worthwhile cause. If you wish to assist and/or make any

donations to help hit the goal set out, please contact [TheMLC@Rogers.com](mailto:TheMLC@Rogers.com) for more information. Also keep an eye out for any and all of the events that The MLC will be holding to assist them. Thank you in advance for helping out with a great cause.



## An Open Letter To GLBTQ Teachers and Allies in New Brunswick

At a recent professional development session where I was talking about the great strides forward made by GLBTQ Canadians in the greater Canadian society over the past 5 years, my optimism was somewhat dampened when I was pulled back into reality by the testimony of a colleague living the life I was celebrating. Although gay marriage and adoption and protection from the spreading of toxic homophobic material is now the law of the land, our professional lives, in many cases, still have to be lived in stifling closets that not only inhibit our ability to live a full life, but also can impact our effectiveness in the classroom. It's like someone punched a hole in the closet and we can see the light but not everyone is comfortable opening the door and stepping out into the sun, and with good cause.

It can still be a minefield for gay teachers in N.B. who want to live openly in an environment free from fear of harassment, alienation and exclusion. Statistically, there are anywhere from 400-700 GLBTQ teachers in New Brunswick. My colleague had every reason to be joyous and optimistic because she and her partner were engaged to be married, a dream that wasn't possible for these women even two years ago. Yet, she was unable to experience the joy she has a legal right to enjoy due to fears of how the parents of her students might react to a married lesbian teacher. Would her administration and district support her? How would her students react? In conversation with others, I discovered she was not alone in her fears. And that, my

friends, is a situation that begs to be addressed. Several people told me of how their administrators or district personnel ignored the specific professional and personal needs of gay teachers and their families. That is not permissible in the Canada of the 21st century!

In conversation with other colleagues and allies, the question came up as to whether or not we might set up a provincial committee made up of GLBTQ teachers and families and their allies/colleagues across the province. This would not be a "support" group per se but we rather see it as a network of gay teachers and allies committed to creating a working environment where gay teachers and their families will feel accepted, included and valued. We see this group as one that would provide up to date legal and educational information for gay teachers on such issues as pension and health care benefits; legal remedies for possible gay-negative policies and actions taken by districts and individuals; rights and suggestions as to establishing PFLAG and GSA groups in their schools and communities and other issues affecting the lives of gay teachers and their students across New Brunswick.

We also see ourselves as being a clearinghouse for resources for academic materials that can be used by all teachers in their classrooms.

Please contact me if you are interested. As well, I am interested in hearing if there are other groups for GLBTQ teachers across the region. If so, what do they do? How are they structured?

We are fortunate to have repre-

sentatives from the national scene in the province. Both Greg Daborn, past Atlantic rep for EGALE Canada and Cherie Macleod, ally and current education director for PFLAG Canada have agreed to help. I know I can count on Dr. Reverend Eldon Hay for support also. Eldon is the first national president of PFLAG and a pioneer in the struggle for GLBTQ rights in Canada. This can happen if we want it to!

Richard Blaquiére Woodstock N.B. [Richardb@NBNet.NB.ca](mailto:Richardb@NBNet.NB.ca)



# Lindsay Willow's Win: a Victory for All of Us — and a Responsibility

By Bill McKinnon  
Lindsay Willow has won her human rights case against the Halifax Regional School Board for discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. J. Walter Thompson, who chaired an inquiry for the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission has decided in favour of the plaintiff, Lindsay Willow, a teacher at Halifax West High School. The defendants in the case included the School Board, Dr. Gordon Young, former principal of Halifax West, and John Orlando, a former teacher at the school.

The School Board will have to pay: Lindsay Willow \$27,375 in damages, former Halifax West student, Nadia Ibrahim gets \$2,500 for distress suffered, and Lindsay's mother is to receive \$1,000 for expenses. In response to the decision, the School Board has now publicly apologized to Ms. Willow and will have to give her a letter of exoneration.

In September 2000, two teachers saw Lindsay and then 17-year old Nadia leave a high school locker room, and reported the incident as suspicious of sexual misconduct and later misrepresented the facts. The principal called in the police who investigated but found no evidence of wrong doing. At the time, Dr. Young acted towards Lindsay and her family as though she were guilty of something and publicly outed her as a lesbian even though she was not "out." In subsequent months, which then ran into years, her reputation was greatly damaged and she was scorned as a pariah through no fault of her own.

From September 2000 onwards, Lindsay's progress as a teacher was blocked as were her leadership training and participation in camping trips, even though she had previously been selected for advancement. Lindsay was popular and considered highly competent by almost everyone. Subsequent to the incident, a number of slurs were made against Lindsay, and other forms of discrimination

occurred. John Orlando, and now deceased Rick Kitley, acted very badly towards Lindsay. By the following summer, treatment of Lindsay had been so dreadful and her health had deteriorated so much as a result of how she was mishandled, that she filed a complaint with the Human Rights Commissions of discrimination based on sexual orientation. More than five years later a hearing was convened and continued from December 2005 until early in 2006. Several months later a decision was announced in Lindsay's favour.

Lindsay Willow is a highly competent, popular teacher who has proven to be a power of example to many of her students, including Nadia Ibrahim, who is now about to be a teacher herself. Lindsay is a great asset to the Halifax Regional School Board but it has allowed her reputation and career to be damaged. Lindsay's health has also been damaged, and in her effort for vindication she has incurred major legal costs which are an incredible burden. Her legal fees are over \$90,000 and these have not been addressed in the judgement handed down by Inquiry Chairman Thompson. The School Board should pay Lindsay at least \$117,000 not just \$27,375. Failure to award legal cost reimbursement to Lindsay was not Chairman Thompson's doing for, as I understand it, he had no authority to award legal costs.

Lindsay Willow's brave struggle with the School Board and the "good ol' boys" - dominated teacher establishment in HRM is an example for us all. There are many LGBT teachers and students in Nova Scotia and Lindsay has helped them all. Many others have suffered discrimination because of their sexual orientation and some still do. Maybe now things will get better. It's up to us all to keep an eye on the Halifax Regional School Board bureaucracy and make sure it mends its ways. We all have some responsibility to stop this sort of abuse now and in the future.



Maybe we do not need a witch hunt but there are other culprits in this affair. Gordon Young (a Mr. Teflon) and John Orlando (now fled to Ontario) seem to be getting off scot-free and that should not be the case. There are other organizations that also need to change their attitudes and carry out their responsibilities. These include the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, which failed to protect one of its members, and the Nova Scotia Department of Education which should assure that the Human Rights Act is not violated in Nova Scotia's Schools.

Finally, what about the rest of us? Are we so shame-based and self-hating that we automatically believe it when another LGBT member is accused of something? That's the way some of us seem to be. Many straights stood up for Lindsay including her students, parents of students, teachers, even the police and ultimately J. Walter Thompson who believed what Lindsay testified. On the other hand some members of the gay community were hostile and/or did not believe Lindsay and failed to help when they could/should/might have been there for her when she needed friends to stand up for her. We all need to re-think how we can arrest homophobia and deal with discrimination when it arises. It is the responsibility of everyone in the LGBT community.

# The Rainbow Community and the NS Election

By Kevin Kindred  
As Vice-Chair of the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, it is my pleasure to report to the community about NSRAP's strategy for the upcoming Nova Scotia provincial election, and to seek your help in working on that strategy. When Nova Scotians go to the polls on June 13, we hope that one thing they will have in mind is the needs of the Rainbow community.

Whenever we have dealt with political issues, NSRAP has always taken care to operate on a non-partisan basis. Our members come from all political stripes, and we firmly believe that the Rainbow community can and does have allies in every political party. We have worked, and will work, with any politician or party who takes our goals and our mission seriously.

As a result, we will not endorse any candidate in the upcoming election. What we will do is make sure that the voices of our community are heard by the candidates, and that the candidates' views on our issues are known to the community.

We have been dealing with the provincial government on a wide range of issues since the early days of NSRAP. As any Canadian activist knows, some issues are federal and some are provincial. While NSRAP



works with both, this election is going to be about provincial issues.

One provincial area of great concern to NSRAP is health care. Just as health care consistently ranks as a top priority for Canadian voters, the health care needs of the Rainbow community are among our top priorities. Our work with the other partners on the Halifax Rainbow Health Project confirms that our community has continuing problems accessing health services, and faces unique health concerns. We want to ensure that the government of Nova Scotia is committed to a health care strategy that recognizes the diverse needs of different sectors of the community, including the Rainbow community.

Another priority area for us is education. Our support for Lindsay Willow in her human rights complaint has only made us more acutely aware of the need for improvement

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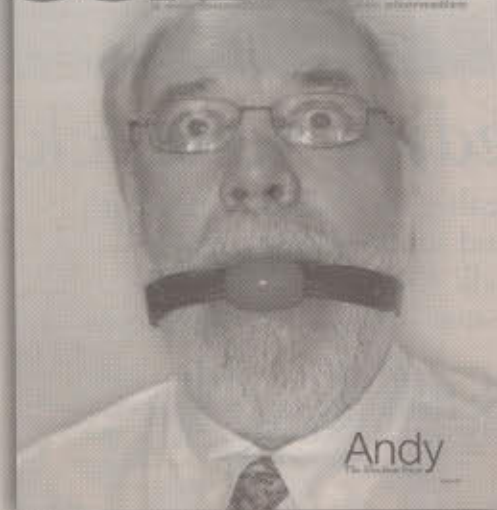
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Dear Tom

One of the means to pleasure one's self that is not often mentioned is gardening - although, admittedly, this is not generally what I mean when I talk about liking to get down and dirty. Gardening benefits both the body and the spirit and it is wonderfully gratifying to see the results of one's labours thrusting up all green and blooming by the walkway. Or, in the case of my lilies, being slowly consumed by some kind of red beetle - there's a metaphor for my life in there somewhere!

As Candide said, "Il faut cultiver son jardin."

I've been in rather a French mood since meeting Jacques Strappe on Easter weekend when he came down with Butch and Barry. He's a francophone with sparkling eyes and a big smile. So, I've been boning up - you'll pardon the expression - on the language of Voltaire in the hopes of impressing with some clever jeu d'esprit on my next conversation with him. Barry teasingly called Jacques, l'archevêque de Moncton which I misheard as arched back of Moncton, which made him seem even more interesting - in a non-ecclesiastical sort of way. Wonder if Jacques likes gardening? Perhaps I should invite him down and check out his... green thumb. He looks like he has stamina and I just know his touch would make my Chippendahlia grow. Nothing says summer like some vigorous outdoor exercise followed by beer and barbecue. (Unless it's indoor exercise followed by gin!)

A sobering thought (and isn't that the worst kind!) to think that my Bee Balm and Bleeding Heart are the closest thing to offspring that I shall have.

Speaking of children, did you hear all the rumour about the Massachusetts teacher who read the story King and King to her seven-year-old students? In this tale the eligible prince rejects all his female suitors in favour of another prince; they kiss and live happily ever after. The reading of the tale was intended to reflect part of the reality of life in Massachusetts - the sole American state that permits same-sex marriage. Well, the proverbial manure spreader got turned on when some of the parents decided they want to sue the school board for unauthorized sex education. Sex education? Why is it that queer relationships are always pre-

sumed to be about sex while only straight ones can be about romantic love? Unless all those charming children's stories I grew up with carried a deeper sexual meaning. What do you think, Tom? Was Snow White and the Seven Dwarves just a thinly disguised manual for group sex? What about Rapunzel letting her hair down in her solitary (phallic) tower? Certainly Robin Hood and his Merry Men will be suspect now. Are all those stories part of an elaborate Da Vinci Code?

The whole thing is absurd. Consider what a stultifying effect this controversy could have, Tom. Who will dare to be innovative and forward thinking in a repressive climate like that? Guess there's not much chance anyone will be reading Bicurious George in a Massachusetts classroom anytime soon.

There is also a movement afoot in that state to have a constitutional amendment to deny gay marriage. This anti-marriage proposal (now there's an oxymoron) would not negate same sex marriages that have already happened, just prevent any future ones. Interesting notion. Do you think Stephen Harper has relatives there?

I find that the less I follow the news, the less stressed I am these days. The steady appearance of the Prime Minister's face on the front page is one of the reasons I buy fewer newspapers. Although I must admit that when it comes time to change the paper on the bottom of the birds' cage I derive a certain wry joy from making sure a photo of Mr. Harper's face is prominently displayed. And I swear the finches - normally, the least judgemental of creatures - have shown surprising accuracy of aim from the perch above, followed by what I swear is a chirp of satisfaction.

On a happier note my birthday was the usual weeklong celebration, with gifts, silly cards and a party. My only disappointment was my inability to find an attractive man to jump naked out of the cake. A simple request and yet — I thought I had found a possible candidate at work but in spite of all my pleading (sounds so much nicer than begging, doesn't it) he refused. He may have misunderstood my reference to whipped cream.

Love ya! Crawford



## Courage Roundup: Annual AA Conference

By Bill M

The 18th Annual Courage Roundup will be held on August 11, 12 and 13 (Friday - Sunday) in the Universalist Unitarian Church at 5500 Inglis Street in Halifax. Courage is sponsored by gay men and lesbians in AA, but all AAs and Al-Anons are welcome. It also invites anyone who has a drinking problem or is affected by the alcoholism of others.

The weekend includes fellowship, speaker meetings and workshop discussions of recovery topics in a relaxed and peaceful setting in south-end Halifax.



"Beacon of Hope" is this year's theme. Courage is a small, intimate roundup and always has been. Typically 30 - 40 people attend. It is the only gay and lesbian AA round up in Atlantic Canada and the only one of its kind east of Montreal.

Registration is \$30 (\$20 if paid by July 1) and this includes lunch on Saturday; but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Supper on Saturday at a restaurant is extra, \$12 (est). Registration opens at 5 pm on Friday.

For more info about the Courage Roundup phone 902-463-7895, write to Courage449@yahoo.com or check out the Courage website at <http://www.rationalunacy.com/courageroundup>.

To pre-register, send your cheque or money order to: Courage Round Up, c/o 6 Campeau Court, Eastern Passage, NS, B3G 1J5.

There are gay AA Roundups in Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton and

Vancouver and several dozen others mostly in the US. For a list of Gay AA roundups see the website of the International Advisory Committee of Homosexual Men & Women in AA (IAC) at <http://www.iac-aa.org/>

The IAC website speaks to the issue of gay AA and the following is part of a longer article. "Homosexual — i.e., gay and lesbian alcoholics have found help and recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous from its very early days. Bill W. refers to them in Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and in a 1958 letter expresses deep sympathy and concern. The dedica-

tion and talents of gay and lesbian AA members have often led them into service, where they have contributed enormously in all capacities including Delegate and Trustee. Almost never overt in their lifestyle, they have become completely accepted," and "Criticism has been heard that the largest of these roundups in New York and San Francisco, drawing

around 2,000 people, have gotten far a field from A.A. in their workshops. But other recent local gatherings of gay A.As have been 'pure, basic A.A. — absolutely marvelous!' according to one discriminating member." The complete write-up appears on the website.



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# Myths And Realities Of The Sex Trade

By Dawn Archambault – Executive Director of Stepping Stone Association

Stepping Stone Association is a user-directed non-profit organization that supports individuals involved in the sex trade by contributing to their health, safety and well-being. Our program users are women, men, transgender individuals and youth, who are currently or formerly involved in the sex trade, as well as those at risk of becoming involved in the sex trade.

Stepping Stone holds the philosophy that all individuals have the right to self determination; that those employed as sex trade workers have the basic right to safety and access to services regardless of their occupation; and that these individuals are entitled to social alternatives to the sex trade.

Programs offered at Stepping Stone include – outreach, condom and clean needles distribution, a drop-in program where clients can participate in workshops, crisis counselling, referrals, social activities and

enjoying a space where they are free to be themselves without fear of judgement. Stepping Stone also provides court support to help individuals navigate the justice system as well as educational workshops on the realities and dangers of the sex trade.

Sex trade workers are a very dynamic, diverse group of individuals. They also perform family roles as mothers, fathers, grandparents, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters. Sex trade workers may have children they are supporting and goals they wish to accomplish. They come from many different cultures, age-groups, socio-economic backgrounds, races, religions, abilities, sexual orientations and have various levels of education and many aspirations. The sex trade is far more complex than most believe. It involves a number of sex occupations and venue locations other than street prostitution where it is estimated less than 20 percent of the activity takes place (*Working Conditions, Health Status, and Exiting Experiences of Sex Workers. Beniot, Millar 2001*).

People who choose to work in the

sex trade do so for various reasons including career choice, economics, poverty, family breakdown, addictions, or they may be working to pay for their education. Their reasons for entering this occupation are as diverse as the individuals themselves.

Sex trade workers experience extreme amounts of discrimination and harassment from all levels of society based solely on their occupation. A local research document illustrates the majority of sex trade workers they interviewed reported poor health, which they linked to the stigma and discrimination they face on a daily basis. Sex trade workers are intelligent, compassionate people and deserve all rights afforded to everyone else in Canada.

There are many myths surrounding the sex trade, for example the belief that all sex trade workers are victims and need to be “saved.” While it is true that sex workers in Canada may experience abuse stemming from their clients as well as from an intolerant society, they do not need to be rescued but rather supported and

protected from the dangers they may face in their occupation.

Male sex trade workers are presumed to identify as gay. In reality sex trade workers may identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer or questioning. Much like any other career professional the sexual orientation of a sex trade worker has nothing to do with their occupation. However sex trade workers who do identify as GLBQQ will experience discrimination based on their sexual orientation as well as their occupation.

Another myth is the “Pretty Woman Syndrome.” This is the belief that one may find great riches in the sex trade as well as love. Many young people enter into the sex trade because they are curious or enticed to the life, which includes the promise of quick, easy money only to find they become abused by violent individuals who have little or no concern for their safety or wellbeing.

Sex workers are left vulnerable to abuse by those more powerful than them and are at the same time in danger of breaking the law while try-

ing to make a living. In addition to abuse a young person trying to exit the sex trade may be faced with the presence of a criminal record, which can severely limit ones employment opportunities and is a significant barrier to exiting the trade permanently. (*Dispelling Myths and Understanding Realities, PEERS 2001*). These are just a few of the many myths surrounding this dynamic age-old profession.

One of our many goals at Stepping Stone is to educate the public on the realities of the sex trade so individuals can make informed decisions on entering or exiting this profession. Stepping Stone Association believes that sex trade workers deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. Sex trade workers are courageous individuals, trying to survive and make a living in a world intolerant of their existence. Those who provide health and social supports to those involved in this occupation must ensure they deliver their services in supportive non-judgmental ways that are inclusive to the needs of sex workers.

## Intimate Partner Violence

By: Danielle LeBlanc BSW, RSW Domestic Violence Case Coordinator, Halifax Regional Police Victim Services Unit

Have you ever stopped to think about the couple you hear arguing next door or walking down the street? Is it just an argument or is something more happening? Has it happened to you? It is a same sex or a heterosexual couple? If it were two men arguing, would you think that one could be abusing the other? What about two women? Would you be concerned for one partner's safety? Would you diminish the significance of the argument?

Violence in intimate partner relationships is a very real part of our lives. It is about a power imbalance between the partners and it can happen regardless of whether it is a same sex or heterosexual relationship. Violence in intimate partner relationships is also called domestic violence and it can include physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse.

If your partner tells you you're fat, is it abuse? What if they tell you you're stupid, or ugly or wrong all the time, is that abuse? Do you begin to question if you're stupid, fat, worthless or ugly?

Now, what if your partner tells you where you can and can't go, who you can and can't spend time with, or what you can and can't wear, are

those things abusive? YES! If you do them anyway, do you fear the repercussions? Or, do you think that words are just words and pass them off? Have you ever felt the backlash of doing something your partner told you not to do?

Many people think that to be abused you must be physically beaten.

*For some, the end of the relationship is that first slap, punch, push of grab; it crosses an invisible line.*

While physical violence from your partner is certainly abusive, there are subtle forms of abuse like emotional abuse. Name calling, belittling, making you think you're wrong all the time are all part of emotional abuse. Often, emotional abuse leads to physical abuse.

Typically, an abusive person name calls and belittles their partner to gain control. They say very subtle things that make your spine tingle. Little by little, your self-esteem decreases and your partner's control over you increases, until one day the verbal abuse becomes physical and there is a hand slapping you across the face.

For some, the end of the relationship is that first slap, punch, push of grab; it crosses an invisible line. These individuals take measures to keep safe and get out of the relationship; they are the lucky ones. Many aren't so lucky as they are under the control of their abuser and one hit becomes

another, and then another. As the physical violence worsens, it is more dangerous to leave the relationship.

Abuse can happen in all intimate partner relationships regardless of sexual orientation, age, race, location and economic class. It can be anything from a mild, one-time abusive incident to the most serious, my life is in grave danger, kind of abuse. Regardless of the severity, it can be helpful to contact an outside agency

for assistance.

The Halifax Regional Police Victim Services Unit is one such agency. We are caring, warm and knowledgeable – a wonderful resource for anyone in an abusive relationship. We have experience working with people in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, some of which experience the most serious forms of abuse. The Halifax Regional Police Victim Services Unit provides

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# Little Sister's: Still Fighting Canada Customs

By Amy Sakalauskas

Little Sister's Book and Art Emporium, catering to the LGBTQ community, and situated in Vancouver's West End, opened in 1983. The folks there have been battling Canada Customs ever since. Many of us recognize the Little Sister's struggle with Canada Customs and recall the Supreme Court of Canada decision in 2000, a culmination of many years of legal arguments in lower Courts, along with an emotionally-charged media blitz. I will refer to this 2000 decision as "Little Sister's #1."

Did you know that Little Sister's was back at the Supreme Court of Canada in April 2006? The bookstore, whose name has become part of Canada's legal history, continues its "David and Goliath" struggle. On Wednesday, April 16, 2006, the Supreme Court of Canada reserved decision on the most recent set of legal questions raised by Little Sister's.

Little Sister's #1 was expected to be ground breaking. At close to 200 pages in length, it is a complex legal analysis which I could never hope to properly summarize in this short space. It was not without its victories, and certainly, I can see why Little Sister's would have celebrated. But despite its length, the decision left many people disappointed. Little Sister's argued that the treatment of its books at the Canada/ U.S. border violated the Charter rights of gay men and lesbian women. It explained how Canada Customs targeted the shipments to Little Sister's, threatening the business's livelihood by confiscating or holding up shipments.

The Supreme Court decided in 2000 that yes, the Customs regime that allows officials to detain or prohibit material deemed obscene, did violate Charter rights. However, the Court refused to strike down the regime, which it said was mostly justifiable. The Court did note problems and advised Canada Customs to fix them. Significantly, the Court found that the "reverse onus" that required importers, like Little Sister's, to show that the material was not "obscene" was unconstitutional and was not justifiable. The government was required to show that the material it classified as obscene was indeed so.

Canada's obscenity laws were at the centre of Little Sister's #1. Unfortunately, the Court's statements on this issue were not clear. The role of sexual expression in gay and lesbian culture was advanced by Little Sister's and other interested parties who had intervened in the case; and explanations of how Canada's custom regime differently impacted our community were presented. Certainly, there were rifts among the LGBTQ community on the issue, some that are not yet healed.

Little Sister's has now embarked on Little Sister's #2, which was filed in 2002. This current case arises from the continued seizure of books and in

particular, the detention of four books (two collections of gay adult comics and two gay erotic fiction collections). It is an appeal of the customs classifications to the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Overall, this current case raises three issues:

(1) Little Sister's is appealing from the detention orders of its books, placing the onus on Customs to show that they are indeed obscene;

(2) Little Sister's seeks a review of whether Customs Canada had changed its discriminatory practices. Little Sister's wants Customs to prove that the "grave, systemic" problems that the Supreme Court of Canada identified in its 2000 decision had been corrected and are now in keeping with the Charter.

*Customs officials, in spite of all their training and new systems, are still detaining and prohibiting massive quantities of titles*

(3) Little Sister's has raised a constitutional challenge to the definition of "obscenity" under Canadian law.

In June 2004, Madam Justice Bennett of the BC Supreme Court agreed that Customs had to show that the problems previously identified had been addressed. Madam Justice Bennett also agreed with another preliminary issue raised by Little Sister's - that the government should be contributing to its legal costs at this early stage. This is the preliminary issue that has made it to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Court cases like those taken on by Little Sister's are extremely expensive, to say the least. This most recent one was scheduled for 12 weeks of trial in September 2004. At seven weeks of trial (an earlier estimate of the time required), Little Sister's lawyer, Joseph Arvay, Q.C., had estimated that his legal fees could be about \$1.1 million. Obviously, 12 weeks would be significantly more costly. Mr. Arvay even advised the Court that he would be willing to work for significantly lower government rates.

Little Sister's argued that it had run out of funds. Their lawyer asked the BC trial judge to order "advanced costs," or up-front money, from the Defendant (Canada Customs) to allow Little Sister's to pursue their case. In asking for these funds, Little Sister's relied on a 2003 BC case in which advanced costs had been awarded to the Okanagan Indian Band to pursue its legal battle against the British Columbia Minister of Forests.

Madam Justice Bennett confirmed that advanced costs are awarded in "rare and exceptional circumstances." Three conditions have to be present: (1) the party seeking these interim costs must genuinely not be able to afford to pay for the litigation and there is no other option to get the

funds to bring the issue to trial, (2) the claim must have enough merit that it is contrary to the interest of justice for it not to go forward just because the litigant lack the financial means, and (3) the issues raised are of public importance, and have not been resolved in previous cases.

The trial judge agreed that Little Sister's met the test on two of the three issues it raised. The judge refused to order advanced costs in relation to the constitutional challenge to the definition of "obscenity." If and when this case comes up for a hearing, Little Sister's will argue, as the trial judge summarized, that the current definition of obscenity (based on the 1992 Supreme

Court of Canada decision in Butler) needs revisiting. Little Sister's, according to the trial judge, argues that the current definition "does not address the gay and lesbian community, nor the sado-masochistic community. It submits that the genre of sado-masochism is understood as violent when it is not. It submits that the fact Customs officials, in spite of all their training and new systems, are still detaining and prohibiting massive quantities of titles at the border suggests that the definition of what is obscene... is unworkable and needs to be revisited." While the judge recognized the argument, she decided that it did not meet the test for a granting of advanced costs, on the basis that it has been previously decided.

Canada Customs appealed the trial judge's ruling in favour of advanced costs. In February 2005, the British Columbia Court of Appeal agreed with them. The BCCA decided that the trial judge had erred, and that Little Sister's did not meet the legal test to have advanced costs awarded. The Appeal Court drew distinctions between Little Sister's and the Okanagan Indian Band, including that Little Sister's was for-profit (Little Sister's had provided evidence of its recent negative financial position). Also, the Appeal Court concluded that it was not satisfied that it was necessary for Little Sister's to be the instrument of reform of Canada Customs. The Appeal Court did not agree that the case was "special" or "extreme" or that the issues were of public importance and not resolved in earlier cases.

Not willing to give up, Little Sister's sought leave to apply to the Supreme Court of Canada (it is not an automatic right of appeal). The leave to appeal was granted to them. On April 16, 2006, Little Sister's was heard at the Court on the issue of advanced costs. They want the BC Appeal Court ruling overturned. We await the ruling decision on whether Canada's highest Court will agree with Little Sister's request for advanced costs so they can continue



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their case. This advanced costs ruling has been heralded as a life line to Little Sister's so that it can continue its legal challenge. The Court could also make important statements that will be relevant to others who might find themselves in the same sort of

situation.

With the past being the best predictor of the future, if Little Sister's does get to proceed, it is no doubt in for another lengthy, controversial, and expensive legal battle.



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# Restaurant Review

## Blue Moon Bistro

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Restaurant review by Randall Perry  
Blue Moon Bistro, the colourful Gottingen Street eatery, has been known by a number of monikers over the past few years. Business partners Christopher Robinson and John Dickinson took over the former Showtunes/Mobeys Eatery space late last year.

I decided to check the place out, as I had not been since last summer. Even though the eatery is no longer gay-owned, I'm told it's gay-friendly (should that not be the case for all business?).

My dinner companion was running a bit late and I arrived first. The bartender, Gary, doubling as waiter for the evening, was immediately attentive and offered me a drink during my wait. I declined the drink but asked for a menu. Thumbs up for good, personal service.

The décor has not been drastically made-over since the eatery's last incarnation, save for some new paint. The dark blue and medium yellow colours make for a cosy ambience, but one thing I would ask is that the lights be turned up a bit for evening dining. Low lights are nice and intimate, but it's also advantageous to be able to see one's plate.

My dinner companion arrived and we perused the extensive menu. Having lots of choice on a restaurant menu is a double-edged sword: on the one hand, great for picky eaters and an indication of the versatility of the chef; on the other hand, it can also fall into the "everybody else offers this, so let's offer it as well" trap. We shared a bruschetta starter, and I ordered the JD Fajita Steak Wrap while my

companion ordered the Mongolian Stir Fry with added grilled chicken. Both these entrées were indicated as Bistro specialties. Our meal arrived quickly, attractively presented and a bit on the spare side, as far as portion-to-price goes.

My take on the tastes and textures? Good but not outstanding. What I found lacking was the "zing" factor, that extra something that makes an ordinary meal extraordinary. The proper word would not be "bland," but certainly something was missing in the taste department. The food was quite acceptable; even so, the earth did not move.

Overall, the experience was good. The service was top-notch. The portions were on the small side, for the price. I do not expect an evening of fine-dining from this establishment, but rather something more on the casual side, more akin to dropping in after work or stopping by for a quick bite when out with friends.

The extensive menu, while offering lots of choice, I feel is a bit of a problem and serves to detract from the experience. Only a scant few of the items are marked as Blue Moon Bistro specialties, which is a shame considering the potential of the establishment. The menu could be scaled back by about a third or more and time devoted to creating new specialty dishes which really stand out will be time well-spent.

Relaxing atmosphere, nice décor, great service. With proper lighting, an improved menu and a bit more on the plate, Blue Moon Bistro will be on-track to becoming a place I'll gladly experience again.

Grade: B-



# Chef's Corner



This month I am straying away from my seasonal themed articles to dedicate a recipe to a friend who absolutely loves this soup and begs me for the recipe every time he is in the restaurant. This soup has been featured regularly at Chives during the winter months for the past 5 years, and somehow, every time he frequents my Bistro, as luck would have it, this soup is that evening's feature. So, Benji, I hope you read this issue and cut out the recipe, because this is for you baby...



celery root

## Roasted Celery Root Soup with White Italian Truffle Essence

### Ingredients

- 1 lb washed, peeled, and diced celery root
- 1 Tbsp canola oil
- 1 medium size onion, peeled and diced
- 2 stalks green celery, diced
- 2 cloves fresh garlic, crushed
- 1/4 lb butter
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1 L chicken broth
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 (50 ml) bottle Italian white truffle essence infused olive oil
- 2 Tbsp chopped chives
- freshly ground sea salt and white pepper to taste

### Method

Toss the celery root in enough canola oil to coat, and roast in a 350°F oven for approx 20 min or until the pieces begin to brown.

Melt butter in a large sauce pan over medium heat, add all of the other vegetables and sweat them in the butter until the onions are translucent, then add the roasted celery root.

Pour the chicken broth over the vegetables, bring to the boil, then simmer until the celery root is tender. (approx 20 min)

In 2 batches puree the mixture in a food processor, or blender and pass it through a fine mesh sieve to give it a silky smoothness. You may also at this point need to adjust the consistency of the soup. If it too thick, thin it out with a little more chicken broth. (Note: when using a blender for this procedure, always leave the center of your blender cover open and just cover lightly with a kitchen towel before blending. Because the liquids are hot, the gases expand when agitated and will blow the cover off and you could be burned.)

Return to pan, add the whipping cream and heat through.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve an 8 oz portion in a heated soup plate, drizzled with 1 tsp of truffle oil and a sprinkling of fresh chopped chives.

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## Moncton Pride '06

On behalf of the Fierté Diversité Moncton Pride Diversity 2006 committee, I would like to take this opportunity to notify you of our upcoming Pride celebrations on the week of June 18, 2006 to June 24, 2006. These celebrations aim to unite our local gay community and promote diversity and acceptance within our day to day lives. In an effort to host the best possible events, we are in the midst of organizing our annual Diversity Pride Parade. As such, we are reaching out to our community for assistance. Our goal is simple... to show that the Greater Moncton Area is a great place to live and do business, where we can live without fear of prejudice. We ask the community to unite in showing support for our local Diversity Community. Proving that by working together, anything is possible. Will you show your support, we invite you to participate; we would like to speak with you. We are currently accepting float and group entries for our annual Diversity Pride parade. For more information, please see us online at [www.fdmpr.com](http://www.fdmpr.com) and fill out the form or contact Art Vautour-Toole at (506) 382-5837.



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Moncton's first Pride committee;  
Rev. Eldon Hay;  
First parade;  
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## Moncton Pride history

On Friday evening, June 27, 1969, the New York City tactical police force raided a popular Greenwich Village gay bar, the Stonewall Inn. Raids were not unusual in 1969; in fact, they were conducted regularly without much resistance. However, that night the street erupted into violent protest as the crowds in the bar fought back. The backlash and several nights of protest that followed have come to be known as the Stonewall Riots. Although this is not the exact history of Moncton Pride, this is where all prides can say they began.

Moncton Pride began as an idea of Art Vautour-Toole. He had travelled many times to the larger Canadian prides in Montreal and Toronto, but wanted to be celebrating in his home city. Art had laid the ground work with Moncton City Council, and with that education knew there would be no opposition to the parade from the councillors. He then engaged the help of Greg Daborn and Denis Lenteigne. These three pioneers then put together the first Committee along with some others from the community and the first pride parade was held on Saturday, June 20, 2000.

With little business support, the parade was a huge success. The post parade festivities in Victoria Park were enjoyed by everyone in attendance, with drag queens from all over the Maritimes taking part. The banner that led the parade was signed by almost everyone in the park that day, and is still used today to lead the parade.

In 2001, our first flag raising was held at Moncton City Hall, and the then mayor, Brian Murphy proclaimed the first ever Gay Pride Week. It is interesting to note that after this proclamation, the City of Moncton stopped issuing proclamations.

Thanks to the hard work of the Moncton gay community, the parade has enjoyed much success. There were times of hardship, however, where anonymous members of the community would contribute financially to ensure that it continued. It was at the request of past treasurer, the late Ernest Taylor, that this funding stopped and allowed the fundraising work of the committee to carry the events, something that it has been able to do this day.

## Moncton Pride 2006 Schedule

### Saturday June 17th

Family Pride Day  
To Be Determined\*

### Sunday June 18th

Pride Church Service  
10:45am, Central United Church, 150 Queen St.  
Everyone welcome!\*

Mr. & Mz. Leather  
Moncton Competition  
Triangles Bar  
234 St. George St.\*

### Monday June 19th

Pride Flag Raising  
7:00pm, Riverview Town Hall, 30 Honor House Court

### Tuesday June 20th

Pride Flag Raising  
7:00pm, Moncton City Hall  
655 Main St.

### Wednesday June 21st

Pride Flag Raising  
7:00pm, Dieppe City Hall  
333 Acadie Ave.

### Thursday June 22nd

Pride Karaoke  
10:00pm, Triangles Bar  
234 St. George St.

### Friday June 23rd

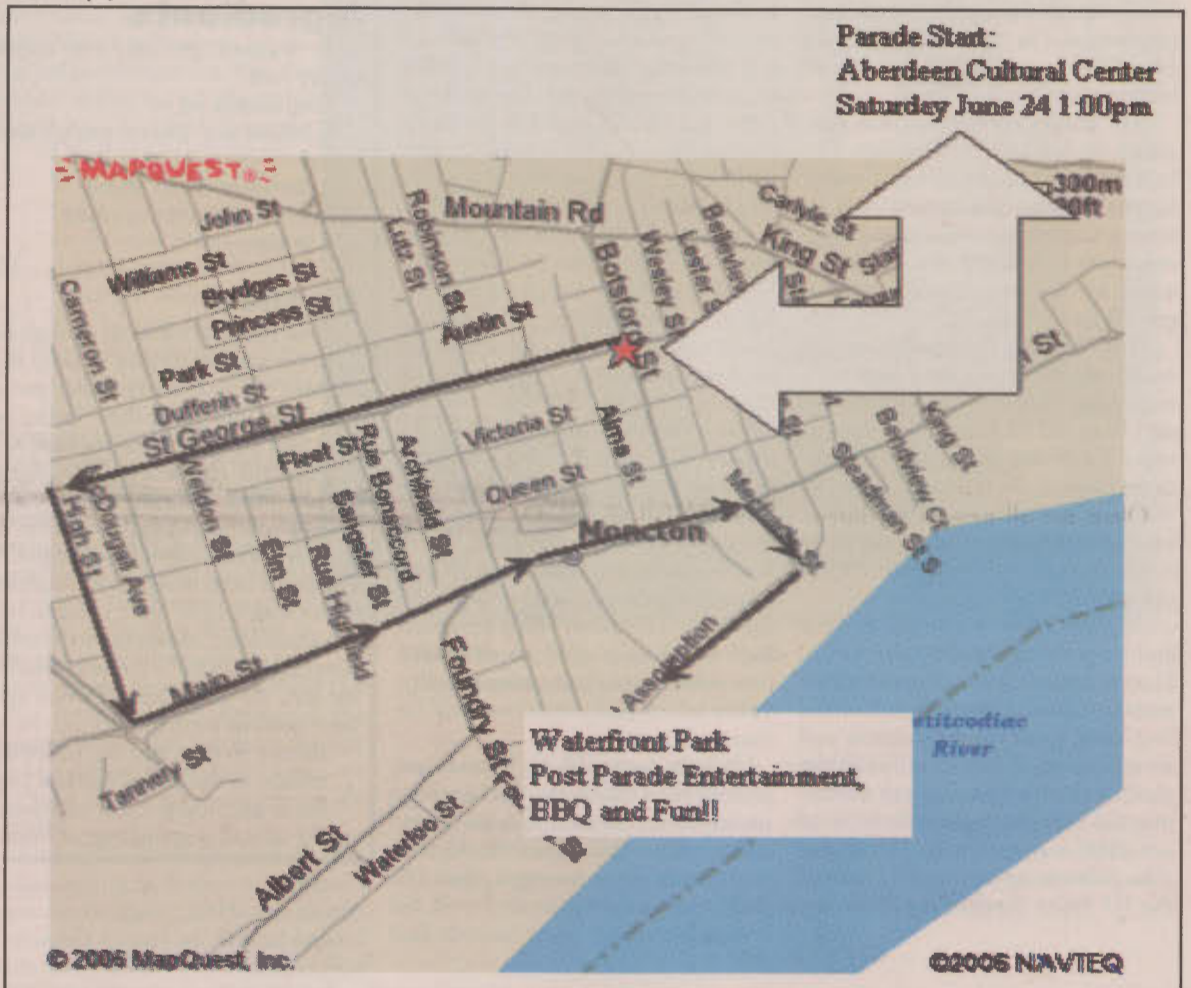
\*This event is subject to confirmation. Please check <http://www.fdmpr.com> for more up to date information.

### Pride Disco Night

10:00pm, Triangles Bar  
234 St. George St.

### Saturday June 24th

7th Annual Moncton Pride Parade  
1:00pm start at Aberdeen Cultural Center, Corner of Saint George St. and Alma St.



## The MLC - Pride Day BBQ

by Steve Laviolette

The Moncton Leather Chapter is pleased to announce that it will be holding its Annual Moncton Pride Day barbeque again this year on Saturday, June 24, 2006 from 4:00pm until 7:00pm at Club Chameleon, 939 Mountain Road in Moncton.

Come join us after the Pride Day festivities are completed at the park for food, drink and fun and games on the Chameleon patio along with some afternoon dancing.

All proceeds raised through the Moncton Pride Day BBQ will go to assist The Greater Moncton Family Resource Centre (<http://frc-crf.com/moncton>) in reaching its goal to obtain a new location for the services offered to families with children from birth to 6 years of age.

On a side note, please be advised that you don't have to be into Leather, the Leather scene or whatever you may think Leather is all about. What we are asking is for you to come out, show Pride within the community, have a fun afternoon after the Pride celebrations and to assist a worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your time. The Moncton Leather Chapter looks forward to seeing you on Pride Day, Saturday, June 24, 2006. Come for a fun time and an all around great way to spend an afternoon. You will also be assisting our fundraising for The Greater Moncton Family Resource Centre. For further information on this event, please contact [TheMLC@Rogers.com](mailto:TheMLC@Rogers.com)

## Moncton 2006 Mr & Mz Leather Contest

by Steve Laviolette

The Moncton Leather Chapter is pleased to announce that it will be holding the Mr & Mz Leather Moncton 2006 contest on Sunday, June 18, 2006. The contest will once again kick off Moncton Pride Week at 10:00pm at Triangles, 234 St. George Street.

"We're looking at holding another successful venue again this year to choose Leather ambassadors for the growing Leather community in Moncton and New Brunswick," stated Steve Laviolette, founder of the Moncton Leather Chapter.

Any person, male or female over 19 years of age interested in participating in this year's fun can contact The Moncton Leather Chapter at [TheMLC@Rogers.com](mailto:TheMLC@Rogers.com) or obtain contestant application forms from the Triangles bar staff.

"Here's to a fun night. It's a great way to kick off Pride Week here in the Hub of the Maritimes. Hope to see you on June 18 to help welcome in our newest Leather ambassadors."



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# Moncton Pride Diversity 2006



## PFLAG in Pride

By Eldon Hay

As the leader of Moncton PFLAG, I was interested in Pride even before courageous founders Art Vautour, Denis Lanteigne and Greg Daborn brought that event to Moncton (and I was thrilled and honoured to be Parade Marshall of the first Moncton Pride).

Before Pride came to Moncton, I was enthusiastic about taking a group of our parents to Halifax Pride. I announced it and talked it up in our Moncton chapter. Maybe we could get a bus and take many parents? No sale. A van? No. The end result: wife Anne Pirie and I went in our car, us two. Period. I remember how delighted I was when two young lesbians from our chapter turned up anyway!

Okay, not all parents are interested in Pride. I was surprised, until I thought about it. I trimmed my sail to fit the circumstances. So, each year I send out an email to individuals in our chapter, which contains some parents, but even more gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders. I tell them about the Pride March, and say why I go and want to go again (that a bit later). I also suggest several ways they may respond.

First, they may wish to parade

with other PFLAGers, a PFLAG banner will be there, and anyone who wants to can join behind that banner.

Secondly, they may not wish to have anything to do with the parade or with Pride week.

Thirdly, not wishing to walk, they might be interested in standing on the sidewalk and watching the parade go by.

Fourthly, they might turn up at the parade destination, and listen to the music. I give the website where interested persons can take in other aspects of Pride Week, if they wish.

I conclude by saying that it is up to the individual - whatever their action or reaction to Pride March or activities in Pride week - these are completely acceptable.

Why do I walk? I am in the parade to show support for my gay son and my

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## Female Co-chair Moncton Pride 2004

by Kim Firlotte

In September of 2003, I agreed to be the female co-chair with Lindsay Patten as male co-chair. We were to help organize Pride 2004 for Moncton. Well, with a lot of frustration, and yes, bickering amongst ourselves, we got it done, over the year. Greg Daborn, a past co-chair, president and one of the founders of Pride Moncton, was a great help to us. I knew I could always have a chat with Greg and he would put me on the right track mentally to get things done.

So on that particular Saturday in June 2004, Pride happened. It seemed that, vehicle-wise, we had quite a few behind us. I was driving the Triangles jeep, with the leathermen on it, so I could not see very far behind me, but my co-chair Lindsay kept running up beside me giving me an update of what was going on. On to the park, and the after show, for the first time in Moncton Pride history, we had a bilingual show. Mario B was my co-host for the afternoon. I was the English-speaking person and Mario would repeat in French. Also for the first time, we had a group from Saint John who were hearing-impaired and had come prepared. They had two interpreters with them, who very graciously stood in the rain and signed everything to the group. So even though we got a little bit wet, it was a very memorable day for me. Seeing so many of our diverse cultures enjoying the festivities and getting positive feedback afterward made all the hard work and frustration more than worth it. So that, my friends, is my most memorable pride.

Thank you to all who helped us achieve it.



## What Pride Means to Us

By Josette Robichaud and Diane LeBlanc

Pride is a time to celebrate diversity. Our individuality! It is a time to show the world that we are here to stay. No matter where you go or what you do, you will find us in your midst. We don't want special recognition or even preferential treatment. We just want to be treated the same as anyone else, no better, no worse.

Yes, Pride is a time to celebrate, but it's also a time to educate. It's a time to sensitize the general public to the fact that there is a great need for increased acceptance within today's society.

Not so long ago, it was illegal to be gay. People were afraid to go out and be themselves. To hold hands in public was not something you would do from fear of getting hurt. Much progress has been made in this area, but there is still a long way to go. We deserve equal rights just as anyone else. We still have to get many antiquated laws updated to reflect recent progress.

Looking beyond the lengthy legal battles ahead, there is a dream of being able to walk down the street, hand in hand with my partner. Something so simple. Something so minor. And yet, impossible to do without bystanders staring, open-jawed, or even diverting their eyes to the uncomfortable situation.

Is it uncomfortable for them, or us? We really have to ask ourselves this question. In most cases, the answer would be the latter. This is unfortunate. The basis of Pride is just that. PRIDE! We have to be proud of whom we are and not let anybody's actions rain on our parade.



How can we expect acceptance and progress if we are unable to take a stand for what we believe in? It is only by showing a united front and not backing down that change will happen. It's time to come running out of the closet and demand what is rightfully ours! Equal Rights!

Understandably, not everyone is at the point in their life where they are able to voice their opinions on such topics as gay marriage and equal rights but actions can be taken without compromising one's standing in society.

Pride is about diversity. Pride is about being ourselves. Most of all, Pride is about showing others that if we band together, anything is possible. We need to pave the road for the future, just as others have done for us. We have gone a long way from homosexuality being illegal to actually have our unions recognized legally but we still have a lot of work to do.

We need to celebrate our accomplishments without forgetting tomorrow's struggles. What it really all boils down to is this. Pride is about education so that people like you and me can live our lives freely without fear of discrimination.

*Pride is not just an event for a week; it is a feeling that grows within you and stays in your heart forever*

## What Pride Means to Me

By Lindsay Parent

Pride means many things to me. First of all Pride means the freedom to express our sexuality free from all prejudices and the freedom to live as we choose. I myself have gone through a lot of changes including being gay bashed when I first lived here. Living that frightful event in my life was a hard time for me. If it wasn't for the gay community supporting me when this happened, I would not have known what to do.

We need Gay Pride we need and we have to embrace it so the younger generation now coming out can live a peaceful life free from prejudice and bigotry. Pride has enabled me to grow in the gay community, to fully express myself and it has helped me to be myself.

I remember when I first came out of the so-called closet. I considered myself one of the lucky ones as my parents did not care. My mother and father said they did not mind one bit and even embraced the gay community as a whole. My father said to me, "You are my son." Before I knew and now I know nothing has changed. I am still his son. He told me this when there was no Pride and when nobody celebrated.

Pride is a great gift for the younger generation to help them come out of the closet. Pride, as one old poem stated, yes Pride does exist and thank God it exists for everyone to be fully appreciated.

A lot has happened since our first Gay Pride seven years ago, the main one being the passing of the same sex marriage bill. That was the biggest hurdle. Now can fully be recognized as married couples with equal rights for everyone. So Pride should be a big celebration this year - just for this event.

As an older member of the gay community, I have seen a lot of changes, most of which have been on the positive side. I would never have dreamed that Moncton could have hosted a Gay Pride. Thanks go to Art and Wayne Vautour-Toole for starting something in this city and believing it could happen. Now we are celebrating our seventh year in Pride.

You see what individual people can do. Many thanks go to Art and Wayne for pushing the same sex marriage bill and it finally becoming a reality for us all. They have both been great advocates for the gay community through all the hardships they have endured. Look what has come about. I see them as heroes of the gay community who give me reason to be proud and out and to fully enjoy myself at Pride.

Pride means a lot to some and to others it means less. To me it means freedom to express myself openly and honestly and to be who I am, an open gay man proud of who I am and proud to belong in a community where you can be yourself and not be afraid of who knows and not really even caring who knows anymore.

In my travels abroad to Great Britain and Europe, I have seen openly gay couples walk down the street hand in hand. In Brighton, England couples walk hand in hand with straight couples and nobody gives a look. Now that to me is being proud of who we are. Gay Pride is also a week to have fun, to celebrate with our friends and just be ourselves.

But we should remember holding Pride events is a lot of work and headaches and sometimes pulling your hair out by the roots. But when it all pays off and Pride happens, then you can stand back and say I did it. I have arrived.

To all future couples planning to get married, I say "God bless them" and I hope I can be around to attend these weddings as I did last year when two of my friends got married.

Hats off to Pride and the Pride committee for giving us that feeling, for giving us something to believe in, for giving us freedom to express ourselves, for giving us life to stay out of the closet and say I'm here and I'M PROUD AND I'M NOT GOING AWAY

Pride is not just an event for a week. It is a feeling that grows within you and stays in your heart forever and makes one not ashamed of who or what they are. So as you see Pride means a lot to me and will always mean a lot to me, so I have to say, "Happy Pride, wherever and whenever you are." May the feeling of Pride stay within your hearts forever, don't ever lose sight of that feeling, keep it buried in your heart and keep a smile on your face and say, "I have finally arrived."



## Pride and Prejudice

By Gilles Marchildon, Executive Director of Egale Canada  
Pride season is upon us! Over the next few weeks, cities across the Maritimes and throughout the world will celebrate LGBTQ Pride. Lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-identified people can queerly celebrate their pride on many levels: the personal triumph of being true to ourselves in the face of continued adversity; the joy in being able to share who we are with those that we love; our collective success through legal and political struggles that have led to sharing human rights with all of society; and the shaping of a cultural community based on common interests and shared characteristics.

For the first few years of my life, it was still a criminal offence for someone like me to express my love for another man. But last summer, I legally married my same-sex partner. What a difference 40 years can make!

There's a lot to celebrate and we are really good at it! Perhaps it's due to years of collective shame and constraint, with so many of us holding back from expressing our deepest desires and feeling guilt because our kind of love was never represented publicly, except when it was depicted as a perversion.

Pride is a strength. It can be powerfully employed but like any human trait, it can also be underdeveloped and under-utilized. Let's ensure that pride, both on a personal and collective level, helps accomplish great achievements of which we can be prouder still.

We are a social force. Our community can mobilize effectively, love generously, act collectively, show compassion, use our dollars, argue ef-

fectively, celebrate outlandishly, challenge oppression, care for our chosen families, have sex passionately... and show pride!

As a maturing, adult community (that can still party like a teenager!), we should share our talents, resources and experience with those individuals and communities who are marginalized, impoverished, down-trodden and under-represented. Not only should human kindness compel us to do this but it may also be a politically astute path. For if we don't help those who are suffering today, who will help us when needed?

We have come a long way since LGBT people cowered in fear. Our community has learned a lot and become stronger. Laws have changed, social tolerance seems to be higher and we increasingly share the same human rights as heterosexuals.

Yet, there are clouds on the horizon. They could be simply passing through or they might be harbingers of a political storm which could unleash hatred and violence such as human beings are unfortunately all too capable of doing.

In Ottawa, Stephen Harper leads a new federal government. There is a clearly expressed commitment to roll back equality by taking away equal marriage. This agenda is being actively pushed by social conservatives working to turn the clocks back, to take away equality from people who don't conform to their narrow view of society.

As we celebrate Pride this year, let's do it with gusto. We should enjoy our achievements but build our strength as a community. We should also remember our work fighting prejudice is not over.

By Bill McKinnon

I was at a workshop on bullying at the IWK on April 22. There were people from around the Maritimes and talks by Canadian and British experts. Most participants were teachers or counselors. There were reps from the Department of Education and the Halifax School Board but they quickly fled after making welcoming remarks. It would have been better had they stayed, listened and then developed zero tolerance policies and programs to reduce the (estimated) 25% bullied rate in Nova Scotia

What is bullying? "Bullying is a pattern of repeated aggressiveness with negative intent from one child to another where there is a power imbalance," says Dr Dan Olweus, a Norwegian researcher, in his 1998 work, *Focus on Bullying*. It is a relationship problem, a demonstration of social power. Physical oppression is more common among younger kids: social/verbal persecution happens more with teenagers. The hit/kick/punch stuff is easier to deal with. Social/verbal bullying is about exclusion, pretending not to see, putting others down and teasing or laughing at them. Excluded kids don't get picked for sports teams, don't get Valentine cards and are not invited to birthday parties. This treatment hurts.

How frequent is it? In Canada in the 11 - 15 age range, 25% are bullied. It gets hidden a lot because of victim fear. There is also a lot of denial that it is happening by school principals and teachers.

Who are the tormentors? Bullies tend to be people lacking in warmth and involvement. They too may be coerced at home.

Should we punish the bullies? The "no blame" approach is best. Punishment makes it worse; it creates indignation and may cause secondary intimidation. Suspended bullies get together with other suspended ruffians.

Who are the injured parties? Victims may be gays or people who seem to be gay, small kids, kids who are overweight, the disabled, the shy, those with low self-esteem and others who are alone. You don't get picked on if you are with someone.

What about bystanders? There is no such thing as an innocent bystander. One study shows that bullying stops 57% of the time within 10 seconds when onlookers intervene. Regrettably, 75% of bystanders support the bullies. Some think that victims are bullied because they deserve it and others don't get involved for fear they may be the next target.

Kids often do not have the language to report the abuse done to them. Victims, especially girls may hold things in for years. They often blame themselves. Teachers and parents can assist them to find the language for without it they can't talk about it. If a kid learns how to speak up, she realizes "It's her - not me."

Hot spots for bullying in schools include recess, the school yard and home-bound school buses when the Ritalin has worn off. It also takes place out of school, e.g. parks, at girl guides, on the internet - everywhere.

The more one is mistreated, the more trapped one feels. Victims may become alcoholics or drug addicts, develop mental illness and may even attempt suicide. Some become bullies themselves. Who can help? People who need to be involved in reducing bullying include peers, parents, teachers, principals and the School Board. The perpetrators too can often be called on for advice.



What can be done? Provide safe places. Give victims the language to talk about it. We need to give peers the prosocial skills to support the abused and help the victims increase their self-esteem. Kids will help. One approach is gathering together a group of strong kids and the bully (not named as such) but without the victim. The group is told that nobody is going to be punished and is asked to suggest ways to help the victim. A teacher may ask the bully to look after the bullied kid and the bully may well do it.

There has to be zero tolerance of bullying and this involves helping both the bullied and the bullies. Schools need to be made safe to avoid the consequences of bullying. In safe schools children learn better than those living in fear.

Gay and lesbian youth and straight-but-effeminate boys are not the only victims of oppression but this is a GLBT paper. GLBT victims can get help from the Halifax LGTB Youth Project, Gay-Straight Alliances, and PFLAG's

To learn more, check out [www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov](http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov), [www.cfchildren.org](http://www.cfchildren.org), [www.pikas.se/scm](http://www.pikas.se/scm), and [www.cyberbullying.org](http://www.cyberbullying.org). There are also books, videos and movies you will find at the library.

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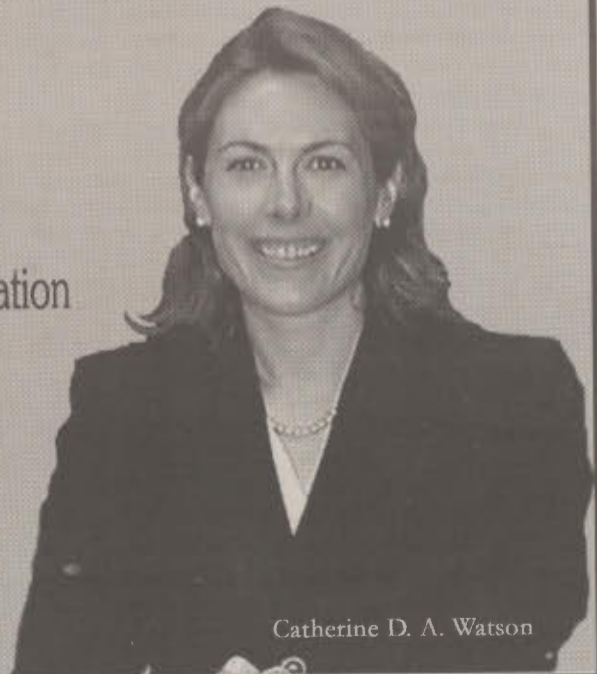
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# Reviews

**Inside Out – Straight Talk From A Gay Jock**  
Mark Tewksbury – 262 pages

Reviewed by Bill McKinnon  
This book is "an insider's perspective on Olympic politics, media, fame, gay life, friendship, family and leadership." Mark Tewksbury has achieved much more than most of us; yet there is another side to his life with which many members of the LGBT community can identify, and they will be able to say, "Hey he's just like me."

Mark is a champion. He won gold, silver and bronze Olympic medals in swimming. He served on the Olympic site selection team and traveled in luxury, and mingled with the rich and famous when he stopped swimming competitively. Later he made a significant contribution in addressing corruption in the Olympic hierarchy. He is a popular TV personality and a dynamic, much-in-demand motivational speaker. After engaging in



no-win conflict with the Gay Games leadership, he helped found the World Out Games 2006 in Montreal, and now serves as Co-President. How many of us will ever match Mark's level of accomplishment? He is only 38 years old but he has been around.

Not all of Mark's young life passed as one might expect. In deed he first dressed in drag at age seven at his grandmother's house. "It was our lit-

tle secret [and] ... even at that this young age, I got the message loud and clear." As a teenager he was called a "fag" and had to change schools. Attending a Rocky Horror Show screening in full drag he ruined his mother's dress. Life in conservative, homophobic Alberta was not easy even though Mark was not out. When he first came out as a gay man to his family, it did not go well. Then the guy he loved dumped Mark when he really needed to be loved. What I find so likeable about Mark is that he tells it like it was even when the truth is not flattering.

As a gay athlete in the closet, Mark was often lonely and in the supposedly straight world of elite athletics he had few people to confide in. He suffered major bouts of anxiety and depression. He had to lead a double life which became increasingly frustrating as he achieved fame. "I had done everything in my power to keep the worlds of sport and gay apart. In fact, this denial of who I was had actually become the very story of my life." The pressure of his complicated lifestyle finally forced Mark to go to Australia. There he could live openly as a gay man. Not everything was idyllic for this successful and handsome young man with the engaging personality. As he says, "I have seen first-hand, the climate of shame that comes from silence and secrets."



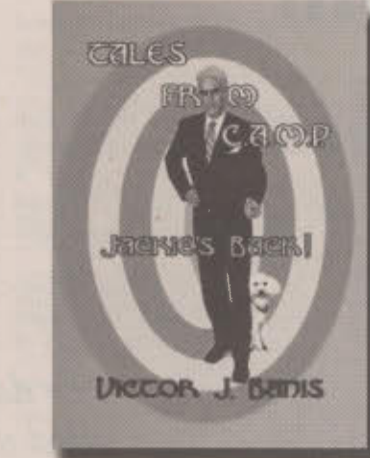
**Tales From C.A.M.P. Jackie's Back!**  
by Victor J. Banis  
www.glbpubs.com

Reviewed by Ralph Higgins  
Victor J. Banis may be the only writer whose literary career is owed in part to governmental harassment. In 1964 he was charged - and subsequently acquitted on a technicality - with distributing obscene, i.e. homosexual material (the book in question containing what Banis states was "a couple of tepid lesbian scenes"). He had written the book on a whim but now a sense of outrage and sheer bullheadedness impelled him to continue writing. If not for the legal harassment, Banis might have left writing altogether. And we would all have been the poorer for it.

Among this prolific author's work are ten C.A.M.P. novels and three of the novels, Rally round the Fag, Blow the Man Down, and Gothic Gaye have been reissued in one book, Tales From C.A.M.P. by GLBpubs as part of their Gay History Writers Series. In these stories, written in the years leading up to Stonewall, we first meet the incomparable Jackie Holmes.

Jackie is a paragon: black belt in various martial arts, a superb athlete, master of disguise, connoisseur of art and fine living and with the kind of sharp-edged intelligence that would have made him the top of any field he chose. All of this could have made him insufferable were it not for his self-deprecating wit and his bawdy sexuality. By present day standards the sex is rather tame, amusing rather than erotic, carefree fun rather than romantic or steamy.

Jackie, aided by his faithful poodle, Sophie, works for an organization known as C.A.M.P. whose goal is the protection and advancement of gays worldwide. His work requires him to avert World War Three, unravel mysterious disappearances and foil the machinations of C.A.M.P.'s arch nemesis, B.U.T.C.H. (Brothers United To Crush Homosexuality)



Even while thwarting plans of world destruction, Jackie still finds time to arrange trysts with amorous suitors or teach his straight colleagues the wonders of gay sex. To this end, Jackie is always available to knowledge seekers and keeps himself wide open for questions no matter how probing or deep the topic.

Holmes is a wittier, handsomer James Bond or the man from U.N.C.L.E (remember that TV series?) with a greater sense of humour and more developed libido. The character of Jackie Holmes was one of the very first of the happy gay characters. He was not suicidal, filled with self-loathing, a drug addict nor a criminal. This was a remarkable achievement at a time when most gay characters were shown as criminals, mentally unstable or merely pathetic. By contrast Holmes is unapologetically, proudly, jubilantly gay. He gives free rein to his sexual appetites and indulges without guilt or qualms.

While the C.A.M.P. novels are an important part of gay history, this is not the reason to read them. Enjoy them for their humour and fast-paced adventures. Most of all, read them because of the extraordinary Jackie Holmes - the gayest, funniest, sexiest world saviour you'll ever meet.

Visit [www.glbpubs.com](http://www.glbpubs.com) and [www.victorjbanis.com](http://www.victorjbanis.com)

**Hellbent**  
Starring: Dylan Fergus, Bryan Kirkwood, Hank Harris  
Director: Paul Etheridge-Ouztis  
Fax: 2005, thriller

by Brent Kò,  
365Gay.com

We've had gay horror films before, but Hellbent has the distinction of being the first queer slasher movie, and Halloween just won't be the same again.

The film uses the annual West Hollywood Halloween Carnival as a backdrop.

Many of the scenes were shot during Carnival and the fact the film was shot on video and then transferred to film gives it all a cinema verite quality.

Hellbent follows four very hot gay men as they set out for it big street party. There's solid and responsible Eddie (Dylan Fergus). Joey (Hank Harris) is a sweet innocent. The party animal is Chaz (Andrew Levitas) and Tobey (Matt Phillips) is our jaded village gay.

As they make their way through the crowds on the street they are harassed by a masked man who turns out to be a mad killer who has been terrorizing the neighborhood.

The four decide to stay together for safety but they end up separated and alone.

Needless to say, because this is a slasher movie, not all the guys will survive the night.

True to the genre there are outlandishly gory death scenes.

And, there are some truly frightening scenes - enough to genuinely care about the characters. In fact, this is a far better picture than any of the "Friday the 13th" movies that came in a much higher budget.

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# Mounties Married

By DAN ARSENAULT Chronicle Herald Staff Reporter  
METEGHAN — On a Friday night in Yarmouth this June, Const. Jason Tree and Const. David Connors will don their scarlet dress uniforms, stand before family, friends and co-workers and wed in the first same-sex marriage in the RCMP's storied history.

In an interview in their Meteghan home Wednesday afternoon, the men said they've had great support from the national police force, the community and their families.

"I've never had a single problem," said Const. Tree, 27, a native of Fredericton, who has worked in southwestern Nova Scotia for six years and is posted in Meteghan.

The pair, who've dated since meeting at the University of New Brunswick more than eight years ago, will be married by a justice of the peace at the Rodd Grand Hotel on June 30. Each will write his own vows, and each will have a best man. They expect plenty of fellow officers to attend and have yet to decide if they'll have their colleagues form an honour guard for them. They plan to

honeymoon in France and England.

Provincial RCMP spokesman Sgt. Frank Skidmore said the force was happy to hear about the union, adding that they're proud RCMP officers reflect all aspects of the community.

"This is a first for us," Sgt. Skidmore said Wednesday. "Certainly, the RCMP welcomes a workforce that is representative of Canadian society, and that is the case here."

Const. Connors, 28, who grew up in Nackawick, near Fredericton, and Const. Tree had met before university because their high school clubs met each other occasionally. However, once they got to university, they discovered their mutual attraction.

"He kind of stood out from the rest," Const. Connors said.

After three years at UNB, Const. Tree left his partner for RCMP training in Regina and was posted to Yarmouth.

Const. Connors earned a computer engineering degree and took a job in Halifax. However, the industry took a downturn and he was laid off, so he moved to Yarmouth. After a year there, he took RCMP training and at



Const. Jason Tree, left, and Const. David Connors. (Darren Pittman/Herald Staff)

the graduation ceremony had Const. Tree present him with his badge as his partner in front of the entire class.

He was posted to the Yarmouth town detachment.

"I love it more than any job I've ever done," he said.

Const. Tree said being a Mountie was always his goal.

The two moved in together several years ago and registered as domestic partners around the same time, which gives them the same basic legal rights as married couples.

But Const. Tree wanted to make

the strongest possible commitment and popped the question while the pair were driving home from Halifax in January.

The pair had talked about it before, and Const. Connors said yes and kept on driving.

It was "no big romantic thing," Const. Tree said.

"It seemed like a good time (to ask)," he said, noting that laws had recently changed, the pair were living in the same area and had great support.

Asked if the publicity about their marriage will bring derision on them, Const. Tree said Mounties have thick skin.

"That's nothing new. People insult you all the time.

"Everyone's entitled to their opinion, and I don't have a problem if people have that opinion as long as they keep it within the proper realm."

He said their decision to marry is entirely for themselves, but they do hope it helps change public perceptions about homosexuality.

"I think it really just shows that we're representative of the community we live in."

Const. Connors said people in Yarmouth know he's gay but haven't tried to use it against him in any way, not that it would get them anywhere.

Although they have a lot of support from fellow officers, they aren't immune to teasing and have heard joking remarks about being Brokeback Mounties.

"I've heard that, and it's funny," Const. Connors said.

Sgt. Skidmore said there shouldn't be any problems when it comes to the officers working together. The RCMP's policy regarding married couples, regardless of gender, is that one spouse cannot hold a position of power over the other in the same detachment.

"They can be nearby but not in the same exact environment," Sgt. Skidmore said.

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## Mad Hot Ballroom in Moncton!



By Kris Trotter

I nearly fell off my chair when she said it. If I had, I might have injured myself, and that would have been the end of it. "Let's take ballroom dancing lessons."

This, coming from Louise, my conservative, discrete-if-not-closeted, sobersided partner was like being invited to a lesbian nudist colony by Elsie Wayne. Well, not quite like that, but still a huge shock.

Years ago when we had lived in Ottawa I had tried to talk Louise into the idea of us learning to dance together. I'd even gone so far as to call a dance school to inquire whether two women could dance together. Ottawa was "Gay Mecca" in the early 90s so I was surprised and offended when the answer was "No". If I remember correctly, the rationale given was "One of you would have to take the role of

the man", stated as though that would be such a horrible thing. "Um, technically the role is called 'lead', not 'man'", I wanted to retort, but didn't. We just gave up on the idea.

So it was with a sense of deja-vu that thirteen years later I called the Aurele Belliveau School of Dance in Moncton (Acadian, Roman Catholic Moncton) to ask the same question. But this time the answer was "Yes! Of course! Why not? We've had same-sex couples before." Once again, I was reminded that people are usually not as homophobic as you think

they will be, and that Moncton is a wonder-ful, evolving city.

The Aurele Belliveau School of Dance is located in the basement of the Heritage Building, once the Eaton's building, in the heart of downtown Moncton. Friendly bilingual volunteers met us at the door and walked us through a fitness centre to a large dance studio which was soon filled with nervous-looking people of all ages and styles. From twenty-somethings to sixty-somethings, couples and singles, even a young girl of about fourteen and a gorgeous young guy with facial piercings, no one looked out of place because no single norm was represented.

We were the only same-sex couple but nobody batted an eye when the instructor said, "Ladies line up on this wall and men on this wall" and I joined all the men. (Louise and I had

tossed a coin to choose who would lead.) Initially I felt awkward as the sole woman in a group of fifteen (big, tall) men, but the guys were friendly to me and soon we were all too busy learning our 'figures' or basic steps to look at anyone else. And then, there were lots of examples of women dancing with women since our instructor,

*The dance studio was soon filled with nervous-looking people of all ages and styles*

Eva Belliveau, randomly asked either male or female volunteers to dance with her when she illustrated steps for us.

These volunteers are the secret to the success of this dance school, in my opinion. They are people who, like us, once were awkward, spastic, confused beginners. Now they are one, two or more years into ballroom dancing and they are clearly hooked! They return to the beginner classes to dance with the people who are there as 'singles', and to assist. If Louise and I were struggling individually or together (which was often, trust me) within seconds a volunteer was at our side to coach us.

At breaks, these folks ensured no one was standing off to the side without being approached with welcoming words and friendly conversation. In this way Louise and I could not feel for long that we were any different from any other couple there. As for our dancing, here's our report card: we could make our way through the fox-

## A Thousand Words...



trot, struggled mightily with the jive, had to miss a few classes of cha-cha instruction and then felt completely lost, and loved the slow waltz.

Because we had to miss several classes, Eva very kindly offered us a separate tutorial session so that we could get caught up with our classmates. Here we learned from Eva that the Aurele Belliveau School of Dance is the only one in New Brunswick offering instructors accredited by the Canadian Dance Teachers Association; it has been operating in Moncton since 1959. That's three generations of dancers! I asked Eva whether recent movies like *Shall We Dance* and *Take the Lead* had brought new customers through her doors. Indeed, requests for ballroom instruction have doubled in the last two years, she observed. However, the main reasons for learning ballroom have remained the same: an upcoming wedding, fun, fitness, finesse, and a mental workout too. To my inquiry about same-sex couples before us, Eva could think of about ten couples in the last five years, although the guys in these couples had danced as singles i.e., with women. (So there's still a chance for more pioneering, guys!)

Initially I felt self-conscious, clunky and ambivalent about learning ballroom dancing. But now, eight weeks into our ten-week program, I am getting it, loving it, and looking forward to signing up for another round! (I've heard it's a cult; it must be

true.) Watching the other couples in our class crack up with laughter when they blow a move, or smile proudly when a complex figure is achieved, I know I'm not the only one who feels this way. The open, eclectic city of Moncton is well-represented in this basement dance studio, packed with young and old, gay and straight, French and English, all learning and enjoying life, together.



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# Review: The Sheldon Kennedy Story

"Why I Didn't Say Anything, The Sheldon Kennedy Story" - 234 pages

Reviewed by Bill McKinnon

Sheldon Kennedy played hockey in the NHL for eight years. Before he moved up to the majors, his minor-league coach, Graham James sexually abused Sheldon more than 300 times over a five year period. Sheldon was 14 or 15 when it started, 27 when he

*"To equate pedophilia and homosexuality is insulting to gay people everywhere"*

exposed Graham as a "pedophile", and he is now 37. Graham served a 3-year sentence after conviction for sexually assaulting Sheldon and another youth. Sheldon claims that Graham also had sex with other teenage players but that has not been proven.

As a pro player Sheldon developed serious drinking and drug problems and a bad reputation for behaviour on and off the ice. He also got married, had one child and later divorced.

Sheldon's book might appeal to you if someone sexually assaulted you or if you have an addiction problem. This biography has a GLBTQ aspect, and you learn a lot about what goes on in pro hockey. Of course, this review might piss you off, if you are a victim of abuse. If it does, I am sorry you were sexually abused for that is often a soul destroying trauma.

Let's look at sports. Vince Lombardi said, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." It is this thinking along with Graham's lust - not just Graham's lust which destroyed Shel-

don by driving him to drink, to drugs and to hate himself.

In the big leagues there is much emphasis on the skills and focus needed to win without regard for building well-rounded individuals. Hockey stars are often just immature but physically competent kids following their dreams. There is lots of hype about character building from overzealous media and this propaganda helps thousands of kids eager to play

in the NHL, but many cannot handle the pressure. Like Sheldon some are destroyed. It's the minor-league hockey process which allows molesters to get their way. Thank God there are programmes which allow Sheldon and others to reconstruct their lives.

Sheldon deserves praise even though his book is naive, illogical and one-sided. One valid point is this: "Gay men do not have sex with boys any more than straight men have sex with little girls. To equate pedophilia and homosexuality is insulting to gay people everywhere..." Sheldon was a good hockey player, he in-line skated across Canada to help abuse victims

and he has enabled others to expose pedophiles. He is now trying hard to overcome his addictions and this book might help victims and might force the NHL to correct the conditions which allow Graham and others to abuse kids.

Sheldon has faults too. Recovery from alcohol/drug addiction is about forgiving others. We let others off the hook so that we can get off the hook. Sheldon does not grasp this, and until he does his recovery will be long and painful. I have other concerns with the book. Sheldon made it to the NHL because Graham helped him to get there. Once he was away from Graham's tutelage and control, his career quickly spiraled downhill. Sheldon was abused - technically, but he could have walked away at any time. It was to his advantage to continue with Graham. We call that prostitution. Again, once Sheldon went to play for the Detroit Red Wings he had little reason to have anything further to do with Graham; yet he continued his association for 10 years.

Now about the abuse. Society says that sex with anyone under 14 is sexual assault, as is sex by an adult with a minor if the adult is in a position of trust. Some people tend to indiscriminately apply the term "pedophilia" to a broad age range of young people. But is not forced sex with a young child more repugnant than doing it with a strong, fit 15-year old star hockey player? Neither society nor Sheldon's

book makes much distinction. I use the word "society" here rather than "the law" and take some other liberties with the terminology for I'm not a lawyer and I try to keep things simple.

Another question: is who did what to whom? Typical gay physical interaction might include oral and/or anal sex. But does it not make a difference what roles each party plays? The only situation where a victim can play no active role is if he is the bottom and the abuser is the top in anal intercourse. In other scenarios either the "victim" is actively taking part in the sex act or he has an erection. An erection might be difficult to maintain if he is not attracted to the other person or does not enjoy what he is doing.

Sheldon does not say what happened between Graham and himself except for the first time when Graham fondled Sheldon's toes and later attempted oral sex on Sheldon. Say what happened in the subsequent 300 performances.....?

What about Graham James? His actions might have been evil, selfish and criminal but he was punished. The amount of punishment might or may not have been enough but that was up to the courts to decide; that's their job. The punishment was carried out and now it's over. Sheldon and the rest of the world need to accept that.

Graham might have damaged Sheldon's life and perhaps the lives of other boys but he also is one of the best junior hockey coaches in the world and has done a lot of good.



My usual nervous teenage self before a game.

He is now coaching young players in Spain. Let him continue for he has paid his debt. Just make sure he does not seduce any more kids. That's the hockey establishment's responsibility because it should have protected young players in the past but did not.

Sheldon needs to learn that 12-step recovery programs involve taking a "fearless moral inventory of ourselves" not of others as Sheldon does in his endless rant about Graham. As countless success stories indicate, recovery from addiction is about acceptance and altering ones own behaviour and attitudes; not in endlessly condemning others no matter how badly they have behaved.

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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.) at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.

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

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

## Nova Scotia (902)

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

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: for the g/l/b/t communities - (902) 441-7505 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.rationalnucancy.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.apebretonpride.org/ (Monthly women's, men's and/or glbt dances and social events. For up to date info and official Pride Week details, check the webpage or write c/o 41 Broadway, Sydney, N.S. B1N 2Y3)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Halifax Rainbow Speakers, Halifax: Speakers available, contact us if you are interested in joining also. 494-6662 email: nsprig@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 (Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax: support and connection across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca 1.) 1st and 3rd Tuesday - Social Drop-in 6-9pm, 25 & under 2.) 2nd & 4th Tuesday - 18 & under Support meeting 6-8pm 3.) 2nd & 4th Wednesday - 18-25 Support meeting 7-9pm. 4.) 2nd & 4th Monday 25 & Under Transgendered Support meeting 7-9pm. 5.) 1st & 3rd Wednesday Movie night, 25 and under, 7pm. A foodbank is also on site for those youth who may need it's use, and STI testing on site. Please refer to website to times and details. ) at 2281 Brunswick Street.

LGB Youth Support Group Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: fun social/support group for 25 and under. 543-1315 email: pplc@auracom.com web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Postponed until further notice: Volunteer facilitators needed!)

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

Mount Pride, Halifax: Social group, open to anyone. email: mountpride@yahoo.com, meets 1st Tuesday, and 3rd Tuesday (Meets biweekly, 12 noon) at Diversity Center in Rosaria

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax:

A Christian Church with a positive affirming ministry to the 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Truro Gay Youth: Vida at 897-4366.

Truro Pride: GLBT support group in Central NS. 897-6654 or 895-8363 email: truropride@hotmail.com web: 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 19+. 902-765-2821 email: menembracingmen@yahoo.ca web: facetwithpride.tripod.com (Coffee every Thursday 7-9pm, dances on the first Saturday of the month.) at email or call for locations or special events or themes

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

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

## Prince Edward Island (902)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Events Calendar >>

## Amherst

### Second Monday

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

### First and Third Wednesdays

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

## Annapolis Valley

### Every Thursday

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance for ages 19 and up from 9pm-1am. If you need more information concerning themes or other events that may take place call 902-765-2821 or email menembracingmen@yahoo.ca

### Every Sunday

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

## Bridgewater

### Third and Fourth Mondays

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

### Third Saturday of each month

(except June 24) Wileville Dance 9PM to 1AM. Smoke free. For more details call 685-3297 or email info@southshorepride.ca or www.southshorepride.ca

## Cape Breton

### May 21, June 25

PFLAG Sydney is a national voice that speaks for a more accepting society by providing support, education and resources on issues of sexual orientation and gender identity. Place: Family Place Resource Center, 106 Townsend Street. Time: 7:30-9:30pm. Contacts: sydney@pflagcanada.ca, Sexual Diversity Centre 563-1481, Celeste 563-1389, and B. Durdle 563-1443

## Fredericton

### Every Wednesday

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

### Third Sunday of each month

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

### Fourth Wednesday of each month

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

### Last Saturday of each month

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

May 11, 25, June 8, 22

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 Wilnot United Church at Carleton Street entrance, beginning

## Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

### BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

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

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

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

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

### Saturday, February 25: BLUE PARTY

On the last Saturday of every month through Pride Week on the last weekend in June, we're celebrating the colours of the Pride flag. Last month's colour was purple - check pics from the event at www.boomnightclub.ca/gallery/index.php?060128+Purple+Nite.

Join us in promoting this month's colour: BLUE. Wear it on your clothes, on your shoes, on your face, in your hair or on top of your head. Have fun with it! Halifax

### Every Sunday

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

### Every Sunday

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

### Second Sunday of each month

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

### First and Third Tuesdays

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

### First and Third Tuesdays

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

### Second and Fourth Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project 18 and under Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed,

6-8pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

### Every Wednesday

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

### First and Third Wednesdays

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

### Second and Fourth Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project ages 18-25 Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators

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

### First Wednesday of each month

GAY FATHERS OF HALIFAX is a peer support group for gay and bisexual men. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. We also get together for a monthly Pot Luck social. For more info contact Bruce @ 469 5490 or Gilles @ 448-3565 or email GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com or visit our website at http://groups.msn.com/

GayFathersOfHalifax If you are interested in facilitating meetings, organizing activities or simply meeting a great group of men, then send us an email.

### Second Wednesday of each month

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

### May 11, 25, June 8, 22

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



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**PRIDE WEEK CELEBRATIONS**  
 COMPLIMENTARY WINE AND CHEESE PARTY WEDNESDAY, 06/21 - 8PM  
 MONCTON LEATHER CHAPTER CHARITY BBQ SATURDAY, 06/24 - 4PM  
 SUPER SPECIALS EVERYDAY PRIZE GIVEAWAYS ALL WEEK

**WANT TO LIST AN EVENT FOR OUR READERS? SEND YOUR EVENTS DETAILS TO SUBMISSIONS@WAYVES. CA NOW! EVENT LISTINGS ARE FREE! MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE CONTACT INFO!**



# Events Calendar

**May 14, 28, June 11, 25**  
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 13**  
CLUB 200 DINNER GET-TOGETHER, Copper Penny, Clayton Park. Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm Everyone is welcome, call before May 10/06 for bookings, Bring a Friend! Call Sue or Karen 499-0335

**May 29**  
The Shedogs Bathhouse presents Bacchanalia - Featuring special guest Midori! A space for women and transfolks to get together where we can make our own rules and stretch our imaginations. Sensuality and sexuality are welcomed and celebrated, but never assumed or required. Come to flirt, play, meet people, or just to relax in the hot tub. This is a woman-positive, trans-friendly, bi-friendly event. May 29 (Monday), 8pm - 2am, Seadog's Sauna and Spa, 2199 Gottingen St. for more info, contact Maggie at Venus Envy: 422-0004. or check out our website: <http://www.venusenvy.ca/Halifax/bathhouse.asp>

**June 30-July 1**  
CLUB 200 CAMPING TRIP! CAMPING AT GRAVES ISLAND ALL WOMYN WEEK-END! Chester, Nova Scotia. Time: when you arrive :) Cost \$5.00 per person, per night. Children and pets are allowed. Any questions please call Sue or Karen at 499-0335.

**July 22**  
HALIFAX PRIDE PARADE. Club 200 is planning on walking in the parade. We are also planning on passing out Flyers at the Water Front. Plus other Pride events. Pride Event Co-ordinator is Liz Cummings for Club 200

**July 28-30**  
CAMPING AT GRAVES ISLAND, Chester, Nova

Scotia, Time: when you arrive :) Cost \$5.00 per person, per night. Children and pets are allowed. Any questions please call Sue or Karen at 499-0335

**August 11-13**  
18th Annual Courage Round Up, sponsored by gay men and lesbians in AA. Open to all alcoholics and those affected by the alcoholism of others. The entire weekend includes fellowship, speaker meetings and workshop discussions of recovery topics in a relaxed and peaceful setting at 5500 Inglis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Beacon of Hope is this year's theme. Courage is a small, intimate round up and always has been. It is the only gay and lesbian AA round up in Atlantic Canada, the only one of its kind east of Montreal. Registration opens at 5.00 p.m. on Friday, August 11. The cost is \$30.00 Cdn (\$ 20.00 if paid by July 1) Includes lunch on Saturday, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Supper (on Saturday) is extra - \$ 12.00 (Estimate) - Pay at the Restaurant. To pre-register, send your cheque or money order to: Courage Round Up, c/o 6 Campeau Court, Eastern Passage, NS, B3G 1J5. For more information, phone (902) 463 - 7895, email Courage449@yahoo.com or at our website at [www.rationalunlunacy.com/courageroundup/](http://www.rationalunlunacy.com/courageroundup/)

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**Halifax Pride Calendar**

**May 11, 25, June 8, 22**  
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Fri. May 12th, MARTINI TIME with Chad & Friends 5PM - 8PM

Sat. May 13th, BOOTS & HEELS - SHOW OFF your Best!

Fri. May 19th, MARTINI TIME followed by the return of DJ Woody Retro Night!

Sat. May 20th, Blue Collar Night with DJ Needles

Sun. May 21st, Karaoke with BEAR 777 from 4PM - 8PM followed by DJ Needles

Mon. May 22nd, All-Day MARGARITAS & Nachos on the Patio

Fri. May 26th, MARTINI TIME & Retro Night with DJ Woody

Sat. May 27th, Dancing with DJ Needles

Fri. June 2nd, MARTINI TIME & Retro Night with DJ Woody

Sat. June 3rd, Return of Mr. MAC Leather, BOYD GAUVIN

Fri. June 9th, ARMY/NAVY Night with DJ WOODY

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a feeling you get a lot in this area. (1st year student)

\* I've made a lot of comments in front of my kids, most of them not too positive towards gays. Dr. Hay made me think about how I'd feel if one of my kids was gay and had heard me make these kinds of remarks. I talk the way my father talked to me, Dr. Hay challenged me to change this cycle. (1st year student)

\* When I first saw this old guy who was our guest speaker I thought ... great. Turns out he was awesome. Made me rethink a lot of my views which I admit aren't that open to the whole gay thing. You've got to respect a father who loves his children like that. (1st year student)

\* All in all, the old guy was pretty cool, I actually listened. He had a good message. (1st year student)

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Writer-director Paul Etheredge-Ouzts has not only done his homework on the genre, he has delivered a masterful blood and gore film.

"I reviewed the celebrated - and less celebrated - films of the slasher genre in preparation for writing the script; 'Psycho', 'Suspiria', 'Camp Sleepaway', 'Scream', 'Halloween,'" says Etheredge-Ouzts.

"Not surprisingly, I found the most impressive slashers featured the better developed characters. I wanted to write a slasher film where the characters are essential to the story. I wanted the audience to hope - even assume - that no one will die. In our film, we pay homage to the recognizable slasher stereotypes - the bad boy, the sex addict, the virgin - but they're more fully formed characters."

And, did we mention there are some hot gay sex scenes? Well, there are. So, even if you aren't into the slashing, dicing and chopping - you can close your eyes in those scenes - you'll be begging for a sequel.



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in the education system. More and more cases are coming to light across the country that illustrate the system's failure to create a safe environment for teachers and students from the Rainbow community. NSRAP sees this as one of the most important issues facing our community; and will call on all political parties to explain their strategies for improving our schools in this regard. We hope this election campaign can be a jumping off point for further work in this priority area.

Those are some of our thoughts ... but we want to hear yours! As Vice-Chair, part of my responsibilities will be to hear your input on the important political issues in this election. I hope you'll email me your thoughts at kevin@nsrap.ca.

And I hope you'll be willing to

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**Moncton**

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

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

**Last Saturday**

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

**Moncton Pride!**

Fierté diversité Moncton Pride diversity 2006 new web site www.fdrmpd.com

May 21: Variety Show Fundraiser for Pride!

June 20: Flag raising

June 24: Parade

Donations and information to Moncton Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered Pride Committee, P.O. Box 481 Moncton NB E1C 8L9

**Montréal**

**July 9 - August 5, 2006**

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**Sackville**

**Second Monday**

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

**Saint John**

**Third Saturday**

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**St. John's - LGBT-MUN**

**Every Friday**

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

**Every Third Wednesday**

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

**St. John's Bar & Business Calendar**

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Mar 24-26

Chris Glaser - A Spirituality of Inclusion

Oct 25-27

Educating allies: Breaking the Cycle of Oppression

Oct 27-29

A Maritime "Rainbow Weekend"

**WAYVES DATES!**

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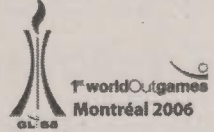
**Every Second Tuesday**

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

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