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

Newfoundland...

Corner Brook: Corner Brook Status of Women

Gander: Gander Public Library

St. John's: Bennington Gate; LBGT M.U.N.; Newfoundland & Labrador AIDS Comm.; Our Pleasures; Shopper's Drug Mart, Le Marchant Road; St. John's Public Library; Word Play, Zone 216

Nova Scotia...

Amherst: Carvel Upholstery and Draperies; Cumberland County Family Planning

Annapolis Royal: The King George Inn

Antigonish: Antigonish Women's Centre; Student Union Resource Centre; Webb's Superstore

Bedford: Bedford Library

Bridgewater: Second Story Women's Centre

Canning: Canning Library

Dartmouth: Alderney Library; Dartmouth North Library; Healing Our Nations; Jake's Video & Variety; Nova Scotia Government Employees Union; Wolfgang Leathers; Woodlawn Library; X-Citement Video, Main Street

Halifax: AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia; Alteregos Café; Atlantic News Stand; Blowers Street Paperchase; Bookmark; Buy the Book and More; CD Plus; CKDU Radio; Captain William Spry Library; Counseling and Community Support Services; DALOUT; Dal-Tech; Daily Grind; Diamond; Fresh Start B&B; Grad House (Dal); HMV; Hairdressers' Market; Halifax Backpackers Hostel; Halifax North Library; Halifax Library - Spring Garden Road; Jacob Steven Salon & Spa; Kashen Goodman Library; Killiam Library; Khyber Club; Mount St. Vincent University - Rosaria Centre; Night Magic Fashions; Nooks and Crannies; NSCAD - supply store; N.S. Advisory Council - Status of Women; NRG; Planned Parenthood Clinic; Random Play; Read All About it; Reflections; Robyn's Grocery; Seadogs Spa; Second Cup - Spring Garden Road; Shoe Shop; SUB, Dal and St. Mary's; Tool Box; Venus Envy; Video Difference; Vortex; Weldon Law Library; X-Citement Video, Quinpool Road; Youth Project

Kentville: Annapolis Valley Regional Library - Kentville Division; The Red Door

Lower Sackville: Halifax Public Library; Sackville Library; X-Citement Video

Middleton: Emma Tigerheart, R.S.W.

New Glasgow: Pictou County Women's Centre

Pictou: Pictou Library

Port Williams: Port Williams Library

Scotsburn: The Mermaid & Cow

Sydney: Harrison Society; AIDS Coalition

Tantallon: Tantallon Library

Truro: Central Nova Women's Resource Centre; MacQuarries Pharmasave - The Esplanade; Maggie's Place; Northern Aids Connection; Colchester Sexual Assault Centre

Windsor: The Hants Youth Health and Resource Centre

Wolfville: Acadia Women's Centre; The Athenaeum, Acadia; The Coffee Merchant; The Odd Book; Wolfville Public Library

Yarmouth: TOOTS; Western Counties Regional Library

Prince Edward Island...

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

British Columbia...

Vancouver: Little Sisters

Ontario...

Ottawa: After Stonewall; One-in-Ten

Toronto: Glad Day Bookshop; Out on the Street

Quebec...

Montreal: L'Androgyné

Legal Briefs & Grievs

Q: My partner and I are planning on moving in together, should we get a cohabitation agreement?

A cohabitation agreement is essentially a contract between the parties outlining their respective financial rights and obligations within the relationship and upon breakup. It is more commonly used when one partner makes significantly more money, has significantly more assets upon entering the relationship, and/or there are certain assets that one or both of the parties want divided unequally if the partners break up.

I like the idea of cohabitation agreements because it is easier to think clearly and rationally about fairness when the relationship is going well, rather than waiting until the relationship breaks down.

The question then becomes, are cohabitation agreements enforceable? Generally speaking they are. If the agreement is not unfair or

unconscionable and fulfills the requirements of a contract then they are generally held to be enforceable, especially as it relates to property division.

The enforceability of support obligations under a cohabitation agreement is less certain, but provisions dealing with spousal support have often been upheld by the courts. Again, the courts look to the fairness of the agreement between the parties.

It is always highly recommended for each partner to get independent legal advice regarding the agreement. This is beneficial for two reasons. First it allows both parties to protect their own interests by having their own lawyer look at the agreement and give them advice about how it affects their rights and obligations. Second, it seems to increase the enforceability of the agreement because both parties knew the im-

plications of the agreement before signing it.

I think that cohabitation agreements are a great option for gay and lesbian couples because the law surrounding property division is sometimes uncertain for our community. It is always great to have a safeguard in place to protect everyone's interests. The cohabitation agreement is in effect a tool that allows the parties to do a property division for themselves and not leave it to the courts. It also allows the parties to do a property division when things are going well in their relationship. It creates clarity and provides more certainty with what will happen if the parties ever separate.

This information is not meant as legal advice, only a commentary on legal issues and how they may affect individuals. Someone's legal options will depend on the facts of each case.

Bite Me!

Well it may sound a bit glib, but it's far from it. The next three issues of Wayves will be carrying some favourite summer recipes of local chef and restaurateur Darren Lewis.

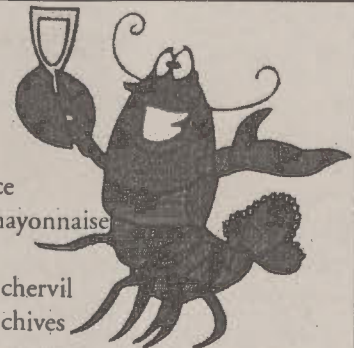
So all double entendres aside,

here's something that you may want to share that is simple to create without a lot of fuss while you kick back and enjoy the summer on the deck or patio.

This edition's recipe starts with an appetizer for two, of course.

Truffled Lobster Salad With Steamed Green Asparagus & Baby Yukon Potatoes

1 Atlantic lobster (1 1/2 -2 lbs female with roe)	1 tsp fresh lemon juice
2 L water	1/2 cup home style mayonnaise
1/2 cup rock sea salt	1 tsp white truffle oil
1/2 lb green asparagus	1 tbsp chopped fresh chervil
1/2 ripe avocado (small dice)	1 tbsp chopped fresh chives
4 nugget Yukon gold potatoes	Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
1 cup mesclun mix greens	
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil	



- Add salt to the water and bring to the boil, drop lobster in, cover, bring the water back to the boil, then simmer for 10 minutes.
 - Transfer the lobster from the water to a colander and let stand until it is cool enough to handle.
 - Break off the claws and the tail at the body. Crack them open and remove the meat.. Try to keep the claw portions whole and reserve the red roe from the body to use as garnish.
 - Dice up the remaining meat into bite size pieces and chill in refrigerator.
 - During this cool down period, boil the potatoes with their skins on in lightly salted water until tender. Drain and refrigerate.
 - In a double boiler with steaming unit, steam the asparagus for 5 min or until bright green and tender, yet still have a slight firmness (*al dente*). If you do not have a steamer, blanch them in boiling water until you get the same result. In both cases, once cooked, plunge them into ice to stop the cooking and retain the bright green colour, then refrigerate.
 - Combine the mayonnaise, truffle oil, avocado, herbs, 1/2 the crumbled red lobster roe and seasonings together to make the dressing (dressing is best when refrigerated overnight).
- To assemble, cut asparagus spears into 1/2 inch pieces, reserving the tops for garnish. Cut the potatoes into bite size pieces. In a mixing bowl, combine the lobster pieces, asparagus and potatoes. Bind with the truffle dressing. Toss the greens in olive oil, lemon juice and salt & pepper. Line the bottom of two large martini glasses with the greens, divide the lobster mixture evenly over the greens, and garnish with the claws, asparagus spears and the remaining roe.



Moncton Pride 2004

By Kim Firlotte, Female co-chair Moncton Pride 2004

The day started out for me at about 10:00am, with pouring rain, I hauled myself out of bed, hoping beyond hope that as previous years, the rain would clear up and we would have a dry parade. As time drew nearer to noon, the sky started to clear up some, and it looked as if the sun was even going to peak through.

Arriving downtown at about noon, people had already started to show up. There was a haul trailer all decked out in rainbow balloons that was put in the parade by the Family Pride group. They had children riding in the back.

To lead off the parade, we had an Intrepid, wired for sound. Allen the owner, had brought along 2 extra big speakers and had them up on top of his car, with plastic in case of rain. Then next we had our rainbow banner, which was brought to live about at the first pride event with all the names of the committee. Then we had a convertible, carrying one of the co-founders of Pride Art Voutour-Toole and Ms Triangles, along with

a few well wishers, including Ms Katie Doll.

Then we had some volunteers carrying our provincial flags, walking proudly down the street. Next came for the first year, our bi-lingual Banner. Then thanks to Triangles, we had a sebring convertible, driven by one of the owners of the bar, carrying Ms Pride 2004, Amber Baby, then on to another triangles owned vehicle, a yellow jeep TJ, driven by myself and carrying my partner and Mr Moncton Leather 2004 - Wayne Toole and Mr Moncton Leather Fellowship 2004 - Jeff Smith, and of course with the music blaring, the boys had a ball, rocking the jeep away. Which at times, was not fun for me, as yes I did not follow mom's advice and pee before leaving the house :-)

As for the rest of the parade participants, not wanting to leave anybody out, but hard for me to remember everybody at this point, we had a convertible carrying Ms Pride 2003, Ms Cassandra Cote, and our Prom Queen, Angel, we had a truck with the Acadian flag and also carrying our Prom King, Jacky Leduc, we had a Car from

Halifax carrying their ambassador, we had a Jeep carrying the leather men of the community. We also had quite a few walkers this year. A familiar site each year is Rev. Eldon Hay, he is always well seen with his rainbow top hat, and his flag draped around him, carrying his walking stick. Rev. Hay has been a great supporter of the GLBT community, with his work in PFLAG Canada. One thing that was noticed this year, although we do not know if this year's parade was bigger or not, but we did have more cars and trucks making their way down Main st this year.



The parade finished off at Summit Park, amidst rain showers, which at times turned into a downpour. It did not damper too many spirits though, most people lasted out the majority of the after parade show. We started off the show, with the singing of O'Canada by Louise Steeves, a native Monctonian, who has for the past couple of years, lived in the states, but always tries to make it home for Pride. She did a great job, with us helping her out with the words, there is not much use of singing O'Canada when living in the states it seems :-).

Then we had a welcome from Myself as co-chair of Pride and my fellow Mc'er, Mario Bourgeois, who kindly offered to be our french host on this day. We had words and congratulations given to us by the Hon. Joan MacAlpine, who took along one of her federal Candidates. We had regrets sent from Hon. Claudette Bradshaw who has in previous years, given us words of wisdom and encouragement. She was unexpectedly called out of town. We had a poem read to us by Marilyn Lerch from Sackville, who also has a book of poetry out in print right now. Mr. Leather Moncton Fellowship sang us a song, all his karaoke practice came in handy, as he did a wonderful job. Ms Pride 2004, and 2003 performed for us. Rev. Eldon Hay, and Janet Hammock spoke on behalf of PFlag re-

spectively. Greg Daborn, our Atlantic rep for EGALE, let us know what was going on, and also, Greg is one of our co-founders of Pride in Moncton. Towards the end of the show, special presentations were made to Rev. Eldon Hay Greg Daborn, Jeff Smith, and Graham Caswell (aka Ms Cassandra Cote) for their 5 years of service to Pride. Ms Cassandra Cote, also had a very special early birthday present given to her, by her friends, she was given front row tickets to the Cher concert that will be held in Halifax in Aug I believe.

This year we had a few first time events at our after parade show. One which was the whole show was done in French and English. Also we had two interpreters, who signed the whole show for a group of hearing impaired people from St. John. Also, this year there was a group of preteen and teens aged 12-14, from the Edith Cavell school, who were walking in the parade and spoke at the after parade show to show they were not scared of differences and wanted to show they were ok with diversity.

So, despite the rain, the show moved along without any delays, along with getting wet, running back and forth from one overhang to another, I had the misfortune to stand too close to the plastic over a speaker, and yes you guessed it the wind shifted and I got even wetter. After the show and cleaning up, with a few shivering teeth from the cold rain, we all headed home for a couple of hours, to warm up and get into our dancing duds on. Everybody involved in Pride knows enough to arrive at Triangles early on Pride night. Arriving at about 10: pm there were a fair amount of people already there. At about 11:30pm to midnight, we heard that they had shut the doors at were at capacity, and were only letting people in as some others left. So, once again we had more good news of a successful pride Day. Here's just as much luck to all the other prides still to happen in the Maritimes this summer.

I would like to thank all our volunteers who helped in any way shape or form bring Pride off this year, we have been getting some wonderful Positive feedback of this year's events.

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The Evolution Of The Gay Rights Movement

Part 1 of 2

"The person who started the Stonewall Riot was a very macho-looking young Puerto Rican guy who may not even have been gay, who provoked people and kept shouting, 'What's the matter with you faggots, why don't you get in there and get those cops-why do you let them get away with this, stop letting them beat you up!' And three hundred people who I trust as accurate reporters, say he was the one who threw the first stone and provoked everyone else into doing it." — Bruce Voeller, gay activist

By Terry Richard

Homosexuals have been around since the advent of man. In my mind, when God created us He not only created Adam and Eve, but somewhere along the way He also created Adam and Steve. Despite what people say I don't believe we become gay over night. There is now scientific proof that we are born this way. Just as some of us are born with brown eyes, some of us have the gay gene. It is that simple. I think God definitely knew what he was doing when He created us.

There was a time when homosexuals really had the world against them. We may think we have it rough now, but this is nothing compared with what the generations of gays and lesbians went through. If you were gay 50 years ago, for example, you had no choice but to live your life in the closet. There was no law to protect you and there was no one to whom someone could look up to as an example for being gay.

I have heard of stories from men who were gay in the 1950's. While living in Toronto, the only way they could meet others like themselves was in underground basements that housed gay bars. Few people knew these places existed and if someone went there it was dangerous. Raids on gay bars

were the norm during these delicate times and one could be thrown in jail. It was illegal to be homosexual.

Probably one of the hardest issues that gays and lesbians faced was that no one talked about having a different sexual orientation. No one really thought it existed, and if there was suspicion that one might be "different" it was written off as a mental problem. Some men actually went through shock therapy to cure themselves of their sexual yearnings, albeit to no success.

The gay rights movement really took a turn for the better in the late sixties. It was a time of the sexual revolution, the Vietnam war was in full force, and riots of people opposing the war was prevalent. It was a time of free speech all around the world and people were speaking up for themselves. This was no more evident than in the gay community.

In July of 1969, gay icon and well-known entertainer Judy Garland died. Everyone mourned her loss, homosexuals the most. This was a woman whom gay men looked up to, not only for her outstanding musical and acting career, but for her tumultuous life. There were many gay men who could relate to the highs and lows "Dorothy" went through, and her death brought shock and sadness

to those who idolized her.

On the very day of Judy Garland's funeral there was a riot at a gay bar in The Stonewall Tavern in downtown Manhattan. This will be forever referred to in gay history as the Stonewall Riot. Gay men had been sitting at this bar, minding their own business and chatting about the death of this great woman when several police officers stormed in and tried to arrest those in attendance. This was a routine procedure that happened on several occasions, but that night was different. Gay men simply refused to be treated as criminals and for the very first time they fought back. Some patrons and police officers were hospitalized. Perhaps it was the fact that gay men were frustrated that night over the loss of Garland and did not have the patience to put up with sarcastic and abrasive law enforcers. Whatever the facts gays stood their ground and the war between homosexuals and heterosexuals began.

By 1973 the medical society finally stated that homosexuality was not an illness. Shock treatments were terminated and for the first time gay men could believe that their sexual orientation was normal.

The 1970's saw many who lived the "gay life." Although many men and women continued to live their

lives in the closet it was not uncommon in cities like San Francisco and Montreal for men and women to develop their own gay districts known as gay villages or ghettos. Homosexuals could live their lives here freely and enjoy seeing those like themselves on a daily basis. Probably the biggest change in the gay community was that people began talking about what it was like to be gay and the problems they faced. Suddenly the word gay was no longer taboo, but was looked upon with curiosity. Gay Pride Days were suddenly popping up all over North America as homosexuals wanted the world to know of their pride and love for one another.

Just when we were nearly being accepted as normal, well-adjusted people AIDS turned its ugly head on us. 1981 was the first time that a rare cancer was found in mostly gay men in New York City. No one knew what it was, it didn't even have a name, and pandemonium swept the world. Suddenly if you were gay or suspected of being gay you were thought to have this strange virus. Gays were dying by the thousands and some thought we deserved this terrible disease. Some referred to it as the gay plague.

As the decade progressed not only were homosexuals afflicted by AIDS, but heterosexuals and chil-

dren began to get sick too, so it was no longer considered to be just a gay disease. It wasn't until actor Rock Hudson died that the mainstream media began reporting on how AIDS was transmitted and how it evolved. For the first time people began reading and hearing in news reports that this was a serious health concern and that all people had reason to worry — whether you were gay, straight, bi, black or white. The disease had no barriers.

During the '80's it was the homosexual community, both gay men and lesbians, who came to the forefront and started to raise money for AIDS research and awareness before anyone else did. The straight world continued to believe that they were immuned, but we in the gay community took a stand, took acceptance, and most importantly took charge.

In the nineties, more gays came out of the closet. This was important, as strength comes in numbers. As more gays and lesbians had the bravery to come out it made it more easier for those still coming to terms with their own sexuality. Suddenly, the decade was referred to as the gay nineties and it was ok to be gay. Homosexuals were being depicted positively in television and the movies for the first time and the straight world started to have an insight into what made us who we were. It was the death of Matthew Shepperd, however that reminded us that homophobia still existed and we still had a long way to go to increase tolerance and acceptance of ourselves.

If there is one thing that we here in the gay community have learned from those who came before us, it is that we must take a stance in fighting for our rights. This is happening and is no more evident than now as rights for gay marriage and health care are finally coming into being and we are more visible than ever before.

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My Life For Years

By, Ken Brunelle, New Bedford, Massachusetts USA

As a young child, almost a teenager, I have always known I was different from the rest of the family. All my life I knew that I was attracted to men, but for many reasons. I couldn't express my feeling to family or anyone for that matter. Inside I was dying but I couldn't show anyone that, not after my heart had been broken and shattered.

For two years in my teens, I was secretly seeing a friend name Matt, I basically live there on and off. He was a very kind and understanding person, giving each other support. We even made plans to come out to family and friend together, but the week after my 16 birthday all that had changed. With my own eyes, I saw Matt get killed by a drunken driver. Its was the worse day of life. I held him in my arms until the emergency crews arrived, but he died in my arms after he told me that he love me. I still have nightmares of that day, it's a sight I will never forget. I felt lost and alone. I was really in shock. The emergency crews took me to the hospital. That's when they called my Mom to come in, my dad was at the bar as usual. Mom at the time was glad he was, so he wouldn't know anything about my situation. There was a hospital counselor there with me, because I had to tell Mom about my sexual preference and what had happened. She was shock and in tears, but at the same time, in denied. Like any other parent would say, "I'm only going through a phase." That evening, dad was pass out from drinking, Mom started lecturing me with anger, She said "I needed to get that thought out of my head, because I would bring shamed to this family and everyone will definitely hate me. If I say a word of this to anyone, she would disowns me". I was devastated, I feared and thought that I was the lowest I have ever been. From that day forward, I became real closed to Mom, because I felt safe. She was the only one I could confide in through the years about my feeling of being gay. She felt like she was protecting me, but I was lost in my own thought.

Even though, without my sibling knowledge, They began calling me "mama boy". It really didn't help, I had to struggle and hold back because I wanted to scream at them and say "I'm NOT a mama boy, I AM GAY!!!" I was afraid of my fears and dreams because I thought I would have nothing more to find within my life.

All I ever had was my silence and darkness buried deep down in my soul. I have always kept to myself but I always maintained a very high level of shyness. Thinking back now it makes me extremely sad to remember how miserable I was. I would rather not get into the details but I have had low self esteem, deep depression and suicide thoughts, but let just say I had gone through tough times. The secret that I created were very painful as I was unable to understand what is happening to me. I was so far in the closets, I just couldn't find myself to communicate with anyone. The hardest part was to try and be honest with myself and coming out to myself.

Through the years, I felt nothing but unhappiness. I had to figure away to break down the walls I have created around me and break down the person that I pretended to be. So I could accept who I wanted and dream to be. People used to say I was special, unique, clean and the best one out of the bunch, in my family, but I was no different from the rest. I have my own identity. Coming to terms with these feeling has been without question the hardest decision I have had in my life. This challenged my integrity and of my identity as a man. I know I have shown signs throughout the years but... no one have said or ask anything about it. I have always felt incapable of loving other, that why I've decided I just couldn't bear it anymore. A week before my Mom death in 1993, Mom and I were alone. She told me she needed to talk to me. She apologized to me and ask for my forgiveness. Of course I forgave and understand, I just broke into tears. She then said if I'm not happy being married to a woman, for me to go find the man of my dream. I should have done this a long time ago. I never thought Mom would ever support me and accept this gay issued, but said "she love me unconditionally and that I deserve to be happy," we hug and cry together.

I have decided I just couldn't bear it anymore. I needed to start living my life and find happiness that I strongly deserve at the age of 37. Now I can finally look into the mirror without crying and say I am gay. I have found my strength to start a new, and am prepare for the road ahead that may have some bumps along the way, but it's a beginning of my journey to happiness.

In December of 1999, I've de-

cidied to buy a computer for my two children schooling, to do their journal and homework's. I ended up getting AOL so they can do researches on the web site.

In January 2000, my daughter said "dad come here, I want to show you something". I figure it was to show me her homeworks as usual, because she was doing so well before her high school graduation in June 2000. To my surprised I discovered you can talk to people on it, I was amazed. Of course, it was really interesting to me. Then, I came across Rhode Island M4M room. It was like (BOOM!) this is what I needed to come out of my shell. I couldn't believe my eyes, there was so many like myself in our society. I begun searching, I came across an ad on the Internet, a list of gay bars in Providence, I took it upon myself and being brave decided to see what it was like. Mira bar was the one place I pick, after sitting outside for more than an hour, trying to get up a nerve to go inside. The people there were not the stranger that I was expecting. They just seemed like regular folks enjoying a drink, dancing and talking together. I was testing myself, but I stood in the corner shy out of my skull, felt comfortable there and enjoying the most wonderful evening with my kind of music. I met a couple of person on the Internet, but no chemistry. Then a very nice person, we have secretly seen each other once a week for 4 month, but the day after gaypride in Providence Rhode Island, I have decided to call it quit. He was a great guy with lots of potential and gave me wonderful advices, but I only seen our relationship as friend because of my own stupidity and thought he only think of his own feeling than mine. I felt bad and I hope we can be friend as life goes on.

On June 16, 2000, I went with a friend of 4 month relationship, to Providence Gay Pride Day. It was warmth and friendly, but the most fabulous experience for me, I had a glorious time there.

There was something magical that happened to me that day and soon the closet door would be blown off the hinges. Three of my daughter friend from school came up to me, one was like a daughter to me (my daughter best friend) and a male friend of my daughter dress in drag. I was stunned, because they told me my daughter was coming, my heart started to racing faster and faster with feared,

but she did not show up. I was relief of course, but I knew then I had to come out NOW. I ask her bestfriend to not say anything to my daughter, that I wanted to tell her myself. That evening, I talked to my daughter on the Internet. I found strength and she was the first I ever told of my gay issued, to my surprised she took it very well. She said "dad, I love you, you are my dad and you raised me very well, be happy". What a relief, that was a start of me coming out, I felt like a huge burden had been lifted off my chest. I begin to feel free and completely alive. The next day she came over and gave me a hug, I needed that from her. I thought I was going to lose my daughter. You know, in away, I am very glad I waited until my children was of age to coped with my situation. I think they would have more problem dealing with it, if they were younger. My son on the other hand, had a hard time understanding it. He knew because he saw me in a gay chat room, and talking in instant message, but he did at first had a hard time accepting his dad being gay. I got nothing but silent and even with counselor session, he couldn't talk about it. As of today though, he tell me he love me and seem to be OK with it. He

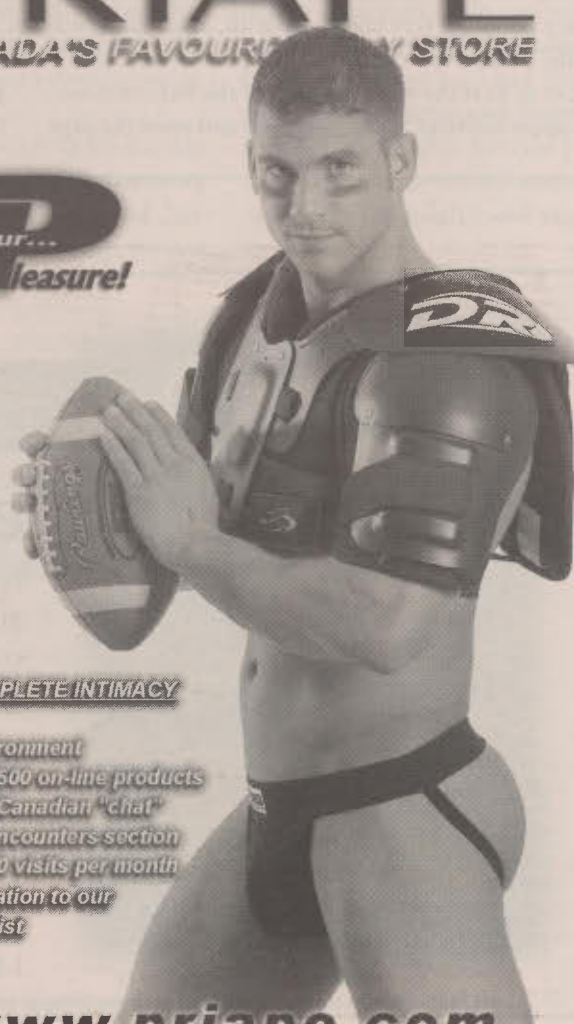
gotten used to the idea of me being gay. I know it will take times for any human being to understand this situation. I am bless to have such a handsome son and a beautiful daughter, because if I did came out in my teen, I would have never know the life of raising children. I would never trade them for anything in the world. They are my life, my heart, my love and my joy.

Yes! I was married twice, first one my Mom fixed me up with to throw people off, I got her pregnant and agreed to marry my first wife two week before my daughter was born in 1981 at the age of 18. Even though my children were from my first marriage of three years, but I raised them myself until I married my second wife in 1987. The one and the most hardest person to tell that I was gay completely was my second wife who I was with at the time. Even though, before we had gotten married, I told her I have had a relationship with a guy when I was a teenager. I guess at that time it was OK, after all we were getting marry. So you can say I somehow told her, but wipe it from our minds to believe I was straight. I

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Hello Tom

Ever notice how when people become part of a couple they change? Old friends become acquaintances as the new couple focuses their attention on the new relationship and each other. With the birth of the new life, part of the old one dies. Phone calls and coffee chats with single pals become less frequent and the new couple's conversations carry a tinge of guilt and embarrassment at having achieved the bliss of *twodom*, conscious of the difference in status between singles and pairs. Like an emotional poker game, two queens trump any other combination.

I'm aware that I have acted the same way in the past and might - given the opportunity - do so again. But I hope I might also remember that single people are not necessarily incomplete parts of a whole, nor objects of pity. In all the recent push to obtain the right to marry, let us not forget the individual - *la vie à deux* is not the only legitimate state.

These observations returned vividly to my thoughts during the recent election campaign. Not only because of the proposed (anti)social programs of the Conservative party, which would like to thrust all homosexuals back into the legal closet, but also because the new Conservative party is, in fact, a new couple and, as such, has not yet discovered what its new combined identity is, or which old friends must be eased off or down the list of acceptable companions.

The Reformers hope their past image can be subsumed in the cleaner, more stable reputation of the old PC's and that the public will no longer think of them as just thugs in suits who have joined up with old money and button down attitudes. The Reform members and Progressive Conservatives may not yet be acting as a couple but in matters of policy both are reading from the same book. This same-text union will only become more powerful. Complacency could be very costly to us all, as a look south of the border will confirm.

Let us hear the wedding bells of the Reform-Conservative marriage as warning bells and resist the urge

to relax and assume the danger is past just because the election is over. Desperate people do desperate things.

There is even a rumour that Stephen Harper is trying to figure a way to enable Charlton Heston to vote in the next Canadian election. Maybe Brian Mulroney can help smuggle him in as an "advisor" on gun control.

Funny how the old Ethel Merman standard "You Can't Get A Man With A Gun" keeps going through my head. What do you think that means, Tom?

To cheer myself up I'm toying with the idea of starting a boy band. How about a masculine version of the Spice Girls? In honour of the Acadian World Congress being held in Nova Scotia, I thought I'd begin with Cajun Spice. I can picture him - dark hair, smouldering eyes and a body with just enough heat to sharpen the appetite and bring out the essential juices. Oh yeah, and it would be great if he could sing too.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Whenever we hear of the Acadian history, it is always Evangeline who takes the starring part. Whereas I've always considered it was Gabriel whom I would most like to welcome home from exile with open...uh, arms.

I'm thinking of someone of East Indian heritage who could be Curry Spice and someone from the Caribbean to represent Jamaican spice. Think of all the wonderful flavours in a good jerk sauce. And consider the possibilities for Mediterranean and African spices. Makes my mouth water.

Rusty suggested that rather than just managing the band I should be one of the singers too. I took this as a compliment until he said that my stage name could be Old Spice!

Love ya!

Crawford



Wayne Toole, Mr Leather Moncton 2004

By Steve Laviolette

The Moncton Leather Chapter is proud to introduce you to "Mr. Leather Moncton 2004" - Wayne Toole. The 4th Annual "Mr. Leather Moncton" contest kicked off Moncton's Pride Week once again on Sunday, June 13th, 2004. It was a fun night for the three-(3) contestants Richard Jones, Jeff Smith and Wayne Toole vying for the MLM2004 title. The contestants went through a pre-stage Judges interview and then were made to give it their all by MC - Steve Laviolette in the categories of Casual, Minimal and Full Leather in front of the Judges and approximately 100 people who were at Triangles for the event.

Once the stage portion of the contest was complete the Judges: Rejean LeClerc - MLM2002, Mario Bourgeois - MACLeather 2003 and Cecile Ouellette - Ms. Leather Lounge 245 (the 1st Women's Leather Titlewinner in the Maritimes) tallied up the contestants scores. Wayne Toole was sashed "Mr. Leather Moncton 2004" and Jeff Smith was named as "Mr. Leather Moncton Fellowship 2004". MLM2004 - Wayne Toole now has the option of competing in the MACLeather 2005 contest.

"I am very pleased with the turnout that we had for this years contest and am sure that Wayne Toole will do Moncton proud as our

Leather Ambassador" stated MLC Founder, Steve Laviolette. "There are still many within Moncton's GLBT community who are interested in Leather but are still standing in the shadows. It's time for those within the community who do wear Leather to reach out and assist those that want to learn. It's time that people started believing in themselves and stop worrying over what the next person is going to think or say about them should they fancy wearing cow-hide one way or another."



The Moncton Leather Chapter would like to extend it's thanks to Ms. Moncton Pride 2004 - Queen Amber Baby, The Moncton Pride Committee and all the volunteers and supporters who made this years event possible. And a special thank-you goes out to Reverend Eldon Hay for his attendance, support and blessing.

Gay or Lesbian, Black Or White

by Steven Little

Let's talk about same-sex marriage and protecting the sanctity of that last bastion of the church. We should be more concerned about the innocent women and children within it. We should be protecting battered women and abused children, for the parents seem to find protection under the law when acts of violence are perpetrated against the marriages victims, namely children and women! Gay men and women who wish to walk down the aisle will have no effect on the sanctity of marriage or take away from traditional heterosexual rights of marriage.

We must be honest about the idea of the institution of marriage

when one in two marriages ends in divorce, when children and women are battered despite the law, and brides and grooms sign prenuptial agreements, business transactions. That is not love, and you can't legislate that women and men love each other, nor protect marriage through legislation if society does not even consider it perennial even though they seem to be trying too. Really the conservatives are trying to say that gay love is wrong and must not be tolerated by society especially by the Christian extremist. Love, not marriage, is perennial, and you can't legislate who will be in love.

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Catholics Being bad

By Rev. Robert L. Johnson

You have probably seen them; those brochures that purport to tell all Jesus of Nazareth ever said about homosexuality. You open the brochure and it is blank on the inside. No where in the four gospels of the Christian Bible does Jesus say anything on the topic, either to affirm or to condemn. In the gospels, Jesus does condemn adultery, and divorce, and taking revenge (M. thew5). Jesus says we are to love our enemies and are not to judge others (Matthew 5 and Luke 6). Jesus does teach that we are to settle any arguments or disagreements we have with our sisters and brothers before we go to worship (Matthew 5). Jesus summarized God's intention for relationships between human beings when he noted that the second most important commandment was "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." (Matthew 22) Jesus welcomed Peter, the denier, Thomas, the doubter, and Judas, the betrayer, into the fellowship of his company. Jesus could not condemn the woman caught in adultery. Jesus welcomed Judas Iscariot at the institution of Holy Communion. Jesus healed and fed and cured and taught without first discerning who was rightfully being included. Jesus welcomed the woman at the well into the most secret and sacred aspects of who he was. Jesus blessed the noisy little children and honoured the miniscule gift of the widow as a tremendous offering of her all. From the cross Jesus forgave those who condemned and executed him. In offering us the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus clearly teaches that there is nothing that should separate us, as human beings, from fully realizing God's intention for the community we are to be to, with, and for one another (Luke 10). And, without a doubt, in the three parables of Luke 15, Jesus teaches that God's love and care and concern for all of God's children is without limit and without condition. But, I repeat, Jesus neither preaches nor teaches one single word on the topic of homosexuality.

For generations now, all the denominations of the Christian faith who include sacraments in their worship practices have clearly said that all our welcome at the table of Holy Communion, the Eucharist, by faith and at the invitation of the One who is Host, even Jesus, the Christ. All the many per-

suaions of Christian practice have made it clear that the Table of Holy Communion does not belong to the Church – does not belong to any church – because it is Jesus' Table as established in the celebration of his last supper with the disciples. Therefore, for centuries, these same churches have taught that all are welcome at the table by faith in Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

So imagine my dismay to hear that Roman Catholics in Chicago, Illinois took it upon themselves to bar sisters and brothers from receiving communion. Imagine my disgust to learn that ministry colleagues refused to serve all who came to the table at Mass in Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, May 30th. Oh, they did serve some. But they refused to serve several who were wearing rainbow sashes. Why? Because the Roman Catholic Church, officially, condemns gays and lesbians and has taken formal action in several places – through statements by various Bishops and the Pope – to declare they will not serve holy communion to those who do not oppose same-sex marriage, abortion rights, stem-cell research, or euthanasia.

Now, back to those persons wearing the rainbow sashes. I am quite sure many of them were lesbians and gays who have for years – perhaps their own lives – worshipped "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ", usually receiving communion when it was offered. However, as the news story in 365gay.com noted, many wearing the rainbow sashes were supporters – parents, friends, siblings – of gays and lesbians. Of course, no one could tell who was who so all were denied. In truth, NONE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DENIED welcome and participation in the Table of our Lord.

Please understand what is at issue here for me. I will not deny any other human being their right to have an opinion different from mine when it comes to same-sex marriage or abortion or euthanasia or tax laws or biblical inerrancy or whatever. I believe every individual is free to have and to express his or her opinion as long as it does not physically harm another person or promote hatred against that other person. However, no church official, not one, has the right to deny anyone ac-

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Comment on the weather!

By Eldon Hay

As one of the co-facilitators of the PFLAG group that straddles provincial borders: the Sackville New Brunswick / Amherst Nova Scotia group, I am proud to be here today with my two co-facilitators Fred Gamble and Marilyn Lerch, my loving partner-in-life — and with other members of our PFLAG group.

Thank you, Kim, for inviting me to speak at Moncton's 5th Gay Pride Parade Celebration. I want to thank everyone on the Moncton Pride Committee who worked so very hard to make all of the Pride events a resounding success. I am especially delighted that more families with children took part in Pride family-oriented events this year. Sam and Marla, along with others in the LML group, have done so much this year to promote activities for children and their lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and two-spirited parents. This helps to put Moncton on the map as a city which celebrates diversity.

As a PFLAG leader, as a member of Egale, and as a strong supporter of Canadians for Equal Marriage, I want to remind us today of our continued struggle for basic human rights. At this critical pre-election time party leaders are being pressed to make clear their party's position on granting loving same-sex couples the right to choose marriage. Why has this become such an important issue? Because we have had the courage to stand up and insist that all Canadians have equal right to this choice, regardless of their sexual orientation.

Almost every day I read something in our newspapers or online indicating that some people think

every gay and lesbian couple wants to get married! It's not about that. It's about having the right to choose marriage out of an array of available options, just like heterosexual couples do. That's what it's about. Freedom - of - choice.

When our laws are changed to give us this right, with the right comes responsibility. We live in a democracy. On June 28th we have the opportunity to exercise another democratic responsibility: the right to vote. I urge everyone here today to get out and vote for someone who has made it clear that their party supports our right to equality under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

I think it has become abundantly evident over the past few weeks which leaders are unequivocal in their actions, as well as in their public declarations, regarding equal rights for all persons, regardless of sexual orientation – and which leader is not. If we do not seize this opportunity to vote for people who have taken the public high road on this issue, we will have only ourselves to blame if we wake up some day soon and see our future, and the future of our children – a future of freedom and equality — swept away before our very eyes. And believe me, that could happen!

I am not invested in seeing PFLAG groups proliferate in number and grow in size! As a PFLAG leader I look forward to the day when we won't have to have PFLAG groups. That day has not yet come, but we must do everything in our power to ensure that it will.

Like all of us, I long for the day when we can all live in harmony together. When there is no "us" versus "them", no duality, no two

opposing camps that artificially divide the human race into heterosexuals and... others. Inspired by the empowering teaching of Miigam'agan, the wise spiritual leader of the Wabanaki Clan from the Mi'kmag Nation in Burnt Church, I try to live each day with the deep understanding that we human beings walk a challenging path towards fully embracing our wholeness. Seen in this light, diversity is a gift to celebrate with joy!

I want to applaud a person who, throughout his many years of dedicated work, has made an enormous difference to many Canadians: Eldon Hay. Eldon got me started in this work, and I know he has touched the lives of many of you here. Eldon is stubborn, relentless, aggressive! Eldon is also gentle, compassionate and loving. It is no mystery to me why Eldon Hay will be awarded one of Canada's highest honours in Rideau Hall this fall: The Order of Canada. Good choice! Bravo, Eldon!!!

And finally, today, I want to remember Svend Robinson, who, two years ago, marched with us here in Moncton, stood at this very microphone, and spoke with passion and eloquence about our deserved rights and responsibilities. Svend fought for many years on our behalf, often single-handedly doing the work of many. Because of his serious mistake Svend has done the right thing and withdrawn from public life until such time as he can find the balance between working hard and living in peace, harmony and honesty with himself. I look forward to a time in the future when Svend can rejoin us in our fights and in our victories!


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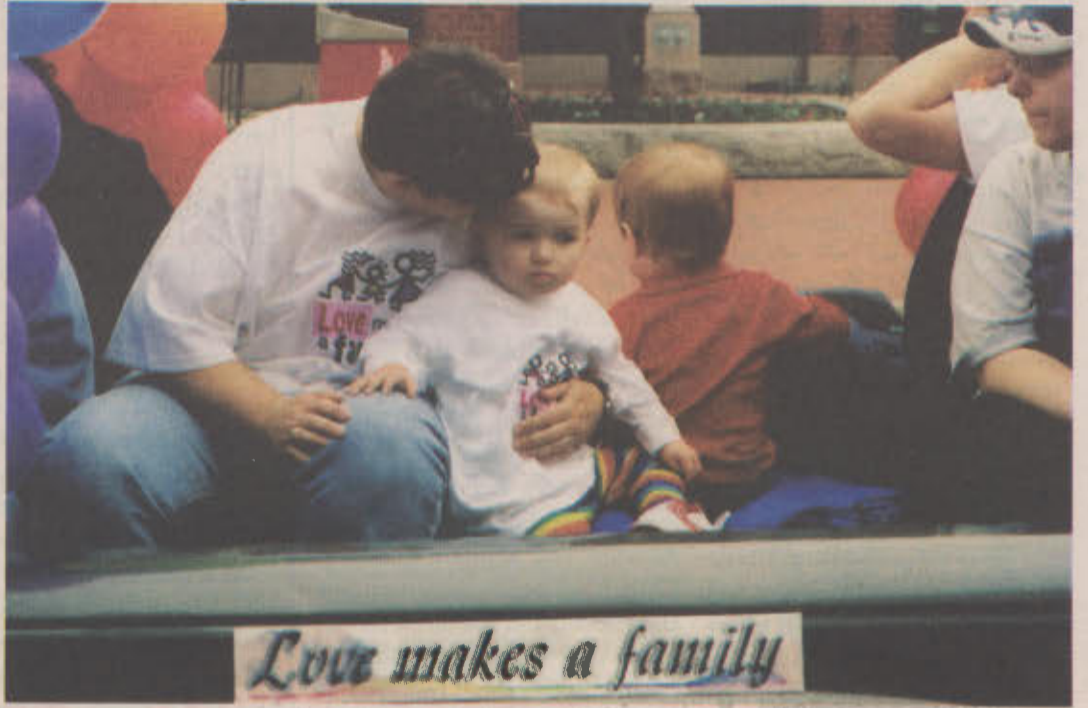
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All the Women I've Never Slept With Part 2

by Lydia Perovic

I was 27 when I decided to take up fencing. My search for the right fitness routine was just beginning its complicated course when I decided – too soon, and for all the wrong reasons — to register for the two-month Beginners' Fencing training at one of the Haligonian sports centres. I thought fencing would give me some insight into the ancient art of one-on-one war (it didn't – fencing as a sport is a modern invention, and highly choreographed). The brochure said 'all equipment provided' (which was true, unfortunately – and everybody shared the same set of yellowish gloves and vests, clunky blades and head masks that

have seen better days). After the first several classes in a stuffy underground hall with people half my age and twice my agility I decided I didn't fancy fencing and started reconsidering the Irish step.

Until I met the instructor for the Intermediate class. If there are middle-age tomboy women in this world, this must have been a perfect representative. Short graying hair, scintillating blue eyes, nonsense talking shtick, and wit of the guffaw-inducing type. What threw an incisive dash of femininity into equation were her curves: she was what people trying to sell you clothes call 'full-figure' and what I thought of simply as gor-

geously fat. She was tall, and fat fat fat with irresistible energy. And she must be lesbian, I thought. How do I know for sure... well, if this woman isn't a lesbian, then I know nothing about women of any persuasion – about people, period. There's also this body language that many straight men display when around lesbians, these quick glances in their direction when suspected or out lesbians are

Our male instructors followed that pattern. From her part, there was a certain extra cordiality whenever we would chat – I'd often come to the verge of flirting and she wouldn't withdraw. Finally, I saw that she carried her fencing gear

in a sack with a big pride rainbow on. Touché.

So I get hold of her email address, complain to her that I don't see any point in fencing, and we hit it off. She puts me on her list of personal contacts for the MSN messenger and we chat frequently. During an early conversation she tells me she is part of an on-line Bible Study group that convenes weekly, but I remain undeterred. It's been ages since I've met anybody who is genuinely religious, it may be quite interesting. Whenever I would steer the chat towards, say, women's bodies on Tamara de Lempicka's paintings, she gives an abrupt 'gotta go', but that's also nothing to worry about.

Because in the meantime we went out one night, and it was perfect. When I arrived at 'Fire-side' she was already there, she waved and I thought: there it is, a perfect instance of simple, non-problematic, straight dating from mainstream pop culture, could it be that I'll finally get one of those. When I took off my long black coat I caught her look on me, on my cleavage, my skirt, my shoes and I wanted to mount her right there, and get lost in her big body. Instead, I sat down and we ordered martinis.

Everything about her seemed right. She is 47 and there is nothing sexier than women near or past their fifties. She likes classical music as well and her favourite movement in Mozart's Requiem is *Lacrimosa* too. She's a soprano in her church choir. A lefty defense lawyer by profession, although she used to be a radio reporter. She spends Saturday afternoons at 'Strange Adventures' rummaging for comics treasures. I ask her if she's ever read the Sisterhood of Steel (a series with lesbian overtones, about an ancient warrior tribe of women) and she says she has the entire edition in her comics archives. At the end of the night she insists it's her treat, she drives me home and says 'We should do this again sometime'. According to the Seinfeld Book of Dating this phrase is a bad sign, but I don't care and decide to go on basking in the night's glory.

The Easter Week was soon to come however, and I discover that it is impossible to arrange any kind of meeting with her during this particular period of the year. In the morning she is at the church and in the afternoon she is usually helping to organize something or other for the service. Can we seize the weather and have a quick ride somewhere? No reply for a long time, then a sudden OK with too short a notice. The next time I suggest we could just grab a coffee at a nearest café, we get bogged down in logistics. I notice she finds it unfathomable that I would think there's anything else in this world that overrides the importance of Christian worship during Easter. I also notice that my trying to negotiate a second date out of her is getting a little bit humiliating. Our rare e-chats now regularly turn to religious issues, and on one occasion I attack 'the church-going Pharisees who think that showing up punctually for the Sunday service is the height of ethics' and she replies that I should keep in mind that there is no reli-

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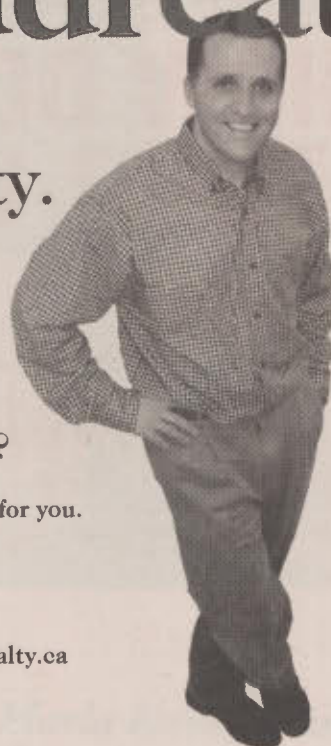
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gion without rituals. I ask her if she subscribes to the idea of predestination, and after she elaborates her acceptance of it I tell her that I find that doctrine the most alien part of both my (Orthodox) and her (Protestant) religious tradition. I touch upon religious homophobia and mention in passing that both atheism and paganism are very understandable choices.

I never make the second date and I decide to let our non-affair go. I block her name on the messenger and don't hear from her in months except for the End of Season Buffy the Vampire Slayer party invitation that she sent to her entire mailing list. Of course I don't go. Still later, I email her the final message in which I explain how I almost couldn't refrain from kissing her in the packed restaurant that one night, and that I am putting an end to our communication. Several days later I find her reply in my inbox: 'you are very

interesting person' blah blah blah 'could we remain friends', and 'I am not gay.'

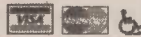
Now picture me confused. There is always a possibility that she really didn't know what the rainbow flag on her gear case represents, and that she always dresses up for late night bar meetings with her straight female friends. There is also a possibility that she may have been a queer person in denial, or that she considered choosing church over sexuality a special kind of victory over carnality. Perhaps it was the *Children's Hour* scenario, in which I was the outsider who recognized her queerness earlier than she did. It could be any number of things. Truth be told, I stopped being interested in this question ages ago. I still have her Sisterhood of Steel series though - it's somewhere in the house, probably in the back of some drawer together with memorabilia that I never have time to sift through.

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Not long ago in Jamaica a father dropped his teenaged son at school. The boy left the car and crossed the playground. His father yelled then watched as his son was stormed by a schoolyard gang, a gang so intent on killing the boy that they tore boards from playground benches to beat him. The father watched. And he smiled, and drove off. "That a batty bwoy," he had yelled after his son. "You all gwan teach he a lesson."

That incident is horrifying, even unbelievable, but as Wesley Crichlow's *Buller Men* shows, it is all too real and persistently common in some cultures. The men and boys to whom such things happen are the buller men and batty bwoys of the title, the hidden homosexual men in Halifax and Toronto black communities. While such things might not—we hope—happen to gay men in Canada, the incident recalls a particular culture that celebrates and encourages violence of the sort against same-sex people. Such violence is a response rooted in the lands of their ancestors and fed and watered by religion: "If a man lie

with a man," says the Bible, "they shall surely be put to death." Crichlow contends that referring to the Black male victims of such persecution simply as "gay" conceals and denies the essence of the buller man/batty bwoy experience and the men's relationship with cultures born in such places as Trinidad, Tobago, Barbados, Jamaica and Guyana. These "historically venomous" terms are so disparaging, in fact, that they leave even the author in doubt as to their use. Unlike "gay" or even "fag" the terms have not been fully reclaimed by the men to whom they apply, and the terms wield such a "derogatory connotation" that Crichlow feared no men would come forward to be recognized as such when the call was made for respondents. It was only when respondents used the terms and became comfortable with them in interviews that Crichlow felt a "political and social responsibility to begin a politics of visibility...that would...embrace these labels in Black Caribbean and Black Canadian contexts. That "politics" has become *Buller Men and Batty Bwoys Hidden Men in Toronto and Halifax Black Communities*.

The book is Crichlow's "developmental exploration of...bullers' lives and identities"—identities that stand in direct defiance of cultural and racial ideals. A buller man and an academic, Crichlow feels a dual responsibility to reconstruct or represent these lives as realistically as possible within the mixed field of sociological and (auto)biographical writing. It is a style

of composition referred to as "biomythography," a complex framework in which "the individual becomes the collective," the author becomes his subject. Crichlow's book is not only his own story, nor only his story combined with the stories of the men he has interviewed. It is the story of history, community, culture and race and still something larger, "something from the heart of our existence, from the centre of our being."

Crichlow's purpose then, his intention here, must be equally large, his goals ambitious. In the style of an academic, he makes those goals abundantly clear: to show what it means for buller men to negotiate places for themselves in their communities, to examine how these communities condone and cultivate oppression, to explore the politics and ethics of Black communities in relation to the same-sex people living in them. The book, he says, "is a political project" that will create a "positive identity and location" for these men in their communities. He wants to help buller men achieve their ultimate goal, "to live in a holistic fashion." The question is, of course, does Crichlow succeed?

That question can probably be answered only in due time and by the buller men and batty bwoys of the title. Nevertheless, if sheer effort guarantees success, Crichlow is well ahead of the game. His assault on the problem is as thorough and determined as the schoolyard gang in Jamaica. He approaches the issue systematically from a gen-

eral overview of the buller men and their communities and their rejection by them. He places himself, as a buller man, in this shared context, using his own experiences to complement the "lived experiences of the men in the book." He examines the root of violence against buller men (like charity, it begins at home). He examines buller men's attempts to participate in their communities and, finally, he looks at the worst culprit Black Nationalism and its efforts to out buller men as the ultimate villain, traitors to their own race. Buller men, the nationalist ideal dictates, are living out a "racial death wish."

Again, such an approach appears daunting, but Crichlow arrives equal to the task. As an associate professor in the School of Justice Studies at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology he is a master of the academic form. His arguments are forthright, methodically defended and the general approach highly systematic. He clearly knows the value of strong research supported by primary source material, in this case interviews with 19 men from Toronto and Halifax.

His arguments, being strongly supported, become increasingly convincing, if not entirely viable. The problem here, though, may be only an issue of readership and the presence of a stubborn question. A white reader of *Buller Men* cannot fail to ask, is Crichlow saying that the homosexual experience of a Black man is worse than that of a white? In Canada, Crichlow claims, "bullers experi-

ence a triple form of oppression: racism and heterosexism within white society, racism and sexualization of racism within the white gay community, and heterosexism within the black community." It is, admittedly, a triple threat that cannot be denied, and one does waver on unconditional agreement. "[T]hat experience, that identity," as Crichlow says, "must be coded as different."

But it is an argument that would be much more convincing and saleable if its author avoided the tendency to make universal homosexual circumstances particular and singular qualities of the black experience. For example, being a buller, he says, is "not simply a 'private' issue." It cannot be so in a community that "emphasizes the importance of heterosexuality and marriage." Certainly, non-Black readers will question the appropriation of that experience and the attempt to describe that type of community as singularly black. The black church and the black family, Crichlow says, support the "continued suppression of [buller] men's lives, and [deepen] their alienation." Hmm... Sounds like home to me. The list goes on: Buller men's discouraging visits to priests and psychologists, suicide attempts and so on, all circumstances and incidents that stand as universal. Where Crichlow's argument succeeds is in the delineation of circumstances and conditions that do, perhaps, affect only Black gay men. If he is going to prove

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My Life For Years

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can't express the hurt and humiliation that was hidden deep in my heart during the years, I withdraw my emotions so deep, I mean deep down inside me, where no one could ever reach them. I've become a prisoner of fear and learned to be visible. Most of my life, I spend at least 80% in a shell of loneliness and fear. I had even convinced myself I was shamed and not worthy enough in this world. In February of 2000, I began lying to my wife pretending I was going to bingo, volunteering for deaf and disabled children and even made up a deaf club in Wareham Massachusetts etc. The lies and guilt I felt was eating away at me. All alone, I was going to gay clubs. At this time only my daughter knew, I told her to please keep it to her

self, until I get up enough nerve to tell my wife. On July 4th, that evening this special guy IMed me on the Internet, I felt a connection with him, and begin seeing each other, and I knew in my heart this was the dream man I've been looking for. I began to feel the love I never felt in my life. Anyway in August or September, my wife began to be suspicious of me going out a lot. Which I never done, but she starting to have a feeling of me cheating on her. When she notice the bracelet my bestfriend gave me, she knew. I cry that night, I felt dirty cheating on her, but I needed to tell her and she wanted me to tell the truth. Its was hard to do it face to face, I had to figure away to tell her. I have decided to tell her over the Internet. Believe

me, It did NOT go well, let just say she was hurted and devastated by the news. She had anger toward me, but I don't blame her. I didn't even tell my family yet, but my wife was so out of control, she got on the Internet and told my brother and his wife that I have cheated on her with another guy, and that I was gay. I was upset, I felt it was my place to do so. However, just as I thought, the words traveled like wild fire. I have gotten a message from dad saying I was not his son, I was devastated, but soon later heard he is OK with it, but as of today April 2001 I have not seen him. To my surprised one by one started talking to me and accepting, but I still have a hard time thinking if they really do or not, but I took their words for it.

Its took my wife and I a couple months of talking and understanding one another, so I figure it was best to get a divorce. We both agree to it and to be good friend, because she said "she still love me even though I am gay and want us to continue to be friend". Oh boy! we cried and hug each other a very long time. I just know we will get through this. After all, she invited my bestfriend over for dinner that September and even hug him. Some of my family even welcome him to the family. I'm sure the hurt is still there for my wife, after all we were married for 15 years. I know it will take her a long time to heals. She is beginning to be supporting, accepting and understanding and I thank and loves her for her friendship. The last 5 years

was very difficult for me, I was depressed and despaired. I tried to be like everyone, I tried to be straight, normal and worthy of love. I was just unhappy plain and simple. I thought of men but didn't really act on my feeling, I was married, proud father of two who filled my heart with joy. However, my marriage to me was more of a friendship, because sex was a rare occurrence and interest just wasn't there. I held everyone at a distant. I wouldn't let anyone near me emotionally cause of fear they would discovered my secret. At this point I need to be honest with my self and the people around me.

Have I found happiness? Ooooooh YES!!! The one I met on line on July 4th 2000. He's a man that has gone from nervous to

EROTICA

Review by Ralph Higgins

While beauty may lie in the eye of the beholder, the receptor of the sexually stimulating is found about two and a half feet below eye level. Like beauty, however, appreciation of the erotic, the sensually pleasing story or film, is a completely subjective taste. What one person finds delightfully appealing, may leave another completely indifferent. Here then are my purely personal opinions on some recent books and films.

Familia Affair by Rod Palmer, published by GLB Publishers is the tale of Rick, a gay young man who meets the twin sons of a noted Mafioso. The brothers are handsome, sexy and trying to leave the family business. They need Rick's help in thwarting the plans of a well-endowed police informer who has a unique approach to encouraging Rick to betray bedroom secrets.

Above average storytelling keep the reader's interest even between the sex scenes, which are - like Sicilian food - plentiful and hot.

Secret Buddies by Mike Newman, also from GLB publishers, is the re-issue of the erotic novel from the 1990's. A young Idaho farm boy enters the summer world of lumberjacks and forest rangers. Propelled by an overabundance of hormones (he's 18 years old) and yearning for sexual freedom, he discovers that sex can come in some unexpected places.... and so can love. Any writer who can come up with lines like "Erections are like yawns -they're contagious" and "no man with a hard-on is a stranger" gets my recommendation.

someone I adore and fell in love with. I wouldn't trade him in for anyone in the world. Our instant friendship and happiness proved that we were soulmates. We just connected in away that I never done before. I knew I could never love anyone like this ever again, so I know it was faith that we end up spending the rest of our lives together. He comfort me with love and understanding, even hold me when I cry and kissed me. It was undescrivable, and more meaningful than anything I could ever imagined. When your heart realized what its got and nothing can compare. The one you have make you complete. You know you love him when beyond this world you will still want to be with him for eternity. He is more dear to me than



Satyriasis by Ian Phillips, published by Suspect Thoughts Press is a collection of short stories by a talented writer who clearly has an enviable knowledge of literature both modern and ancient. The characters, which include a dominatrix with a social conscience, a pair of SM dentists, the great god Pan, a horny plumber, and the megalomaniacal hostess of a lesbian potluck, are skillfully drawn and the writing is fluid and witty - if a trifle strained. What it is not, however, is erotic. Nothing but your funny bone will feel any effect.

My Name Is Rand by Wayne Courtois, published by Suspect Thoughts Press, is perhaps the strangest novel I have ever read. The subject is the erotic stimulation by tickle torture. The novel

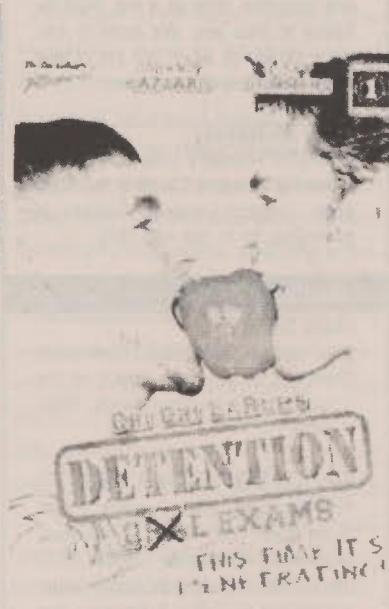
To finally end, I like to say I don't get angry or upset at people when they say awful things about the gay lifestyle, in fact, I feel bad for them. They are the one that have to live their life with hatred in them, because all it does it eat you up inside. I can honestly say that coming out to family and everyone around me I love was the best thing I ever done. It was taking to much out of me, and I needed a peace of mind. Even if at least one person don't except me, it's okay because I'm living my life for me not for that person. It's such a remarkable feeling of liberation not having this secret eating at my mind any longer. I'm just happy to have things in my control with no fear, loathing, regrets but just the future, which look extremely

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is part thriller, part horror novel, and part bondage/SM fantasy. I have to say that while I am not ticklish and have never had a foot fetish, I found the story compelling, disturbing and, for reasons which continue to elude me, very arousing. If you are fortunate enough to find the image of bare feet being subjected to a feather duster sexually stimulating, then this book will put you over the moon.

And for those of you who find reading too tiring and who prefer having your bedtime stories delivered in a more easily accessible format, try the following DVD offerings from Channel 1 Releasing with celebrated porn director, Chi Chi LaRue. Unlike the books, the storylines are minimal and the films are chiefly memorable for the



scenery. Johnny Hazzard stars in both **Detention** (makes you wish you'd been kept after class in this school) and **What Men Do** (if a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing over and over). Both films also feature Matt Summers, one of the most enthusiastic bottoms to appear in a long time. And if just plain, get down and dirty storytelling is what you are looking for, **Manhandled**, **A Latino Gangbang** will appeal. (Channel 1 Releasing with director Doug Jeffries) The title says it all.

Books and movies are available at your local book or video store, or on line at the following websites: www.GLBpubs.com, www.suspectthoughtspress.com, www.Channel1Releasing.com

Gay or Lesbian

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Straight society actually hates the idea that gay men and women feel real love and want to express it to the world. When we are all really in love that's what people want to do just because of the feelings that flood over us.

I believe in marriage, but when the rights of the majority step on the rights of the minority it depletes the equality of all minorities and prevents the fairness they deserve. A civil union is not being fair, it is only making the statement that gays wanting full benefits of marriage are second-class citizens. I heard marriage mentioned in the context that it is a condition where children are born, nourished by loving parents. Why do we kid ourselves about this? More children are born out of wedlock than any other condition — mostly to teenagers. All children born here have the right to be here! Gay men and women have children and want the same benefits under the law.

We must not forget past transgressions against other minorities that have left them to bear great unfairness and physical harm. Remember segregation in schools, white washrooms and black washrooms. They are calling marriage Biblical, however slavery is stated in the Bible as justified ("slaves obey your masters" Ephesians 6:5 - 7, Colossians 3:22, 1 Timothy 6:1 - 6, Titus 2:9 - 1, 1 Peter 2:18 - 21) Wow!, what a mess that was for the innocent people that endured it!

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Atlantic Canada Events Calendar

Amherst

First and Third Wednesdays

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

Third Thursday of each month

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

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

Valley Gay Mens Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance from 9pm-1am. If you need more information please contact 1-902-825-3197 or menembracingmen@yahoo.ca

Bridgewater

Every Monday

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

Charlottetown

Aug 14, 28, Sept. 18, Oct 31 (Halloween)

Nov 27 (Christmas 2004 Dance)

ARC PEI Dances at the Delta Prince Edward Hotel, 18 Queen St. The cost is \$6 for Non-members and \$4 for members. The doors open at 10p.m. and the night ends at 2 a.m. The Pride dance July 10th is \$10 but at the same location.

Fredericton

July 29 - Aug 2

FurFest! We will bring 175 to 200 friendly bears together for a weekend of fun and games, dancing, dining, socializing and winning. This is your personal invitation to join us. Registration is only \$60 (Canadian) and includes:

- Thursday "Early Welcome Bears Party"
- Friday Meet & Greet, free food & a beer
- Saturday Pool Party and Picnic with free food and soft drinks, games & prizes
- Saturday night Private Dance with free pizza at midnight
- Sunday Night Fever 70's Disco Party
- FurFest t-shirt & Dog Tags
- Run book, including discount coupons from local sponsoring business
- Fredericton's Visitor Guide with coupons

You can register on our web site and pay using your credit card, or use one of the other options. Air Canada and Delta Airlines offer discounts on flights, and AVIS Rent-a-car offers special rates as well. The hotel is filling up very quickly, so if you haven't registered and booked your room, please do so soon. For full details check out www.eastcoastbears.com if you have

any questions, drop us a line. We'll be happy to help you. We hope to see many old friends again and lots of new ones at FurFest this summer.

Every Wednesday

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

Halifax

Every Sunday

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00 pm (new time!), at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 5500 Inglis St.

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, Third and Fifth Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project Drop-in Nights. This is an unstructured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever, 6-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

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

Every Wednesday

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

First Wednesday of each month

GAY FATHERS OF HALIFAX is a peer support group that meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. Next Gay Fathers of Halifax Meeting April 7th, 2004. Topic: "Open discussion on Mental Health". Guest Speakers: Dr Blye Frank and Jim Olton, Clinical Therapist. For more info on location and other events email GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com, MSN Group <http://groups.msn.com/GayFathersOfHalifax> or call Doug 446-2705 or Gordon 446-7793.

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.

Aug 12, 26, Sept 9, 23, Oct 7, 21

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

Aug 8, 22, Sept 5, 19, Oct 3, 17, 31

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

July 1 - August 1

"Sirens" - Featuring the acclaimed work of Ryan MacGrath. Ryan's intense and powerful style of painting will captivate viewers with their beauty. As a young gay artist living in Halifax, Ryan has been a great supporter within the gay and lesbian community and hopes to welcome everyone to his opening. An opening reception will take place on Thursday, July 8th, 6pm - 9pm at Schooner Cove Gallery & Studio. For additional information or directions to the gallery, please visit the "contact" section of www.sogallery.ca or phone: 902-826-1338

August 20-22

OAAW's annual camping weekend - which completely sold out early last year - will be Aug 20-22nd. Make your reservations at www.geocities.com/outandaboutwomyn/camping.html early to avoid disappointment!

July 26

"How to Top (For People Who Usually Don't)" 7pm, Venus Envy, 1598 Barrington St, \$20 per person. Whether you've got a specific hottie on your hands you want to impress, or you're just curious about what sex looks like from the other side, this workshop is for you. You'll get a peek at the secret workings of a top's mentality and some practical suggestions for putting together a top persona that works for you. We'll also deal with performance anxiety and how to script an encounter to keep the action rolling along. Please pre-register.

July 27

"Transforming Gender and Pleasure": a talk and reading, 7pm, Venus Envy, 1598 Barrington St, \$5 per person. Patrick will discuss why the binary gender system is obsolete and describe the many variations of alternative gender expression. He will also read from a new body of erotic writing that deals with transgendered bodies and pleasures. Please pre-register.

August 6-8

The 16th Annual Courage Round Up, sponsored by gay men and lesbians in AA will be held at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 5500 Inglis Street in Halifax. It's a 12-step program event featuring discussion of your favorite recovery topics at some exciting workshops and speaker meetings. A roundup is sometimes described as "a damned good / A meeting blown up big." Although Courage has never been large (typically 30 - 40 people), it brings together lesbians and gay men in AA from all over Canada and the US. This year's theme is: "The Path to Serenity". Registration opens at 3 p.m. on the Friday and costs \$20.00 and there is a

supper on Aug 7th for \$10.00. Send your cheque or money order to: Courage Round Up, c/o Mike A, Box 23065, Dartmouth, NS, B3A 4S9. For information call Mike at 902-449-5859 or Bill at 441 - 7505, email wmckinno@dal.ca or check our website www.rationalunlunacy.com/courageroundup/

August 13-15

Camping Weekend at the Mermaid and Cow, 2nd Annual Family Funtime Celebration especially For Kids and Their Queer Parents and Caregivers, see www.themermaidandthecow.com/Events2004.html for details.

Late November

There are plans for a portion of the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt to be displayed on the Dalhousie University campus in Halifax during AIDS Awareness Week in late November 2004. Special initiatives will be made to encourage attendance by the university community and secondary schools. Volunteers are also needed to target various other communities and the general public. If interested in assisting in any way, please contact Larry Baxter at 902-454-5158.

HALIFAX PRIDE

September 12

Pride Volunteer/Sponsor Appreciation - 1682 Hollis (by invitation only) Afternoon reception acknowledging the generous contributions of our Pride volunteers and sponsors featuring Awards presentation. Food provided by 1682 Hollis; cash bar.

Halifax Bar Calendar Y

MOBEY'S

www.clubvortex.ca, 2215 Gottingen Kitchen open till 9pm. Great food, outdoor patio now open. Sundays: Brunch 11:30am-2:30pm

NRG

www.clubnrgHalifax.com
Mondays: Retro Night w/DJ Face
Tuesdays: Karaoke & Wing Night hosted by Troy 20c wings with \$100 prize.
Wednesdays: Studio hosts Open Drag - \$75.00 prize
Thursdays: Karaoke & Wings with Justin, 20c wings with \$100 prize
Fridays & Saturdays: Dancing all night
July 25: The First Miss Big-Wig Contest hosted by Boom-Boom

REFLECTIONS

Mondays: Poor student night, DJ Hedfones, no cover.
Tuesdays: Karaoke hosted by Dave Smith, DJ Hedfones, no cover. Win some cash!
Wednesdays: Bands until midnight, then Drag Appreciation night hosted by April Showers. Performers welcome! No Cover.
Thursdays: All night Retro music with DJ Malaka or DJ Electro. No cover. Requests welcome!!
Fridays: Great local and international DJ's. House, techno, breaks style. Regular- \$5

Saturdays: Squirt Saturdaze with DJ Hedfones. We have the best dance, top 40, pop, r&b, and more! Cover \$5

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TOOLBOX EAST

Mondays: Queer as Folk
Fridays: Kink & Oz
Sundays: Six Feet Under

VORTEX

www.clubvortex.ca, 2215 Gottingen
Wednesdays: Womyn's Night, live entertainment, 8pm shows, dinner till 9pm
Thursdays: Five Minutes of Fame with LuLu LaRude, Halifax's best anything-goes talent show, with prize money!
Fridays & Saturdays: High energy dancing with DJ's spinning till 2AM!
Sundays: Best Sunday Brunch in Halifax. "Whale of a meal" (The Coast), 11:30am-2:30pm
Sundays: Tea Dances afternoon till early evening, put on your dancin' shoes, drink specials.

Moncton

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

Third Monday of each month

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

Second and Fourth Mondays

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

August 13-15

Camping Weekend at the Mermaid and Cow, 2nd Annual Family Funtime Celebration especially For Kids and Their Queer Parents and Caregivers, see www.themermaidandthecow.com/Events2004.html for details.

Saint John

July 30 - August 1

All are welcome to the 2nd Annual Health Wellness & Spiritual Festival at Rockwood Park-Fisher Lakes. This fun family event offers an opportunity to learn about various wellness and spiritual practices and activities such as; Yoga, Reiki, Herbal Health Care, Crystals, Reflexology, Therapeutic Massage,

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SAINT JOHN PRIDE

July 23
Lavender Eve Social Event at Mahogany Manor Bed & Breakfast ~ 220 Germain Street at 7:00pm to 12:00am.

July 24
Yard Sale & Breakfast at Mahogany Manor Bed & Breakfast ~ 220 Germain Street from 8:00 - 11:30 am. Official Pride Week Fundraiser ~ Breakfast/Brunch available \$5.00/person. Pre Parade Events at Queen Square from 12:00 noon - 1:45pm with a barbeque, booths and a trade show. Parade line up begins at 1:30 pm. Pride Parade beginning at Queen Square at 2:00pm. See the parade route at www.portcityrainbowpride.com . Post Parade Events at Queen Square from 3:00 - 6:00pm. Enjoy our barbeque, booths, trade show and Stage Show (3:00pm - 4:30pm).

July 25
Ecumenical Church Service with Celebration of Holy Communion at Centenary Queen Square United Church ~ an affirming congregation within the United Church of Canada ~ 215 Wentworth Street at 10:30 am. Pride Week Volunteer Appreciation Event at Mahogany Manor Bed & Breakfast from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Saint John Bar Calendar Y

CLUB MONTREAL
Wednesdays: No cover, free pool
Thursdays: No cover, karaoke with prizes
Fridays: No cover, open turntables
Saturdays: \$5 cover after 10 PM
Sundays: No cover, free pool
Your birthday: no cover, one free drink, just show your ID!

SPY BAR www.spybar.ca
Mondays: Crib Tournament Night, "Drain the Keg" special, only \$11.50! Nightly prizes are awarded to winners in each game. Games begin at 8:15pm, time may be later on Pot Luck Night.
Thursdays: Drain The Keg! No cover charge, free pool.
Fridays: Mystery Song Karaoke, Doors open at 8pm, fun starts at 10pm. Most up-to-date karaoke catalog, enjoy our free pool, dj midnight & dj dementia on 2nd floor, and much much more!
1st Monday Potluck Supper, 7pm

St. John's

Hey you! Is there anything going on soon in Newfoundland and Labrador? Email submissions@wayves.ca right now!

Sydney

Hey you! What's happening on the Cape, and why don't we know about it yet? Email submissions@wayves.ca right now!

Tatamagouche

October 15-17
RAINBOW WEEKEND AT TATAMAGOUCHE Centre has had a DATE CHANGE. This will be an opportunity to attend to the spiritual nurture of the GLBTQQ person(s) I am (we are). The event begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. The cost of the weekend - all room, board, meals, snacks, event fees - is \$195 per person. Contact Tatamagouche Centre at 1-800-218-2220 or www.tatacentre.ca If you have questions about this particular event, ideas you would like to offer for inclusion in the program, contact Rev. Bob Johnson at 506-529-3527 or robertj100@hotmail.com

Truro

August 4, 18, Sept 1, 15, 29
Truro Pride meets every 2nd Wednesday at 6 PM at the Calico Café, 564 Prince Street.

Wileville

Third Saturday of each month (exception: Oct. 23) Dance 9PM to 1AM. Smoke free. For more details call 685-3297 or email info@southshorepride.ca or www.southshorepride.ca

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Buller Men

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that "the shame of buller men and batty bwoys is culturally specific," he is going to do so through his examination of African and Caribbean religious roots, the buller men's "double invisibility" in black and white society and the "regulated effects" of Black nationalism on "bodies constructed as bullers and batty bwoys." He will not succeed by focusing on family relationships and pressures and the universal trials that come with living in any society that views same-sex relations as morally wrong, that comes with turning away from traditional family values and the desperation inherent when one attempts, every day, to live a lie.

These criticisms themselves may be culturally or racially specific, and one does learn to put them aside as the book progresses, and that attests to the ability of Crichlow to interest and engage his reader regardless of the reader's biases or preconceptions. It is an engagement that comes gradually, too, as one penetrates Crichlow's academ-ese, his academic style and wording. His devotion to academic trappings is sometimes unfortunate. While he strives to create, in the Black community, a "language of inclusion," his style of choice may exclude or repel many outside the academic world or those unused to reading academic texts. Just as conditions and circumstances deny "batty bwoys and buller men their human agency," his sometimes cool professorial tone denies the book its human agency as well.

Buller Men is often saved from this, in fact, only by the portions excerpted from interviews with Crichlow's subjects. The impact comes, not always through wordy dissertation, but through voices such as that of Mohammed who drinks kerosene oil in an attempt to take his own life. When he fails, his hoped-for visit from his son culminates in the young man's numbing, "You should have died."

True sympathy for Crichlow's arguments and the men who prompt them comes as the reader achieves understanding of these men's desperate bid to be included in their own culture, and the reader is pleased to see that Crichlow more than argues the point. He proposes solutions such as stronger support resources and a redefinition and relaxation of Black nationalist masculinity. Revolution, of a sort, is critical, Crichlow says, if the buller man is not to be written out of existence.

Crichlow's own writing, his topic, contains multitudes and is, by definition, difficult to review. In the end, it can be said that

Crichlow has succeeded in his ultimate purpose: to create a book "intended to evoke questions, discussions, and re-evaluation of Black communities' positions on a variety of social issues." His introduction to these Black homosexuals, race traitors, men who sleep with the enemy, as some say, is compelling, often chilling reading, but persistently hopeful and optimistic. Crichlow places a quote in the book from the daughter of writer Audre Lord: "Tell them about how you're never really a whole person," she says, "if you remain silent." If you ignore the voice inside, she warns, it will one day rise up, madder and hotter and "punch you in the mouth from the inside." *Buller Men* opens the throat for that voice, discharging a wail that turns gradually and blessedly into the gospel of tolerance, inclusion, assimilation, community and peace.

My Life

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good to me. I'm still the same loving shy person everyone as known, everyone just now know me a little better than they did before. I hope after a certain level of acceptance of me, I don't expect it to be over night, but hope in time, every one will understand my life. I am very comfortable with my sexuality and wouldn't have it in any other way. I proudly love being gay!!! I began to let the real me

Catholics

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cess to the sacrament of holy communion. We are invited to the eucharist by Jesus. Jesus is the host. Jesus bids all of us welcome. Jesus denies no one. Who or what is any church or church institution that they could think to determine the limits of welcome for God's love?

As I said earlier, God's love for ALL God's children is without limit or condition. Everyone is welcome! All behaviours are not. Surely the behaviour of those who would bar individuals from the sacrament is the behaviour that is NOT welcome. Surely, at the table of Jesus, the Christ, all who endeavour to live faithfully, sincerely, openly, honestly as the people God has created them to be are welcome. If not, then God help the Church because we human beings are doing all we can to destroy it.

emerge from that dark closet, I had hidden in my entire life. Finally I have the courage to be true to myself and to live life to the fullest through happiness. Now that I am out, I can't imagine ever being in the closet. I look back on my life I wish I had the strength to do it many years ago. But one good thing came out of this, I never regret, I have two wonderful children in my life. Now I can look at the moon, sun, stars, cloud and the rainbow in a different light, instead of darkness.

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GAY FATHERS OF HALIFAX is a peer support group that meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. For more info on location and other events email GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com, MSN Group <http://groups.msn.com/GayFathersOfHalifax> or call Doug at 446-2705 or Gordon at 446-7793.

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

GAY MEN'S GATHERING: at PO Box 36054, Halifax, B3J 3S9

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

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

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

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

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

Pride Guide Publishing: publisher of community focused maps, directories, event programs and more. 902-423-6999, fax: 902-429-8605 email: prideguide@hfx.eastlink.ca

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

New Brunswick (506)

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

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

Catalyst Mount Allison U, Sackville: support & information for Mount A students, occasional social activities. 364-2255 email: krotter@mta.ca (Email for meeting info. Catalyst is not active during the summer.)

Closet Chat, Saint John: Discussion space & guest speakers. 693-1145 email: dstch@nbnet.nb.ca, meets every Tuesday (8:00 PM) at Century-Queen Square United Church 215 Wentworth Street, Saint John, N.B.

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

Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. (GNG), Petit-Rocher (Bathurst area): Bilingual volunteer association serving gay men, lesbians and bisexuals of northern New Brunswick, email: info@gngnb.ca web: www.gngnb.ca (Dances are held at GNG club approximately once a month. See www.gngnb.ca for a list of upcoming events.) at 702 rue Principale, Petit-Rocher NB. Look for rainbow flag and/or door with pink triangle at rear of parking lot.

INTERWEAVE FREDERICTON: Support group 451-0919, at 874 York St.

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

Moncton Atlantiques: swimming for fitness or participating in Masters swimming competitions, email: swimming@mondongay.com web: mondongay.com swimming.html (a few times a week) at the CEPS pool at the Université de Moncton.

Moncton Gay Pride, Moncton: The Moncton GLBT group that organizes events and promotes as well as puts on Moncton's Pride events!, email: info@MonctonRainbowAlliance.com web: www.monctonrainbowalliance.com, meets 3rd sunday

Moncton Transgender Support Group: 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca

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

PFLAG Fredericton: all welcome. Francis @ 454-8349

PFLAG Saint John: Saint John: 652-3995, email: wandr@nbnet.nb.ca, tiggerj@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.pflag.ca/saintjohn.htm (1st Friday of each month September - June at 7pm. No meeting in July & August.) at 116 Coburg Street in Saint John, New Brunswick in the Community Health Centre next to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Port City Rainbow Pride, Saint John: 693-1145 email: dannyj@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

Q-Collective, Saint John: on-campus society at UNBSJ email: glbtq_unbsj@hotmail.com web: groups.msn.com/GLBTFriends

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

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

Saint John Lesbian / Bi Support Network, Saint John: for women-loving women. 642-1284 email: sjlesbi@hotmail.com web: www.geocities.com/sjlesbi, meets 3rd friday

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

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

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

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

Woodstock GLBT Family Outreach, Woodstock: Books, movies etc. for the family. 329-4888 email: richard@nbnet.nb.ca

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

Canadians for Equal Marriage, St. John's: The provincial committee connected to the national coalition lobbying for equal marriage. (709) 690-5244 email: cem_stjohns@hotmail.com web: www.equal-marriage.ca

LBGT at MUN Resource Centre, St John's: student run support group & library. 737-7619 email: lbgtmun@plato.ucc.mun.ca web: www.mun.ca/lbgt/ (Weekdays 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM - often until 7:00 PM) at Smallwood University Center, UC-6022.

NGALE (Newfoundland Gays and Lesbians for Equality), St. John's: We offer support to LGBT people and education on LGBT issues to the general public. (709) 579-8656 email: ngale_stjohns@hotmail.com web: under construction at the AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive.

PFLAG, St. John's: information or referral to one of our parents. (709) 579-8656 email: pflag_stjohns@hotmail.com, at the AIDS Committee Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive.

The Heterosexism Enquirer, Canada's first online Heterosexism resource. 737-4512 web: www.mun.ca/the

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Acadia Women's Center, Wolfville: 542-2287 ext 2140 email: womenscentre@acadiau.ca web: axe.acadiau.ca, women's centre (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

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

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

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, Halifax: Provides a range of support and education services with a provincial mandate. (902)429-7922 email: acns@acns.ns.ca web: www.acns.ns.ca

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: for the g/l/b/t communities... meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St. Mary's Basilica

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656
Bluenose Bears, Halifax: Dinner club for bears and those

who like them. 463-4312 email: bluenosebears@yahoo.ca, meets 3rd Friday

Cape Breton Gay & Lesbian Equality Project:
CARAS - Churchmembers Assembled to Respond to AIDS: 473-4055 at c/o Pastoral Care Department, Victoria General Hospital

DaIOUT, Halifax: LGBTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: is2.dal.ca/~dalout, meets every Thursday at the SUB
Dignity-Canada-Dignite, email: dignity.hfx@ns.sympatico.ca

Family Pride Camping Association (Rainbow Spirit), Halifax: Rainbow Spirit, Canada's only weeklong summer camp for children of LGBT parents. 455-0186 email: info@fpca.ca web: www.fpca.ca, meets 4th Thursday (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: The outdoorsy kind of camping, email: gaycampingclub@hotmail.com web: www.gaycampingclubhalifax.ca

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

GayFathersHalifax, HRM: for gay, bi, and questioning fathers 446-2705 or 446-7793 email: GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com web: groups.msn.com/GayFathersOffHalifax, meets 1st Wednesday (7-9 p.m. a potluck is held on the last Friday of each month.)

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

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

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

Healing Our Nations, Dartmouth: HIV/AIDS prevention in a manner respectful of our native way of life. 1-800-565-4255 email: honi@accesswave.ca web: www.healingournaions.ca (Healing Our Nations staff meet once on a weekly basis.) at 45 Aldemey Dr., Ste. 607, Dartmouth, NS.

Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society, Halifax: Fundraising. 476-4225 email: comm@imperialcourts.com, protocol@imperialcourts.com, 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: intensity.djb.net

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax: support and connection across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (1st and 3rd Tuesdays - social/support meeting in Halifax 7-9 pm 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - Drop-in 6-9 pm) at 2281 Brunswick St

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

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

Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colc., Pictou, Cumb. & E Hants. 895-0931 email: t_o_p2000@hotmail.com

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

OUT AND ABOUT WOMYN (OAAW), Halifax: Social group for lesbians, email: oaaw@eastlink.ca web: www.geocities.com/outandaboutwomyn at times and locations sent to members via email

Outlaw, Halifax: Queer Law Students Association at Dalhousie Law School. 494-3495 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. 431-3748 (one Saturday evening a month) at members homes, mostly Halifax but occasionally out of town

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

PFLAG Truro: 662.3774 email: s_r_burns@ns.sympatico.ca

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

Queer Radio: The Word Is Out Again, email: thewordisoutagain@hotmail.com at CKDU FM 97.5, Fri. 12:05 pm

Rainbow Playtime, Halifax: Food & social meetings for same sex families with tots or couples considering par-

thood. 461-9414

Red Door, The, Kentville: Youth health adolescent center counselling, for up to age 30, all ages STD testing. 679-1411 email: reddoor@glinx.com web: www.reddoor.ca (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. email: lyoung@nsac.ns.ca

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 Unitarian Church 5500 Inglis St

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:
Salaam Halifax Foundation, Halifax: Queer Muslim Community 429-5429 email: salaamhalifax@yahoo.ca web: www.salaamcanada.com (C/O LGBYP 2281 Brunswick St., Halifax)

Sexual Diversity Society of UCCB: email: diversity@stunion.uccb.ns.ca

Sharp Advice Needle Exchange, Sydney: We serve the injection drug and steroid using population of Cape Breton. (902) 539-5556 email: christineporter@acbb.ns.ca web: www.acbb.ns.ca at 150 Bentinck St. (rear entrance)

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

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

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

TRURO ADULT GROUP: Wayne at 897-6654 or Gina at 895-8363. (bi-weekly)

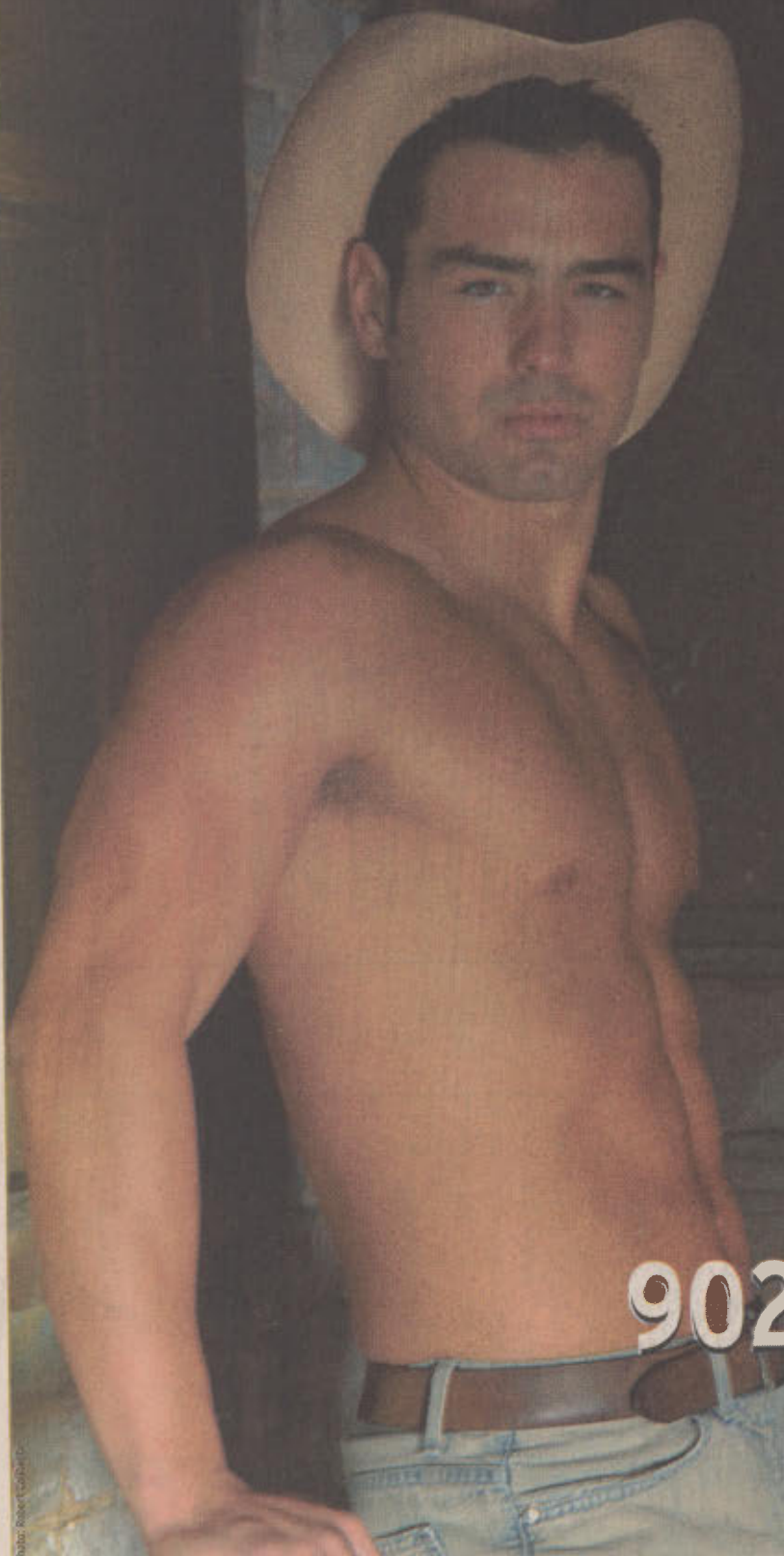
TRURO GAY YOUTH: Vida at 897-4366.

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

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