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#### New Brunswick...

**Bathurst:** Gais.es Nor Gays

**Fredericton:** AIDS New Brunswick; Boldon's Bookmart; Campus "Smoke" Shoppe, UNB; Molly's Coffee House / Cargo Bay; Student Resource Centre, St. Thomas University; UNB/STU Spectrum; Westminster Books, King Street; X-Citement Video, Queen Street

**Moncton:** Joe Moka Café; Reid's Newstand; SIDA/AIDS Moncton; Triangles; United Book Exchange, Mountain Road; X-Citement Video

**Riverview:** Reid's - Riverview

**Sackville:** Bridge Street Café; Mount Allison; Tidewater Books

**Saint John:** AIDS Saint John; Club Montreal; Feel Good Store; Hair Station; Mahogany Manor

#### Newfoundland...

**Corner Brook:** Corner Brook Status of Women

**Gander:** Gander Public Library

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

#### Nova Scotia...

**Amherst:** Carvel Upholstery and Draperies; Cumberland County Family Planning

**Annapolis Royal:** The King George Inn

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

**Bedford:** Bedford Library

**Canning:** Canning Library

**Dartmouth:** Adult Cash & Carry; CD Heaven; Healing Our Nations; Jake's Video & Variety; Libraries - Alderney Gate, Cole Harbour, Dartmouth, Woodlawn; Nova Scotia Government Employees Union; X-Citement Video, Main Street

**Halifax:** AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia; Accent Gallery; Altaregos Café; Atlantic News Stand; Blowers Street Paperchase; Bookmark; Buy the Book and More; CD Plus; CKDU Radio; Club NRG2; Counseling and Community Support Services; DALOUT; Dal-Tech; Daily Grind; Diamond; FRED Fresh Start B&B; Grad House (Dal); HMV; Hairdressers' Market; Halifax Backpackers Hostel; Junk & Fables; Khyber Club; Libraries: Captain William Spry, Halifax North, Keshen Goodman, Killiam, Spring Garden Road, Weldon Law; Menz Bar; Mount St. Vincent University - Rosaria & Sexton; Night Magic Fashions; Nooks and Crannies; NSCAD - supply store; N.S. Advisory Council - Status of Women; One World Café; Outside The Lines; Planned Parenthood Clinic; Read All About it; Reflections; Robyn's Grocery; Room2Move Fitness; Seadogs Spa; Second Cup-Spring Garden; Shoe Shop; SUB, Dal and St. Mary's; The Donut Machine; Venus Envy; Video Difference; X-Citement Video, Quinpool Road; Youth Project

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

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

**Lunenburg:** Elizabeth's Books; Second Story Women's Centre

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**New Glasgow:** Pictou County Women's Centre

**Pictou:** Pictou Library

**Port Williams:** Port Williams Public Library

**Sydney:** AIDS Coalition; Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia; Harrison Society; Sexual Diversity Centre, CBU

**Tantallon:** Tantallon Library

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

**Windsor:** Readers Haven

**Wolfville:** Acadia Pride; The Atheneum, Acadia; The Coffee Merchant; The Odd Book; Wolfville Public Library

**Yarmouth:** TOOTS; Tri-County Women's Centre; Western Counties Regional Library

#### Prince Edward Island...

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

#### Alberta...

**Edmonton:** Buddy's / Woody's / Steamworks

#### British Columbia...

**Prince George:** GALA-North Society

**Vancouver:** Little Sisters

#### Manitoba...

**Winnipeg:** Rainbow Resource Centre

#### Ontario...

**Ottawa:** After Stonewall; One-in-Ten

**Toronto:** Glad Day Bookshop; Out on the Street

#### Saskatchewan...

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

# Daigle & Dann Report On Halifax Pride '06

It's official! Hugo Dann had been working closely with Patrick Daigle as an 'Acting' co-chair of Pride '06 but now he's agreed to take on the role full time. To learn more about Hugo and Patrick and all the other hard-working (but fun!) volunteers who make up the Halifax Pride Committee just visit our website at [www.halifaxpride.org](http://www.halifaxpride.org). If you're at all interested in coming out to a meeting and seeing how we're working for you, please let us know!

As Pride Week gets closer we're asking you to think about some of the exceptional people who make up this community, to recognize and thank them for their tireless efforts on our behalf. In 2006, Halifax Pride will be giving out two awards to Atlantic Canadians who have made outstanding contributions to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans-Generated Community. The Lavender Diesel Award honours a straight-but-not-narrow person or group who have taken significant and courageous action in our struggle for equality. Past winners include The Coast and the UNB Faculty of Law. The Vanguard of the Community Award is given to those who have been exceptional in their leadership and vision. This award was previously given to Eric Smith, among others. We're seeking your nominations for both of these awards. Check out our website at [www.halifaxpride.org](http://www.halifaxpride.org) for the nomination forms.

We want to hear from you who your heroes have been, gay or straight, how they've inspired you and why you feel they might deserve these honours from our community. Tell us their stories, in as much detail as you can. Remember that both awards are open to anyone from Atlantic Canada, providing only that they're willing to accept the honour. You can send your suggestions by mail to Halifax Pride, Community Awards 2281 Brunswick St. Halifax NS B3K 2Y9

Or you can e-mail your ideas to Hugo Dann (Co-Chair) at [hugo@halifaxpride.org](mailto:hugo@halifaxpride.org).

Halifax Pride is a not-for-profit,

volunteer-based, community organization. We rely on the help of hundreds of volunteers to put on the annual Pride Week Festival and Parade, one of the largest and most diverse in HRM. While lots of events are still in the planning stages, things are happening quickly now we're moving closer and closer to Pride Week. We're working hard at some fund-raising ideas and events that will take place before Pride Week itself; for instance we're running a coat check at Menz Bar on Gottingen Street every Friday night, half of the proceeds going towards Pride '06. So far it's been really successful, generating a lot of interest in Pride and bringing in some much needed dollars. We could certainly use your help!

We also welcome you to attend any and all Pride board meetings. Our meetings are held every two weeks on Thursday nights at the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth Project located at 2281 Brunswick Street in Halifax (just north of Cornwallis). Meetings start at 6:30 PM and usually wrap up before 9. You are very welcome to participate (or just watch the action!), we truly love hearing your ideas and, yes, even your complaints. Meetings this month will be on March 30, April 13 and 27. Please check out our website [www.halifaxpride.org](http://www.halifaxpride.org) for updates on meetings, changes to the schedule, and information on how you can volunteer. You can also contact Sheena Jamieson, our Volunteers Co-Ordinator directly by e-mail at [volunteers@halifaxpride.org](mailto:volunteers@halifaxpride.org). We'd love to hear from you!

You can also show your support for Halifax Pride by dropping off your cans and bottles at one of the Recycling Depots listed below. Just let them know you want the deposit credited to the Halifax

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## Letter

Dear Readers:

This is just a quick note of thanks to Team Halifax members. The pancake breakfast yesterday was a great success - we had a great turnout, people seemed to have a good time, and we made some money for the Team while we were at it!

Thanks to everyone who made it out to yesterday's event (including those of you in particularly vulnerable states after quite a Saturday night!). I hope you enjoyed the pancakes and sausages! And big thanks to our volunteers: our outstanding chefs for standing in front of those griddles so long, those who worked the door gathering those donations, and those who spread the word to get the community out as well. Your efforts paid off!

Last but not least, huge thanks to MenzBar for organizing yesterday's fundraiser. MenzBar has shown truly incredible support for Team Halifax - thanks so much, Doug and David!

Stay tuned to the Team Halifax website for other upcoming events and don't forget our Kitchen Party on March 19th at Bishops Landing. Spread the word!

Alana



We asked our readers about the Halifax school board's notion to survey its employees. We had 23 responses, 21 of them with comments. An overwhelming majority said no, three were unsure, and two thought yes, but the yeses and unsure were not entirely positive.

The one "Yes" comment we received said: "With a caveat—the survey has to be voluntary, and should not force an employee to self-identify. I think that we create a difficult situation when we criticize organizations such as the HRSB for not doing more to protect or promote equity for their GLBT employees, and yet object to any attempts to collect some basic data to allow them to create appropriate programs/policies/services."

The Not Sures showed a complete lack of trust: "In the aftermath of the Willow Hearings, I just do not trust the initiative of the HRM school board on this matter. What does that body mean

by its 'needs'? It doesn't say what it means. I consider this initiative to be ulterior in conception and motivation," said one, while another said much the same: "It depends entirely on how the question is phrased, and what are the underlying political motives in seeking this information. Is the intention to create safer schools, where staff and students can be openly LG-BTQ and there is zero tolerance for homophobia? Or is there a chance that this information could be used in a witch-hunt. The ongoing trauma of Lindsay Willow's situation does not inspire confidence in HRM's school board, or its level of sensitivity."

The no's had a variety of reasons, most of which were the same as the yeses and not sures. A sampling:

"My understanding is that the employee names and their responses will be part of the survey... no

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### Important WAYVES Dates!

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(the first Friday of each month)

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April 10, May 8, June 5, July 10

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

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

April 29, May 27 June 24, July 29



# Atlantic News

## Team Halifax Meet & Greet

By Alana Patterson, Team Halifax  
Yummm, beer and pancakes now THAT was a delicious culinary combination! With help from MenzBar, Team Halifax members hosted an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on February 26th. The pancakes were hot and tasty, the sausages scrumptious, and the energy was fantastic!

Well over 60 to 70 Team members, friends and community members came out for the good eats and great company. TEAM HALIFAX raised nearly \$400 at the event which is just one of several fundraising events that MenzBar has organized for the Team. We had a "Meet & Greet" on January 27th and, along with Halifax Pride, have also benefited from the proceeds of MenzBar's weekend coat check since December.

In fact, between December and March, TEAM HALIFAX raised almost \$1400 thanks to our MenzBar events alone!! In the photo

you can see us very happily receiving \$1395 from Doug and David on March 2nd... and I can assure you, we'll be putting that money to very good use!

Thanks so much to MenzBar for their tremendous help and encouragement. And thanks to you, members of the community, for coming out to our events and supporting the Team.



Left to right, Doug Melanson, Alana Patterson, David Landry - total amounts raised to date \$1395.00

Check out the TEAM HALIFAX website at [www.geocities.com/team\\_halifax](http://www.geocities.com/team_halifax) to find out more about us and to keep track of coming events; and the MenzBar to stay on top of all their activities and parties: [www.seadogs.ca/menzbar](http://www.seadogs.ca/menzbar). There's lots more still to come!

## Gay Business Directory 2007: HRM Chamber of Commerce

by Randall Perry

Doug Melanson has just demonstrated that patience and persistence pays off. He has accomplished his goal to have his gay-owned and operated businesses recognised as such by the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, which has pledged to add a category for "Gay Business" in its 2007 member directory.

"When I first moved to Halifax three and a half years ago, the first thing I did was look for either a gay chamber of commerce proper or a chamber of commerce with a list of gay businesses in the city," he says. "I was promptly told, 'well, no, we don't have one - we've never explored that area and we have nobody willing to go out and explore it for us.'"

Doug had moved to the city from Ottawa and was considering starting up a business. What he was looking for were statistics on gay life in Halifax: how many gay-owned and operated businesses exist in the city? How many businesses are actively serving gay clientele? How many gays and lesbians live in the city? What are the demographic breakdowns for this gay population? He found that these statistics were non-existent.

"It didn't sit right with me that I couldn't find the information I was looking for," he says. When he opened Seadog's Sauna & Spa, his first business in the city, Doug decided to join the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and, as a member, push for its recognition of gay businesses. He believes that in 2002, when he first moved to Halifax, there may have been no desire on the part of the establishment to "stir the pot" by looking for and collecting information on gay

business. He believes there might have been a measure of fear with respect to how such information would impact membership.

Doug found that pushing the issue meant asking the same questions over and over. "Every year since joining the Chamber I've asked about it, and have been told 'yes, we're discussing it; yes, we're looking into it.' When I received the bill for membership renewal this past January I inquired again about creating a gay business section to include places like Seadog's, Menz Bar and the soon to be opened Molly's. I got the same answer I'd been getting all the while. I had enough, so I pulled my membership from the Chamber of Commerce."

Losing a member was enough to spur the Chamber into action. After discussions with Lanna Prowse, the Chamber's Member Services Manager, Doug found out that a decision had been made to include a "Gay Business" heading in the Chamber's membership directory for 2007. He considers this an accomplished goal and plans to hold the Chamber accountable to its promise.

"This is a good thing for both gay business owners and for the Chamber," he explains. "Having a 'Gay Business' heading in the directory will potentially broaden the Chamber's client base. It will serve to broaden their awareness as well as add money to their coffers to enable them to continue the worthwhile projects they have going on. This is a great opportunity for the Chamber to include all business groups that exist within the HRM."

## You Tell Us

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need for the names to be part of it, just a response to the question."

"I am gay, black, foreign, and maybe fat to some, and to respond to such a question does not serve any of my needs as I am sure I would not be employed for most of those reasons."

"Will the questionnaire leave space to tell whether or not you are sexually active? What toothpaste you use? Simply too intrusive. It's really no one's business!"

"It's none of their business what goes on behind peoples' professional lives."

"No, because it's none of their business. Period."

"If Lindsay Willow was accused of being sexually involved with a male student, would that spur the same decision? I don't see their motivation behind finding out who is part of a minority."

"Intrusive, certainly it is, but also ineffective. Does the school board need affirmation of LGBT peoples' existence to better serve their needs? They're going to have to do a lot better than that as they themselves are the result of a lot of unnecessary suffering to Lindsay Willow and probably others. They need to get work on their

own structure and methods before asking LGBT teachers to merely identify themselves."

"Police checks and Child Abuse Registry checks are now standard screening tools. HRM's school board's new decision can only serve to promote exclusivity and promote same as a tool of marginalization."

"Do WE the TAXPAYERS who support this gang of fools get to survey THEM and determine if they're (1) Bratty, (2) Petulant, (3) Whiney, (4) Childish, (5) Spoiled (6) Immature, (7) Incompetent (8) Unfit to govern. Education Minister Jamie Muir should SACK them all NOW and start over with capable people!"

One final comment sums it all up nicely: "This is crazy!"

## This Month's Question

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

Tell us what you think! Visit <http://wayves.ca> and fill out the form!

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## Mermaid & Cow Re-Opens June 30th

By Mary Burnet; from a letter by Jane Morigan  
Jane Morigan is re-opening The Mermaid and The Cow Campground this summer, and says she is "thrilled" to welcome her campers back.

Jane spent last summer healing from a break-up. She says that, by Christmas, she had made the decision to re-open The Mermaid and The Cow.

"I found myself thinking more and more about the importance of continuing to provide a safe and friendly place for queer sisters and brothers from near and far!" Jane said, in a letter to Wayves.

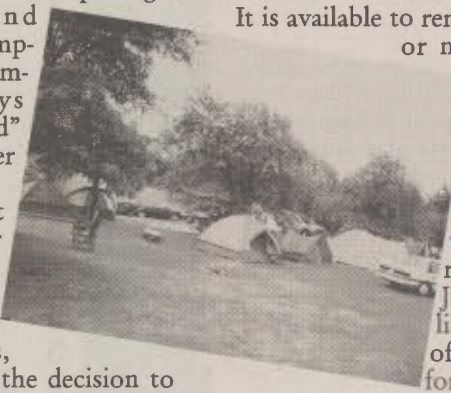
There will be some changes to the campground. It will open on June 30th and close on September 4th. There will only be 20 campsites, but campers can set up tents

anywhere on the 90-acre property. The cabin will sleep four people and will have a kitchen and bathroom. It is available to rent by the week

or month. There will be no special events this summer, like women- or men-only events. There will also be no reservations. Jane is offering a limited number of seasonal sites for a flat rate.

"The only rules are consideration of others and respect for the land!" says Jane. "If it fits in with your plans to visit The Mermaid and The Cow again this summer, you know you'll receive a warm welcome!"

Pricing and other information about The Mermaid and The Cow can be found at [www.themermaid-andthecow.ca](http://www.themermaid-andthecow.ca).



## ISCANS Investiture

By Lynn Laurent

Their Most Imperial and Sovereign Majesties, Emperor 6 of Halifax, Lee Bent, and Empress 6 of Halifax, Nina Diamonds, set the stage at Reflections Cabaret on February 5, 2006 to enter the ISCANS membership into their royal family by giving out titles in the Sixth Imperial House of Fun, Laughter, and Freedom To Be. Also, during the course of the night, Their Imperial and Sovereign Majesties Emperor 5, Gary Turner, and Empress 5, Deva Station, were entered into the College of Monarchs, which is an advisory group of past Empresses and Emperors that provides guidance and wisdom to current reigning monarchs. There were many command performances from some of the top names in the Halifax drag community, and everyone who was present had a great time. All of the proceeds of this event will go to Reign 6's chosen charities, which are: Hodgekins Lymphoma in memory of Trevor Peinsznski, The Canadian Diabetes Association, and The Dita Parlow Christmas Fund (2006) (Families in Need). ISCANS would like to thank Reflections Cabaret for hosting this event, and would also like to extend our gratitude to those who made this event a successful one!



## Queer Comedy Night

On Wednesday, April 26th, starting at 9:30pm, the Halifax Comedy Fest will host *Comedy OUT Loud*, featuring gay and lesbian stand-up comedians who will get the audience roaring in the aisles. Comedy OUT Loud is hosted by Elvira Kurt, of famed Tallulah's Cabaret in Toronto and the Comedy Network's Adventures

in Comedy and Popcultured. The show also features a whole slate of up-and-comers including local stand-ups Candy Palmater and Michael Best (playwright and star of *Gay White Trash*) and featuring Trevor Boris and Vidur Kapur. Pacifico Nightclub, Maritime Centre. Tickets, \$15.00, will be available at the door. Must be 19 or over.

## Women's Basketball

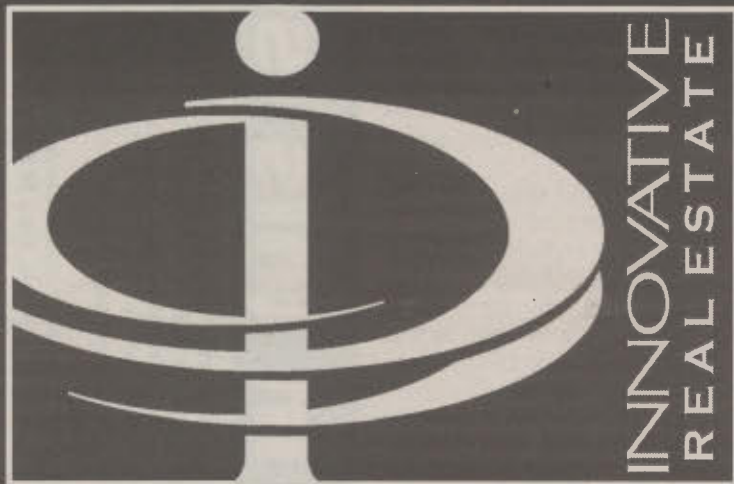
For the last 2 years a group of women have been getting together every Tuesday night from 7-8pm at the Chocolate Lake Community Center to play basketball. This evening of recreation is open to any gay woman of any age and skill level. Teams are formed to provide each team with skill levels from novice to pro!

This is for fun, and so far the response has been very favourable from the participants. We are in the last 5 weeks of the season and would like to extend an invitation for non-members to come out and play to see if they would like to consider joining next year. There will be no charge to play for the remainder of this season if you would like to come and check it out.

We have had lots of new younger players come on board this year and encourage some of you older gals to get your sports legs out of storage and come out for some fun. Often, some of the girls go for a beer after the game to socialize as well.

If you are interested, please contact [susanbrushett@eastlink.ca](mailto:susanbrushett@eastlink.ca) and come ready to play with a white and dark t-shirt.

Hope to see some new faces and get some of the old faces off the couch now that the Olympics are over!



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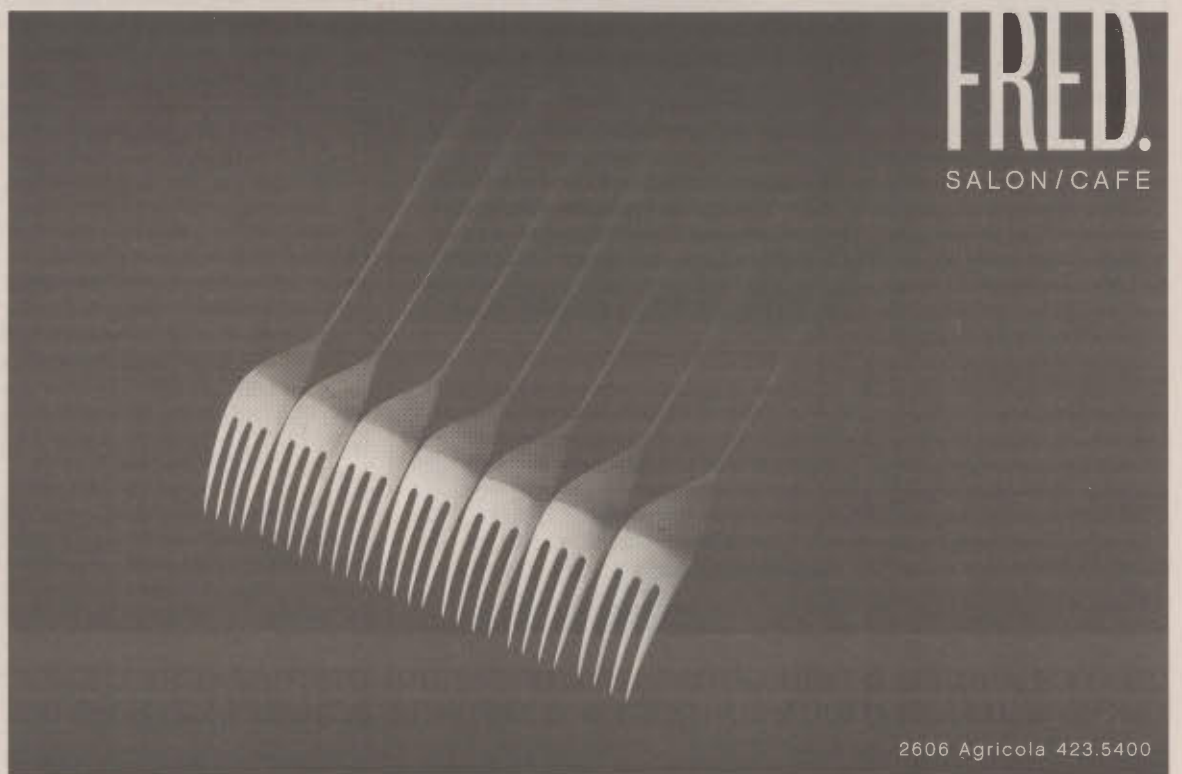
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Crawford Hastie's

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Hi Tom

It is 9 a.m. and I'm watching porn while eating breakfast... you know, the usual Sunday morning routine, but somehow today my mind keeps drifting away and I find it hard to keep focused on the job at hand. Hope it's just a temporary thing... I'd hate to think I was losing my desire for pancakes and sausage. (Will maple syrup hurt the remote control?) Probably just a touch of Spring Fever.

Ah, spring! Finally here ... officially anyway. I love April ... and not just because it is my birthday month, (FYI... a card takes a long time to arrive from Australia... and a package, even a small one - thoughtfully chosen and exquisitely wrapped - takes even longer.)

April is a green month bringing renewal and - this year - those spring time fairies, Butch Gaylick and Barry Poppins just in time for Easter. They will bring their animal companions - nobody has "pets" anymore - Justin and Britney - the latter is named after the reigning pop queen of slutty superficiality, although the bitch (the canine one) has a really sweet disposition. The arrival of Butch and Barry, and their pansy pit bulls will mean that in addition to lavender and pink sugar eggs and overpriced chocolate rabbits in gold foil, the Easter baskets this year will contain vodka.

I've told you about Barry's acid tongue - always so refreshing! Conversation with him is a like dabbing disinfectant on a shaving cut - it stings but somehow one feels it will be beneficial in the long run. Besides we've all become too polite and nice, Tom. (well, not you, of course... but in general) Discomfort is good for us, it keeps our survival instincts sharp. We need to learn to appreciate the unexpected - especially when it is awkward. Like the time a former trick of mine came knocking on the door just as I was sitting down to a family dinner. While I was explaining to him *sotto voce* how this was not the most opportune moment for a visit, my mother appears at my elbow and says, "Is this a friend of yours, dear? Invite him in!" The introductions were a tad difficult since I didn't remember his name (had he even told

me?) and I could hardly say, Mum, Sis, I'd like you to meet last Tuesday night."

Once at a party, a man admired my recently acquired painting and then, every so casually - but with an appraising look as if he knew exactly what it was worth - asked me what I paid for it! "What a singularly inappropriate question!" I responded. "I'm so glad you came to the party." I immediately took him over to meet my friend, Tim, whose idea of an elegant party is to make sure the poppers are fresh and the leather in the sling has been polished. And what do you know? The nelly queen and the leather daddy were soon deep in a discussion of Southern cooking.

Meanwhile, a married friend of mine was tweaking my nipple through my tee shirt and suggesting we go for a walk in the garden.... in January! I declined but I admired the bravado. Just as, on a certain level, I admire the elderly woman sitting next to me a concert who in flagrant disregard for the no scents policy was wearing Evening in Paris at a strength to make your eyes water from three metres. Or another friend of mine who refuses to wear a bicycle helmet because it will muss his hair and clashes with his outfit.

A group who very clearly have demonstrated that they have no desire to move from their firmly entrenched comfort zone is the Motion Picture Academy when they did not award the Best Picture Oscar to Brokeback Mountain. We was robbed, Tom! Two men romantically involved can still scare the pin stripes off some people..

On the other extreme is the awards for the porn films. Ever look at a list of those categories, Tom? I have to confess, with some pride, that in a purely non-professional way (no money changed hands), and not on film (do web cams count?) I myself have once or twice had the honour of being nominated for my performance. And no 13-inch statuette pushing into my discomfort zone either.

Got to go, popcorn's ready.

Love ya! Crawford

P.S. Time to start thinking about Pride Week. Never too soon to start planning the outfit.

**Yarmouth Queertour**

by Eldon Hay

Back in 1999-2000, Art Vautour, Greg Daborn and Denis Lanteigne hatched the idea of Moncton Pride. Later, a committee of which they were the core asked Eldon Hay to be Pride Marshall. And the first Moncton Pride was held in that city in 2000. Of course, that's history.

Today, Denis Lanteigne is now living in Yarmouth with his partner Brian Holbert and they too hatched a plan: to invite Greg and Eldon to come to Yarmouth to do some talking, discussing and promoting of gay issues. Greg, the male representative of Egale in the Maritimes, could bring the good news of that organization and Eldon, PFLAG leader, could extol the advantages of that movement.

And it happened. On the second weekend of February, Greg drove the pair to the south shore of Nova Scotia. There they were hosted, toasted and driven round the community by Denis and Brian, Keith Mytron, Bill Cushing, and Tony Swimm. Rev. Leslie Robinson and his wife Margaret, of Beacon United Church, hosted Greg and Eldon for an evening meal and conversation. As a result of all these contacts, both Eldon and Greg have a much better appreciation of the sights, sounds and history of Yarmouth and vicinity; and at least some insight into the lives of members of the gay community on the south shore of Nova Scotia.

A noon-hour meeting at the Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School was organised to talk about Egale and PFLAG. It was attended by some 15-plus students, with teacher/advisor Daniel Blinn, who are members of a relatively newly formed Gay-Straight Al-

liance. They listened with rapt attention to Greg tell his story as a gay student in elementary and high school. Eldon shared some experiences of his own, and of other parents who had gay children, and how PFLAG was helpful. The talks were followed by questions and discussion and, as the saying goes, a good time was had by all. Also in attendance, and consulting with the NB pair afterwards, was Jude Fulton the Coordinator of Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights for the Tri-County (Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne) Regional School Board.

The following evening, A public meeting was held at Beacon United and hosted by Brian Holbert. Despite an impending storm, the meeting was well attended and Greg and Eldon each shared some of their own experiences and related how Egale and PFLAG might be effective for the gay community. The most exciting part of the evening came after Denis Lanteigne thanked the visitors and the guests had the opportunity to form small groups to enjoy refreshments and talk amongst themselves. It created a buzz in the room that went on and on.

What will come of this visit? Time will tell. Better cooperation among the groups serving the gay community? A PFLAG chapter? Other meetings of the sort engendered by Greg/Eldon visit in the future?

For their part, Greg and Eldon enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Denis and Brian and others who tendered the invitation for the Yarmouth Queertour, and who made that visit so memorable.

**Menz' Coat Check Raises \$ for Pride**

From left to right Doug Melanson, Tristan Laan, Hugo Daan, David Landry.

On March 2nd, Menz Bar's owners Doug Melanson and David Landry handed over \$1007.00 to the Halifax Pride Committee.

This money was raised by the successful coat check at Menz that has been staffed by volunteers over the Winter months. Pride Board members, such as Treasurer Tristan Laan and Co-Chair Hugo Dann, have alternated nights with volunteers from Team Halifax. The coat check should still be running into April so when you check your coat, take a moment to say hi to the volunteers from your Pride Committee or to the athletes of Team Halifax.

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# Eric Smith talks Gay History for DalOut

By Bill McKinnon

About 40 people came to the Dalhousie SUB on March 8, to hear Eric Smith lecture on gay history sponsored by DalOut. Eric is a teacher who lost his position after becoming HIV positive in 1986. This is my short report on what he told us.

Gay youth do not know our history. Ten years ago you could be beaten for holding hands in public. In the 1960's you dared not tell people you were gay.

The Bible and ancient legends refer to gay couples but 19th century puritans edited out the gay parts and Victorian England enacted repressive laws against gays but not lesbians as the Queen could not imagine women having sex together. Myths about gays and lesbians abound. Some say gays prefer sex with own gender since they are afraid of women, gay men are less masculine than straight men, and lesbians are less feminine than other women. In times past the gays and lesbians noted by others were the stereotypes; non-stereotypes were invisible.

Before the Europeans came to America, the natives accepted and often honoured gay couples, but the Europeans told the natives that being gay is wrong so the natives decided they had no gays. During the Nazi era gays were put to death in gas chambers and forced to wear the pink triangle, now a symbol of Gay Pride.

In 1969 the Stonewall Riots occurred as the New York mayor to get re-elected took action against gay bars but the gays fought back and Gay Power was born.

In 1978 Haligonians put on their first Pride. Some participants had bags over their heads.

Also in the 70's American Psychiatric Association decided homosexuality is not a disease and discrimination against gays "officially" ended in some provinces.

In 1979 small gay groups started Pink Triangle Day and tried to take over Valentines Day. In Halifax

bars used to bar gay customers; but in 1978-79 the owners were confronted with sit-ins.

In the 70's the organized gay world was mostly guys but it has gradually expanded and now includes the GLBT's, two-spirited, intersexed and several other groups. One controversy is anonymous sex. Youth today think of it as horrible but for those of us around in the old days nobody was "out"; so anonymous sex in the bathhouses, bushes and "on the Hill" was the norm.

When the AIDS crisis arrived, the US closed bath houses but Canada didn't. In Canada safe sex was encouraged so gays would not go elsewhere for unsafe sex.

In the late 70's/early 80's the gay community was split by tensions between gays and lesbians. Some mainstream gays disliked being associated with drag queens and leather queens. Amazingly the split slipped away when the AIDS crisis hit. Many gay men had no place to go as families would not look after a sick gay son or brother. The community screamed at the government for doing nothing, not healing the sick and not providing AIDS education. Our community stood together. Some who later died helped others by going into the schools to talk to the young. There were also disputes as to which organization would lead the fight against AIDS. Two groups both fighting AIDS did not get along and homophobia was also an element of controversy.

There are still tensions today. Some think dykes and drag queens make us look bad but we have been through enough to know that infighting doesn't mean we have to tear the community apart. In Halifax gay organizers often met in gay bars and some felt that the interests of gays were different than those of operating bars. Nevertheless a tiny group of dedicated people, especially drag queens, e.g. Miss Vicki, accomplished a lot for the

small city of Halifax and still do.

There continue to be issues for GLBT school teachers. Things have improved for teachers who want to be "out" but others are not comfortable being labeled gay. The Lindsay Willow case reinforces concerns. Everything we have asked for is now in legislation but legislation does not change attitudes; this takes years. Gay youth receive the wrong message as they become aware of the anti-gay attitudes towards gay teachers. Nevertheless gay straight alliances are a positive influence and these initiatives supported by the Youth Project help gay youth.

The state of AIDS awareness among students is a concern. Schools do not have the necessary specialists to teach safe sex. Most teachers are not qualified and often feel uncomfortable explaining condom use. Most play it safe and simply say use condoms for fear of upsetting parents. Young people need to know and need practice using condoms. Over the years persons with AIDS have gone to schools to help out. There is now no public funding for AIDS Education, but the number of AIDS cases among gay men is rising and one-third of cases are now women.

What are the priorities today? Eric says to youth: "Be proud of who you are."

Suicide rates among gay youth are high and little has been done about this problem. Some suicides are actually straight youth who people think are gay. We need gay-straight alliances in every school.

A second priority is what to do for gay seniors. What happens when a gay couple wants to go into a seniors' home? There is no sense waiting until gay couples are refused. We need to educate staff in seniors' homes now.

For my full report, Email: billmckinnon@eastlink.ca



Eric talks to an audience member after the lecture

## "Perspectives" Lecture Series

By Alicia Lauersen

Eric Smith, a former teacher, was diagnosed as HIV+ twenty years ago. When his local school board discovered this, Smith was dismissed. Unwilling to accept defeat, he stepped into the national spotlight to defend his rights. For Smith, this was only the beginning of what was to become years of action, raising awareness and support for issues facing the LGTBQ community.

One of the most pressing issues Smith sees is the need for AIDS awareness among high school students. "Teachers aren't necessarily qualified to teach everything," he says, "and 'use a condom' doesn't cut it. Sugar-coating doesn't do it."

Smith shared his story and more as the first speaker in DalOut's annual Perspectives Lecture Series, part of the larger Faces of Dalhousie Campaign, run by the Dalhousie Student Union. Perspectives featured a different speaker each Wednesday in March. "We hope to increase people's understanding of the issues facing the LGTBQ community," said Tina Hunt, DalOut president. "We want to show that we are an incredibly diverse community."

To facilitate this, DalOut arranged for a diverse selection of speakers. Following Eric Smith's presentation was Dr. Charlotte Loppie, a Human Sexuality professor at Dalhousie, Martha Martin, a minister with the United Church of Canada, and YGA publisher Benjie Nycum. Each speaker will address some of the myriad of issues facing the LGTBQ community, from marriage to health care access.

Hunt also hopes that Perspectives will increase awareness of DalOut, and the issues the group tackles. "We are an integral part of the Dalhousie community," she said. "We're friendly and open, and invite the whole school to join us."

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# Capital Health Tackles GLBTI Barriers

Last year, Capital Health in Nova Scotia heard many sobering comments that reflect the substantial problems experienced by members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and intersexed (GLBTI) communities in accessing health care.

"Many of us will avoid treatment at all costs," said one GLBTI community member. "We only go when it's absolutely necessary, and that's usually two or three steps beyond where you should be seeking treatment. We have a disincentive to access the system at a time when it's appropriate."

Another said: "I have spent eight years of having GPs refuse to treat me - eight years. And I went through more GPs than you could possibly imagine, being denied, categorically, any discussion of treatment... along the lines of being transgendered."

The comments, gathered through focus groups held by Capital Health district and the Halifax Rainbow Health Project throughout 2003 and 2004, support what research had already

documented: members of what is sometimes known as the Rainbow community can face significant barriers in accessing knowledgeable and appropriate care from primary health care providers.

Also confirmed were the many differences in their health status when compared with heterosexual people. These include greater risk of certain cancers, stroke, coronary artery disease and heart attack.

Members of the GLBTI community are also more likely to have been subjected to hate crime, violence or sexual abuse and have a greater prevalence of mental health issues, higher rates of suicidal thoughts, and greater prevalence of certain sexually transmitted diseases.

With community input gathered, the GLBTI Initiative began. Led by Dr. Rod Wilson, a Halifax family physician, the initiative is

supported by the Primary Care office at Capital Health with start-up funding from Health Canada's Primary Health Care Transition Fund. The initiative, which gained exposure at the 2nd National Rainbow Health and Wellness conference held in Halifax in November

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2005, speaks to the provincial vision for primary health care, which foresees a system in which "the uniqueness and diversity of individuals, families and communities are valued and responded to appropriately."

"Physicians often assume a patient is heterosexual and therefore overlook important questions to

ask," says Dr. Wilson. "What's more, many physicians and other health care providers don't know the health risks threatening GLBTI people. And GLBTI people themselves don't know their health risks." With these factors combined, he says, "we end up with a community that isn't able to access the most basic health care - basic access the general population takes for granted."

Working with Dr. Wilson is an advisory committee comprising members of GLBTI communities and Capital Health staff who are focusing on education, advocacy and diversity issues within the health district, the largest in the province.

The team is also working on health promotion and disease prevention material, professional development for health care providers, and community outreach through education sessions aimed at raising awareness of health and wellness within the GLBTI community.

So what can a member of the GLBTI community do? Seek information, search online for health issues and risks specific to you, and look for upcoming Capital Health articles and public education sessions on GLBTI health if you live in the district. If you haven't already, talk to your doctor or health care provider about your health. Make regular checkups a priority and develop open and honest relationships with the people who can help you keep healthy.

## Ask Lulu

Juicy asks:  
Lulu... I am at a loss here. A few friends visited the farm a while back and, well, I think they stole some chickens when they



left. Now I am getting harassed as to how to handle the situation as the same people have been asking if they can get some fresh chicken feathers for their pillows and well I don't want to give the feathers away to someone who steals from their own friend. Please give me some advice as to how to handle this situation


Lulu Replies:

Hi there Juicy. I sympathize with you. Personally, I hate it when people steal my chickens from me especially when it is a friend that does it. I mean c'mon, I worked hard to get that chicken and the older I get the harder it is to get them to begin with so it is most frustrating. Then to come back and ask for the feathers!!! They have some fucking nerve. Tell them if they want feathers to go pluck the chicken they stole from you. In the future you may be wise to keep a closer eye on your chickens, any old chicken hawk could get in and try to take them away if your're not careful.

xo Lulu



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This challenging contract position will be for a 6 month initial term, with a 35-hour work week and fixed salary, operating out of our office at the Bloomfield Centre, Halifax.

Responsibilities during the initial term will be focused on three primary tasks: office administration, development of funding applications and opportunities, and assisting the Board with community development activities.

For a more detailed description of this position please see our website at [www.nsrp.ca](http://www.nsrp.ca) or contact [nsrap@nsrap.ca](mailto:nsrap@nsrap.ca).

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# Transgender Diaries IV

## Learning to learn

By Denise Holliday

Sept 2003 found me at the doors of Akerley Community College. I was very proud to be there and able to walk into my first class with my head held high and start a new life of learning, but I still found myself apologizing to teachers for my transgender status and feeling extremely nervous about interacting with my classmates. We eventually learned to appreciate our age and background differences.

One staff member was so negative with me as to be of little assistance beyond what was explained on the board. We had several incidents until I laid a line in the sand and neither of us intentionally crossed that line after that. This allowed us both to do what we came for. I relied on other students for help, and in particular, a student from China who excelled in this particular subject. I reciprocated by ex-

plaining English terminology. The emotional exercise in the teacher/student relationship was continually painful but I progressed in my emotional growth. This was the only class in my first term where I felt adult learning principles were not encouraged. Despite the issues and barriers I received the equivalent of honors in that subject, thanks to my Chinese connection. Thank you Li Ming.

It's the beginning of April; college for me is over early for the first year. I miss out on the last eight days of class as I lay in hospital awaiting double bypass heart surgery. When I enter Emergency the doctor tells me I've suffered a heart attack and after surgery is

done, I will need \$100 worth of medicine a month for the rest of my life. I explain that I am going home, as I would sooner die now than waste his time doing surgery, only to die later because I can not afford medications.

*While the body longs for air, the heart for blood and the eyes for light, there is another element.*

He seems a little shocked at my statement, but rushes on to explain that without medication, the surgery will still extend my life for ten years or more. The meds would extend that time by something like 20%. So I reluctantly agree to stay.

Thinking of each student, busy

with their summer plans. From my hospital room I wish them well in my heart, not really knowing if they know I am here or if I would ever see any of them again. I sit and wonder if the term was a success. I did learn a lot but I have no idea of my final marks, but feel they will not be satisfactory. Still, I guess being alive to read them will be a sort of victory.

**April 17th & Beyond**

It has been a long day. Among the visits is one from an "ex-friend" after 20 years that ended badly. The incident with him had an emotional toll on me that in hindsight I was not fully prepared for.

The nursing staff has been wonderful, attempting to meet all needs that they recognize. Some

needs are outside of their general scope of experience, yet they ask questions, listen and learn, as I do. All in all, the time is one of re-affirming things I thought I had settled years ago. I suppose I keep hoping there's a new answer that satisfies everyone.

The problem, as the Doctor sees it, is of a physical heart with physical problems. Personally, I have little concern in that area. I will live or I will die. It is another version of an ongoing issue. As a ship starts to sink the idea is to grab for the life-belt and be saved. A person wants to live; at least that is the supposition, an accepted fact. Yet, while the body longs for air, the heart for blood and the eyes for light, there is another element that can override all common expectations; No reason to live. With the help of a friend I prepare a last will, and as they are putting me under I tell them, "If I do not wake up, do not feel badly." I am not sure if I want to wake-up.

# ISCANS Winter Carnival Week

By Lynn Laurent

The Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society (ISCANS) held its Winter Carnival Week February 19th through February 26th and it held a little bit of something for everyone.

The week kicked off with Empress IV Boom Boom Lubalicious' Birthday Celebration/Show at Reflections Cabaret on February 19th, hosted by Imperial Crown Princess II Meshallay Crystal. Many Hali-fabulous performers were on hand to help Boom Boom celebrate her 29th (again and again) birthday.

On February 20th, 10 people laced up their bowling shoes at Bayers Road Shopping Center Bowl-a-Rama for a night of bowling. Everyone had a fantastic

time!

Coasting on Citadel Hill on February 22nd proved to be difficult, due to the lack of snow, but the spirit was there. Those who had planned on sailing down the side of "The Hill" instead spent the evening reminiscing about 'what could have been', so a good time was had, regardless of snow conditions.



Emperor VI Lee Bent and Empress VI Nina Diamonds

A few of our Drag Queens went to the Halifax Forum on Thursday, February 23rd for Bingo in Drag...and even though no one won the big jackpots, there was enough excitement

to make this a very interesting and fun evening for all.

Menz Bar on Gottingen Street played host to ISCANS Annual Mock Jail on Friday, February 24th, which has always been a very successful fundraiser for ISCANS. People paid \$5.00 to 'arrest' someone for 15 minutes, and paid another \$5.00 to 'bail' themselves out before the 15 minutes were up. Some people ended up staying in 'jail' all night long and were very good sports about it...after all, it was for a good cause!

The Winter Carnival concluded on Sunday, February 26th with The King and Queen of Diamonds Pageant. It was held at Evolution Cabaret on Gottingen Street and hosted by Her Imperial and Sovereign Majesty, Empress V of Halifax, Deva Station. Their Most Imperial Serene Highnesses King of Diamonds IV Ford Occasion and Queen of Diamonds

IV Dyna Might ended a fantastic reign in style and grace. The King and Queen of Diamonds V were chosen from a field of seven contestants. Alan Dowding, David MacMillan, and Jase N. ran for King, and Ivannah Ramyah, Mame St. Claire-Black, Nikki Taylor, and NatashaN Lott ran for Queen.

The competition was fierce and everyone gave 100% effort. The judging was tallied and the new King and Queen of Diamonds V were announced: Their Most Imperial Serene Highnesses, King of Diamonds V Jase N. and Queen of Diamonds V NatashaN Lott. ISCANS would like to congratulate Jase N. and NatashaN Lott on their win, to thank all of the contestants who participated and made this event fantastic, and to give a big THANK YOU to all that were involved in making Winter Carnival a complete success!

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# LGBTYP: A Youthful Work in Progress



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## Written by the members of LGBTYP

The LGBTYP has been running since 1993, starting as a social work project of Maura Donovan and running out of Planned Parenthood. We have come a long way, now owning our own building, in an old house. We are always expanding to include new program, services, and people. Through support, counseling, education, and community development, the Youth Project strives to make Nova Scotia a safer, happier, healthier place for lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgendered youth 25 and under. We've worked with all kinds of youth, as well as their friends, families and communities. We'd like to highlight some of our important services and programs, as well as say hello to you, our community, who continuously supports us.

## A Huge Thank you to our Volunteers

Each week we have many events and activities occurring for the youth, all of which rely on our dedicated volunteers to run smoothly and successfully. The bi-weekly events such as drop-ins, movie nights, support groups for LGB youth, and our newest support group for transgendered youth, provide a non-judgmental environment for youth to express themselves, to voice who they really are. The volunteers facilitate this environment; serving as positive role models to all who meet them, exemplifying the values of what our organization is all about.



We would also like to thank all those individuals, organizations and businesses that have supported us in so many ways over the past 13 years. Each of you has brought your own unique skills, dreams and motivation to the service of LGBTQ youth. By your example and service you've proven that youth are important; you've empowered us all to fight homophobia.

The Youth Project has many volunteers who are dedicating a few hours each month to bringing these services to us. You are allowing us to say that truly our team are not only a youth driven project, but a community one as well. Thanks to all of you who support us in the many ways you do. We could not thrive without your continued support.

## Brokeback Bear!

We would like to thank everyone for buying tickets on Brokeback Bear, and his two cubs Jack and Ennis. We successfully raised \$250,000! Menzbar donated the three-foot bear and the draw was made on Valentine's Day by the youth. Thank you to Menzbar, Venus Envy, the staff and youth for their work on this fundraiser. Congratulations to the winners!

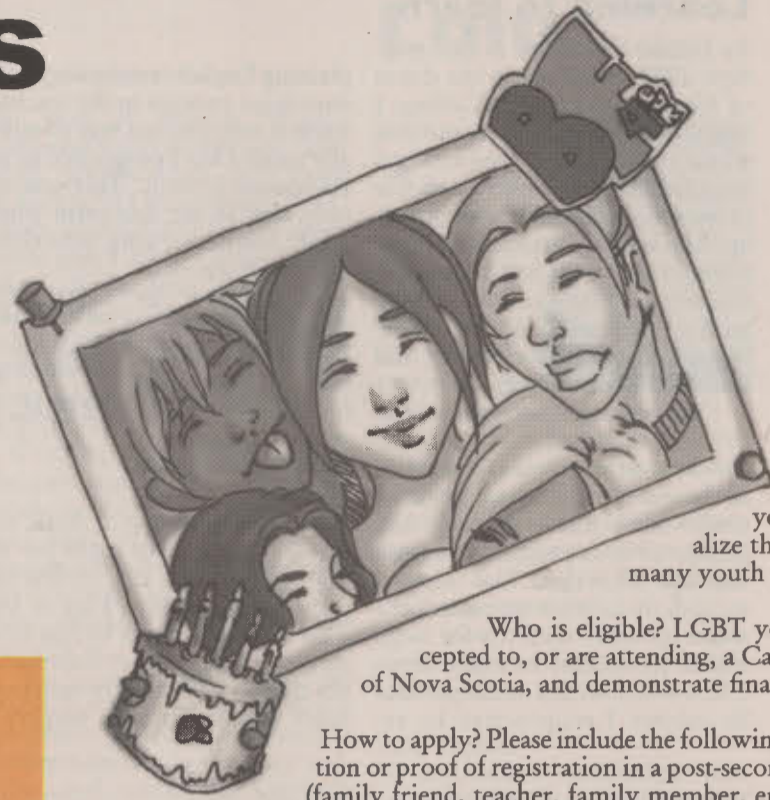
Shawn Wood won the Brokeback Bear, Tim Murphy won Jack and Chuck Moore won Ennis.

## The Graham Pinsent Memorial Bursary



Graham Pinsent was an active member of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project of Nova Scotia. He was known and loved by many and was always willing to lend a hand, especially to the Youth Project. Over the many years of service he provided to us, he organized social events, fundraised, and took the time to drive a VW Beetle for Halifax Pride. Graham was an active member of our Board of Directors and the Youth Board. Despite Graham's busy schedule, he continued to work hard to complete his high school education. Fighting chronic illness made this a daunting task, but he successfully completed many of his courses. It was felt that a memorial bursary to help other LGBT youth in their pursuit of higher education was a fitting way to honour Graham, his struggle to complete his education, and personify the spirit he gave to the Youth Project.

Purpose: This bursary provides opportunities for LGBT youth to further their education, recognizing the increasing financial burden of post-secondary study; to foster the success of LGBT



youth in post-secondary institutions; to memorialize the memory of Graham Pinsent who inspired so many youth to further their own personal development.

Who is eligible? LGBT youth who are: 25 or under; who have been accepted to, or are attending, a Canadian post-secondary institution; are residents of Nova Scotia, and demonstrate financial need.

How to apply? Please include the following documents: A letter of acceptance or confirmation or proof of registration in a post-secondary institution; one letter of recommendation (family friend, teacher, family member, employer, etc.); A personal essay telling us who you are, and why you are a good candidate for this bursary. What are your plans for your education and your future? Application form can be accessed via website [www.youthproject.ns.ca]

Deadline for application is June 30th, 2006. The bursary has a value of \$500 will be awarded to the chosen recipient in July.

## LGBT Youth Food Bank

Our food bank program offers the basics to youth in need. Partnered with Feed Nova Scotia and supported by Menzbar, the Food Bank program is able to help LGBT youth with much-needed items such as non-perishables, breads and bakery products, fresh produce, frozen foods and toiletries. If you are a youth, or know a youth who can benefit from this service, or wish to make a donation, don't hesitate to contact us.

## Youth Project Safe Home Soon to Re-open!

What is the Safe Home Program?

The Safe Home Program is like a foster parent program for LGBTQ youth. Homes selected in the community provide youth with a safe, supportive living environment so they can complete their education and make the move to independent living.

Why is there a need for the Safe Home Program?

Many LGBT youth do not feel safe or supported in their homes and/or communities because of homophobia and severe isolation. Many choose to leave these environments because of fear, abuse, stigmatization, and alienation. Others are forced out by parents and guardians. We have developed the Safe Home Program to respond to the specific needs of these youth. This program provides an environment in which to develop a positive sense of self and gain the skills to make the transition to independence.

The program provides two different types of placements:

Emergency/Respite Homes - These placements can range in length from one day to two weeks. Youth in crisis needs a safe place to stay they may access this service. Often emergency homes can transition to long term placements. Respite homes also provide safe living environments for youth who are in long term placements but require a short-term placement in between.

Long Term Placements - These ongoing placements provide a safe living environment for LGBT youth. Focus is placed on education, community involvement and personal development.



If you are an LGBT youth who needs a safe, supportive place to live and interested in the Safe Home Program please give us a call. If you are a professional working with a youth who could benefit from a placement, you can make a referral by calling us. Youth can also self-refer, so please feel free to give them our number. If you want to provide a safe home we are currently seeking Safe Homes in order to meet the needs of these young people. If you are interested in more information about either the emergency respite



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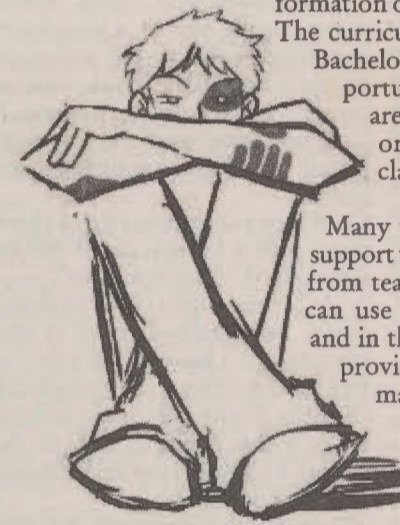
## Youth Board

We'd like to introduce to you to the Youth Board. The Youth Project has always been about youth. We provide a safe, open and accepting environment - and have a lot of fun in the process. That's why they believe in giving youth equal decision-making power in how their Youth Project runs. The Youth Board - one of the governing bodies of the Youth Project - is comprised entirely of youth. We're dedicated to making the Youth Project a safer, happier and healthier place for all youth through leadership development, social opportunities, youth empowerment and peer support. We've organized dances, queer proms, winter carnivals and even dare-devil sledding on Citadel Hill. Recently we've wrapped up Building Leadership Out Of Diversity (BLOOD 2006), which included learning about team-building, solving conflict and we had a lot of fun. The YB gives youth a voice. Are you a youth in the community? What can we do for you? Let us know: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca  
- The Youth Board!

## Our Resources

### Homophobia Hurts: A Teacher's Guide

Teachers have reported that they often have little access to information on LGBT youth and little training on these issues. The curriculum does not adequately address the issues and Bachelor of Education programs provide little or no opportunities to address them. While some universities are beginning to focus on the importance of sexual orientation and gender identity, resources and classroom support are still limited.



Many teachers have requested information on how to support their LGBT students. It is because of these requests from teachers that we have produced a manual teachers can use around curriculum or lesson plans, and in their work with students. This guide provides support, resources and information for teachers who feel that homophobia is an issue in their schools and classrooms, and want to support their LGBT students. Homophobia Hurts: A Teacher's Guide is available from the Youth Project for only \$10.00. We're very excited to offer this as one of our newest resources.

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### Hear Us Out: Youth Addressing Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Youth Issues in Public Policy

Since 1993, the YP has been providing information to policy-makers in various areas of government (i.e education, health, justice, and community services). However, policy-makers usually heard from the staff, Hear Us Out brought together youth who were ready to have their voices heard! This has allowed us to deliver a more powerful and direct message to policy-makers about the challenges that LGBT youth face and what they need to overcome them.



The *Hear Us Out* presentation includes a written report, and narratives from LGBT youth across Nova Scotia. It includes a 7-minute DVD featuring the youth of Hear Us Out. If you're interested in obtaining a copy or booking a live presentation, please contact us! 1-(902)-429-5429

### Homophobia Workshops

What is Homophobia? Many of us know all too well that it is fear, hatred and ignorance towards lesbians, gays & bisexuals. There are many causes and effects of homophobia, and they are rarely explored. With our anti-homophobia workshops, we shed some light on the feelings, thought, ideas and issues around homophobia and how they affect all people. These workshops have been given all over Nova Scotia in junior

and senior highschools, university classes and faculties, church groups, leadership conferences, foster families, group homes, youth centres, etc. These sessions are interactive, involving people through their own perceptions and experiences. Many Youth Project staff and volunteers are ready to travel all over Nova Scotia to present these workshops, and we're always looking for more. If you want more information about requesting a workshop, please talk to us! 1-(902)-429-5429

## Youth Groups

There's always something going on at the Youth Project :)

Support Groups: These are structured discussion groups where youth can discuss topics of their choice and talk about issues important to them. Topics can be pre-chosen or selected during the meetings:

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- Ages 18-25: Alternating Wednesdays: 7:00-9:00pm
- New: Transgendered Youth Support Group

A structured discussion group where transgendered youth can discuss topics of their choice, with a wide range of issues and topics dealing with being transgendered. Here, youth can gain support, find additional resources, speak to other transgendered people and make new friends. Ages 25 and under: Alternating Mondays, 7:00-9:00pm

Drop-In Nights: A casual, open environment where youth can drop by, hang out, talk, play video games, watch movies, get information, etc. Alternating Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00pm - Everyone 25 and under is welcome

Movie Nights: A casual, open environment where youth can drop by, watch a movie and eat popcorn! Alternating Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00pm at the Youth Project. Everyone 25 and under is welcome

All youth project support groups and drop-in nights are facilitated by adult volunteers and are strictly drug and alcohol free. For a complete calendar of our events, check out our website!

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# "Standing up for Canada" should mean standing up for the Charter

By Gilles Marchildon

Canadians who support equality should be concerned with the fact that Manitoba MP Vic Toews is our new Minister of Justice.

As former Justice Minister of Manitoba, Vic Toews does bring experience to the table. He also brings a lot of baggage.

In the past, Mr. Toews has stated that homosexual people are not protected by the Charter's equality rights guarantee, that they should not be protected against hate propaganda, that women should not enjoy reproductive choice, and that the notwithstanding clause should be used to take away equal marriage for same-sex couples.

I travelled with Vic Toews a few years ago when I worked for the Manitoba Legislative Task Force on Canadian Unity. At the time, Toews was in provincial government and represented Cabinet among the Members of the Legislative Assembly on the Task Force.

In the swirl of Constitutional talks through the '90s, the Task Force was established to canvass Manitobans for their thoughts on the country's unity.

The Task Force travelled to various communities and met with hundreds of Manitobans. Toews and others displayed considerable concern for Canadian unity.

More recently, Toews and other Conservative candidates rallied around their slogan of "Stand Up for Canada."

Just what does it mean to "Stand Up" for Canada? It means to defend with vigour the rule of law and,

implicitly, the country's highest law, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Vic Toews seems to agree. In fact, on September 16, 2003, Mr. Toews said to then Justice Minister Martin Cauchon, "(a)s the Attorney General, the Minister of Justice does not have a responsibility to the rule of law."

Montreal human rights lawyer Julius Grey explains. "Under the rule of law it is the courts that interpret our Constitution. (Therefore as) Minister of Justice, Mr. Toews must ensure that all government legislation respects the Charter, as interpreted by the courts, and that Canada's tradition of equality and justice should continue. The Canadian government must respect the right to equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people as well as all ethnic and religious groups."

Earlier this year, the Winnipeg Free Press' Frances Russell wrote: "A multicultural, multiracial, bilingual nation of minorities cannot be ruled solely by the blunt force of temporary parliamentary or legislative majorities, a point that is missed by the anti-Charter social and religious right who, while a distinct minority themselves, are determined to legislate their morality and beliefs onto all members of society."

Now that Toews is Justice Min-

ister, he must take his responsibility to heart. His actions must be informed by his new role as the defender of human rights in Canada.

Toews and Prime Minister Stephen Harper should act to reassure Canadians that the Charter will be respected. Furthermore, they should promise that any legislation introduced by their government will comply with the Charter, as interpreted by the courts.

Otherwise, they are not "Standing Up" for Canada. They are promoting an agenda based on a particularly narrow view of equality and justice.

Gilles Marchildon is Executive Director of Egale Canada, a non-profit organization that advances equality and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-identified people, and their families, across Canada. [www.egale.ca](http://www.egale.ca)



MP & JM Vic Toews

# The State of Gay Unions

By Michael Shernoff

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Psychotherapist and writer Michael Shernoff, has advice on how to make relationships work, whether it's one-on-one, or any other configuration. Excerpted from a four-part series that looks at modern gay relationships.

**Q: Do you see a trend toward monogamy in gay male relationships?**

**A:** Research shows approximately one-third of male couples are sexually exclusive, and two-thirds of couples are nonmonogamous. That has been pretty much the statistic, pre and post-AIDS.

**Q: Are there degrees of monogamy and nonmonogamy?**

**A:** One type of relationship is a modified monogamy, they try to be monogamous, but they might open it up, say to having three-ways, but with rules – neither is to play without the other playing too.

Another model is a negotiated open relationship, where partners have discussed the options and maybe each goes on dates, or they go to sex parties or whatever.

I've worked with "triads," where three people are in a long-term committed relationship and none of the partners is having sex or romance with anybody outside.

A common model is the non-sexual but very committed partnership.

**Q: When a couple invites a third party into it for sex, can it still be considered "monogamous"?**

**A:** Some couples consider themselves monogamous even if one partner gets a hand job in a sauna, whereas in others it's considered cheating if one partner is jerking off in a chat room. It's up to the couple to define the relationship and the boundaries.

**Q: In your experience, are monogamous couples happier than nonmonogamous couples?**

**A:** Well, it's interesting. The research shows there's no difference in the level of satisfaction between the two groups. The one category in which couples weren't as happy was where sexual infidelity was going on but not acknowledged, not negotiated.

**Q: Can you explain the difference between infidelity and non-monogamy?**

**A:** A lot of people confuse the two. Gay men frequently define

infidelity as breaking the rules the couple has agreed to. Dishonesty is, in fact, infidelity.

If the couple decides that one partner can have sex while the other's out of town, but then finds out that one's screwing around while he's in town, that's infidelity – that's a deal-breaker.

**Q: Can you give us the benefits of a monogamous relationship? A nonmonogamous one?**

**A:** People who choose monogamy say the benefit is in intimacy, knowing your sexuality is shared only with your partner.

People who opt for open relationships say they've accommodated for the fact that they can desire more than one person, and/or feel attachment to more than one person, but that doesn't have to affect the primacy of their partnership, or the commitment they experience. A successful nonmonogamous couple balances a variety of human, erotic needs.

**Q: For partners in an open relationship, concerned that sex outside the relationship will result in one partner developing feelings for someone, what do you say?**

**A:** Well, that's a risk that they – they have to decide if it's OK to have more than outside sex – is it OK to have a polyamorous, multi-loving relationship, which is one option some queer couples have. Couples should have rules. Again, it's about honesty – talking about the rules, making sure they work for both partners.

**Q: How can people committed to monogamy keep their sex life fresh over a period of time?**

**A:** Partners have to be willing to work at "hot monogamy" – playing with fantasy, with transgression, with boundaries.

Maybe they go to a bathhouse, they neck with other people – feel them up, but then they go apart and have sex only with each other – or have sex with the door open and let people watch.

We all love relationships because of the safety and security, but that stuff is also the death of long-term erotic exchange. To keep the fires burning, you've got to be able to do things, talk about each other's desires

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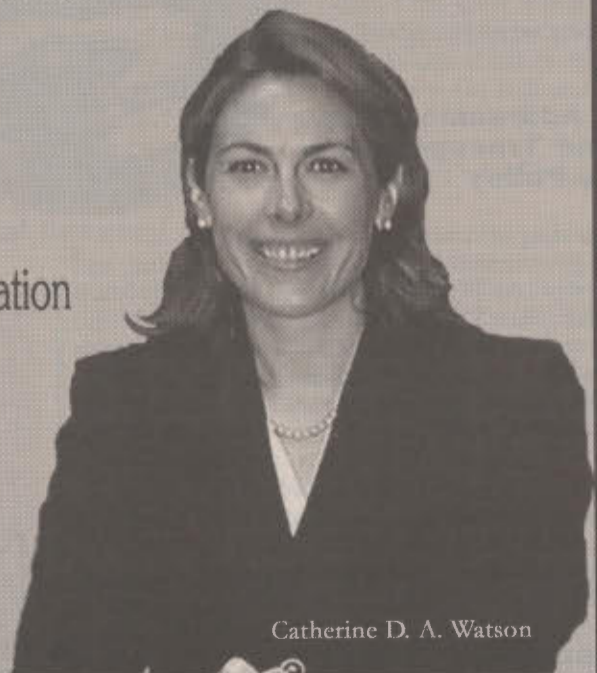
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# NSRAP Planning For Growth and Community Development

By Sean Foreman

Chair, NSRAP [www.nsrp.ca](http://www.nsrp.ca)  
On the heels of its 10th anniversary in 2005, the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP) has undertaken an ambitious strategic planning process to guide the organization's growth, effectiveness and accountability.

The Rainbow Community in Nova Scotia is proud and strong! NSRAP has been working hard over the years, with many others in the community, to address the legal, political and social needs that we all face in reaching our Vision: "Equality for All".

The needs of our community are as varied and as complex as ever. In the age of 'same-sex marriage' and a political and legal landscape where we have won many hard-fought victories for recognition, we recognize that there is still a lot of hard work to do in many areas, particularly the broad arena of community development and issues that affect the more vulnerable groups within our own community.

At the 2006 AGM, our long-time Coordinator, Bob Fougere, will be stepping down from this volunteer position. Kevin Kindred, our Vice-Chair, will also take over as Chair, leading a revitalized Board of Directors into the future—but what will or should that future look like?

In December 2005, the Board of Directors launched a strategic planning process with the ultimate goal of reaching out to the community to determine how NSRAP should grow and what direction that growth should take.

NSRAP has reaffirmed its Mission Statement: "We seek to foster change in our communities and our society at large so that people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are valued and included. We will achieve this through community development, networking, outreach, education, and political action."

With completion of the Halifax Rainbow Health Project (HRH Project) in January 2006, and with two successful annual gala fundraisers under our belt, we have had the opportunity to listen and consult with many members and groups

within the community.

Two priorities that the Board has identified flow from our recent work with the HRH Project: the revitalization of NSRAP as an effective voice and force for change, and the need for continued rainbow community development.

A new Executive Committee of the Board is leading our revitalization efforts. We will be seeking new candidates with needed skills and experience to join the Board of Directors, as some long-standing members 'retire' with thanks for their hard work. The Board will complete the strategic planning process to confirm the short and long term goals for NSRAP as it seeks to work with others in our diverse community to realize the Mission Statement and Vision for the community.

Importantly, NSRAP is now advertising for a new full-time Coordinator to replace Bob in June 2006, and to work with a revitalized Board to build our human and financial resources and reach these goals! Please see the advertisement that we have placed in this edition of Wayves, and check the website for further details at [www.nsrp.ca](http://www.nsrp.ca).

As the outgoing Chair of the Board, I am proud to say that NSRAP is committed to achieving continued growth, effectiveness, and accountability as we move into the future. With your help, we need to continue this process of collaboration and consultation, to learn what we have been doing right, what lessons need to be learned, and how to move forward. Do you have the time and energy to join the Board, to work on a Committee, or to participate in other ways, such as making a financial contribution? If you are not already, become a member of NSRAP and contribute your voice to these plans!

As Nova Scotia continues to grow, and as the political landscape across Canada continues to evolve, we want to ensure that a strong and effective voice continues to be heard and that all members of our community have the opportunity to live, to love, and to grow as proud members of a diverse and supportive community.

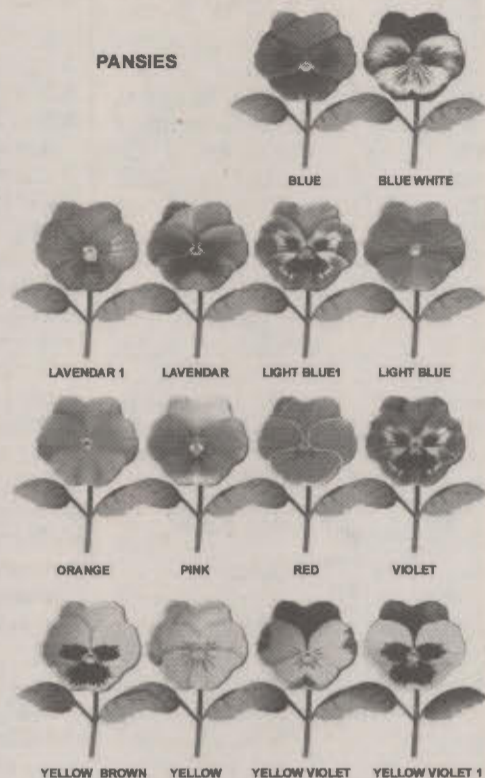
# The Flowers That Bloom

By Chris

Yeah, it's April, and in most places in the Northern Hemisphere, it's getting warmer, but you know how it is, we are in Atlantic Canada and that Labrador current keeps on bringing that cold Arctic water, with ice cubes, big ones, down the coast, so we have to be patient and wait for the Atlantic spring to arrive. Don't hold your breath! The real question is not whether you are gay or not, but when will spring arrive? Cause spring brings summer and summer brings boys with shorts, boys without shirts, boys in Speedos, boys playing the games of summer. Just like the flowers, they are in full bloom. Now, if you are bored with all this flowery talk, there's always Crawford Hasties's bitch'in column, if not, just sow your seed right here. Gardeners, well, not all of them are gay, just 75% or so, and do they know how to fill a hole, they can also perform the gardener's dead head maneuver, and they know

how to clip. Below you will note some flowers that do just fine in the gardens of Nova Scotia. Also noted is their Latin name, and with that is noted an individual in the gay world that one might associate with that flower's name. Just a little spring time fling.

So now, it's your turn! Match up the Botanical and common name in the first column with the "Gay Connection" in the second column. Send in your answers by email or snailmail to the addresses on Page 3, and win a fabulous gardening gift. Submissions are due by the end of April. Happy gardening!



## Plant name

- A: Sambucus racemosa / feathery elder
- B: Kniphofia uvaria / red hot poker
- C: picea pungens glauca / Colorado blue spruce
- D: eupatorium / joe pye weed
- E: Pachysandra terminalis / Japanese spurge
- F: Lychnis chalconica / maltese cross
- G: Rosa / English rose
- H: Myosotis / forget me not
- I: hosta / sum and substance
- J: Aconitum / monks hood
- K: Rhododendron / teddy bear
- L: Alyssum saxatile / basket of gold
- M: Viola / pansy
- N: Solidago / golden rod
- O: Leontopodium alpinus / edelweiss
- P: Cimicifuga racemosa / black snakeroot
- Q: Rhus typhina / staghorn sumas
- R: Filipendula rubra / queen of the prairie
- S: Cytisus decumbens / prostrate broom
- T: Iberis sempervirens / candy tuff

## Gay Connection

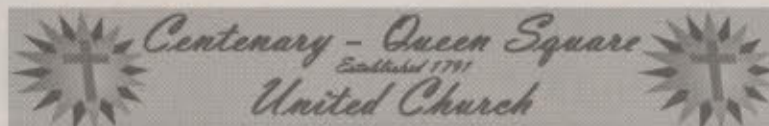
- 1: Boyd Gauvin - Good luck in Chicago
- 2: Go to Seadogs - You'll find out
- 3: All of Halifax's drag queens - Got to say all, can't have no cat fights over this!
- 4: Tom of Finland - just seemed to be the right connection
- 5: Ultimate natural - phallic symbol this tree grows 40 to 50 feet, straight up, it fucks the sky.
- 6: Any Asian - Spurge on me, those Asian boys are so smooth, drool.
- 7: Svende Robinson - He will be back, and either as a staghorn or a sumas, yeah, got to love him, diamonds and all.
- 8: Chris Geary - just go to his site, [www.chrisgeary.com](http://www.chrisgeary.com), and you will know what I mean
- 9: all my old boyfriends - "they will never forget me, or at least that huge part of me, and it ain't my ass"
- 10: Capt., Maria & the children - well this is a family publication, isn't it?
- 11: Al Parker - Yeah, I know, you all wish your boyfriend had one
- 12: Marg Delehunty - You remember Marg, she was the first one ever who embarrassed Jean Chretien
- 13: no religion please - No comment, 'cause this one could have hordes demonstrating in front of the Wayves offices!
- 14: Jeff Stryker - well, it made a lot of gold for him
- 15: No comment, only just give it to me once, please. -
- 16: Can't find him - Still lookin', just follow the rainbow, just over the next hill, just what dreams are made of, you'll find your basket of gold, at the end of the rainbow, just like Dorothy said!
- 17: Glen Murray - That's if any of you remember this guy, he was the first (out of the closet that is) Mayor of Winnipeg
- 18: the most popular guy at the party -
- 19: yeah! - Like what are you goin' to say, everyone likes pansies.
- 20: Toller Cranson - if any of you out there are old enough to remember Toller, you will understand

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## Warm and Spicy Evening at Menz Bar

On Saturday, February 25th, Menz Bar hosted its first Annual Chili Cook Off, as part of its Winter Carnival. The aim of the game was very simple (and tasty): "people bring in chili, we taste them and rate them, and then the winner will figure on the menu of the restaurant downstairs," explained Doug Melanson, co-owner of Menz Bar. Upon a donation, each "taster" was given a small bowl and spoon, bread and cheese, and unlimited access to the chili. The ambience soon became very warm and relaxed, thanks to the spicy peppers, the friendly atmosphere of the bar, and probably also the few home-brewed lagers that were served that night.

There were three chilies to choose from, the first one was cooked by Dan MacKay, Norval Collins and Mike Teal; the second one was prepared by Mike Chmela (who spent a lot of time of his weekend long visit from Toronto in a kitchen!), and the third one was created by Gerry Sampson and Blaine Linden. Even though everyone agreed they were all delicious, a winner was needed, and shortly after midnight, Dan MacKay, Norval Collins and Mike Teal won the trophy (a delicious spicy corn meal bread was probably not estranged to their victory). The three winners received a silver bowl, which they not only offered to have engraved, but also donated it back to Menz Bar as an ongoing event prize to be won annually. Their chili recipe "will be featured in Mollyz and at Menz Bar throughout the year until next year's winner is announced", said Doug Melanson. Mollyz Diner, which will occupy the first

### Dan, Norval & Mike's Chili con Carne

#### Ingredients:

1 kg regular ground beef  
5 hot chili peppers, seeds and membrane removed and reserved, cut into 1/2" pieces  
5 medium onions, peeled and cut into eighths  
3 carrots, pared and sliced  
3 garlic cloves  
3 28-oz cans plum tomatoes, halved; keep the liquid  
3 19-oz cans kidney beans, all the same or a mix of kinds, well rinsed and drained.  
2 14-oz cans tomato sauce  
1/4 tsp grated nutmeg  
1/8 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp pepper  
1 1/2 cup hot chili powder, to taste

Over high heat, fry ground beef in Dutch oven or equivalent until very well browned. Drain fat if there's more than a few tablespoons. Mix in vegetables and continue frying until onions are lightly browned. Stir in rest of ingredients and simmer over very low heat for as long as you want.

floor of the building, is scheduled to open at the end of March 2006.

Like many events of Menz Bar, the Chili Cook Off was not only a nice way of spending the evening, but it was also a way to support a cause. That night, all the proceeds went to Halifax Pride. The reason behind this strong involvement with the community is simple. "We live in this community, we conduct business in this community and earn our living from this community. It is our privilege and responsibility to give back to the community who



Norval & Dan

support us in so many ways."

And since the Cook Off was quite successful, another cooking event might be happening soon, maybe "Best BBQ'ed Ribs or Chick. Who knows? Summer is coming soon!"

### Dan's Chili Bread

#### Ingredients:

5 garlic cloves, mashed  
2 cups flour  
1 cup cornmeal + 1/2 cup for rolling  
1 tbl yeast  
1 1/4 cup warm water  
1/4 cup olive oil  
1/2 cup hot chili powder, to taste  
seeds and membrane of peppers, minced

Mash garlic and let soak in oil.

Knead flour, cornmeal, oil, yeast, chili powder and water in bread machine or by hand until dough is smooth and elastic. Proof in bread machine or in a warm place (about 3/4 hour), punch down, roll out on remaining cornmeal and shape onto a rectangular cookie sheet. Score into 4" x 1.5" fingers. Preheat oven to 450; let dough rise until doubled, bake for about 12 minutes. Brush with the garlic olive and bake for a couple minutes longer.

## Diamond Divas' Raise Capital in Moncton

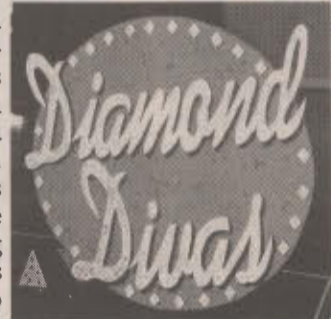
The sixth annual Diamond Divas happened at Moncton's Capital Theatre in February, MC'ed by Steve Laviolette. The audience was entertained for the good cause of raising much needed dollars for Moncton's Help 24/Au Secours Help Line. Another event that has been occurring over the last four years that has contributed to dollars raised is the Amore Passion Fine Dining Benefit Supper. This is an event that Mario & Jacky have organized and put on in their home for the last four years.

At \$100 a couple, it has been a culinary experience well worth the expense.

The five course meal included Champagne and Canapé, a Terrine and Cranberry Confit over a Mesclun Salade, Tomato and Bell Pepper Bisque with Crème Fraiche and Basil. In between courses they served Strawberry Sorbet topped with warm Passion Fruit Coulis. The main course was Poulet Chasseur, Rice with Chanterelles Mushrooms and Basil with Garden Vegetables. Dessert, always the best part, was an Amore Passion Chocolate Mousse, Marinated Mandarines and Chantilly, and a Chocolate Beverage from ancient Mexico.

Eight couples attended this year, which raised \$600 for the Help Line. \$200 went to defray the cost of the meal.

Mario and Jacky began the supper by combining their expertises of relationship consulting, hosting and the hospitality industry. They thought that by organizing a fundraiser that brought people together in conversation and sharing of an out of the ordinary experience, it would bind the ties of the GLBT



community. They also wanted to offer an experience for gay couples to spend Valentines together in a GLBT friendly environment, which is not always easy to find.

The first two years the supper was reserved for GLBT couples only, but since then has expanded to include heterosexual couples who realize that love is not defined by sexual orientation or identity. The supper is the best quality of what Amore Passion offers; it is not only a meal but an evening full of experiences, which includes communication among peers, a fine dining service, atmosphere with art work from artists such as Eric Richard and an evening at the Capitol Theatre for the Diamond Divas show.



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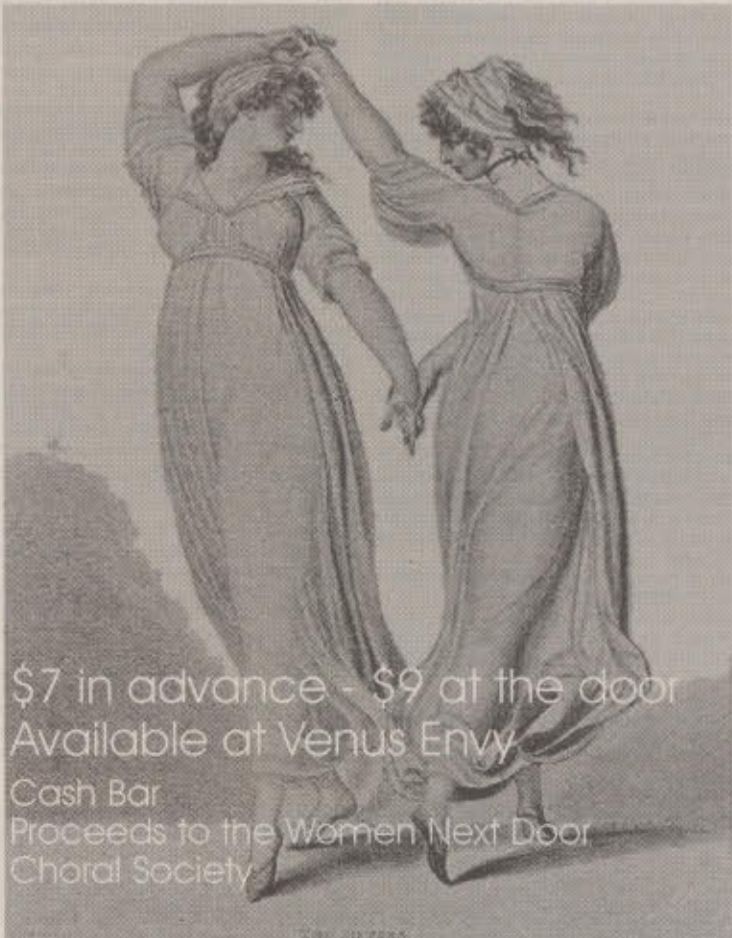


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**Atlantic Canadian Lesbians:** For Lesbians from the Atlantic Provinces. web: [groups.msn.com/AtlanticCanadianLesbians](http://groups.msn.com/AtlanticCanadianLesbians)

**Canadian Transsexuals Fight for Rights:** One-stop site for needs, accommodations, doctors, therapists, legal etc. web: [www.ctfir.org](http://www.ctfir.org)

**Egale President & Atlantic Director,** St. John's, NL: (709) 690-5244 email: [gemma@egale.ca](mailto:gemma@egale.ca) web: [www.egale.ca](http://www.egale.ca) **Gay Men's Gathering:** at PO Box 36054, Halifax, B3J 3S9

**GaySpaces:** Free postings of GLBT-friendly places to live in Atlantic Canada. email: [info@gayspaces.org](mailto:info@gayspaces.org) web: [www.gayspaces.org](http://www.gayspaces.org)

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

**Halifax Transguys:** support group for transmen at any point in transition, locally and in Atlantic Canada. email: [halifaxtransguys@yahoo.com](mailto:halifaxtransguys@yahoo.com) at Please write for further information on our upcoming meetings and social events.

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

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

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

**Pride Guide Publishing:** publisher of community focused maps, directories, event programs and more. 902-423-6999 email: [prideguide@hfx.castlink.ca](mailto:prideguide@hfx.castlink.ca)

**Project E:** Presentation for youth, on gender expression, myth busters, proper terminology, and other facts. email: [projectex3@hotmail.com](mailto:projectex3@hotmail.com) web: [www.freewebs.com/xprojece/](http://www.freewebs.com/xprojece/) at available via web page

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

## New Brunswick (506)

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

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

**AIDS Saint John,** Saint John: improve quality of life, reduce the spread. 652-2437 email: [aidsj@nb.aibn.com](mailto:aidsj@nb.aibn.com) web: [www.geocities.com/aidsj](http://www.geocities.com/aidsj)

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

**Boom Nightclub,** Fredericton: Gay Bar. (506) 463-2666 email: [info@boomnightclub.ca](mailto:info@boomnightclub.ca) (Hours: Mon & Tues - Closed, Wed 4-12, Thurs 4-1, Fri & Sat 4-2 and Sun 1-dance 4-8)

**Catalyst,** Mount Allison U, Sackville: support & information for Mount A students, occasional social activities. 506-364-2357 email: [ktrotter@mta.ca](mailto:ktrotter@mta.ca) (Catalyst meets approximately every week from Sept-Dec and Jan-April. For meeting info, contact Kris Trotter at 364-2255 or the Students' Administrative Council at 364-2231. Catalyst is not active during the summer.) at Fax: 506/364-2216

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

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

**Fredericton Lesbians and Gays,** Fredericton: library & occasional social events. email: [jwhite@unb.ca](mailto:jwhite@unb.ca) web: [www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074](http://www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074)

**Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. (GNG),** Petit-Rocher (Bathurst area): A bilingual volunteer association serving gay men, lesbians and bisexuals of northern New Brunswick. email: [info@gngnb.ca](mailto:info@gngnb.ca) web: [www.gngnb.ca](http://www.gngnb.ca) (Dances are held at GNG club every Saturday night. See

[www.gngnb.ca](http://www.gngnb.ca) for a list of upcoming events.) at 702 rue Principale, Petit-Rocher NB. Look for rainbow flag and/or door with pink triangle at rear of parking lot.

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

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

**PFLAG Fredericton,** Fredericton: all welcome. Francis @ 454-8349 email: [pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca](mailto:pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca)

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

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

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

**Port City Rainbow Pride,** Saint John: Pride Celebrations Committee. 693-1145 email: [dannyj@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:dannyj@nbnet.nb.ca) web: [www.portcityrainbowpride.com](http://www.portcityrainbowpride.com)

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

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

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

**Saint John Lesbian / Bi Women's Support Network,** Saint John: for women-loving women. 642-1284 email: [sjlesbi@unb.ca](mailto:sjlesbi@unb.ca) web: [www.geocities.com/sjlesbi/](http://www.geocities.com/sjlesbi/), meets 3rd Friday

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

**SIDA AIDS Moncton,** Moncton: offers support to people living with HIV and their families and friends, education and awareness. 859-9616 email: [sidaidsm@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:sidaidsm@nbnet.nb.ca) web: [www.sidaids-moncton.com](http://www.sidaids-moncton.com) at 165A Gordon St., Moncton, NB, E1C 1N1

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

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

**UNB/STU Women's Collective,** Fredericton: Women of all ages and orientations. email: [unbstuwomenscollective@yahoo.ca](mailto:unbstuwomenscollective@yahoo.ca), meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

**Woodstock GLBT Family Outreach,** Woodstock: Books, movies etc. for the family. 328-4868 email: [richardh@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:richardh@nbnet.nb.ca)

## Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

**Gay on the Rock:** Gay Life in St. John's and Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. email: [gayontherock@yahoo.com](mailto:gayontherock@yahoo.com) web: [www.geocities.com/gayontherock](http://www.geocities.com/gayontherock)

**LBGT-MUN Resource Centre,** St. John's: LBGT-MUN is an information/resource, service, and support centre staffed by trained volunteers! 737-7619 email: [lbgtmun@mun.ca](mailto:lbgtmun@mun.ca) web: [www.mun.ca/lbgt/](http://www.mun.ca/lbgt/) (Open Weekdays 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM; two-three meetings each month; Coffee-House Fridays from 12-2pm; movie nights and other social events occur

at least three times per month!) at Smallwood/University Center, UC-6022. Building located on Prince Phillip Drive. Call us! Get involved! LBGT-MUN: "A Positive Place, for Positive People!"

**NGALE (Newfoundland Gays And Lesbians for Equality),** St. John's: We offer support to LGBT people and education on LGBT issues to the general public. (709) 579-8656 email: [info@ngale.ca](mailto:info@ngale.ca) web: [www.ngale.ca](http://www.ngale.ca) (NGALE Inc. (Newfoundland Gays And Lesbians for Equality) offer support and education to LGBT persons, their families and friends, as well as the general public. (709) 576-8656 at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.) at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.

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

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

## Nova Scotia (902)

**Acadia Pride,** Wolfville: community at Acadia. 585-2165 email: [acadiapride@acadiau.ca](mailto:acadiapride@acadiau.ca) web: [www.acadiau.ca/~apride/](http://www.acadiau.ca/~apride/), meets every Monday (7:30pm (during academic year)) at Beverage Forum (oldSUB)

**Acadia Women's Centre,** Wolfville: 585-2140 email: [579966@acadiau.ca](mailto:579966@acadiau.ca) web: [www.acadiau.ca/womencentre](http://www.acadiau.ca/womencentre) (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

**Affirm United,** Halifax: support, action and worshipping community within the United Church. email: [StEW-arar@gov.ns.ca](mailto:StEW-arar@gov.ns.ca) at Box 33067, Halifax, NS B3L 4T6

**AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton - ACCB,** Sydney: 567-1766 web: [www.accb.ns.ca](http://www.accb.ns.ca) at 150 Bentinck St., Sydney, NS B1P 1G6

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

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

**Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing,** Halifax: 455-9656

**Bluenose Bears,** Halifax: Club for bears and those who like them. 463-4312 email: [bluenosebears@accesswave.ca](mailto:bluenosebears@accesswave.ca) web: [www.geocities.com/bluenosebears](http://www.geocities.com/bluenosebears), meets 3rd Friday

**Cape Breton Pride:** dedicated to promoting well being & unity of our gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgendered community. email: [capebretonpride@yahoo.ca](mailto:capebretonpride@yahoo.ca) web: [www.geocities.com/capebretonpride](http://www.geocities.com/capebretonpride) (Monthly women's, men's and/or gblt dances and social events. For up to date info and official Pride Week details, check the webpage or write c/o 41 Broadway, Sydney, N.S. B1N 2Y3)

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

**DalOut,** Halifax: LBGTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: [dalout@dal.ca](mailto:dalout@dal.ca) web: [is2.dal.ca/~dalout](http://is2.dal.ca/~dalout), meets every Thursday (7pm) at SUB Room 321

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Group Harrison Society,** Cape Breton: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. 564-6939, meets last Saturday (Admission \$6.50- Best light and sound show around) at Steel Workers Hall, Sydney

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

**Halifax Front Runners,** Halifax: Running/walking club. 422-7579 email: [Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca](mailto:Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca)

ca web: [www.frontrunners.org/clubs/halifax/](http://www.frontrunners.org/clubs/halifax/), meets every Saturday, and every Tuesday, and every Thursday (Sat: 9:30am, Tue: 5:30 pm, Thu: 5:30pm) at Main gates of the Halifax Public Gardens, corner of Spring Garden Road and South Park Street.

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

**Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society,** Halifax: Fundraising. 476-4225 email: [info@imperialcourts.com](mailto:info@imperialcourts.com) web: [www.imperialcourts.com](http://www.imperialcourts.com) (Meeting times vary)

**Intensity Dance,** Halifax: non-profit dance collective and presenting organization. email: [intensitydance@yahoo.com](mailto:intensitydance@yahoo.com) web: [intensitydance.tripod.com](http://intensitydance.tripod.com)

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

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

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

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

**Northern AIDS Connection Society,** Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Col., Pictou, Cumb. & E Hants. 895-0931 email: [tpo2000@hotmail.com](mailto:tpo2000@hotmail.com) (Our Board of Directors meet regularly on the third Monday of each month.) at Futureworx 80 Glenwood Dr., Truro, N.S.

**Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project,** Halifax: fostering change through networking, education, outreach & community education. 902-444-7887 email: [nsrap@nsrap.ca](mailto:nsrap@nsrap.ca) web: [www.nsrap.ca](http://www.nsrap.ca) (See Web Page) at 100 - 2786 Agricola St. Halifax NS B3K 4E1

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PFLAG Truro:** 662.3774 email: [s.r.burns@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:s.r.burns@ns.sympatico.ca)

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

**Pride of Pictou County:** email: [pride\\_pictou\\_county@yahoo.ca](mailto:pride_pictou_county@yahoo.ca)

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

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

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

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

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

**Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:**

**South Shore Pride Social Club,** Bridgewater: for 18 & older. 685-3297 email: [info@south](mailto:info@southshorepride.ca)



# Events Calendar >>

## Amherst

### Second Monday

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

### First and Third Wednesdays

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

## Annapolis Valley

### Every Thursday

Valley Gay Mens Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance from 9pm-1am. We are having two dances in May, on the 7th and 28th and no June dance. The 28th dance will be a special Apple Blossom event.\* If you need more information please contact 1-902-825-3197 or menembracingmen@yahoo.ca

### Every Sunday

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

## Bridgewater

### Every Monday

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

### Third Saturday of each month

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

## Cape Breton

### April 23, May 21, June 25

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

## Fredericton

### Every Wednesday

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

### Third Sunday of each month

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

### Fourth Wednesday of each month

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

pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca. Confidentiality assured.

### Last Saturday of each month

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

### April 13, 27, May 11, 25, June 8, 22

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

## Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

### BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

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

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

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

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

### Saturday, February 25: BLUE PARTY

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

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

## Halifax

### Every Sunday

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

### Every Sunday

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

### Second Sunday of each month

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

### First and Third Tuesdays

Formerly known as the Queer/Straight Alliance, Mount Pride in the GLBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University. We are an active and online group that meets bi-weekly on tuesdays at 12 noon in the diversity center in Roseria on campus, and online at mountpride@yahoo.com. Possible events that are being planned for

the winter semester include sexuality awareness week, movies nights, potlucks, guest speakers, and many more. There are always spontaneous meals and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join.

### First and Third Tuesdays

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

### Second and Fourth Tuesdays

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

### Every Wednesday

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

### First and Third Wednesdays

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

### Second and Fourth Wednesdays

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

### First Wednesday of each month

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

### Second Wednesday of each month

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

### March 29

FUTURE - YGA Magazine Publisher, author and youth activist Benjie Nycum presents a vision for the future of the LGBT community. 7pm, SUB\* room 303 in the Dalhousie Student Union Building, 6136 University Avenue. Free. Donations accepted. Not just a Dalhousie event. Please spread the word! All are welcome. Questions? Email dalout@dal.ca

### April 13, 27, May 11, 25, June 8, 22

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

### April 2, 16, 30, May 14, 28, June 11, 25

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

### August 11-13

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

## Halifax Bar & Business Calendar

### MENZ BAR

2104 Gottingen St, Halifax's Gay Village 902-446-6969 www.MENZBAR.ca

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Wednesdays - KARAOKE with BEAR777 - Mystery Jack Song, win up to \$300

Fridays - Retro Party with DJ WOODY! 100% of Coat Check in support of Halifax Pride!

Saturdays - TOP 40 with DJ NEEDLES! 100% of Coat Check in support of TEAM Halifax!

The PARTZ Dept & Pool Table on Level III APRIL LINE UP

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

Fri. Apr. 7th, MARTINI TIME with Chad & Friends 5PM - 8PM & Best TATTOO Contest, 1st Prize \$30, 2nd Prize \$20

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

EASTER Moose-Bunny Weekend - see Bartenders for Details

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

Fri. Apr. 14th, GOOD FRIDAY - Closed

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

Sun. Apr. 16th, EASTER BRUNCH Noon-3PM

Sun. Apr. 16th, Easter Bonnet & Best Basket Contest, Easter Egg Hunt & Auction All in support of MANNA!

Fri. Apr. 21st, MARTINI TIME with Chad & Friends 5PM - 8PM

Sat. Apr. 22nd, UNIFORM Night - Dress Up & Win

Fri. Apr. 28th, MARTINI TIME with Chad &

Friends 5PM - 8PM

Sat. Apr. 29th, ARMY/NAVY Night - Dress Up & Win

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

Sat. May 6th, LEATHER & LACE Night - Dress Up & Win

Fri. May 12th, MARTINI TIME with Chad & Friends 5PM - 8PM

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

## NRG2

www.clubnrgHalifax.com  
Sundays- Big Show in the Main Room check: www.clubnrgHalifax.com for details

Monday Queer as Folk in Showtunes 11pm. Band/Jazz Night in Main Room check: www.clubnrgHalifax.com for details

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

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

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

Friday DJ Laptop Spins 10pm

Saturday - DJ Laptop Spins 10pm

## REFLECTIONS

5184 Sackville Street, (902) 422-2957, toll free (877)422-2957, Fax (902)422-2970 mail@reflectionsCabaret.com, www.reflectionsCabaret.com. open 7 days a week, Mon-Sat 1pm to 4am, Sun 4pm to 4am, Manager: Stephen Filek

Monday \$Rockin for Dollar\$-open mic contest. We supply the gear, you supply the band. Compete for a chance to win lot's of cash, possibly up to \$1000!! This runs from 10-2 with a \$2 cover followed by great dance music till 3:45 with DJ HedFones

Tuesday Karaoke with Troy Ward. \$100 Cash Prize every Tuesday. DJ HedFones follows with great dance music till 3:45 am no cover

Wednesday - Great live bands on stage till 1am followed by Retro night with DJ Electro and DJ Sapho till 3:45am

Thursday - Lulu LaRude hosts 5 Minutes of Fame - The anything goes Talent Show where we give away \$200 cash every Thursday. 10pm \$3. DJ HedFones till 3:45am.

Friday BUMP Fridays with Halifax's Premiere House DJ Sonny D. We continue to define the underground with the best house, techno, and breaks around! \$5 10pm to 3:45am

Saturday - Squirt Saturdaze with DJ HedFones. The Ultimate dance night in the City of Halifax with Dance, Top 40, Pop, Retro, R & B, and more! 10pm to 3:45am \$5

Sunday - We feature either great dance music or drag shows, special events, etc.. 10pm start. Cover varies.

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# Events Calendar

**Wed - HUMP Night, 1/2 price pass with purchase of a Room or Locker**  
**Thu - NAKED Night, Towels optional!**  
**Sat & Sun - Early Bird Special 6am till Noon, Rooms are \$15 & Lockers are \$7.50**

## Moncton

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

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

## Last Saturday

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

## March 24-25

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

## Moncton Pride!

Fierté diversité Moncton Pride diversity 2006 new web site [www.fdmpl.com](http://www.fdmpl.com)  
 May 21: Variety Show Fundraiser for Pride!  
 June 20: Flag raising

June 24: Parade  
 Donations and information to Moncton Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered Pride Committee, P.O. Box 481 Moncton NB E1C 8L9

## Montréal

### July 9 - August 5, 2006

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

## Philadelphia

### April 5-9

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

## Sackville

### Second Monday

PFLAG Sackville / Amherst - in Sackville one month, Amherst the next. 506-536-4245 email:

jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

## Saint John

### Third Saturday

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

## Saint John Bar & Business Calendar

### BABYLON EAST

[www.babyloneast.ca](http://www.babyloneast.ca)

The newest sociable gay bar in New Brunswick, on South Market Street.

### 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!**

## St. John's - LGBT-MUN

### Every Friday

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

### Every Third Wednesday

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

## St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

### Zone 216

216 Water St, 754-2492

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

Winter Hours

Open Fri&Sat Nights 10pm-late

No cover before 12 Friday

No Cover before 11 Saturday

## Sydney

See Cape Breton for events...

## Tatamagouche Centre

RR#3, Tatamagouche, 902 657-2231 or 1-800-218-2220, Fax: 902 657-3445, online at [www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca), or email [tatacent@tatacentre.ca](mailto:tatacent@tatacentre.ca)

Mar 24-26

Chris Glaser - A Spirituality of Inclusion

Oct 25-27

Educating allies: Breaking the Cycle of Oppression

Oct 27-29

A Maritime "Rainbow Weekend"

## WAYVES DATES!

Check out page two for Wayves deadlines.

## Wileville

...see Bridgewater

## Wolfville

### Every Second Tuesday

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

Send events to [submissions@wayves.ca](mailto:submissions@wayves.ca)  
 now -- Event listings are free!  
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## MENZ BAR



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## Reviews

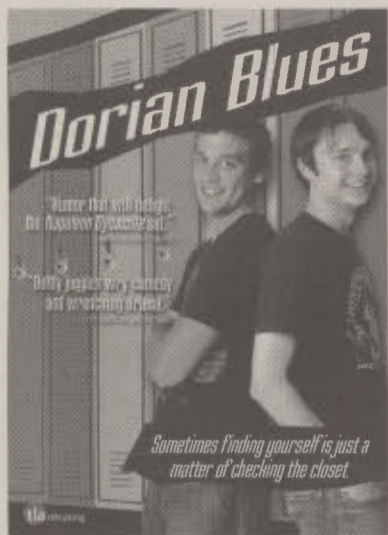
### Dorian Blues

(from TLAreleasing.com)  
Review by Ralph Higgins

Coming out is one of those paradoxes of gay life: while it is the same journey for all of us, it is, at the same time, a varied and individual experience.

In *Dorian Blues*, an effete gay young man, Dorian, is floundering in his final years of high school and overshadowed by his younger jock brother, Nicky. The two brothers are united by fear of their overbearing father and contempt for their empty-headed mother. Stock situations and stereotypical characters and yet writer/director, Tennyson Bardwell, manages to bring freshness and originality to this familiar territory.

He is able to make this work largely due to the stellar talents of Michael McMillian who plays Dorian and the equally talented - and very attractive - Lea Coco, who takes on the role of brother Nicky. The chemistry between the two main characters is apparent from the first scenes and this film is the story of their relationship more than anything else. Each wants to "fix" the other. Dorian wants Nicky to break free of the restrictions of being the star quarterback and favourite son, while Nicky tries to get Dorian to re-examine his "choice" to become homosexual. Nicky even goes so far as to set his little brother up with a hooker. True to character, Dorian, rather than being introduced to the wonder of heterosex, instead spends the evening learning



to dance with her. Later, Dorian returns the favour by taking his brother to a gay bar, but the results are not what he expects.

After extensive therapy, Dorian, finally finds the nerve to come out to his father, who, not unexpectedly, treats him with excoriating disdain and throws him out. Dorian is torn between anger at his father for not accepting him and contempt for himself for wanting his approval - a struggle many of us will easily relate to.

McMillian is faultless in his role as Dorian and the film succeeds because of his skill in showing the wry humour, affecting emotion and strange magnetism of this unlikely hero.

Significantly, the writer/director, Tennyson Bardwell, is a straight man who had never met a gay person until he went to university. His first meeting with a gay man turned into a lasting friendship and inspired much of this story.

*Dorian Blues* is by turns hilarious and moving; an intelligent film filled with wit and charm.



### Rent (2005)

Review by Bill McKinnon

*Rent* is an exceptional rock opera with broad appeal and of special interest to gays, lesbians, transvestites and people living with AIDS. I love it and will buy a copy of the DVD, as soon as I can find the right price. It's a keeper. The movie has no particular connection to Atlantic Canada although it is set in a port city with old buildings, drugs, and many struggling poor people who like to sing; so I guess there is a tie-in.

"Based on Puccini's 'La Boheme', 'Rent' tells the story of one year in the life of friends living the Bohemian life in modern day East Village, New York City, 1989-1990. Among the group are our narrator, nerdy love-struck filmmaker Mark Cohen; the object of Mark's affection, his former girlfriend, Maureen Johnson; Maureen's Harvard-educated public interest lawyer and lesbian lover Joanne Jefferson;

Mark's roommate, HIV-positive musician and former junkie, Roger Davis; Roger's new girlfriend, the HIV-positive drug addicted S&M dancer, Mimi Marquez; their former roommate, HIV-positive computer genius Tom Collins; Collins' HIV-positive drag queen street musician/lover Angel; and Benjamin Coffin III a former member of the group who married for money and has since become their landlord and the opposite of everything they stand for. Shows how much changes or doesn't change in the 525,600 minutes that make up a year." (Website - Alex W)

The music and singing voices are superb as are the acting and dancing, and the magnificent cinematography is probably the best ever. Songs include: "Seasons of Love", "Take Me for What I Am", "No Day But Today", "La Vie Boheme", "Will You Light My Candle", and "Today for You, Tomorrow for Me" The show borrows from other musicals and operas e.g., "Hair", "JC Superstar", "West Side Story", "La Traviata" and even "My Fair Lady" but why not; if something works well why

not recycle it? "Hair" came out in 68' and some are calling "Rent" the "Hair" of the 90's.

The Broadway musical of the same name was the creation of struggling song writer/actor/waiter Jonathon Larson. Regrettably, Jonathon died suddenly of an aortic aneurism, just before his show opened, and days before his 36th birthday. Curiously Jonathon was one of the few Jewish Broadway composers who wasn't gay. Jon left a great legacy in the "Jonathon Larson Performing Arts Foundation" which helps struggling artists. His other gift to the poor is all-free seats in the first two rows every time the stage version is performed.

The DVD is now out. The thing about DVD's is they can be cheaper than going to the flicks and you can watch them partly or completely naked while drinking booze, smoking and even making out. Of course some of us used to do all that in the movie houses too. Remember "Midnight Cowboy" (1969) with then hunky Jon Voight? Those were the days.

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## Sports Briefs

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

### Brokeback Mountain

You don't have to turn to the entertainment pages of your local newspaper to read about the talk of the movie world, *Brokeback Mountain*. We've brought it to the sports pages. In one scene, Jack Twist, played by Jake Gyllenhaal, argues with his father-in-law about whether Jack's son can watch football during Thanksgiving dinner. The scene ends with Jake saying, "This is my house! This is my child! And you're my guest! So sit the hell down, or I'll knock your ignorant ass into next week." The film's credits acknowledge that the football footage shown in this scene is from a Canadian Football League game and not an NFL game that would have been shown on television in Texas on Thanksgiving. Viewers probably don't give it a second thought, but there has been a controversy as to why the NFL refused to let the producers of the movie use some of their footage. The NFL has stated, contrary to the impression given by one producer's comments, that they had a problem with the coarse language and the message conveyed by the particular scene rather than any issues with the main theme of the film.

### The Most Fun

The agony and ecstasy of sport was evident at the recent Winter Olympics. In hockey, the men's team felt the agony and our women's team enjoyed the ecstasy. Both hockey teams and the athletes in the other sporting events in Turin have shown a standard of dedication and hard work that should encourage us to do our best. The men and women of the Stockholm Snipers, that city's gay-friendly hockey team, were undoubtedly encouraged by the hard work of the victorious Swedish men's hockey team. The Stockholm Snipers welcomes everyone - gay, straight or somewhere in between, girl or guy, 18 or 45 - to join them in playing the sport that is the "the most fun of all."

### A First

A football tournament held in Milan on February 4 was a first for Italy. It was the first gay football (soccer) tournament held in that country. The International Gay and Lesbian Football Association (IGLFA) tournament, which was hosted by the local club called Nuova Koas Milano, had twelve teams from Europe and the United States competing for top honours. Teams from Croatia dominated the women's division taking both first and second place. In the

men's division, a team from Lyon, France took the top spot on the podium. Arc-en-Ciel from Paris, who had won the world championship in Copenhagen in 2005, had to settle for second place, and two host teams from Milan finished in third and fourth.

### In the News

At the recent Winter Olympics in Turin, the Canadian medical and mission staff were provided with materials on transitioned and transgender athletes in the Canadian sport system. The Gay and Lesbian International Sporting Association had been invited by the Canadian Olympic Committee to prepare these briefing documents which included information from the presentations given to Sports Canada in 2005 by transitioned athlete Kristen Worley and from discussions on diversity at workshops attended by Canadian sports leaders in January 2006.

In other news, the Gay and Lesbian Asia Pacific Sports Association, known as GLISA - Asia Pacific was officially registered as a non-profit organization in February. This newest member of GLISA will oversee the needs of the LGBT sports communities in the Asia-Pacific countries.

### Atlantiques

Get wet and have some fun! The Atlantiques is a group of gay swimmers in the Moncton area who have joined forces for "Fun, Fitness, Friendship and Participation." That's the motto of Masters Swimming Canada and you'll find that these swimmers take the motto to heart. Some of the swimmers train with the masters swim team in Moncton, while others train on their own. Masters swimmers vary in experience from novice to seasoned competitors. For more information, visit <http://Atlantiques.org>.

### Wonderful Copenhagen

It is easy to forget the amount of planning and work it takes to host an international sports competition. Years of hard work go into making sure the events are well-organized, well-attended and great fun. Organizers in Copenhagen have already begun planning for the 2009 Outgames in that city to ensure they meet those goals. Wonderful Copenhagen, the region's convention and visitor's bureau, is supporting the planning stages with the dedication of full-time staff and in-kind financial support. Lars Bernhard Jørgensen, the President and CEO of Wonderful Copenhagen expressed his support saying, "We are pleased to be a partner, with GLISA, in the Outgames

and look forward to the tourism and economic benefits that our City and region will experience". The 2nd World Outgames will take place in Copenhagen from August 1 to 8 in 2009. This event will feature a multi-sport event, a cultural program to celebrate LGBT culture, and a human rights conference following in Montreal's footsteps.

### The Bingham Cup

The Bingham Cup, an international, gay-friendly, rugby competition, has added a women's division for this year's event which takes place from May 23 to 28 in New York City. Women's rugby teams have expressed great enthusiasm for the competition ensuring the new division will get off to a good start. The Bingham Cup is named after Mark Bingham who is credited with helping to ensure that the terrorists on board United flight 93 on September 11, 2001 did not achieve their objectives. The flight crashed killing those on board, but saving others that were at the actual target of the terrorists. Bingham helped the U. of California, Berkeley Campus win a national championship and, later on, had played for the San Francisco Fog RFC, a gay and bisexual men's rugby team. The Bingham Cup was first held in San Francisco in 2002 to honour his achievements and his heroism. In 2004, the competition was held in London. This year in New York, over 1,000 women and men from 10 countries are expected gather for the championship.

### Rien de mieux

Les Halifax Frontrunners Running/Walking Club est un club pour les gais et les lesbiennes qui aiment marcher et courir. Tout le monde sera accueilli chaleureusement par d'autres du même esprit à l'entrée principale du Public Gardens. Les marcheurs et marcheuse

commencent à 9h00 le samedi matin et les coureurs et coureuses commencent à 9h30. À la fin de la course les membres s'amuse avec la conversation à un café. Téléphonez Bruce à 902-422-7579 ou Jim à 902-826-7356 pour des renseignements. Halifax Frontrunners - rien de mieux pour garder la forme.

### Battle of Champions

As the final countdown begins for Chicago's Gay Games and Montréal's Outgames, one might think it is becoming a battle of Champions. As we reported last month, Mar-

tina Navratilova will participate in the International Conference on LGBT Human Rights which is taking place from July 26 to 28 in Montréal and then present a statement of human rights at the opening ceremonies of the Outgames on July 29. Chicago's champion is Olympic diver Greg Louganis. Louganis will serve as co-host of "A Night of 100 Champions," a benefit on April 22 to support the Chicago games. The event will honour U.S and international sports legends. The Montréal 2006 organizers report that as of February 22, registration for their event has reached 11,322 with participants coming from at least 109 countries.

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