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Moncton Community Forum Communautaire

On Friday August 22, during Greater Moncton Pride week a forum entitled "Community Forum Communautaire" will be held at the Moncton City Hall at 1:00 p.m. All LGBT service groups are invited to attend. The event will be moderated by Cherie Macleod, National Executive Director, PFLAG Canada. In line with our Inter-Pride motto

this year, "Your Rights Our Rights Human Rights," a representative of the NB Human Rights Commission has been invited to open the event offering an overview of the Commission with special emphasis on sexual orientation discrimination.

Participants will afterwards share with others what types of services they offer in the community attempt-

ing to find common ground whereby they may be of help to one another.

Space is limited and advance registration is required, please email request to riverofpride@hotmail.com

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Amherst Pride Flag Vandalized

By Gerard Veldhoven

On July 8th, the phone rang and the person on the other end of the line was calling from Amherst Town Hall. Her message was direct and extremely disturbing. The Pride Flag that had been raised Monday at 12 noon had been vandalized during the night. The rope was cut and the flag cut through the centre of the orange band.

Initially my response was one of anger and disappointment. Just two days before, on the day of the flag

raising ceremony, the support from the Mayor, Town Council, as well as the citizens of Amherst, was truly memorable. Guest speakers, Mayor Rob Small, MLA Brian Skabar and Amherst & Area Chamber of Commerce President Dave McNairn all mentioned the fact Amherst and area citizens support the GLBT community. About 100 people attended the

ceremony, indicating the community at large does support equal rights.

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Can't wait to see Nancy Martinez in Moncton!

On August 22, Canadian-born singer/dance diva Nancy Martinez will be performing in Moncton, as part of Pride Week 2009. I, for one, am very excited to get a chance to attend such event.

Here's some background information for those of you who (think they) may not be familiar with Nancy Martinez. For part of the 70's and even the early 80's, Nancy Martinez was mostly a backup vocalist for the likes of René Simard and Pierre Perpall (Purple Flash), to name a couple. Her first hit came in 1982, singing lead for Jade on the dance single "I'm Gonna Get Your Love," which was shortly followed by a stint as Nancy Martin on "Can't Believe." Both songs did very well in Canada and abroad. After two back-to-back hit singles, she had gained enough confidence to start recording as Nancy Martinez and was signed to the Matra label, distributed by Unidisc, already home to such discotheque greats as Lime, Carol Jiani and Geraldine Cordeau. That new contract lead to her first album entitled "Lay It Down," in 1983. That is also when I first took notice of Martinez, thanks to the lead single "So Excited." Great song. Great memories of my childhood. God, I'm old!

By the following year, Nancy had

married Allen Harris and together, they recorded the hit single of the summer of 1984, "Sunshine Reggae/La vie en rose." In 1986, she reached the American majors by signing with Atlantic Records. Her beat was slightly changed and she became part of the Miami-freestyle dance craze, along with countless others, including Company B (Fascinated), The Cover Girls (Show Me) and Exposé (Come Go With Me). Her hit "For Tonight" became one of the best selling dance 12" singles in the U.S. and still is, to this day. The big difference between Nancy Martinez and the many other freestyle artists of the 80's was her talent. Although their music all sounded very similar, Nancy was the only one with the pipes, which is why she's still recording new material in 2009.

In 1990, after a string of international dance hits, Nancy came back to Canada for a change of pace and to give birth to her daughter Zoë. Along with the move came two successful francophone albums, the second of which contained two songs co-written by none other than Lara Fabian ("I Will Love Again"). A few years later Nancy Martinez was prominently featured on Celine Dion's "Falling Into You" album, singing background vocals and choruses on "Your Light."

By 2003, Nancy had released a pop/rock album (Birds in the House) and worked on recordings by Garou and Dieppe's own Denise Murray. Ready for a new challenge, she then released two jazz albums, "Downtown" and "Live." She also became a vocal coach and greatly helped putting young Nikki Yanofsky on the map. As if that wasn't enough, she was featured on rapper K-Maró's "Femme Like U" and "Crazy," both monster hits in French Canada and Europe in 2004.

Her latest dance single, "Not Guilty," dates back to 2006 but, no worries, she's still working very hard. She's performing at the House of Jazz in Montreal on a regular basis and has been taking part in Vénus, a live dance and disco show, featuring Patsy Gallant, Johanne Blouin and Élisabeth Blouin-Brathwaite, since last fall. This summer alone, Nancy will be recording 4 tracks for a big band, a new jazz album and even a dance/pop song. As far as I'm concerned, she's more than overdue for a dance album and comeback. She's still got a great voice for it and looks better than ever. If anything, a best-of compilation including updated versions of her biggest hits would be a viable option.

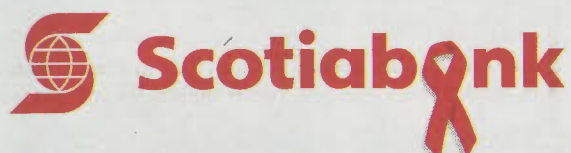
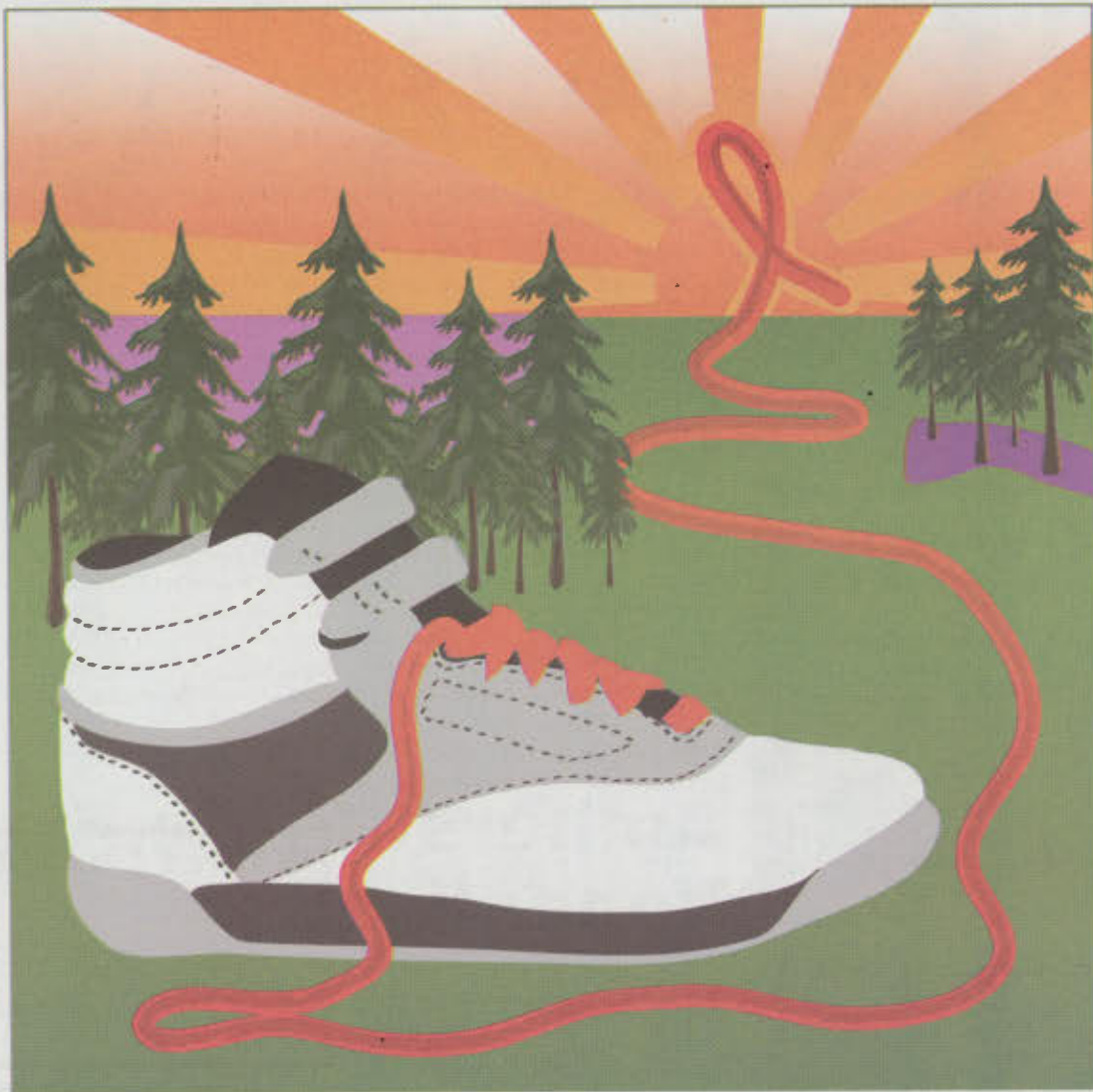


Whether or not you know Nancy Martinez and her music, make sure you attend her post-parade rally performance on August 22 at the

Riverfront Park, in Moncton, and get ready to shake your groove thang! You won't be disappointed.

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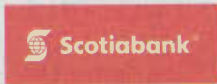
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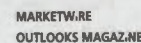
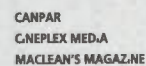
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Camp fYrefly – NL

By Costa Kasimos

Imagine a summer camp designed to give queer youth the opportunity to meet and learn leadership skills. That is what Camp fYrefly (fostering Youth resiliency, energy, fun, leadership, yeah!) is all about. Founded in Alberta in 2004 by Kris Wells and Andre Grace, Planned Parenthood – Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Health Centre is bringing Camp fYrefly for the first time to Atlantic Canada. With support from the Community Youth Network – St. John's, and in partnership with Camp fYrefly - Alberta, this educational and empowering youth retreat will be taking place from Aug 17th – 19th, 2009 at the beautiful and tranquil Environmental Education Centre, Salmonier, Newfoundland.

Camp fYrefly – NL will bring together lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, two-spirit, intersex, queer, questioning, and allied youth from across Atlantic Canada for three days of empowering workshops, out-door nature activities, and networking opportunities. It is an opportunity for youth to learn how to enable and

implement changes in their schools and communities, to build strong social support networks, and to have fun in a supportive, non-judgemental environment. Nestled in an old growth boreal forest, the Environmental Education Centre provides the perfect setting for uninterrupted personal growth, reflection, and healing.

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implement changes*

While the need for such a camp is recognized by those that work with youth across Atlantic Canada, Camp fYrefly – NL is currently funded by a one-time special projects grant. If you want to ensure that sexual minority and gender variant youth have the opportunity to experience this life changing retreat, please feel free to contact Costa Kasimos, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood – NLSHC at 1-709-579-1009, or visit www.nlsexualhealthcentre.org for more information.

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Saint John Pride Cancelled

Note: See page 9 or a list of Pride events that are going on anyway!

By: The Port City Rainbow Pride Board of Directors, Saint John, NB
It is with a great deal of reluctance that the Board of Directors of Port City Rainbow Pride Inc announces the cancellation of Pride Week, 2009. "The Board recognised that too many events had not yet been confirmed and we could not provide the high quality Pride celebration the community and the Region of Saint John have come to expect," said Don Uhryniw, President of Port City Rainbow Pride Inc. "We believe that the community deserves a first rate celebration and have decided to turn our energies to planning next year's event.

We will take this opportunity of broadening our support within the community and identifying groups, businesses and individuals who will be able to assist all of us in celebrating diversity."

"Port City Rainbow Pride Inc. looks forward to expanding our partnerships and building our membership base over the next thirteen months as we prepare to celebrate pride in conjunction with the 225th birthday of Canada's oldest incorporated city. Members and allies of the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, trans-identified) community from across Canada will be invited to our homecoming being held the week of August 7 to 15, 2010 in the Greater Saint John Area," stated board member Mack MacKenzie.

Port City Rainbow Pride Inc. has hosted the annual Pride Week Festival for the Greater Saint John community since 2003. It has participated in the annual Saint John Santa Claus Parade, Skate to Care for Mental Health, the AIDS Saint John annual Walks for AIDS and the Rainbow Peace March to commemorate the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, as well as co-hosted renowned guest speakers such as Olympic gold medalist Mark Tewksbury, criminologist Douglas Victor Janoff and author Alex Sanchez. The organization has also contributed to both the Saint John Free Public Library and Atlantic Canada's largest LGBT Free Lending Library (located in Saint John, NB).

Port City Rainbow Pride Inc. has worked closely with its allies including Centenary Queen Square United Church, AIDS Saint John, AIDS New Brunswick, The UNBSJ Q Collective, the Saint John, Moncton and Sussex Chapters of PFLAG Canada, PFLAG Canada's Board of Directors, the Saint John Theatre Company, Safe Spaces-Fundy Region, Club Montréal, Element Dance Bar,

Amherst Flag

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However, the vandalism of the flag proves homophobic attitudes remain an issue.

With respect to the flag, the rope had to be replaced and the fire department was called in to do the job because of the height of the flag pole. Another flag was not available, so the torn part of the flag had to be replaced as well. Within the hour the flag rose again at Amherst Town Hall. This experience leaves one with a feeling of devastation. However, as soon as the flag was raised again we felt relieved and determined to not let the culprits get the best of us. Our Pride week continued on with three more events: the GLBT Parenting Workshop, the Pride Dinner & Dance and the Pride Family Picnic. We continue to make certain our Queer community thrives no matter the seriousness of the problems we face.

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The interview will take approximately 1.5 hours and a \$15 honorarium will be provided. Please contact Janice Fuller, Research Coordinator, at 902-494-6620 or Janice.Fuller@dal.ca to participate or for more information. Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan of Dalhousie University's School of Health and Human Performance is the principal investigator. She may be reached at 902-494-1155 or Jacqueline.Gahagan@dal.ca.

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An Openly Gay Teenager's Experience

By Tre James Lamkin

I have always known I was attracted to boys. I didn't quite know what it was, or that it wasn't something most boys did. But I always knew. I can remember back to first grade playing "kiss-chase" with the girls. Yet I was chasing WITH the girls after the boys

For many people who were brought up thinking they were straight, it can come as quite a surprise to realise that they're attracted to people of the same gender. Sometimes something might happen to make you suddenly aware of these feelings – or you might have become aware of them slowly, over a long time.

It can sometimes seem like there's just too much to deal with – but don't worry, you don't have to make any decisions right now, and feelings often make more sense after some time has passed.

Being gay is not a decision, like I said. It is just life. It is same way straight people are born straight. Now there are some people, guys and girls, who just jump up and decide to have sex with the same sex and the opposite sex, just for fun. But being truly gay isn't like that, as a matter of fact, most people that are gay, when they meet someone of the same sex that is gay, the first thing in their mind isn't, "Ooh, he (she) is hot, I want to have sex with him (her)." Notice I said most: with some people though, that IS the first thing in their mind. My point is, this is your life, and although some people say that

they may decide to live out their life "straight," you can't change who you are, though you can fake it, marry a woman, have kids, you will still never truly be happy, and you will still have thoughts about the same sex.

I have realized and comprehended all of this at a very young age. I know I was gay

and attracted to the same-sex at the age of 7. I was brought up as and acted like a straight male, but inside I knew. As time went by and I moved to a new area and went to a new school things started to get rough. I heard "fag" all day long. When I finally came out, it was like I was a new person, a new person with new reasons to get picked on and beat up.

When I came out to the public at school, it was like I was invisible, not one person knew me. As the days and weeks past, the first school dance was announced. I used to go to all the dances and I was actually popular. I can remember that night like the back of my hand, I walked into the gym and first thing everyone did was stare and talk to the person next to them. I stood in the corner for three long agonizing hours as all I could do was cry. Finally the dance was over. As I walked home thinking of the night all I could hear was "fag!" and as I kept walking, four men came out and with no hesitation beat me up. As vaguer words were being used and feet coming at my face I picked myself up and ran home. After being seen

what was done by my grandmother I was rushed to the hospital and there I spent three days in recovery.

Schooling then started to get bad, I started to miss a lot of time and had a lot of emotional problems

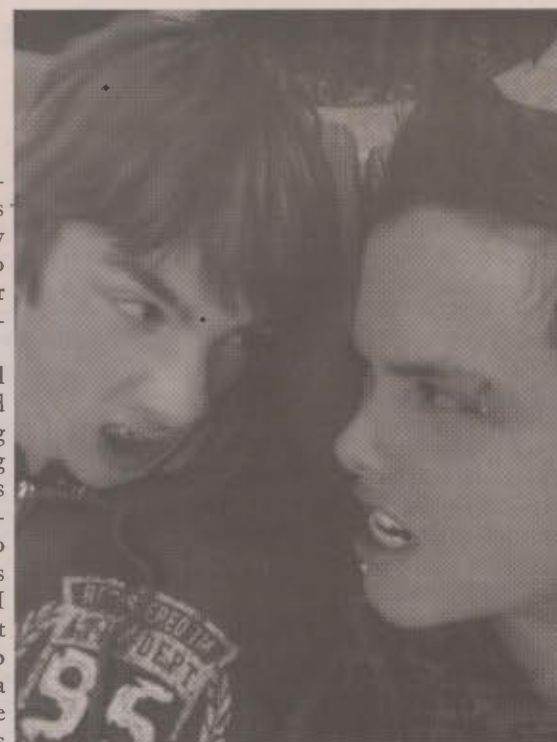
that only I knew about. Before all this happened living in a rough area was not the

best, people shooting and beating up people for no reason and the police sounds were honoured as the national anthem. You could hear the people yelling and screaming as you tried to relax and sleep from a long exhausting day. Now with me being openly gay there is more spot light and attention attracted to me.

So after the few rough and sad days of first being openly gay I figured I would bring my boyfriend home to meet my family. After getting of the metro bus and walking down the area I lived in was just so "ghetto-looking" that my boyfriend Dylan grabbed my hand. Walking side by side down the street all we could hear from people playing ball was "faggots." We looked at each other and just kept going. The looks and comments that we have got from people were so bad and so

rude that I am having second thoughts about bringing my boyfriend back to the area I live in for both his and my protection.

I walk to the mall or to the store and there people standing by the store staring and laughing at me as I mind my own business and walk into the store. "Fruit" is all I can hear as I casually walked out the store. I wake up in the morning on a week end and get the bus and all I get is looks and I can read what there thinking. I sit down and the person next to me moves. Living in a rough area in Halifax is not the best especially when you're an openly gay teenager as me. I have come to realize that I know who I am and I love myself and for those who got a problem, it's only them. No matter how long how old or where I live, the discrimination will never end, and with me understanding that is how



I survive in this cold and agonizing world as others put me down with their problems.

Being gay is not a decision ... it is just life

ISCANS: Keep the Good Times Rolling

By Nathan Boudreau

Phew! It's August and we all survived the Pride celebrations here in Halifax. It was an amazing amount of fun, as always. Pride may be over for another year, but ISCANS doesn't stop and we keep the events rolling out the door. To start things off we have numerous barbecues taking place at Menz Bar on Saturday nights. What an easy way to support ISCANS and your community by enjoying a hot dog. On August 15 an "All-Ages Show" will be held at St. George Church on Brunswick St. in Halifax. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. and cover is \$5.00. Be sure to make it to that show as some of performers break out the tame repertoire for our all-ages crowd.

To round out our August line-up, our monthly show at Menz Bar takes place on August 23, beginning at 10:00 p.m., with a \$5 cover. Be sure to come out and enjoy a nice summer evening with some great entertainment. And rest assured I did not forget that most of you are wondering if our lovely Empress Boom Boom got dunked at Pride. Well be sure to check our website (www.imperialcourtns.com) and our Facebook group for some pictures from the celebrations and then you can see for yourself.

August is shaping up to be a busy month, as our Emperor and Empress

will be traveling to a couple out of town Coronations along with some of our other members. More about their travels in September. As always, we love to hear from our members and the community, so feel free to send us your comments or suggestions to events@imperialcourtns.com.

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Ramblings From The Sanctuary Garden

By Bethana Sullivan

What do I write about for August when it is only July! And since we are moving through time inexorably towards Pride Week I am reminded of how it is that I often don't write specifically about gay issues. I looked at WAYVES online to check relevant dates and see there this notice: 'Are You Queer Enough? RobertsStreet-SocialCentre. What a coincidence!

Is there a guide to queerness that I have missed? If so I don't particularly want to read it. Despite a part of me that wants to be like whoever lives on the other side of the fence where the grass is always greener, the sun brighter, the conversation more intelligent and witty, the drinks long and cool... I don't think this vision is limited to gay people!, my drum beats to my tune so to speak. Though I remember a time when I was first new to Nova Scotia and a new relationship; we had joined a gay women's golf league. I couldn't change my drumbeat to a marching tune so I changed my

golfing attire from wonderfully wild purple Indian bloomers to staid and boring long straight pants (of various hues however). There weren't any overt words of censure but you all know how it works-neither aren't any words of delicious wonder at the audacity of clothing the colourful, bright, different, dark and bodacious self in soul expressive/life affirming attire. On the other hand I love marching bands, the works of John Philip Sousa, the bagpipes- I can two step with the best of them and my drum beats right along. As you are probably already way in front of me you can see I am headed towards the illuminating spotlighted center stage an 'ah ha' moment. It isn't about being one thing or another- a marcher or a side-stepper, it is about being the only person we can be-the self who is always evolving in cycles of darkness and wonder, longing to belong to the world of marchers, stepping along to music only you or I can hear.

Yet the vision above implies that



the two are separate and different rather than a mobius experience of changing, becoming, being and returning. T.S. Eliot must have known this when he wrote:

At the still point of the turning world. Neither flesh nor fleshless;
Neither from nor towards; at the still point, there the dance is,
But neither arrest nor movement.
And do not call it fixity,
Where past and future are gathered. Neither movement from nor

towards,

Neither ascent nor decline. Except for the point, the still point,

There would be no dance, and there is only the dance. (Burnt Norton, No. 1 of 'Four Quartets')

And here is our challenge and our call. To be the marcher, the drummer, the dancer, the watcher, all with our own still points, wondrously interwoven, wondrously interspaced!
Happy Pride

Colour Party Successes

With several years of experience along with some new changes this year, the six monthly pride colour parties at Triangles have become the most sought-after monthly social on the Moncton entertainment scene.

A major fundraising source for River of Pride/Rivière de Fierté Inc. the Colour events offers sponsorship exposure and committee members the chance to network within the community within a relaxed, party atmosphere. The success also helps other service organisations with donations made this year to SIDA AIDS Moncton, Safe Spaces, Crossroads for Women, Canadian Cancer Society, NB Organ Donations, and the Prostate Cancer Group. Each is offered a display table to distribute information and interface with clients.

Another highly successful social fundraiser, thanks to Danny Babineau and his female impersonator

group, was the semi-annual "Galaxy of Stars," held in May. Another is planned for November 27.

The pre-Pride Pink Party is scheduled at Triangles on Saturday, August

1, which will benefit the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITCH

Hi Tom,

I was reading the other day about a remarkable breakthrough in regaining...uh, I mean retaining, one's youthful appearance. Someone has developed pillowcases – very satiny looking and feeling – that contain some kind of copper compound that aids in rejuvenation while you sleep! You just settle into a lovely dream state and let the coppery whatever smooth away your cares and restore your skin to its former elasticity and glowing health.

Of course I immediately thought: Why stop at pillowcases? Why not all the bedding – sheets, cases and shams. Why not tee shirts and jock straps – or would the sweat react with the copper and turn my dick green? I might need to investigate this further. I have an old copper bracelet around here somewhere....

Another happy discovery of mine was the Cosmo TV channel. It is mostly chick flick stuff like Sex & the City but they also run old episodes of Queer Eye for the Straight Guy at suppertime. Tuesday night, there I am preparing a lovely tofu and veggie stir fry when suddenly from the other room I hear that familiar theme song, Some Things Just Keep Getting Better. Well, broccoli and bean curd went flying as I dropped the wooden spoon and raced to the living room. It seems there was a whole season that I missed. It's the little things like this that make me happy. Hey, I bet they'd know about the copper pillowcases. Wonder how to contact them?

Speaking of gay good taste, the Scribbler and I were doing some errands a couple of weeks ago when he suddenly pulled the car into a parking lot and gave me a wide, knowing, anticipatory smile. I was about to give him the speech about not wanting to risk losing friendship over sex and besides it was in the middle of the day and we were clearly visible to any and all passersby when he pointed – not at me or any part of my anatomy – but to the sign that said: Furniture Store, Now Open. Well, my heart did begin to race a little bit then. There is nothing I enjoy more than looking at expensive objects I can't possibly afford and being able to critique their placement, design and style.

We entered the store where a worshipful silence pervaded. On every side were gleaming accessories – plates, crystal, small silver bibelots, brocade toss cushions (no copper) and casually strewn on tables were magazines on interior design. It was so heavenly I had to focus on regulating my breathing and keeping my nipples from poking through my silk shirt. And the furniture was all made of glowing dark wood, beautifully carved and polished. We spotted several other male couples which only confirmed our initial impression that this will be the store where "our people" will shop.

But nothing is perfect as we discovered when

we came upon a bedroom suite of pine in what is commonly called "country style." Now, I admire rough-hewn ruggedness in men, as you know, Tom, but this furniture looked like the trees had been cut that morning and there was still bark clinging to it in some places. I certainly would not risk my 400 thread count copper sheets on a log bed oozing sap. Both of us stood there aghast, sadly shaking our heads, vainly trying to imagine where such a monstrosity might look appropriate... besides a bonfire.

Fisherman's Freud and the Anthill have a cottage by the bay and it is an unpretentious and comfortable, put-your-feet-up kind of place but it also has some style and class – even if they haven't gotten around to putting a door on the bathroom yet which requires me to sing show tunes very loudly to indicate "occupado" and to cover up any other small noises which might occur – but they certainly wouldn't give house room to a bed that had been chainsawed out of tree stumps.

Good intentions are not always enough. Like when I was first coming out. After my very first sexual encounter with another man, the next day I...I think the clinical psychological term is "freaked out." Panic arrived in a big way: Will he want a return engagement? What do I do if he does? What does it mean if he doesn't? Could I lose my job? (This was before legal protection.) Does this mean I'm gay, for sure? Did I remember to hide my ABBA albums? I never should have bought that Larry Kramer novel at the bookstore!

I worked myself into a state, Tom. During a fleeting rational moment, I called the local mental health clinic. I met with a motherly social worker who calmed me down and then gave me the worst/best advice ever. "We're not supposed to say this but you're young and I hope you might at least try to meet a nice young woman." And in that moment, everything clarified for me, Tom. I knew I didn't want to meet a nice woman. I began to accept my being gay and knew that somehow, someday that was going to be okay.

Love ya!

Crawford

"Clean Testing" Kit: Inaccurate

Health Canada is advising Canadians not to use Clean Testing HIV Home Test Kit, or any HIV home test kits, as these are unlicensed medical devices and may provide false test results.

The Clean Testing HIV Home Test Kit, available online at cleantesting.com, is promoted as a self-test kit to determine whether an individual has been infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). This kit is unlicensed and has not been evaluated by Health Canada for safety and effectiveness. Inaccurate test

results may fail to indicate HIV in an infected individual, or indicate HIV when none is present.

Under the Medical Devices Regulations, home HIV test kits require a device license issued by Health Canada before they can be advertised or sold. It is illegal to advertise or sell unlicensed medical devices of this class in Canada.

Currently, there are no HIV test kits that have been authorized for sale for home use in Canada.

Health Canada has requested that Clean Testing stop sale of the device and notify all customers not to use the kit. Health Canada will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action to mitigate the risk. Health Canada advises Canadians not to purchase these products from the Internet or from any other source.

Patients who are concerned about their HIV status should talk to their doctor. Patients that have used these test kits should also consult with their doctor to evaluate the need to con-

duct proper testing. Health Canada reminds Canadians that home test kits are not a replacement for professional health care, and that patients who have used a home HIV test kit should contact their physician for follow-up testing and counselling.

For more information on home test kits, see Health Canada's It's Your Health articles on Medical Test Kits for Home Use (www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/med/medtest-eng.php) and Buying Medical Devices (www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/med/med_mat-eng.php) over the Internet.

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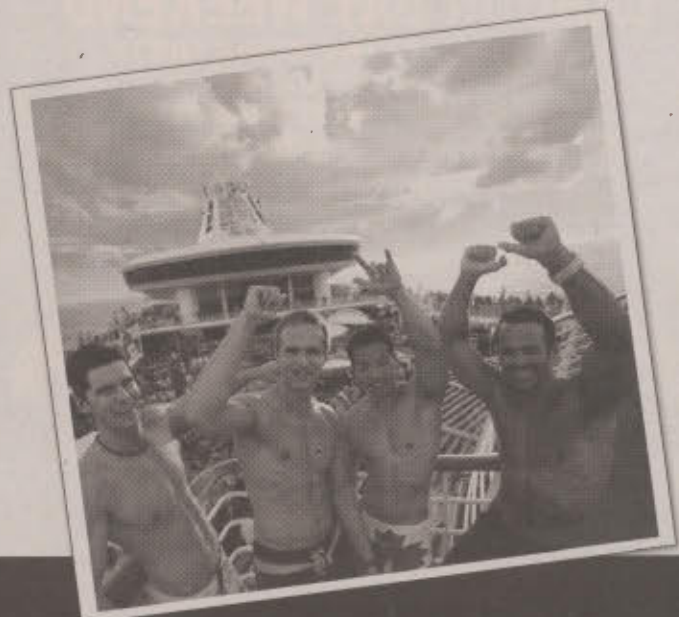
For more information on HIV and how you can

protect yourself, Health Canada has also published an It's Your Health article on HIV/AIDS (www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/diseases-maladies/hiv-vih-eng.php). To confirm whether a device is licensed in Canada, please refer to the Medical Devices Active Licence Listing (webprod.hc-sc.gc.ca/mdll-limh/index-eng.jsp).

Complaints involving home HIV test kits can be reported to the Health Products and Food Branch Inspectorate by calling the toll-free hotline at 1-800-267-9675, or by writing to:

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HPV – Coming Soon to an Opening near You

By Angus Campbell

Farrah Fawcett's recent death has brought anal cancer into the media spotlight. There is growing evidence that our population should receive periodic anal Pap smears to screen for anal cancer, but many physicians are not convinced.

Are you familiar with the bus ad, "Had sex? Get a Pap test!" I'm waiting for the updated version, "Had oral, vaginal or anal sex, with or without a condom? Get a Pap test!" That's right. If you've been playing "Hide The Sausage" or "Tongue In Checks" or any other skin-to-skin disappearing acts (toys and fingers aren't exempt), then it's important for you to get your little pink smudge checked periodically. If you're HIV+ then the latest recommendations are

annual Paps, otherwise every second year. No matter your HIV status, if you've had genital warts it's especially important to have a Pap.

You may already be familiar with

HPV is the most prevalent sexually transmitted viral infection in the world

the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) due to the amount of press in the last couple of years. There are over 100 different strains of it, most considered harmless, but some are responsible for genital warts; cervical and anal cancer. HPV is the most prevalent sexually transmitted viral

infection in the world. More than half of all gay men carry this virus without even knowing it. Some of us can clear it through our own natural immunity.

Anal Pap smears are not available in Atlantic Canada, yet. Some people are working behind the scenes to make them happen as they are available in other parts of the country. Part of the challenge is finding a lab which can process them, but some anonymous clinics in Toronto and Vancouver do accept tourists.

The incidence of cervical cancer has been greatly reduced thanks to the Pap smear and hopefully gay male arses will see the same benefit as it's a relatively easy, painless procedure. The smear test is said to be more

effective than your doctor's digit as he/she can't feel dangerous areas until they have grown large and require more radical treatment. The same can be said about a scope because a Pap smear can find precancerous cells before they are visible to the naked eye. (For those who enjoy a good digital rectal exam, don't fret, your doctor's finger will still be loyal as a DRE is multi-purpose.)

But just how serious is the problem? Data in 1989 suggested that anal cancer was 10 times more common in gay men than straight men. More recent studies calculate anal cancer to be 35 times more common in gay men than straight men, and between 70 and 140 times more common

in HIV+ gay men. Additionally the American Cancer Society estimates that HPV may be responsible for up to 30% of the 35,000 new cases of oral cancer expected to be diagnosed this year.

A vaccination is available nationwide for young women aged 12 to 26. Good news. A clinical research trial from the University of California at San Francisco suggests that Gardasil® is almost as effective in men as it is in women.

But perhaps the entire debate over anal paps is moot as a new HPV DNA test has been announced. Currently it is only available for women in the United States, but if it proves reliable and cost-effective, we may all have access to it.

R.I.P. Farrah

NACS News: The Hepatitis C Aware Project

On June 15, 2009, the Northern AIDS Connection Society (NACS) launched its new "Hepatitis C Aware Project" with funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Hepatitis C is a virus that usually silently attacks your liver. Many people infected with the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) have no symptoms at all. In fact, most people don't know they have the disease until liver damage is discovered, often decades later.

HCV is one of five identified hepatitis viruses which cause the liver to become inflamed and interferes with its ability to perform its 500 functions. Hepatitis C is generally considered to be among the most serious of these viruses. Over time it can lead to liver cancer, liver failure or cirrhosis — irreversible and potentially fatal scarring of the liver.

There are varying degrees of risks, activities and circumstances that can expose you to the HCV, among them:

- People who received a blood product prior to June 1990
- Sharing injection drug equipment
- Sharing straws, etc, for snorting drugs
- Sharing personal items such as a razor, toothbrush, or nail clippers that could house minute amounts of blood
- Piercing and tattooing in unsterilized environments
- Blood being present in vaginal or seminal fluid during unprotected sex with a partner infected with HCV

No vaccine for hepatitis C has been developed. In addition to the standard two-drug treatment, researchers continue to develop other therapies to stop the growth of the virus and prevent long-term complications, such as cirrhosis and cancer, from developing.

Did you know?

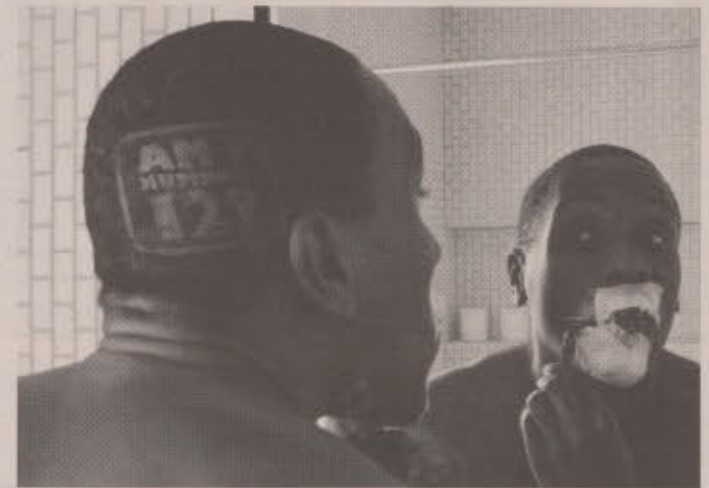
- More than 5,000 Nova Scotians are living with hepatitis C.
- In Atlantic Canada, hepatitis C is 10 times more common than HIV/AIDS.

The Hep C Aware Project of the Northern AIDS Connection Society

is about raising awareness, providing educational information, working in collaboration with our partners, and building supportive networks. Additionally a series of focus groups and one-on-one interview sessions will be conducted to collect information regarding HCV services and issues in Northern Nova Scotia (area of East Hants, Colchester, Cumberland and Pictou counties). The project will have a dedicated staff person until March 31, 2010.

NACS is interested in speaking with individuals living with and/or affected by HCV, or if you are in Northern Nova Scotia and would like more information on the project or HCV please contact Karen Kittilsen, Hepatitis C Coordinator, Northern AIDS Connection Society at 902-895-0931 or hepccoordinator@eastlink.ca.

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We've Come a Long Way Baby... or Have We?

By Sarah Rose Werner

As a Canadian and a lesbian I am celebrating this year. It's been forty years since the decriminalization of homosexuality. I was only 12 when Pierre Elliott Trudeau made his famous statement, "The state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation." This opened up the closet door for many to begin lobbying for equal rights. Today in our country we enjoy the freedom they fought for and the right to be free from fear. Today we can marry the person we love. Most of us are protected in our workplaces; many are out to our family and friends and are respected and valued in our communities. I guess you could say we have it all. Life is great, unless of course, you are a student.

Our education system appears to be doing everything for everyone except our LGBT population. If you are queer and still in high school feeling not worthy enough to be discussed in class tends to be the message communicated. This is especially true if you live in Alberta. How many of us would go to work tomorrow if we felt afraid to walk down the corridor or go to the washroom? How many of us would accept insults to our dignity on a daily basis or ignore being pushed into lockers or spit upon?

The fact is living with fear is the reality for a lot of our LGBT youth. The results of Egale's phase one of The First National Survey on Homophobia in Canadian Schools speaks loud and clear. Seventy-five percent of out LGBT youth feel unsafe in school. This is an extremely disturbing statistic. What about the rights of ALL children to a safe learning environment? Over the past ten years enormous efforts have been made by school boards to ensure that schools create safe and respectful school environments. I guess that means all except LGBT.

In Canada children are supposed to feel included and represented in their school curriculum. Provincial education ministries across the country have worked hard to ensure that the various minorities are represented in the curriculum. Reviewing the curriculum in Social Studies here in this province I see all minorities

represented except the LGBT minority. This is about Human Rights, the rights of our LGBT students and teachers, and our LGBT families.

The passing of Bill 22 in Alberta really ensures that discussing queer topics in school has returned to the Stone Age. One can only imagine the impact this will have on the lives of

In every school we heard the same thing... in our education system homophobia is rampant!

LGBT youth.

I am so pleased with the extreme contrast between our conservative government and the one in Alberta. It's like chalk and cheese, night and day, from one extreme to another. Our minister of education wanted the survey implemented in all five school boards whereas in Alberta not one board participated. YEAH for us!

The Egale survey reached many isolated communities and since last year many schools are looking for student workshops on homophobia.

I was thrilled when the Director of Planned Parenthood, Costa Kasimos, asked me to develop a workshop for students that they could use in schools. In the spring Costa emailed asking if I would be interested in traveling to the west coast of the province to do workshops on homophobia. For me it was an opportunity to get back into the schools and I wanted to know what the situation

was really like.

The first week in May we headed out on our queer road trip. Costa, Rob Sinnott, who runs a LGBT youth group, and myself took "Making Queerness Visible" on the road. I have to give the boys credit for the name, which I think is perfect. They were fabulous and I was so glad to be

a part of the tour, especially when we encountered homophobia. Such as when a guidance counsellor explained that there were no homosexuals in the school or the community. We smiled and explained maybe there were no out queer students because they felt afraid to come out. After we discussed with the students the many homophobic comments heard daily in the corridors she had a better understanding as to why students may fear being out in school. Another guidance counsellor greeted us saying he felt a little upset about the workshop. Based on his experiences of growing up in a very religious family, he believed the grade 7 and 8 students would be easily influenced. He continued and I knew something outrageous was coming.

He feared that a hundred students would come out that evening! He stayed for the presentation so hopefully he did learn that we just don't

turn queer overnight.

We did sixteen presentations in five days and the most rewarding experience occurred when a student approached us to say, "Thank you, it's the first time I ever heard anything positive about queer people." One young woman came to all of our presentations hanging on to every word. For me, I realized just how much these workshops are needed.


In every school we heard the same thing, that Egale's survey is correct, in our education system homophobia is rampant!

We know there is much work to

be done. As I've stated before this is Egale's most important journey.

Some LGBT youth have shown remarkable resilience in extremely difficult circumstances. In the absence of social acceptance and lack of integration into the life of their schools they manage to survive. For me, I cannot stop wondering about the youth who are not able to confide in teachers, complain to principals or ask their parents to intervene on their behalf.

They will continue to walk on eggshells until graduation.



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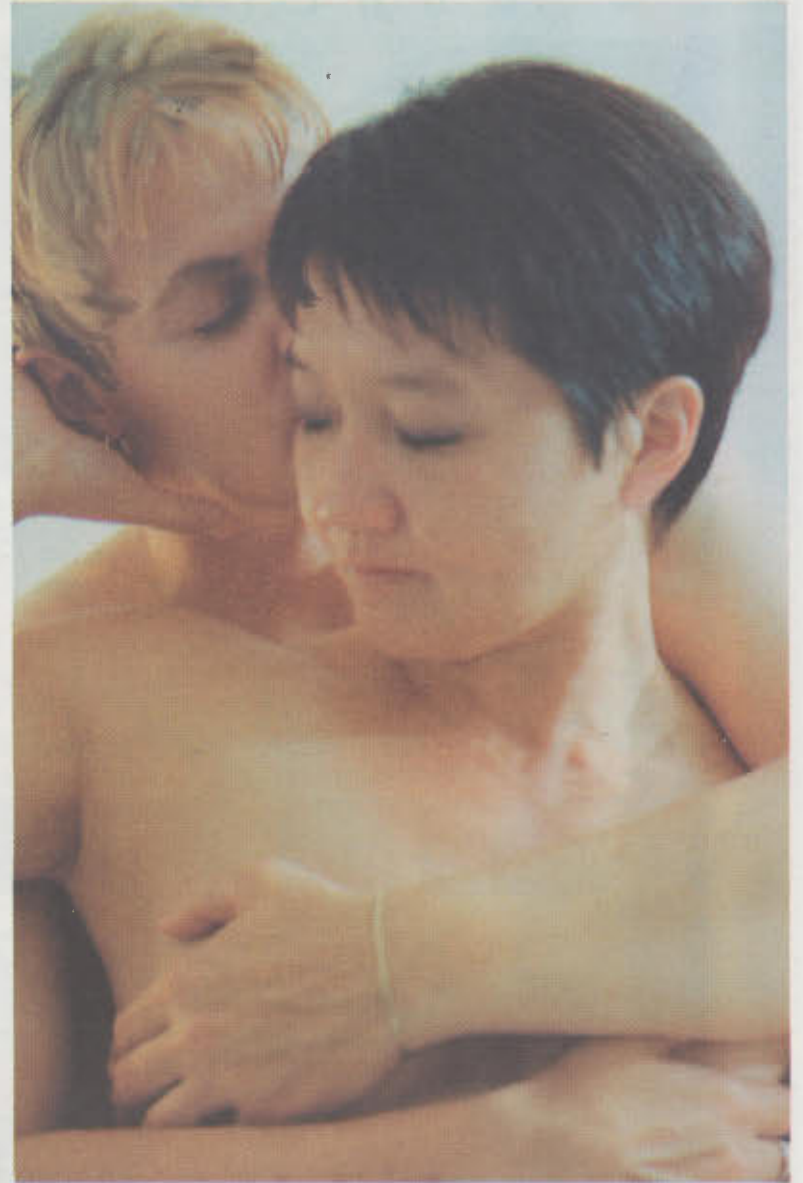
Introducing Anita Martinez

If you've regularly attended LGBT events in Halifax, you've seen Anita Martinez in action. She's been photographically documenting events, making art, and doing beautiful portraiture for many years. Anita has offered to share this body of work one photograph at a time. We at Wayves hope that you'll enjoy the journey.

Anita writes: this is one of many

of my photos expressing those glorious moments when we first fall in love, those moments when you can't get enough of each other. When we whisper words to each other that come from the deepest parts of us, parts we did not even imagine that we had. Sharing, caring, loving, respecting... and photographing, trying to hold on to the memory

of those amazing, wonderful, all consuming, moments in our life, wanting to capture..wanting to share it with the whole world. BUT enough of my ideas! How do *you* feel seeing photos like this in Wayves? We would like to hear from you.. Write to submissions@wayves.ca



Saint John Pride Grassroots Events

These are the Pride events and activities that will still be going on for Saint John organized by members of the Saint John LGBT community.

The Saint John Theatre Company is having the "OUT on The Edge" series in their "Theatre On The Edge" festival. The performance is called "Bear With Me", a one woman act with her experience about her and her girlfriend trying to have a baby. Diane Flacks is performing. The show runs for three nights (Wednesday August

12th, - Friday August 14th) from 9:00 p.m.- 11 p.m. at Theatre company's location on Princess Street.

At Wayves press time members of the Saint John LGBT community are also in the planning stages of organizing a parade this year with a slightly different route. Tim Isaac Antiques (Across the street from Element) and Mahogany Manor Bed And Breakfast are also expected to hold events.

Confirmed events: "Out On The

Edge" shows of "Bear With Me" (August 12-14), Friday Night Pre-Pride Party at Element Bar (August 14th, 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.) Saturday Night White Party Extravaganza at Element Dance Bar (August 16th 10:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m.) Pride Week DRAG Show (Sunday August 16th 8:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m.)

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Parades have taken place uninter-



Greg Daborn: "I hope our youth feel empowered to take the movement forward. Looking back, everything I've done for the GLBT community has enhanced my life."

rupted for the past nine years. Many community volunteers as well as supportive friends of Pride have put in countless hours to produce the annual Pride celebrations. As in any organization there have been highs and lows but persistence has paid off.

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Art Vautour-Toole: "The local pride celebrations must continue to increase our community's visibility, diversity, spirit and openness."

preciation of all the hard work it takes for these events to succeed. Your encouragement will only entice others to step up to the plate and carry the torch into our next decade. This year your committee is very proud to have incorporated the Pride committee organization. We are finalizing the

bylaws which will be presented to our Annual General Meeting in the fall, during which time the 2009-2010 Board of Directors will be elected.



Moncton Pride 2009 committee members, left to right: Greg LeBlanc, Robert LeBlanc, John Doiron, Roger Poirier, Pierre Bourque, Rémy St. Coeur, Paul LeBlanc, Ed Oldford. **Absent:** Lynne LeBlanc, Roland Bastarache.

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16 SUNDAY
DIMANCHE

10:00 *Spiritual service spirituel*, Central United Church, Church St. at corner of Queen St.
14:00-16:00 *Family day/journée de la famille*, Riverfront Park/Parc Riverain.
16:30-18:30 *Softball/partie de balle-molle*, Evergreen Park, ballfield #1, 333, prom. Evergreen Dr.

17 MONDAY
LUNDI

19:00-21:00 *Quilles "Disco" bowling* featuring DJ Queenie, Champlain Bowlarama, 476, ch. Gauvin Road, Dieppe, \$8.50, shoe rental and taxes incl./location de chaussures et taxes incl.

18 TUESDAY
MARDI

17:00 *Flag raising/levée du drapeau*, Hôtel de ville de Moncton City Hall, followed by a reception/suivie d'une réception, Kramer's Corner, 702, rue Main St.
21:00 *Line Dancing/danse en ligne* with/avec Jean-Marc, Triangles, 234, rue St. George St.

19 WEDNESDAY
MERCREDI

21:00 *Bingo "O-69" Gay bingo*, early bird game, lucky ball is O-69 for a lifetime membership to Triangles. Triangles, 234, rue St. George St. Bud Light draft, 2/\$4.00 till midnight. All beer, bar shots, and shooters \$3.75 till midnight.

20 THURSDAY
JEUDI

19:00-21:00 *Volley-ball/ballon-volant*, gym/gymnase, CEPS, Université de Moncton
22:00 *BUDLIGHT Karaoke* (prizes to be won/prix à gagner), Triangles, 234, rue St. George St.

21 FRIDAY
VENDREDI

13:00-16:00 *Community Forum communautaire*, Hôtel de ville de Moncton City Hall, 6th floor training room.
21:00 *Triangles, soirée Request Night* with DJ DaBoss, 234, rue St. George St., \$5.00.
21:00 *Pulse Entertainment presents DJ Collett, Sonny D & DJ Kracker*, L'Osmose, Université de Moncton, \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. Ticket info 874-5613.

22 SATURDAY
SAMEDI

13:30 *Parade line-up/rassemblement de la parade* (rain or shine/beau temps, mauvais temps), Highfield Square parking lot, near The Bay/stationnement du Highfield Square, près de La Baie.
14:30 *Parade 10 with Grand Marshals/avec les grand maréchaux, Founding Fathers of Pride* followed by a rally at Riverfront Park/suivie d'un rallie au Parc Riverain, featuring dance diva Nancy Martinez, with our host Julia Jeffries and DJ John.
21:00 *X-Ball/Bal-X* with/avec DJ John and DJ Da Boss, Triangles, 234, rue St. George St., \$10 VIP bracelets available at Triangles until August 21st/bracelets VIP disponibles au Triangles jusqu'au 21 août, \$10.

23 SUNDAY
DIMANCHE

12:00-13:30 *Breakfast buffet déjeuner*, Windjammer, Delta Beauséjour, \$14.95.
20:00 *Recovery Party/party de rétablissement*, Triangles, 234, rue St. George St. happy hour all night/toute la soirée.

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PARADE ROUTE

Saturday, August 22, at 2:30 pm. The Parade starts at the Highfield Square parking lot on the corner of Highfield and Main and concludes on Assumption Blvd. Stick around for the rally immediately following at Riverfront Park, on Assumption Blvd. featuring Dance Diva **Nancy Martinez**.

ITINÉRAIRE DE LA PARADE

Le samedi 22 août à 14:30. La parade débute au stationnement du Highfield Square, au coin des rues Highfield et Main, et se termine sur le boulevard de l'Assomption. Un rallie suivra au Parc Riverain, sur le boulevard de l'Assomption avec la Dance Diva **Nancy Martinez**.



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Chef's Corner



As I write this article it is early July and I am wondering if the sun and summer weather will ever come. After 3 solid weeks of gray damp cool weather, all I really want to write about is preserves, or hearty stew like one would do at the end of summer going into the fall. However I shall keep the faith and pray to the sun gods for fairer weather very soon. So in keeping with a summer theme, let us bake up a sweet treat from the orchards. This peach melba crisp is divine, and you can baked it outside on your covered gas grill, so no need to heat up the house with the oven on for an hour.

Chef Darren is Chef/Co-owner of Chives Canadian Bistro, 1537 Barrington St., Halifax, N.S. Voted "Establishment of the Year 2008" by the Nova Scotia Association of Chefs and Cooks; awarded two out of three stars "Where to Eat in Canada 2009"; new member of "La Chaine des Rotisseurs International." Reservations (902) 420-9626.

Peach Melba Crisp

The topping:
1/4 cup brown sugar
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1/4 cup rolled oats
1/4 cup ground pecans or almonds

The filling:
3 cups peaches (peeled, pitted and sliced into wedges)
1 cup whole fresh raspberries
1/3 cup white sugar
1 Tbsp corn starch
2 tsp peach schnapps -pinch salt

Method

Method 1. Combine all of the ingredients for the topping and pulse in a food processor just until the ingredients are combined to make crumble topping. 2. Toss the peaches and raspberries in the white sugar, corn starch, salt and schnapps, and fill the bottom of a 8"x8" ceramic or glass baking dish. 3. Lay the topping evenly over the entire surface of the fruit and place the dish on the top rack of your 350F pre-heated gas grill. Bake with the cover down for 35-45 minutes until the topping is dark golden brown and the fruit juices are bubbling around the edges. Remove from the grill and let cool in the baking dish for 20-30 min before serving.

Serving suggestions

At the restaurant I would serve this crisp with a home made nutmeg frozen yogurt, but at home I like sweetened whipped cream or a high quality vanilla ice cream. Enjoy!

Reviews

Death in Key West by Jeffrey Round Cormorant Books Inc. www.cormorantbooks.com www.jeffreyround.com review by Ralph Higgins



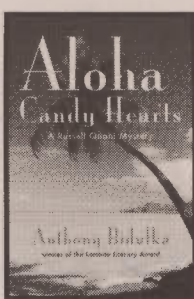
Nothing ruins a vacation like murder. When Bradford Fairfax travels to a clothing optional resort in Key West all he has on his mind is relaxing by the pool with his hunky boyfriend, Zach, and maybe working on his tan during his New Year's break. The handsome twosome meet James Quentin Ashley Vanderbilt III, a fey creature with a talent for drag and singing soprano opera arias and who confides one night, after an affecting rendition of the suicide song from Madama Butterfly, that his father wants him dead. Brad and Zach dismiss the story as attention seeking histrionics, until James ends up dead.

Brad, who is a special agent for an international company – think a sexy James Bond with gay sensibilities – finds he must mix his personal and professional lives as he searches for the killer. Aided by Zach, he sifts through the possible suspects: the pool boy cum masseur whose talents seem to lie in his Speedo rather than his hands, a gay sheriff, a New Zealand business man who has an un-gay vibe, the owner of the resort who behaves like a shrill Shelley Winters, a lesbian who runs a wildlife preserve, a Russian bodyguard and, of course, the dead man's father and brother who are not averse to wielding their considerable financial and political power to obstruct the investigation.

Death in Key West is a suspenseful, campy, rollicking ride with the perfect blend of serious and silly. The mystery is well-crafted, the writing assured and the comedy relief is full of originality and wit.

Jeffrey Round was educated at Dalhousie University and now resides in Toronto where he is a writer, director and playwright and the author of the critically acclaimed novel Cafe of Bones. Death in Key West is the second in the Bradford Fairfax mystery series which began with P-Town Murders.

Aloha, Candy Hearts by Anthony Bidulka Insomniac Press www.insomniacpress.com www.anthonymbidulka.com



review by Ralph Higgins
While Russell Quant is flying home from Hawaii and trying to absorb the shock that he has received

a marriage proposal, he is distracted from these personal concerns by his seat mate, an elderly, odd-looking man that he privately calls Mr. Magoo. Once on the ground two surprising events happen: one, Mr. Magoo is murdered and two, Russell discovers that Mr. Magoo has slipped a handwritten map and list of clues, as if for a treasure hunt, into Russell's pocket. It very quickly becomes clear that someone else wants this list and map and is willing to kill to get them. Quant realizes that the only way to

thwart the killer is to solve the clues and find the "treasure" even when this leads him deep into Saskatchewan's sometimes unsavoury past and may put his friends and family at risk.

Aloha, Candy Hearts is the sixth in the Russell Quant series of mysteries, and like all its predecessors, it does not disappoint. The now familiar Quant insouciant wit and humour is here in strength as is the well-constructed plot. From the first novel, Amuse Bouche, Bidulka demonstrated his skill in creating realistic scenarios and writing the kind of dialogue that amuses the reader as well as moving the action along. But, what lifts Bidulka's books a level above other well-crafted mysteries is the human element he has created in the character of Russell Quant. With each book, Quant has grown

and developed and, while each novel may be read as a stand alone mystery, for those of us who became devoted fans early on we have watched Russell move from a hard-headed PI who attempted to hide his heart to a much more vulnerable human being. We have become Russell's friends – or, at least, Bidulka has created that lovely illusion. We rejoice with him on his successes, we grieve with him when he is troubled and when, as in Aloha, Candy Hearts, he is uncertain about choosing his future we share in his very human dilemma of balancing his own happiness against not wanting to hurt those he loves.

Aloha, Candy Hearts delivers on many levels and is the best addition yet to what is already a very strong series. It is a novel full of intelligence, wit and heart. Bidulka continues to top himself.

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Cancel Pride?

By Ellie Dexter

Do we really need a Pride parade to let people know we are here and we are queer? This question comes up every year as it gets closer to the event. Let me ask you this. Do we need the multitude of Santa Claus parades across Atlantic Canada? Would you consider cancelling the Remembrance Day parade? Some could say we are not at war so why do we need it? Traditional early military parades were a way of recruiting. I'm not comparing the two but just trying to point out the role parades play in our society.

Pride provides an opportunity to celebrate life openly with our community and show respect for those who serve and have served our community. Marches, as they are sometimes referred to were the precursor for our current parade. It's not just the frivolous party atmosphere that you might witness. There is something

far more serious behind it all. The Stonewall Riots along with the Civil Rights Movement in the 60's paved the way for us today. Our first parade in 1988 consisted of 75 men and women with their faces concealed to protect their identity as they marched down Spring Garden Road. There are places in Atlantic Canada that still get protesters. How about Truro's mayor, the one who refused to fly the Pride flag? If you think we don't need a parade after these examples maybe you think we should fade in to the background and be good citizens. Well we ARE good citizens: we pay our taxes, we are consumers, and we don't break the law.

I've heard people say, "I think the parade should go on but why do people have to be so outrageous?" Is this person talking about the drag queen in her thong, the leather boy with his bare ass in his chaps, or the dyke who goes topless? I'm sure any of



these would offend someone. What would you replace this with? I think the point is to shock people into paying attention, and frankly who would come to see it. And let me remind you that it is not illegal in Ontario for women to go topless. Let me paint a picture for you: a guy walking down the street on a hot summer day with his large man-boobs bouncing with every step he takes. It's not illegal. So, why is it so for women? You might say what place does this have in a pride parade? Pride has always been about creating an environment of equal

rights for everyone. It's also about diversity and the right to express it.

Ok, have I pissed you off? Good, now I have your attention. See how that works? And it does work. It brings the issues to the table and makes you ask questions. It helps you decide where you stand. You then have to come to grips with your opinion and how you will respond. Whether you open a discussion on some of these topics, go to the parade as an observer or supporter, march in the parade or help organize a pride event, you are saying that there still is a need for the parade. We must be seen and heard. People think that queer folk are no longer discriminated against, but there are many cases still being investigated by the human rights commission and there are so many others that go unreported. We have to show solidarity for those who can not stand alone. We have a duty to

represent gays all over the world who are still persecuted for their sexual orientation.

It's also a time of celebration. We celebrate our love for life and all things sparkly. So get out there and shine with the rest of us.

If all of those are not reason enough then here is another one. Remember that saying, "put your money where your mouth is"? Well, Halifax Regional Council spoke loudly and clearly by sending the message that Pride festivals are big business for tourism. Halifax Pride is now the fourth largest in the country and received Hallmark status with a cash award of of \$25,000 to go towards this year's celebration. With this year's theme, "Breaking Down Walls and Building Bridges," we can construct a new image of diversity in Atlantic Canada. And, you know we're all about bridges.

Review

Tom of Finland: XXL
Edited by Dian Hanson
Published by Taschen
Review from e-book by Randall Perry

If you're a gay man of any age and you've not heard of the artist Touko Laaksonen, otherwise known as Tom of Finland, even in passing, then you must have been living under a rock for the past five decades or so. If you're one of those rare few who've not heard the name, you most certainly have seen the art. The flawless faces. The impossible bubble-butts. The perfect bodies. The uniforms. And, of course, the cocks. I've always said cocks in porn come in three sizes: huge, gigantic, and Tom of Finland. "XXL" has an abundance of all this and more.

Tom of Finland is arguably the creator of the contemporary gay macho archetype. At a time when homosexual men were the weak sisters of society, he envisioned a different kind of queer: manly and potent, the alpha male equally comfortable with dominating other men with his cock while taking a big one up



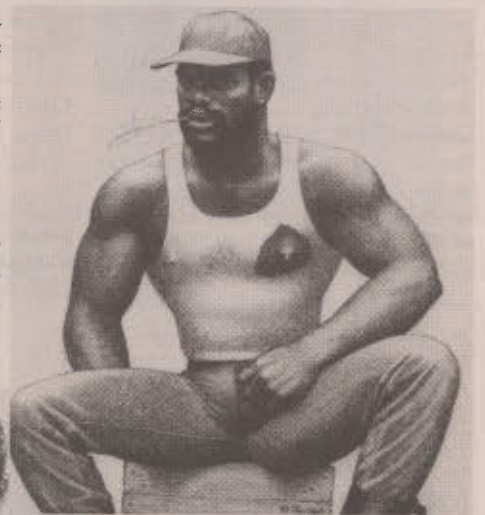
the ass. His unique brand of hyper-masculine has defined entire generations and sub-cultures of gay men. The look and feel of the art has been emulated in style by visual artists and photographers and in practice by devotees of the muscular and masculine.

I first encountered the art of

Tom of Finland as a university freshman, coming to terms with my sexuality and coming out of the closet, in the mid-1980's. While ensconced in an overstuffed chair in a quiet corner of the library, leafing through a book on gay history I flipped to a page full of painted sailors, leather men and cops, all of them getting it on and getting off in a public park under the moonlight. It was my first encounter with the gay as fully-realized masculine and the visual before me was a

sharp slap across the face—a pivotal moment in my life, one which I have never forgotten. Each page of "XXL" took me back to the very beginning of my awakening.

Divided up by decade, beginning with the 1940's and continuing through to the 1980's and including a section with rare and lost (and reconstructed) work, the artist's career is carefully traced



with art representative of the period and essays by such creative luminaries as Camille Paglia, Armistead Maupin, Todd Oldham, Jim French, John Waters and more. As is common with Taschen, the text is presented in English, French and German, giving the book an international feel and relevance. The book is introduced by Durk Dehner, president and co-founder of the Tom of Finland Foundation. Photos from the artist's life are liberally sprinkled throughout.

As an electronic book, "XXL" is stunning; I can only imagine how the content pops off the actual printed page.

Make no mistake; this book is not a Tom of Finland primer. At nearly 700 pages "XXL" is a big, meaty tome, spanning the entire compass of Laaksonen's career. It's jammed full of the good stuff, lovingly assembled and edited by Dian Hanson—one of her earlier efforts, the fabulous "Big Penis Book," sits proudly on my coffee table. I believe this authoritative study of Tom of Finland's work will be a treat for long-time fans, and its long shelf life will definitely garner new fans of the master's work. Worth every penny.

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GaySpaces: Free postings of GLBT-friendly places to live in Canada. email: info@gayspaces.org web: www.gayspaces.org

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

Healing Our Nations: Healing Our Nations is an Aboriginal HIV/AIDS service organization that serves the Atlantic region. (902) 492-4255 email: director@accesswave.ca web: www.hon93.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 15 Alderney Dr., Suite 3, Dartmouth, NS. B2Y2N2

Maritime Transgender Workplace Solutions Project: Transgender Issues Workshops and information resource. (902)568-2935 email: denisesined@ns.sympatico.ca web: www3.ns.sympatico.ca/winpapernews (No meetings, Workshops by arrangements, Information source when requested. Newsletter Odds & Sods bi-weekly)

Mr Atlantic Canada Leather Society: Dedicated to developing gay leather communities in the Atlantic region. email: waydo7@hotmail.com

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

Narcotics Anonymous: a fellowship of recovering drug addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. 1-800-205-8402 web: centralnovaarea.ca at Call the phone number or visit the web page for meeting times and places.

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

Wayves Magazine: Atlantic Canada's queer news and lifestyle magazine!. email: submissions@wayves.ca web: wayves.ca (Deadline: the first Friday of every month; Editorial meeting: the Monday following that; layout the Sunday following that. Email us to be put on our notification list!)

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ca web: www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074

Integrity: Supports and encourages Gays and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. email: integrityfredericton@live.ca web: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=46207976587, meets 3rd Sunday (4:00pm) at Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton at 874 York Street

PFLAG: Support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. (506) 455-7190 email: pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/Pflagfredericton/, meets 4th Tuesday (7-9 pm (except December: 2nd Tuesday)) at Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton 874 York St. Fredericton NB E3B 3R8

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Moncton Line Dancing: LINE DANCING for all levels from beginner to advanced. No partner required. No dress code. , meets every Wednesday (8:30pm sharp) at Triangles Bar, corner of St. George and Archibald.

PFLAG: Supporting all people with questions or concerns about sexual orientation and gender identity issues. (506) 869-8191 email: monctonnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd Monday (Occasionally on the 2nd Monday — please call) at 7:30-9:30pm, University of Moncton, Adrien-J.-Cormier Bldg., Room 302

River Of Pride: Organizes, promotes and produces Moncton's Pride events!. email: monctonriverofpride2008@gmail.com web: www.fiertemonctonpride.ca (every second Sunday evening, to discuss upcoming events and activities, everyone is welcome to attend. check out time / location posted on website) at Triangles bar 234 St. George St. Moncton NB

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Petit-Rocher (Bathurst area)

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club every Saturday night. See www.gngnb.ca for a list of upcoming events.) at 702 rue. Principale, Petit-Rocher NB. Look for rainbow flag and/or door with pink triangle at rear of parking lot.

Sackville NB/ Amherst NS

PFLAG: Support and education for GLBTT2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd Monday (7:30 to 9:30pm No meeting in July and August.) at Meeting location alternates monthly between Sackville: United Church Parlours, 112 Main Street, and Amherst: Maggie's Place, 12 LaPlanche Street

Saint John

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

AIDS Saint John: improve quality of life for those infected & affected by HIV, reduce the spread through education 652-2437 email: aids@nb.aibn.com web: www.aidsaintjohn.com

Gay Men's Supper Club: web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com, meets 3rd Saturday (See webpage for more information) at 220 Germain St

PFLAG: Provides support to anyone dealing with issues of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. (506)648-9700 or 648-9227 email: saintjohnnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/saintjohn, meets 1st Friday (1st Friday of each month September - June from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. 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: Pride Celebrations Committee. email: events@portcityrainbowpride.com web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

Safe Spaces Fundy Region: Committed to ending discrimination around issues of sexual orientation in youth. email: safespaces@gmail.com web: www.safespacesfundy.com (See our webpage for schedule of meetings and socials etc @ www.safespacesfundy.com)

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

The UNBSJ Q-Collective: A social and support organisation for UNBSJ students, staff and faculty. 506-648-5737 email: QCollect@UNBSJ.ca web: www.unbsj.ca/clubs/qcollective (The UNBSJ Q-Collective is interested in hearing from other university LGBTQ organisations and would like to possibly meet or collaborate.) at Various locations; event particulars will be emailed to anyone who registers with the UNBSJ Q-Collective and/or who gets the UNBSJ weekly "E News". Past events include the annual Rainbow Peace March, guest speakers, movie nights, participation in Maritime Pride Parades, Supporters of PFLAG Canada's "Communities Encourage Campaign" and "Champions Against Homophobia".

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

Gay Urban Youth Zone Project: designed to increase HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and STI knowledge and awareness 579-8656 (ext. 28) web: www.acnl.net at Tommy Sexton Centre 47 Janeway Place Pleasantville, across from the old Janeway Hospital AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador

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

Hepatitis Outreach Society: Since 1999 the Hepatitis Outreach Society has been providing support, education and prevention information for those infected and affected by hepatitis in the province of Nova Scotia. 420-1767 in HRM or 1-800-521-0572 email: info@HepatitisOutreach.com web: www.HepatitisOutreach.com at Our office is located at 2973 Oxford Street, between Liverpool and Cork streets. Please call to make an appointment or email Program@HepatitisOutreach.com.

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

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:

The Rainbow - Atlantic Awareness Society: email: tpineo@hotmail.com

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

Amherst & Area

The Cumberland Pride Society: for: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals. 660-5004 email: cumberlandpride@hotmail.com web: cumberland-pride.sytes.net, meets 3rd Sunday (2-4pm)

Sexual Health Centre Cumberland County: Open and inclusive services: information, education, workshops, free condoms. 667-7500 email: shccc@ns.aliantzinc.ca web: cumberlandcounty.cfish.info (9 - 5 drop-in or appt) at 11 Elmwood Drive. Confidential, hassle-free. Free condoms.

Antigonish

X-Pride: social & support group at X. 867-

5007 web: www.stfx.ca/people/xpride

Bridgewater

Sexual Health Centre for Lunenburg County: Confidential info, education&support for everyone. Safer sex supplies, library, pamphlets, workshops. 527-2868 email: LunCo@NSSexualHealth.ca web: www.LunCo.cfish.info (Hours vary. Open by appointment or by chance. Please call ahead.) at 4 Hillcrest Street Unit 8, Bridgewater. (On the corner of Dufferin and Hillcrest Streets). Closed during summers.

South Shore Pride Social Club: for 19 & older. 530-5986 email: info@southshorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca, meets 3rd Saturday (-- dances -- 9:00PM to 1:00AM) at Call or email for location.

Halifax

Affirm United: GLBT & Friends support, action and worshipping community within the United Church. 461-4528 email: alstew@eastlink.ca

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia: non-profit, community-based AIDS organization, provincially mandated. (902)425-4882 email: acns@acns.ns.ca web: www.acns.ns.ca

Alcoholics Anonymous: Live & Let Live AA Group for GLBT community. (902) 425-8383/422-4972 email: courage449@yahoo.com, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St Matthews United Church, 1479 Barrington St, Halifax (Use side door near Maritime Centre at bottom of stairs)

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing: 455-9656

Bedford United Church: An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada - ALL welcome. 835-8497 email: affirmingcongregation@bedfordunited.com web: www.bedfordunited.com, meets every Sunday (9 am service - Casual and contemporary - with free coffee and muffins before church to take into this service. 11 am service - Quieter and more reverent in tone, coffee after service. Call to confirm worship times as occasionally we have a 10 am combined service. Summer service at 10 am from June 21 - Sept. 6 inclusive) at 1200 Bedford Hwy at Sullivan's Hill, near Atlantic Gardens

BLT-Womyn of Halifax: Bi Sexauls, Lesbian, Transgender Womyn's Discussion Group. Sue's # 499-0335 email: sueandrews1964@hotmail.com web: ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynofhalifax/ (Every second Sunday evening 6pm - 7:30pm) at Dalhousie Women's Centre 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Bluenose Bears (BnB): BnB is a private men's membership based social group for Bears and their admirers. Membership Fees are \$5 for a year. Event Fees are \$1 for Members and \$2 for Guests. Email for more info!. email: BluenoseBears2008@yahoo.ca (Social Gatherings are generally held once a month, on a Tuesday evening.) at Menz Bar (often) but venues vary. Sorry, no 'drop ins'. Members and their Guests only!!

DalOUT: LGBTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: societies.dsu.ca/dalout, meets every Thursday (During the academic year we meet at about 7pm each Thursday night.) at Dalhousie University, check OUT our website or contact us for details

Frontrunners Halifax: Running/walking club. 422-7579 email: Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca web: www.frontrunners.org/clubs/index.php?club=Halifax, meets every Saturday, and every Tuesday, and every Thursday (Sat: 9:30am, Tue: 6:00 pm, Thu: 6:00pm) at Main gates of the Halifax Public Gardens, corner of Spring Garden Road and South

Park Street.

Get Out, Halifax!: Recreation activities (team activities, cycling, running, rowing - you name it) for metro & beyond!. web: www.getouthalifax.ca at Visit and get on the email list for more info.

Girl-ish Productions: Girl-ish puts on hot and heavy bi-monthly dance parties for queer-ish folks and their friends. email: girlishproductions@yahoo.ca web: www.girlish.ca

Hal-Gal Mailing List: Low-traffic Yahoo group providing events and information for queer women in the Halifax area. email: hal-gal@yahoo.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/hal-gal/ (Join the list to keep in touch or post your events.)

Halifax Sexual Health Centre: Anonymous HIV testing, open and inclusive sexual health clinical services, education and workshops. 455-9656 web: www.HalifaxSexualHealth.ca

Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society: Fundraising. 902-449-7612 web: www.imperialcourtns.com, meets 1st Sunday, and 2nd Sunday (Executive Meetings Are Currently Held Every Second Sunday) at Meeting Locations Vary

Koinonia Ecumenical Church: Meaning 'community'. Call or email Pastor Elaine for more information. 876-8771 email: koinonia@ns.sympatico.ca (bi-weekly at 12:30pm) at Halifax Feast, Maritime Centre

Manna For Health: A special needs referral food bank for those living with life threatening illness. 429-7670

Mount Pride: GLBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University. email: mountpride@yahoo.com, meets 1st Tuesday, and 3rd Tuesday (bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 12 noon) at The Diversity Center in Roseria on campus, and online (see email) 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.

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

Outlaw: GLBTQ & Allies Law Students

Association at Dalhousie Law School. email: chad.skinner@dal.ca web: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2416842853 (Meetings vary. Please email for further information or check out our Facebook group.) at Dalhousie Law School. 6061 University Avenue. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PFLAG: Support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. 431-8500 email: halifaxns@pflagcanada.ca, meets 1st Thursday (902-431-8500) at Halifax Youth Project, 2281 Brunswick St

Play Group for Queer Families: 422-8780 (3-5pm) at 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.

Pride Week: Producers of Atlantic Canada's largest LGBTQ cultural festival. 431-1194 email: info@halifaxpride.ca web: www.halifaxpride.ca (July 19 - 26, 2009)

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

Queer Play: A Queer performing arts group in Halifax NS. email: queerplay@gmail.com

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

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church: A Christian Church with an affirming ministry to the GLBT community. Everyone is welcome!. 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com, meets every Sunday (11 am) at Veith House, 3115 Veith Street, Halifax

Spirituality For Lesbians: 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. 459-2649, meets 2nd Wednesday (7:30-9PM, phone for meeting locations)

Team Halifax: All GLBT over 18, athletes and performance artists, as well as anyone willing to help out. 422-9510 web: www.teamhalifax.com (No fixed schedule

at this time, look on website for further details.)

The Youth Project: Support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under across Nova Scotia. Weekly events, plus a youth food bank and STI testing on site. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca, meets 1st Tuesday, and 3rd Tuesday (6-9pm) at 2281 Brunswick Street. 25 and under. Please refer to our website for details and schedule of upcoming events. 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,

Trans Family Nova Scotia: We are the Parents, Partners, Family, Friends & Allies of Trans-Identified Individuals. supporting one another. 902-431-8500 email: transfamily@eastlink.ca, meets 3rd Monday (6:30 to 8:30 pm) at The Youth Project (2281 Brunswick St., Halifax)

Universalist Unitarian Church: an inclusive liberal religious community 429-5500 email: uuchurch@eastlink.ca web: UUCH. ca, meets every Sunday (10:30; see website for special events) at 5500 Inglis St

Kentville

Red Door, The: Youth health adolescent center counselling, for up to age 30, all ages STD testing. 679-1411 web: thereddoor.ca (Monday through Friday, 1pm to 5pm, Wednesday open to 6:00) at 150 Park Street

Kingston

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House: socials for gay men; gay & lesbian dances 19+. 765-2821 email: menembracingmen@yahoo.ca web: faceitwithpride.tripod.com (Coffee every Thursday 7-9pm, Dances on the first Saturday of the month, for the exception of in November. There is two dances held in October, On the First Saturday and the Last Saturday of that Month and NO Dance in November.) at email or call for locations or special events or themes

Lunenburg

Second Story Women's Centre: We offer a meeting space for women, support counselling, programs, and referrals. (902)640-3044 email: secstory@eastlink.ca web: www.secstory.com at Second Story Women's

Centre is located at 22 King Street, Post Office Centre, Lunenburg.

Middleton

PFLAG: Information and support for GLBT community and their friends and families. 902-825-0548 email: middletonns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/middleton.html (Check online for meeting times and locations- or phone 825-0548)

New Glasgow

Pictou County Centre for Sexual Health: 695-3366 email: youth.access@ns.sympatico.ca

Pride of Pictou County: All GBLT in Pictou County. web: www.PrideofPictouCounty.ca (see web page for meeting info)

New Minas / Annapolis Valley

Valley Youth Project: Sexual Orientation. Gender Identity. Allies. Youth. email: valleyyouthproject@gmail.com (6-8:30 most Wednesdays through May) at New Minas Civic Center, 9209 Commercial St. Ages 25 & under. Free bus tickets available. Free food. Fun activities. Join us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Valley-Youth-Project/22418494995>

Sackville NB/ Amherst NS

PFLAG: Support and education for GLBT2IQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: sacknb-amns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/en/prov-list-e.asp?RegionNo=6&ProvAbbr=NB, meets 2nd Monday (Phone or e-mail for meeting location and details.) at Sackville:112 Main Street or Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

Sydney

AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton: Support, advocacy, prevention/education for those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Free condoms!. (902) 567-1766 email: joannerolls@accb.ns.ca, christineporter@accb.ns.ca web: www.accb.ns.ca (Free Anonymous Testing 1-902-567-1123 Check our Website for events and updates.) at 150 Bentinck St, Sydney, N.S. B1P 6H1

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

Group Harrison Society: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. (902)371-8752 web: groupharrison-societydancespi.piczo.com, meets every Saturday (of every month Admission \$6.50 -\$5.50 for members- Restricted 19 yrs and over) at 780 Upper Prince Street Horizon Achievement Centre (Kinsmen), Sydney PFLAG: Support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. Karen 564-8728 email: sydneyns@pflagcanada.ca, meets last Sunday (of the month at 7:30pm. No meetings for July and August.) at Family Place Resource Centre 106 Townsend Street, Sydney NS

Pride Cape Breton Society: Dances and Social Events. Monthly dances are Adults Only! Check website community events. (902) 539-4627 email: info@pridecapebreton.com web: www.pridecapebreton.com (Dances on the last Saturday of every month. Check website for dance and special event dates!) at Southend Community Centre. Maps are at our website.

Tatamagouche

Tatamagouche Centre: We are an affirming centre, welcoming all gay, lesbian, and transgendered people. 1.800.218.2220 email: tatacent@tatacentre.ca web: www.tatacentre.ca

Truro

Colchester Sexual Assault Centre: Provides support and information to anyone (GBLTQ included) affected by sexual assault and abuse. 902-897-4366 email: trurosexualassault@hotmail.com (Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30) at 80 Glenwood Drive

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

PFLAG: Support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. 662.3774

RESPECT: Students Making Healthy Decisions. 893-6300 email: respect@nsac.ca at P.O. Box 550, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, N.S. B2N 5E3

SAAFE (Supporting An Alternative Friendly Environment): Social/support group at the NS Agricultural College. 893-6300 email: lyoung@nsac.ns.ca (Meetings as requested. Membership changes each academic year.)

Truro Pride: A group supporting GLBT individuals in the Colchester County. 895-0931 email: truropride@hotmail.com, meets every Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) at FairTrade Cafe on Prince Street, between Commercial and Dominion Streets.

Wolfville

Acadia Pride: Acadia Student Union's LGBT2IQ group. 585-2165 email: acadiapride@acadiu.ca web: euler.acadiu.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (9:00pm (during academic year)) at Beverage Forum (old SUB)

Acadia Women's Centre: 585-2140 email: womens.centre@acadiu.ca (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

Prince Edward Island (902)

AIDS PEI: AIDS PEI creates a supportive environment for PHA's to all residents of PEI. 902-566-2437 email: info@aidspei.com web: www.aidspei.com at 144 Prince Street Charlottetown, PE C1A 2R6

ARC -- Abegweit Rainbow Collective: Serving GLBT Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: info@arcpei.ca web: www.arcpei.com, meets 2nd Tuesday (7:30 PM) at 144 Prince Street

Gay PEI Mailing List: Electronic mailing list for all GLBT, questioning and friendly, focus is on PEI. email: gay-peiowner@yahoo.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pei/ at All first posts are moderated to stop spambots, otherwise, it's an open list.

GLBT Youth group: Safe Space Drop-Ins. 367-3408 or toll free 1 877 380 5776 (E-mail us for further details.) at 144 Prince St.

PFLAG Canada - PEI: Providing support, education and advocacy for GLBT persons, their families and friends in PEI. 902-887-3620 email: pflagpei@eastlink.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca, meets 3rd Tuesday at Ferry Road Centre, 24 Ferry Road, Cornwall, PE or Stratford City Hall check with Mary or Bill Kendrick on this months location by calling 902-887-3620.

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THU: dance karaoke. FRI: CIRCUS = house trax, go-go dancers. SAT: POWER = mainstream dance. SUN: live bands & DJs. Latest info: boomnightclub.ca.

Moncton

For Moncton Pride Events see our centre section (pages 10,11)

Every Thursday

LGBT AND FRIENDS VOLLEY BALL! École carrefour de l'acadie gym. No experience required. Info: Rodge at 204-4704 and Oscar at 955-9217 \$5.00 / player includes refreshments.

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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.

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.

TRIANGLES, 234 St George Street, Moncton NB E1C 5B1, (506)857-8779

Wednesday - Free pool with happy hour all night. Learn to line dance FREE with Jean-Marc - starts at 8:30, followed by Karaoke at 11:00. The Wednesday card club still meets at 8:30 also. Thursday - House Party with DJ's Sonny D and Just Jack at 11:00. \$4.00 cover. Student's get staff prices all night with student card. Friday - it's request night. Dance to all your favourite tunes all night long. Cover \$5.00 Saturday - Best dance music in town with DJ daBoss. No cover till 10:00. Happy hour till 11:00. Admission \$6.00. Sunday - Free pool and happy hour all night. Monday & Tuesday - Closed. Check out our monthly event page at www.trianglesbar.com and keep up to the Pride events - www.fiertemonctonpride.ca

Saint John

Element Dance Bar

August Pride Events - 112 Prince William Street, 506-657-5730 - www.elementdancebar.ca
Please note: Although the

official Saint John Pride Week has been canceled, events at Element are still going forward. Contact the bar for more information!

Saturday, August 1st
Element's Countdown To Pride "ORANGE" Night. Two weeks left until Pride! Lots of prizes to be given out. DJ Kraker will be spinning some great dance, house and electro house music. Remember to wear your brightest Orange clothes! 11pm-2am. \$5 Cover.

Friday, August 7th:
Pride Week Friday Night with DJ Double Dee @ Element Dancebar. Double Dee spins all your favourite tunes! 10pm-2am. \$3 Cover.

Saturday, August 8th
Element's Countdown To Pride "RED" Night. One week left until Pride! Lots of prizes to be given out. DJ Kraker will be spinning some great dance, house and electro house music. Remember to wear your brightest Red clothes! 11pm-2am. \$5 Cover.

Sunday, August 9th:
Element Sunday Afternoon OTTD (Open Turntables & Decks) 3pm-8pm. Come on down for an afternoon of socializing while enjoying some beats and tunes from several local and visiting DJ's. Hosted by the Saint John DJ Farm. Held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Saturday, August 15th
Element's Pride Week "WHITE" Party. Saint John's Biggest Pride Party! Lots of prizes to be given out. DJ Kraker will be spinning some great dance, house and electro house music. Remember to wear your whitest of white clothes! 11pm-2am. \$5 Cover.

Sunday, August 16th
Element's Pride Week Drag Show. 8pm- Midnight. \$5 Cover.

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Halifax

August 24

Art Show Opening: Calliope: An Evening with the Muses at Alderney Landing 6:30 p.m.

September 27

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Thursdayz POOR BOY Night - 60oz Pitcher of Draught ONLY \$13.50, TEQUILA SHOTS ONLY \$3.75, All SHOOTERS \$2.50 & FREE HOT DOGS with Drink Purchase all night long!

Fridayz Dance Party with house DJ Needles & DJ Bear. FREE Cover before 10pm (\$5 after 10pm). Happy Hour from 3pm till 10pm! All SHOOTERS \$2.50.

Saturdayz Dance Party with house DJ Needles or DJ Bear. FREE Cover before 10pm (\$5 after 10pm). Happy Hour from 3pm till 10pm! All SHOOTERS \$2.50.

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Truro

First Sunday of each month

Rainbow Proud: We are the LGBT community of Truro and surrounding areas. We are an organizational group that meets to plan activities ie: parades, outings, dances and such. We meet the first Sunday of each month. (Taking a break during summer months) We could always

use some more help, so if you are interested in joining our group or if you are looking for information about the LGBT community, check www.rainbowproudnovascotia.ca

Sponsored by and for more information Costa Kasimos, Planned Parenthood, 709-579-1009, www.nlsexualhealthcentre.org

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Charlottetown

August 8 - Mavor's Studio, Confederation Centre of the Arts, corner Grafton & Queen.

Dance party sponsored by ARCPEI. 10PM to 2AM. See www.arcofpei.com for more info.

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The Last Word

Freedom To/Freedom From

By Randall Perry

I confess I'm a news junkie. At any given point I can be found with my nose in a newspaper or reading blogs or checking Twitter or listening to the radio or watching Newsworld. I admit to watching the local CBC news, then switching over to the Toronto news on CBC's high-def channel, then watching the whole thing again on the National.

I like to keep up on what's happening in the world. We live in a media-saturated culture with a short attention span where a devastating plane crash is news for a day until Perez Hilton makes a stink about being smacked around by will.i.am's manager. I never lack for the juicy bits.

June was a doozy of a month, with high-profile celebrity deaths, man-made disasters and yet another Republican sex scandal. (I submit that Michael Jackson did Farrah Fawcett a round-about favour by dying on the same day, therefore moving the

media circus away from her casket and around his.) July is shaping up to be another interesting month, having lead off with two diametrically-opposed headlines this Pride season: "India Decriminalizes Gay Sex" and "Police Raid at Fort Worth Gay Bar Lands Patron in Hospital."

According to a recent report released by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, anti-gay hate crimes are on the rise in the United States and are at their highest level in ten years. This comes at a time when we gays are (supposedly) enjoying greater levels of equality and more freedom to be than in the past. Some say the cause is the passing of same-sex marriage laws in more states that threatens the right-wing nut jobs into violent action; others say there's just more reporting going on, that people feel it's their right and duty to speak out when it happens.

As for me, I say it's never been a better time to be gay and yet it's never been a worse time. We have

unprecedented freedoms to be who we want to be, to live our lives as we see fit. Unfortunately, many of the things on our "freedom to" list are also balanced on a "freedom from" list. Having put in all the work to secure at least some of our basic

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societal equalities we should be able to enjoy freedom from oppression and violence, be it verbal or physical. That's "we should be able." Not "we are able." On the fortieth anniversary of the riots at the Stonewall Inn a gay bar in Fort Worth, Texas, was raided by local police, ostensibly looking for public intoxication, ending up knocking heads. The story made the New York Times and after initial claims that bar patrons made sexual advances towards the officers were

backpedaled, there is now a full-scale investigation underway to find the cause.

On the other side of the pond, India's GLBT's have reason to celebrate this Pride season. After an eight year court battle, the high court in New Delhi has given a sizeable chunk of the world's gay citizens critical new freedoms—the freedom to love and the freedom from criminality—by repealing a section of the India Penal Code best left in the 1860's, when it was first passed.

In 2009, how far have we really come? Do a few same-sex marriage laws and some changes to human rights legislation really protect us from those who still—and probably always will—see us as "the other"? We in the west sometimes take our freedoms for granted. There was once a time when we were once illegal in Canada. News out of India serves to remind me that in many areas around the world the journey has just begun. News out of Fort Worth reminds

me that my freedoms are still out of balance.

Over 20 years ago I began marching in the streets, hoping that my voice added to others would form an irresistible chorus for change. I wrote, and still write, letters and articles and essays and fiction and poetry in protest. I've experienced a revolution still in progress. I celebrate with my community the victories but I don't see the world through the rose-coloured glasses I once wore. I am always vigilant and question everything and I believe others should do the same. Perhaps this has made me jaded and somewhat coloured my outlook—no matter.

It's our collective responsibility to help safeguard the gains we've helped attain and respond when they're violated. Maybe on the fiftieth anniversary of Stonewall I'll be able to lift my glass to full equality for all, everywhere.

Letters

Dear Wayves Readers

While on the rocks beyond the nude beach I was approached by an officer of Halifax Regional Police on June 18 advising me that nudity was not permitted. He then continued further down the rocks looking for other naked people. One man was told he could be ticketed. Nudity on the sand is okay but not the rocks beyond the beach.

It would seem to me that a better use of that officer's time might be patrolling in the area of the latest shootings and stabbings.

Dear Readers,

I'm a single straight woman and I am writing you here in Wayves because I want to have a child, am looking for the right sperm donor to help me do so, and am seeking ways to access possible matches in the gay male community.

In brief, my hope is to find somebody who would help me conceive so that I could raise the child as a single parent amidst the support of a committed network of family and friends. Thus the donor would not share custody/childcare nor bear

any financial support responsibilities, although he might have some sort of relationship with the child if he wanted to and if that seemed workable after some discussion.

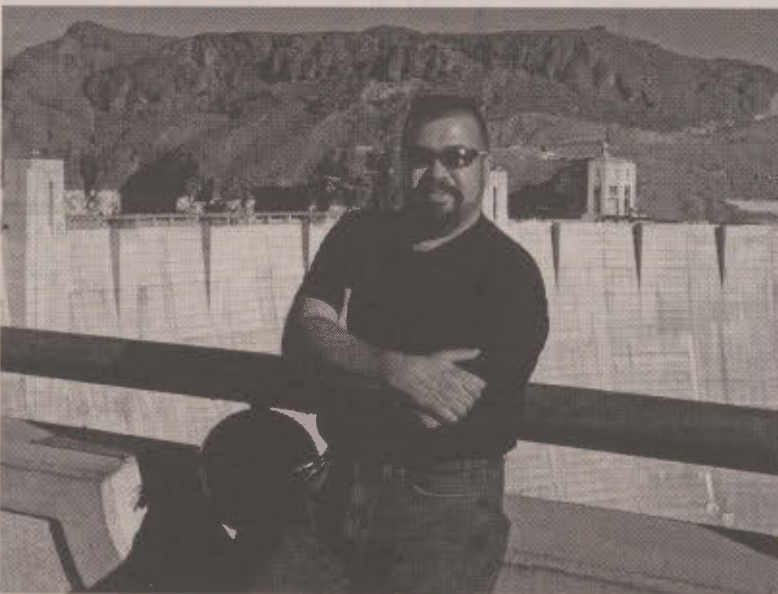
And what could I offer to him return? Honesty, warmth, appreciation, a funky yet grounded baby-mama for his offspring, and the chance for him to be part of a wonderful and unique story of creation.

If you think you might be interested in helping me or have some more questions, you can reach me at mamacita.sola@hotmail.com.

Thanks for your interest.

are a few reliable travelling buddies to share the adventures with. That is why networking is essential, to determine compatibility and like-mindedness.

So if this is you, I would love to hear about your dreams of "places in the sun" and help make them come true. I can be reached by email at bwentzell@live.ca.



A note of thanks from Doug Melanson

To you all for the kindness you have shown me since my cancer diagnosis in early May 2009.

The many calls, visits, cards, letters, emails and offers of help from so many of my wonderful friends here in Halifax and around the country. It is truly heartfelt and greatly appreciated. As well as all the positive responses received from so many well wishers in our community at large have been overwhelming!

My treatment plan has started. It will encompass 27 weeks of chemo followed by an extended schedule of

an additional 24 months. The following days and months will be filled with hope, faith, courage, and thoughts of a bright future.

I would like to say a special thank you to everyone for your sincere heartfelt wishes, prayers and continued support on the journey ahead.

To my daughter Alex, son Tyrone, step children Chris and Ali and my husband Glenn, I love you and embrace every moment we share with open arms and cherish the love we share as a family.

To all thank you for being part of my life.

Doug/Daddy xo

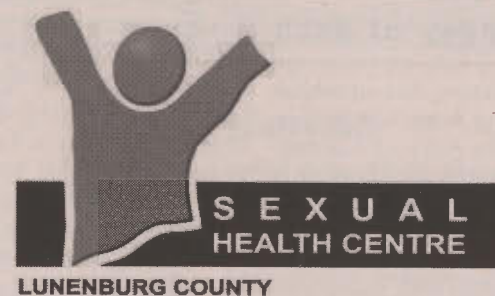
Dear Wayves:

If you have the travel itch, some free time and extra money, and a venture-some spirit, then I would love to hear from you. I am a globe "trekker" with many great experiences and wonderful stories in exploring our small planet earth. And sometimes I just want to laze about at some warm resort and be pampered. It is called "self-care" and I practice it a lot these days.

My latest plans are focusing on Australia and New Zealand. Does that fit into your plans? They are two of the best holiday destinations anywhere in the world, and are known for their beaches, scenery, friendly folks and party reputations. I know "Mates," for I tried to keep up with them! And where they live there is always lots of reliable sun, scenery and suds. It is no wonder why I keep going back.

If this is one of your dreams, I would love to hear from you. I plan to travel there when the next "cold season" comes our way. As you know, it is always summer down there. Could you see yourself free to escape there in the next twelve months?

And if not, I also like short get-away trips to the Caribbean, Central and South America, or who knows where? Two people are always cheaper and more fun than one. It is a shrinking world that we inhabit. Travel opportunities have never been easier and cheaper. All that is needed



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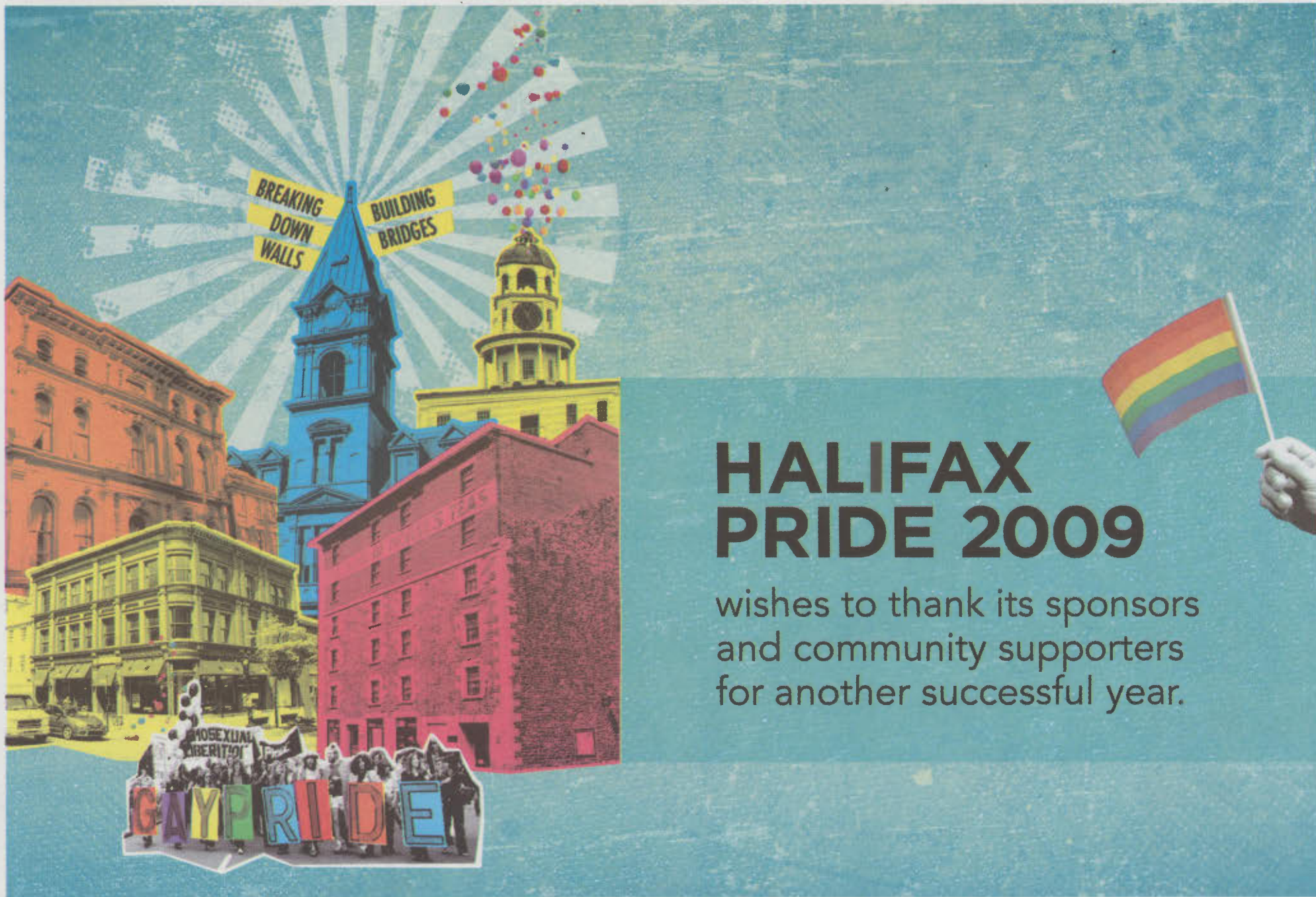
YOU TELL US

Last month Wayves asked you "During this time of Pride celebrations, what makes you proud to be a member of the LGBT community?" We received several responses:

Some of the comments were: "the fact that we welcome all humans to our community makes me very proud." "it gives me pride [that] I'm gay. that I belong to a community without feeling lost." The final comment though said it all: "Being me!"

This month's question:

What makes a city more LGBT - friendly? You Tell Us at www.wayves.ca



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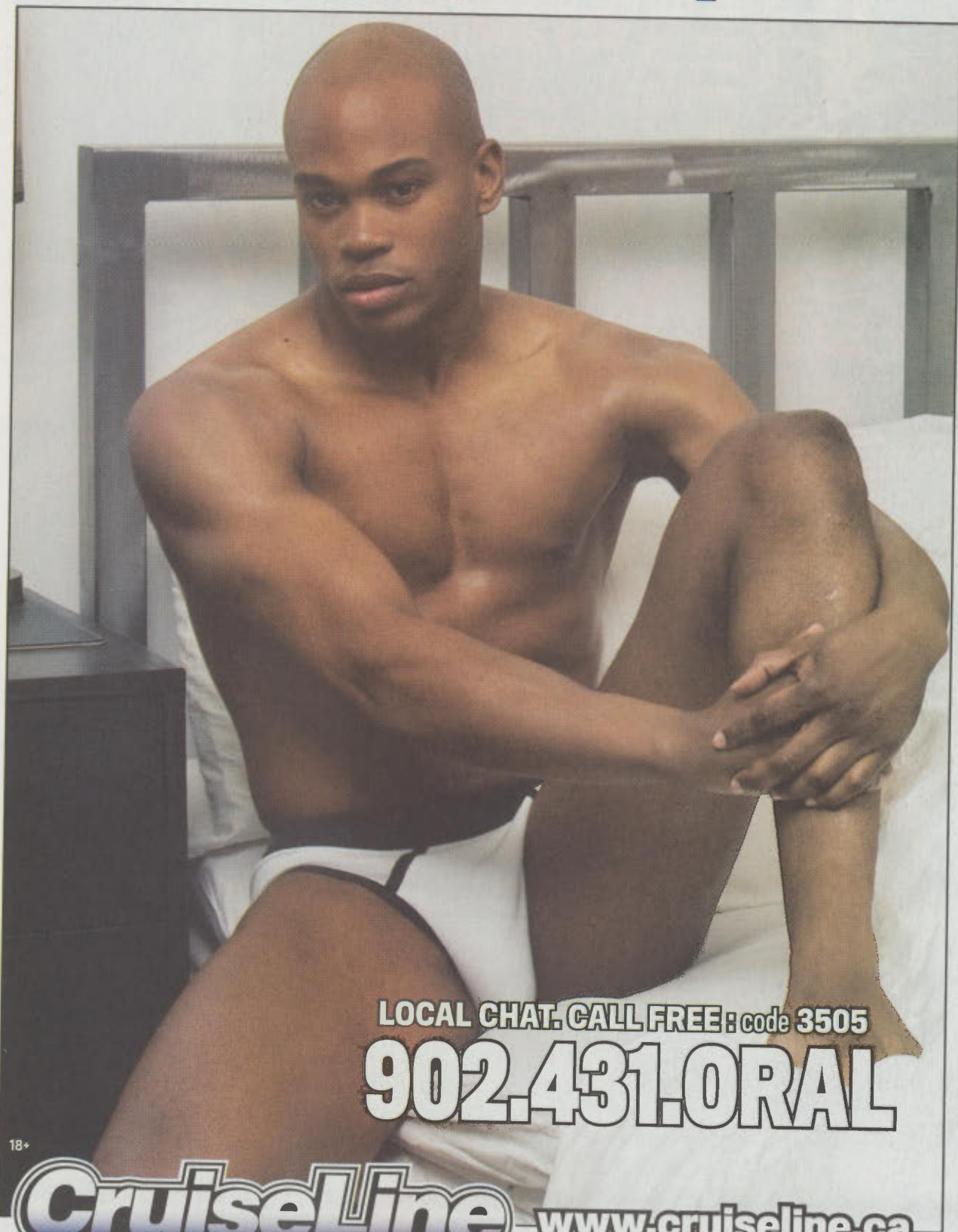
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