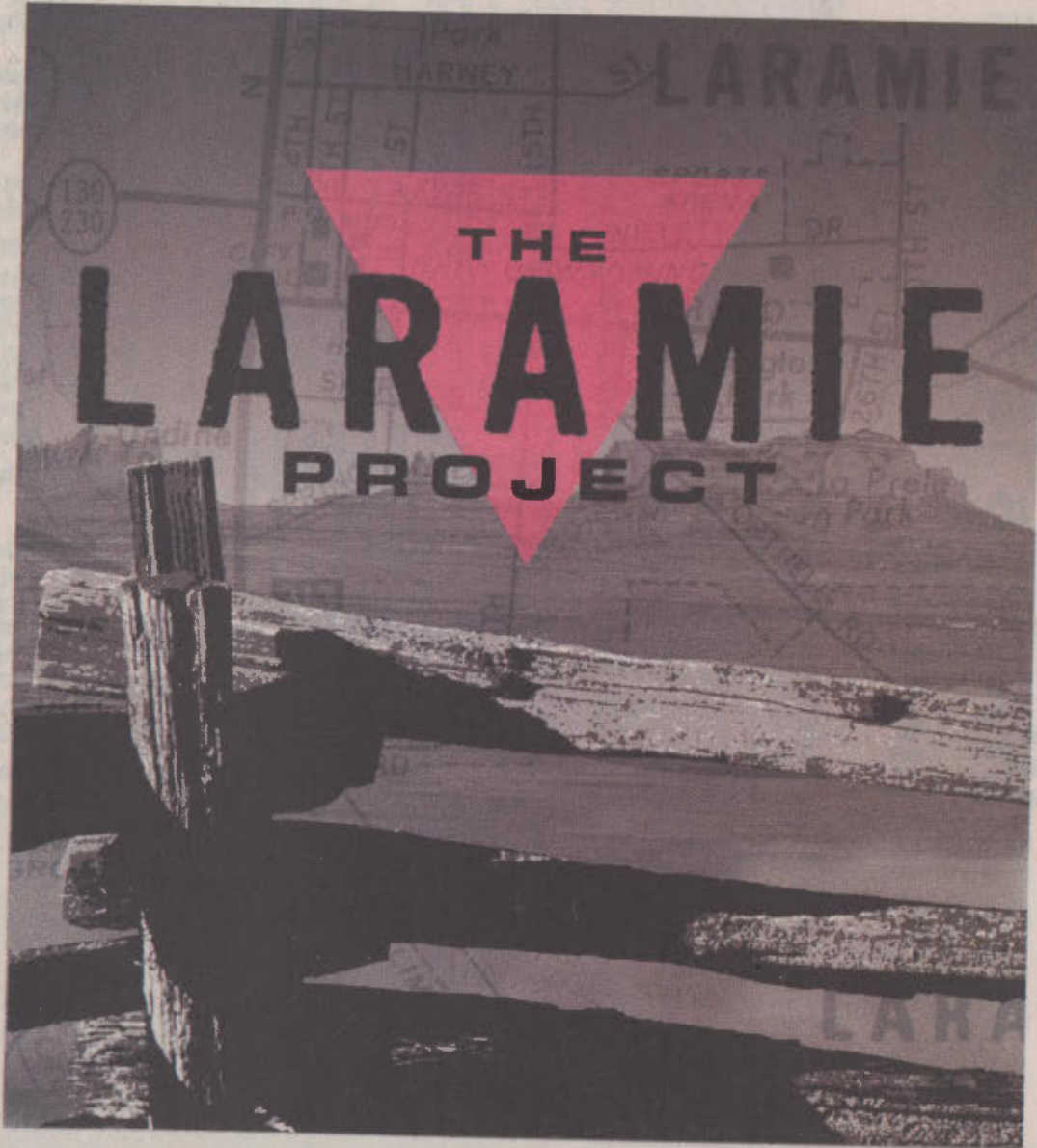


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Wayves is Hiring!

(sort of)

By Cameron MacLeod

Dear Friend of Wayves!

Wayves Magazine is growing, and we need a bigger team to help us make the magazine the best it can be.

We are volunteer-run and non-profit, so we're not able to offer a salary. But if you're interested in writing, or taking photos, or editing, or graphics, or helping steer the paper in exciting new directions, then we should talk!

Wayves won't pay you, so why should you volunteer? Because a) it would help us become a better magazine, and b) if you're interested in writing and journalism, this is a great way to gain experience. Also, you might become famous! Who knows where your contributions might take you?

Positions available

1. Staff Reporter: file stories about what's happening in your

part of Atlantic Canada. Including but not limited to court cases, human rights hearings, same-sex partner benefits being offered or refused, homophobic or transphobic comments by politicians, etc. No required number of stories or

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size of stories, but you'd be put on an email list to be notified when we need someone to volunteer to cover a story. No experience required, but a good command of English is an asset.

2. Staff Photographer: attend queer-related or newsworthy events and take pictures. Email the digital version of the pictures to Wayves, along with captions and names of people pictured. No required number of photos, but you'd be put on an email list to be notified

when we need someone to volunteer to cover a story. No experience required, but a digital camera would be an asset.

3. Layout Editors: attend monthly production meetings (see Wayves Events Calendar for schedule) and decide what goes into each issue. Decide what pages will look like, edit articles to make them easier to read, and get an occasional free lunch out of the deal. No experience required whatsoever, just bring a sense of humour.

Are you interested in any of these positions? Email the Wayves team at submissions@wayves.ca and tell us about yourself, or just show up at one of our meetings! All are welcome, we don't bite! We'd love to have you on board. Remember, Wayves is volunteer-run, so it will get better only with your help!

Queer Theatre In Halifax

The Birth Of Menial Sins'

By Ryan Auld

On October 6th, 1998, 21 year old Matthew Shepard was lured from a bar in Laramie, Wyoming. His abductors, two men around his own age, from his own town, drove him to the outskirts of the city and proceeded to beat him with a pistol, rob him, and torture him repeatedly. Finally, they left him tied to a fence post to die because he was gay. He was found unconscious late the next day by a young boy riding by on his bicycle. Matthew was brought into a hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado where he remained in a coma until he passed away on Monday, October 12th, just 6 days after the assault.

The event picked up national attention, and all too soon, the small town of Laramie was on the world stage.

Hate put Laramie on the map, but that was not image of Laramie that Moisés Kaufman wanted people to see. There was more at hand, a much more intimate experience that the news cameras were not sharing. With members of New York's Tectonic Theater Project, he headed down to Laramie to show the real effect of the event.

Over the course of a year, they made 6 trips to Laramie and recorded over 200 interviews with the town's people. These inter-

views were brought back to New York where they were transformed into the troupe's experimental form of theater called tectonic theater. The troupe began by converting the interviews they had gathered into monologues. These monologues were then arranged by their content to act like the earth's tectonic plates. Monologues would come together by their arrangement and

create peaks of intensity, or move apart from each other to create gullies of emotion.

This format lent itself well to the story Moisés Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Project wanted to present. Just as the moun-

tains and valleys of emotion would be allow to stand side by side in contrast, they could carry on with this theme and allow the two sides of Laramie to be shown: both the hate, and the compassion.

This October, 6 years after Matthew's death, Menial Sins' Theater Company makes its debut performance with Moisés Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Project's The Laramie Project. Formed by Producer Ryan Auld, Director Kat Biondi, and Stage Manager and Assistant Producer Danielle Trottier, Menial Sins' Theater Company hopes to offer Halifax a different form of theater. Menial Sins' has

set themselves out to fill a niche in the city of Halifax by trying to create a form of queer friendly theater which will appeal to both gay and straight audiences. To accomplish this, Menial Sins' will make a concentrated effort to offer shows which deal with issues that affect both the gay and straight community.

The play will feature actors

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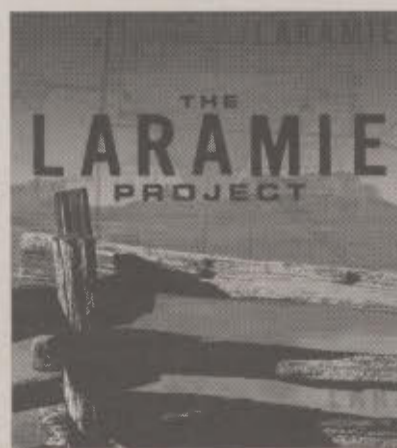
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Blair LeBlanc, organizer of the Second Annual Men's Weekend at The Mermaid and the Cow Campground, and Jane Morrison, owner of The Mermaid and the Cow, during the fundraising weekend for the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia.

Also pictured is Saint John's newest bar, Babylon East, and our background is a reference to The Laramie Project, a deeply moving play based on the 1998 hate murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming. The Laramie Project will be staged at Club Vortex in Halifax October 14-16.

Mea Culpa - Last Month's Cover

The great Pride photos from the September issue's cover were provided by Tim Humphrey and Brandt Eisner, of Halifax. Cameron MacLeod apologizes for forgetting to thank them in the issue.



Atlantic News



Camping Successfully Raises \$ for ACNS

Despite rain, the second annual Men's Weekend at the Mermaid And The Cow Campground, August 6th to 8th, reached record numbers for attendance and raised \$675.75 for the Nova Scotia AIDS Coalition via a silent auction. Over 60 men attended the camping weekend at the gay owned and operated Mermaid and The Cow campground located in West Branch, Pictou County, owned by Jane Morrigan and Deb Tupper. Said Morrigan, "We wanted to give something back to the community that supports our campground." The idea for a silent auction was

hatched between Morrigan and Blair LeBlanc and was a great learning experience for them both in learning how to successfully raise money for a worthy cause. Most items sold for full market value, some for even more. Morrigan and LeBlanc would like to thank all those who attended for their support, and their good company. LeBlanc says he would like to make it an annual event. Thanks also to Ned MacInnis from the NS AIDS Coalition for providing advice on fund raising and tax receipts to those businesses that wanted them.



Blair & Jane

Coronation Will Be A Ball

By Raymond Taavel

Move over Queen Elizabeth, Prince William and the rest of the Windsors. During the week of October 17th to 24th, the Imperial Barony of Halifax will be making way for a royal family of barons and baronesses, emperors and empresses from many point across the continent: Vancouver, Hamilton, London, Toronto, Chicago, New York City, Houston, Buffalo, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton, to name but a few.

These out of town guests will descend on Halifax to represent their respective Imperial realms and will be gathering here to mark a couple of major events in the life of ISCANS. Firstly, the society has been in existence long enough to be elevated from a "barony" to an "imperial court" with peers nationally and internationally. Secondly, Coronation will see the election of new sovereigns over this new Imperial Realm of Halifax.

There is an impressive list of seven candidates running in an election for the top jobs of Emperor and Empress this year: Gary Turner, Alan Dowding, David McMillan for Emperor, Diva Dee, Mz Vicki, Mame St. Clair and Deva Station for Empress.

ISCANS is now entering year five of its existence as a fundraising community organization. Jerry Lutz, Prime Minister of ISCANS reflected on that, "I am pleased to

see the dream of a court system in Halifax succeeding beyond our imaginations. This year we are not only seeing our goal of being elevated as an Imperial court but we have an excellent group of candidates running for our goodwill ambassador positions."

The imperial candidates began

"We applaud all those in the community who have helped make this year" — Baroness IV Boom Boom Lubalicious

their campaigns on September 25th. The campaigns are due to wind down by October 15th. Advanced polls will be held at Alter Egos on Gottingen St. on October 9th (1-9pm) and election day will be at C'est Si Bon on Barrington St. October 16th (1-9pm).

The Coronation Ball will be held at the Westin Nova Scotia Saturday, October 23rd beginning with cocktails at 6:00pm. Tickets are currently on sale at Venus Envy and Club NRG2. For more information on Coronation week please visit imperialcourt.com or email info@imperialcourt.com.

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Queer Health

By Dr Rod Wilson

Last month article by Dawn Archambault outlined the Halifax Rainbow Health project (HRH) that has received funding and opened an office in the Bloomfield Centre. At the same time the organizers of this project (GLB Youth Project, NSRAP, AIDS Coalition of NS) were applying for funding, Capital District Health Authority (CDHA) put out a call for expressions of interests from individuals or groups, who had ideas around improving primary care within CDHA. The focus was to increase health promotion/prevention within communities and to develop creative ways for improving primary care.

With this in mind, I submitted a letter outlining some of the barriers that members of the Gay, Les-

bian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Intersexed (GLBTI) community face, and the difficulties that exist in finding a health care provider who is both knowledgeable and sensitive to the needs of someone from our community. I also stressed that while some services for the community do exist, they are not well coordinated. All this together leads to many barriers and different health outcomes for a member of the GLBTI community.

It was then suggested that the way to improve access and outcomes for the community was to



look at the possibility of developing a community health centre for the GLBTI community. The goal of this centre would be to improve access to a primary care provider who has a comprehensive education on GLBTI health issues. Such a centre could also help coordinate and build on existing services. This was submitted in Dec 2003 and received support by the CDHA in March

2004, to be further developed into a proposal. The proposal needs to answer three questions: what are the needs of the community, what model would be best to deliver care

in CDHA and how much would it cost.

A consultant, Karen Pyra was hired and funding provided to answer these questions. This came at the same time the HRH project received federal funding to develop standards of care for primary care providers in the GLBTI community. Is this luck or has Halifax now joined the 21st century! As we are a small community here in Capital District, a working committee has been put together to advise Dawn and Karen on direction and how to reach both groups and individuals within our community, to get their input to both projects. Focus groups have been organized and there will also be ways developed for those who cannot attend one of these groups to provide input

individually. Both of these projects have a lot of potential and exciting opportunities for our community. It is important we hear from as many people as we can! We live in a diverse community and need to hear from all members. What ever proposal is developed will go back to CDHA by November 2004 for final submission and hopefully approval to go forward. The HRH project will continue for another year after that.

Time is limited, so contact Dawn or Karen at hrh_project@yahoo.ca soon, to find out how you can provide input to improve our health care!! The address is 2786 Agricola Street, Halifax, B3K 4E1, phone 902-444-7887 or fax 902-832-1269.

National Queer Health Conference

"Homophobia is killing us," says Gens Hellquist, executive director of the Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition (CRHC). "Our health care system does not respond well to the needs of this community."

The CRHC is hosting a national conference in Gatineau, QC from November 4 to 7 to bring together health professionals, administrators, health policy analysts and health activists from the GLBT community to explore ways to partner to better address the range of health issues endemic to the GLBT community. The conference, Rainbow Health

2004 - Improving Access To Care - Many Faces/Diverse Voices is an important part of the initiative which is funded until March 31, 2006.

The conference will feature a number of keynote speakers including Dr. Terry Tafoya, a Two-Spirit psychologist and story teller from Seattle; transgenered health issues; Dave Bill Ryan, a professor at the McGill Centre for Applied Family Studies



and one of the major researchers on GLBT health and homophobia in this country; Viviane Namaste, an assistant professor at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute at Concordia University who has conducted research and written extensively on transgenered health issues; Dave Hingsburger, an internationally renowned behavioral therapist

from Ontario who will address sexuality issues for GLBT people with disabilities; and Kimberley Hope Johnson, an activist on HIV, addiction, homelessness and youth at risk issues from Toronto. Other keynote speakers will be confirmed shortly and over 50 workshops will

address the many health and well-ness and access to care issues faced by GLBT people. Information on the conference and the CRHC can be obtained online at www.rainbowhealth.ca or by calling 1-800-955-9129.

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Under 21 and Queer

Ten Profiles of Queer Life in Atlantic Canada

This two part series takes a brief look at the lives of youth in Atlantic Canada. This part in the series written by Kris Trotter looks at three young people who currently live and love in Moncton, NB.

By Kris Trotter

Matt works at a call centre, having recently left five years of retail managing for a famous clothing chain. "SS" is a film maker. Drew is a Constituent Administrative Assistant for NB MLA Joan McAlpine by day, and a master stylist at a spa by night. These three young adults make up part of the gay community in Moncton, New Brunswick. I had originally called Lisa White of SIDA /AIDS Moncton to ask if I might sit in on a Safe Spaces meeting and interview some queer youth about their lives. Safe Spaces started as a Health Canada project for l/g/b/t youth in Moncton, Halifax, Kamloops and Montreal. Since then various sources of funding have come and gone. Today SIDA AIDS Moncton makes Safe Spaces a part of their programming, with various funding sources including, once again, Health Canada. Unfortunately the group was not meeting in the summer. Instead, Lisa kindly introduced me to her under-25 friends Matt, SS and Drew, each of whom agreed to talk with me about their lives as non-straight Monctonians. They are from diverse communities, cultures and experiences. I interviewed them separately, but each of these three young people impressed me greatly. They are torch-bearers, with a new message about change via strength, patience and optimism.

Matt is a 23-year-old with a melodious voice and a happy demeanor. We started with his 'coming out' story, which we agreed is a classic one: "I always knew I was different. In junior high the other kids, except for my circle of close (girl) friends, ostracized

there's no better way (than being gay) to ruin a family.

me." Later, in high school, Matt came out to some close friends while they were in the middle of the woods during a camping trip. "Never do this!", he advised, noting that some of the friends that night took the news 'badly', and there was Matt in the middle of nowhere, stuck with people who (at least initially) weren't supportive. He mused, "Funny - my friend on that trip who was Baptist to the Nth degree took it well, and my supposedly open-minded friends seemed to have more problems with the news." He notes that the media have made it a lot easier to be not-straight compared to how he imagines it must have been back in the '80s (when this writer came out). We discussed the impact on queer youth of shows such as Will

and Grace, and MuchMusic broadcasting the Toronto Pride Parade.

In his retail job and now at the call centre, Matt has been totally accepted and appreciated as a gay man by his employers and co-workers. Home, however, is a different story. "In the family we don't discuss the fact that I'm gay. My parents don't accept it. We have a 'don't ask, don't tell' rule." "When my younger brother gets married then I think the pressure will be off me, and I can be free to be 'the weird gay brother!'" he laughed. When he was 19 Matt's mother told him, during an argument, that "there's no better way (than being gay) to ruin a family." He moved out, from the suburbs to the city, where he gradually found freedom and acceptance.

I don't even know if there are businesses who would close their doors to lesbian and gay staff, but if there are, they don't realize that they are closing their door to some of the best and the brightest!

Matt says there is not a good dating scene in Moncton. "Gay male youth are into one night stands. That disgusts me. I value emotions over sex. I'd rather know somebody and have some security than just go home with them and have a fling. To me that's a waste of my time, and a risk to my health. I'm a minority in that viewpoint." He has, however, what sounds like a broad, strong circle of friends of all types. I asked Matt, "Many gay youth, I suspect, are lonely - how does someone go about making as many friends as you seem to have?" His response was, "By being accepting. Some of my friends now, when I first met them, I might have thought, 'ohmygod I can't go to the mall with that person, it would be too embarrassing.' But by keeping an open mind that person can turn out to be one of your greatest friends."

Matt would love to go to university but wants to be sure that whatever he picks to study will be something he can be happy at "for twenty or thirty years." I asked him if he felt that being gay might limit his career options. He lit up like a sparkler on Canada Day! "If someone told me I couldn't have a job because I was gay - too flamboyant - I wouldn't stand for it. No way! I don't even know if there are businesses who would close their doors to lesbian and gay staff, but if there are, they don't realize that they are closing their door to some of the best and the brightest! My orientation doesn't lessen my ability or make me any less appropriate. When I was doing different

interviews recently I asked them right away, 'Do you have same-sex health benefits? And what about your discrimination policies?' I just laid it out on the table!" The prospective employers always took this well, said Matt, although their answer to his inquiry about same-sex policies and benefits was often, "Ummm, I think we do..." and they had to look into it.

Having said that he is by no means a second-class citizen for being gay, Matt then related to me that he had once wished to enroll at Moncton's only English university, where he would have studied psychology and religions. He spoke highly and even a little longingly of this "good school" with its high-quality professors. So why is

Matt not a student at the institution where he clearly would love to be learning? Because the school is Atlantic Baptist University, he explained, "and if or when they found out I was gay they would kick me out - it's a private university so they can do that." The proud young man who confidently dares even prospective employers to discriminate against him on the basis of his orientation seems resigned to being an outcaste of a private religious school in his home community. Some doors are still closed.

After my chat with Matt I next met with 'SS', as she asked to be called. A 22-year-old woman with a touch of a French accent, SS told me she is shy, introverted. That may be true but I noted several times how her expression, especially her eyes, would light up whenever she spoke of her work in all aspects of film making. Writing, makeup, acting, lighting, sound, tech, she loves it all, and is involved in projects and workshops in Moncton, Halifax and Montreal. When I asked, SS told me she is bisexual, but she prefers to not use any label for herself or others. "I don't present myself as 'bi', or someone as my boyfriend or girlfriend. I just let people assume. I'm not very 'out'. I just am who I am." Without going into details she says that her family 'caught' her with a girlfriend when she was 16, and they did not react well. "They freaked out. My dad doesn't care really, but my mom does, even though we're very close. It's not talked of. It's very

bitter when the subject is in the air. They worry about their reputation maybe, or maybe that I won't achieve my ambitions (because of my orientation)." SS is extremely

older people will be smoothed out or softened out because open gay people of the next generations will say 'I'm going to be open whether you like it or not'. Then there's

There are no limits. Be who you want to be. Have patience. Be assertive. The road has been paved - use it! Take the torch further. It doesn't have to be a struggle.

understanding of why her mom might view things this way. "It's better." because of how parents were raised in their generation - it's not their fault. It will get better with every generation."

Looking back over the six years since she first came out to her self and her family discovered her, SS recalls, "I struggled then with the issues my parents had with me. And I worried about what people thought of me. Now I would tell a young person with the same struggles, "The labels are harsher than the reality. 'Gay' and 'Bi' can be like bad words. Just be You. Don't worry about what people say about you. Society seems to think that every gay youth is struggling about it, but I'm not." SS notes that it was easier for her to realize and accept her orientation than it would have been twenty years ago, "and there's lots of people [lgbtq pioneers] to thank for that." She is very optimistic that "Those

no choice for things to become better."

Last but never least I met with Drew at one of his two work places, the MLA's office. The first and last thing one recalls about Drew is his fah-laming red hair! In between my memory of his hair colour I recall a friendly, energetic, passionate young man of 25. He told me he works 60-70 hours a week at his two jobs - can I get a bottle of this guy's energy? He couldn't speak more highly of his 'boss', Joan McAlpine, and her commitment to the constituents of downtown Moncton, many of whom are gay.

Drew grew up in northern New Brunswick, the son of a "blue-collar Acadian" dad and an "extremely Baptist Loyalist" mom. When he was 16, Drew came out to his father while they were driving in the car. His father's reaction was,

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Hey Tom

My buddy GiGi is feeling a bit bereft since her daughter, Huffy, has left for university with her friend, the Dolce and Gabbana Boy. Huffy and DGB are great friends but their attitudes and approaches to any situation are always 180 degrees apart. The Dolce and Gabbana Boy carefully packed 6 boxes of perfectly pressed tee shirts, a small vial of hair product ("I hate that flip in the front of my hair!") his alphabetized CD collection, paint chips to select the wall colour to complement his coordinated bedding and a diary in which to note his anticipated adventures which he knows will be many and varied. Huffy, on the other hand, crammed everything she owned into cardboard boxes, waving aside her mother's concern about wrinkled clothes, broken dishes or flammable liquids, and tapped her foot impatiently while things were loaded into the van. Huffy gently refused her mother's offer to come help them move in by placing a tiny sandaled foot in the small of her mother's back and pushing her out of the car. "I love you too" she hollered through the window as the car rolled down the driveway, her voice somewhat muffled by a hastily packed comforter suddenly expanding beyond its cardboard confines.

So while GiGi suffers through empty-nest syndrome, I'm sublimating my own empty feelings by rewriting the Cinderella story as a porn movie. In my version the glass slipper is replaced by a jock strap and the prince's courtiers must scour the countryside looking for the perfect fit. As I go about my day-to-day existence I amuse myself by mentally auditioning men for the role of Timberfella.

GiGi and I also cheer each other up by going to Stirlings for butterscotch pie and popping classic weepies into the VCR. You know, Bette Davis, Rosalind Russell, Elizabeth Taylor, early Streisand films.

I saw the interview with Barbra on Inside The Actor's Studio the other day - and she was more relaxed and charming than I've seen her in years. The overly serious discussion of politics which has marked many of her appearances in recent years, was much less in evidence. Instead she was warmly attentive, funny, self-deprecating and utterly fascinating. At the end when people were asking questions from the audience, one man who identified himself as gay asked her why she thought she had become such an icon for the queer community. She replied that she thought it was because she was

from the very first regarded as "different". Barbra came on the scene when Sandra Dee -cute, demure, soft-spoken - was considered the epitome of femininity. Along came Barbra: brash, with outlandish clothes and makeup - remember those kohl-lined Egyptian eyes? - and blazing with talent. There was nothing subdued or restrained about the young woman from Brooklyn! Queer men identified with her, and loved her for being an outsider who was crashing the party. That glorious voice was like a trumpet summoning attention and telling all to make way. I think we thought of her as one of us and when she broke the rules and refused to accept convention, it gave us courage to continue doing the same. "Don't Rain On My Parade" should be the official anthem of the Pride March.

I also think that Bette Midler - aside from the gender issue - is the quintessential drag queen with her outrageous, take-no-prisoners wit, over-the-top humour, and unrestrained emotions when performing.

These delectable divas sing and perform and dare and electrify their audiences, and we gay men like to think that they are doing it all just for us. And perhaps they are.

Speaking of remarkable women: the Scribbler and I had a FABULOUS dinner at Nicola and Heartful Dodger's place the other night. Nicola had prepared an exquisite pre-dinner drink made of Lillet - that wonderful French aperitif. Mixed with gin and Cointreau - three kinds of liquor, we all got quite quite merry, quite quite quickly! Nicola got the recipe from a website of two gay men (but, of course) from New Orleans. The drink is delicious and is called... (wait for it)... a Lillet Tomlin!

By the way, did I tell you that the Anthill and Fisherman's Freud are now in your neighbourhood? Well, not in Oz but close, New Zealand.

You and they will be heading into spring while we are slowly resigning ourselves to autumn. A friend sent me some digital shots of flowers the other day - the tag end of summer kind of thing. Lovely but sad. The photos are large close-ups of orchids and lilies that are extremely sensual in their beauty. Almost like Georgia O'Keefe paintings... except these don't make me think of vaginas. But then, hardly anything does, really.

Love ya! Crawford

Season II:

As I walk into Club Vortex the room is awash in crimson. The red gels on each light cast a warm glow over the crowd. Hung to either side of the stage are mirrored disco balls, reflecting across the room in time with the music that's wafting above the din of the crowd. To the back of the stage suspended over the ivory cityscape that serves as the stage set, is the sign advertising "Five Minutes of Fame" (FMF). It's 9:15 P.M. and the show is to



Lulu LaRude mugs with Vortex bartender Blaine

start in fifteen minutes, but I can't seem to find Miss LaRude. I chat up one of the bartenders asking if he thinks it's going to be a good night seeing that it's the Season 2 Finale show and there seems to be quite a crowd gathered already. The finalists are all huddled together getting some last minute instructions from the shows' producer and sound tech, Sandy MacDonald. Just then, I look up and see Miss LaRude standing framed in the doorway to the patio. Her image reminds me of an Erte figurine.

The statuesque blonde is standing in a floor length glimmering black lame gown, wearing gold beaded tassel accessories. In one hand she holds her refreshment, the other is grasping a phone to her ear. I make my way over and greet her. All ready there's a slight problem. One of the judges has cancelled at the last minute, and Miss LaRude is on the phone trying to work things out... We retreat back to the patio deck so that Miss LaRude can relax as I ask a few questions before the show; it's also much cooler out there, and as she reminds me there's nothing worse than a drag queen that's melting.

As we sit and chat there are several friends and admirers milling about all wanting to talk with her, some wishing her well with the show, others commenting on how lovely she looks tonight... as I sit across from her she looks over and says, "Are you going to pull your chair in or should I scream across the crowd to answer any questions you might have?" I immediately pulled my chair in close and got out pen and paper. Tonight was going to be quite a show and we hadn't even made it to the stage yet!

When it's mentioned to Miss LaRude that there's media coverage tonight, she nods her head taking it all in stride and comments, "Festive!" Just as I am about to

good journalist should ask, Sandy comes bursting out onto the deck, clipboard in hand, alerting Miss LaRude that they're one judge short, however his mother who's a regular attendee of the FMF show

was in the audience but it would take some urging to get her to step in. Miss LaRude smiles warmly as Mrs. MacDonald is led out to the patio. With a big hello and "air kisses" she politely explains the situation to the very

reluctant woman and within moments has her agreeing to sit in. "Just be honest" she tells Mrs. MacDonald, "and you'll do just fine." When it comes to controlling a situation, LuLu LaRude knows how to make people feel comfortable enough to try something they may have never thought they'd ever do. This is obvious when she's onstage as well.

No novice to the art of performance and illusion, it's when Miss LaRude steps on stage that she truly shines! The New Brunswick native made her debut performance several years back (we're not allowed to say exactly how many) in Edmonton, with "Flashback Follies", then spent eight years with "Guys in Disguise". On next to Toronto, where she spent another five years with shows such as "The Great Imposters", and "Rusty Ryan and his Fabulous Falsies". All of which, we get to reap the benefits of, here in Halifax for the past nine years. Her showman 'er show-womanship is extraordinary to say the least. I've been a fan of "Five Minutes..." since the finale of Season 1, however, truth be known, I attend mostly to see Miss LaRude perform her numbers each week.

Wayves: How was "Five Minutes of Fame" conceptualized?

LuLu LaRude: Originally, Sandy (MacDonald) came to me and asked if I wanted to do a talent show at Club Vortex, and I said, OF COURSE!!! At first, we allowed the audience to select the finalist, but that just wasn't working. So Carl (Maxwell) came up with the idea of having judges, but I insisted that they had to judge like figure skating judges, but without any of those damn French judges! One set of marks would be for "Technical Merit" the other set of marks for "Artistic Impression" and it worked!

W: Who has been your favorite performer or act in Season 2?



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Five Minutes Of Fame

Michael Goodwin reviews one of the hottest shows in Queer Halifax

LL: Oh I can't say before the show because she's here tonight performing, but, she's a belly dancer. I think she's fabulous!

W: When is "Five Minutes of Fame"?

LL: Every Thursday night here at Club Vortex, at 10:30 P.M.. Tonight is the Season 2 Finale, and we have a big line up, eleven of the fourteen winners are here tonight to compete, so we're earlier.

I'm about to ask a few more questions when Sandy once more whisks out onto the deck to let Miss LaRude know that the show is about to start up and she needs to prepare. With that we make our way back in. The crowd has grown considerably larger since my arrival. All the tables that surround the stage are full. The judges are perched just to the left of the stage, clipboards in hand for each, to give out the scores. The bartenders are all very busy serving beverages of all sorts. The audience is an eclectic mix of family and friends all here to watch the show and cheer on their favorite performer. I'm seated on an oversized red leather sofa just to the left of the stage with the other media that are there to cover the show. The buzz in the crowd was that CBC, and a few other local magazines were here to cover the finale as well! From my seat I can see LuLu back stage getting ready to make her entrance. Earlier she had told me that she was a bit tired but once she was inside and the music was going and she got her adrenaline pumped back up she'd be fine.

Music from *Three's Company* peals out of the speakers, indicating the start of the show. LuLu steps out on the stage to thunderous applause and breaks into her first number. Performing Barbara Streisands' *How Lucky Can You Get*, it's obvious that LuLu LaRude is a true star. She dazzles the audience with her performance, not showing any sign of being wary at all. As I look about everyone is watching the stage intently. It's as if they were watching a live concert. They are all smiling and truly enjoying the show LuLu is putting on. The art of illusion is at it's best when being cast by Miss LaRude. Her number ends and the crowd once more breaks into applause, hoots and whistles burst from the room. She fumbles with the microphone trying to turn the power on wearing satin gloves; she smiles again (power now on) and with a big "Hellllloooooo" welcomes everyone to the show. Not wanting to delay any further, LuLu forgoes her usual banter between herself and Sandy, affectionately called "Sandra", which was missed, as it is quite entertaining and launches

the first round of competition. For the next hour and a half, the audience is entertained by a bevy of performers singing original ballads, guitar playing, some singing their own versions of hit songs, others dancing, and some lip-synch-ing to their favorite music. All in all,

teraction that makes the show fun to watch, as well as getting to see some truly amazing local talent. The show then continues on with the five finalists.

The first act is an incredible live performance of the Celine Dion hit *I'm Alive*. LuLu, as is the norm



LuLu and Sandy, stylin' as always.
(Photo Kristopher Anderson)

it was a very entertaining hour and a half. Normally after each performance during the regular weekly show, the judges disclose their marks. However tonight being the season finale, all the marks were kept secret. This actually helped to speed the show along. The first set is closed out with LuLu performing another number, then a short intermission.

Upon opening the second act, LuLu once again amazes the audience with her performance of Natalie Coles' rendition of "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds". Standing in a black sequined gown, a dreadlock wig and made up to create the illusion of an ebony diva, LuLu's performance is nothing short of stellar! The audience leapt to their feet at the end of the song, applauding and shouting out. The excitement of the crowd is evident. After catching her breath as she feigns exhaustion by lying on the floor of the stage, LuLu jumps back up to the roaring crowd, and once again gives a big "Hellllloooooo". With a look of mischief in her eyes, she explains to the audience that during the break she had the chance to "chat with Sandra's mother" and that she had learned some interesting facts about Sandy's childhood... ahhh the banter was back! After relating some embarrassing childhood tales that only a mother would tell, LuLu produces 8 x 10 school photos of Sandy, and continues to tease him unmercifully. It's this personal in-

during regular shows, steps out to get the marks, having each judge reveal their set of marks and making comment on how they judged. Very *Canadian Idol!* The second performer is the aforementioned belly dancer. With sword in hand

she entralls the audience with her hypnotic belly dancing, balancing the sword in places you really hoped she didn't lose her balance. A rather mesmerizing performance. When she completed her dance, LuLu gently reminds the audience and the other finalists that it is "Five Minutes of Fame... not a half-hour of fame." Apparently our beloved belly dancer had gone over her five minutes. The judges were busily setting their marks, and LuLu takes command once again. "And the first set of marks for?" she pans the microphone out to the audience as they scream out "TECHINCAL MERIT" 6.0, 5.9, 5.8, 5.7 & 5.8. The second set of marks, for Artistic Impression, is 5.8, 5.9, 6.0, 5.5 & a 5.0. The audience boos. "Mr. Technical Merit" judge number five gave the low mark due to the fact that the belly dancer, Miss Elinor, had gone over the five minute time frame. There's always one tough judge isn't there?

The finalists all have their five minutes on the stage, and the judges confer to tabulate the scores to reveal who would be the winner of Season 2. LuLu gives her final performance of the evening, a mellow Whitney Houston tune that winds the crowd down. The new bar owners, Keith Fudge, Serge Martin, and Mikey McLoud-Fudge all come up on stage to thank everyone for attending the show. Giving kudos' to former owner Carl

Maxwell and to present the winners of the show their cash prizes.... With the judges' marks calculated, it's our beloved belly dancer, Elinor Crosby who walks away with the cash prize of one thousand dollars! I asked her after the show what made her want to compete. "I had come to see the show during the first season, and LuLu made everyone feel so welcome that I wanted to be a part of it." Finally, LuLu thanks everyone for making Season 2 such a great success and reminds the audience to come back next week for the start of Season 3. As the theme music to the television show "The Golden Girls" plays in the background, LuLu yells out her trademark "Wig Out!" and exits the stage. The show is over.

I look around once more for LuLu, and she is surrounded by a throng of well-wishers and admirers all wanting to be a part of the illusion that is LuLu LaRude. Season 2 has come to an end, but starting next week an entire new season will begin with a new stage setting! Be sure to check out "Five Minutes of Fame with LuLu LaRude" each Thursday night. I can't think of a better outlet for local talent, whether you're from the GLBT community or just some funky metro-sexuals. All are welcome at Club Vortex! I know that it's become my favorite spot to hang out on Thursday night!



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Queer Resources On The Rock

Always Something Happening At Memorial U

By Byron Rolls

History

LBGT-MUN started in the fall of 1996. In the beginning there was, no room designated for it, no funds allocated, and so on. The initial members began rallying for ratification as a "resource centre" (which is a designation for a group funded by Memorial University of Newfoundland's Student Union which recognizes the needs of a "marginalized group on campus.") In the fall of 1997, LBGT-MUN was granted this recognition and was given an office in the Thomas Student Centre, Room 2022D. This room was later moved to a bigger and better room in the new Student Centre, room 6022. We no receive regular funding from MUNSU, Student Affairs and Services, and the Graduate Students Union of Memorial University of Newfoundland.

LBGT-MUN's path to its present form has not been an easy one. Fortunately, over the eight years of our operation, LBGT has established itself as the second most active Resource Centre on campus and the most active organization for LBGT persons in Newfoundland and Labrador. We have won the award of Volunteer Resource Centre of the Year for 2004 (as well as in 2001), and one of our volunteers, Melanie Woodford, was award Student Volunteer of the Year for 2004 (as well as

one of our students in 2001!), by the Student Volunteer Bureau of Memorial University.

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Programs and Services

LBGT-MUN provides a variety of programs and services, on a regular basis:

1. Volunteer Program: at LBGT we are open to anyone becoming a member. People can also become volunteers. There are MANY opportunities to volunteer. You can be a: office assistant; peer supporter; event assistant; presenter; etc. There is something for everyone; in the closet or out. As long as you have the energy, we will do whatever we can to accommodate you. We also provide letters of reference and various initiatives to thank our volunteers and provide opportunities for career enrichment.

2. Discussion Listserv: this is an e-mail list for members of the LBGT-MUN Resource Centre.

The list is used to: send out reminders about our events; to promote other initiatives around the province and the country; to forward important news items; to discuss internal and external issues, both to our organization and to our own personal selves, etc. This is the ultimate way to ensure that you are connected to the queer community in NL. To Subscribe: send a blank e-mail (with no subject line) to: listserv@mun.ca with the message: subscribe lbgtmun-1 in the body of the message and NOTHING ELSE!

3. Peer Support: we have about 20 volunteers per semester that are trained to be able to provide peer support and referral services to members and the general public. This service can be provided in the main office, or in our adjacent "common room" that we share with the Women's Resource Centre. Privacy and confidentiality are protected at all times.

4. Resources: our office houses an expanding library of more than

hundred books, dozens of magazines and files of information related to a variety of issues. This information is accessible to anyone who wishes to use it. We require that individuals provide contact information to take out these resources, however this information is kept private.

5. Publications: at least once every couple years we produce a document called the "LBGT Guide to MUN." This publication is a collection of information related to sex and sexuality and includes such information as: coming out stories, queer-positive support services in St. John's, etc. There are always opportunities for members to create newsletters and other publications. If you have the time and energy, we will find a way to accommodate you.

6. Social Events: one of our core services is to ensure that each semester we have a range of events that are accessible to a wide range of individuals. From movie nights, potlucks, swimming, bowling and playing pool, to hanging out at the centre (University Centre, room UC-6022) for coffee or going to Arriba's, Bitter's or the Breezeway for a few drinks, there's always something happening. LBGT also hosts "Pride at MUN" - a week of events to celebrate our community and ourselves.

7. Advocacy Work: LBGT advocates for queer persons and

a the issues of importance to them through our everyday work, as well as specialized campaigns such as our involvement in the Positive Space Campaign this coming Winter semester, and the creation of an Equal Marriage Campaign this coming Fall semester. We are also working closely with other organizations such as Planned Parenthood and the AID's Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador to raise funds and advocate for issues related to sexual health.

8. Special Events: as we say, there is always something happening at LBGT-MUN. This year we have two special projects that are happening. Last year we had: a publication of the LBGT Guide to MUN and Pride at MUN 2004. This Fall 2004 semester we are hosting a production of the Queer Monologues. This in an initiative that we thought-up in early Winter 2004. It will be an advocacy, empowerment and fundraising event. We are presently looking for story submissions, volunteers, sponsors, nominees for the award of "Queer Crusader 2004" and more! Visit the website at: www.mun.ca/lbgt/qm The next initiative is the creation of a Peer Support and Referral Line for queer persons in Newfoundland and Labrador. We are presently preparing a proposal for our funding agencies however we hope to begin this project in the Winter of 2004. At that time we will require individuals interested in working volunteer shifts. Volunteers will receive specialized training and support materials. The line will be accessible Tuesday and Thursday from 4-7pm (during the initial phases of the project).

Events

Arriba's Nights (Every 3rd Wednesday): October 20th 2004, 5:00pm-9:30pm, November 24th 2004, 5:00pm-9:30pm. Arriba's is a bar in the same building as Quintana's De La Plaza, in Churchill Square. We get together and attend this venue on a regular basis, due to its closeness to MUN and the fact that these are "Student Saver Nights" (drinks are cheaper and there are free nachos with every drink!). Before going to the venue, people are asked to meet at LBGT-MUN at 4:30pm to head over (and to grab seats before everyone else - teehee). Make sure to wear some Pride stuff so we can tell that you're there to meet us! (Note: this

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Mochaccino Mousse With Annapolis Valley Strawberries

1 oz espresso
1 tbsp unsalted butter
1 tbsp triple sec
2 eggs (separated)
1/2 cup whipping cream
3 tbsp sugar
1/4 pint local **orgasmic** strawberries
2/3 cup chopped dark chocolate (use pure quality product here)



1. Clean and quarter the strawberries. Sprinkle them with 1 tbsp of sugar, toss and let set at room temperature for 30 minutes or so to glaze.
2. In a double boiler on medium heat, melt the chocolate stirring with a spatula frequently.
3. Whisk egg whites to **stiff peaks** and set aside.
4. Whisk whipping cream and 2 tbsp sugar to **stiff peaks** and set aside.
5. Once chocolate is melted, stir in butter until melted and then the egg yolks, one at a time, until fully incorporated.
6. Add the espresso and triple sec to the chocolate mixture.
7. Fold in the whipped egg whites followed by the whipped cream (reserving 2 heaping tbsp full for garnish) until fully incorporated. **Be delicate** with this process. The air which is whipped into the whites and the cream is what gives the mousse its light texture.

Serving suggestions

In two fancy coffee mugs, layer chocolate mousse then berries (straining out any excess juice) in three or four layers ending with the mousse as the top layer. Cover the mousse cups with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4 hours and preferably overnight. Garnish with a dollop of whipped cream, chocolate shavings, a fresh berry and cookie sticks.

This is the last of the three courses of this meal by Chive's Canadian Bistro's chef Darren Lewis. Darren recommends watching 9 1/2 Weeks again for some more creative serving suggestions with this recipe. Yum!

Wayves crashes into 21st Century Print!

By Daniel MacKay

You may have noticed a change in the last issue. The photos and text are crisper, the headlines are a little snappier and things look a little less chaotic on the page. We've gone electronic.

For almost twenty years, the GAEZette, and then Wayves has been laid out with knives and wax. That means typesetting all the articles in columns and adhering them onto a "layout sheet" that is the same size as, and ends up looking like, the finished page you're holding in your hands. The result, after Layout Day, was a handful of sheets which got courier'ed to the printer. The printer used a "process camera" (about the size of most people's kitchens) to make the printing plates. The plates are loaded into the offset press to print the magazine.

That's how publishing has been done since the late 1960s until a few years ago. But these days, most publishing is done electronically up to the "plate" part - at the print shop, a file is submitted to the plate machine and it "prints" a plate directly.

A year or so ago, Cam "Let's improve this process" MacLeod opened discussions on how we could do this. The major obstacles are with our process; we have a number of volunteers who can use glue and X-acto knives, and we have a place where a handful of them can work together on a Sunday to make the magazine. We don't have a similarly large number of volunteers who can use a page layout program or a location where that group could lay out the paper

electronically.

We spent a long time designing a new process that would result in an electronic edition of the



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The move was encouraged by our printer, however, who said that at some point, his process

camera was going to break down, and they were not going to fix it, and they would not be able to accept layout sheets.

One side effect of "going electronic" is that we can wrap text around odd-shaped graphics!

Here's the brief version of how the electronic layout works now.

First, the writers submit their work to submissions@wayves.ca as they have been doing for some time. Next, we catalog the items to see which are going into the current issue, and which will be held for future issues. Then, a team proofreads the pieces. At this point we know exactly what how big each article will be, and what graphics will go with it.

Then we design the magazine. We place all of the advertisements,

which also come in electronically. We collect all the letters and small Atlantic Canada news pieces, and place them near the front of the magazine. Then we drop in the regular columns, and then place the large "feature" pieces. The design is done on paper, on a miniature of the magazine, called the "bible." Then, a volunteer familiar with a graphic design program like Page-Mager takes the miniature plus all the electronic source materials and arranges them into a single file to go to the printer.

Wayves needs YOU to help with the process. Please drop us a line at submissions@wayves.ca if you want to help out!

Canadian Archives Gets Funding



Canadians will be able to learn more about the stories of Canada's gay and lesbian communities as a result of a new grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives is a registered charity that has preserved the stories and activities of the lesbian and gay communities since 1973. The Archives makes its holdings available to everyone who is interested in a fuller picture of Canadian life and identity. Its physical and online collection is now one of the largest of its kind in the world.

The Archives is pleased to announce a grant of \$150,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The grant will enhance the Archives' fund-raising activities and allow for the hiring of its first full-time employee. Until now, the Archives has developed its world-famous collection with volunteers only and without government aid.

The Archives is grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's casino initiative. The Foundation provides grants to eli-

gible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts, culture, sports, recreation, environment and social-service sectors.

The Archives is in a period of growth as it prepares to relocate to

an historic building at 34 Isabella Street in Toronto in the heart of the Church-Wellesley neighbourhood. The Archives will cooperate with all parties to ensure that its new quarters will be the kind of

cultural institution that the people of Ontario need. The work of the volunteers and the Archives' fund-raising campaign are ongoing. New volunteers and donors are welcome.

For more information, visit www.clga.ca or contact Gordon Davies at 416-465-9317.

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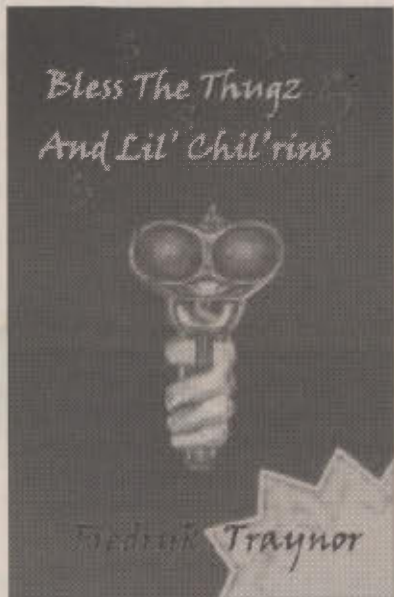
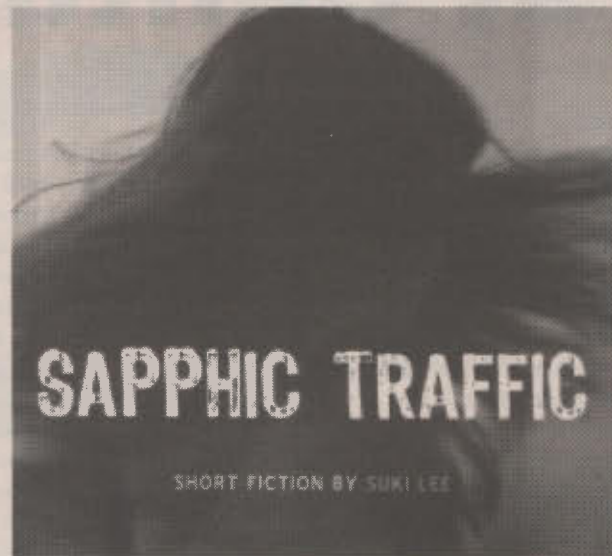
Sapphic Stops Traffic In Halifax

Review By Dawn Archambault

Suki Lee recently launched her debut collection of short stories at the Khyber Club in Halifax. *Sapphic Traffic* is a luscious compilation inspired by lesbian pulp fiction. Its diverse narratives leave you with a sense of contemplation and fervor to taste the next tale. Her words

invite the reader inside and are deliberately, delicately sensual. This provocative collection is a modern contribution to classic pulp style. Its intensity makes it hard to put down. After experiencing this erotic gem you will be left desiring more from this talented author.

This must-read book can be found at Venus Envy on Barrington Street in Halifax and at Chapters/Indigo throughout Canada. To learn more about Suki Lee, please visit her website: www.sukilee.com.



Can't Help Lovin' That Gangsta Man

Bless the Thugz and Lil' Chil'rins

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by Fredryk Traynor

Review by Ralph Higgins
Paulo left his native Venezuela because his family couldn't deal with his being *maricon*, and because he saw his young sixteen-year-old cousin shot by the police for stealing a TV set. Arrived in America and he traded on his physical looks and became a hustler, small time drug dealer and crook. His looks and his health are nearly ruined when he meets Antoine, a street tough forty-four-year-old black thug with a knack for pulling off bank robberies, and cheque forging schemes.

Antoine, known as Fixer Man, is wanted for violating parole and fully expects to be caught and killed one day by the legal and social system he takes such delight in manipulating for his criminal activities. That is if some other greedy business partner doesn't do it first.

This unlikely pair are the main characters of Fredryk Traynor's *Bless the Thugz And Lil' Chil'rins*.

Raised in an atmosphere of distrust, casual violence and betrayal, these two gangstas find, to their astonishment, a loving connection to each other. One of the great strengths of the novel is Traynor's portrait of Paulo and Fixer's tentative affection for each other. Both men have learned the basic survival

skill of looking out only for one's self, of never believing in anything or anyone so this unexpected love seems both hope and threat.

Even more shocking, even to these street-toughened men, is the appearance in dumpsters and alleyways of a series of tortured, mutilated corpses of children. And, it appears that it may depend on the thugs, dope dealers, hookers and con men to stop the killings.

Bless the Thugz And the Lil' Chil'rins re-examines all of our safe notions of justice vs. legality, violence vs. mercy and demonstrates how much harm is done in the name of salvation.

The language (words like nigga, muh'fucka are used commonly and often with affection) is harsh, vulgar and vivid, reflecting the rage and frustration that throbs everyday through car stereos and echoes in the concert halls where rap singers are the new Cas-

sandras speaking their truth and prophesying the future. Traynor's message would appear to be that the unlikely is not necessarily the impossible. His skill creates a believable world of brutality, dark cruelty and nonchalant acceptance of death, but he also makes us believe that there can exist, even in these conditions, kindness, caring and family. And that perhaps even love can come to a gangsta faggot and a badass thug.



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written by Moises Kaufman
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Spirits And Souls at Rainbow Weekend

By Rev. Bob Johnson

Well, we think some careful and creative planning has been done; now, it's up to you. Our first ever Maritime "Rainbow Weekend" is now planned, Tatamagouche Centre is ready, so take the time today and register!

So, what have we planned? Our purpose is "to attend to the spiritual nurture of the glbtqq person(s) I am (we are)." We want to do that in such a way that participants go through the weekend - October 15th to 17th - and come out of it feeling refreshed (relaxed, not weary) and renewed (NOT going back the same person you were when you arrived) if possible. So it will hopefully be a gentle experience with lots of time for reflection, quiet, socializing, singing, worshipping, being ourselves.

We will spend some time settling in Friday evening, getting to know who 'we' are and undertaking a worship process making use of the "Eye of God" symbol.

Saturday morning, we will offer individual devotional experiences in a 45-minute period of "Sacred Silence" followed by an "open



concept" process in which you can raise and discuss your spiritual issues and concerns. One offering in this latter process will be a discussion of the theory and practice

of journaling. From lunch until 4 p.m. on Saturday is "your FREE time."

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, we plan to introduce all of the participants to the Centre's "labyrinth" and afford the opportunity to experience it before supper. After supper,

We are hoping for a gentle experience with lots of time for reflection.

we will invite you to share stories about a sense of welcome - or otherwise - in faith communities followed by worship. Saturday evening, from about 9 p.m. on, we have left free for us to have a social time together.

Sunday morning, after breakfast, we are going to experience a devotional process using scriptures

called "lectio divina". This, in part, will involve journaling. Then we will conclude our time together with worship and holy communion (which we will plan together) before having lunch and getting on our way.

We hope this outline whets your appetite. Please pass this information on to others who you think might be interested. There are currently (Sept. 13th) seven people registered. We need a minimum of 12 for the event to proceed. We are hoping for 20 or 25, including YOU! Questions? Feel free to directly contact either of us - information below.

We will respond more directly to all registrants after October 1st. We look forward to seeing you in Tatamagouche in mid-October.

Contacts: Retreat planning team: Rev. Bob Johnson, robertj100@hotmail.com, and Tony Burnett burnettav@hotmail.com, or tatacent@tatacentre.ca

Theatre *Cont'd from p. 2*

from both the straight and gay community: Kelly Mcneil, Annie Valentina, Anne Thériault, Garrett Barker, Ben Dover (Casey Publisher), Lee-Anne Poole, Eddison Skinner, and Adam Rairdon.

Coming together as a group, Menial Sins' has decided not to be your standard theater company. Rather, with the idea of taking the theater into the community, they also want to take the community into the theater: for this fall, it means participation in local community events such as the AIDS Walk.

The company takes its show into the bar, performing at Club Vortex at 8pm October 14th and 15th, with a Saturday matinee on October 16th at 2pm. Tickets are 5 dollars, and only available at the door. This event would not be possible without the support of its sponsors: Club Vortex, Venus Envy, Wayves Magazine, and Melon Advertising + Design.

New Survey: We Like To Shop!

A new survey commissioned by the travel magazine *Gay Canada Guide* and the Canadian Tourism Commission finds that gay and lesbian tourists are most likely to pick shopping and nightlife when on vacation.

Also, 86.8% of Canadian gay and lesbian survey respondents stated that they are more likely to support a tourism business that is known to be gay-friendly. The average gay/lesbian traveler either spent or intends on spending \$195 each day while in Canada, finds the survey.

"The information that we have collected will go a long way towards ascertaining gay travel motivations, patterns, and preferences, and will prove invaluable for tourism operators interested in targeting gay travel markets," says Frank Bourree, Tourism Consulting Partner for Grant Thornton, Victoria.

A strong percentage of respondents (51.2%) are planning to travel to Montreal for 2006 Rendez-vous Montréal. Also 7.3% have or plan on attending Whistler's Altitude Ski Week and 19.6% have visited or expect to visit Montreal for a Black & Blue event. *Gay Canada Guide* publisher Dominic O'Grady confirms that, "This survey will assist us in understanding gay preferences and help us develop strategic initiatives to increase Canada's share of the international gay travel market."

The survey received almost 900 responses between January and June, 2004, and was commissioned by *Gay Canada Guide* travel magazine and independent publisher *Gay Travel Guides Pty Ltd.*

A copy of the *Gay Canada Guide* study may be obtained by contacting Dominic O'Grady* at www.gaycanadaguide.com Grant Thornton LLP is a leading Canadian firm of chartered accountants and management consultants.

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Why would you want to keep an old computer program, Relationship 1.0, when you can get a brand new version, Relationship 2.0?

Part III: Friends And Lovers

by Lydia Perovich

Is it a good idea to have sexual knowledge of your friends? First time that question registered on my radar screen was when I read a friend's article in the fab. It was a special coming-of-age-queer issue of the magazine and this friend of mine contributed a moving homage to her gay men friends she grew up queer with. It was gay men that showed her the ropes of living queer and, she mentions in passing, made her realize that knowing her friends sexually is a commendable thing.

At which point it occurred to me that the two of us never did it. And a moment later, that it's a Good Thing, too.

Think about it. Every type of relationship is now considered a sexual relationship in waiting. Straight friends of different genders, queer friends of the same gender – if you are very close, it goes without saying that you will break into a relationship upgrade at some inevitable point. Why would you want to keep an old computer program Relationship 1.0 when you can get yourself a brand new version Relationship 2.0? Rather than having a friend, which is a lot of hard work and no direct bodily gratification, why not get a lover or even better, become part of the mythical human structure called the Couple?

Well, no. By now it is common knowledge that the institution of friendship is in decline in uber-developed countries and it is likely because both character traits and social conditions for fostering friendship are disappearing. There is networking, there is coupling, there is an array of family relations, but somehow the know-how of friendship is fading away. To add insult to injury, one of the main reasons a friendship dies these days is an external coupling of one of its members.

Let's be honest: there is nothing more boring than a couple. Socially, that is; when you are trying to keep

company with one. What is it that makes otherwise brilliant individuals turn into perfect dimwits when they join the Couple Cult? Why is a touch of couple-itis so deadly for intelligence?

The mal ton of couples is endless. Forget about meeting your friend one-on-one ever again. Throw away any notion of discretion: the secrets that your friend promised to carry to her/his grave are sure to make appearance during a pillow talk or two. (It is a known bonding ritual for couples, swapping friends' secrets is almost as good as badmouthing somebody that both members of the couple dislike.) You can kiss goodbye any common interest that you and your friend used to share – every line has been redrawn in the state of coupledness and the term 'common' now refers to 'what belongs to my partner and I'. It is expected of you not only to become friends with your friend's partner but also with the partner's friends. Still, couples (especially lesbian couples – mamma mia) are notorious for dismal outing records. A worrisome number of my acquaintances have, upon obtaining a partner, gone into voluntary house arrest. Some of them I suspect haven't left the house in twenty five years. It's even worse if they get pets and start referring to them as 'their babies'. The only thing you can do at that point is to run like crazy.

The fact is, friendship is a complex undertaking and it takes considerable sophistication for its up-

keep. Especially if you're coupled. People tend to understand their partners as their 'other halves' and somehow that notion of private fulfillment makes them lose interest in the outside world. It may be that only the true friendship survives external couple-sides.

Think Bloomsbury Group, where everybody eventually got married but also maintained the state of friendship and artistic creativity at the highest level at all times. If friends had sex with one another, it was precisely in order to cement a friendship, and not to initiate a courtship or loveship. The Bloomsbury friendships were of such high order that even the marriages and loves within the group resembled friendships in all their solidarity, sincerity, care, and understanding.

So down with the dictatorship of coupletariat and let's drink to friendship. I wonder how my Toronto writer friend is handling her newly established household partnership. Signs are not too good... last time I stayed at her home, I overheard her girlfriend half-jokingly (but half-not) complaining how come she never cooks for her yet always cooks for me when I visit. I kid you not. Thank fairies we live in two different cities. Not having to witness the whole ridiculous series of rituals that couples perform to keep each other alert and interested is a blessing.




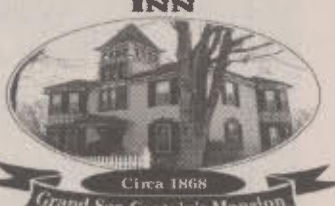
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

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Sports Briefs

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

Little Black Dress Run

You don't often see close to 100 runners take to the street in black dresses, boas, and costume jewelry, but on September 3 in San Francisco you would have seen just that. The runners dressed in their miniskirts, cocktail dresses and imitation haut couture were participating in the Little Black Dress Run, an event sponsored by the San Francisco Frontrunners.

The San Francisco Frontrunners, who boast a membership of about 300, are celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. In addition to their regular weekly runs, this running group sponsors annual theme runs to raise money for gay and lesbian organizations. The annual Little Black Dress Run, which began five years ago, will benefit the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Historical Society of Northern California, located in San Francisco this year.

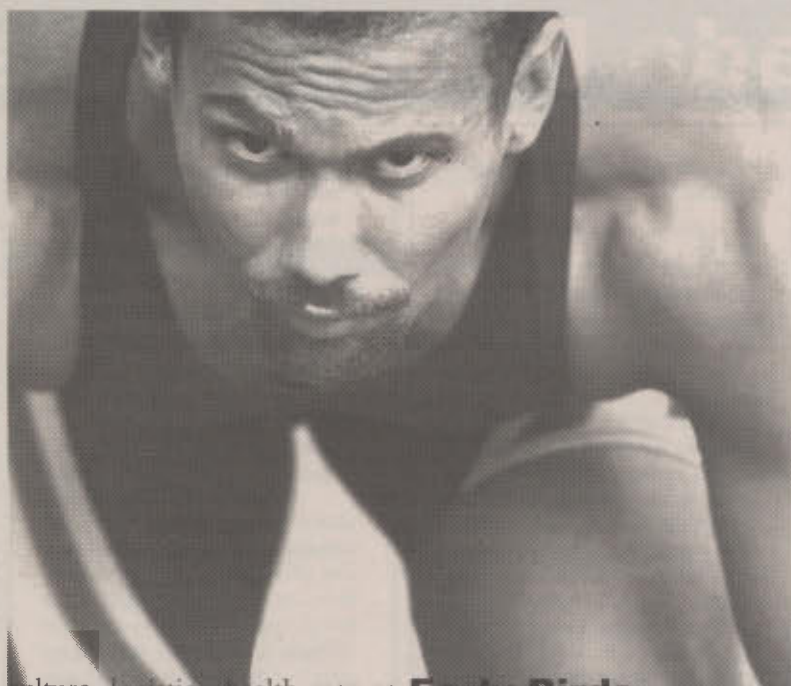
A Silver Finger

Very few athletes packed a medal in their suitcase before heading home from Athens at the end of August. Nonetheless, we are proud of all the athletes who participated in the Olympic Games.

At last count, there were at least 11 out athletes at the Olympic Games and seven of them came home with a medal. German cyclist Judith Arndt, who won a silver medal in the women's road race, was undoubtedly thrilled with her medal, but she wasn't quite so thrilled with the German Cycling Federation the finger as she crossed the finish line of her event. She later explained that the German team lost a chance at the gold because the Federation excluded her girlfriend Petra Rossner from their Olympic team. "If Petra Rossner had been nominated, we could've had the gold."

On the Board

Chicago Games, Inc., the organizers of the Gay Games VII Sports and Cultural Festival, are looking for new Board members. They are seeking people with experience or background in corporate travel, foundations, corporate fundraising, donors, band or choral,



culture, logistics, health care or planning and production of large-scale events. Candidates should also support the Gay Games principles of diversity and gender parity. Sound interesting? The Chicago Gay Games take place from July 15 to 22, 2006.

Fast and Friendly

The Halifax Front-Runners Running/Walking Club offers the opportunity to exercise and socialize with other gay- and lesbian-friendly walkers and runners. You'll be greeted with a warm smile at the main gates of the Public Gardens (corner of Spring Garden and South Park) every Saturday morning. Walkers leave at 9:00 am; runners at 9:30 am. Everyone meets for refreshments afterwards. For information, call Bruce at 902-422-7579 or Jim at 902-826-7356. Halifax Frontrunners – friends on the run.

Threesome

We don't expect that you'll find this threesome in bed together, they do share in the excitement of Montréal 2006. A partite agreement between Tourisme Montréal, Air Canada and Montréal 2006 was announced on August 27. Air Canada becomes the second major private sponsor after Labatts Breweries of the First World OutGames. Guylaine Lavoie, Air Canada's Director of Sales for Eastern Canada stated, "Air Canada is pleased to sponsor the largest sporting cultural event to be held in Canada in the next two years. Our involvement in this event also demonstrates, beyond the economic spin-offs the Outgames are certain to generate, Air Canada's desire to participate in the overall social evolution of Canadian society." The participation of Air Canada and its partners represents an overall contribution of nearly \$500,000.

Early Birds

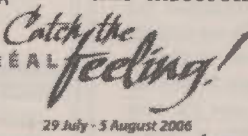
Early registration for the First World OutGames runs until December 31, 2004. Early birds who register now are guaranteed a spot in their sporting event. You will also get a discount off the regular registration fee, you will get a chance to win a ticket to the OutGames from Air Canada, and you are entered in monthly promotional draws. Do it now and start training – the OutGames begin July 29, 2006.

Gentils et rapides

Les Halifax FrontRunners est un club pour les gais et les lesbiennes qui aiment marcher et courir. Tout le monde sera accueilli chaleureusement par d'autres du même esprit à l'entrée principale du Public Gardens. Les marcheurs et marcheuses commencent à 9h00 le samedi matin et les coureurs et coureuses commencent à 9h30. À la fin de la course les membres s'amuse avec la conversation à un café. Téléphonez Bruce à 902-422-7579 ou Jim à 902-826-7356 pour des renseignements. Halifax Frontrunners – toujours gentils et souvent rapides!

The World Series

The Gay Softball World Series, hosted by the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association (NAGAAA), took place from August 15 to 21 in Dallas. More than 5,000 players and fans from across North America headed south for a week of softball, fun and lots of Texas hospitality. There were 101 men's teams and 54 women's teams playing in several different divisions according to the ability of players. While the teams were competing to determine North America's best, there was, however, a bit of controversy. North America's worst. During the competition, rumours surfaced that many of the teams were "cheating" about their player ratings to play in a lower division. In the end 3 teams were disqualified.



29 July - 5 August 2006

AIDS Walk was September 26th!

How did it go? Tell us at submissions@wayves.ca



Gay & Lesbian Youth Project, Pride Parade 2004

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"Don't tell your mother until we can figure out what to do." Drew explained that his father needed some time to 'get his bearings'. When he did, a few days later, his father said, "You and I are going back to karate classes so you will know how to defend yourself if you ever have to." Drew describes his relationship with his father as "close".

When mom found out, she "screached and lost her mind!" Like SS, Drew is very understanding as to why parents can react this way: "She is from a conservative era." Despite the rough starting point, he told me that his parents made a major effort to understand him and his orientation. He impresses upon me his awareness that "My parents' generation tried to open the doors of communication more than they ever learned from their parents." He respects where his parents are at now, which is, 'it's okay to be gay but don't advertise it – we are private people.'

When I asked Drew if he felt he had to leave his community and come to Moncton in order to be himself, he said, 'No, because I already was myself (back there).' He moved to Moncton when he was 19 to go to school. He chose a city where he had no family close

by, because he wanted to get away from scrutiny, "not on the gay aspect but on everything. I didn't want to be 'so-and-so's son.'" Drew loves living in the Maritimes, where "you can go to a gay bar and see lesbians, trans, bi, gay, young, old ... There's not the segregation that Montreal and Toronto has. Here we are close-knit, laid-back friends and neighbors. I was in Toronto recently, and I didn't like the infighting I saw within the walls of our community."

Like Matt, Drew's message for younger queer youth is "Do not let your orientation limit your career options." Like SS, he says "Be true to yourself." And when he said this, I told him that he had just given me the last quote for my article:

"There are no limits. Be who you want to be. Have patience. Be assertive. The road has been paved - use it! Take the torch further. It doesn't have to be a struggle."

Kris Trotter is a forty-something Personal Counsellor at Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB.

Next Issue of Wayves Sheri Dawson will look at the lives of young bluenosers.

Atlantic Canada Events Calendar

Amherst

First and Third Wednesdays

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

Third Thursday of each month

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

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

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

Every Sunday

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

Bridgewater

Every Monday

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

Charlottetown

Oct 31 (Halloween)

Nov 27 (Christmas 2004 Dance)

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

Fredericton

Every Wednesday

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

Oct 30

The Queer & Other Folks Dance Committee, The East Coast Bears and AIDS New Brunswick present: A Halloween Howl! Attention trick or treaters! Mark your calendars and join us for A Halloween Howl presented in partnership by the Queer and Other Folks Dance Committee, AIDS New Brunswick and event sponsor, the East Coast Bears. Join us at the Capital Winter Club, 232 Rookwood Avenue in Fredericton, NB. Doors open at 9:00 PM and dancing with DJ Pete goes until 2:00 AM. Tickets are \$5.00 (with costume) and \$7.00 (without costume) and will be available at the door. Prizes will be awarded for the best Butch & Femme costumes. This is a non-smoking event with proceeds going to AIDS New Brunswick's prevention education and support programs, including gay and lesbian health related resources. For

more information call Haley at 459-7518 or 1-800-561-4009.

Halifax

Every Sunday

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

Second Sunday of each month

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

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays

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

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

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

Every Wednesday

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

First Wednesday of each month

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

Second Wednesday of each month

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

Oct 7, 21, Nov 4, 18, Dec 2, 16, 30

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

Oct 3, 17, 31, Nov 14, 28, Dec 12, 26

Koinonia Ecumenical Church - Meaning 'community'. Services bi-weekly at 12:30pm at Halifax Feast downtown.

Pastor Elaine, 876-8771 or koinonia@ns.sympatico.ca

Sept 26

AIDS Walk starting at the Halifax Commons, 2pm. Registration at 1:30pm. More information available at www.acns.ns.ca

Oct 2

The AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, in partnership with ACCB, NAC and QELL is offering a training program for HIV + virtual support group leaders for the Positive Connections Program. This is a three month teleconferenced training beginning with an in person weekend session on October 2, and 3 in Halifax. We are seeking HIV + people from all over Nova Scotia who are interested in becoming HIV+ Virtual Support Group Leaders to lead teleconferenced support groups for people living rurally. Groups to begin in January 2005. For more information, contact Cybelle Rieber at 1-800-566-2437 ext 228 or connections@acns.ns.ca. Deadline for training participants, Sept 15, 2004.

Late November

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

Halifax Bar Calendar

MOBEY'S

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

NRG

www.clubnrgHalifax.com
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Wednesdays: Studio hosts Open Drag - \$75.00 prize
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Fridays: Kink & Oz
Sundays: Six Feet Under

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Sundays: Tea Dances afternoon till early evening, put on your dancin' shoes, drink specials.

Moncton

Second Tuesday of each month

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

Third Monday of each month

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

Second and Fourth Mondays

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

Sept 27

Moncton Pride Annual General Meeting to select an executive for Moncton Pride 2005, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. This meeting will be held at the Colonial Inn, 42 Highfield Street in Moncton, in the meeting room downstairs. This meeting is open to all people in the GLBT and GLBT friendly communities. The Pride Committee needs your help to keep the momentum that has been started going. Please consider spending some time this year to help make our community stronger and forward this message on to anyone else you think may be interested in helping to make a difference in the coming year.

New Glasgow

Sept 26

AIDS Walk. This year's walk will hopefully raise more awareness through our Politicians and Church Challenges. HIV/AIDS truly does affect us all... we all need to do our part in the fight against this dreaded disease!!! The Northern AIDS Connection Society will be hosting walks in Truro and New Glasgow. For information on Truro and New Glasgow contact Jenalee nacsns@hotmail.com (Truro - 902-895-0931) (New Glasgow - 902-755-2339)

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St. John's - LBGT-MUN

Every Friday

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

Oct 20, Nov 24

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

Oct 22, Nov 19

LBGT-MUN Movie Nights! LBGT has held movie nights, off and on, for years. We always need a little help finding a movie to pick for each night. If you have any suggestions, please send them along. We try to pick two movies for each night, and try to balance the genre between the lbgt groups and movies related to their issues. This summer we showed the Tommy Sexton Documentary and Mambo Italiano. We ask for a \$1 donation, per person, or two (2) non-perishable food items that can be donated to the Foodbank. LBGT provides free popcorn, and coke (for 75 cents a tin). This is a great opportunity for queer and queer-positive people of all ages to get out there and see some lbgt flicks!

Oct 13, 27, Nov 10, 24, Dec 8

LBGT-MUN General Meetings. These are regular meetings that LBGT hosts

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Events

every second week. The reason for these meetings is multi-faceted. We talk about personal issues, in a group setting, have votes on what is/should be happening at the centre, meet and greet new people, talk about our major events, etc. Essentially, when these meetings occur, what happens is up to whomever attends. So, bring your ideas and items for discussion. Just make sure, if you want to vote on something, that you are on LBGT's Membership List.

Oct 26

The Queer Monologues, 8pm-10pm (\$7 for students; \$10 for non-students) For more information (to submit a story, be a volunteer, nominate someone as "2004's Queer Crusader" attend this amazing project!), please visit our website dedicated to this event: www.mun.ca/lbgt/qm

Oct 30

Halloween Mixer, 5-8pm, MUNSU Chambers. A regular event held by LBGT-MUN in collaboration with the MUN Pagan Society (http://www.geocities.com/nf_pagan_society/). Mixers are chances to meet people and have a few drinks, and, in this cause, dress up and have fun. Prizes will be given out (1st, 2nd and 3rd places) for best costume, and candy will be provided. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. No cover; buy your own drinks; 19 and up. This event will be held in the MUNSU Council Chambers, on the 2nd Floor of the University Centre. More details to come! Warning: LBGT-MUN and the Pagan Society will not be held responsible for the costumes that people wear. If costumes are too sexuality explicit, individuals may be asked to leave. As well, individuals are asked to respect the personal space of others attending the event and should refrain from any action that may be considered sexual harassment or sexually explicit.

Nov 25

Simpson's Trivia Night (Bitters Lounge, Field Hall) This event was first held during Pride at MUN 2004. We had about 70 people attend this event and everyone had a great time. Prizes were also provided for winners of the trivia. Bitters hosts a wide-variety of food and beverages that people can buy prior to the trivia; this event is 19 and older due to the nature of this venue; trivia will be conducted in teams of 4, each paying \$1.25 to play (if you don't come with a team, we will pair you up). More details to come.

Sydney

Why does Wayves think there's nothing going on in Cape Breton? Because nobody told us about your events! Email submissions@wayves.ca right now!

Tatamagouche

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

at 506-529-3527 or robertj100@hotmail.com

Truro

Oct 27, Nov 24

Truro Pride Meeting, at 6:30 PM at the Calico Café, 564 Prince Street.

Oct 13, Nov 10

Truro Pride Social and Coffee, at 6:30 PM at the Calico Café, 564 Prince Street.

Sept 26

AIDS Walk. This year's walk will hopefully raise more awareness through our Politicians and Church Challenges. HIV/AIDS truly does affect us all... we all need to do our part in the fight against this dreaded disease!!! The Northern AIDS Connection Society will be hosting walks in Truro and New Glasgow. For information on Truro and New Glasgow contact Jenalee nacsns@hotmail.com (Truro - 902-895-0931) (New Glasgow - 902-755-2339)

Dec 8

End of Year Dinner at the Calico Cafe - 564 Prince Street. Bring your own alcoholic beverages. Menu is superb. Dinner includes salad, main course, desert and coffee / tea. Menu will be decided by selection committee from choices ranging from pasta dishes, casseroles, quiches and more. Dinner cost will be \$18 per person. Limit to 30 people. Come and join us for a great evening and super food. For further information and last minute details check out www3.ns.sympatico.ca/greenoaks/Home.html Tickets will be sold in advance on a first come first served basis...don't miss out!!!

Wileville

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

Important WAYVES Dates!

Issue Content Deadlines:

Oct 1, Nov 5 (Dec/Jan Issue!)
Send your ideas, comments, criticisms, columns, cartoons and more to submissions@wayves.ca any time!

Production Meetings (Halifax)

Oct 5, Nov 9 (Dec/Jan Issue!)
Help us decide what goes in the next issue, 7:30 PM, CEF, 5443 Rainnie (above Century Computers), all welcome!

Layout Parties (Halifax)

Oct 11, Nov 15 (Dec/Jan Issue!)
Help build the paper - no special skills required, just enthusiasm, and helping even once or for a few hours helps a LOT! 9:30 AM, CEF, 5443 Rainnie (above Century Computers), all welcome!

On The Stands and In The Mail:

Oct 24, Nov 28 (Dec/Jan Issue!)



LBGT-MUN Events

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visit LBGT-MUN's table on the 3rd floor of the University Centre - on this day.

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Positive Space Logo Contest
Deadline: November 5th 2004, 5:00pm, the Positive Space Campaign is an initiative through the Canadian Federation of Students (www.cfs-fcee.ca). It is a poster and sticker campaign used to highlight the importance of un-

derstanding and respect for the lives of queer persons. Staff, faculty, students and organizations at Memorial will be asked during the Winter 2004 semester if they will place posters on their doors and complete training to be certified as "Positive Space Supporters." During the Fall 2004 semester we will be looking for ideas for the logo for the Positive Space Campaign. The winner will receive \$50.00. The deadline for submissions will be November 5th 2004 at 5:00pm. We will soon have a Positive Space Campaign up, with more details. Logo ideas should be inclusive and include the rainbow somewhere in the design.

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Byron Rolls is the General Director of the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgendered Resource Centre at Memorial University.

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groups

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

SAPPHO ABOVE 30 (S.A.T.) Established in 1998, a get-together / talk group for lesbians over 30, in a private home setting, to meet, talk, discuss life issues, relationship problems, or just want a good conversation in a safe environment? Email: cmdrphc@hfx.andara.com or call 455-6041 A real chatroom, not a virtual one!

READING DISCUSSION GROUPS are meeting - Join! Meet interesting people! Stretch your mind! Contact Wayne Bernath, 423-5314 for meeting locations, dates, and times.

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POPPERS & LUBE BY MAIL. Rush poppers - \$15ea. 3/\$35. IT Brand lube - regular or leather scented, 8oz bottles \$20ea. or 3/\$50 - including taxes & delivery. Cash or postal money orders: AROMAS, PO BOX 36138, RPO Spring Garden Rd., Halifax, NS, B3J 3S9

spiritual

CALLING ALL ANGLICANS An Integrity chapter has been formed in Nova Scotia. Call George 902-757-1706. For Propitiation (traditional Anglicans) call Peter 416-487-7406 (evenings).

LESBIANS, GAY MEN, BISEXUALS will find themselves welcome by Quakers, who recognize that there is "that of God in every person." Call (902) 429-2904 for more info.

Support

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

GAY FATHERS OF HALIFAX is a peer support group that meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. For more info on location and other events email GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com, M5N Group <http://groups.msn.com/GayFathersOfHalifax> or call Doug at 446-2705 or Gordon at 446-7793.

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

YOUTH PRIDE GROUP Bridgewater. Contact through Second Story Women's Centre, at 543-1315 or secondstory@ns.sympatico.ca

HOW TO PLACE ADS

25 words for \$9, 25 more for \$6, 10% off if you run the ad 3+ issues. Ads for non-profits are free AFTER the first paid insertion. All ads must be pre-paid, but EVENT LISTINGS ARE FREE! submissions@wayves.ca or Wayves, P.O. Box 34090 Scotia Square, Halifax, NS, B3J 3S1

Atlantic Canada

AtlanticCanadianLesbians: web: groups.msn.com/AtlanticCanadianLesbians

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

East Coast Bears: adult men who are, or like, masculine, hairy men. 506-455-2856 email: info@eastcoastbears.com web: www.eastcoastbears.com, meets 4th sunday (www.eastcoastbears.com/schedule.html)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Brunswick (506)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PFLAG - Moncton (English): Parents, families and friends of gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans (transgender and transsexual), two spirit, queer and questioning

persons. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca, meets 3rd monday (every 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at U de M.) at c/o Eldon Hay, 35 Union St., Sackville, NB E4L 4M6.

PFLAG Fredericton: all welcome. Francis @ 454-8349

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

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

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

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

Safe Spaces Moncton: email: safespaces@nb.aibn.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

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

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

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

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

Nova Scotia (902)

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

AFFIRM UNITED: support, action and worshiping community within the United Church. email: stewarar@gov.ns.ca at Box 33087, Halifax, NS B3L 4T6

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

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

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

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

Bluenose Bears, Halifax: Dinner club for bears and those who like them. 463-4312 email: [\[bears@yahoo.ca\]\(mailto:bears@yahoo.ca\), meets 3rd Friday](mailto:bluenose-</p>
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Cape Breton Gay & Lesbian Equality Project: CARAS - Churchmembers Assembled to Respond to AIDS: 473-4055 at c/o Pastoral Care Department, Victoria General Hospital

DaiOUT, Halifax: LGBTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: is2.dal.ca/~dalout, meets every Thursday at the SUB

Dignity-Canada-Dignite: email: dignity.hfx@ns.sympatico.ca

Family Pride Camping Association (Rainbow Spirit), Halifax: Rainbow Spirit, Canada's only weeklong summer camp for children of LGBT parents. 455-0186 email: info@fpca.ca web: www.fpca.ca, meets 4th Thursday (Contact us if you are interested in helping out, or have a child who would benefit from attending Rainbow Spirit, our annual week-long camp.)

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

Gay Camping Club: The outdoorsy kind of camping. email: gaycampingclub@hotmail.com web: www.gaycampingclubhalifax.ca

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

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

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

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

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

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

Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society, Halifax: Fundraising. 476-4225 email: comm@imperialcourts.com, protocol@imperialcourts.com, info@imperialcourts.com web: www.imperialcourts.com (Meeting times vary)

Intensity Dance, Halifax: non-profit dance collective and presenting organization. email: intensity-dance@yahoo.com web: intensity.cjb.net

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

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

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

Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colc., Pictou, Cumb. & E Hants. 895-0931 email: lo_p2000@hotmail.com

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

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

Outlaw, Halifax: Queer Law Students Association at Dalhousie Law School. 494-3495 email: dal_outlaw@yahoo.ca (Meetings vary. Please email if interested.) at Dalhousie Law School. 6061 University Avenue. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Over 30's Club: Socials, usually potluck dinners. 431-3748 (one Saturday evening a month) at members' homes, mostly Halifax but occasionally out of town

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

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

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

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

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

considering parenthood. 461-9414

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

SAAFE (Supporting An Alternative Friendly Environment), Truro: Social/support group at the NS Agricultural College. email: lyoung@nsac.ns.ca

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: A Christian Church with a positive affirming ministry to the GLBT community. Everyone is welcome! 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com, meets every Sunday (7:00pm) at Unitarian Church 5500 Inglis St

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRURO GAY YOUTH: Vida at 897-4366.

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

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