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Halifax Pride: Volunteer All Call!

Every year the Halifax Pride Week festival needs volunteers. This year is no different. As the community festival continues to grow, the backbone to its success depends on attracting and keeping good volunteers.

Here's an overview of this year's requirements:

A minimum of five people are needed to sell t-shirts and other merchandise at various venues throughout the week.

The Pride parade will need people at the marshalling yard prior to the parade to assist with the decorating of the floats as well as carrying the two Pride flags (Halifax's requires 16 people and Ottawa's requires 40 people). Twenty parade marshals are needed to walk the route during the parade to ensure a safe distance between the entrants themselves, and that the spectators are a safe distance from the entrants. The walking marshals also contribute greatly to clearing any bottle-necked areas along the parade route to ensure a

smooth flow and timely arrival at the Garrison Grounds.

Roughly six volunteers are required for the Community Fair on Saturday, July 24 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. They will assist the Community Fair Coordinator with the set-up, management and placement of all vendors. The Main Stage Coordinator will also need about six volunteers to assist with the transportation of all talent and ensuring the performers are ready to go on stage at least five minutes prior to their time slot.

Volunteer coordinator Kathy Walsh says that the grounds setup team "...is the most important and glamorous of all, because people wouldn't have a great time at the festival without them!" This team marks off the marshalling yard into slots designated for parade entrants and are also in charge of the set-up and tear-down of the tables and chairs for the Garrison Grounds beer tent. At the end, they are also responsible for the clean up of the Grounds.

The Queer Acts Theatre festival

is also looking for volunteers to assist with the sale of tickets and merchandise.

Besides feeling good about being part of a great celebration there are additional benefits to volunteering your time... for a minimum of two hours of volunteer work you'll get a snazzy Pride t-shirt, you'll have fun with your friends (who happen to volunteer along with you) and make new friends along the way.

Halifax Pride will host a volunteer training session at Empire Park Lane on Spring Garden Road on July 10, tentatively scheduled to run from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For more information and to get your questions answered contact Kathy at Halifax. Pride.Volunteers@gmail.com.

Check out the Halifax Pride pull-out in this issue for more information about Pride week or go to the new website www.halifaxpride.com for regular updates on events and activities. For general inquiries e-mail Liz McQuaid or Ed Savage at chairs@halifaxpride.com.



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Moncton Colour Parties Turn Into Pride

by Paul H LeBlanc, Chairperson/Président

River of Pride's monthly Colour party season draws to a close with the Purple Party on July 3 at Triangles. The wall of hearts at Triangles is indicative of another successful fundraising project and of our community's support. A pre-pride Rainbow Party is scheduled for August 7.

The Greater Moncton Pride 2010 week is from August 15-22, culminating with our parade and celebration on August 22. It's never too early to register to volunteer or participate in the parade and if you are from out of town we encourage you to book accommodations early at the Crown Plaza Hotel, for a special pride rate online. Check the hotel's web-



Chairperson Paul LeBlanc congratulates best blue outfit winners Jessica Marshall and Emily Jones.



Lawrence Forbes, Interim Executive Director, Downtown Moncton Centre Ville Inc. presents sponsorship cheque to River of Pride-Riviere de Fierite, Chairperson Paul LeBlanc

site at resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=2549382.

In June a Pride public awareness campaign to reach out and deliver our message to the general public and gain support of more Allies began with televised public presentations to the Moncton, Riverview and Dieppe municipal council meetings. The presentations included our appreciation of their ongoing support over the past eleven years, an overview of upcoming pride events, ending with a brief history

of the rainbow flag and the presentation of a flag to be proudly flown at each city/town hall in August. The campaign will continue with a press conference slated for early July to unveil our 2010 calendar of events as well as a door to door sponsorship

drive of businesses along the parade route in an attempt to bring about a more visual and financial support for pride week.

For more information please check our website at www.fierce-monctonpride.ca.

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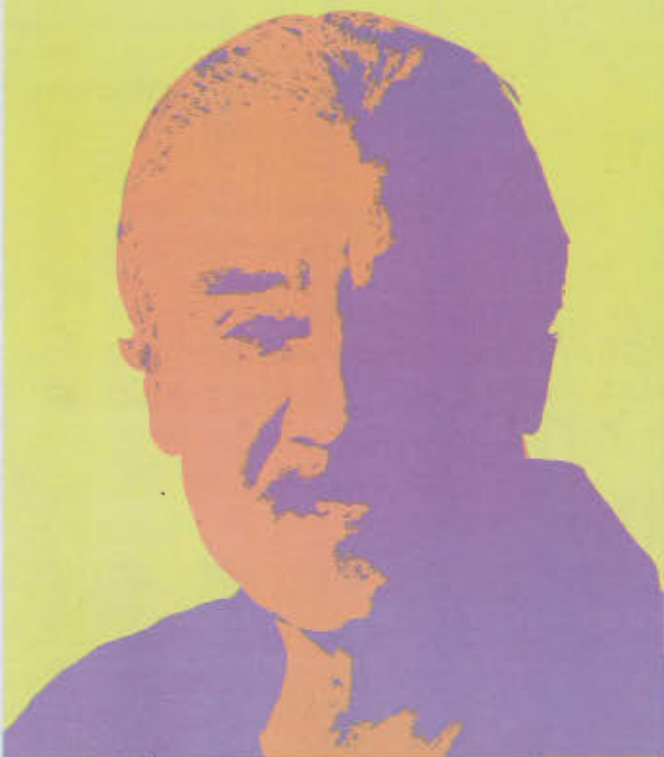
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Events Around Atlantic Canada

Camp Eclipse: OUT in the Woods

by Costa Kasimos

ST JOHN'S — Camp Eclipse: "OUT in the Woods" had a great time in '09 and we're doing it again in 2010! Last year an amazing mix of people, including queer, straight, and questioning youth and adults took part. This youth leadership retreat, hosted by Planned Parenthood: NL Sexual Health Centre, took place at the tranquil Environmental Education Centre, which provided the perfect setting for reflection, healing, and growth. The Centre is located in a tranquil, wilderness setting on the Avalon Peninsula only an hour and a quarter from St. John's, Newfoundland.

Twenty-one young campers and nine community leaders took part in three days of empowering workshops and discussions on such topics as homophobia and heterosexism, how to establish gay-straight alli-

ances in schools, queer history of Newfoundland, transgenderism, and self-awareness reflection activities. There were also plenty of camp fires, nature walks, arts and crafts, and even a traditional Mi'kmaw cleansing ceremony.

At the end of the Camp, the youth were given the opportunity to leave comments. This is what some had to say: "Acceptance is overwhelming. Simply put." "There is support out there, you just have to reach for it." "I am going to be okay no matter what because I have a community, an amazing strong community that I know will always be there for me." "I can be happier in life; the leaders were amazing and really helped me turn my life around." "I learned that I am valued. I am equal."

During Camp, youth were encouraged to write a letter to themselves,

which was only recently mailed back to them. This letter allowed youth to reflect on how their thoughts and

"I learned that I am valued. I am equal."

lives have changed since the Camp. Upon receiving their letters, many youth stated how reading the letters reminded them of the strength they gained and how they found the courage to face many challenges: "I got my letter recently, and boy did I cry. But it also made me look back at the me who was writing the letter, compared to the me now. And like I told myself, camp has definitely made me stronger and more accepting of myself, and has helped me overcome many a wall since then..."

This year, Planned Parenthood will host a four-day leadership retreat

from August 21 to 24. New workshops and activities will be offered, with more time to relax and enjoy the safe space. This year, thirty youth will be given the opportunity to learn how to enable and implement changes in their schools and communities, to build strong social support networks, and to have fun in a supportive, non-judgemental environment.

To find out more about Camp Eclipse, or to find out how you can give a youth the opportunity to attend, please visit www.nlsexualhealthcentre.org, or call Costa Kasimos at (709) 579-1009.

Our Cover:

From the Wayves archives: revelers at Pride 2008. Photo and design by Cam MacLeod.

Important WAYVES Dates!

Issue Content Deadlines:

Fridays: Jul 2, Aug 6, Sep 3, Oct 1: that is, the first Friday of each month (skipping January.) You can send your news, ideas, comments, criticisms, columns, cartoons and more to submissions@wayves.ca any time!

Production Meetings (Halifax):

Mondays: Jul 5, Aug 9, Sep 7, Oct 7: help decide what goes in the next issue, 7:30 PM, Blowers St Paper Chase, Halifax. All welcome, every meeting.

Magazine Layout (Halifax):

Jul 11, Aug 15, Sep 12, Oct 10: help build the paper — no special skills required, just enthusiasm, and joining us even once, or for a few hours helps a LOT! 9:30 AM. Email us for location.

We are on the stands, in the mail, and online on the fourth Friday of every month.

The Pat Malone Memorial Library

"At last, Prince Edward Island's LGBT community will have easy access to reading materials specifically related to them," says Abegweit Rainbow Collective Female Co-chair, Alana Leard of the recently-opened Pat Malone Memorial Library. "The materials available in the library range from fiction to non-fiction to magazines and educational information."

The library was officially dedicated on May 17. Located in the AIDS PEI

office (Unit 2, 375 University Avenue, Charlottetown), and spearheaded by PFLAG Canada—PEI, the library intends to honour the contributions of the late Pat Malone in fostering diversity and LGBT education in the province.

"We wanted a way to pay tribute to Pat's amazing energy and passion for fighting homophobia in Prince Edward Island," says PFLAG

Canada—PEI co-chair Bill Kendrick. "By partnering with the Abegweit Rainbow Collective and AIDS PEI we have created a lasting memorial to Pat's belief in promoting diversity."

Most of the books in the library have been provided through the generous support of Peter Bernier; Peter lives in Toronto and has made it his mission to ensure smaller communities across Canada have access to LGBT literature.

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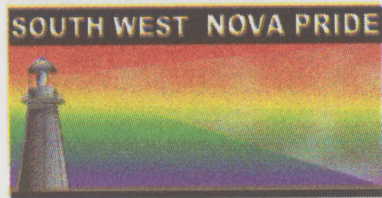
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March In Yarmouth



South West Nova Pride in Yarmouth is planning to march as a group in the Yarmouth Seafest Parade on July 17. We invite other GLBT groups and all gay individuals or friends and families that support us to join us in showing South West Nova Scotia that we are as much of a part of our community as every one else. Our plan is to march with our South West Nova Pride banner with some of us may dress in costume and carry placards in support. If you have items in rainbow colours, that would be great.

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information please contact us by e-mail at info@swnovapride.com, or call Dianne at (902) 749-0977 or Jack at (902) 645-2914.

Facilitators Needed For Youth Outreach

The Valley Youth Project is currently looking for dynamic adult facilitators for the 2010-2011 school year.

We are currently seeking folks who are LGBTQQI or ally identified, people who are organized, energetic, willing to connect with young people and able to give a little time. If this opportunity interests you, please contact Tracy or Jamie at valleyyouthproject@gmail.com for more information.

Halifax Dyke and Trans March

On Friday, July 23 (i.e. Friday during Pride week) from 6:30 to 8:00pm, Halifax will host the first Halifax Dyke and Trans March. The march route will start at Victoria Park and end on Gottingen Street.

The Halifax Dyke and Trans March is a political demonstration where we take to the streets to promote visibility and create space for queer women and trans people, protest the oppression of members of our diverse communities, and celebrate our strength. The march is open to all women, whether they identify as dykes, lesbians, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, asexual, or something else, and to all transsexual, transgender, intersex, and two-spirited people. Allies are encouraged to show their support by watching and cheering from the sidelines.

At the time of writing this, logistics are still being finalized by a core group of enthusiastic and excited organizers. Please join the Facebook group "Halifax Dyke March 2010" for the further information as it becomes available.

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AA / Al-Anon Weekend

The 22nd Courage Round Up, sponsored by gay men and lesbians in Alcoholic Anonymous will be held August 7-9, 2010 at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 5500 Inglis St. The weekend includes fellowship, speaker meetings and discussions of recovery topics in a relaxed and peaceful setting. "Sobriety in Community" is this year's theme. Courage is a small intimate Round Up and is the only GLBT AA Round Up in Atlantic Canada, and is the only one of its kind east of Montreal. E-mail - Courage449@yahoo.com, or phone John at (902) 425-8383, Web Site: www.halifaxgayaaroundup.org.

Youth Pride

Are you 25 or younger? The Youth Project will host a number of events for youth during Pride Week 2010. For this year's Pride Week, we will host a Youth Project Open House for all members of the community, a coffee night and talent show for youth, and a youth float building and arts and crafts day. As usual our Youth Project float will appear in the Pride parade and all youth are welcome to join us on our float. This year's float theme is "Broadway." Contact us at (902) GAY-5GAY or check out our website at www.youthproject.ns.ca for details and the most up-to-date information.

Anglican Integrity in NS & PEI

Integrity is re-organizing in NS and PEI. If you wish to be involved contact integritynspei@gmail.com or phone (902) 425-8383. Integrity is an organization of GLBT Anglicans and their friends, to encourage Christian gay men and lesbians in their spiritual life; to support the Church in its commitment to seek and serve Christ in all people; and to reach out to the GLBT community in Christian love and service. For more information, see www.integritycanada.org.

Spry Bay Campground

The new campground in Spry Bay, on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore, consists of 41 sites ranging from tent site to 50A power for the largest of RV's; two camper's cabins for those who wish to camp in a more comfortable setting, modern hot showers and flush toilets. The above ground pool surrounded by a large deck allows you to enjoy and relax while keeping an eye on the kids. Taylor Head Provincial Park, only minutes away; offers many hiking trails and beaches. Sea kayaking, boat tours are

also available nearby. Come explore the Eastern Shore!

Spry Bay Campground and Cabins has a well stocked convenience store which carries everything from soup to nuts, lottery, cigarettes, numerous delicious ice cream flavours and various little trinkets visitors may be looking for. We also have a 25 seat Café/Resto with a full menu of hand cut and homemade goodies; come try our fish & chips and our "to die for" desserts; we also serve old fashioned milk shakes.

Get some more information at www.sprybaycampground.ca; book and stay for a weekend and receive a "buy 1 get 1 free" breakfast coupon (subject to restrictions). This offer is not valid in conjunction with any other discounts.

Culbert Leads PEI Pride Parade

Jim Culbert will be the Pride Parade Marshall for Prince Edward Island's Pride 2010.

A bit of history. In May, 1988 Jim moved from Ontario to Prince Edward Island. The only visible gay thing in the province seemed to be the lesbian toll-free number in the Guardian newspaper. Since then Jim has worked tirelessly to bring gay issues to the forefront.

A month after his move, Jim opened Blair Hall, the Island's first gay-owned and operated, out-of-the-closet bed and breakfast. Two years later, in October, 1990 Jim started the annual GLBT Thanksgiving pot luck supper, which continues to this day.

In 1996 Jim invited gay-owned and operated B&B's from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to a Thanksgiving weekend get-together. From this, Atlantic Rainbow Connections was formed, an informal way to let travellers heading to the Maritimes know that such gay B&B's existed.

In 1997 Jim was Canada's top fundraiser for that year's AIDS Walk. Next year, Jim raised approximately \$15,000.00, money which stayed in the province for use by AIDS P.E.I.

In 1998 Jim sold Blair Hall and renovated the now-closed general store to open Rainbow Lodge (www.gaypei.com), a colourful fixture on Vernon Bridge's rustic rural landscape.

In April, 2004, with gay business owners from all three Maritime province, Jim founded the Atlantic Rainbow Business Association (www.arba.ca), a non-profit gay business organization. During that year's Federal election, Jim hosted television reporters at Rainbow Lodge and expressed on-camera his views on the "new" Conservative government's policies with regards to gay issues.

In July, 2005 Jim added a second career to his accomplishments, becoming an ordained minister in the Universal Life Church. A year later Jim invited representatives from local churches to help with the annual Pride church service. Clergy from the Anglican, United and Presbyterian churches attended; the Catholic Church declined. We believe that that was a first in Canada. A month after that, in August, 2005 Jim hosted the province's first same-sex marriage at Rainbow Lodge.

In June, 2006 Jim was appointed the first Marriage Commissioner of Prince Edward Island. That same day he performed the first same-sex marriage after the same-sex marriage bill was passed by the provincial legislature.

Jim has had many interviews with magazines, a 15-minute segment on Toronto's Careers TV... all for the betterment of travelling gays and lesbians. Jim continues to be an outspoken advocate of promoting not only gay rights but also equal rights for all.

Pride Movie Series

Halifax Pride will host a movie series leading up to Pride Week (July 18-25) in conjunction with Empire Theatres Park Lane's Fan Favourite program.

Fan Favourites at Park Lane offers movie buffs late-night weekend programming of classic movie selections. Offerings over the past months have included a tribute to Stanley Kubrick, classic sci-fi and horror flicks, well-known action films and even a musical series.

The Halifax Pride series will run over three weekends with screenings Friday and Saturday nights at 11:30 p.m. at Empire Park Lane. The lineup includes three films well-known to the LGBTQ community:

"A Single Man" (2009) on June 25 and 26 "Transamerica" (2005) on July 9 and 10 "The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert" (1994) on July 16 and 17

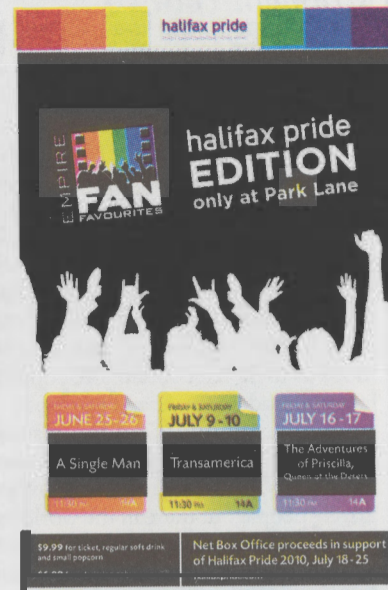
Admission per screening is \$6.99 or you can purchase a ticket/popcorn/drink combo for \$9.99. Tickets are available at www.empiretheatres.com or anytime at the box office. Net box office proceeds will be donated

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Hi Tommo,

I think I already mentioned to you that I am doing an informal study of online dating. I have profiles on several sites, from the strictly-looking-for-sex-now kinds—where face pics are a rarity—to the more “grown up” dating sites where certain words, even in private messages are censored, so messages read “I’d love to **** your ****,” and people talk about their dogs as their affectionate life companions rather than as role models for sexual positions.

Anyway, my study has led to some very interesting exchanges of ideas and the odd—some of them decidedly odd—encounter. I’ve discovered there are some lovely people out there in the world, which is gratifying, but I’ve also met up with quite a number of repressed, closeted, unhappy types too. I’ve had messages from men whose profiles clearly state that they are a man looking for a woman, and when I ask whether there has been some misunderstanding, the reply is generally along the lines of “well, I have to explore my bi side too,” or “I’m hoping to meet a man who can bring me into my gayness.” I’m no missionary nor am I a tour guide for the world of gay but, more often than not, I can’t help wanting to listen and give some attention to their emotional plight. One man chatted with me for over an hour on messenger and the next day sent a message saying thanks and that after our conversation he decided to come out to his friends and family and he had never felt so free.

Most of the bi guys, however, are not looking for any change to their lifestyle at all, including one man who showed up at my door—alright yes I did give him my address—and who clearly thought that a handshake was sufficient foreplay. I wish I could say that I’m the sort of morally upright man who would say, I’m not that kind of man, I need to have some human connection, some conversation about life and culture and whether you are a Liza or a Barbra fan, so stop undoing your pants! I’d like to say that, Tom, but somehow the proverb about the bird in the hand came to mind. I used the other hand to close the apartment door.

The other happy discovery is the number of younger men (20’s and 30’s) who have an appreciation for a man of my mature years. Sometimes this appreciation is just “lip service” but often there is a nice physical, sexual, humorous albeit temporary union. Mostly this comes under the heading of NSA (no strings attached) but within those parameters there can be a real, human connection.

Not all my meetings have been so fortunate but why bore you with the story of the man who was so different from his profile picture I thought the garden gnome from Travelocity had shown up at my door. Or the guys who just want to add to their collection of dick pictures. Usually they don’t even have a pic of any kind but feel quite entitled to ask for a pic of my... well, you get the picture (they do not!). Or, the guys who only want to show you their dick photos. As you and I both know, Tom, not all penises are uniformly beautiful. And just as you can’t judge a book by its cover, nor can you anticipate the quality of a man’s willy by the size of his belt buckle. The age-old debate about “show-ers” versus “grow-ers.” I have had first hand experience of both kinds and I have to say, I love ’em both!

The other night I had a weird time travel kind of experience where I felt like I was back in high school. Well, it would have had to have been a very gay high school but you get the idea. I arrived at a small house party to discover that I was the only guest and the party was to be a threesome. I have not the least objection to a ménage à trois—I’m no prude as I think we’ve established—but when both of the other participants are roaring drunk, the appeal is much diminished. Then I got thrown into the role of therapist/talk show host/referee. Most of the disjointed conversation between the two of them consisted of recriminations about some never-named but hurtful incident from weeks before.

“I can’t believe that you would do that to me after everything we’ve been through. I was surprised and really hurt you know. Oh my God, we should go get burgers. No, wait, we’re drunk and we have no money. Anyway, I forgive you.”

“I don’t know what you’re talking about. What did I do?”

“You know perfectly well, what I mean.”

“How many times do I have to tell you: Nothing happened! Is there any salad left in the fridge?”

Is it wrong of me, Tom, that I found this display of intermittent pain and anger entertaining? Both men, separately, gave me their phone numbers by the way, which I haven’t yet thrown away.

Love ya!

Crawford

Introducing SexLifeCanada.ca

By Domina Doll

Domina Doll is the new Halifax editor of SexLifeCanada.ca, a new online journal promoting sex-positive culture across Canada. The team is excited to be pioneering this unique blend of journalism, social-networking and community-building, and encourage Atlantic Canadians to get involved in this effort, to make our country a leading light in healthy, creative sexual expression.

The journal has two key aims: to develop sex journalism in Canada, and to build a sex-positive community.

Most mainstream media organizations have specialists covering all the niche areas of modern life, from education to wine; from gardening to physical fitness. Yet, strangely, not a single major media outlet has a specialist on the sexuality beat. Granted, there are sexual-advice columnists and a few freelancers that cover sexual issues, but there is no sexuality-related equivalent to a “food reporter” or “business reporter.”

SexLifeCanada.ca believes sex is a very important aspect of all our lives and specialists are needed covering the “sexuality beat,” both locally and nationally. A group of sex-positive writers decided to create the medium for it to happen.

If you would like to contribute to SexLifeCanada.ca or if you would like Anglican Integrity in NS & PEI Integrity is re-organizing in NS and PEI. If you wish to be involved contact integritynspei@gmail.ca or phone (902) 425-8383. Integrity is an organization of GLBT Anglicans and their friends, to encourage Christian gay men and lesbians in their spiritual life; to support the Church in its commitment to seek and serve Christ in all people; and to reach out to the GLBT community in Christian love and service. “For more information, please visit www.sexlifecanada.ca/how-to, or contact Domina at domina@fatalefemmes.com, with your news and events, or if you would like to be a contributing writer for the Halifax journal.

Trans Rights Bill goes to Parliament

OTTAWA— An historic Private Member’s Bill to extend full human rights protection to transsexual and transgender Canadians was debated for the first time today in the House of Commons.

Introduced by New Democrat Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Transsexual Issues Critic Bill Siksay, the bill would add gender identity and gender expression as prohibited grounds of discrimination in the Canadian Human Rights Act. The bill also amends the hate crimes and sentencing provisions of the Criminal Code to protect trans people.

“This is a long overdue debate. Trans Canadians face well-documented and almost daily discrimination in the workplace, in housing, in health care and in the provision of services other Canadians take for granted. And violence against trans people is a significant issue,” noted Siksay. “This

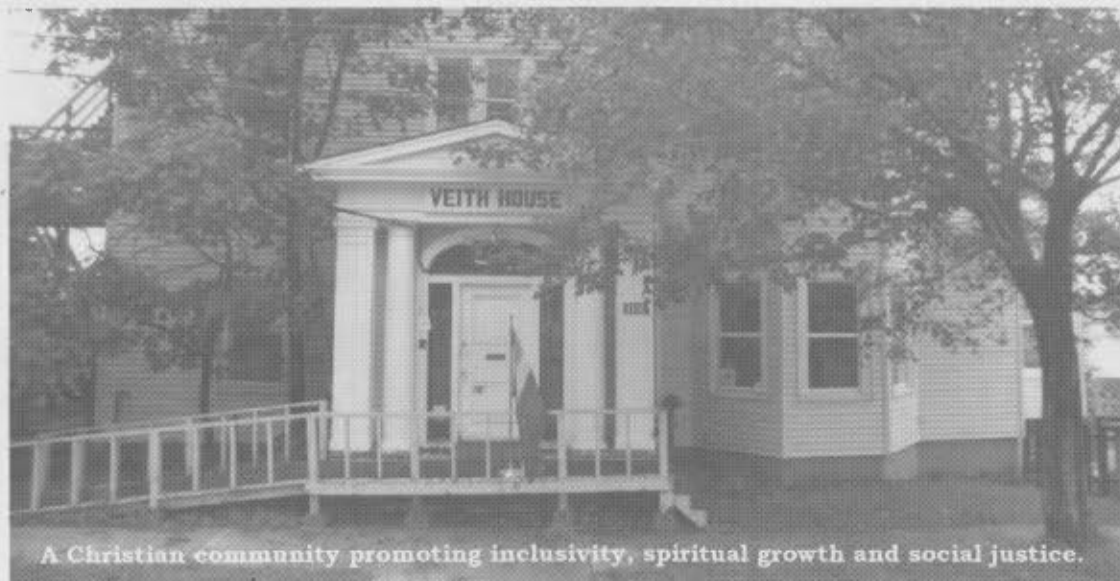
bill will make the full human rights of trans Canadians explicit in law.”

“Trans people are members of our families, our co-workers, and our neighbours; their ability to lead happy, health, secure and productive lives is crucial to our success as a society,” said Siksay.

“In 2000 the La Forest Report unanimously recommended explicit protection for trans people in the Canadian Human Rights Act. Yet 10 years later the Federal Government has failed to adopt legislation to include ‘gender identity and gender expression,’” said Susan Gapka, Chair of the Trans Health Lobby Group. “As trans people we are seeking the same enumerated protections that other disadvantaged groups already have achieved. Now is the Time to Deliver on Trans Human Rights!”

Siksay’s Bill was seconded by 12 other Member of Parliament.

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Ryan MacGrath's CD Launches July 31



Interview with Ryan MacGrath, by Raymond Taavel, photos by Anita Martinez

This July 31, Ryan MacGrath will launch his album, "Cooper Hatch Paris," at the Carlton, 1685 Argyle Street, Halifax at 9:00 p.m. The ten-track disc contains material penned by Ryan.

Over the last while Ryan and his band have been performing a lot of house concerts which lends itself nicely to the intimacy of many of his songs and music. For anyone who's watched him perform, Ryan's vocal range is reminiscent of the classic crooners. I'm reminded of Roy Orbison, for instance, but it's evident he's been inspired by many musicians and several genres. Ryan emotes a unique voice and refreshing musical style.

As for subject matter—his music is a delight in contrasts—exploring light and dark, love and loneliness, fantasy and reality. Ryan doesn't shy away from using engaging and self-effacing playful humour both in performance and subject.

When I asked Ryan about the title of the album, he explained that while living in Dartmouth with a friend he was "randomly inspired" by the mailbox labels of the tenants in his building. Simple as that.

While in Dartmouth he also used that time spend much time walking and drawing inspiration for many of the songs on the disc. Ryan doesn't have a favourite song on the album—he likes them all, and for many different reasons—but I did manage to tease a title out of him that has special resonance, "God Forbid," which he says is a song about self realization, grappling with reality and family life.

Ryan's been very enthusiastic about collaborating with Atlantic Canadian musical talent with the likes of Laura Smith, Erin Costello and Gypsophilia. His manager and right-hand woman on this project has been Argyle Fine Arts owner/manager Adriana Afford. And he's utilized local design talent in the guise of graphics designer Nick Brunt, photographer Brent McCombs and wardrobe designer Louanna Murphy.

Ryan is currently on an Eastern Canada tour covering Quebec, Ontario and Atlantic Canadian venues which is bound to encourage a widening fan base. Ryan indicated he recently had the good fortune of selling one of his paintings to Chantal Kreviazuk: his manager happened to give her a demo of his work, and Kreviazuk loved his sound, saying the next time she was in Halifax she would promise to do an impromptu performance together. Something to look forward to!

Now if you happen to find yourself in a canoe, in the middle of a lake on some warm night this summer staring into a beautiful star-lit sky be sure to have Ryan's album on your iPod or MP3 player for some home-grown inspiration.

If you want to keep up-to-date with Ryan's goings-on, be they tours or upcoming performances, check out his Facebook page or his website, www.ryanmacgrath.com.

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I Am What I Amherst Cumberland Pride, Brent Hawkes & PFLAG

by Gerard Veldhoven
Many places are celebrating Pride Week this month and by now all plans are in place. Amherst is no exception. Please visit our website for all the exciting details at cumberland-pride.org. Amherst Town will host the Pride flag-raising ceremony on at noon on July 12. This remains the single most important activity of Pride Week as it draws friends from all over the town and county. This is very important as it emphasizes the fact that inclusion is celebrated. However, we always emphasize that much work remains to be done and even as we are thankful for all we have accomplished, equal treatment is not yet ours to enjoy. Equal rights do not automatically translate into equal treatment. The Cumberland Pride Society is commit-

ted to organizing positive educational programs and bringing those to the attention of other community groups and into the Amherst schools. This is necessary so that eventually our children will grow into adults having a better understanding of diversity. Sue Reid, Society Chair has indicated a strong bond will be formed with the citizens of Cumberland County and the Town of Amherst.

Summer also is a time when we travel to attend Pride celebrations elsewhere. I urge you to join other towns and cities in the Maritimes for their events. Take a look at their websites and see what event you would like to attend. It is important to support others in their efforts to make Pride a week to remember.

On May 15 members of the Cum-

berland Pride Society and PFLAG met with Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes at the Sackville United Church in New Brunswick. Brent is the senior minister of the Metropolitan Community Church in Toronto. He spoke of his life experiences and pointed to the fact work remains to be accomplished. About twenty people showed up for this get-together and dinner. It was an unforgettable experience. Brent was in Sackville to receive an honorary doctorate from Mount Allison University. I was at the Chancellor's Dinner with Eldon Hay and his wife Anne and witnessed the attention he received that evening. It was overwhelming for me personally as it was ample proof of how times have changed when a gay man can receive such an honour. Of course,

he also has the Order of Canada, as does Eldon Hay. These honours are given in recognition of the work in equal rights for our community. In my 70 years of life I never imagined this possible. In that sense it is a wonderful tribute to the queer community.

This July I will travel to Toronto to visit with my sons and granddaughters. At the same time I have been invited to speak at a meeting of the LGBTQ Seniors Group. It will also be the first time my son Chris will join me on a discussion panel about family, queer politics and our work in activism. Chris is the Queer Parenting Program Coordinator at the 519 Community Centre in Toronto. Just



the two of us. It will be an unforgettable experience.

This is all from Amherst for this month. Continue checking out Wayves for further news from Cumberland and this border town.

Northern AIDS Connection Society News Condom Co-op, Summer Student, The Walk

By Tom Harrison
The Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life is just around the corner and we are forming teams to enter the Walk. There are four Walks in the northern Region of Nova Scotia: Elmsdale on September 18; and Truro, Amherst, New Glasgow all on September 19. We need to work hard to form teams together and motivate the community. As an incentive NACS gives 50% of funds raised by each team to put towards an HIV-related program your organization would like to take on. But all teams must raise \$100.00 to qualify for 50% back.

This year NACS has started a Con-

dom Co-op as a response to requests from community partners and the general public about accessible free condoms. (This is a great opportunity to use your 50% back!)

NACS has also secured funding to hire a summer student in the position of Walk Coordinator for eight weeks to promote the walks and to oversee the building of teams. NACS would like to thank Service Canada for approving funding for this position again this year.

Please come out and support the Walk this year and be part of the solution. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided at all Walk sites. For

more information call the office at (902) 895-0931 or go to www.aids-walkforlife.ca to read about Walk sites and online pledging (click on Find Your Walk).

Our Youth PhotoVoice Project, made possible through the NS Department of Justice's Lighthouses Grant. NACS will take a highly creative and innovative holistic approach towards involving youth in peer-to-peer learning and journey of self-discovery. This will culminate in a photography project where youth participants will be provided with cameras to conduct individual PhotoVoice projects of their conflict with the law, personal experiences with risk behaviors and what they have learned during the project to make more informed and healthier choices.

The philosophy behind NACS's applying for this funding and becoming involved with the project is about engaging youth in an innovative approach to connect and educate before conflict escalates or youth find themselves in situations that lead to unhealthy choices and high risk situations.

ISCANS Update Penny Drive for ACNS Emergency Relief

By Ryan Stevens
Got a pile of pennies lying around? Well, the Imperial Sovereign Court Of Atlantic Nova Society (ISCANS) is in the midst of a Penny Drive with proceeds going to Nova Scotia charities in need. This year the Emperor and Empress, Nate N! Bent and C. Leah Cruise, have selected the AIDS Coalition Of Nova Scotia Emergency Relief Fund, the Antigonish Women's Resource Center, Manna For Health and The Youth Project as our charities. To donate your pennies or any loose change you can contact any of our Members of Parliament. A list is posted on our website at www.imperialcourtns.com. You can also bring pennies or loose change to any of our fundraisers, which will also be advertised on our website and on

Facebook.

May and June have been successful months for ISCANS, with our Golden Oldies show at Menz Bar and our Disco Fever show at Reflections Cabaret, and we still have much more in store for the summer. Check our website and Facebook page for details about upcoming fundraisers, including shows, barbecues and car washes. We will also be represented at community events such as Halifax Pride. We thank you for your continued support of our efforts to help better the lives of those in need through charitable deeds.



Gaze Magazine Update

The premiere issue of Gaze Magazine, Atlantic Canada's new GLBT glossy, will hit the streets July 12, says publisher/editor John Williams.

"We've scheduled the magazine's release to just slightly pre-date the kick-off to Halifax Pride (July 18) in an attempt to create a buzz during the many celebrations taking place through-



out the region this summer," reports the 35-year-old Shelburne County native.

Williams says the free print publication will also be made available in its entirety on the magazine's website, www.gazemagazine.ca, together with a list of locations where the print edition can be found.



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Chef's Corner



Chef Darren is Chef/Co-owner of Chives Canadian Bistro, Halifax

In honour of the upcoming visit by Her Majesty The Queen, I offer "Queen Elizabeth Cake" Its origin is myriad, but the most recent and my favourite is that of Elizabeth, the late Queen Mother. As the story goes, this recipe was named by Wallis Simpson, American divorcée and mistress to the current Queen's late uncle, the ill-fated King Edward VIII. Once scandal broke that the head of the Church in England planned to marry a twice-divorced woman—and an American at that—the King was forced to abdicate. His brother, then Duke of York and his wife, Elizabeth, became King and Queen, while Edward and his tart were exiled to continental Europe. Wallis held a deep disdain for the now Queen sitting on what she saw as her throne. While living in France Wallis and Eddie hired an old British woman as their cook. One day she made the Windsors a cake for tea and the Duke loved its simplicity, stating how it reminded him of rural England. The Duchess piped up "I name thee, Queen Elizabeth Cake, rural and simple as she!"

Cake Fit for a Queen!

Ingredients

Cake:	1 cup white sugar	1 tsp baking powder	Topping
1 cup boiling water	1 egg	1 tsp vanilla extract	1 cup flaked sweet coconut
1 cup pitted dates (chopped)	1 1/2 cups flour	1/2 tsp salt	2/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup butter (soft)	1 tsp baking soda	1/2 cup walnuts (chopped)	6 Tbsp butter
			1/4 cup heavy cream

Method

1. Pour boiling water over dates and let stand until cool, then purée. 2. Mix the dry ingredients together, set aside. 3. Cream the butter and sugar in a stand mixer until smooth, add the egg and vanilla 4. Add 1 part dry mix, then 1 part dates, 1 part dry, in three stages. 5. Pour batter into a 10" greased cake pan and bake at 350°F for 30-40 min until tooth pick comes out of centre clean. 6. Cool on wire rack until room temperature then turn out onto serving plate. 7. Mix coconut, brown sugar, butter and cream in a sauce pan and cook over med heat until thick and creamy, then crown the cake with the mixture, let stand until room temperature.

Serving suggestion

This cake is great served with traditional English custard sauce, or Devon cream and a nice cup of tea.

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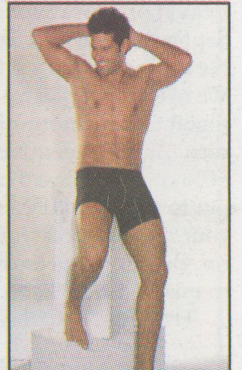
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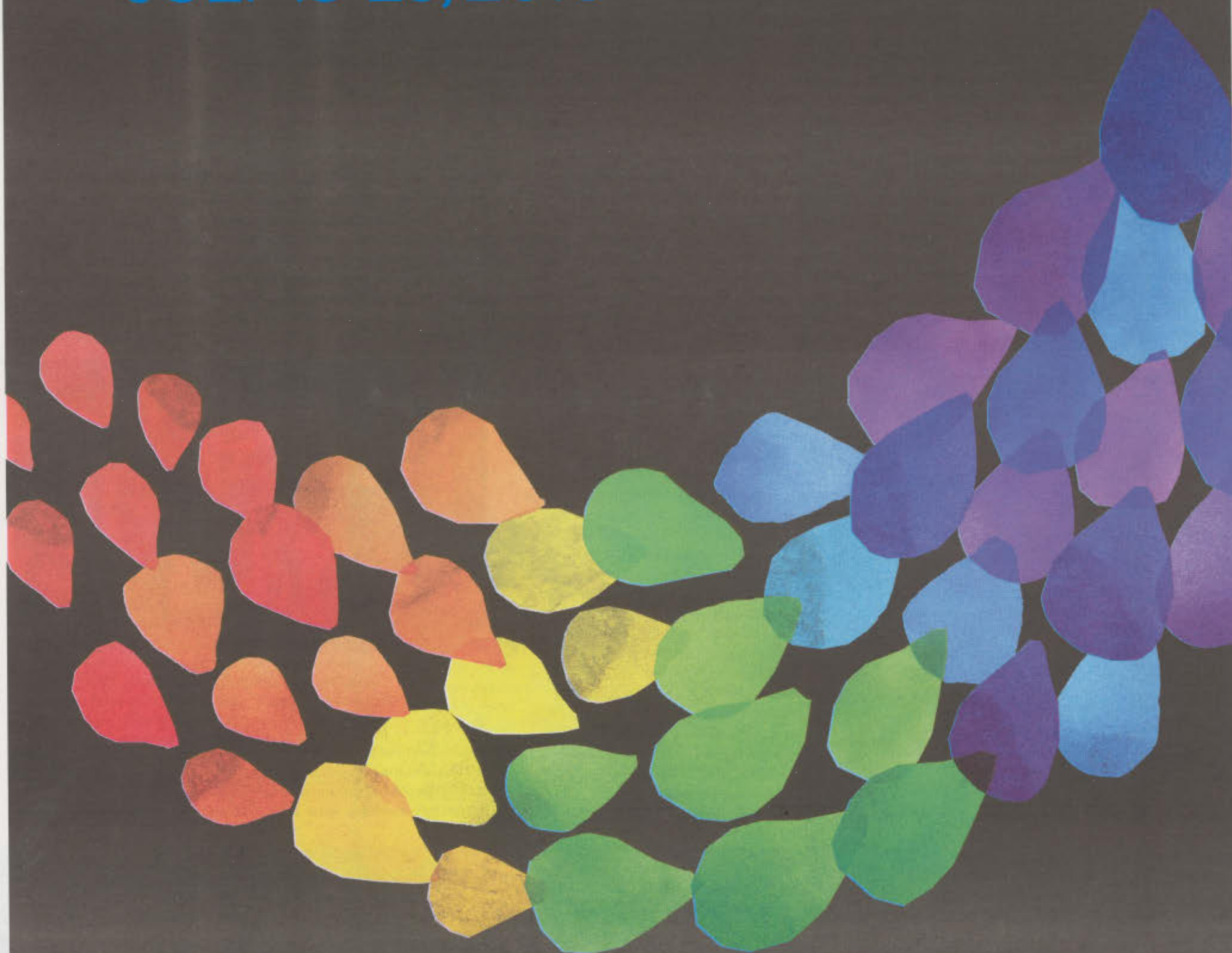
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To celebrate its 22nd anniversary, Halifax Pride is once again organizing an entire week of fantastic events. Some of the many activities we have coming up include a dance and concerts on the Garrison Grounds, a giant family picnic, a theatre festival, the Dykes vs. Divas Softball game, a boat cruise, the flag raising, and of course, our annual pride parade. From the beginning, Pride has dedicated itself to the promotion of ideas and events that support diversity and openness. Last year over 75,000 people attended Pride festivities, showing that they too believe in our message of equality and inclusion for all. Still growing and always looking to the future, we are proud to give this city's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and supporting communities a variety of ways to celebrate.

If you've never attended a Halifax Pride event, nothing could be simpler. Visit our website at Halifaxpride.com and see what events interest you from our full program line-up. Whether you come alone or with a friend, you'll have a marvelous time: the freedom to be who you are and to meet other proud supportive people are founding principles of Pride. And if you want to get even more involved, you can do that too. Sign up to volunteer, or why not organize a group of friends, co-workers, or association members to walk in the parade? It's a great way to encourage participation and inclusion within your community. So whether you're new to the Halifax Pride Festival, or marking your 22nd year attending the event, we hope you enjoy this celebration of diversity and community spirit.

Pour souligner son 22ième anniversaire, Pride Halifax organise, cette année encore, toute une semaine d'événements festifs. De nombreuses activités sont prévues au cours de ces festivités, dont des pièces de théâtre, des concerts, du sport, une croisière, une journée spéciale au Garrison Grounds, sans oublier la grande parade de clôture. Depuis ses débuts, la Pride s'est donnée comme mandat de promouvoir des activités et des idéaux de diversité et d'ouverture. L'année dernière, le festival a accueilli plus de 75 000 participants, ce qui ne fait que confirmer le succès et la portée de cet événement d'envergure. De plus, la Pride ne cesse d'élargir ses horizons et est fière de rassembler les communautés gays, lesbiennes, bisexuelles, transsexuelles, queer, berdaches, ainsi que les nombreux supporteurs de la cause.

Si vous n'avez encore jamais participé à la Pride et que vous aimeriez célébrer avec nous cette année, il n'y a rien de plus simple! Visitez notre site Web halifaxpride.com et choisissez ce qui vous intéresse parmi les nombreuses activités au programme. Que vous veniez seul ou accompagné, vous y ferez de merveilleuses découvertes; l'ouverture d'esprit et les nouvelles rencontres reposent sur les principes fondateurs de la Pride. Et si vous voulez vous impliquer davantage, pourquoi ne pas organiser un groupe pour la parade de clôture avec vos collègues ou toute autre association dont vous faites partie? C'est un moyen génial pour encourager le partage et l'inclusion au sein de la communauté! Pour plus de détails, rendez-vous sur notre site Web: www.halifaxpride.com.



FEATURED EVENTS

DYKES VS DIVAS

Back by popular demand, the 7th Annual Dykes vs Divas Softball Game will be held on the Canada Games Diamond. This year promises to be a back to basic game. The girls are looking to have fun. Come out to see the catty attempt at baseball for the amusement of one and all. With their purses in hand and heels in tow, can the Divas hold off the Dykes while teaching them a touch of style and pizzazz? Will we see some new hairdos? Not to be missed, with laughter and fun for everyone, this is a true family affair. Come early to get a seat. There will be standing room only. Produced by Halifax Pride and the East Coast Softball Association.



PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING

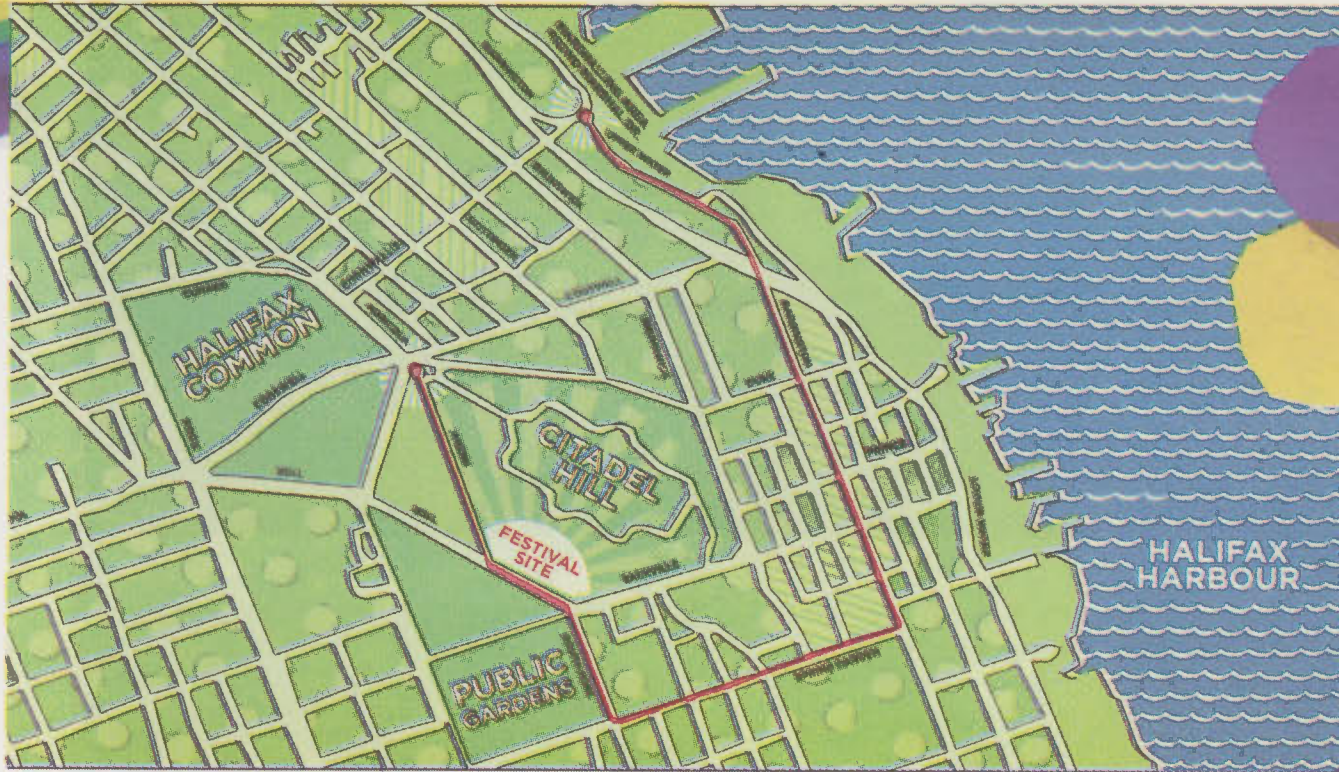
Help kick off Halifax Pride's week of activities at Grand Parade Square starting with the recognition of contributions made by Nova Scotia's LGBT citizens. A reception at City Hall will follow the flag raising, hosted by his worship Peter J. Kelly. Monday July 15th, 5:00pm.

SONGWRITER'S CIRCLE

A Halifax Pride benefit at The Company House. Artists to be announced. Wednesday, July 21, 2010, 7:00pm, \$5

PRIDE BOAT CRUISE ON THE TALL SHIP SILVA

Join Pride Halifax in their 4th annual boat cruise through the Halifax Harbour. This year Halifax Pride is hosting a pre-sail meet and greet at Reflections Cabaret with free food provided by George and Lito's. Music provided by 101.3 the Bounce. Last year this was a sold out event so be sure to purchase your tickets early so you don't miss out! Contact Tall Ship Silva to purchase tickets. \$20



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SUGARBEACH

This lesbian Aussie/Canadian duo pack dance floors with their "electroni-lesbi-pop". Sugarbeach are energetic, powerful, moving, and married... to each other. Determined to positively impact the lives of GLBT people, they write "in your face" lyrics covering gay love to gay rights. Their CD "I Just Love Girls" stayed at #1 on the GLBT Top 40 OutVoice chart for 3 months in 2008 and their Gay Pride anthem "Living Out Proud" snapped up by 11 cities around the world is on the 2009 release of "Out & Proud" from Le Chapelle Records in Montreal.

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY ON GARRISON GROUNDS

Just imagine the gays are loose and partying on the Garrison Grounds. Friday evening, July 23rd at 9pm for only \$5.00 each, lets show everyone that Kid Rock is not the only party in town. Under the big top will be The BOUNCE 101.3FM playing the beat of Halifax for all to dance and party to. With Propeller beer and good tunes, this is sure to be the party of the year for the LGBTQ community. *Produced by Halifax Pride, The Bounce101.3, and Propeller Beer.*

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PARADE

Join us as we host the 23rd annual Pride Parade through the heart of the city. Halifax has the fourth largest Pride parade in Canada. Halifax is renowned for its family-friendly community-strong parade. This year's parade will be no different. If your organization would like to join us, please complete the parade registration on our website, www.halifax-pride.com.

pride.com. Register early to ensure your place in the parade, as the number of entrants this year has been limited. This year's Parade starts at 1:00pm sharp. Marshalling starts at 11:30am at Cornwallis and Upper Water Street. See map for Parade Route.

COMMUNITY FAIR

This year's Community Fair is sponsored by TD Bank. The Community Fair is kid-friendly and features free inflatables for all ages, as well as a low cost photo booth to capture your Halifax Pride 2010 memories with a takeaway keepsake. Our Community Fair is also an opportunity for community members and Halifax Pride Sponsors to showcase their organization or business. Please complete our registration form to reserve a table. Space is limited.

PRIDE FESTIVAL AND CONCERT

This is Halifax Pride's 22nd Annual Post Parade Concert. This year we have secured an up and coming artist from St. Louis, Missouri. Summer Osborne has opened for Indigo Girls, played St. Louis Pride and has just released her 5th CD and is in the top picks to perform at Lilith Fair. Summer opens for Marlee Walchuk & Tully Callender a Vancouver duo that goes by the name Sugarbeach. This lesbian Aussie/Canadian duo pack dance floors with their "electroni-lesbi-pop". Sugarbeach has played Vancouver Pride 2009, 2010 Winter Olympic Pride House, and the New York City Pride Rally. This year's closing act has yet to be finalized... please check back for updates.



SUMMER OSBORNE

Summer Osborne originally comes to us from the small town of Vandalia, Illinois, and has been singing and writing since she was able to form complete sentences. According to her modest upbringing in a small farm community, Summer hails from unpretentious beginnings. You can hear her lyrics, personalize them, and own them as part of the soundtrack to their life. She takes each moment, and the lessons learned therein, offering them in the form of acoustic folk, piano pop, blue eyed soul, and rock music.

Summer has blanketed the St. Louis Gay and Lesbian scene in Missouri, but has been playing at Pride Fests and venues all over the Midwest. Songs From A Rolling Black Chair, Summer's debut album, deals with the drama of coming out. She has shared the stage with Goddess and She, Tiffany, and The Indigo Girls.

Whether her audience is small and intimate or large and out of control, whether she is solo with her guitar and piano or backed by the band, as long as she has a microphone to carry her words, she always delivers. If you have a chance to see her live -- it will prove to be a gift to be remembered.



QUEER ACTS

THEATRE FESTIVAL JULY 19-23, 2010

If you haven't already heard, Halifax Pride's **QUEER ACTS** Theatre Festival is your source for shows by and for the LGBT community. The festival starts Monday at Menz Bar with an eclectic performance by the multitalented members of DaPoPo Theatre. From there, the festival moves down Gottingen Street to the Bus Stop Theatre where you can see three other shows running Tuesday to Friday night. Between performances, while you wait a few minutes for the next show to begin, grab a drink at the Bus Stop's bar, chat with your fellow audience members, and be prepared for a few surprises. Take part in an event that brings passionate artists, theatre enthusiasts, and festival newcomers together in the sharing of a diverse mix of comedy, drama, and music.

This year's **QUEER ACTS** line-up includes three local productions and a one-man show from Vancouver. Each show differs in theme, performance style, and tone, but all promise to offer a unique and memorable perspective on the queer experience.

Opening the festival at Menz Bar on Monday, July 19th is **DaPride Café** by DaPoPo Theatre. Founded in 2004, DaPoPo creates live, intimate, socially engaged, low budget theatre. They began presenting their CAFÉ DAPOPO event in 2007, and have been offering up Theatre Menus with individually priced performances ever since. While patrons eat and drink, the theatre-baristas serve songs, sonnets, monologues, rants, lectures, bed-times stories, stripteases, happenings, improv, ensemble numbers, and pretty much anything else we can think of. They've brought Café to Menz Bar, the Good Food Emporium, the **QUEER ACTS** Comedy Night, OUTBid!, and the MayWorks Festival. With a spicy menu of queer, local, and political material, DaPoPo is eager to serve and entertain. Seating is limited, so be there early.

Starting Tuesday at the Bus Stop Theatre and running until Friday, we have three performances showing back to back each night... with a brief pause between each for a drink of course. The first show of the evening will



Photo by Ashley Marie Pike

be **Logan and I** by the Doppler Effect, a new company working to produce quality independent theatre in the Maritimes. Logan and I is the story of two boys from very different worlds, bound to each other by shame. Logan is enamoured with Dezzy's toy collection; Dezzy, in turn, is thrilled to have a protector from the schoolyard bullies. But when a copy of *The Joy of Sex* sparks a period of sexual discovery between them, Dezzy finds out that being best friends with Logan comes with its own dangers. Passionate, funny, and heart wrenching, Logan and I is a dark look at the beast and beauty within.

Following Logan and I is **nggrfg**. NGGRFG. Imagine it with vowels. Can you even imagine the words? Can you say them? Imagine hearing them. Nigger. Fag. Drawing from a past filled with these words, writer-performer Berend McKenzie has crafted a revealing and often hilarious one-man tour-de-force about a queer black kid negotiating the bewildering minefield of straight white Canada: from the schoolyard, to the perils of dating, to the "glamour" of showbiz. Thought-provoking, funny, and heartwarming, you do not want to miss this critical and audience favourite from Canada's west coast.

Ending the evening with flare will be **The (sad) Ballad of Oliver Hugh & Company**, starring Steven Bourque and notable Halifax drag-king Steph McNair as her well-known Oliver Hugh character. The story of obsession and love in a world of drag-kings and gay-boys fluctuates between fantasy and reality, exploring the key facets of drag performance and theatricality. It's a drag-inspired show that draws upon the artists' backgrounds in circus, burlesque, performance, visual art, and theatre. Put another way, it's going to be a wild time you don't want to miss.

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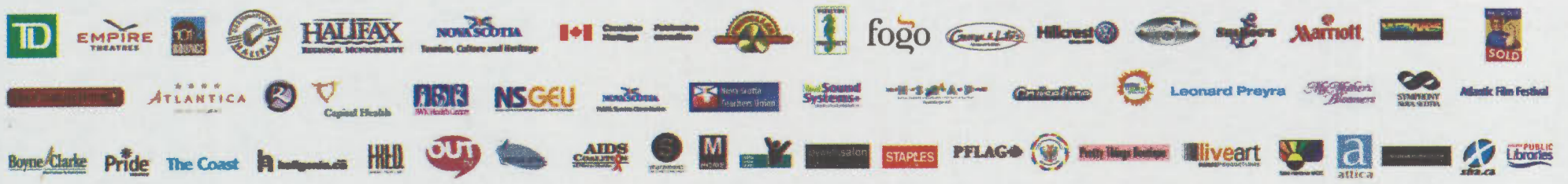
DaPride Café
By DaPoPo Theatre, Menz Bar, Doors open at 7:30pm, Show at 8:00pm, July 19, Limited seating, No reservations. TICKETS \$5

Logan and I
By The Doppler Effect, The Bus Stop Theatre, 7:00pm, July 20-23. TICKETS \$15 OR \$10 FOR STUDENTS, SENIORS, AND UNDERWAGED

nggrfg
Produced by Small Brown Package Prod. Written and performed by Berend McKenzie, The Bus Stop Theatre, 8:30pm, July 20-23. TICKETS \$15 OR \$10 FOR STUDENTS, SENIORS, AND UNDERWAGED

The (sad) Ballad of Oliver Hugh & Company
Written and performed by Steph McNair and Steven Bourque, The Bus Stop Theatre, 10:00pm, July 20-23. TICKETS \$15 OR \$10 FOR STUDENTS, SENIORS, AND UNDERWAGED

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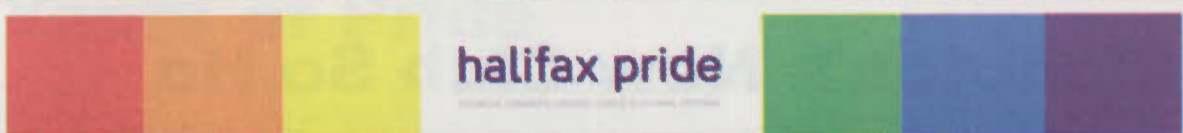
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Lesbian Soap Box Diaries Lipstick Lesbian

By L. Connors

For T2 *Never stop fighting for what you believe in. I'll always be there to catch you if you fall.*

As I enter my thirtieth year, I am through apologizing for who I am. I am a bona-fide lipstick lesbian and I don't give a shit if that makes you uncomfortable. Frankly, I'm getting a little tired of the "you're too pretty to have an opinion other than what belt should I wear with these shoes" attitude. Honestly, I expected a little more from a community that is pro-women.

I've heard your comments as I pass by about how I'm too straight-looking or -acting. I've even had a

girlfriend of mine tell me once that I was a lesbian strictly for shock value! I like pussy just as much as any other dyke, probably more. I assume that those of you who have piercings, tattoos or whatever else, wear them as a form of self-expression. Why is that you assume that my make-up or stilettos are to please anyone other than myself? You can be damn sure that I don't wear them to impress any man... or woman.

Just in case you're wondering, my girlfriend is built like a brick shithouse. And no I'm not dating her because I have some repressed desire to be with a man. Don't get me wrong, I love being with a woman

who can pick me up with one arm as she penetrates me with the other. However, I've seen her outside of her clothes. I've touched her, tasted her, and fucked her. I assure you, she is all woman!

As a lipstick lesbian, I represent only a small population of the gay community. I can only assume that I am not the only individual who has felt that the sector they represent is a "joke" to some other members of our community. Trans-people? Drag queens? Hell, I've heard double standards about gay men expressed by lesbians that have made me just ill. How can we expect society at large to accept and respect us if we can't

extend the same luxury to each other?

My point is there's enough discrimination against us queers. And for god's sake, please don't try to sell me your bullshit about how you prefer to be "label free." In order to live in a label free society, we would all need to be accepted and respected as individuals with equal rights. We aren't there yet. In the meantime, if we don't proudly identify with any minority group, how are we going to abolish discrimination?

As with anything else, the best way to initiate change is to start from within. In my opinion, if you are unable to support any particular minority group within our community, than

perhaps it is you that are too straight acting. If this article infuriates you, it's meant to. Open your mouth and speak-out. Or just put it on my cunt.

I love being with a woman who can pick me up with one arm as she penetrates me with the other.



Betty Boop holds court with Grandfather Clock in the comfortable seating area off So.Ho's main bar area. The club maintains the interior of its predecessor and kicks the cozy nostalgia factor up a notch.

Moncton's New Club So.Ho

By Randall Perry

Club So.Ho bills itself as "Moncton's newest GLBT, Alternative Lifestyle Lounge and Dance Club."

I visited So.Ho in late May, a couple of weeks after it opened. Aptly managed by Wayne Richard, the club maintains the interior layout and design from its previous incarnation as an exotic entertainment establishment (the stripper pole remains in the middle of the dance floor as an inviting place to swing off or swing out). The club is clean and attractive, and even with its 110-person capacity, there appears to be lots of seating and space to move around. Drink prices

are good and when cover is eventually charged it should be worth the experience.

The upstairs of the building is currently under renovation, slated

The club maintains the interior layout and design from its previous incarnation as an exotic entertainment establishment

to host a quiet cocktail lounge and a guesthouse... think Muther's above Toronto's late Toolbox and you get the picture. Plans are to have all finished for when Pride rolls around.

My only issue—and it could be

rectified by now—was with the sound system and the choice of music. The amplification could use some cleaning up and if the DJ were given a thousand dollar credit on an iTunes account for the latest and greatest, the place would really rock. The evening I was there he did well for what he had access to.

Nice to see a second choice for Moncton's GLBT bar scene. I foresee lots of great times ahead for patrons who like to check out multiple places during their evenings out. Check out the club's page on Facebook or visit the website at www.clubsohomoncton.com.

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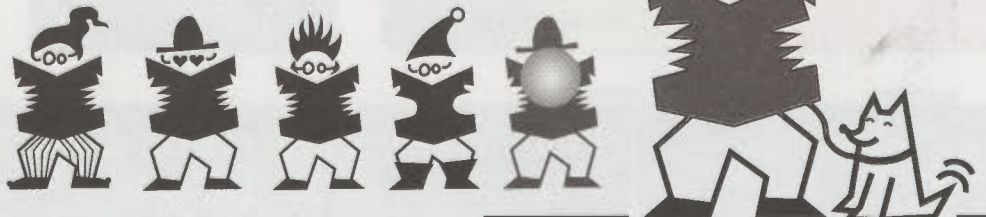
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ATLANTIC NEWS

A Mother's View: Celebrating 20 Years of Pride

by Valerie Windsor

Recently my daughter reminded me that we are celebrating 20 years of going to Pride together. My first Gay Pride parade, which was more of a march than a parade, was in Ottawa the summer of 1990, when my daughter was eight. She happily tagged along with me for that first Pride and for many after.

Our first Pride finished in a lovely park with everyone sitting around enjoying some entertainment and catching up with friends. It was small in comparison to today's Prides but it very exciting and joyful. However, the picnic was spoiled by a small

group of guys standing outside a fence throwing eggs into the picnic area. Police were lined up to separate us and them. For safety reasons, we immediately left. Unfortunately, that memory stayed with both of us over the years but it does serve as a reminder of how far we have come as a community and how things have changed for the better in society.

We were often harassed by extreme religious fundamentalists who paraded up and down the sidelines with huge placards telling us we were going to hell. The "evils" of AIDS and gay life were extolled and it was hard to keep our tempers in check

and stay focussed on the positive messages and images. Police escorts were provided by the city in case there was any trouble.

We also had some amazing times marching in the parades over the years. One year my daughter and I helped carry a giant rainbow flag to Parliament Hill. Other years, we marched to the Supreme Court of Canada demanding our rights along with tens of thousands and eventually hundreds of thousands of other queer folks. It was exciting to be part of history and thrilling to be part of such a wonderful loving community. I should not have been so surprised

when my daughter came out as a lesbian when she was 18. Ah, like mother, like daughter!

We now enjoy Halifax Pride every year. We plan our summers around it and look forward to it with just as much excitement and joy. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the fun of celebrating Pride week and the parade on Saturday, July 24. There will be lots to see and do and it is a great time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. This year there will be a Dyke March planned as part

of Halifax Pride and I hope that women will participate in large numbers. It is a chance for women to feel the power of being in the company of other wonderful, amazing dykes. Pride is a great opportunity for us to safely and publicly express our love for each other and ourselves. It is reaffirming and guaranteed to lift your spirits. So, come out, come out, wherever you are.



Connie and her mom, Valerie

A Daughter's View: Celebrating 20 Years of Pride

by Connie Lavigne-Terry

When spring hits all I have on my mind is Pride and I get a bit nostalgic. This is my 20th year celebrating Gay Pride. My first Pride event was in Ottawa in 1990. I was eight. I remember marching down the street, because then it was a march and rally instead of a giant party/parade. It was about making a statement and changing the way people thought and lived.

My mother came out shortly before that and she brought me with her. I remember thinking "Wow! This is amazing." After the march, they held a picnic where I hung out with other children of gay parents. That was something I hadn't seen. Most of my friends had no idea my mom was

gay and their parents were straight. It was just a beautiful afternoon.

That was 1990 and beliefs were different. There we were, families and friends enjoying the sunny day when a group of people started throwing eggs. My mother got us out of there. Throughout the years, I have seen lots of homophobic behaviour but it never brought down my enjoyment of Pride. I continued to go to Pride with my mom. I held a Pride flag at the stairs of the parliament buildings; we shouted and chanted and throughout the years I watched my first rally move into a party and parade.

I came out ten years ago at 18 and I still love Pride. I have been to Pride parades and events from St. John's

to Toronto to Dallas. I have seen the progress that Pride and events like it have made in the GLBTQ community. Since moving to Halifax in 2003, I have attended Pride here in our fair city each year. I have volunteered to work booths, marched in the parade, and have spent the last couple of years standing on the sidelines and knowing that I have been a part of history in the making.


A few years ago, before it was legal to get married, my mom and her partner, their friends, myself and my partner marched in the parade all dressed in a different color of the pride flag singing, "Going to the

chapel and we're gonna get married." I have marched behind the Safe Harbour church banner and in other parades I have walked behind the float blaring the best music, dancing all the way to the end.

Pride is important, it does have a place. It's a celebration of all the hard work those before us had to do that has enabled us to be out and open and not afraid. Through my mom I learned that it was okay to believe in something and fight for what's right. This year I will be with my mom and my wife and our friends both gay and

straight, celebrating.

Without Pride events, things we take for granted today would not be, for example same-sex marriage, being able to walk down a street holding my wife's hand, even just being able to say I am gay and not be judged. This year as you walk, march, watch the parade or attend any of the events, take a minute to give thanks to those that fought for our civil rights. I will be thanking my mom for teaching me that it's okay to be who you are and to be proud of it! Happy Pride!



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Proud and Frederictonian

By Sarah McAdam

Pride is not a new thing in Fredericton. For years, people have proudly marched down Queen Street in flamboyant attire, expressing love for each other openly and without fear of judgement—but never before in a parade, and never before in a safe environment for all that encompasses a “Just Love” philosophy. This, our first official Pride parade, and Fredericton Pride 2010 as a whole both proclaim that as long as your love is expressed in a consensual and legal way, you are supported, deserve equal respect, and have the right to celebrate! And Fredericton city hall agrees: both the parade and the festival it takes place during were unanimously approved at a council session this June.

The capital of New Brunswick is now prepared to fully open its arms and accept the varying lifestyles that exist within our community in such a collective way. While homophobia

is not a thing of the past in our city (or in any city) there has never been such a consensus by the people of Fredericton that people are just people—not “gay,” “straight” or “queer,” but just a beautiful collective of humans trying to make their way in the world. Although not every citizen of the city intends to wave a rainbow flag proudly this August 8, there has

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been more support for the Fredericton Pride “Just Love” movement this past year-and-a-half than ever before.

Just three years ago, Fredericton’s “Pride Week” consisted of a scattered schedule of events at the city’s only alternative lifestyle bar and its only openly gay-friendly campsite. Both

boom! Nightclub and the Rivers Edge Campground should be applauded for carrying the flag during the years without official Pride committees, but I’m sure it eases the strain on them—and the community—to have a group of people working independently to network their projects and to create new events and offerings for those supportive of the Pride movement

in and around Fredericton. Now, after two years of sweat and glitter (and a few tears), Fredericton invites its neighboring cities and provinces to come celebrate how far we’ve come, how much the world has changed, and the way a love-based project can turn into a beautiful weeklong event filled with music, dancing, laughter and the sharing of everything from stories to eyeliner.

The weeklong festivities of Fredericton Pride 2010 begin August 8 and will run for eight days. That’s right, friends—it took us all long enough to get here that we’re making a week last eight days. We’ll start Sunday, August 8 at 3:00 p.m. with a green-friendly parade on Fredericton’s beautiful walking-trail along the Saint John River, which will start at the “old hospital” on Woodstock Road, then cross the pedestrian bridge on Carleton Street and culminate a festival of friendly faces in Officers Square on Sunday, August 8, and end with one last Naked Art Show for Pride 2010 on Sunday, August 15. This year’s Pride Festival will have a little more of something for everyone. Events will include a Family Day Amazing Race, a Drag Show, a Fashion Show (featuring local designers!), Pride Cirque de Fierté, Pride Fredericton Idol, and lots of live music. A CD of local musicians singing about love and Pride will be available to take home, to ensure you never forget the best time you’ve ever

Truro Pride Dance



Wayves-er Anita and a friend drove into Truro for the kickoff of Truro Pride Week. When they arrived at the dance everyone was in high spirits and having a great time. The queens put on quite a show, then door prizes and 50/50 were drawn. The dancing began and everyone had a great time. The music was great, with lots of warm greetings from the locals for those who came from away. Photo by Anita Martinez.

had in Fredericton.

When we started this project in September of last year, we didn’t know how many people would end up wanting to be involved. Last year, Pride 2009 was supported by Critical Mass, with a rainbow bike ride, without the committee even requesting that the event be held.

Critical Mass saw what we were up to and caught the wave. This year we have had businesses, students, satellite lifestyle-supportive groups, “fringe” social groups, an art gallery, and even a church offer us support, all of which we have happily accepted. The grass is getting more colourful in Fredericton, and we would like to invite you to come help us colour our world a little brighter this summer. Book your vacation, pack the car, and bring the kids: Fredericton’s Pride 2010 is going to be the coming-out party of the decade!



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

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Fredericton

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St. John's

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Hepatitis Outreach Society: Since 1999 the Hepatitis Outreach Society has been providing support, education and prevention information for those infected and affected

by hepatitis in the province of Nova Scotia. 420-1767 in HRM or 1-800-521-0572 email: info@HepatitisOutreach.com web: www.HepatitisOutreach.com at Our office is located at 2973 Oxford Street, between Liverpool and Cork streets. Please call to make an appointment or email Program@HepatitisOutreach.com.

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

SUNS GLB Constituency Committee: 494-6654 at c/o the Students' Union of NS

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

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

Amherst

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

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

Antigonish

Rainbow Warriors: Rainbow Warriors is a youth-run support group for LGBTQ youth and allies in Antigonish. We hold social events such as picnics and game nights, have educational discussions around topics such as stereotypes/assumptions and transsexuality, and raise awareness in the surrounding community by participating in functions such as the Highland Games Parade and the Farmers' Market. While our group is youth-focused everyone is regardless of age, and gender identity or sexual orientation! Find our group on Facebook "Rainbow Warriors - AAHA!". email: antigonishrainbowwarriors@gmail.com, meets every Monday (3:00-5:00pm) at The Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, located in the Kirk Building at 219 Main Street, Suite 204 (above Tim Hortons).

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

Bridgewater

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

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

Halifax

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

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

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

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing: 455-9656

Bedford United Church: An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada - ALL welcome. 835-8497 email: bedfordunited@eastlink.ca web: www.bedfordunited.com, meets every Sunday (9 am service - Casual and contemporary - with free coffee and muffins before church to take into this service.

11 am service - Quieter and more reverent in tone, coffee after service. June 13 to around September 12 we have one 10 am service.) at 1200 Bedford Hwy at Sullivan's Hill, near Atlantic Gardens

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mount Pride: GLBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University. email: mountpride@yahoogroups.com, meets 1st Tuesday, and 3rd Tuesday (bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 12 noon) at The Diversity Center in Roseria on campus, and online (see email) Possible events that are being planned for the winter semester include sexuality awareness week, movies nights, potlucks, guest speakers, and many more. There are always spontaneous meals and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join.

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

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

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

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

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

prideHealth: prideHealth is a program of Capital Health and the IWK Health Centre. If you are a member of the pride community and need support with any kind of health care call Anita our Clinical Nursing Specialist, number below. She is available free of charge, offers complete confidentiality, and can also give you support if you are experiencing homo or transphobia. prideHealth- improving safe access to health care. 220.0643

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

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

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

Spirituality For Lesbians: We seek to deepen our relationship with God, knowing that God loves us and calls us into life just as he has created us. Persons of every or no denomination are welcome. 459-2649, meets 2nd Wednesday (7:30-9PM, phone for meeting locations)

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

The Youth Project: Support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under across Nova Scotia. Weekly events, plus a youth food bank and STI testing on site. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca, meets 1st Tuesday, and 3rd Tuesday (6-9pm) at 2281 Brunswick Street. 25 and under. Please refer to our website for details and schedule of upcoming events. **LGB Youth Project Social Drop-in Nights.** This is an unstructured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever,

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

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

Kentville

Red Door: Youth Health & Support Centre. Information and services for sexual health. Ages 13 - 30. 679-1411 web: thereddoor.ca (Monday to Friday 2pm to 6pm) at 150 Park Street

Kingston

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House: socials for gay men; gay & lesbian dances 19+. 825-3197,363-2055 email: menembracingmen@yahoo.ca web: faceitwithpride.tripod.com (Coffee every Thursday 7-9pm, Dances on the first Saturday of the month, for the exception of in November. There is two dances held in October, On the First Saturday and the Last Saturday of that Month and NO Dance in November.) at email or call for locations or special events or themes

Lunenburg

Second Story Women's Centre: We offer a meeting space for women, support counselling, programs, and referrals. (902)640-3044 email: secstory@eastlink.ca web: www.secstory.com at Second Story Women's Centre is located at 22 King Street, Post Office Centre, Lunenburg.

Middleton

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

New Glasgow

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

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

New Minas / Annapolis Valley

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

Sackville NB/ Amherst NS

PFLAG: Support and education for GLBT-T2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: sacknb-amns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/en/prov-list-e.asp?RegionNo=6&ProvAbbr=NB, meets 2nd monday (Phone or e-mail for meeting location and details.) at Sackville:112 Main Street or Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

Sydney

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

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

Group Harrison Society: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. (902)371-8752 web: groupharrisonsociety-dancespi.piczo.com, meets every Saturday (of every month Admission \$6.50 -\$5.50 for members- Restricted 19 yrs and over) at 780 Upper Prince Street Horizon Achievement Centre (Kinsmen), Sydney

PFLAG: Support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. Karen 564-8728 email: sydneyns@pflagcanada.ca, meets last Sunday (of the month at 7:30pm. No meetings for July and August.) at Family Place Resource Centre 106 Townsend Street, Sydney NS

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

Tatamagouche

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

Truro

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

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

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

Rainbow Proud: Rainbow Proud supports the LGBT** community of Truro and surrounding areas. Our small group of volunteers work hard to put events together for everyone's enjoyment. Any feedback will be considered and can be sent to our email address. We hope you continue to come celebrate our community together. email: rainbowproud@hotmail.com web: rainbowproudnovascotia.ca (See webpage for schedule.)

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

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

Wolfville

Acadia Pride: Acadia Student Union's LGB-T2IQ group. 585-2165 email: acadia@pride@acadiau.ca web: euler.acadiau.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (9:00pm(during academic year)) at Beverage Forum (old SUB)

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

Yarmouth

Southwest Nova Pride: Gays, lesbians and those interested of any age are invited. We meet as a social gathering and support group and we are not church affiliated. 645-2914 email: jackanddan@eastlink.ca, meets 2nd Friday (7:00pm) at Beacon United Church on Beacon Street

Prince Edward Island (902)

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

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

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

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

Charlottetown

ARC -- Abegweit Rainbow Collective: Serving GLBT Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: info@arcopei.ca web: www.arcopei.com, meets 1st Monday (6:00pm) at 375 University Ave Suite # 2 Charlottetown, PE)

Meshallay Crystal

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of HISH Imperial Crown Princess II of Halifax, NS. After a brief illness, Meshallay Crystal, aka Bernie MacDonald, passed away on June 9, 2010.

I had the pleasure of serving beside Meshallay as Imperial Crown Prince II of Halifax, and also as an executive member of ISCANS while he was Premier of our Court. Bernie was a very dear, treasured friend of many years.

There is so much to say about Bernie. I will always remember his wit, razor-sharp tongue, the kindness and respect he showed for others, his glowing personality, his great sense of humor, and his performances—especially Dolly and Cher.

So many more memories! Bernie and I shared a birthday and celebrated together for many years. I will miss him so much, as will all of Halifax.

My deepest, heartfelt condolences to his partner, Steven Crossman, and both their families. Halifax has lost one of its shining stars. Sleep with the angels, my friend.



Judith Davis

Judith Lynne "Judy" Davis of Tatamagouche, born on July 27, 1951, formerly of Westville, passed away on Monday, June 14, 2010 in the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital, Tatamagouche.

Judith died of cancer and a broken heart, the latter caused by witnessing the continued destruction of the ecology of the planet through human exploitation, economic greed and war. The loss of wildlife habitat and the cruel slaughter of innocent animals caused her the greatest grief. The greatest joy came from the animals she shared her life with and from friends who shared her outrage and concern. A social activist and environmentalist all her life, Judith organized for social change. She was also an active unionist who dreamed of equality for all regardless of age, class, abilities, race or sexual orientation. She would like to thank everyone who has been so kind to her over the years.

A special thanks to June Daley and Caroline Leone and her sister Jean for

their care and support.

Interment took place in her family lot at Auburn Cemetery, Westville.

There is a wonderful biography of Judy written by David Orton and is available on-line at home.ca.inter.net/~greenweb/Judy_Davis.pdf. This document outlines all her activism and her driving concern and care for others. I was honoured to be one of Judy's friends. I was also overwhelmed what a horrible thing cancer can be and how it can so quickly take a life. I am very glad that David Orton has made available his story about Judy.

Judy touched many lives in Nova Scotia and we'll miss her fiery pursuit of justice. I will take with me into community gatherings the reality check of "What would Judy do?" There are many stories and photos of other people's times with Judy, and I hope that people will share them. My partner and I will be collecting stories, photos and videos to create an on-line celebration of her life. You can e-mail us at spiritsinthewoods@yahoo.ca.

Queerly Canadian Irshad Manji



Irshad Manji is best known in Canada for hosting the *Q Files* on TV Ontario, and as the author of *The Trouble With Islam Today*. Manji was awarded Oprah Winfrey's first annual Chutzpah Award for "audacity, nerve, boldness and conviction." Manji argues that the condemnation of homosexuality by most strains of traditional Islam is at odds with Qur'anic doctrine that "Allah makes excellent everything which He creates."

The Last Word Let Us Now Praise Blue-Collar Men!

By Randall Perry

My name is Randall and I'm addicted to home renovation shows. HGTV is my dealer; blue collar studs are my drug. Mike Holmes. Jim Caruk. Carter Oosterhouse. Brian Baeumler. John Sillaots. Kennedy McRae. My birthday is in July... you just read my wish list. Any or all of them, thank you very much. And their crews. Dressed only in workboots and toolbelt. My apartment, first thing in the morning, I plan to take the day off.

What, too much? So I'm a greedy thing when it comes to filling my eyes with guys. Nothing new. I work in a former shopping mall under conversion to a business park. The renos are ongoing and there's always a hard-hat or measuring tape or paint brush around. It's a good thing eye candy has no calories; otherwise I'd weigh a thousand pounds.

I hail from Toronto, but I grew up in a small village on the northwestern tip of P.E.I., surrounded by farmers, fishermen and men of various and sundry trades. For me, the allure was of "the other"—I was a shy and over-

weight kid, awkward, poor at sports. Mine was a world of imagination and I leaned toward the artistic, to the chagrin of my father who tried unsuccessfully to pique my interest in the chainsaw and the shotgun.

My world and the world of my father and his peers were light-years apart. Still, I romanticized these men, long before I discovered myself and others like me. In that small rural setting I thought I was the sole keeper of such feelings and fantasies, all kept under wraps lest someone find out my true nature to add fuel to the fire of teasing and tormenting I endured every day, the proving ground of some cruel rite of adolescent passage.

All this under-wraps, from-afar worship would serve me well in the future. Later as I discovered the very adult world of bars and porn and bathhouses I realized that the archetype of the hyper-masculine working man was one of the drivers of sexualized queer imagery. (Which is not to say it's the only driver... it was, at the time, the only one to which I was quick to attune!) When I came

out I felt free to express my long-held (and pent-up) devotion for the collar coloured blue.

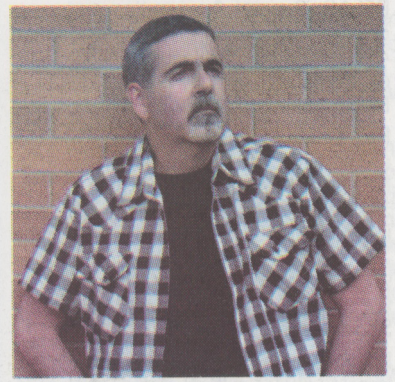
Truckers man-handling their rigs. Plumbers showing crack. Carpenters pounding away with their big hammers. Loggers sawing back and forth. Farmers plowing. Rubbered-up fishermen wielding their rods. Road flaggers telling me to stop, then go, then stop, then go. Mechanics greasing things up. Whole construction crews sweating and panting, backs arching and muscles straining under the weight of their loads.

(Such a filthy mind! "Please sir, I want some more," I say.)

As for me, I have very little prowess with the tools of the trades. I can navigate my way around a toolbox, for the most part. I bragged to a friend recently that I put my curtain hardware back up all by myself after the building owner changed out the windows... and then remembered said friend is a home improvement contractor and would view my little 3.6-volt electric screwdriver with amusement. "Pussy," he'd chuckle

good-heartedly, while showing me his own large screwing and drilling thingamajig. I also have a stud finder, which works very well when it comes to locating good places to hang pictures on my walls; alas it's not so good at sniffing out elusive husband material in a crowded Home Depot.

A good number of people don't know a hammer from a hole in the ground; I'm not one of them—and I'm thankful for that—but I'm not about to tackle a home reno project, despite all the tips I've picked up from watching HGTV and reading Mike Holmes magazine. (Yes, he has a magazine! I can die a happy man!) Those jobs I'll leave to the pros.



Let us now praise and celebrate blue-collar men, those rough-hewn, muscled builders and maintainers of our civilization, their up-front masculinity an irresistible overflowing hardhat of seductive, raw sexuality. Strength and vulnerability, together in one sweet-looking package. Consider me a buyer.

Letters

Why Come Out?

My question this year for all my GLBTQ friends is this... "Why do we have to 'come out'?"

I'm sure all of us have friends. When you think about it, has any one of your friends come out to you? Have they said, "Hi (insert your name), I'm straight"? No, they haven't and we accept them for who they are and who they love. My dream is to one day have the perfect world where we do not have to come out to anyone, not friends, not family. In my perfect world everyone would see love as just that: LOVE. They would not see the sex of the person you are with, they would just see the person.

Let us strive to make this world more accepting of everyone. Can we try to make this world better for future generations so no one has to come out as a gay person or a straight person? Instead let's all come out as ourselves.

Hello world. My name is Mary and I'm me.

Mary MacDonald

May 17th

Re: *Why I'll Mark May 17 - May Issue.* May 17th was special to me long before it was the "International Day Against Homophobia." It was special to me even before I knew I was gay. It's my birthday.

I should start by confessing that

Raymond Taavel and I have been friends since about 1980. We went to the same college in Toronto and we both came out around the same time. Raymond and I have always kept in touch over the years, even after he moved east he has faithfully called me on my birthday every year—until this year! So I called him to remind him to wish me a happy b-day! He was quite embarrassed and very sweet, with a bit of sarcasm. We got into a discussion about what we had been up to and he directed me to his latest Wayves article online. We then got into a discussion about gay bashing. We talked about his recent horrific incident. Then we talked about my friend from New Brunswick who was killed in a gay bashing in 1990. Then we talked about the time I was bashed in Toronto in 1984.

I never reported my incident. I could tell by the reaction of the police officer in the emergency room of the hospital I attended to get stitched up, there was no point. But a few years later when my friend Rob was killed in Sackville, NB., there seemed at least to be some response from the justice system. Minimal, but at least something! And now many years later in Halifax, the police are taking it seriously and reacting appropriately and professionally in real time, and not waiting to be directed by the courts.

Without a doubt we have come

a long way. Pension rights, marriage rights, the right to adopt children, equal rights under the law in every area of life it seems. We owe a lot to the champions of human rights who have fought hard battles on our behalf over the years. But we can never forget that there might be some ignorant thug in a pizza joint ready to lash out in misdirected anger and hate.

So let's remember May 17th, and not because it's my birthday. Let's remember my dear friend Rob and all of the other innocent victims of ignorance and hate. Let's remember those who have fought for and helped trench our rights. And let's remember to be vigilant and call out hatred and bigotry when we encounter it. Rights left undefended will not remain rights for long. The thug in the pizza joint is just waiting for a chance to take our hard won rights away from us.

Blaine Mitchell, Toronto

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transfamily@eastlink.ca

prideHealth and a safe door to primary health

Anita Keeping is a clinical nurse specialist, a caring and compassionate health care provider – and most importantly a safe point of care for members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities.

Anita can provide assessment, treatment and referrals to GLBTQ-friendly health professionals. And she'll meet with you at a safe community location.

To learn more, or to set up an appointment with Anita, please call 220.0643 or e-mail: anita.keeping@cdha.nshealth.ca



Capital Health



TWK Health Centre



Last month

June's question was, "What Atlantic Canada city is most LGBT-friendly?" The question garnered twelve responses, mostly with a single city name: Moncton – 3 votes; Saint John – 2 votes; Halifax – 1 vote; Dartmouth – 1 vote; Corner Brook – 1 vote

The four written responses were a bit more explanatory:

"Well, we know it isn't Truro!"

"Each city has a vibrant LGBT community as well as its own individual barriers to LGBT-friendliness that offset the vibrancy. Moncton may not be quite as vibrant as other cities but the barriers aren't quite as big."

"My vote would have gone to Moncton. However, after seeing the ignorance that has been displayed by not just some people but in particular a certain business within the community due to the opening of a new bar, my views have changed. I cannot believe the way people are treating each other within the community. And all because of a second bar opening which people have been asking to have for a long time."

"I don't know what it is but from my experience it is Sydney, Cape Breton. I have always gotten more harassment from the non-GLBT's in Halifax than in most other places. So my vote is for Sydney. I know stuff has happened there, but it's my home and I will love it forever."

Next Month

"Summer's a great time to catch up on all those books you've been saving. What authors are you planning to bring with you to the cottage or beach this summer? Mysteries? Romances? Thrillers? And are you reading traditional books or are you carting around an e-book reader?"

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Wishing Everyone A Very Happy

PRIDE WEEK

THU. JULY 1ST - Canada Day Party
No Cover, Dancing w DJ Legacy.

SAT. JULY 10TH - David & Darryll's B-day Bash
Door Prizes, Cake at 11:30PM!

~ **Happy Hour Prices on Moosehead Products All Pride Week*** ~

SUN. JULY 18TH

- **Happy Hour & Free BBQ**
Post - Dykes & Diva's Ball Game, 5-9PM.
- **Pink Velvet Burlesque + Rouge Fatal & Friends present BOYLESQUE!**
Show at 9PM. \$12 cover.

MON. JULY 19TH 8 PM

DAPRIDE CAFÉ presented by the Queer Acts Theatre Festival.
Bar Special: 2 for \$6.*

TUE. JULY 20TH 7 PM

ARTIST EXPO + Meet & Greet.
Featuring work of local GLBTI artists.
Artists, call NOW to book your space!
Bar Special: BOGO @ \$2⁷⁵.*

WED. JULY 21ST

PRIDE KARAOKE w DJ Bear
Extra Mystery Song, Extra Toonie Song,
1st Prize \$75, 2nd Prize \$50, 4 Extra Door Prizes!

THU. JULY 22ND

NO COVER DANCE PARTY w DJ Legacy
Bar Special: 60 oz Pitcher for \$13.⁵⁰.*

FRI. JULY 23RD

OUT OF TOWNER PARTY
Best Ass Contest w Rouge Fatal @ Midnight.
Door Prizes & DJ Bear. \$5 cover after 10PM.
Bar Special: BOGO @ \$2⁷⁵ till Midnight.*

SAT. JULY 24TH

WHITE PARTY + Video Show w Sonny D
sponsored by **MOOSEHEAD LIGHT LIME**
Happy Hour & FREE cover before 9PM
(\$10 after 9PM)

SUN. JULY 25TH Noon - 3 PM

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