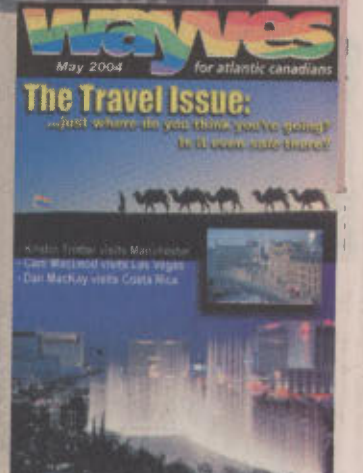
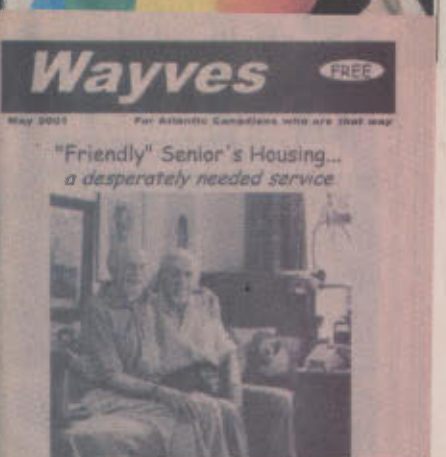
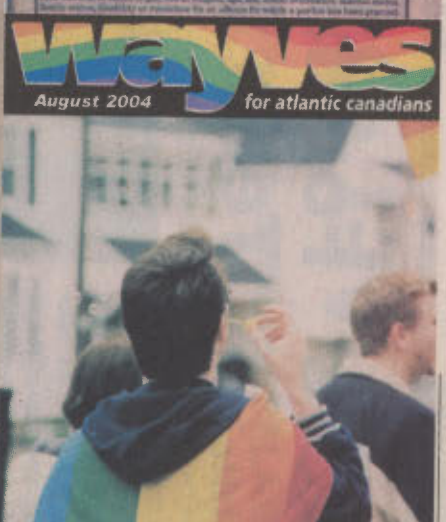


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Sackville: Babylon East; Bridge Street Cafe; Mount Allison; Tidewater Books  
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Newfoundland...

Corner Brook: Corner Brook Status of Women  
Gander: Gander Public Library  
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Annapolis Royal: The King George Inn  
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Tantallon: Tantallon Library  
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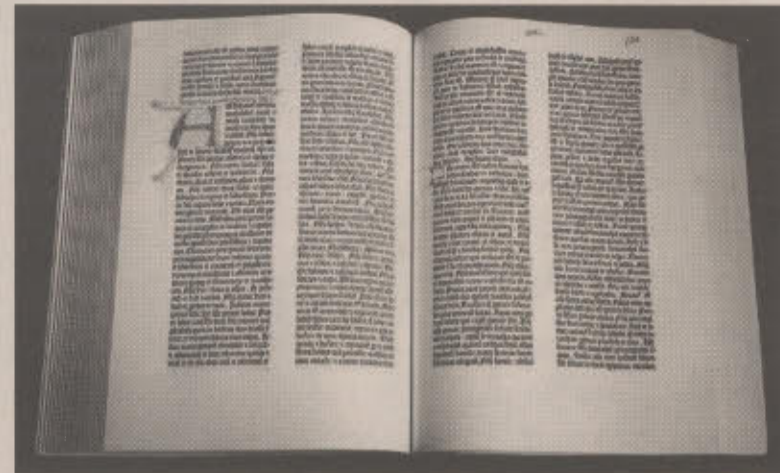
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# Letters For the Bible Tells Me So...

## Two-Spirited Info

By Sheri L Dawson

Dear Wayves readers,  
In the last edition of Wayves, there was a very interesting article dealing with the subject of two-spirited people and the different roles they used to play among the first nations of Canada. This is a fascinating issue in which I have been interested for a long while and about which I would like to learn more. Would there be someone among Wayves readers who could kindly suggest non-fiction books that I could borrow from a library or buy in a bookstore?  
Patrick, elmwoo@nbnet.nb.ca



## Freedom to Marry in New Brunswick

We will be at The Assumption Building where Service New Brunswick is located at 770 Main Street, Moncton NB. We will be there in a peaceful way just asking for a license(s) to get married in this Province we hope to have many support on this Feb 14, 2005 past the word around and lets get together and show the Government that we are not going away we are here to stay and want the same rights as other in this Province.

Invite your Family and Friends Gay, Lesbians, Bisexual or Straight we need to come together for all of us to live in peace.

Are regions of Canada is still violating the Charter rights of gays and lesbians by denying us the freedom to marry. This web site Equal Marriage For Same-Sex Couples [samesex@samesexmarriage.ca] launched the Freedom to Marry Valentine's Day actions in Canada three years ago, working with partners in the U.S. and Canada. Our work is not yet finished.

Justice-seeking Canadians in Alberta, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and the territories of Nunavut and Northwest Territories are urged to take part in World Freedom to Marry Day, February 14, 2005, Valentine's Day.

IF YOU CAN BE WITH US THAT DAY WE ASK THAT YOU SEND US AN EMAIL SO WE CAN BE WELL ORGANIZED THIS YEAR COME ABOARD THE WINNING TEAM WE WILL NOT LAY DOWN AND SAY THEY WON. WE ASK ONLY FOR EQUAL RIGHTS NO MORE OR LESS.

Remember that the Media will be invited to this event and they'll be there in full force.

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I am growing very tired of those on the religious right who continue to use the Bible as a means to discriminate against me. When the issues of gay rights are brought up these groups that the Bible states "homosexuality is an abomination or blasphemy against God". First off, I think it is important to know that the word "homosexual" does not appear in the Bible; Hebrew, Greek, Syrian, or Aramaic, contain no such word. In fact, these languages do not have a word that even resembles the English word "homosexual". This term did not appear until the late nineteenth century. So a conclusion can be drawn that "homosexuality" in relation to the Bible is a matter of interpretation. I believe that as a gay person it is important to know what the religious sector is quoting so that we can be more prepared to confront their false assumptions.

The Bible has 31,173 verses and only 12 mention same-sex relations. Homosexuality is not mentioned in the Ten Commandments, Jesus never speaks about it nor did any of the prophets. This does make one think; if God considered this an abomination why is not it in The Ten Commandments or at least mentioned more often in the Bible.

The verse most quoted is "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; this is an abomination." (Leviticus 18:22) So there it is the sole basis for their grounds for discrimination. Sounds pretty harsh at first reading, I agree; though once it is put in context with the rest of the book of Leviticus, the harshness is lessened. The book of Leviticus is in the Old Testament and it contains laws about the purification of priests, diet and sacrificial rites. Chapter 18 is directed at the laws of immoral relations, Chapter 11 is directed at the laws about animals for food, particularly that we are not to eat anything that does not have fins or scales, that would mean no lobster, shrimp or crab. Chapter 22 is about animal sacrifice. Chapter 24 directs capital punishment through "eye for an eye" atonement. I point each of

these out to stress that we as a people do not follow the laws set forth in the book of Leviticus.

Why then are the Biblical quotes so important? Simply because the religious sector needs them to justify their beliefs, without them it becomes discrimination and, at the extreme, hatred. It is important to recognize that this is the same Bible that was used to allow for violence against Jews, kept woman suppressed, and permitted the segregation of blacks. The Bible has been used in many ways to support the individual fears of the religious sector.

The point to this Bible lesson is that armed with the right knowledge we can dispel the religious sector. If they are going to hold the whole gay population to the Biblical laws, should they not also hold themselves accountable to the same laws?

I prefer the Bible that speaks of love and forgiveness. The Bible that acknowledges that I was created in God's image and that before I was formed in the womb God knew who I would be.

Sheri L. Dawson is an aspiring writer, with a degree in Behavioral Science and resides in Nova Scotia with her partner.

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# A Life Worth Living

## Bruce Allen Lynch interview the founder of PFLAG Fredericton

Coming out is more than just a process of declaring one's sexuality. There are implications for yourself, your family, your friends. For one young man in Fredericton, Dave Canam, coming out included the desire to lend support and help others through the process. That led him to organize the Fredericton chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), a group that now meets every month (pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca). Meeting with David over coffee, I came to appreciate the depth of his character and the strength and wisdom he's gained through his own coming out experiences.

**BAL:** Are you out?

**DC:** Yes and no. I'm not out to people who could use that knowledge to hurt me or to hurt PFLAG. Some of my friends and family are too close-minded. They don't understand what "gay" is. I have a former friend from high school. He wants me to turn straight. He views my homosexuality as a disease. He sympathizes with me the way you might with someone who's ill. He wants to heal me.

**BAL:** What does being out mean? What is "out"?

**DC:** Being out is about self-ac-

ceptance. Accepting yourself and no longer caring as much what others think.

**BAL:** What does "coming out" mean to you as a process? If you were to devise a method for it, what would that be? Describe your process.

**DC:** First you have to come out to yourself. As for my method beyond that there is none. Coming out can be very chaotic. As a suggestion, choose who you tell carefully and lead them to expect something horrible from you. Really overstate it, so they expect some dreadful news. Then when you tell them you're gay, they're relieved. "Thank God it's only that." I can also say that, after seven months of being out, the process gets easier. It feels as though you've been carrying something heavy with you. It gets lighter as you tell people. I told my best friend first and my mom second. It may be easier or best to tell a non-relative first.

**BAL:** If you've been so careful about those you tell, why have you agreed to this interview?

**DC:** This interview is almost part of the coming out process. This makes it official. It's proving to myself that I'm no longer ashamed. It might help others, show them that coming out stories

don't all turn out badly. Coming out horror stories kept me in the closet.

**BAL:** So what propelled you to come out? Was there a specific incident or person? Did you feel pressured, as we sometimes do, by the gay community to come out?

**DC:** There was nothing specific. I was just weary of the lies. The lies get so big, elaborate. Trying to remember what was told to whom. Using non-gender specific titles for boyfriends became a reflex, a habit.

**BAL:** Was the gay community receptive and supportive? Was it easy to find support among other gay men?

**DC:** It was very hard to find support in Fredericton. That was the reason I eventually started PFLAG here. Gay men often disguised their sexual interest as support. Persistence paid off as I eventually found people like myself in SPECTRUM [UNB and STU's social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning students.]

**BAL:** It seems you sought support outside the family and you said that you came out first to a non-family member. Were you the first in your family to come out?

**DC:** A cousin had come out long before I did, but I can't say that smoothed my path any. No one talked about it. It seemed to make no difference when I came out. It was subtle preparation if any.

**BAL:** Would your coming out smooth the path for someone following you?

**DC:** I think so. The family would say, "Dave is gay and he's a good person." I'd be a good example. Not negative.

**BAL:** Do you foresee a time when gay people won't have to go down the coming out path at all, simply allowing people to learn through

observation? As a case in point, has your coming out process ended? Is a person ever done coming out?

**DC:** Someday, as momentum picks up, as more people come out, there might be a time when there are no labels. People just are, and no particular assumptions are made. It's annoying when people introduce me to others, and "gay" accompanies the introduction. I know that labels help us to define and understand, but they can create preconceptions and encourage prejudice. I grew into a slow realization that I'm hated by millions of people strangers because I'm gay. As for the process, it always continues. There's always someone who doesn't know. But as they find out, there's acceptance there, too. I've had no particularly

bad responses. Often I've had no response at all. I might as easily have announced "it's raining."

**BAL:** Are those preconceptions and prejudices part of the fear package that kept you closeted? Now that you're openly gay what do you fear? Do you fear anything?

**DC:** I feared loneliness, being abandoned. I felt unloved, unworthy, but I feared losing even that "fake" love, as I called it. It couldn't be real because love is conditional. I didn't think I met the conditions. Now I fear people I love being hurt. Having the knowledge used against them somehow. I want to protect my loved ones. I fear bashing a bit. I feel, now that I'm out, that it's written on my forehead. I fear for my safety now, too, because I care about myself. I didn't for a long time, but now I do, and bashing is something I'm aware of.

**BAL:** You care about yourself now. Coming out has changed you. How has it changed your life? Your relationships? Has it cost you relationships?

**DC:** Life is worth living now. Before coming out I just wanted every day to end. Every day was an ordeal. Now I'm hopeful, looking forward. Wondering what will happen. I can dream now. I can think about the future. My university work has improved. I have new friends. I'm worthy of a normal, happy life. My relationships are real now. I've lost that friend from high school. Coming out puts some relationships at risk, but that's as it must be. There has to be compromise. I think that staying in had more of an impact on my relationships. 22 years of believing I was unlovable. I am forever doubtful of someone loving me. It's self-protective maybe. It will pass as I let myself love, too. It's part of my emotional growth.

**BAL:** With that said, knowing that relationships can be at risk, how did you decide whom to tell first? Did they react as you'd expected or hoped they would?

**DC:** My high school friend reacted as expected. My mother's reaction was determined somewhat by her religion. She accepted me, but she wanted to fix the problem. With time she fully accepted me as gay. She stopped seeing it as something wrong. She got to know me as a gay person. My father had stereotypical images of gay men in mind. I didn't match those images. He wouldn't believe it of me until I told him. He'd suspected, but he hadn't probed the issued. His acceptance was faster under my mother's influence. I told my best friend first because I was pretty sure of the reaction. You have to pick carefully.

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## Opinion: Front of the Bus

By Gemma M. Hickey

Once upon a time, a little girl was told by her father that when she grew up she could be what she wanted as long as she had a dream and worked very hard to make her dream come true. When the little girl grew up, she discovered that her father had lied. Martin Luther

King Jr. had a dream. I had one too, but I am awake now. After rubbing my eyes, I have decided that like Rosa Parks, I will not sit at the back the bus!

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It is not a secret that the major locus for the argument against same-sex marriage in Newfoundland and Labrador comes from the conservative elements of Christianity who, whether they argue against lesbian and gay rights on explicitly religious ground, argue fundamentally from a sense of religious feeling. As a Christian, I understand to a certain degree the conflict that other Christians experience in attempting to reconcile the apparent teachings of Christianity with the rapid evolution of the modern world. I also have compassion for those who are afraid for the fate of their treasured social institutions in these times of change, but in Canada we have freedom of religion and that essentially means freedom from religion.

There is no conceivable way that same-sex marriage could either cheapen existing marriages, damage the institution of mar-

riage, influence heterosexuals not to marry, or in extreme cases, contribute to the already high divorce rate in heterosexual marriage. If fairness to lesbians and gays could possibly produce these deleterious results, then we must ask ourselves how meaningful the institution

of marriage is in the first place. Furthermore, some opponents of same-sex marriage contend that marriage is an institution uniquely constituted for the purposes of promoting and nurturing procreation, and that since lesbians and gays supposedly cannot procreate, the right to marry should not be extended to them.

Marriage is a contractual arrangement that confers many rights, protections and obligations that have been tuned over

time to serve the real needs of couples, but nowhere in Canadian law does it specify that married couples must procreate. If the opponents of same-sex marriage want to be consistent, they should lobby to forbid infertile and postmenopausal women the right to marry, and for the annulment of marriages that do not produce

offspring by some deadline. Generally speaking, marriage works and works well, high divorce rates notwithstanding, or we would not be in such conflict over who is permitted to enjoy it. It is an issue with direct, here-and-now, bread-and-butter importance to many lesbians and gays.

All of the arguments against same-sex marriage have absolutely nothing to do with logic or consistency. They are merely a facile way to emphasize the differences between heterosexuals and homosexuals and to deny lesbians and gays their rights. Marriage should be a human right, not just a heterosexual one. Calling marriage something other than marriage would send a negative message — you can get on the bus, but you have to sit at the back. On December 21, 2004 same-sex couples in Newfoundland and Labrador were granted the right to sit wherever they wanted by Chief Justice Derek Green. The first same-sex wedding took place on December 23, 2004 and every other same-sex couple in the province is still celebrating their honeymoon with them.

*Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream. I had one too, but I am awake now*

Gemma Hickey is the new LGBT Coordinator at the Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Health Centre (formerly Planned Parenthood.) This is the first time a position specific to LGBT issues has existed in the organization in Newfoundland.

## A Life Worth Living

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BAL: You spoke about the impact of your mother's religion on her acceptance of you, and of homosexuality. Has religion had an impact on your ability to accept yourself?

DC: I'm Catholic. Christian. I believe in God, but I am free to question. I follow my own beliefs, my own sense of right and wrong. I can do that and not be at odds with my religion. My mother helped find a priest who was completely accepting. He showed me that I was not going to hell. He matched each condemnation from fundamentalist religion with a positive quote from the bible. He showed me that such things were a matter of interpretation.

BAL: But you didn't find that sort of support in the community at large. Is that what prompted you to start PFLAG in Fredericton? Can you trace the path of its development for us?

DC: My boyfriend though at the time the time he was just a friend took me to a PFLAG meeting in Saint John. I learned that there was no chapter in Fredericton. I'd always wanted to help create a support network. What better way was there? This was prior to my meeting with the priest, so I wondered if my association with PFLAG might hurt the people I was close to. But I believe in signs. We associate the number 666 with evil. Well, the PFLAG meeting took place in Room 777. That seemed lucky to me. A good

omen. I was afraid that I wouldn't follow through, but it became easier. It became very easy. I was surprised that no one had done it. PFLAG thrives now, meeting the last Friday of every month.

BAL: You spoke of a boyfriend. Were you sexually active before coming out?

DC: No. But that had nothing to do with being in or out, straight or gay. I wasn't about to wait for marriage, since marriage seemed impossible for me, but I was certainly waiting for Mr. Right. I didn't want there to be any regrets.

BAL: Are there any regrets? Are you happy now?

DC: Coming out does not solve all your problems. I realized that every issue was not the fault of being gay. I guess I'd been expecting instant happiness. The other problems, though, shrunk. They became easily solved. I am better equipped now to handle things. All the parts of myself are integrated. I understand myself what gay is. Even taking the sexual aspects out of it, I could not be with a woman. If I never had sex with a man, I'd still be gay. It's the same way that being straight is more than just a style of sex. I'm David. I am smart, funny, good-hearted. I'm a hundred different things, one of which is that I happen to be gay.

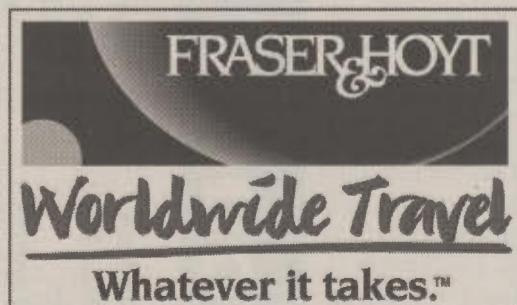
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# Atlantic News

## Do You Have Time For The Family Pride Camping Association?

By: Andrea McQuillin

Did you ever go to summer camp? Did you ever have the feeling that you or your family were different? Do you remember not fitting in? How did that experience shape you?

Now imagine a summer camp where there are other kids like you, who have families like yours. Imagine a week where you don't worry about where you are, whether you fit in, who knows what about you, or the complicated, loving relationships that make up your family.

In spring 2000, several parents imagined such a place, and thus Rainbow Spirit, Canada's only week-long camp for the children of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender parents was born, right here in Nova Scotia. And in the five years since, we've given more than seventy-five campers and junior leaders a positive summer camp experience.

Maybe you've heard of the Family Pride Camping Association (FPCA), the local organization that hosts Rainbow Spirit. Many of you have supported Rainbow Spirit by sending your child to camp, by donating to the FPCA, or by attending one of our many fundraising events, like an auction or a dance. We'd like to thank you.

We'd also like to invite you to join us. We've had many wonderful and able volunteers—some have given for a long time, and of course, given everyone's busy, demanding lives, many have given their time in limited amounts. But an organization like the FPCA needs caring, responsible adults at all levels of participation and you're urged, if you like the idea of Rainbow Spirit, to play a part.

Our volunteers have a variety of backgrounds—some have kids, others don't and don't plan to; some are outdoor recreation specialists, others are organizers and administrators; some people have time to sling beer at a dance, others can lead a sing-along at a barbecue. What all FPCA volunteers share is the awareness that our kids don't always have the easiest time of it. Therefore, we're joined in a common cause that supports the well-being of our community's children.

While it takes a bit of work, there are many rewards in helping to organize a fun and safe summer camp for kids. You'll meet positive, active volunteers. You'll meet courageous and loving families who have confronted the many challenges society has presented to them (and with whom you

can share valuable information). Best of all, you'll meet some of the bright, fantastic kids in our community.

Perhaps the most rewarding moment for any FPCA volunteer is visiting camp and seeing the kids running around, doing kid stuff, being themselves. In the moment's ordinariness, one realizes why this camp makes such a difference and why it's necessary. These kids are fine. In fact, they're better than fine—they're proud. And that's as it should be for all kids. It shouldn't be a big deal, but it is.

As a volunteer organization, the Family Pride Camping Association needs your help—specifically your time. We are looking for volunteers of all stripes and colours for our board, which meets monthly, and for several of our committees. If you are interested in joining our efforts in some small or large way, please email us: [info@fpc.ca](mailto:info@fpc.ca) or call 455-0186.

You might wish that Camp Rainbow Spirit had been around during your youth. But it's not too late for our kids. Get involved.

## Harrison Group Society Men's Easter Retreat

Harrison Group wishes to announce a men's Easter Retreat to be held at Camp Carter – New Harris, Seal Island Cape Breton March 27-30 2005. Weekend is free but registration is required. Space is limited so register early.

What to Bring: Just bring pillows, blankets, refreshments, recreational equipment: snow shoes, skis – cross country, playing cards, favorite music, board games, winter apparel, etc.

For further details contact: Group Harrison Society, 564-6939, between 9:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

## Halifax Health Care Hetero-Sexist

By Dawn Archambault

During the months of November & December the Halifax Rainbow Health Project and the Capital Health's Primary Care Office conducted a series of focus groups and distributed a large number of surveys to gather information regarding the gaps in primary health care services for the LGBTTIQ community within the Capital Health District. Both family doctors and social service organizations were consulted.

Health services in the Capital Health District were found to be typically hetero-sexist and non-inclusive of the queer community, with no specific counselling, men-

tal health, or addiction services. It was very difficult to find providers who were non-judgemental, positive, accessible or knowledgeable about specific LGBTTIQ issues.

Because of a lack of resources to find queer-positive doctors or services, most surveys pointed out that there was very little recourse when facing a homo/bi/trans-phobic service provider.

Lack of an AIDS Hospice in Halifax along with no available bereavement counselling for partners were also pointed out by the surveys and focus groups.

A number of preliminary recommendations were made during this process. Chief among these was a Community Health Centre which would provide primary health care, mental health, and addiction services. Such a Centre could also provide educational resources for both service providers and the community. Other recommendations included sensitivity training for all primary care providers, community representation of all future planning committees, and a set of standards of care for providing services to LGBTTIQ people.

In December 2004 a thorough literature review of all international documents pertaining to standards of care for LGBTTIQ persons was completed. A final report documenting all results is available on the NSRAP website.

Based on the results of the focus groups and surveys, a proposal for improving primary care for the community was submitted to Capital Health. We expect to have a response from Capital Health within the next few months.

The next step in the HRH project is to begin looking into data collection mechanisms within primary care services to ensure the data collected is inclusive to the LGBTTIQ community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those

who participated in the focus groups and who took the time to complete a survey. We would like to invite those who participated to join us at one of our consensus workshops in March 2005. These workshops will allow us to present our findings and work collaboratively at developing an action plan for improving access to primary health care for our community.

For more information regarding the consensus workshops or to access the HRH Project report please visit the NSRAP website at [www.nsrp.ca](http://www.nsrp.ca) or contact Dawn Archambault, HRH Project Coordinator, Bloomfield Community Center, 2786 Agricola Street, Suite 103, Halifax, NS or phone 902-444-7887.

## The Pride Guide Directs Again!

Pride Guide Publishing has announced the return of its signature publication - the Pride Guide planned for a late spring release. While a number of the details have yet to be finalized, publisher Chris Aucoin says he hopes work will begin shortly on the seventh edition of the region's community-friendly phone book.

The Pride Guide is a free directory listing businesses, community groups and organizations that welcome members of the GLBT community. "It's our community's phonebook" says Aucoin.

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## ACNS Springs For Life

By: Teresa Welsh

With winter pounding down around us, Spring is no more than a glimmer in the eye – if that. Here's a little preview, as you scrape miles of ice off your car off and dream of sitting beside a toasty fire. Spring for Life is a new fundraising initiative that's taking Atlantic Canada by storm! But really, this fun new campaign was initiated by the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (CANFAR) in 2003 to address the stunning lack of awareness about HIV/AIDS and to raise money for research on HIV/AIDS. CANFAR was founded in 1987 to fund all aspects of HIV/AIDS research, including research into new vaccines and therapies, and studies to better understand the spread of HIV/AIDS in Canada and abroad. After Spring for Life's first year, we realized that research was not the only part of the fight against AIDS. We took Spring for Life to the next level, and partnered with local AIDS service organizations across the country in recognition of both sides of the fight against AIDS: the need for research, in order to find a cure, and the crucial importance of community based services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

And thus, here we are in Nova Scotia! In March, 2005, CANFAR is partnering with the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS), whose mission is to promote and support the health and well being of persons living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and to reduce the spread of HIV in this province. Through Spring for Life, businesses in the Halifax region will be donating a percent-

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Crawford Hastie's...

## KIBITZ AND BITCH

Hello Tom,

I've just come back from the laundromat (now, stop that. You know you love my laundromat stories! Funny, how whenever I have to scold someone - well, mostly you - it makes me think of my friend, the Añthill. She is always ready to crack the verbal whip at anyone making remarks that she perceives as racist, ageist, sexist, homophobic etc. I've been struck silent - well, nearly - on several occasions by her quick response to some chance, rather amusing, though perhaps slightly unkind opinion of mine. On the other hand, having raised six children - eight if you count ex-husbands - her scold muscles are well toned.)

Where was I before I had to scold you? Oh, yes. At the laundromat. I had been observing a young man at the next washer and wondering as I admired his basket - laundry basket, that it - whether I could steal a pair of his briefs. Not that I would, at least I don't think so, but mentally, I was already stuffing his Y-fronts in among my socks and towels. In my daydream I was reasoning that if I couldn't be with him I could at least fondle some article, which had once fondled him. Hmm, something about that last sentence sounds uncomfortably close to a scene I saw once in a movie about the early days of a stalker/serial killer. On the other hand, I have neither the skill, the nerve nor the lack of moral conditioning to do more than indulge in wishful fantasy. That must count for something, right?

The other thing I noticed about Mr. Basket was how his closely-trimmed sideburns followed the exact contour of his cheek and jaw line and thinking how he probably had the same kind of treasure trail leading from his navel down past the waistband of the shorts which I have now firmly resolved I will not steal, under any conditions, not even if he dropped them at my feet or left them in the dryer by mistake or...

I was blissfully lost in these thoughts when an older couple - by that I mean our age, Tom - came in and in the course of sorting things into washers, struck up a conversation with me about the surrounding area and whether I would recommend it as a good place to retire. I laughed and

told them the only thing I recommend at the moment is the new Tim Horton's lemon cranberry muffin. This gives me time to process (or file for discussion with my therapist later) the sudden surge of hostility I'm feeling towards them for (a) being my age and ready to retire, which brings up age issues for me, and (b) being my age and financially able to retire which brings up issues too numerous to list here. I give them the smile I normally reserve for the mentally deficient (did I mention they were from California?) and ask them, in a subtle revenge, how they like having Arnold Schwarzenegger as governor.

After this rather rocky beginning we proceed onto safer conversational ground like East Indian cooking, our mutual dislike of Woody Allen movies and how vodka is the perfect drink - it goes with everything! After they leave I notice that the young cute guy has also left, taking all of his underwear with him. As I somewhat disconsolately fold up my own laundry I sense an eye of observation focused on me. I looked up to see an elderly man, seated by the window, smiling in my direction while his right eye - there appeared to be something rather "off" about the left one - is quite obviously ogling my newly-washed clothes. Now, of course it may well have been my seersucker tea towel, which had caught his attention, but I saw him lick his lips as I put my Fruit of the Looms into my laundry bag. And I used to think karma took lifetimes!

Got to go, Tommo.  
Love ya'  
Crawford

P.S. I wonder what it was like on the set of the new movie with Ms. Streisand and Mr. Hoffman. Do you think they discussed the fact that she once played Esther Hoffman, and that in Yentl she played a girl dressed as a boy while in Tootsie he played a man who dressed as a woman? Or was it just a clash of the titans between Father and Mother Focker? (Sorry, I couldn't help myself.)

## Dyke Night is Back!

"Pulling off layers of each others' clothes one at a time in the private room I had rented, we teased and played and got a little more warmed up. I was still in my boxers when I bent down to take off my boots, and she smacked my hands away. She leaned me back against the mirror at the foot of the bed. With an indulgent smirk, I let her untie the laces. She took her time, pulling them out one at a time while I watched."

Last July, DykeNight staged a temporary takeover at Seadog's Bathhouse and Spa. I'd known about the previous occasions, but intimidation kept me away. "What exactly is a bathhouse? What do people do there? Who runs this thing, anyway?" I wondered. With all due respect for my gay brothers, do I really want them setting me up with strangers, or picking out my porn? Finally, I heard from reliable friends that the place was clean and comfortable, and that DykeNight was sponsored by Venus Envy, with friendly, female staff. I was curious enough to give it a try. But not without inviting a bunch of friends for moral support!

We arrived together and got a tour of the place. It was indeed cleaner than any locker room I'd seen. The public spaces were comfortably lit, and the air was damp with steam from the hot tub.

"We wandered out into the public areas, checking out the scene and wondering what the women checking us out had heard from behind our door. Some people had swim shorts on; I saw some very sexy underwear; and my friends Jessie and Yolanda were looking adorable in matching sarongs. We all piled into the steamy water with the four others who were already there, and a friendly round of introductions followed. Everyone seemed very welcoming and sociable. We laughed and chatted, trading stories, and I started to wonder if anyone besides us was going to get it on -- or if the night was going to turn into a giant slumber party!"

Women drifted in and out of private rooms and public play spaces. Some negotiated eagerly with their new friends about fantasies and boundaries. Others watched or socialized, relaxing in an atmosphere where "yes" was welcomed and "no" was respected and women were everywhere. The videos playing on the overhead tvs showed nothing but women, with nary a long fingernail to be seen. Some people read erotic poetry aloud in the steam room, others made out in the showers.

"Slowly, unyieldingly, I sank my teeth into her tense shoulder muscles until she shuddered. I ran my

tongue lightly over her collarbone and knew that we were going to close out the night with a bang."

And we'd like to do it again.

The next Dyke Night will be on Valentine's Day - a Monday night, from after-dinner-sometime until 1am. If you joined us, what would you want to do? Body painting? Erotic storytelling? Workshops in erotic massage? Eat chocolate and cinnamon-heart desserts? Off of each others' skin?? Get more information at <http://www.venusenvy.ca/Halifax/bathhouse.asp>, or call Venus Envy (422-0002). Write to us with your questions and suggestions at [hfxdyke-bathhouse-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:hfxdyke-bathhouse-owner@yahoogroups.com)

Come with your sweetie(s), your friends, or just yourself - you can make it whatever you want it to be. Hope to see you there!

## Tips For Maximum Enjoyment

From the Pussy Palace Toronto website (<http://www.pussypalacetoronto.com>)

1. Go with an open mind. This event is about having fun and exploring sexuality in a supportive, safe environment. It's OK to ask and it's okay to try new things.

2. Have a sense of your boundaries and limits. You don't have to do anything you don't want to do.

3. If you go with a partner or date, discuss before hand how you'll handle cruising or being cruised by other people.

4. Be friendly and flirty. Do not stick with a large group of friends all night. Walk around by yourself. You are not going to pick up or get picked up if you are surrounded by a posse. Take a chance and chat up that cute girl in the whirlpool. If everyone is afraid to make the first move, then nothing is going to happen.

5. Offer and receive rejection graciously. If you are the one turning down, be kind and polite. If you get turned down, try not to take it personally. She might be shy, or coupled, or not into what you are into. You are there to find exactly what you want. There are other girls who will be interested.

6. You will run into people that you know. Be discreet and don't gossip about the goings-on later. No one feels comfortable playing if she's worried that her exploits will be the talk of the town.

7. Be playful. Dress-up, bring toys, a partner or two and anything else that will increase your (and other people's) pleasure.

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age of their sales on Spring for Life day: Thursday, March 31. All proceeds raised in Halifax will go directly to the ACNS.

So look for the gerbera daisy logo in your favourite restaurants and stores this March, and help us make a difference in the fight against AIDS! Coming soon, you will also be able to check out [springforlife.ca](http://springforlife.ca) to learn about businesses in your area.

If you're a business that would like to take part in this groundbreaking new program, please contact the ACNS at (902) 425-4882.

You can also learn more about CANFAR by going to [www.canfar.ca](http://www.canfar.ca) or by phoning 1.800.563.CURE.

## Fall Wedding in Amherst

By: Gerard Veldhoven

October 16, 2004 is a day we shall remember forever, for this was the day I married Norman Carter. For thirty years we longed for the opportunity to publicly declare our love and commitment to each other, so as soon as we heard the decision that the Nova Scotia Government was not planning to fight the issue, we wasted no time in making our way around the corner to see the lady who sells marriage licenses. Since both of us had been married previously, we had to get the proper divorce decrees, which was accomplished very quickly. We are in our sixties and time was not to be wasted.

We picked October 16th as The

Big Day, and the fun of planning began in earnest. Many family members and friends already had ideas as to how we should implement these plans, and the assistance we received was rather overwhelming.

We booked the Justice of The Peace for that day; some close friends suggested the event be outdoors, in a tent, on their property. Another friend decided she would take charge of the menu and coordinating a potluck reception.

We sent out 135 invitations. Our friends decorated the tent with fall colours. Norman has two daughters, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. I have two sons and one grandchild. And on that day we would also have step-children and step-grandchildren.

Finally we were ready to stand in front of our family and friends to declare our commitment to each other, in public and in front of television cameras. The time had arrived in Nova Scotia for gays and lesbians to tell the world we are totally on equal footing with the rest of society. For us, that day was that kind of moment, to be savoured for all time.

The ceremony was very moving and – filled with nervous tension. We realized we were making history in this province. Although we were not the first same-sex couple to marry, we were the first to do so publicly. The media was respectful and the questioning was carried out with positive thoughts. At times it was a bit disconcerting, but we felt it necessary to be told

through the media to indicate the normalcy of this very important milestone in the gay and lesbian community in Nova Scotia. It was not a religious ceremony, but we had three members of the clergy as guests. Poems were read and songs were sung, but most importantly, we made commitments to each other.

The reception was held at Live Bait Theatre in Sackville, New Brunswick. Norman and I had decorated the theatre, including lots of family photographs around the head table.

At the reception, Rev. Eldon Hay, pointed to the importance of the court's ruling and how excited he felt, now that we are able to be legally married. Some of our friends related how they view our relationship and the close bonds we have shared with them over the years. As the evening went on some good humour was added by the co-artistic director of Live Bait Theatre, Charlie Rhindress, who appeared in drag and it was a welcome change of pace. Charlie related some amusing stories about us, which at times were met with thunderous applause. However, as he ended his appearance, he said, "we are celebrating the marriage of two people who love each other, two people who celebrate their marriage before their families and friends." Vanessa Knock also mentioned how she has referred to us as "one entity, Norman and Gerard." It was a great ending to a terrific day.

It is a wonderful progress in a wonderful life, which now has the ingredients of "one big happy family," as the saying indicates. Without doubt, marriage makes the bond much stronger, and now we have rights we wished to have for many years.

## Sports Briefs

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

### Baring It All (Almost)

The members of the Seattle Quake Rugby Football Club know that running an amateur rugby club is expensive. The team has to rent its practice and playing fields and its league, the Pacific Northwest Rugby Football Union stretches across state boundaries. Games can be over 200 km away so the expenses of the club easily outstrip the yearly membership fees of its members. The team, however, does a bit of stripping of its own to balance the budget. For a second year, members of the team, who come in all shapes and sizes, have taken a little off to create a calendar everyone will enjoy. The semi-nude pictures of this predominantly gay team demonstrate the technical and very homoerotic moves of rugby. Visit <http://www.quakerugby.org/shop.htm> to get a "scrum"ptious calendar that will really brighten your wall.

### GLAF

The Gay & Lesbian Athletics Foundation will hold its annual conference in Washington DC

from March 11 to 13. GLAF is a non-profit organization based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It works towards acceptance and visibility of LGBT athletes in professional, amateur and recreational sports communities. The conference is a full weekend of speakers and panel discussions related to the issues that concern gay and lesbian athletes. In previous years, conferences have included a photography project on openly-gay high school and college students, health and wellness lectures, a panel discussion about what LGBT athletes can learn from race, gender and disability programs in sports, among many more topics.

### Odyssée 2005

Les clubs sportifs montréalais vous invitent à participer à son tournoi multisports Odyssée 2005 lors du long week-end pascal les 25, 26, 27 et 28 mars 2005. Les sports offerts au programme sont badminton, basket-ball, hockey, lutte olympique, quilles et volley-ball. Ce sera un week-end riche en activités sportives et sociales. Environ 700 participants s'amuseront au cocktail d'ouverture lors de l'accréditation des athlètes, un rassemblement le samedi soir, un souper dans un restaurant de votre choix, le gala du dimanche avec un spectacle haut en couleur, les remises de médailles et la soirée dansante ainsi que le brunch de clôture du lundi matin. Un service d'hébergement sera disponible

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# Same-Sex Marriage: An Historical Perspective

By: Theresa MacDonald

The issue of same-sex marriage was recently before the Supreme Court of Canada. On October 6th, those who support same-sex marriage made their arguments, and the next day, those who wish to maintain the "traditional" definition of marriage made theirs.

One of the issues before the court is whether this traditional definition of marriage violates the Canadian Charter of Rights because it discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation. Although at the time the Charter of Rights was drafted, the federal government refused to specifically include sexual orientation, it maintained that the "open-ended" language of the section on discrimination included sexual orientation. Eventually, the courts did read sexual orientation into the Charter, resulting in several provinces and one territory currently recognizing same-sex marriage. Until the courts began to read sexual orientation into the Charter of Rights, Canadian law reflected a "traditional" definition of marriage. To understand what this means it is important to understand its history.

According to law professor Kathleen Lahey in her book *Are We Persons Yet? Law and Sexuality in Canada*, the traditional definition of marriage in Canada can be traced back from Canadian law through English common law to Roman civil law and early law codes that influenced it. In these

civilizations, and thus one of the most fundamental notions of Western culture."

It is not surprising then that among the presenters at the Supreme Court hearings were religious groups who wished to maintain the traditional definition of marriage. However, to characterize their arguments as based on religious doctrine is misleading. Although "couched" in religious terms, they too reflect the expression of a social hierarchy. Professor Lahey points out that before Roman civil law was influenced by Christian religion, marriage laws changed to include the union of two men. The traditional definition of marriage that religious groups wished to defend that reflects a social hierarchy which Christian religion resisted changing. Although characterized as religious doctrine, the traditional definition of marriage reflects the historical influence of Christian religion in preserving a pre-existing social hierarchy.

The Charter of Rights represents a fundamental "break" with this basis for traditional marriage. Underlying the Charter is the concept of defining and protecting the rights of all Canadian citizens, and it is a very recent concept in Canadian society. In contrast, the traditional definition of marriage is based on a social hierarchy and a tradition of discrimination.

# Country Living Positive: Making Connections

By Cybelle Rieber

When you have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, finding emotional support and a safe social community can be essential to survival, quality of life, and emotional well-being. Finding that emotional support in the Maritimes can be a challenge at best, but if you live in rural Nova Scotia, it can be next to impossible.

HIV is a growing concern both in Canada and the Atlantic region. In 2002, approximately 2500 new people tested positive for HIV in Canada with another possible 2400 that became positive but did not get tested. A considerable number of Canadians believe there is a cure, however there is no cure. Although there are medical advances coming out all the time, people in Canada are still dying from AIDS. In the last 10 years many more people are surviving longer and longer. Having safe, consistent and accessible support is one way to sustain health and increase the quality of life.

HIV/AIDS is still a disease that carries fear, stigma and isolation. For people living in rural areas, this isolation increases dramatically. The fear of being "found out" by neighbors, friends and even family can be stressful, isolating and debilitating. Who do you talk to about how you are feeling, how to deal with family, how your medications are affecting you, and day-to-day living with HIV? For some, there are few resources to turn to.

Nova Scotia has the largest

number of HIV positive cases in the Atlantic region, many of whom live in rural or remote areas. Safe, consistent, and accessible support is virtually non-existent for many HIV positive people in rural Nova Scotia.

AIDS organizations and other partner organizations in Nova Scotia are working hard to change this. The AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS), in partnership with the AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton, the Northern AIDS Connection, Healing our Nations, and the Queen Elizabeth II Infectious Disease Clinic, are in the process of getting a new program off the ground, the Positive Connections Program, a virtual support network.

The Positive Connections Program aims to address the following needs expressed by people living with HIV in rural areas of Nova Scotia:

- to connect with other HIV positive people in a safe, supportive, and social environment
- to come together to share experiences, knowledge, and health related information
- to get and give support to other HIV positive people in a safe and accessible manner
- increased access to health services in Nova Scotia

This is a two-phase program with the first phase providing an opportunity for people living with HIV to access, free of charge, a support system from their own home through their telephones with teleconferenced

support groups. The second phase will provide an Internet support system for HIV positive Nova Scotians.

All of the support group sessions will be lead by facilitators who have completed an extensive training program offered by ACNS. They will also bring a wide range of experience with HIV/AIDS. The real wealth of the program is the participants, each of whom will bring their own unique experiences, knowledge and perspective to their group. Each group will be involved in the decision making process relating to the structure of the sessions, such as whether or not to bring in guest speakers or on topics that will be covered.

The training for the first group of leaders will get underway October 1st. This is a unique and extensive training program that includes a variety of skill building opportunities. A large section of the training will focus on the skills needed for community building and then the unique challenges of community building virtually, both on the phone and on the internet/web. Building alliances, advanced communication, setting intention and purpose, and understanding self in relation to the group will be integral parts of this training.

The training includes an in-person weekend and then three months of teleconference training session, with a detailed training manual for participants to work with at home between sessions.

The first teleconference support groups are scheduled to begin in early 2005, just after the holiday season and deep into the Nova Scotia winter. These groups will be open to anyone who is HIV positive living anywhere in Nova Scotia. Although the Positive Connections program is aimed at those living in rural areas, people living with HIV may feel very isolated regardless of where they live.

HIV is not going away. It is important for people who are living with HIV/AIDS to know that there is support out there that is safe and accessible. It is important for people to know there is a place to unload, to give and to get support, and a place to share important health information. The Positive Connections Program aims to fill some of the support gaps for HIV positive rural Nova Scotians.

For more information please call Cybelle Rieber, Positive Connections Coordinator. 1-800-556-2437, Ext. 228, or email [connections@acns.ns.ca](mailto:connections@acns.ns.ca).

# A Decade of Wayves!

By Cameron MacLeod

With this issue (number 102) if my counting is correct, Wayves celebrates ten years in print! Many of our favourite covers from the last 10 years are featured on the front page of this issue.

That time saw the magazine move from quietly photocopied letter-size paper to professionally printed tabloid-size newsprint. Wayves also moved from black-and-white to black-and-white-and-grey scale to the current limited full-colour pages you see now.

Wayves is routinely in high demand across the Atlantic Canada region, and as a free magazine has subscribers from northern Newfoundland to southern Nova Scotia, and is currently distributed to thirty-four different cities and towns across the country, including Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.

The history of print media in Atlantic Canada is very spotty, with limited records and saved copies of issues, so if you know something about this topic and want to share it with us at Wayves, feel free to let us know.

A Brief Print History

In the mid-seventies, several publications appeared and disappeared like the Fundy tides. Some of our readers will fondly recall "Making Waves," "Boonies," and the GaeGala publication "Have You Heard?" In late 1983 or possibly early 1984, blame the spotty record-keeping, the Gazette be-

gan publishing, with twenty-three issues appearing over the next three years. The format changed from a four-page 5.5"x8.5" photocopied issue to a larger, offset-printed 8.5"x11" saddle stitched ten-page issue. It was connected with the GayAlliance for Equality (GAE).

1988 brought a regular publishing schedule to the Gazette with the help of Kevin Crombie and Daniel MacKay, who is still at the helm of Wayves you're reading now.

By early 1995, it was clear that changes were coming, and the Gazette was renamed to Wayves for the February issue, both to expand the scope of the magazine beyond "gay," and to move away from direct connections with the GAE and perceived connections with Dalhousie University's Gazette.

Finally, "Bent Voices" was published out of Fredericton in 2002. It was a queer e-zine (electronic alternative magazine), though it quickly ceased publication and its homepage was shut down in December of that year. Most of these publications are on microfilm at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

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## 2004 in Wayves Covers





## Chef's Rack of Lamb

By Chef Darren

Looking to treat your special someone to an exotic gourmet meal in honour of our patron "Saint Valentine"? Well, make it even more special by preparing the feast yourself. Nothing says loving like working up a sweat in the kitchen. There are other ways I am told, but I will leave that up to you and your imagination, Cupid's arrow, and a good bottle of Shiraz...Happy Valentines' Day XOXO

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### Moroccan Spiced Grilled Rack of Lamb

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- 2 Tbsp Thai red curry paste
- 2 Tbsp ground cinnamon
- 1 (generous) Tbsp fresh grated ginger
- 6 cloves fresh garlic
- 1 Tbsp ground cloves
- 1 Tbsp ground cumin
- 1 1/2 Tbsp ground cardamom
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp fresh ground pepper
- 1 Tbsp peanut butter (unsweetened is best)
- 1/4 cup peanut oil

#### Method

1. In a food processor, combine all ingredients and pulse into a paste.



2. Rub the paste all over the lamb, place in airtight container and marinate overnight in refrigerator.
  3. Preheat grill to med-high heat (or conventional oven to 400F)
  4. If grilling, char 3 min each side, reduce heat to low, close cover and cook an additional 6-8 min (med-rare). Remove from grill, tent with aluminum foil and let rest for 5 min.
  5. If using conventional oven, roast on a wire rack for at full heat for 10-12 min (med-rare), remove from oven, tent and let rest 5 min.
  6. Carve the meat between each rib bone and serve.
- Serving suggestions

I like to serve this meat with steamed Basmati, grilled eggplant, zucchini, bell peppers, and Tzatziki for dipping.

### Make your own Tzatziki sauce

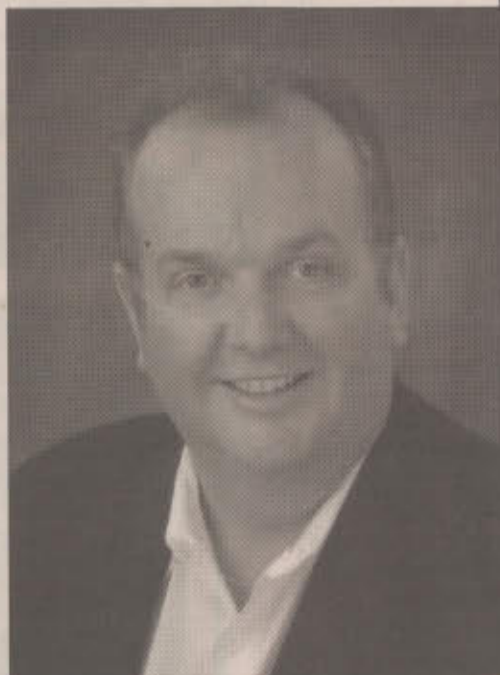
- Combine 1/2 cup plain yogurt, 1 tsp honey, 1 tbsp fresh chopped mint, 1/2 clove minced garlic, 1/2 tsp lemon zest 1/4 tsp ground cumin. Refrigerate overnight in airtight container for best flavour.

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## The Man I Might Become

THE MAN I MIGHT BECOME: Gay Men Write About Their Fathers, Edited by Bruce Shenitz

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Review by Ralph Higgins

One of the most important relationships gay men have is the connection - or lack of one - that we have with our fathers. This primary image of masculinity influences and colours every other bond we establish in our lives. Our male parent will be the role model we will endeavour to emulate, or avoid at all costs. Hence, the deliberate ambiguity of the title: The man I might become may be a fervent wish or a dreaded prospect.

In the twenty-eight essays and memoirs that comprise The Man I Might Become, gay men give us sharply intimate portraits of the wide variety of father and son relationships. And these intensely personal accounts nevertheless touch on all our universal notions of masculinity, sexuality, affection and love. No matter what the reader's personal experience has been he will discover himself - and his father - in these pages.

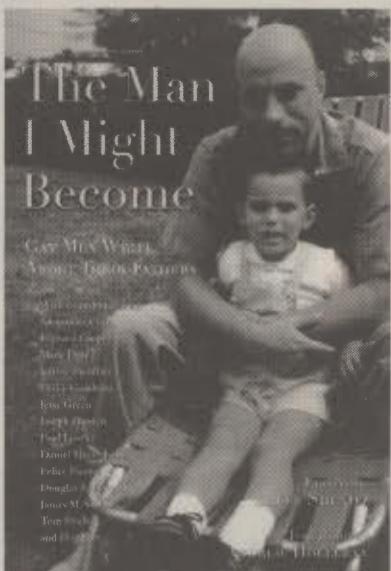
The quality of the writing is consistently high. Never descending to sentimentality or easy answers, these men write with extraordinary honesty about their struggles to understand their fathers and themselves. The tone of the essays is variously bitter-sweet, humorous, compassionate, angry, or forgiving but always carrying a keen appreciation of the absurdity lying within all human connections. In "Things I Never Told My Father," Brian Malloy writes:

*And that's when it hits me all over again, the realization that he will never know who I am any more than I will ever truly know who he was. We are outlanders to each other, and with the passing of each year, time moves my experience of having a father further into the past.*

*Sometimes our awareness of even needing a father is not apparent until someone arrives to take that role, even briefly. Peter Krask, in his essay entitled "The Question I Asked Him," writes about meeting Dennis Shepard, the father of Matthew Shepard. When Peter speaks of Dennis' bravery during the trial of the men who killed his son, Dennis turns the questioning back to Peter and wants to know about his relationship with his father and about coming out.*

*"It was a disaster," I replied. Dennis winced. "As for now..." Estranged wasn't the right word. I couldn't think. Distant, perhaps. Complicated? I wanted to be as accurate as I could. My brain seemed to stop working.*

*"It's okay," Dennis said. "I want you to know one thing. You were the*



*brave one for telling him. You have far more courage than I."*

*I thought I might faint if I didn't leave the room that instant.*

*Dennis looked at me, right in my eyes. "Peter," he said, "I am so very proud of you."*

*He took me in his arms. "Peter," he asked, his eyes searching, "we fathers and gay sons. What do we do? What do we do?"*

*He held me tight. I didn't let him go.*

The father/gay son relationship is one fraught with awkwardness and difficulty, yet this area has been entirely ignored or neglected until now. While some of the essays will feel like sharp probes into tender places, others will feel like soothing balm poured onto old wounds, but none of the stories will leave you unaffected.

The contributors, including well-known writers such as Joseph Hansen, Andrew Holleran and Felice Picano, come from different backgrounds, races, education and experience, but all share a desire to reconnect to that father figure and understand who he was and how he affected the men these gay sons would become.

Buy The Man I Might Become. It may be one of the most important books you ever read.

## What's Remembered

Review by Janet Hammock

What weighs 410 grams, took 79 years to make, and has the potential to change your life? What's Remembered by Arthur Motyer, a poignant fictional account of what it was like to be gay, before AIDS and before being gay was removed as a crime from Canadian and British law.

The narrator of the story, Peter Lindley, grew up in a repressive church rectory in a small Canadian town. Many years of his life were spent cloistered in a private school, first as a student in England, then as a college professor in Canada. As the novel opens, Peter has just met a young man at an art exhibition opening, and walks with him to a nearby restaurant where they tell each other the stories of their lives.

We hear of fleeting moments in Peter's childhood when his mother indicated that she "knew" he was gay and it was "ok". About the way his father erased him from memory, and about the taunting of peers at school. He shares intimate memories about his feelings of love for other men in his past, and his dreams of how things might be in the future.

Peter knew that unless his sexual self could be integrated into his entire being through love, his life would continue to lack meaning. He returned to courageously face people in his past, including his father, and was able to work through, and free himself from, these emotionally restricting relationships. We sense that the young man to whom Peter is speaking is

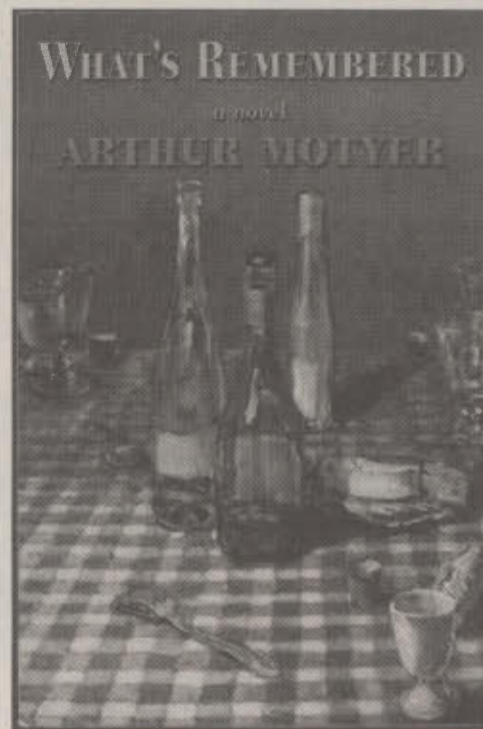
the man with whom he will live the rest of his life in a complete, loving relationship.

For gay men who grew up during these years, it will be a familiar story. In a recent interview in Xtra! West, Arthur reflected: "No one wanted to be in the closet, but at the same time there was, not exactly a sweetness, but the fact that you created your own world,

of today to enjoy a much fuller life -- a life that includes love.

Arthur Motyer, Professor Emeritus of English at Mount Allison University, is in his late seventies, and lives in Sackville, New Brunswick. This is his first novel.

WHAT'S REMEMBERED. Arthur Motyer.



and there was something there that no one else knew anything about."

Young gay readers will gain a new appreciation for the overwhelming difficulties endured by gay men in Canada's past, as well as the way many of these men rose above these restrictions, helping to make it possible for gay men

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Janet Hammock is Professor Emeritus of Music at Mount Allison University and a professional pianist. She is a co-facilitator of PFLAG Sackville NB/Amherst NS.

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**AtlanticCanadianLesbians:** For Lesbians from the Atlantic Provinces. web: groups.msn.com/AtlanticCanadianLesbians

**Canadian Transsexuals Fight for Rights:** One-stop site for needs, accommodations, doctors, therapists, legal etc. web: www.ctffr.org  
**CHAT-OAAW, Halifax:** This online chat group for Out And About Womyn accepts members from NB, PEI, NFLD & NS. email: oaww@eastlink.ca web: www.geocities.com/oawwchat (CHAT-OAAW, Maritimes: This online sister-group of Out And About Womyn is for general chat and accepts membership from lesbians across the Maritimes.)

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

**Gay Men's Gathering:** at PO Box 36054, Halifax, B3J 3S9

**Gender Expressions Atlantic:** Support for transgendered individuals ranging from Cross-dressers to Transsexuals. email: gender\_expressions@hotmail.com web: www.geocities.com/gender\_expressions/ (No scheduled meeting. Occasional social events, by invitation only.)

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

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

**Integrity Nova Scotia PEI, Nova Scotia / PEI:** Gathering of GLBT Anglicans and their friends of Nova Scotia and PEI. email: integritynspei@yahoo.ca (Monthly meetings. Email for details)

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

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

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

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

**Project E:** Presentation retaining info on gender expression, myth busters, proper terminology and other facts. email: projectex3@hotmail.com web: www.freewebs.com/xprojecte/ at Project E is a 1-hr power point presentation with information about gender expression, myth busters, proper terminology, and many other different facts about Homophobia. It talks about stresses put upon homosexual youth as well as the stresses Homophobia puts on heterosexual youth.

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

## New Brunswick (506)

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

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

**AIDS Saint John, Saint John:** improve quality of life, reduce the spread. 652-2437 email: aidsj@nb.aibn.com web: www.geocities.com/aidsj  
**Atlantiques Swim Team, Moncton:** Swimming for fitness or participating in Masters swimming competitions. email: info@atlantiques.org web: atlantiques.org (Contact us by email for swim times and social events. LGBT Swimmers from elsewhere in Atlantic Canada are welcome to join the team and go to meets with us.) at the CEPS pool at the Université de Moncton.

**Babylon East, Saint John:** Gay Bar. 506-693-GAYS (4297) web: www.babyloneast.com at 75 King St

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

**Catalyst, Mount Allison U, Sackville:** support &

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Moncton Gay Pride, Moncton:** The Moncton GLBT group that organizes events and promotes as well as puts on Moncton's Pride events! , meets 3rd Sunday

**Moncton Transgender Support Group, Moncton:** Transgenders, their allies, families and friends. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca (We will have regular meetings again. But not yet.)

**PFLAG Fredericton, Fredericton:** all welcome. Francis @ 454-8349 email: pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca

**PFLAG Moncton:** Parents, families and friends of gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans (transgender and transsexual), two spirit, queer and questioning persons. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca web: www.maritimelesbians.com, meets 3rd Monday (every 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at U de M (except December - 2nd Monday)) at Eldon Hay, 35 Union St., Sackville, NB E4L 4M6.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Spectrum, Fredericton:** social and support group for students, staff and faculty at UNB and STU. email: spectrum@unb.ca web: www.unbf.ca/clubs/spectrum, meets every Wednesday (7 pm) at Tilley 28 (downstairs Arts Common Room)  
**UNB/STU Women's Collective, Fredericton:** Women of all ages and orientations. email: unbstuwomenscollective@yahoo.ca, meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB  
**Woodstock GLBT Family Outreach, Woodstock:** Books, movies etc. for the family. 328-4868 email: richardh@nbnet.nb.ca

## Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

**Canadians for Equal Marriage, St. John's:** The provincial committee connected to the national coalition lobbying for equal marriage. (709) 690-5244 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.equal-marriage.ca (Canadians for Equal Marriage, St. John's NL: The provincial committee connected to the national coalition lobbying for equal marriage. (709) 690-5244 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.equal-marriage.ca at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.) at Aids Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, 50 Harbour Drive, St. John's NL.

**LBGT-MUN Resource Centre, St. John's:** LBGT-MUN is an information/resource, service, and support centre staffed by trained volunteers! 737-7619 email: lbgtmun@mun.ca web: www.mun.ca/lbgt/ (Open Weekdays 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM; two-three meetings each month; Coffee-House Fridays from 12-2pm; movie nights and other social events occur at least three times per month) at Smallwood/University Center, UC-6022. Building located on Prince Phillip Drive. Call us! Get involved! LBGT-MUN: "A Positive Place, for Positive People!"

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

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

## Nova Scotia (902)

**Acadia Pride, Wolfville:** community at Acadia. 585-2165 web: dragon.acadiau.ca/~apride/ , meets every Monday (9:00pm during academic year) at Beverage Forum (SUB)

**Acadia Women's Center, Wolfville:** 585-2140 email: 057996@acadiau.ca web: axe.acadiau.ca/womencentre (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

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

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax:** for the glbt communities- (902) 441-7505 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.rationalunlucy.com/cout, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St. Mary's Basilica, basement - side entrance

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

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

**Cape Breton Gay & Lesbian Equality Project:**

**DalOUT, Halifax:** LGBTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: is2.dal.ca/~dalout, meets every Thursday (7pm) at SUB Room 321

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

**Fundy Fruit, Valley:** Social group for valley folk:

hiking, movies, snowshoeing, board games, parties. email: fundyfruit@yahoo.ca (Times & locations sent out by email.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Intensity Dance, Halifax:** non-profit dance collective and presenting organization. email: intensitydance@yahoo.com web: intensitydance.tripod.com

**Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax:** support and connection across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (1. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays - Social Drop-in 6-9pm. 2. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - Support meeting 7-9 pm. 3. Grade 7-9 Group - Wednesday 6:30 - 8 pm - same week as support meeting.) at 2281 Brunswick St

**LGB Youth Support Group Lunenburg County, Bridgewater:** fun social/support group for 25 and under. 543-1315 email: pplc@auracom.com web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Every second Thursday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm \*postponed until further notice\* Volunteer facilitators needed!) at Planned Parenthood, 12 Dominion St., Bridgewater. (Second Story Women's Ctr building)

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

**Mount Pride, Halifax:** Social group, open to anyone. email: mountpride@yahoogroups.com, meets 1st Tuesday, and 3rd Tuesday (Meets bi-weekly, 12 noon) at Diversity Center in Rosaria  
**Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro:** HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colc., Pictou, Cumb. & E Hants. 895-0931 email: t\_o\_p2000@hotmail.com (Our Board of Directors meet regularly on the third Monday of each month.) at Futureworx 80 Glenwood Dr., Truro, N.S.

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

**Out And About Womyn (OAW), Halifax:** Social group for lesbians in the local HRM region. email: oaww@eastlink.ca web: www.geocities.com/outandaboutwomyn (OUT AND ABOUT WOMYNN is a social group for lesbians in the local greater-Halifax region only. Small membership fee pays for various activities and social events for members and (sometimes) their children, throughout the year.)

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

**Over 30's Club:** Socials, usually potluck dinners. 455-8417 (one Saturday evening a month) at members' homes, mostly Halifax but occasionally out of town.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton, Sydney:** Support for those infected/affected by HIV/AIDS, advocacy, and prevention/education free condoms. (902) 567-1766 email: christineporter@acsb.ns.ca web: www.acsb.ns.ca at 150 Bentinck St

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

**Truro Adult Group, Truro:** Wayne at 897-6654 or Gina at 895-8363 (bi-weekly)

**Truro Gay Youth:** Vida at 897-4366.

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

**Universalist Unitarian Church, Halifax:** an inclusive liberal religious community 429-5500, meets every Sunday (10:30) at 5500 Inglis St

**Valley Gay Men's Coffee House, Kingston:** socials for gay men; gay & lesbian dances. 825-6170 or 825-3197 or 760-1004 after 8pm email: memembracingmen@yahoo.ca web: facetwithpride.tripod.com (Coffee every Thursday 7-9pm, dances on the first Saturday of the month.) at email or call for locations

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

**X-Pride, Antigonish:** social & support group at X. 867-5007 email: xpriide@stfx.ca web: www.stfx.ca/people/xpride

## Prince Edward Island (902)

**Abegweit Rainbow Collective:** Serving GLBTIQ Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: arcepei@isn.net web: www.arcepei.isn.net, meets 3rd Thursday (of each month)

**AIDS PEI, Charlottetown:** 566-2437 email: info@aidspei.com web: www.aidspei.com at 10 St. Peter's Rd

**Colours Party Planners, Charlottetown:** Bar/party once a month. email: colours@colourspei.com web: www.colourspei.com (10:00pm - 2am, one Saturday a month throughout the winter, please check our website for specific dates) at 136 Richmond Street

**Gay PEI Mailing List, province-wide:** Electronic mailing list for all GLBT, questioning and friendly, focus is on PEI. email: gay-pei-owner@yahoo-groups.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pei (It's an electronic list, there aren't meetings. You can join and start posting at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pei at any time. All first posts are moderated to stop spambots, otherwise, it's an open list.)

**GLBT Youth group, Charlottetown:** discussion get-togethers. 566-2437 email: arcyouth@isn.net web: www.arcepei.isn.net/ youth, meets 1st Saturday, and 3rd Saturday (See webpage for schedule) at Charlottetown Drop In's first Saturday of every month at AIDS PEI, 10 St. Peter's Road, Charlottetown. 1:30pm Summerside Drop In's are held on the third Saturday of every month at 1:30pm at Notre Dame Place, 67 Duke Street  
**Narcotics Anonymous, Charlottetown:** a fellowship of recovering drug addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. 566-9733 or 1-800-205-8402 (Mondays & Fridays 8:00pm) at 178 Fitzroy St

**PEI Pride, Charlottetown:** Organizing The Island Pride Festival. 894-5776 or 1-888-380-5776 email: pridepei@isn.net web: www.peipride.com (contact us for dates, directions and details)

**PFLAG PEI, Charlottetown:** Parents & Friends. 368-8416 email: pflagpei@hotmail.com, meets 4th Monday at Boys & Girls Club St. Peter's Road Charlottetown

**UPEI Rainbow Collective, Charlottetown:** GLBT student organisation at the University of PEI. 566-2437 email: rainbow@upe.ca (Whenever called, e-mails will be sent out. We call together a weekly Social Meeting on Fridays at 7pm and the location is revealed in the e-mail to the members.) at The Women's Centre

# Atlantic Canada Events Calendar

## Amherst

### First and Third Wednesdays

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

### Third Thursday of each month

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

## Annapolis Valley

### Every Thursday

Valley Gay Mens Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance from 9pm-1am. "Instead of a November dance, we're holding a Halloween Dance on October 30th! Costumes and all-request DJ! If you need more information please contact 1-902-825-3197 or menembracingmen@yahoo.ca

### Every Sunday

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

### Feb 5

Valley Gay Mens Coffee House is Hosting a DJ Valentines Day Dance on February 5th from 9pm-1am. It is now a NON-Smoking Environment but a "Cash Bar" is available. Admission is \$5.00. Come out and have a great time for an evening of dance and making new friends. For information please email us menembracingmen@yahoo.ca or contact Doug 760-1004, Steven 825-6170 or David 825-3197.

## Antigonish

### Feb 11-12

Reworking the Periphery: LGBT Lives in Rural Nova Scotia. The workshop will begin on Friday with a keynote lecture at the StFX Millennium Centre. Following the lecture will be an LGBT youth caucus pizza dinner. Friday evening, there will be a social with entertainment and music. Tickets will be available at registration for this event on a sliding scale of \$5-10 with proceeds going to the LGBT Community Safety Initiative Project. The workshop will continue on Saturday from 9:30am-4pm, with lunch and refreshments provided. The deadline for registration is Friday, February 4th. If you register and are unable to attend, please cancel by Monday, February 7th. We are organizing a billeting roster for those coming from out of town. Please fill out the Billet Request Form, or if you live in the Antigonish area and are able to host participants see the Billet Offer Form. A Workshop Registration Form, Agenda, Billet Request and Offer Forms and Workshop Poster can be mailed to you - Please reply to lgbtproject@ns.sympatico.ca including your mailing address. LGBT Community Safety Initiative, Suite 206 - 219 Main St., Antigonish, NS B2G 2C1, (902) 863-2347, lgbtproject@ns.sympatico.ca

## Bridgewater

### Every Monday

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

## Cape Breton

### Feb 12, 26

Gay & Lesbian Dance hosted by Group Harrison Society. Best Sound and Light Show this side of Montreal!!! Admission \$5.00, must be 19 years of age Dance to be held at Steel Workers Hall Prince Street, Sydney. For further details contact Group Harrison Society 564-6939.

### Feb 12

A women's dance will take place at the Kinsmen Hall on Coxheath Road in Sydney River. This will be the first at this venue, and more details can be found at www.geocities.com/cbglea

### Feb 12

A Men's Night at downtown Sydney's Maple Leaf Lounge, and details of this theme night are posted at www.geocities.com/cbglea. The committee wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to the Maple Leaf for its continued support of the gay and lesbian community.

### Feb 26

Pride Committee will host a 'Midnight Bowling' party at Sydney's Heather Lanes. Tickets are available through the committee members, and are just \$10. each. This includes your evening of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and a chance at the prize wheel. Open to everyone, this will be a great evening of fun and laughs, and a little sporting rivalry. If anyone has any interest in future bowling nights, or in forming a bowling league, please let us know.

### Mar 27-30

Men's Easter Retreat Week-end to be held at Camp Carter - New Harris, Seal Island, Cape Breton. Week-end is free but registration is required, so book your reservations for a fun filled weekend. Just bring pillows, blankets, refreshments, recreational equipment like snow shoes, skis (cross country), playing cards, favorite music, board games, winter apparel, etc. For further details contact Group Harrison Society 564-6939 between 9:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Space is limited so register early

### July 23-31

Cape Breton Pride Week! For news and updates of the island's gay and lesbian community, or if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please visit our website at www.geocities.com/cbglea. If you wish to join our mailing list for updates as they occur, drop us an email and we'll be happy to include you.

## Fredericton

### Every Wednesday

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

### Third Sunday of each month

Integrity Fredericton is holding services at the Anglican church in Oromocto. The priest there, Keith Howlett, can be reached at incense@rogers.com. Meetings at 4:00 p.m. with a eucharist followed by coffee. It is planned right now that the regular monthly meetings will be at 4:00 on the third Sunday of each month. For more information contact Hank at hen3ry@nbnet.nb.ca and my home number is 506-454-6967.

### Feb 3, 17, Mar 3, 17, 31, Apr 14, 28

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

are at Wilmot United Church at Carleton Street entrance, beginning at 7:30 pm.

### Feb 12

The Queer & Other Folks Dance Committee in partnership with AIDS New Brunswick and the East Coast Bears presents Our Valentine's Dance! Love is in the air! Join us for Our Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at the Wandlyn Inn, 958 Prospect St, in Fredericton, NB. Doors open at 9:00 PM and dancing with DJ Pete goes until 1:00 AM. This is an all ages event and tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door. Proceeds from this event will go directly to AIDS New Brunswick's prevention education and support programs, especially programs and resources that focus on gay and lesbian health. For more information contact Haley at AIDS New Brunswick at 459-7518 or 1-800-561-4009 or sidais@nbnet.nb.ca

## Fredericton Bar Calendar

### ROOM NIGHT CLUB

www.boomnightclub.ca  
474 Queen Street

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

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

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

## Halifax

### Every Sunday

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

### Second Sunday of each month

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

### First and Third Tuesdays

Formerly known as the Queer/Straight Alliance, Mount Pride in the GLBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University. We are an active and online group that meets bi-weekly on tuesdays at 12 noon in the diversity center in Roseria on campus, and online at mountpride@yahoo.com. Possible events that are being planned for the winter semester include sexuality awareness week, movies nights, potlucks, guest speakers, and many more. There are always spontaneous meals and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join.

### First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays

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

### Second and Fourth Tuesdays

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

### Every Wednesday

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

### Every Wednesday

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

### First Wednesday of each month

GAY FATHERS OF HALIFAX Is a peer support group for gay and bisexual men. We meet the 1st Wednesday of each month. We also get together for a monthly Pot Luck social. For more info contact Gordon @ 446-7793 or Gilles at 448-3565 or Email GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com or visit our website at http://groups.msn.com/GayFathersOfHalifax

### Second Wednesday of each month

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

### Feb 10, 24

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

### Jan 2, 16, 30

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

### Feb 12

For the Society's next bar night, MAC Leather presents "Muscle" at Club NRG<sup>2</sup> from 10:00 p.m. to midnight. Cover charge is \$3.00. Stick around for the stage show, "Pump it till it Hurts," 'cause if there's no pain, there's no gain.

### Feb 14

DYKE NIGHT AT SEADOG'S! The next Dyke Night will be on Valentine's Day - a Monday night, from after-dinner-sometime until 1am. If you joined us, what would you want to do? Body painting? Erotic storytelling? Workshops in erotic massage? Eat chocolate and cinnamon-heart desserts? Off of each others' skin?? Get more information at www.venusenvy.ca/Halifax/bathroom.asp, or call Venus Envy (422-0002). Write to us with your questions and suggestions at hfxdykebathhouse-owner@yahoo.com. Come with your sweetie(s), your friends, or just yourself - you can make it whatever you want it to be. Hope to see you there!

### July 18-24

Halifax Pride Committee - committed to a proud Halifax. Pride week July 18-24th, 2005. For info call 902.423.1213 or visit www.halifaxpride.org

## Halifax Bar & Business Calendar

### MOBILYS

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

### NRG

www.clubnrgHalifax.com  
Mondays: Retro Night w/DJ Face  
Tuesdays: Karaoke & Wing Night hosted by Troy 20c wings with \$100 prize.  
Wednesdays: Studio hosts Open Drag - \$75.00 prize

Thursdays: Karaoke & Wings with Justin, 20c wings with \$100 prize  
Fridays & Saturdays: Dancing all night

## REFLECTIONS

www.reflectionscabaret.com

Mondays: Poor student night, DJ Hedfones, no cover.

Tuesdays: Karaoke hosted by Dave Smith, DJ Hedfones, no cover. Win some cash!

Wednesdays: Bands until midnight, then Drag Appreciation night hosted by April Showers. Performers welcome! No Cover.

Thursdays: All night Retro music with DJ Malaka or DJ Electro. No cover. Requests welcome!!

Fridays: Great local and international DJ's. House, techno, breaks style. Regular- \$5

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

Reflections is open 7 days a week, from 1pm-4am Monday-Saturday and 4pm-4am Sundays, wheelchair access, 5184 Sackville St. 422-2957, 1-877-422-2957 toll free

## SEADOG'S SAUNA & SPA

2199 Gottingen Street  
902-444-3646

Mondays - Student Night - Free Locker with ID

Tuesdays - LOCKERAMA - All Lockers are \$10

Wednesdays - Hump Night - Get your 1/2 Price pass for your next visit with the purchase of a Room or Locker

Thursdays - Naked Night - Towel Optional!

Saturdays & Sundays - Early Bird Special 6AM till Noon - Rooms are \$10, Lockers are \$5

Sundays - Cruiseline Night - Free Cruiseline Pass with every Room or Locker

Check Out our website at www.SeaDogs.ca for our list of upcoming events.

## TOOLBOX EAST

Mondays: Queer as Folk

Fridays: Kink & Oz

Sundays: Six Feet Under

## VORTEX

www.clubvortex.ca, 2215 Gottingen  
Wednesdays: Womyn's Night, live entertainment, 8pm shows, dinner til 9pm

Fridays: Five Minutes of Fame with LuLu LaRude, Halifax's best anything-goes talent show, with prize money!

Saturdays: High energy dancing with DJ's spinning till 2AM!

Sundays: Best Sunday Brunch in Halifax. "Whale of a meal" (The Coast), 11:30am-2:30pm

## Moncton

### Second Tuesday of each month

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

### Third Monday of each month

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

**WANT TO LIST AN EVENT FOR OUR READERS? SEND YOUR EVENTS DETAILS TO SUBMISSIONS@WAYVES.CA NOW! EVENT LISTINGS ARE FREE! MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE CONTACT INFO!**

**Second and Fourth Mondays**

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

**Feb 14**

**FREEDOM TO MARRY VALENTINE'S DAY!** We will be at The Assumption Building where Service New Brunswick is located at 770 Main Street, Moncton NB at 9am. We will be there in a peaceful way just asking for a license(s) to get married in this Province we hope to have many support on this Feb 14, 2005 past the word around and lets get together and show the Government that we are not going away we are here to stay and want the same rights as other in this Province. Invite your Family and Friends Gay, Lesbians, Bisexual or Straight we need to come together for all of us to live in peace. Are regions of Canada is still violating the Charter rights of gays and lesbians by denying us the freedom to marry. This web site Equal Marriage For Same-Sex Couples [samesex@samesexmarriage.ca] launched the Freedom to Marry Valentine's Day actions in Canada three years ago, working with partners in the U.S. and Canada. Our work is not yet finished. Justice-seeking Canadians in Alberta, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and the territories of Nunavut and Northwest Territories are urged to take part in World Freedom to Marry Day, February 14, 2005, Valentine's Day. If you can be with us that day we ask that you send us an email so we can be well organized this year come aboard the winning team we will not lay down and say they won. We ask only for equal rights no more or less. Remember that the media will be invited to this event and they'll be there in full force. For more info contact us: godfather@rogers.com or phone us at 382-5837 Art & Wayne Toole

**Montréal**

**July 9 - August 5**

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

**Saint John Bar Calendar**

**BABYLON EAST**

www.babyloneast.ca  
The newest sociable gay bar in New Brunswick, on South Market Street. Grand Opening Weekend Sept 2-5!

**CLUB MONTREAL**

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

**St. John's - LBGT-MUN**

**Every Friday**

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

**Every Third Wednesday**

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

is 19 years and older)

**St. John's Bar Calendar**

**Zone 216**

216 Water St, 754-2492  
http://www.hello.to/zone216  
Winter Hours  
Open Friday and Saturday Nights 10pm-late  
No cover before 12 Friday  
No Cover before 11 Saturday

**Tatamagouche**

**Nov 25-27**

Rainbow Weekend 2005 at the Tatamagouche Centre! More information available from roberj100@hotmail.com

**Truro**

**February**

The Northern AIDS Connection Society has received funding through the United Way of Colchester County to host two one day workshops which will enable the organization to provide training to individuals working with us presently or persons working within the educational field. These workshops will provide up to date information on HIV transmission, target populations and risk reduction. We know that the northern area of Nova Scotia has huge issues around STI's, injection drug use and teenage pregnancy. It is the hope of the organization to enhance the ability of individuals already working in education as well as to train persons wishing to get involved. We value the participation of persons living with HIV/AIDS and are very much aware of the impact they have on classroom participants. We encourage any persons living with HIV to participate in the training. The Northern AIDS Connection supports the GIPA Principles ( Greater Involvement of Persons Living With HIV/AIDS). The tentative time will be in February 2005. Specific dates and location will be announced at a later date. For information, please contact Al McNutt at 902-895-0931 or email nacns@hotmail.com

**Feb 19**

Workshop on Gay Issues such as Gay Marriage, Income Tax, Role Models and Personality Dimensions. This workshop will be held in the afternoon and early evening, leading up to a catered dinner and dance. There will be no fee for the workshop or dinner, however

there are limited spaces available. There will be a fee for the dance...\$7.00. For information contact Al McNutt at 902-895-0931 or at nacns@hotmail.com Funding for the workshop and dinner has been kindly provided by the United Way of Colchester County. A very special thank you for this support. This event will be held at the Lion's Club in Truro. All winter and no where to go...have Cabin Fever... Come on out to this great activity.

**May 14**

Gay in May Dance, Lion's Club in Truro \$7.00 admission / bar on location.

**Sept 17**

2nd Annual Country Hoe Down Dance Lion's Club in Truro \$7.00 admission/ Bar on location Wear your best cowgirl or cowboy outfit...you might win a prize!

**Wileville**

**Third Saturday of each month**

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

**Important WAYVES Dates!**

**Issue Content Deadlines:**

Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1  
Send your ideas, comments, criticisms, columns, cartoons and more to submissions@wayves.ca any time!  
**Production Meetings (Halifax)**  
Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4  
Help decide what goes in the next issue, 7:30 PM, CEF, 5443 Rainnie (above Century Computers), all welcome!  
**Layout Parties (Halifax)**  
Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10  
Help build the paper - no special skills required, just enthusiasm, and helping even once or for a few hours helps a LOT! 9:30 AM, CEF, 5443 Rainnie (above Century Computers), all welcome!  
**On The Stands and In The Mail:**  
Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23

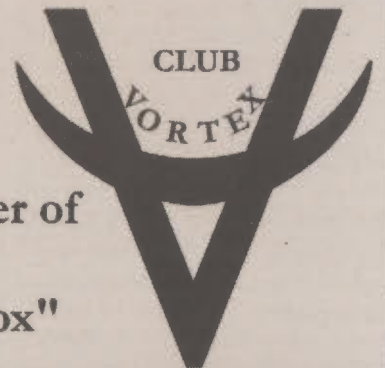
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pour les participants et leurs partenaires. Pour obtenir de plus amples détails et vous inscrire, visitez le site du tournoi à www.tournoiodyssee.com. Embrassez pleinement la chaleur et la joie de vivre montréalaise.

**Lucky 13**

Whistler's Altitude, gay ski and snow board week, is now in

its 13th year. Altitude 2005 takes place between January 29 and February 7. This event has become one of the busiest and most colourful weeks at Whistler each year. There are parties, charity fundraisers, mountain scavenger hunts, ski races, and après ski events that will keep everyone happy. This year the organizers have even added early morning yoga classes and fireside breakfasts. It's a winter wonderland.



From the Producer of "clubNRG" and "The Toolbox"

Come get Festive with Lulu LaRude at Five Minutes of Fame's One Year Anniversary Show!

Feb 4th

Stay out late dancing with Dj Rob's DVDJ Light and Dance Nights of Naughtiness

Stumble in and worship our always Scrumptious Sunday Brunch

Still too early? Nosh from our fabulous new menu 'till 2AM

Club Vortex you say?...yes, indeed.

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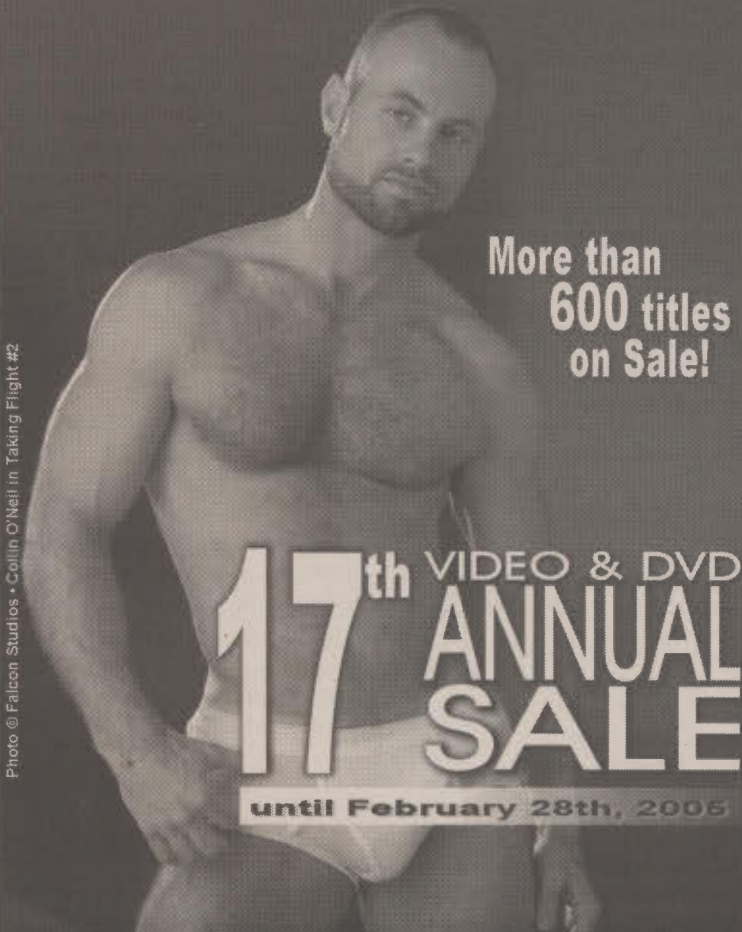
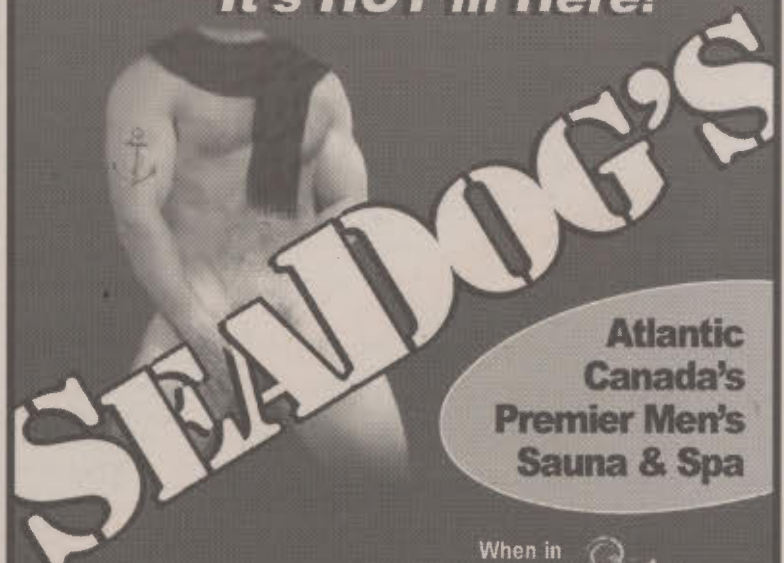


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On Saturday January 22, the Halifax Pride committee in conjunction with Reflections Cabaret unveiled the new theme and logo for 2005: "Proud Halifax Pride". The theme and logo launch occurred at Reflections Cabaret's "Halfway to Pride" night.

Amidst a pretty full house, Halifax Pride Ambassador III Kara Redden and several members of the Pride Committee unveiled the banner sized logo and announced the theme.

"As a community we are proud of our past: our history, our culture and the achievements we have made advancing equality for LGBT peoples. In 2005 we as a community will see another hard won right achieved with the legal recognition of same-sex marriage; this has come with support from many communities. Our theme for 2005, "Proud Halifax Pride", represents the celebration we feel for these achievements. It acknowledges the support that has come from other communities who have aided and supported our own. Thirdly, it was chosen to display our pride for Halifax as a whole: Halifax's diversity, acceptance and support for all communities that comprise



## PROUD HALIFAX PRIDE '05

the mosaic that is Halifax. As a theme, "Proud Halifax Pride" is poised to embrace all communities that are part of Halifax and the HRM while at the same time celebrating our own LGBT community" says a Halifax Pride committee press release.

To aid Halifax Pride in its 2005

events fundraising efforts Reflections Cabaret donated Saturday evening's cover charge to the Pride Committee of which a portion of these funds were donated to ISCANS Indian Ocean Tsunami Relief Effort.

Halifax Pride would like to thank Reflections Cabaret for pro-

viding a venue for the theme and logo launch and a special thanks to Lee Bent who was the graphic designer for this year's logo.

Keep up to date on the latest Halifax Pride developments: visit Halifax Pride's website: [www.halifaxpride.org](http://www.halifaxpride.org) and visit often.

## Cape Breton Pride

by Peter Steele

Happy New Year; after all, the year is still new and full of promise. From all of us on the Cape Breton Pride Committee, Glenda, Debbie, David, Darren, Wannie, Richard, Wayne, Blair, Cheryl, Steve, John, Denise, Michelle and myself, we extend our warmest wishes to all for a new year full of great promise, joy and prosperity! Let's build on the gains we made throughout 2004, and hope that in 2005, we realize the full rights we so deserve, and the respect and understanding of the world community at large.

Last year,  
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building, and attendance at all our events surpassed past numbers. Due to a municipal error in scheduling in 2003, our Pride parade ran into a memorial celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Korean War. The immediate 'high road' alteration we made to our own festivities resulted in much positive media attention to our 2004 activities for the week.

Thanks to great fundraising efforts throughout the year, the Pride Committee ended the festival with a surplus in its account for this year's events, and we were able to make a \$250. donation to our local AIDS Walk (10% of its entire previous year's take), and another \$250. to the Christmas Daddies campaign.

This year's theme will concentrate on the family, as we set out



Breton's gay and lesbian community enjoyed its biggest and best Pride Week yet, and plans are progressing well for our fifth annual festival July 23 to July 31. The 2004 festival began with the island's first flag-raising ceremony outside the CBRM's municipal

to show that not only do we all come from and belong to traditional families, but we also raise warm, loving families who share the same concerns, and experience the same struggles that all families endure, if not more. As we continue to finalize details of

this year's festival events, we will post them at our website.

In response to an absence of gay and lesbian related reading material at Sydney's downtown McConnell Memorial Library, the Pride Committee launched a book donation campaign in September. To date, a very large number of books have been donated, and our book drive will continue. Each book donated is accompanied by a label showing our website address. We see this as an excellent tool to reach out to those unaware of our community. As we are all aware, education is the pathway to understanding, and we hope these books will bring much solace to those still closeted, and act as a bridge for those who wish to understand who we are.

The Cape Breton Pride Committee is also happy to be a part of our local CBC Radio's Party Line. Every few months, listeners throughout Cape Breton Island hear first hand the concerns of our community across the island, what our committee is doing, and what's happening within our community. This too is a wonderful tool to educate the community at large, and invite those wanting a sense of community to participate in our activities. Our congratulations go out to CBC Sydney for inviting us to join in its Party Line format.

The Pride Committee is still in search of a venue to host joint men and women's events. Although making a profit at these social gatherings is not a concern of the committee, we also don't want to endure any major loss in

hosting its socials and dances. Hall rentals can be quite expensive, and some profits made through fundraising help with event expenditures.

A women's dance will take place Saturday, February 12 at the Kinsmen Hall on Coxheath Road in Sydney River. This will be the first at this venue, and more details can be found on our website. Approximately 40 women enjoyed the Women's New Year's dance, and attendance at the women's events continues to grow.

A Men's Night is also slated for Saturday, February 12 at downtown Sydney's Maple Leaf Lounge, and details of this theme night are posted too on our website. The committee wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to the Maple Leaf for its continued support of the gay and lesbian community.

On Saturday, February 26, the Pride Committee will host a 'Midnight Bowling' party at Sydney's Heather Lanes. Tickets are available through the committee members, and are just \$10. This includes your evening of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and a chance at the prize wheel. Open to everyone, this will be a great evening of fun and laughs, and a little sporting rivalry. If anyone has any interest in future bowling nights, or in forming a bowling league, please let us know.

For news and updates of the island's gay and lesbian community, or if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please visit our website at [www.geocities.com/cbglea](http://www.geocities.com/cbglea). If you wish to join our mailing list for updates as they occur, drop us an email and we'll be happy to include you.

### Classifieds

#### groups

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

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**HALIFAX TRANSGUYS** is a support group for transmen at any point in transition, locally and in Atlantic Canada. Please write: [halifaxtransguys@yahoo.groups.ca](mailto:halifaxtransguys@yahoo.groups.ca) for further info on our upcoming meetings and social events.

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