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Halifax Pride Launches 25th Parade to the Media

On a June evening, the Halifax Pride Committee held its media launch. Wittingly hosted by the famously charming Neville MacKay, the launch did seem a bit short on announcements. Luckily Adam Reid, Coordinator of QUEER ACTS, fed the media hunger for news with this year's lineup. Featuring five



Nothing is "grayscale" about Halifax's Poet Laureate and Pride's QUEER ACTS performer Tanya Davis; she's a rainbow!

plays and one queer youth cabaret/performance event, and running from July 19 – 22, this could be QUEER ACTS' most ambitious season yet.

One of the big hits is sure to be the revival of Fringe smash, *Short Skirt Butch*, by Lee-Anne Poole, with Stephanie MacDonald reprising her role as the brokenhearted Jean. Bryden MacDonald returns to direct. A co-production with Plutonium Playhouse, this one-person comedy explores concepts of 'femme,' polyamory, and break-ups! Named a Top 10 play of 2011 by The Coast, *Short Skirt Butch* runs all four nights at 10:30pm. Don't miss it!

Sissydude is an original rock musical, with Ian Mullan, Conor Purdy, Michelle Skelding, and the musical talents of Dale Boudreau, Adrian Bruhm, Neil Peacock, Laura Peek, and Jason Vautour. A trrrash production, directed by Sam Horak, *Sissydude* tells the story of a sublet gone wrong, giving renters and audiences more than they bargained for in a campy extravaganza, channeling John Waters, Quentin Crisp, and all the Sissydudes that have gone before.

The Doppler Effect, the company behind *Logan and I*, are producing *Touch*, by Annie Valentina, directed by Michael McPhee. This new play is a glimpse into girls' sexual self-discovery and the pressure to fit the Hetero Paradigm. With Keelin Jack and Valentina as cousins Liddy and Fran, *Touch* is a heartbreak-

ing, hilarious story about growing up different. *Touch* asks the big question: is blood really thicker than Maybelline Great Lash Mascara?

Love Me Always is a theatrical reimagining of Oscar Wilde's prison term for gross indecency; adapted from Wilde's writing by Bryden MacDonald, with Hugo Dann. This staged reading follows Wilde, (arguably the world's first performance artist and queer prisoner of conscience), as he transforms his narrow prison cell into a boundless temple of Art, and his sentence of hard labor into a Triumph of Compassion over Disgrace; of Love over Hate. Two shows only! 3:00 PM, Saturday, July 21; 7:30 PM Sunday, July 22.

Written and performed by members of the Acting Out! Queer Youth Theatre Presented by DaPoPo Theatre, and directed by Garry Williams & Richie Wilcox, *Acting Out!* is a theatre training workshop for youth who identify with a "queer" (other, different, unique) perspective. The performance is created and performed by this year's participants, all young local artists. DaPoPo Theatre, led by artistic director Garry Williams, has produced artistically daring shows such *So... What About Love*, and *Drinking Game*. Their *DaPride Café* at Menz Bar was a much loved feature of many a Halifax Pride Week. Two performances only: 2:00 PM, July 21 & 22.

Last, but far from least, *NonMonog and the gray scale dwellers*, written and performed by Tanya Davis, Halifax's Poet Laureate. Having explored concepts of ever-changing identities and how we cling to them in *hello, change*, her 2011 Atlantic Fringe hit, Tanya presents this new solo work exploring the fluid nature of sexuality and relationships. Tanya Davis is an award winning poet, musician, and singer-songwriter. She's released 3 albums and 1 book of poetry and frequently works across artistic genres to communicate her ideas and tell her stories. Everything Tanya Davis does is worth paying attention to, and based on *hello change*, we can't wait to see *NonMonog and the gray scale dwellers*.

All plays except for *Love Me Always* and *Acting Out!* have four shows. All performances take place at The Bus Stop Theatre. Keep your calendar clear from July 19 – 22 because anyone worth their weight in glitter must make a date with these dazzling performers.

Happily for those of us at Wayves, the other big announcement was that Daniel MacKay, Wayves publisher, longtime community activist, and "Gay about town," will be the Grand Marshal for Halifax's 25th Pride Parade. Dan has himself chaired the Pride Committee three times, and previously served on the Board of Di-



Pride Parade Grand Marshall Dan MacKay flanked by host Neville MacKay, Halifax Pride Chair Krista Snow, and Treasurer Eric Sangster. Dan is holding a paper bag mask for Pride marchers 25 years ago who had to hide their faces.

rectors for at least a decade. He built Pride's first databases of sponsors and members. One of the architects of the Internet in Nova Scotia, Daniel has a great feel for online communications, and how new technologies support grass roots activism. With his partner, Gabe Saulnier, Daniel has embraced the Wabanaki Two-Spirit Alliance and their home has become the meeting place for yet another community organization. Dan has a curiosity about practically everything, a wicked sense of humour, and a healthy degree of

compassion—seasoned with a judicious pinch of skepticism. These qualities keep him forever young, at least we hope they do. Our Community needs him around for a long time yet! We at Wayves find ourselves in full agreement with the Halifax Pride Committee; they made the perfect choice for this important anniversary's Halifax Pride Grand Marshall!

Halifax Pride Week is Atlantic Canada's largest LGBTQ Cultural Festival. The 25th festival takes place July 22 – 29, 2012 in Halifax.

New Video from Dal Allies

A new video on the Allies at Dalhousie and is now available online. The production was designed and produced by George Woodhouse and Dillon Garland. A team of others was critical in the planning of this project, including Sarah-Jo Briand, Laura MacIntosh, Natalie Stocker, Gaye Wishart, and others. The project had the encouragement and financial support of the office of Vice-President (Student Services), Dr. Bonnie Neuman. Thanks to all who appear in the video and assisted in any way.

Here is the official link:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmD4TDksfE>



Dal Allies standing behind their banner, and their new video!

Gaye Wishart, Advisor, Harassment Prevention/Conflict Management Human Rights, Equity & Harassment Prevention at Dalhousie gives some background information regarding the purpose and intentions of the video. "We were trying to portray the diversity of people making up the Dalhousie community and to show that although we are all part of Dalhousie, we have come from very different experiences. Our gender identity and sexual orientation

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Dyke & Trans March

July 27/12 A march by and for queer women and trans people that celebrates our identities and challenge oppressions experienced within our communities. Open to allies of all identities and orientations. Rally: 6:00pm, Spring Garden Library w. speakers and performers. March: 6:30pm, to the Commons by the Oval (an accessible bus will be available) Contact: halifaxdykeandtransmarch@gmail.com

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Mea Culpa

June's story about Raymond Taavel's vigil in Sydney was written by Madonna Doucette, for Coastal Braid magazine. We apologize for the missed credit.

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We're on the stands, in the mail, and online on the fourth Friday of every month!

Atlantic News

ISCANS Presents Cancer Fundraiser

by Ed Savage

When people talk about cancer you automatically think breast cancer or lung cancer. For men, there's a different cancer to think about, Prostate Cancer! Prostate cancer is no joke! I am sure if you think hard enough, most could come up with someone affected by this disease. One great man that comes to mind is Jack Layton. But did you know that Robert De Niro and Nelson Mandela also had prostate cancer?

One in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. It is the most common cancer to affect men. When detected early, prostate cancer has a 90% cure rate. But what about the other 10% of men who will die from the disease, men like Pierre Trudeau and Frank Zappa? Within the spectrum

of prostate cancer, thousands of men are diagnosed and ultimately die from aggressive forms of the disease. Medical research needs to continue (with increased funding!) to advance toward the day when men are not cut down in the prime of their lives. One in seven men is the statistic, but the good news is, when detected early prostate cancer doesn't have to be fatal.

When ISCANS realized prostate cancer was affecting so much of GLBT community (whether a survivor, a loved one or a friend), we decided to have a fundraiser to help Prostate Cancer Canada Atlantic Region to fund research and support men living with this disease. ISCANS's support will also fund the Prostate Cancer Canada Network

Rainbow Warriors; a support group for gay men with prostate cancer. So over a good buffet birthed a unique fundraiser. On July 6th in partnership with Prostate Cancer Canada Atlantic Region, The Imperial Court of Atlantic Nova Society will be presenting Show Your Putt. Show Your Putt is a game of Mini Putt around the city with all funds raised donated to Prostate Cancer Canada Atlantic Region. There will be teams of 4 players with each player raising a minimum of \$50.00 in pledges (\$200.00 per team) and playing mini putt to try to get the best (lowest) score. Pledges can be made on line or in person for all teams.

All I remember about mini putt when I was young, and even with my son today, is how much fun and competitive it is, but look out for those road blocks and fast forwards. Just

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imagine the bragging rights at work or in social circle if you won! If all that isn't enough, there are prizes for best individual and team scores, most money raised by a team and individual, and best team costumes. Who can't have fun playing mini putt and raising money for charity? For more information or to register a team go to www.showyourputt.ca. The fun is just waiting for one and all to take part in. Prostate cancer isn't any fun but Show Your Putt will be.

Hot Times!

The Hot Times Collective is a non-profit collective in Halifax, Nova Scotia that is dedicated to creating positive spaces and events for queer people to explore, express, and enjoy their sexuality. Email: hottimeshfx@gmail.com; Web: <http://hottimeshfx.wordpress.com>.

South Shore Rainbow Families

...is a group created by and for LGBTQ families (this is inclusive of LGBTQ parents and their children, as well as LGBTQ children and their parents), allies, prospective parents, and all other supporters, regardless of family size, ethnicity, culture, faith, or income level. South Shore Rainbow Families would like to strive to cultivate and promote a healthy and strong community through maintaining an active online community and holding "Family Fun" events in the area.

Contact: southshorerainbowfamilies@hotmail.com or <http://www.facebook.com/groups/122754554526294/>

Inter Q: A New Chamber of Commerce for Our Communities

by Jules Chamberlain

On March 22nd a group of people met in Halifax for a networking event to gauge the level of interest in forming a regional LGBT Chamber of Commerce. It was a great success.



Inter Q's first meet & greet inspires a follow-up.

Since then, a nucleus was formed to start work on the nuts and bolts of creating a non-profit support organization for LGBT entrepreneurs and community groups. It is hoped that this organization will develop in a way that builds "inter"-connectivity amongst our businesses and communities across Atlantic Canada.

Inter-Q is a member-driven Chamber of Commerce, networking, and community development organization; promoting the rich diversity of the LGBT Atlantic business, cultural, and service communities: LGBT Chamber + Commerce.

Our next event is a catered social networking "intermix" (or function)

sponsored by McInnes Cooper on July 5th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at their offices on Purdy's Wharf. If you wish to attend, or for more information, contact us through our Facebook page, or follow us on Twitter. Please join us! We welcome your participation, and spread the word to others who may be interested.

We will be part of Halifax Pride's 25th Anniversary; look for our booth at the Community Fair!

Twitter: @interQatlantic Facebook: facebook.com/interQatlantic

St. John's Remembers Raymond

by Jennifer McCreath

Shortly after the news of Raymond Taavel's death, newly-elected board members of St. John's Pride, Luke Redmond and Robyn Noseworthy, organized and hosted a memorial event on April 24, 2012 at Harbour Side Park in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Even with typically horrible Newfoundland weather of cold, fog and drizzle, a good crowd came out to pay tribute to one of eastern Canada's best-known gay activists and community members. Robyn welcomed the crowd to the event, and spoke about a lovely phone call she had with a representative from Halifax Pride, who told her several stories about the amazing work Raymond did for the community.

Gerry Rogers, a provincial member of parliament for the NDP, and first lesbian ever to be elected to office in NL, spoke of a previous physical attack on Raymond, ironically just before the International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia in May, 2010.

Also on the microphone was long-time community public figure Gemma Hickey who spoke highly about her working relationship with Raymond during her time with Pflag and Egale. She read inspiring quotes Raymond had published in the past about turning adversity into opportunities to educate and advocate. Long distance runner Tony Brathwaite spoke on behalf of the local Pflag chapter, expressing condolences and promoting the work done by advocates.

NSRAP Report

Know Your Enemy

by Kirk Furlotte

In Art of War, Sun Tzu wrote, "[I]f you know your enemies and know yourself, you can win a hundred battles without a single loss." This quote is typically boiled down to "know your enemy," a concept NSRAP embraces when it comes to battling homophobia and transphobia. In order to combat this social blight, we need to understand its origins and expressions in life in Nova Scotia.

To that end, NSRAP chair Matt Numer and I met on May 1 with the Honourable Ross Landry, the Minister for the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, and Judith Ferguson, the Deputy Minister of Justice. At that meeting, we laid out incidents that demonstrate the need to better understand homophobia and transphobia in Nova Scotia. Some incidents were famous and received significant news coverage, such as the 2007 bullying incident of a boy wearing a pink shirt that launched the pink shirt campaign. Other incidents, such as a property manager's transphobic ad campaign in 2010, were not as well known. We used these and countless other incidents of everyday homophobia and transphobia to call upon the Department of Justice to form a taskforce on homophobia and transphobia in Nova Scotia.

The template for such a project already exists: Quebec launched a similar project focused solely on homophobia. In Quebec, it was found that changes were needed across all government structures to remove heterosexism and homophobia. We want Nova Scotia to use those findings as a launching point for its own task force. It is NSRAP's hope that the task force would be able to develop an overview of the scope of homophobia and transphobia in the province and create an inventory of problems stemming from homophobia/transphobia. The task force would also need to evaluate existing programs and measures taken on by public institutions and para-public/community groups (e.g. non-profit organizations). Our final goal for this task force would be to provide clear goals and methods for addressing discrimination in Nova Scotia's government, government services and broader society.

Then Kyle Rees, representing Make It Better, a project aimed at making NL schools safer for LGBT students, gave an emotional speech about the challenges and implementation of the grieving process we as a community face when something like this happens. Justin Ryder, representing Memorial University's LGBT resource centre, spoke about his personal thoughts when he first learned

of Raymond's death, and expressed encouragement at the outpour of support towards Raymond.

Local musician Brittany Cann provided some musical interlude with singing during and after the candlelight vigil portion of the event. There were flags and banners displayed in the park; a giant card, signed by those at those at the vigil, was to be sent to Raymond's family.

Homophobia and transphobia affect us all in ways both big and small. Maybe it's "toning down" our mannerisms for fear of ridicule or being rejected for life and medical insurance because of our transition. It could be hearing "That's so Gay!" from students in our classrooms or, of course, it could be hate-induced violence.

Our work on this issue continues. In June, we met with Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage Leonard Preyra and Deputy Minister Laura Lee Langley. But to end homophobia and transphobia, we first need to understand it, its roots and the best ways to counter it. It is through these efforts that NSRAP will continue its mission of ensuring equality for all Nova Scotians.

The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project will be participating in Halifax Pride by offering a series of lunchtime lectures at the Spring Garden Road Memorial Library.

The free, hour-long lectures are held at noon. The lineup includes:

- Tuesday, July 24th: The State of Pride: Roots & Grassroots – a discussion by a panel of activists on the evolution of Pride celebrations.
- Wednesday, July 25th: Healing in our Communities – Gabe Saulnier from Healing Our Nations will lead a discussion on healing.
- Thursday, July 26th: LGBTQ health care – a group of researchers from Dalhousie University will present their findings on the experiences of queer women in health care.
- Friday, July 27th: Charter of Rights & Freedoms at 30 – NSRAP board member Kevin Kindred will look at how the Charter has influenced the queer rights movement in Canada.

Full details available at <http://nsrap.ca/halifax-pride>.

Kirk Furlotte is the administrative coordinator for NSRAP. To find out more about NSRAP, visit nsrap.ca, facebook.com/nsrap or twitter.com/nsrap.

The Cover

of our very first all-colour issue is, ironically, in black and white. It is the cover of our ancestor, the Gazette, twenty-five years ago: July, 1988. Alas, we don't know who took the picture.



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Halifax Pride 1988 Were You There?

by Chris Aucoin

If you were gay or lesbian in the Atlantic Provinces in 1988 you could be refused service in a restaurant or store, be denied spousal benefits for your partner, or even visitation privileges to see the love of your life in hospital. You could lose your job, be refused a lease by a landlord, and as John William Tha Din discovered in late 1988, you could be viciously beaten to death because you were gay.

In 1988 very few people were truly publicly out because to be out meant risking so very much. While homosexuality had been decriminalized in 1969 in Canada—before then sodomy was a Criminal Code offence with a 14-year prison term—there was not yet any legal protection from discrimination. As a result there were very few out public figures anywhere in Canada... or even the world. Even Elton John was married to a woman at the start of 1988! The first public figure of any national prominence to come out in Canada was BC MP Svend Robinson, but he did so under duress (in February 1988), as someone in BC had already started to out him. To take back control of the situation he quickly arranged to come out publicly in an interview with Barbara Frum on national TV.

It was in this context of no legal protections but growing unrest about rampant prejudice and discrimination that Halifax's Gay Alliance for Equality organized its first Pride Week in 1988 (they would adopt the new name of GALA NS later that same year). As part of that Pride Week they held a Pride March; a protest march – no floats or corporate sponsors – protesting the lack of legal protection from discrimination, and protesting the all-too-common threat of homophobic violence. About 75



It's really Chris Aucoin.

people marched in 1988, and a handful of them wore paper bags over their heads, not out of shame, but out of the very real fear for their livelihoods, and even possibly their safety.

This year marks the 25th annual Pride Week and Pride March/Parade in Halifax, and with that milestone Halifax Pride is looking back to its origins. I am organizing a display about Pride 1988 on their behalf to be part of the Community Fair festivities after this year's Pride Parade. If you have memories (or photos) about Pride 1988 I'd like to hear from you ASAP, as your contributions might make it into the display. Even if you weren't at Pride 1988 I invite you to share memories of your first Pride (in Halifax or wherever), or of your most memorable Pride, for this community history project. Check out the Halifax Pride 88 Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HfxPride88) for further details on this project, as well as info on a larger GLBT community history project that is presently being considered. You can also contact me directly via email at CAucoin@eastlink.ca. And please come check out the Pride 1988 history exhibit on Pride Day. Happy Pride!

Syphilis is here! Have You Been Tested?

by Daniel MacKay

Syphilis is here. Get tested; tell your friends to get tested. That was the message delivered at a community forum held on May 30th at FRED on Agricola Street. Organized by prideHealth, (Capital Health/IWK's LGBTI health initiative), in partnership with Public Health, the ACNS, Halifax Sexual Health Centre, and NSRAP. The meeting was dubbed HoMobilizing Halifax and was aimed directly at the LGBTQ community.

Sexually transmitted infections have been on the rise throughout in Canada since 2001. Throughout the 1990s the number of syphilis infections was going down and its eradication seemed like a real possibility. But a sharp rise in new cases in 2008/2009 led to an outbreak being declared in Halifax by Public Health (Capital Health). New diagnoses were among men, with an average age around 37. Data shows that unprotected sex, including oral sex, and the use of the Internet for social contacts account for the rise. 40% of men who've been diagnosed with syphilis reported meeting sex partners through the Internet. The disease is affecting different populations in different regions; in Nova Scotia the rise is among men who have sex with men (MSM).

Syphilis is a bacterial infection, and transmission is relatively easy. You can get it through unprotected anal, oral, and/or vaginal sex (that is sex without condoms); childbirth; and/or blood transfusions; less frequently, through needle-sharing among injecting drug users. People with multiple

sex partners are at an increased risk for infection and transmission. Anyone who is having, or has had, unprotected sex should get tested for syphilis, as should anyone who's had sexual contact with someone who they learn has had syphilis, and/or anyone who's experiencing the symptoms described below. People with HIV are encouraged to get tested, as syphilis and HIV can go hand in hand, and both can be transmitted through unprotected sex.

The dangerous thing about syphilis is that its initial symptoms don't last very long and can easily be mistaken for something else. Syphilis has been called "the great mimicker" because it imitates other diseases. The first sign of syphilis is a small, painless, pimple-like ulcer (chancere) that disappears in three to six weeks. A month or two later, a rash may form (sometimes accompanied with fever and fatigue) which also goes away. One might mistake the rash for a drug, or other, allergic reaction, but a dermatologist can usually spot the difference. Syphilis can be easily treated with penicillin. For those with penicillin allergies, there are other options, but they require more follow-up.

Positive test results are reported to Public Health. Someone testing positive for syphilis is contacted to ensure they have all the information that they need, are getting treatment and understand the treatment, and to assist with contact tracing. Follow-up is done by Public Health in a discreet fashion that alerts contacts about the need to get tested, while protecting the infected person's anonymity. Public Health has told us that, on

average, only 28% of partners can be contacted. So the difficulty of managing the outbreak is that health officials cannot contact all sexual partners who've been exposed. A big worry regarding unreported cases or contacts is that, when the symptoms go away and the disease is left untreated, years down the road patients may end up with tertiary syphilis, including Neurosyphilis, where the lining of the brain is affected. Neurosyphilis in HIV seropositive patients is difficult to treat. Cases of neurosyphilis have presented as strokes. Another risk is of mothers unknowingly infecting children during childbirth.

"Turnout for the forum was good!" said NSRAP's Lucas Thorne-Humphrey. "There was some great brainstorming about coming up with more effective advertising campaigns, dissemination of very important info about who is getting sick, and how we combat this on the ground in the clinic, and at a public health level. The issue facing our community is getting the word out: Syphilis is here. Get tested. Tell your friends to get tested. That's the message."

If you think you should get tested, contact your doctor. The test for syphilis is a simple blood test. For more information, contact prideHealth's Anita Keeping, clinical nurse specialist at anita.keeping@cdha.nshealth.ca or call (902) 220-0643. The Halifax Sexual Health Centre offers information and testing for all manner of sexually transmitted infections. You can find them online at www.hsbc.ca or call them at (902) 455-9656, Ext. 0.

Come Out, Come Out!

The municipal elections throughout Nova Scotia will be held on October 12, 2012. WAYVES Online and WAYVES Magazine will be focusing on election issues of importance to the Nova Scotia LGBT Community. To this end WAYVES is issuing a call for interested volunteers to come out and help by interviewing the candidates in your community. The WAYVES

editorial group will develop a roster of questions to assist in the interviewing process. The goal is to increase our collective knowledge and awareness of the council members who may or may not be representing our interests and needs in our respective communities. Let's be informed so as to make our votes count! Contact WAYVES at: submissions@wayves.ca if you would like to volunteer.

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SKIN Laid Bare at AGNS

by Hugo Dann
Young/old; healthy/wounded; furry/smooth: skin in all its naked animal and social glory is on display at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. SKIN: the seduction of surface unveils an exhibition of contemporary art where geography and gender, race and religion, identity and sexuality get probed through physical and conceptual ideas of skin.



Guildford's "Pretty Lady" looks ghostly against this black Background. At the AGNS exhibit she is fully lit, more like a practical South Shore fisherwoman.

Attila Richard Lukacs, Kent Monkman, and Doug Guildford. Lukacs's work, "The Boy With Green Arms" shows one of his classic youths, bare-chested and vulnerable, haunted by an ominous black silhouette. Evergon's glorious photograph is a pagan ritual feast. Young men, with smooth skin glowing, drape themselves around curving rams' horns. Magic is being celebrated.

A sculpture by Kathleen Sellars presents two limbless torsos facing each other, their classical forms suggesting androgyny. But fine strands of hair, almost invisible at first, adorn the surface of one, while the other is covered with nipples. Gender identities suggest themselves, then shift. The hair is soft and delicate, the nipples oversteated and almost aggressive.

An enormous painting by Till Friewald is a full-on portrait of a young black person in watercolour on paper: genderless; the face bare of distinguishing blemishes or scars; no discernible history. The face itself seems flattened by the artist's medium. Yet the vast scale and the softness of the pigment render the whole piece luminous and haunting.

In contrast, Marion Wagschal's Spill, teems with narrative. An old man lies curled, half-naked on a bed, while two young men roll on the floor, arms locked. Are they fighting? Fucking? This painting is filled with life, messy and anguished.

The Fine Arts, a fine video piece by Duke and Battersby, well worth watching, runs on a loop. One hears it throughout the gallery, a weird and witty sonic background to the visuals on display.

Queer sexualities are explored in works by Canadian artists Evergon,

South Shore native Doug Guildford's piece, Pretty Lady, hangs from the ceiling like a fisherman's net hung out to dry. Get in closer and find a web of finely hand-crocheted copper wire covered in pale pink plastic. The piece falls in dense and delicate folds, its pinkness intensifying where it gathers, fading where it spreads. This is a beautiful and meticulous artwork. It presents and toys with both masculinity and the feminine. It is random and changing in its drape and fall; deliberate in each carefully crafted knot.

Many will be drawn to the exhibit by Jana Sterbak's iconic and provocative Vanitas: Flesh Dress for an Albino Anorectic. But SKIN shows a lot more. With over 30 pieces, from the AGNS, and international collections, SKIN has been brilliantly curated by Sarah Fillmore. If SKIN's many textures make you long to caress something, anything, there is a room set aside where you can do just that; reach out and touch! As Ms. Fillmore says, "The surface begs to be scratched and we invite you to join in."

\$12 ; \$10 senior; \$7 student; Youth \$5; members and children under 5 free. Admission is free every Thursday 5 - 9pm. SKIN: continues at the AGNS until September 9th.

The New New Glaswegian

by Gerard Veldhoven

Do Not Despair

President Barack Obama's "reflection" regarding the plight of the marriage issue has garnered much attention around the Globe. The fact he endorses same-sex marriage in the United States may somewhat enhance the possibilities in other countries where such laws do not exist. However, let's not jump to a positive conclusion until the marriage laws are amended. This may not happen during Obama's presidency. He deserves kudos for being vocal about such a contentious issue. Some are suggesting that this is a political move. Many truly believe that he is deeply concerned about equal opportunity and equal marriage rights for his queer voters.

The issue of the marriage laws is a divisive issue in the United States. The upside is that the polls conducted recently indicate the majority of American citizens now support same-sex marriage. If the marriage laws are amended then the reasons behind the decision made by Mr. Obama are to be celebrated. Perhaps the American voters will support his views and he receives another term in the White House. On the other hand, if Mitt Romney wins, all equal rights in the US will quickly disappear. The American right has an agenda that we know will keep the fires of intolerance burning for years to come.

While the US is struggling with its marriage laws, Uganda's queer community is again being threatened by the Anti Homosexuality Bill. It has been re-introduced into Parliament. Hopes were high when this horrendous private bill was shelved. During a May visit to Britain, the vice-president told the foreign minister that "Homosexuality is foreign to Uganda Society." Meanwhile, members of the queer community are not safe from beatings and murders. Whether the bill will eventually pass is not known. We may be certain that any news items coming from government officials are not to be believed. Statements vary from the demise of the bill to hearing that most MPs are in favour. Only time will tell the outcome and no one is able to forecast what may happen. President Obama

and Prime Minister Harper have condemned the bill, as have many world leaders. Let us not forget the fight or the persecution that the queer members of that country face on a daily basis.

Seventeen activists were arrested in St. Petersburg recently during an attempt to raise the pride flag during a rally organized by opposition groups. This Russian city became the fourth jurisdiction to declare a ban on "homosexual propaganda." The law is also expected to pass at the federal level giving the queer community a long and arduous road ahead. Russia's Orthodox Church is backing the proposed legislation. The European Court for Human Rights has fined Moscow eight years in a row for denying pride celebrations. This city pays the fine, but ignores the ruling. Newly elected President Putin is known for his stance against LGBTTT rights.

Zimbabwe's justice minister vowed not to recognize gay rights in his country. In a statement a few days ago he suggests that authorities banish gay rights supporters and seize their properties. Members of the LGBTTT community face arrest and as has been suggested, endure torture. That has been denied by the minister. There have been countless reports of torture of queer citizens in various African nations.

On a brighter note, we are looking forward to pride celebrations across Canada. Next month I will touch on pride festivities in other parts of the world. Do not despair. I will not forget our own region. Happy Pride!

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Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITEH

Hi Tom

Well, I'm back safe and sound from Harp-erland, also known as Alberta. I have to admit that I had some qualms about landing in the thick of what I imagined would be redneck country. The reality was quite different, however. People in Calgary were friendly—bus drivers, shop keepers, hotel staff. My friend, Larry, moved to Calgary a few months ago and his neighbours all smiled and said, How do? when I saw them on the street. Okay, they didn't really say, How do; they said, hello, but somehow with all the cowboy clothes, the horsey accessories on people and buildings, and all the talk about The Stampede, I got kind of into the spirit. One of the neighbours was doing Tai Chi in his front yard one day wearing a Stetson. It's that kind of place. There are cops with black cowboy hats, business men sporting boots and bolos, everybody wearing shirts with pointed yokes. Some of the shirts had those pearly covered snaps instead of buttons, so you can get quite a dramatic pop, pop, pop sound when you rip someone's shirt open—a nice feature.

Larry told me that there are lots of socially conservative types in rural Alberta but that Calgary is quite liberal in attitudes. The citizens of Calgary elected Naheed Nenshi, a Canadian of East Asian descent as the mayor and Mr. Nenshi is going to be the Parade Marshall for the Pride Parade! There are several gay bars, including one called Texas something or other, although none of the cowpokes inside looked like they had ever been near a ranch, or let their shiny shit kickers actually come in contact with manure.

There is a land of country music, but that is hardly unique to Calgary. I've dated two men in my life who loved "old time country music" so I've learned to, if not enjoy, at least block out the sounds of Harry and the Hicktones squealing from the stereo. I've found that the better the sex, the less the music matters.

But even the big, sprawling, modern city of Calgary can't compare to our next stop on Crawford's Western Exploration Tour. On a day full of glorious sunshine, we set out for a drive. The undulating countryside, with its ranches of horses and cattle, soon gave way to the foothills, and then suddenly there they were: The Rockies! Now, as I have mentioned many times, Tom, size is not always important, but the sheer mass of these mountains is so impressive it takes one's breath away. Wow, I said. Then, looking out the other car window, Wow, again, my usually extensive vocabulary deserting me in the face of the stunning beauty of the Rockies. I had seen pictures of them, I knew they were

huge, but somehow the experience of actually being nestled in amongst these giants was overwhelming and I just kept repeating, Wow, over and over with a big stupid grin on my face all the way to Banff.

Sitting on a rooftop patio, eating, drinking beer (imported all the way from Nova Scotia, according to the menu) surrounded by the Rockies, is a spectacular way to spend a lunch time, Tom. Our waitress appeared to be about 11 years old and wore enormous sunglasses on her tiny face, obviously to try to shield her eyes from the spectacular beauty all around her so that she could focus on her job. I don't remember what we ate. My eyes were taken by a group of skateboarders (I'm not stereotyping, Tom, two of them had skateboards) lounging at a table a few feet away, their physical beauty enhanced by the alpine sun and the dramatic backdrop of the mountain range behind them. Unlike many young men of their generation, they were not attired in low slung jeans several sizes too big, nor wearing the ubiquitous hoodoo. The tallest of the four leaned back laughing at one point, his hands behind his head, giving an inadvertent display of his male (yes, decidedly male!) form. I took a mental snapshot.

In the afternoon we headed to Lake Louise. The lake was still partly frozen so only bits of the famous turquoise water showed through the ice. The area has an almost unearthly beauty and it is only the grand hotel and the visitors walking along the pathway beside the lake that indicate that it is indeed real and not a beautiful vision from a dream. But even idyllic places can have their dangers. There were signs posted about grizzly bears and possible avalanches. Danger from snow seemed unlikely at this time of year, so Larry and I proceeded along, unconcernedly snapping pictures and enjoying the afternoon. Suddenly we heard a loud crack, like a booming gunshot and looked back to see huge chunks of ice hurtling down the mountainside and across the path where we had been standing only moments before.

On the way home, we chatted idly and tiredly, the way old friends do, and laughed listening to the Dildo Whisperer on Larry's satellite radio give sex advice to callers—a perfect day, really.

Love ya!

Crawford

The Significance of IDAH

By Sara Mukherji



Sara & Gianna at CKDU during the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia Radio show on May 17.

For the LGBTT community in Nova Scotia, there remains a substantial amount of homophobia and transphobia. Most local radio stations and news media cringe at the idea of having to write about, or speak respectfully of, the individuals of the gay, lesbian, and transgendered community.

So many people from the LG-BTT Community here in Halifax are taking their own lives as a result of homophobia and transphobia. Others are being slain. Yet the news media and radio stations mention it briefly for a week or so and then turn a proverbial "blind eye" on the incident. Luckily, the Dalhousie's radio station, CKDU, has chosen to follow a different path. Gianna Lauren, the station manager, planned a special CKDU Radio Show which focussed

on the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

The International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia Rally at the Grand Parade outside was another step in the right direction. It brought to mainstream Halifax an awareness of the prejudice and discrimination faced by the LGBTT Community.

We still have a long way to go. We as transgendered individuals and members of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community will be able to say that the war to eliminate homophobia and transphobia has been won when mainstream society can instantly remember May 17 as the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, just as we remember March 8 as International Women's Day.



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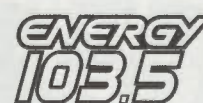
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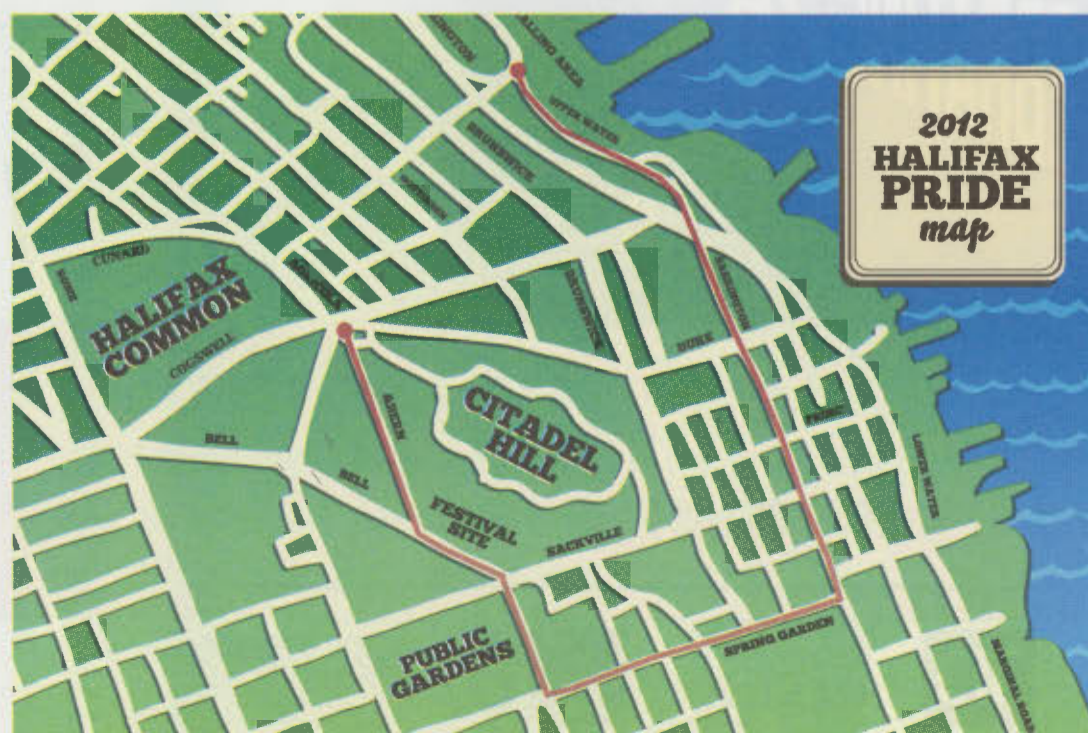
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KEVIN WONG



Born and raised North of Toronto, Kevin Wong was first exposed to music at the age of 3 when his mother dragged him kicking and screaming down a Montessori hallway to his first violin lesson.

His sound is reflective of that eclectic blend, sometimes calling up a hint of reference to Billy Joel, Elton John, Jamie Cullum, or Donny Hathaway, but never quite falling into any of those categories. During his time in university, Kevin's music began to reflect his own experiences, both as an Asian-Canadian in a fairly diverse community, then as a young man coming out following the advent of marriage equality reform in Canada. His later work also reflects his personal experiences with dating, love, loss, and sarcasm.

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Dal Allies

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are only part of the story of who we are and how we got here. When you become part of the Dalhousie community we want people to feel safe and know that their differences will be valued and celebrated and that there are supports available such as the Allies program. It has been reported that many students go back into the closet when they transition to post-secondary schools. We are hoping that students can feel safe to express who they are. We are hoping that this story will encourage people to take the time to view it. We will link it to a number of sites including Allies, our office website, etc. We will liaise with Student Services about what else is possible with respect to getting the video to the student population, and the timing of that to maximize the viewing. I know that Allies at Dal focus on creating an inclusive community for students, but I also noticed that there was a diverse age demographic represented in the video. Do Allies at Dal also have resources for creating an inclusive community for faculty and staff? Our programming is for faculty, staff and students, so we keep the diverse age demographic in mind in our planning for creating an inclusive community at Dalhousie."

Wayves asked if Dalhousie has become a more accepting and inclusive

campus in the past year? Were there any major developments/improvements? What can still be done to eliminate homophobia/transphobia?

"We strive to create a respectful and inclusive campus community. Our office (Human Rights, Equity & Harassment Prevention) provided training for approximately 500 staff and over 1000 students last year. Other offices also provide programming in diversity and inclusion. Dal Allies had a panel presentation on Homophobic Bullying in March which was very well attended. We ran a training session for Allies in April. We are now planning our contingent in the Pride Parade and encourage the Dalhousie community to come out and walk with us to show their support. Pink Day is scheduled for September 28th and we are hoping that the community will come out in support of that initiative as well. The Allies Steering Committee also now has representation from the Youth Project and their expertise in working with youth around issues of sexual orientation and gender identity is greatly appreciated. Work is being done in the Registrar's Office to address issues for trans students. Our Allies website now lists all the gender-neutral washrooms on campus and the university has been very supportive in providing sites throughout the campus for these facilities. HR has followed up on the results of the Workplace Survey, and worked with units to set goals/priorities for addressing concerns raised in their areas. Being treated in a respectful manner was rated critically important when evaluating the Dalhousie workplace. We developed, in conjunction with HR, courses, videos and web resources on conflict management and also material on Incivility in the Classroom to address climate issues. There is a new course this fall on Intercultural Communication. Work is ongoing to create a respectful and inclusive campus community."

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The Sanctuary Garden

by Bethana Sullivan

Reframing the Hydra for the World Today

The garden has goutweed. As I was pondering the theme of this column, be it homophobia, syphilis on the rise, the backlash affect of the conservative far right agenda, Wayves herself, goutweed was right there as a metaphor when I awoke this grey morning. Goutweed is a blight on the garden; it inflames the fire of hatred in my heart. But hating it doesn't eradicate it—it pops up its perky three petal leaf, waving in the breeze, in the garden beds and moving briskly through the grass, and says 'fuck you.' Or so I think. As is often the case, when adversity strikes, it begins to feel so personal; that goutweed is out to get me! And so too, with homophobia or syphilis, or the emerging backlash: just when complacency enters the room is the time when the 3-headed hydra awakes. Fear and trembling pulsate through the limbs and heart. Fight, flight, or freeze—which of the 3 heads has power here!

In classical Greek mythology, Hercules carries out 12 labours as penance for the murder of his wife and children when under the influence of the mighty goddess Hera. Myths can be understood as the way in which we make sense of the world, how we learn the dominant values and mores of the time and what happens when we step off the path. Despite the hardships, the rewards are worth the suffering. Thus we learn to fear the hydra, which is often enough to keep the masses in line.

When I was first dealing with goutweed, I was complacent because I didn't understand the problem, I didn't know goutweed. Letting it go, picking away at it, and finally smothering it—the first choice a form of denial; the second choice, high expectations with little effort; the third choice, war is declared.

However, none of the above is particularly aligned with my values or vision of how to see and understand the world I live in. What if the Hydra is reframed as a means of exploring multiplicity, movement and connection with memory as the body? The Hydra then becomes a mythological tool of reconnection to memory telling us that all is part of the whole, that we must stay awake and aware, and that everything has meaning and purpose. The 3 headed Hydra of fight, flight or fear controls us when memory is lost, and we disembodiment ourselves.

Goutweed becomes a big problem when it is unrecognized, planted in wide open areas and/or passed on through garden waste. It needs boundaries such as between a sidewalk and a house to

control its indiscriminate spreading. It has a rich history, and under control, it has many uses.

"The tender leaves have been used in antiquity and throughout the Middle Ages as a spring leaf vegetable, much as spinach was used. Young leaves are preferred as a pot herb. It is best picked from when it appears to just before it flowers. If it is picked after this point it takes on a pungent taste and has a laxative effect. However it can be stopped from flowering by pinching out the flowers, ensuring that the plant remains edible if used more sparingly as a pot herb. It also had a history as a medicinal herb to treat gout and arthritis, applied in hot wraps externally upon boiling both leaves and roots together. Ingested, the leaves have a diuretic effect and act as a mild sedative. Its use as a medicinal herb has largely declined during the modern era. The plant is said to have been introduced into England by the Romans as a food plant and Northern England as a medicinal herb by monks. It is still found growing in patches surrounding many monastic ruins in Europe, and descriptions of its use are found among monastic writings, such as in *Physica* by Hildegard von Bingen. It is also used by Chinese and Tibetan monks." (Wikipedia.org)

So goutweed is part of the great multitude of multiplicities, carrying historical significance of economy, spirituality, health, and travel.

Syphilis, homophobia and backlash are to our culture as goutweed is to the garden. They tell us something about the condition of our environment, they alert us to the need for protection and possible changes, and they call us to ourselves, to embodied memory. Wayves is one of the vehicles that carries memory and builds community through time and space. All are part of the multiplicities within the multitude that is us. Is eradication possible or even necessary? I doubt it, because being human has always had its strengths and limitations, though evolution may teach us otherwise. We do not know enough about how our actions in the present affect our growth and development in the future. In the meantime, pay attention to the Hydra; she protects us through our embodied memory of multiplicity, movement and connection to be out, be prepared and be compassionate. Do not fear the Hydra or she becomes a tool of oppression.



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The 416er

by Randall Perry

Long Live the Celluloid Coming-Out



In May I attended Inside Out, Toronto premiere LGBT film festival. Over the festival's ten days I attended thirteen screenings and stood in as many lineups for hours. In the end, it was a most satisfying experience. Had I been in Halifax in June, I would have blocked off the middle weekend to take in the inaugural OUtEast queer film festival. I attended the countdown launch last year and I hear the festival was a success. Perhaps next year I'll make it back east.

I failed to include a coming-out story in my Inside Out choices. There were some in the lineup but the checkmarks in my program fell outside that subject. It wasn't deliberate; would that I could split myself in five and attend every screening!

Andrew Murphy, the festival's Director of Programming (and Atlantic Film Festival alumnus), indicated in a recent interview with CBC that queer film is "... moving away from the taboo of homosexuality, as well as moving away from that coming-out story.

"I think queer film and TV is growing

up. It's scary, but we're looking into what happens after that: what happens in our day-to-day lives."

I agree with Andrew's sentiments. Queer lives are as rich and diverse as any to be explored in film—each life is just as interesting (or not) as the next. Our storytellers have barely scratched the surface of this ready-for-tapping reservoir.

I also believe that within a wider exploration of queer lives there's still a need for coming-out stories. The Coming-Out Narrative is a well-established form in the queer canon, a relatively simple story on the outside, with infinite variations throughout. No matter what equalities we gain and how society's perceptions of us change and improve, the actual event of coming out, the point where each individual crosses the threshold from one side of the closet door to the other, is a singularly important milestone in the queer life journey.

I'm simplifying the process. For most of us there's no discernible single transi-

tion point from 100% in to 100% out. It's not that simple and no life event that important can be wrapped up in a tidy 90-odd minute package. Coming out is the culmination of questions asked, answers sought, experiences gathered—many take years to arrive at this milestone; others never make it. After the closet door has been breached it's still just the beginning of something new, whether it's an adventure or a cross to bear.

My coming-out story is not film-worthy. My questioning process began early, knowing I was "different" from other boys at a young age. Ironically, growing up in a rural Maritime village, through the bullying and church condemnation I never struggled with my gay self. The shame was the secrecy; that I had to keep something so important a deeply buried secret. The first person I came out to was my prom date; the last people were my parents. Friends were easy; family was not. At age 21 I came out to my mother in anger, during a fight over some trivial

thing. The result was a damaged relationship—my only real regret in life is that I could have handled it differently. There was nobody there to call "Cut," reset the scene, re-block, set up new lighting and start the camera again.

But for every hundred run-of-the-mill coming-out stories that'd never work on the screen there's one that seems tailor-made made for Cinemascope... in one case I know someone gave his mother a gay porn video to watch after he came out to her. I wondered if he did it as a joke, given his off-beat sense of humour, or if he did it to stem the tide of questions she asked about what two men might do in bed. Now that's cinematic: something I would love to have been a fly on the wall to observe. Or watching the feed from a hidden camera.

Genie award, anyone?

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Looking Back

Queer History: The Politics Of It All (Excerpts from Peanut Butter & Jam Sandwiches)

To commemorate 25 years of Pride, in June, July and August Wayves is running segments of Reg Giles' forty thousand word story cycle, "Peanut Butter And Jam Sandwiches." The full story cycle is published in the Halifax Rainbow Encyclopedia and can be found by googling "gay halifax peanut butter."

by Reg Giles

GAE/Gala (The Gay Alliance for Equality/Gay and Lesbian Association) was an organization that was bound to be its own destruction. There were too many minds that were bent on their own ways. Not that the idea was not good or great; there was just too much to deal with under one group. My whole train of thought during the period (as a GAE member, staff person at both The Turret & Rumours) was that the organization needed money to wage its battles, pay its lawyers, and other

things. The Turret was the place that I thought had the highest potential for generating income. There were those in GAE that thought that The Turret Club should remain a drop-in style centre. The Turret became a constant battleground for most of its days and the political battle lost a lot of its focus because of the constant infighting. Some of us were just not interested (physically or mentally) in the raw politics of fighting government. At the time, I felt that was best left to those that understood that arena. One

thing I always did know was how to make money.

The Turret building was coming up for sale. The GAE membership had to make a decision to either "buy or not to buy" the building. If I remember correctly, the asking price was 50 to 75 thousand dollars; ironically it sold for 4 or 5 times that price a few years later. The meeting was packed and (in my humble opinion) stacked. There were the usual heated debates. One of the points against buying was that maintenance costs

would have been too high. I tried to argue, "What maintenance, we do it all now anyway!" There were concerns about not being able to use the second floor because of fire codes and liquor codes, but there are ways to conform or make adjustments. I had these already mapped out in my mind but the mindset seemed to be, "Reg doesn't know what he's talking about." Anyhow, the hammer came down and

the members voted against buying. I felt that the decision had already been made before the meeting. That was the beginning of the end. Some held a funeral for The Turret; it should have been held for GAE/GALA instead and given a decent, deep burial.

Reg is a longtime Halifax resident involved with the gay community starting about when this story opens, to the latter days of GALA in the mid-1990s.

Transgender Monologues

Full Time Grocery Shopping

by Lucy Wallace

It always feels like I'm under constant speculation, as if there is this really intense spotlight trained on me while judges keep score. Do I pass? Do I make it in the world beyond my four bedroom walls? I never know what to expect when I set foot outside; maybe today is going to be the day someone attacks me physically rather than just verbally. Every single second is amplified, so every breath is conscious; the slightest misstep will be noted.

I make my way down the street, dodging curious glances. I have a hard time trying to keep my eyes off of reflective surfaces. The last thing I need is my own opinion. Where do I look?! The ground surely, for if I were to make eye contact with a passing pedestrian, that could mean failure. Music is loud in my ears. I really don't need to discourage myself by tuning into passing school children. Whoever said "no comments in the peanut gallery" clearly didn't faze those commenting on mine.

I turn the corner and I'm on the final stretch. I almost feel relieved, but now there is the whole issue of fluorescent lighting, clumps of people, curious children and cashiers. My heart sinks. Even if no one is saying much out loud, the second looks and scoffs sure make up for it.

No matter how beautiful I felt this morning when I did my makeup and clipped on the hair, it is meaningless when someone clocks me. No matter how many doctors have reaffirmed my gender

identity and said I pass well, there is always the ignorant truth. No matter how many horny guys have told me I am beautiful in an effort to get me to sleep with them, I know. I know that their words are meant to help build confidence, but they bring along self-doubt.

I bought a coat with a large hood trimmed with faux-fur in an effort to remain incognito. I know a lot of people think it's for the fashion of it, or even to stay warm, but they're mistaken. I wouldn't say I hate myself, but times like these I wish I did.

The double doors whoosh open as warm air ruffles my extensions. I am just getting used to these little things, pulling blonde hairs from my mouth. My bare hands tell stories as they nervously fumble for cards and my phone. Ah yes, anything to divert my attention momentarily. One of the perks of being so terrified all the time is that now I can multitask; text, walk, talk, dodge, avert, hide.

What am I even here for? Oh yeah, razors. Those things are so damn pricy, they eat away at my meager part time salary. All in the pursuit of passing... At the end of the day, this has been a draining ordeal. I was definitely outed somewhere between the cereal and cosmetics aisles so the rest of my journey was spent trying to shirk death glares from frustrated older folks. At least the cashier was sympathetic, although that worries me at the same time.

Sometimes I wonder if it is even worth it.

Letter

Hi Wayves,

My partner and I have recently moved to the beautiful Bouctouche, New Brunswick area and would simply like to tell you how much we appreciate the magazine. We found it at X-citement Video in Moncton and were quite pleased to see it available.

We will probably be looking at subscribing and having the magazine delivered to our home. For now, we simply wanted to say hello and thank you for giving a voice to the LGBT community. Even for those of us who do not live in big city centres.

Take care and best regards,
Yves Arseneault, performing artist (dance/theatre, music) earning a living as a Customer Service Representative and
Emmanuel Rochon, classical musician (piano) earning a living as a Customer Service Representative.

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Atlantic Canada

Al-Anon/Alateen: for families & friends of problem drinkers. Does someone you know have a drinking problem? 466-7077 web: www.freewebs.com/alanonmaritimes

Atlantic Canadian Lesbians: Online Group For Lesbians from the Atlantic Provinces

AtlanticPoz: A new discussion group is for individuals living with HIV in Atlantic Canada. web: health.groups.yahoo.com/group/atlanticpoz/

Egale Canada - Atlantic: (888) 204-7777 email: egale.canada@egale.ca web: www.egale.ca

Healing Our Nations: Healing Our Nations is an Aboriginal HIV/AIDS service organization that serves the Atlantic region. 1.800.565.4255 email: ea@accesswave.ca (Training offered on request at no charge for Aboriginal peoples and/or organizations.) at 31 Gloster Court, Dartmouth, NS B3B 1X9

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

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

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

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

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

New Brunswick (506)

Fredericton

AIDS New Brunswick / SIDA Nouveau-Brunswick: committed to facilitating community-based responses to the issues of HIV/AIDS. Needle exchange located in office at 65 Brunswick Street Fred. E3B 1G5 459-7518 email: jennifer@aidnsb.com web: www.aidnsb.com (Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:30PM)

Fredericton Lesbians and Gays: Email listserv of events/news in the Fredericton for gblt men and women. email: jamesw@stu.ca

Fredericton Pride: Community-based, volunteer organization that oversees and executes Fredericton Pride Week. email: info@frederictonpride.org web: www.frederictonpride.org

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

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

Spectrum: Spectrum is a social/support group celebrating the diversity of the GLBTQ community and gay-friendly peoples at UNB and STU. Weekly meetings are open for both students and non-students to attend, and may feature various 'theme' nights from fun and games to more serious current event discussions impacting the GLTBQ community. email: spectrum@unb.ca web: <http://www.unb.ca/clubs/spectrum/> (Group Meets Fridays at 5:30 pm (subject to change, see webpage for updates)) at University of New Brunswick - Fredericton Campus, Marshall D'Avry Hall, Room 235

UNB/STU Women's Collective: Women of all ages and orientations, meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

Moncton

AIDS Moncton: offers support to people living with HIV and their families and friends, education and awareness 506-859-9616 email: sidaidsm@sida-aidsmoncton.com web: www.sida-aidsmoncton.com at (506-859-4726 fax) 80 Weldon St, Moncton, NB, E1C 5V8

PFLAG: Supporting all people with questions or concerns about sexual orientation and gender identity issues 382-7145 email: monctonn@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd Monday (Occasionally on the 2nd Monday, Âi please call) at YMCA, 30 War Veterans Avenue

River of Pride-riviere de fierte INC. of Greater Moncton: The organization meets regularly, to discuss upcoming events and activities, everyone is welcome to attend. check out time / location posted on the website. Media and general inquiries, including registration of volunteers and parade participation, can be made from the website or by email. email: riverofpride@hotmail.com web: www.fiertemonctonpride.ca (See webpage for schedule.)

Transgendered Peer Support Group: Open to all M2F, F2M, Andro and trans-supporters from across Atlantic Canada. email: be_tgmoncton@live.com

Un sur Dix - University of Moncton Association for the LGBT community and their allies (not only for students): The mission is to ensure the well-being of the community and to end homophobia (mainly a french association, but also organizes some bilingual activities). For more information, please visit the website. email: unsurdix@umoncton.ca web: etudiants.umoncton.ca/umcm-unsurdix

Petit-Rocher (Bathurst area)

Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. (GNG): 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.

Sackville NB/Amherst NS

Catalyst: Catalyst, Mount Allison's Queer-Straight Alliance, provides support & information for all Mt. A students, staff, and faculty through meetings, seminars, and social events. Everyone is welcome. email: catalyst@mta.ca web: www.mta.ca/clubs/catalyst/ (Catalyst meets approximately every week from Sept-Dec and Jan-April. For meeting info contact the president at catalyst@mta.ca or the Students' Administrative Council at sac@mta.ca.)

PFLAG: Support and education for GLBT2IQ persons, friends & family 536-4245 email: sacknb@pflagcanada.ca, meets 4th Monday (7:30 to 9:30pm, no meeting in July and August) at St Anthony's Presbyterian Church, 36 Bridge St.

Saint John

Affirming United Church - Centenary - Queen Square United Church: invites you to worship! 506-634-8288 email: cqsunited@nb.aibn.com web: www.cqsunited.ca, meets every Sunday (10:30am) at 215 Wentworth St, Saint John, NB

AIDS Saint John: To improve the quality of life for those infected & affected by HIV/AIDS, and to reduce the spread of HIV through education and a needle exchange program. Call the office for details. 652-2437 email: aidssj@nb.aibn.com web: www.aidssaintjohn.com

Gay Men, A&S Supper Club: web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com, meets 3rd Saturday (See webpage for more information) at 220 Germain St. Saint John New Brunswick

PFLAG: Provides support to anyone dealing with issues of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. (506)648-9700 or 648-9227 email: saintjohnnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/saintjohn, meets 1st Friday (1st Friday of each month September - June from 7:00-9:00 p.m. No meeting in July & August.) at 116 Coburg Street in Saint John, New Brunswick in the Community Health Centre next to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Port City Rainbow Pride: Pride Celebrations Committee

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

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

Woodstock

Woodstock GLBT Youth Advocate and Family Outreach: Books, movies, advice, directions, contacts, and support etc. for the family. 328-4868 email: richardb@nbnet.nb.ca

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

Frontrunners Newfoundland and Labrador: Running/walking club. 722-5791 or 753-9529 email: tonybrathwaite@bellaliant.net, jennifer.mcreath@yahoo.com (meeting times can be flexible to accommodate new runners.)

St. John's

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

LBGT-MUN Resource Centre: LBGT-MUN is an information/resource, service, and peer support centre staffed by trained volunteers! 737-7619 email: lbgt@munsu.ca (Open Monday-Friday 9-4. Biweekly meetings for members and volunteers.) at Smallwood/University Center, UC-6022. Building located on Prince Phillip Drive. Call us! Get involved!

LBGTQ Youth Group: A monthly gathering for queer, allied, questioning, and any interested youth. We offer social events such as bowling, movie nights, and coffee houses. Contact group coordinator Rob Sinnott at the number listed, email, or visit the web page for more info. 699-0509 email: lbgtq@nlsexualhealthcentre.org web: nlsexualhealthcentre.org

PFLAG Canada - St. John's NL Chapter: Monthly Chapter meetings, support and information for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, two-spirit, intersex, queer and questioning persons and their parents, families and friends. 699-0509 email: stjohnsnl@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca (We will aim to hold Chapter Meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Please check www.pflagcanada.ca for schedule and any changes.) at Community Connections, 9 Cathedral Street, St. John's NL.

St. John's Pride Inc: The officially-registered non-profit Pride company for St. John's email: stjohnspride@yahoo.ca web: www.stjohnspride.org

Nova Scotia (902)

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

South Shore Rainbow Families: South Shore Rainbow Families is a group created by and for LGBTQ families (this is inclusive of LGBTQ parents and their children, as well as LGBTQ children and their parents), allies, prospective parents, and all other supporters, regardless of family size, ethnicity, culture, faith, or income level. South Shore Rainbow Families would like to strive to cultivate and promote a healthy and strong community through maintaining an active online community and holding 'AUFamily Fun, AUE events in the area. email: southshorerainbowfamilies@hotmail.com web: www.facebook.com/groups/122754554526294/

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

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

Amherst

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

Annapolis Valley

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House: Meets Thursday evenings at 7pm for coffee and socializing and host a gay/lesbian/bi and

all genders 19+ dance on the first Saturday of each month from 9pm-1am. No Dance in November in leu of two dances held in October. 825-3197,363-2055 email: menembracingmen@hotmail.com (email or call for locations or special events or themes)

Antigonish

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

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

Bridgewater

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

Halifax

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

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia: non-profit, community-based AIDS organization, provincially mandated. Provides direct service and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and also offers various prevention programs across NS. You can reach us locally to HRM at 425-4882 or across the province at 1-800-566-2437. (902)425-4882 email: acns@acns.ns.ca web: www.acns.ns.ca

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

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Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing: 455-9656

Bedford United Church: An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada - ALL welcome 835-8497 email: bedfordunited@eastlink.ca web: www.bedfordunited.com, meets every Sunday (9 am service: Casual and contemporary, with free coffee and muffins before church to take into this service. 11 am service: Quieter and more reverent in tone, coffee after service. During the summer months, we have one 10 am service but occasionally during the year we change our service times for special occasions, so please call to confirm service times) at 1200 Bedford Hwy at Sullivan's Hill, near Atlantic Gardens

BLT-Womyn of Halifax: Bi Sexuels, Lesbian, Transgender Womyn's Discussion Group Online Sue's # 499-0335 email: sueandrews1964@hotmail.com web: ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womyn-of-halifax/ (No Meetings at Present! Please call if you have any questions, 499-0335 sue) at Dalhousie Women's Centre 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) Cancelled at the present time.

DalOUT: DalOUT is the award-winning LGBTQ society at Dalhousie University. We pride ourselves on hosting fun, engaging and educational events for the entire Halifax community. email: dalout@dal.ca web: www.dalout.ca, meets 2nd Thursday, and 4th Thursday (from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.) at the Dalhousie Student Union Building (6136 University Ave., Room 321)

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

Gay Men's Prostate Cancer Support Group: Prostate Cancer Canada Network is launching a support group for gay men and their families. Our meetings are informal and provide a forum for personal discussion with prostate cancer survivors, those newly diagnosed and their caregivers. For more information or to become a member contact Peter Mallette at 902-420-9449 or peter.mallette@prostatecancer.ca 902-420-9449 email: peter.mallette@prostatecancer.ca Prostate Cancer Canada Atlantic 5121 Sackville Street Suite 101 Halifax B3J 1K1

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

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

Girl-ish Productions: Girl-ish puts on hot and heavy bi-monthly-ish dance parties for queer-ish folks and their friends. web: www.girl-ish.ca

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

Halifax Sexual Health Centre: Anonymous HIV testing, open and inclusive sexual health clinical services, education and workshops. Everyone welcome. Confidential and non-judgmental. 455-9656 web: www.HSHC.ca

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

Integrity: Integrity is an organization of GLBT Anglicans and their friends, to encourage Christian gay men and lesbians in their spiritual life; to support the Church in its commitment to seek and serve Christ in all people; and to reach out to the GLBT community in Christian love and service. (902) 425-8383 web: www.integrity-canada.org, meets 3rd Sunday (4:00pm) at All Saints Cathedral

Koinonia Ecumenical Church: Meaning "together", Koinonia is an ecumenical faith community offering open membership, equal marriage, practicing bible, church, religious and soul freedom, as well as open table communion. Koinonia offers Spiritual Care. Crisis support visitation and counselling for an honorarium. ALL are Welcome who celebrate God's Covenant to Love All of God's Creation. We are a registered charitable organization accepting donations from all who believe

in the promotion of our all-inclusive community of faith. Contact Rev. Elaine @ 902-876-8771 for more information, or mail your contribution to 2410 St. Margaret's Bay Road Halifax N.S. B3T 1H1 with your name and address so we can issue your tax receipt. 876-8771 email: koinonia@eastlink.ca (we gather bi-weekly at 12:30pm - 1:30 followed by a time of fellowship) at Petrie's Halifax Feast Dinner Theatre, Maritime Centre - entrance on the corner of Barrington & Salter Streets

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

MomSquared: CALLING ALL LESBIAN MOMS. I know you're out there! A group for lesbian moms to connect and provide support and friendship to each other as well as friendship and interaction for our children. email: ilovemy2moms@gmail.com web: momsquared.weebly.com

Mount Pride: LGBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University email: mountpride@mountstudents.ca, meets last Monday (at 2:00pm.) at Meetings in the Diversity Center in Roseria. Possible events that are being planned for the year include sexuality awareness, movies nights, social events, guest speakers, and many more. There are always LGBTQ community events to be involved with and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join. Also, join the "Mount Pride" Facebook group!

Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project: NSRAP, the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project: for 15 years the leading advocate for Nova Scotia's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community. Fostering change in our communities through education, outreach, and political action. 444.3206 email: nsrap@nsrap.ca web: www.nsrp.ca at TBA

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

PFLAG: Support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. These meetings are open to all. For more information please feel free to contact Michelle Malette by phone or email. Hope you'll join us! 431-8500 email: halifaxns@pflagcanada.ca, meets 1st Thursday (We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 pm 902-431-8500) at Youth Project, 2281 Brunswick St, Halifax

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

Pride Week: Producers of Atlantic Canada's largest LGBTQ cultural festival. 431-1194 email: info@halifaxpride.ca web: www.halifaxpride.ca

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

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

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

SMU-Q: A student-driven society that provides positive support, advocacy, activities, and education through the dissemination of information to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, queer, questioning, intersexual, and ally persons of Saint Mary's University and the LGBTQIA community at large. 902-496-8216 email: info@smuq.ca web: www.smuq.ca (See our facebook group http://www.facebook.com/SaintMarysUniversityQ and website for details on upcoming events) at Saint Mary's University

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

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

The Youth Project: Support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under across Nova Scotia. Weekly events, plus a youth food bank and Health nurse on site. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Please see our website for an up-to-date calendar of events.)

Trans Family Nova Scotia: Trans Family is an open & supportive space welcoming families, friends and allies as well as trans and genderqueer folk themselves. If you are unable to join us at a meeting for any reason, we can help source resources and refer you to other appropriate organizations to help meet your needs. For more information, please feel free to call or email Michelle. 902-431-8500 email: transfamily@eastlink.ca, meets 3rd Monday (6:30 to 8:30 pm) at The Youth Project 2281 Brunswick St., Halifax

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

Kentville

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

Lunenburg

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

Middleton

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

New Glasgow

Pictou County Centre for Sexual Health: Providing comprehensive and accessible sexual and reproductive health services in a safe, confidential and non-judgemental manner for women and men of all ages. PCCSH is affiliated with the Nova Scotia Association of Sexual Health and the Canadian Federation of Sexual Health. They are a pro-choice and GLBTQQI friendly organization. 695-3366 email: psexualhealth@hotmail.com web: www.pictoucountysexualhealth.com

Pictou County Women's Centre: Offering Individual Support Counselling and Crisis Intervention, Information and Referral, Advocacy and Accompaniment, Programs and Community Education

755-4647 email: pcwc@womenscentre.ca

New Minas / Annapolis Valley

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

Sydney

AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton: Support, advocacy, prevention/education for those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Free condoms! Queer Advocacy and Education, Needle Distribution, Food Bank, Coffee, Safe Space for those infected or affected. (902) 567-1766 Toll Free 1-877-597-9255 email: christineporter@accb.ns.ca web: www.accb.ns.ca (Free Anonymous Testing 1-902-567-1123 Monday and Tuesday each week from 8:30 to 4:30 and Thursdays from 8:30 to Noon. Check our Website for events and updates.) at 150 Bentinck St, Sydney, N.S. B1P 1G6

Cape Breton University Sexual Diversity Centre: We provide a welcoming environment for GLBTQ people and their Allies. 902-563-1481 email: sdc@cbu.ns.ca (Monday to Thursday 8:30-5 or by appointment) at the Students' Union Building, Cape Breton University.

PFLAG: Peer support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. email: sydney@pflagcanada.ca, meets last Sunday (of the month from 6:30-8:30pm. No meetings for June, July or August.) at Family Place Resource Centre, 714 Alexandra Street

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

Tatamagouche

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

Truro

Central Nova Women's Resource Centre: Resources, programs and services available for all women identified women. Advocacy and support - with outreach to rural areas. Also, see our Facebook group. Central Nova Women's Resource Centre http://cnwrc.weebly.com, cnwrc@eastlink.ca 535 Prince Street, Truro, NS B2N 1E8 (902) 895-4295 web: cnwrc.weebly.com

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

Hepatitis C Aware: a project of Northern AIDS Connection Society (NACS) working to educate members of the communities in Colchester, Cumberland, East Hants and Pictou counties on Hepatitis C. 1-866-940-AIDS email: nacs@eastlink.ca

Northern AIDS Connection Society: HIV prevention education initiative serving Colchester, Cumberland, East Hants & Pictou counties. We are located at 33 Pleasant Street, Truro, NS. Phone 895-0931 email: nacs@eastlink.ca web: northernaidconnectionsociety.ca (Our Board of Directors meet bi-monthly. Annual General Meeting held regularly in June. See webpage for contact information and upcoming events.)

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

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

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

Wolfville

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

Yarmouth

South West Nova Pride: We are first & foremost a social group for SW Nova Scotia. All GLBT people of any age and in any stage of coming out are invited, we have a monthly gathering at Sobeyes community room on Starrs Rd. in Yarmouth at 7:00 PM on the 2nd last Friday of each month. We create a monthly calendar of events for such things as pool, potluck parties, day trips or what ever members like to do. So come join us have fun and meet other GLBT people. 902-749-0977 email: dianefcc@eastlink.ca web: yarmouthpride.weebly.com/ (Check out our our facebook at South West Nova Pride.)

Prince Edward Island (902)

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

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

PFLAG Canada - PEI: Providing support, education and advocacy for GLBT persons, their families and friends in PEI 902-887-3620 email: pei@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca (Meetings take place on an as needs basis.) at Check with Mary or Bill Kendrick on this months location by calling 902-887-3620.

Charlottetown

AIDS PEI: AIDS PEI offers HIV prevention and support services to all residents of PEI. 902-566-2437 email: info@aid-spei.com web: www.aidspei.com at 375 University Ave, Unit 2, Charlottetown PE, C1A 4N4

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

Free To Be Me - GLBTQ Alcoholics Anonymous: non-profit AA group with a GLBTQ focus.

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