



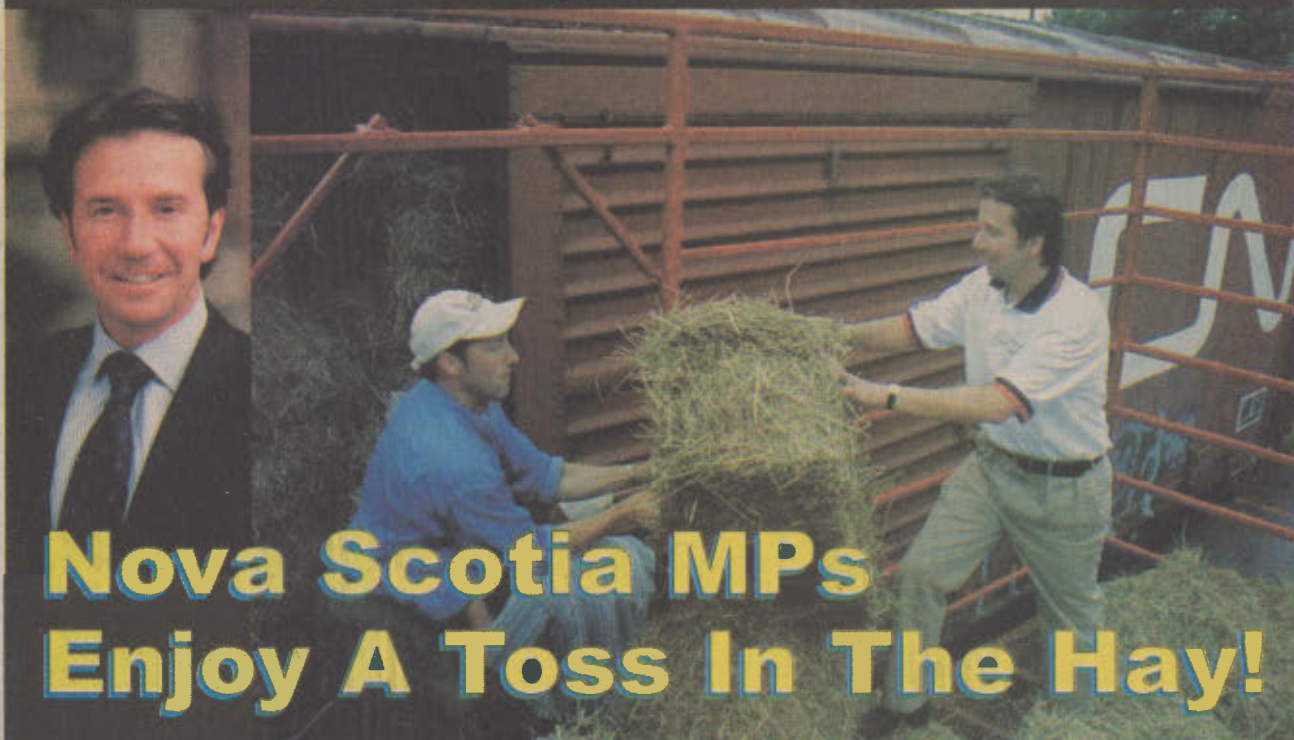
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Moncton: Reid's Newstand; Rainbow Pride Store; Triangles; United Books, Martin Road; X-Citement Video

Sackville: Bridge Street Café; Mount Allison; Tidewater Books

Saint John: AIDS Saint John; Club Montreal; Mahogany Manor

Newfoundland...

Corner Brook: Corner Brook Status of Women

Gander: Gander Public Library

St. John's: Bennington Gate; LBGT M.U.N.; Newfoundland & Labrador AIDS Comm.; Newfoundland Gays and Lesbians for Equality; Our Pleasures; Shopper's Drug Mart, Le Marchant Road; St. John's Public Library; Word Play; Zone 216

Nova Scotia...

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Annapolis Royal: The King George Inn

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Bedford: Bedford Library

Bridgewater: Second Story Women's Centre

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Dartmouth: Alderney Library; Dartmouth North Library; Healing Our Nations; Jake's Video & Variety; Nova Scotia Government Employees Union; Wolfgang Leathers; Woodlawn Library; X-Citement Video, Main Street

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Kentville: Annapolis Valley Regional Library - Kentville Division; The Red Door

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Middleton: Emma Tigerheart, R.S.W.

New Glasgow: Pictou County Women's Centre

Pictou: Pictou Library

Port Williams: Port Williams Library

Sydney: Harrison Society; AIDS Coalition

Tantallon: Tantallon Library

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Windsor: The Hants Youth Health and Resource Centre

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Yarmouth: TOOTS; Western Counties Regional Library

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Marriage on the Rock

By Ian Crowe

I approached the Dartmouth Sportsplex last night with much anxiety and trepidation.

I had determined to cover the event, Marriage on the Rock, for Wayves, knowing that I would be subjecting myself to a great many undesirable feelings.

It had been almost ten years since I last visited this popular Dartmouth facility. It was a place where I spent many years growing up. This was not the sort of growing up that most of you will think of when I say that for I was in my thirties at the time. However, in one very important sense I was still a child because I had convinced myself that I could live a heterosexual life. By accepting society's condemnation of homosexuality and pretending to be straight I was still a child sexually. I was so naïve I did not even know that Citadel Hill was a gay cruising spot even though I have lived in the city all my life.

Having finally freed myself of the shackles of the closet, many issues remained to be sorted out. One of those was an intense feeling of discomfort when I was in a place where I had spent much time and felt that I might likely be recognized. I doubt if there are many people in HRM who knew me in my former life who are not aware that I am gay. Whether that is true or not, the emotions I feel from this perception are still difficult for me to handle.

As I approached the building I noticed, in addition to the usual assortment of kids with parents heading to some fun in the pool, an unusual number of couples holding hands. I knew they were all heading to the anti-marriage rally and I wondered what they would think of a same sex couple holding hands, demonstrating the same degree of affection that they did so freely. I wandered around the building a little, admiring the many upgrades made to the facility since my last visit. I was hoping to meet up with one other person who had indicated she would be attending the event. Unfortunately this did not happen and I was left to enter the coliseum by myself. I purchased my ticket, had a couple of quick smokes to calm my fears and proceeded into the rink.

I was greeted in a friendly manner and handed two postcards to assist me in writing to the Prime Minister to express my disapproval of same sex marriage. The rink was set up with about 700 chairs on the floor in front of a performance stage. There were some booths at the back with informational material. I battled my normal instincts to hang out at the back of the class and visited these booths to pick up some of their promotional material. The event was well organized and the opposing forces clearly have more money than we do. The amount of glossy material opposing same sex marriage was discouraging.

I took quite some comfort that there were only some 700 people attending the event. The chairs on the floor were half filled and about an equal number of people were in the stands. The event began with the band playing some religious song that the crowd seemed to recognize as they stood up and sang along. Next, of course, was the obligatory opening prayer, which was a tad long by my standards. When this finished a few sensible people, myself included, sat down. However, 95 % of the crowd remained standing as the band began playing a set of four or five religious songs. The words were conveniently provided on a screen at the front and the music was inspirational. I could see how easy it would be for believers to get into this music and many of them did just that. Hands were raised in praise of the Lord and warm fuzzy feelings seemed to emanate from the room. The crowd remained standing until the first of two speakers was introduced.

There were two speakers. The first was subbing for the Archbishop of Halifax, who had been "called to Rome" at the last minute. Bishop James Wingle from Ontario gave a lengthy sermon on marriage. Much of his comments were the standard sort of misinformation that is bandied about by opponents of equal marriage. Bishop Wingle managed to extract the only noticeable reaction from me when he claimed that they were being "bullied into silence". I snorted at the obvious lie that this was. The audience applauded.

In last month's column on this event I predicted that Beals would do his generation proud by doing the right thing once he was informed of the real nature of this event. I was still hoping at this point that Beals would be a no show but I was to be disappointed as he came out to sing two songs after Wingle's talk. He was introduced as having the courage to appear in the face of criticism and thanked in the same manner afterward. I am bitterly disappointed in his putting himself on the side of the oppression of human rights. Any future endorsements of products or services by him will provoke a protest letter from me to the advertiser.

The event finished off with a rambling talk from the president of Focus on the Family. His presentation was a strange mixture of results from opinion polls. He did not provide any source for these polls and disingenuously referred to them as statistics a number of times. I am unclear what the point of his message was but I did note that he divorce and unmarried sex came in for as much criticism as same sex marriage. Many of his "stats" showed that Marriage on the rocks might well have been a more appropriate name for the event. The proceedings were scheduled to finish at 9:30. As he continued to speak past the ending time, I was getting edgy, hoping to escape in time to get to the liquor store for a much needed drink but determined to see the event through to its bitter conclusion.

In retrospect, my time was not well spent in attending the event. There was no media present, no real controversy of any sort and, to be honest, little real bashing of gays although everyone present knew that this was the real focus of the event. Virtually all of the individuals attending this event are intractable in their view that homosexual activity is absolutely immoral. No amount of reason is going to change their mind.

While I take comfort that "only" 700 people showed up to oppose same sex marriage it is still 700 more than have shown up at any sort of rally to support same sex marriage.

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Halifax Pride 2004 Theme and Logo Launch Party

The Halifax Pride 2004 Theme and Logo Launch Party will be held Saturday March 27th at Club Vortex on Gottingen St. 7:30 to 10:30pm. Come join in the celebration of a great new theme and logo for Pride 2004. There will be a door prize, a 50/50 draw, and prize giveaways throughout the evening, and an entertainment lineup you won't want to miss. \$3 cover. Proceeds to Graham Pinsent Memorial Bursary and Halifax Pride 2004.

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Smith, to coordinate the activities of committees which run the various aspects of the Halifax Pride Festival.

We also have a constant need for volunteers. You can volunteer for events leading up to Pride week, during the festival, or just on Pride Day.

If you'd like to get involved with Pride, please send us a note at info@halifaxpride.org or fill out the volunteer form on halifaxpride.org.

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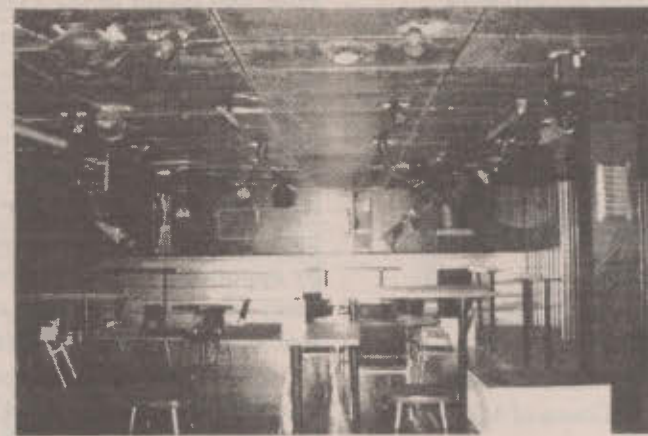
The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on May 15, 2004 @ 1:00 PM at the offices of Merrick Holm, Suite 2100, 1801 Hollis Street, Halifax. Everyone is welcome. This is your opportunity to learn more about and pro-

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NRG Reno & Rename!

By Ramona Westgate
It's an exciting time to be "out" and about in Halifax. In the last year we have seen the opening of both a mens bath house and a new gay bar. The new competition may have raised the bar, but the local hot spot, Club NRG, rose to the occasion.

The Club's recent renovations are totally the opposite of what the competition has to offer. With the facelift and the new name, "Club NRG2", Halifax nightlife has something to offer every lifestyle.

Recently I had the opportunity to interview club NRG's Gary Shelton. Gary, who has redone clubs such as Club Montreal, is responsible for the design work behind club NRG's new look. Gary feels the renovations

brought a big city feel and energy to the bar. He calls the new look "industrial light and steel."

He has increased the lighting fixtures from 5 to 56 and added ample new seating. The chain-link accessories and the painted oil drum tables give the club a cool contemporary look.

The flat black walls with silver metal moulding will serve as a backdrop for multiple props for the new weekly theme parties.

Regular weekly events such as Drag night (Sunday and Wednesday), karaoke night (Tuesday & Thursday) and retro night (Monday) will continue as usual.

To find out more info on upcoming events at NRG you can check out their web site at www.clubnrghalifax.com.

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Letter From Svend

Dear Friends,

As we approach what will almost certainly be a spring federal election in Canada, I am writing to update you on a number of key issues facing LGBT communities in Canada at this time. This will likely be my last newsletter to you before this federal election. Certainly I hope that you will raise the issues addressed here with your local candidates in the election. I am proud of the stand taken for equality for our communities by federal New Democrat Leader Jack Layton and my federal New Democrat colleagues from coast to coast. The decisions we make in the coming election will be of profound importance for our future, and for the future of Canada as a caring, compassionate country which celebrates diversity and respects all of our citizens without discrimination of any kind, including on the basis of sexual orientation. That is the promise of our Charter of Rights, which judges must uphold when elected representatives fail to do so. This is not "judicial activism", rather it is respect for the fundamental law of the land, the constitution of Canada. I would like to comment briefly on four key issues:

Bill C-250

The bill that includes "sexual orientation" in the hate propaganda sections of the Criminal Code, is at risk of being lost because of a filibuster by unelected Senators, led by Liberal Anne Cools. After many years of hard work, the bill passed the House of Commons last September, but it is being blocked in the Senate. If the bill has not passed before the

election is called, it will be lost, and we will have to start from the beginning in the House of Commons. So this is an urgent appeal to you to contact the key Senators and let them know that they should support this important Bill and make sure that it passes before the election.

Their contact information is as follows:

Senator Jack Austin, Government Leader in the Senate, 275-S Centre Block, The Senate of Canada, Tel: 613-992-1437, austij@sen.parl.gc.ca; Senator John Lynch-Staughton, Opposition Leader in the Senate, 375-S Centre Block, The Senate of Canada, Tel: 613-943-1481, lynchj@sen.parl.gc.ca; Senator William Romkey; Deputy Government Leader in the Senate, 279-S Centre Block, The Senate of Canada, Tel: 613-947-9584, rompkw@sen.parl.gc.ca; Senator Noel Kinsella, Deputy Opposition Leader in the Senate, 385-S Centre Block, The Senate of Canada, Tel: 613-943-0753; Senator George Furey, Chair of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, 216 East Block, The Senate of Canada, Tel: 613-943-7805,

fureyge@sen.parl.gc.ca

Make it clear that your support for their party in the coming election will be affected by what happens to this bill. Please send me a copy of your message

Equal Marriage Rights

Despite the promise by Liberal Prime Minister Paul Martin not to appeal the decisions of the Ontario and B.C. Courts of Appeal extend-

ing equality to same sex rights for civil marriage, his government has now added a fourth question to their reference to the Supreme Court of Canada that amounts to an appeal. This will also mean even more delay, with a decision not likely until some time in 2005. Why should gay and lesbian couples in places outside Ontario and Quebec have to wait many more months for equality? And there is no guarantee that when the vote finally comes, MP's will not try to support some second class status of "civil unions". The only federal leader who has clearly stated that this is an issue of fundamental human rights, and who will insist that every member of his caucus supports full equality for same sex couples, is NDP Leader Jack Layton. The Conservative Party opposes equality, as do too many Liberal MP's, and even a number of Bloc Quebecois MP's. Where does your MP stand on this fundamental issue?

Equal Pension Rights

I have been fighting for many years for equal access to CPP survivors' pensions for same sex survivors, and was delighted when Judge Ellen McDonald of the Ontario Superior Court ruled in favour of gay and lesbian survivors in the Hislop decision. That joy turned to anger when the Liberal government announced last month that they will continue to fight this important decision in the Courts by appealing. These survivors, many of whom are elderly, must wait longer for justice and see their tax dollars used to fight against equality. I am urging you to join,

me in writing to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice, and the Minister of Human Resources, to seek their clear commitments in two key areas;

1. That the government will promise not to use the "notwithstanding clause" to alter or overturn the Hislop decision.

2. That the government will promise that if the Ontario Court of Appeal upholds the lower court ruling that there will be no further appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

You can contact these three key Ministers at the following addresses (no stamp needed): Right Honourable Paul Martin, Prime Minister of Canada, 309-S House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2; Hon. Irwin Coltler, Minister of Justice, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6, colter.I@parl.gc.ca; Hon. Joseph Volpe, Minister of Human Resources, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6, volpej@parl.gc.ca

Please send me a copy as well.

Trans Equality

Finally, I am pleased to report that I had an excellent meeting recently with a number of key people from the transgendered/transsexual community, along with a representative from EGALÉ. We agreed to work together to identify key policy issues of concern, and barriers to full equality for trans people. Having done so, I am committed to working with the community to put these issues on the federal legislative and policy agenda. Top of the list is the inclusion of "gender identity" and "gender expression" in the Canadian Human Rights Act. These

changes are long overdue, and I look forward to continuing to work closely with the trans community after the coming federal election. I want to make special mention of my dedicated assistant Corie Langdon who has worked so hard in this area, and is undertaking a major survey of the community to help identify key concerns.

Thank you for your support over the past months and years. I welcome your feedback on these and other issues. Do not hesitate to contact me at the following addresses: In Burnaby: 4453 Hastings Street, Burnaby, BC V5C 2K1, Tel: 604-299-4022, Fax: 604-666-0727. In Ottawa: 366 West Block, House of Commons

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Yours in Pride,

Svend J. Robinson, MP

Prom Dilemma

By Tara Hurlburt

The time is ticking away and before we know it prom season will be upon us. There is a problem; I suffer from a condition called *dressphobia* also known as *skirtophobia*. It is a crippling disorder that will eventually affect your life in all ways social. A few years back my beloved grandmother died. One of the many distresses whirling about my head at the time was the devastating fact that I would have to wear a dress, or at least a very feminine pantsuit.

Years have passed since then but I continue to live with my formal wear phobia. My mother would be absolutely delirious with delight if someone (in her eyes an angel sent from above) succeeded to sedate me and spiffy me up in some sort of appropriate straight-prom-queen type of formal wear. I have been lucky so far and have gone into hiding every prom season and have managed to dodge the dreaded day, but my time is running out. You see, somewhere along the lines I made a critical mistake. In a state of pity for my mother and in an act of selflessness I told my mother that she could dress me, primp me, and adore me for one day only, my grade 12 prom.

I thought years ago that I would by now have gained immunity towards my phobia, but I still cringe when I walk by Suzy Shier's line of formal spring attire. Dress aside,

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Daisey's Dances

By Daisey Moranns

Living upstairs over the Women's Centre in Newfoundland in the early 80's was where I realized my love for music and DJ-ing. Back then, downstairs at the Women's Center we would hold beer bash's to raise money for our hockey or softball team in two small rooms and a hallway. When all the team and their friends started yelling to have the radio turned up so they could hear the music above the chatter, the radio could go no louder. Hearing this I then ran up over two very steep flights of stairs unhooked my house stereo, carried it downstairs and set it up in that tiny room and began to play them song after song of my favorite tunes. They all danced and sang there for hours. That was my beginning, I was hooked from that night on. I got total satisfaction seeing people enjoying themselves and knowing that I had helped make it happen. I now know that I played music back then much better than I ever did hockey or softball and I think my team members would all agree with me on that for sure! A few years later when I bought a big old house with lots of room I'd DJ there and we'd all dance until wee hours of the morning. What a great bunch

of neighbours I had, they never complained. Every now and then I'd have to go downstairs to check the floorboards because of the weight and bouncing from dancing. On a few occasion I had to put a sign on my front door stating that we were way over our limit of people. I've kept that sign and many pictures I took and treasure that time as some of the greatest in my life.

I then decided that we needed a real dance space and held dances every couple at every occasion in private bars, university house bars and at theater's that I found would be lesbian friendly and private. They were a great success, women from all over would come to them, the numbers kept growing dance by dance. Some dances would cost you nothing to get in to, others \$3 or a donation, another a non-perishable food item. I played music every chance I could for any reason and during these years I also DJ'd on wednesday nights at the local Gay bars where we hosted a Women's Night, I shared time on weekends with other disc-jockeys and did public fund raising dances. New Years and Hallowe'en were always a big occasion for us and brought out the biggest crowds and the nicest or

wildest dressed women. The Easter dance was where we put our brightest shorts and shirts on and partied like it was summer even if the snow was up past our hips.

By the early nineties I was working two jobs, still hosting dances and was approached by a bar owner to take over a bar with her help I jumped at the offer, this was what I'd always dreamed of doing but never seemed to have the time or the know how to do it. My dream ended fast when I was diagnosed with breast cancer several months later. Wanting so badly to return to the lifestyle I once had, bandages and all, I was determined I could host a dance. I did and that dance marked the beginning of my new attitude towards fighting my fight with cancer, never say never. Again months later, I opened another smaller bar with the help of the same bar owner. We all had many good times there until it closed it's doors and I moved here to Halifax with my partner in February of



1995.

Moving to a new city, meeting all new people and trying to figure out where you fit in can be hard, especially if where you come from you know everyone in your community and you've been their

main dance entertainment for years. Attending other women's dances and meeting new people for me was a treat for a change but I did miss playing music myself. One day my partner and I walked into a nice little bar called Buddies. After meeting the staff and owners, I found myself asking if I could host a women's night and they agreed. I was back in the DJ booth where I felt I belonged spinning vinyl once again. I met some wonderful people in that back room that will hold a spot in my heart forever but Buddies too had to close it's door's. I again put my DJ ball back in the closet taking it out only for a wedding, birthday, or to place it under my Christmas tree which I do every year.

Last Summer, I found a wonderful campground, The Mermaid and The Cow. My summer was full of meeting new people and DJ-ing events there for the campers. I have been invited back this summer to camp and DJ once again which we look forward to.

Almost a year ago I finally decided it was time to hang my DJ ball back up and do what I love to do best; play music and watch people enjoy themselves. My partner and I found a wonderful clean bright dance hall that has two levels and lots of well lit parking that security checks on the hour. We have tablecloths and candles on the tables and have great bar services with very friendly servers. Doors usually open at

8pm and close at 2am. We give out a few door prizes and there's a 50/50 draw that a local gay/lesbian group hosts. Our music is well mixed up from Crystal Gayle to Tina Turner to Ricky Martin or OutCast and Beyonce. You'll hear and see jives and twist lots of waltz's. We hope to please women of all ages. I play by request and accept request by email at daiseym@ns.sympatico.ca.

Our last dance was on New Years Eve and I think everyone had a great time. Our next dance is on April 10th 2004 at CFB Halifax Curling Club on Connaly Street off Windsor Street. Tickets are \$7 at Venus Envy or \$9 at the door. If you'd like more information you can call 433-1602.

I hope you enjoyed my story and I am sure to have alot of great memories from my dances here to add to this in the coming years.

Thank you for those who have supported me in the past.

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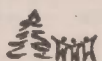
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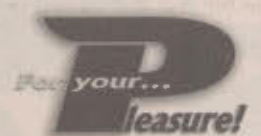
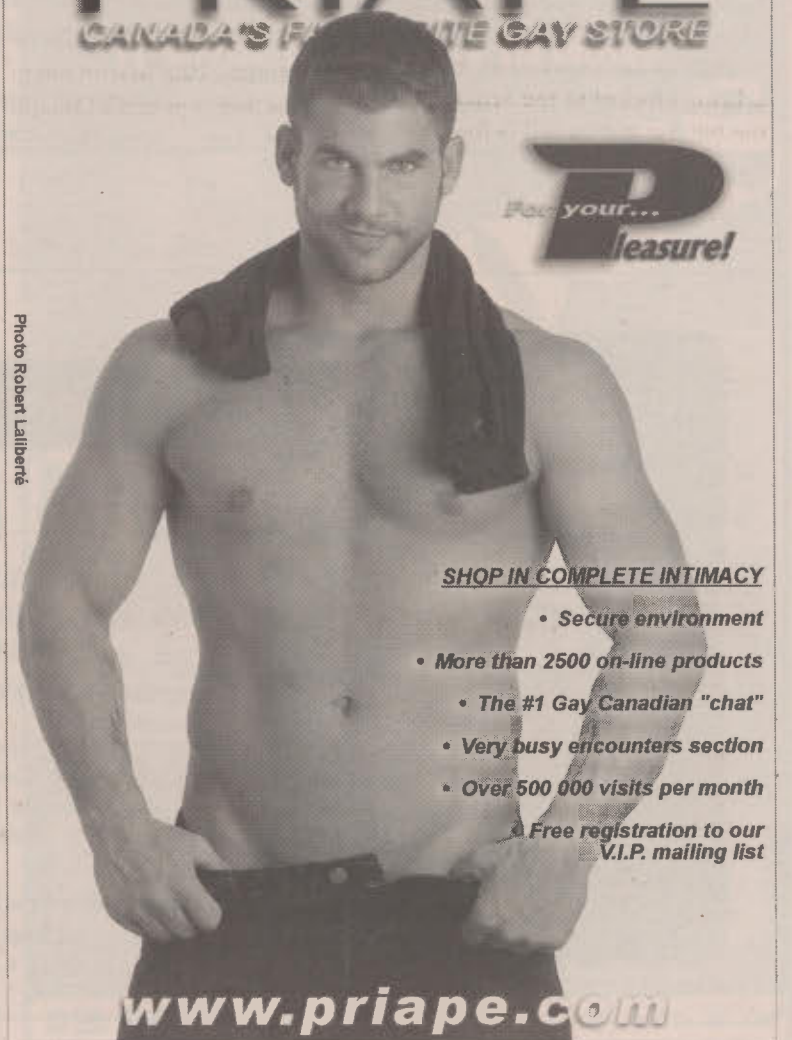
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KITZ AND BITCH

Hello Tommo

It is, perhaps, a compliment and a measure of their comfort with me that people have so often felt able - compelled even - to relate events and incidents of a very personal nature to me. Once, while standing in a bank line I had a perfect stranger tell me of her extramarital affair and ask my opinion on whether or not she should tell her husband. Another time a long cross-country drive brought forth a surprising - and detailed! - confession from my travelling companion that for over a year and a half he had been suffering from a phone sex addiction. (The rest of the journey passed very quickly and we didn't once need to turn on the radio) On another occasion, during a christening service I received from my pew mate a lesson in how to cheat on one's income tax, all the while listening to the priest conduct the ceremony of renouncing the devil and all his works.

This would explain why I wasn't completely caught off guard that in the midst of a friend's living room, chatting with other guest before dinner, there should suddenly be a voice at my elbow wanting to confide the details of a recent visit to the doctor. I continued sipping my wine and nibbling on crackers while the owner of the voice explained that he had had a troubling irritation of a certain part of his nether regions. After a thorough examination - which required lubricated latex gloves (are you getting the picture?) - the physician gave as his opinion that my friend was suffering from a mild case of ...here he gave a long multisyllabic Latin phrase reminiscent of the packages Wile E. Coyote used to order from Acme. The doctor's conclusion was that this affliction of *buttholitis*, more commonly known as *itchy bum*, was the result of a too vigorous....uh,... cleansing technique.

Feeling like I had been inadvertently drawn into a meeting of the privy council, I put down my cracker and prepared to give some thought to a larger question. When does an action go from being a concern about hygiene and cross over into obsessive-compulsive sexual need? What are the danger signs? (Be-

sides the rash, that is) Were there other symptoms such as irresistible urges to lovingly squeeze the toilet paper in the grocery store, prolonged periods spent on the bidet, or a sudden erotic attachment to sandpaper? I was going to suggest Gold Bond Powder, since it apparently cures conditions I've never heard of, but my newfound friend, Itchy, had already lost interest - he wanted a sympathetic listener, not a conversation - and so had wandered off in search of the little boys' room, leaving me to ponder these philosophical questions on my own.

Nothing like the great concerns troubling the minds of some American political leaders. George Dubya pronounces himself "troubled" by same sex marriage and proposes amending the constitution to prevent it. He apparently fancies himself as a modern day little Dutch boy putting a finger in the dyke to save the nation. Then, Arnold Schwarzenegger, governor of California, oversteps his authority and instructs the state attorney general to intervene in the marriages being performed in San Francisco. If these two had their way there would be a new category of terrorism called love crimes. It was attitudes like these, which led SF's Mayor Newsom to begin issuing marriage licenses in the first place.

Oh well, at least it has given the newscasters something to discuss besides the Janet Jackson media nipple-ation. Between Ms. Jackson and her ever-newsworthy brother, Michael, pundits like Larry King will have no end of topics for in-depth news/interview shows. Larry can discuss, in his usual hard-hitting fashion, whether Janet Jackson will have an effect on the future of sport or if Michael Jackson will influence day care funding.

The news media these days are much like my new pal, Itchy. They can't leave anything alone but keep going over and over the same material, digging into the same (not really) news story until we, the audience, get irritated and sore. Hey, what does that make us?

Got to go, Tommo
Love Ya! Crawford

Sports Briefs

Montreal at Full Sail

While the waters seem quite turbulent for the gay and lesbian sporting world, preparations for Rendez-Vous Montréal 2006 (RVM2006) continue at full sail. On the sports front, Montréal 2006 has concluded several agreements to ensure the quality of the sporting events of these summer games. While there are no sails in this event, the Gay and Lesbian Rowing Federation, headquartered in Los Angeles, and Montréal 2006 have reached an agreement on the format for the rowing competitions to be held at the Olympic Basin on Notre-Dame Island. Similarly, the International Gay Figure Skating Union and the International Front Runners have reached agreements with Montréal 2006 outlining the conditions for their respective events. On March 1, it was also announced that Beach Volleyball would be added to sports for RVM2006 bringing the total number of sports to 32.

Preparations for the cultural events and the International Conference on Gay and Lesbian Rights that will take place along with the sporting events are also making the news. GALA Choruses, based in Washington DC, has reached an agreement with Montreal to assist in the organization of a cultural event which will include at least 1,500 choral singers. This organization which as a worldwide membership of about 10,000 singers will also promote RVM2006 during future events leading up to 2006. The VIIe Festival International GALA Choruses, which takes place in Montreal this summer from July 17 to 24, will provide a preview of what's to come.

With the discord between the Federation of Gay Games and Montréal 2006 causing some worry about the event, it is also encouraging to hear that Team New York, which represents thou-

sands of athletes, has renewed its commitment to attend the Montréal Games and to actively promote RVM2006. (Jean-Yves Duthel, Public Relations, Montréal 2006)

By the way, pre-registraton for Rendez-Vous Montréal 2006 begins on June 1, 2004.

Withdrawal

As further evidence of the discord in the Federation of Gay Games (FGG), the European Gay and Lesbian Sports Federation (EGLSF) voted to withdraw from the FGG on March 7 at their annual general meeting. EGLSF voted against the withdrawal of the Gay Games from Montreal during the FGG annual general assembly in Chicago last November.

EGLSF was founded in 1989 and has a membership of more than 100 sporting teams and 10,000 athletes in Europe. EGLSF is the organization behind the annual EuroGames, an event known for both its success on the playing fields and on the balance sheet. EGLSF and Rendez-Vous Montréal 2006 will be working together to promote both their events.

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Prom Dilemma

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there is another concern, the date. Now I may have no backbone when it comes to dressing up but no way am I going with a boy. They're great and all (a drag queen I'd consider) but I am a lesbian and am not afraid to show it. You see, I am stuck right smack in between butch and femme so it would pain me to wear a man's suit as well but I did promise and I figure since I'm not going to be marrying "a nice man with a good job" anytime soon I suppose the least I can do is adapt to the constricting feeling of a dress for one night.

My dress etiquette is less than desirable. I have come to terms with the fact that I walk like a sailor. When I wear a dress I carefully calculate every move I make, especially when sitting down. I make sure no one can see up and get a glimpse under the boxer briefs I am wearing underneath to help me somehow regain my sense of androgyny and counter balance the femininity of the situation I am in! My hair is just starting to grow back from when I had a Mohawk, and I'm not talking about any of that 'faux-hawk' bullshit that Pink used to sport, I mean the closest you could get to my scalp without using a razor. Had fun finding a summer job to say the least. I ended up washing dishes, after all dishes don't judge and neither do people if they can't see you.

What type of prom dress goes with a Mohawk? None, unless you want to make a "I don't give a fuck" statement by wearing the ugliest dress you can find at a thrift store, and a pair of army boots since black does go with everything after all. I'm glad I got that whole charade out of my system but it was nice and breezy in the summer, I had to remember the sun-

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The Flowers That Bloom In The Spring (Tra La)

(with apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan)

By Christopher Phillip

Did you realize that spring is just around the corner, did you know that, do you believe that? Well if you don't, #*&@ you! 'Cause us Maritimers have to believe, it's the only thing that gets us through this cruel winter and even crueller spring that we endure on this freez'n Atlantic coast.

Well I can picture it, the boys start to disrobe as that ol' sun gets stronger, first, the winter jackets, down to the light bombers, ah now we can see a bit of ass. The T shirts appear, bearing gifts of pec's and nip's, then the long pants become short pants, legs, flesh appears in all it's radiant beauty. Ain't life great.

Well you might ask, what are all the flowers, plants doing since spring has finally arrived. Well they're growing, and blooming, they're just popping. So it's just not the boys that are popping, the plants are doing the same thing, and you know what, they're horny too, they can't wait to share their nectar. So, what is the gayest flower of all, what is that special plant, the one that is so gay, so beautiful. The uninformed might say "oh it's

the pansy, or maybe that would be a hetro remark or closet gay remark. The pansy certainly has its place, a concentrated bed of yellow pansies looks great among a background of fresh green grass. But wait, that pansy is about as common as a plaid shirted, levi clone of the 80's. There must be another plant that is more gay, how about even extreme gay?

Are you ready for our game? Let's do a mix and match, a connect the dots. Just as there are many different strains of gay, there many, many different types of plants.

Just match the common plant name with the gay connect on the right. For example, "forget-me-nots" ---> "all my old boyfriends."

Yes, this is a contest, and there are prizes for the individual or individuals that get it right there is \$100 in gift certificates for Sunday brunch at Vortex. Compliments of the author (so I got to pay you to read my stuff) and Vortex. Just email, or mail your answers to Wayves and the winners will be announced in the following issue. Don't forget to give us your phone number, just in case you get lucky. Good luck and enjoy the sights of spring.



Botanical name (common plant name)	Gay Connection
myosotis (forget me nots) A	1 Jeff Stryker
solidago (golden rod) B	2 Marg Delahunty
lychnis chalconica (maltese cross) C	3 mysterious orient
leontopodium alpinus (edelweiss) D	4 no muff too tough
sambucus racemosa (feathery elder) E	5 Svende Robinson
rosa (English rose) F	6 most popular guy at party
iberis sempervirens (candy tuft) G	7 Randall Perry
kniphofia uvaria (red hot poker) H	8 Chris Geary
filipendula rubra (meadowsweet or Queen of the Prairie) I	9 OH MY, IT IS BIG
eupatorium maculatum (joe pye weed) J	10 the Captain, Marie & the children
hosta (sum and substance) K	11 lie down and take it like a man
picea pungens glauca (Colorado blue spruce) L	12 YOU the reader
aconitum (monks hood) M	13 Toller Cranson
viola (pansy) N	14 phallic
cytisus decumbens (prostrate broom) O	15 I want to go home with him tonight
rhododendrum (teddy bear) P	16 Al Parker
alysium saxatile (basket of gold) Q	17 Tom of Finland
cimicifuga racemosa (black snakeroot) R	18 Winterpeg's mayor Glen Murray
rhus typhina (staghorn sumac) S	19 no religion, please
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A Marriage Report

By Cameron MacLeod

The issue of equal marriage for same-sex couples has been brought to the forefront of the news recently, across North America. In Ottawa on March 5th, hundreds of joyous protesters shared their view that marriage is an institution of love, and should be open to all. Organized primarily by some students from McGill University in Montreal, the event was a great success in countering recent anti-equality rallies, including the recent rally in Dartmouth, featuring not-quite-Canadian-Idol Gary Beals.

In San Francisco, new Mayor Gavin Newsom decided that issuing marriage licenses was simply the right thing to do, so he did it. Over 4,000 couples have been married there, though questions

persist as to their legal status. The California Supreme Court recently halted the marriages, citing state law. These marriages do open up dozens of states in the USA to constitutional challenges, though.

The possibility of the US Constitution being used to further freedom and equality does seem to have rattled many on the right though, including US President George W. Bush, who has promised to fight for a constitutional amendment banning any form of recognition for same-sex relationships. Two-thirds of the Members of Congress, two-thirds of the Senators, and three-fourths (38 out of 50) of the state legislatures must pass the proposed amendment for it to become part of the constitution; the president has no

role. The onerous amending process has led to equal rights for women still being debated, 23 years after the Equal Rights Amendment was first proposed.

In Canada, the issue has mostly left the front-burner of news media, but Paul Martin's choice to broaden the Supreme Court "reference" has led many to worry he's trying to weasel out of it. Others see it as a strategic move to avoid running an election on a still-controversial issue. Ontario and British Columbia have equal marriage, but Canadians in other provinces and in the territories must travel to legally wed. The recent Nunavut election actually featured equal-marriage issues, as re-elected Premier Paul Okalik, a supporter of equal rights, squared off against a traditional-values-please challenger.

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Finding the Right Realtor

By Rosie the Realtor

Finding the right real estate agent to work with you is one of the most important decisions you will make whether you are buying or selling a home.

You may meet an agent at an open house, have your friends refer an agent they know, or interview several to find one who can best work with you.

You will likely be spending a lot of time and making a lot of decisions with your agent, so it is important to find one who you feel listens to your concerns and understands them. Many gay men

and lesbians will chose to work with a realtor who is familiar with the community and is comfortable with their relationships. Buying or selling a home can be a stressful process - you want to be sure that you are free to communicate openly with your agent, whether that means discussing who will be sleeping in which bedroom or why you want to live in a particular neighbourhood. A gay or lesbian agent will also be able to refer you to other professionals who are gay positive, making your real estate experience an enjoyable one from beginning to end.

Buying A Home

By Rosie the Realtor

The first duty of an agent is to explain to you the different types of relationships you might have with him/her. To help explain this, agents in Nova Scotia have a publication called "Working With a Real Estate Agent" which should be explained thoroughly to you at your first meeting.

An agent should be able to advise you on local market conditions, characteristics and amenities of various neighbourhoods, pinpoint homes which fit your needs and caution you about potential problem areas.

An agent should also be able to

connect you with the various other professionals you may need, such as lawyers, appraisers, house inspectors, financial specialists, or insurance agents.

Your agent will help you find a home and become your negotiator when you make an offer or receive a counter offer. He/she will advise you on fair market values based on other sales in the area.

Many agents require that their clients sign a Buyer Agency Agreement. This is a contract between the buyer and the agent outlining their relationship and duties.

Selling A Home

When meeting with you, an agent will discuss the market value of your property, work with you to put together a suitable marketing plan, explain what documentation is needed: location certificate, property taxes, deed, utility bills. You'll learn about the costs associated: lawyer's fees, commission, and possible mortgage buyout. S/he will give you a concise explanation of the forms used in listing and selling your property. An agent may also suggest improvements to increase value of your property.

An agent may suggest a market value on your home at your initial meeting or he/she may require additional information to calculate the market value. It is important to note that the agent who agrees to list your home for the highest price is not always the best choice - there is no guarantee that your home will sell for that price. Make sure you consider the entire marketing plan of any agent you chose to work with.

You will be working closely with your agent, so it is important that you reach an understanding with him/her regarding list price, frequency of showings, open houses, marketing, and feedback. Selling your house is a team effort between you and your agent.

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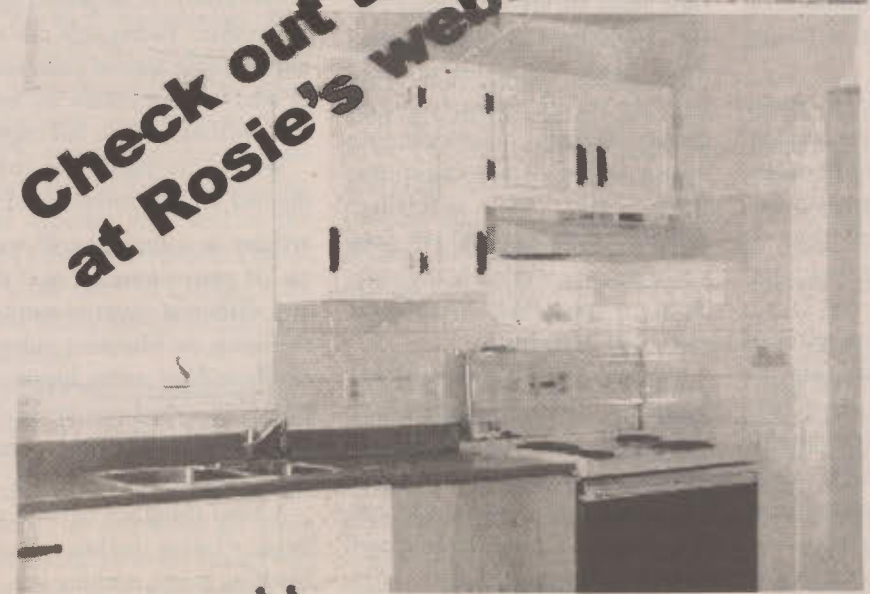


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(part 1)

By Evan

I decided that tonight I was going to take the plunge. Several of my friends had told me of the great fun – and sometimes more – that they'd had on Internet chat rooms. I had no experience with online chat, preferring to see the person I'm speaking with, but tonight I was going to throw caution to the wind and investigate this dark warren of one-handed typing: www.gay.com.

The first step seemed simplest, though I've since discovered it carries many opportunities for upping your chances of success when chatting online. First, I needed a "screen name." This made up handle would be other chatters' first exposure to me. I surveyed my peers. [hotcanadian97](#), [abercrombieNfitch](#), [jeffhalifax21](#)... hmmm... I think "evan" will do. Some chatters seem to like using their carsto get attention. And then they use their vehicles to go pick up the people who give them said attention. Or suggest that they control other, more exciting things, like airplanes. Or their pants.

When you first visit gay.com, you'll need to sign up for an account (it's free, though there are paid accounts with more features available). When you create your account, there are many profile details to be filled in (if you want to), such as your age, location, height, weight, and what you're looking for. It's possible to fill in hundreds of items, ranging from HIV status to out-ness to a list of your tattoos and piercings. Some people tend to fill in their profile with gusto, with paragraphs of detail at each step. Others go for the mystery approach, perhaps hoping that others will chat with them to find out the details they've omitted.

One important and all-consuming (to many) item is your profile picture. It's possible to add a few pictures to one's account, which other gay.com users can use to quickly judge you from afar. And do they ever! I counted at least a dozen chatters in the Atlantic Canada chat room insisting that I have a picture before I even think about contacting them! The selection of pictures is less broad than the selection of usernames, though still a fascinating study: mostly smiling faces, though there are the occasional blown-up lips, sometimes other props like a car or a dog, and sometimes a cartoon stands in for the person. Many users have an "Adult Only" image where their picture would normally appear – nudity is verboten

in profile pictures, but many seem to skirt the rule on this one, with a half-dozen penises making their way onto my screen in tiny 100x100 pixel graphics. I'm not sure what it means, but nobody is ever willing to show both their face and their cock to strangers... though once you start to chat with someone the cock-shots start coming, so to speak!

You're probably wondering: how many people actually go to the trouble of getting online this way, anyway? On an average Friday night there might be as many as 36,000 people chatting simultaneously, in various chat rooms, and even on a Saturday afternoon a good 25,000 can be expected. But once you "drill down" to the Atlantic chat rooms, you'll find that Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and PEI all share one room – on this Saturday afternoon, over 120 men chatting there – while Newfoundland gets another room all its own (with no mention of Labrador at all!), and over 30 men chatting. To be fair though, I spotted several duplicates. But many hundreds are online pretty regularly, including a few of your nearby neighbours! I've seen Haligonians of course, but also chatters from Kentville, Yarmouth, Amherst, Bridgewater, Antigonish, Sydney, Summerside, Sackville, Dieppe, Miramichi, Goose Bay, Cornerbrook, Woodstock. Is online chatting the fix for the great geographical divide?

Additionally, I can see who's online from where. Worldwide: 27,089. Fredericton 12, Moncton 19, Saint John 10, St. John's 18, Halifax 59, Charlottetown 6. Tonight, the numbers quickly increase as the evening continues. A couple hours later and it's now 28,282 worldwide, with Atlantic cities inching upwards too!

But one question remains that I was not able to answer: where are all the women? Even the bars usually have a pretty large female clientele, but no women chat on gay.com; there are no women-centric chat rooms at all. Is there no demand, or simply no support from gay.com? Maybe there's a difference in how women like to meet new friends? Not being a woman, I'd be hard pressed to offer answers to that one; any women out there have the answer?

Have you got suggestions for first-time chatters? Anything I should check out for next issue? Send rants and raves to submissions@wayves.ca now!

Next issue: My First Online Chat attempt, in all its glory!

A Crazy Little Thing Called Polyamory

By Mylène DiPenta

It rolls off the tongue a little awkwardly. It has no universally-accepted definition. There are a few books about it, but it's rarely talked about. What is this "polyamory" thing?

The word seems to have first turned up in San Francisco during the 80's. It is a bastard child of the Greek "poly", meaning many, and the Latin "amor", for love. The simplest definition for polyamory is the idea of having many loves.

So what's the big deal, you're wondering? I love my sweetie, and I love chocolate-dipped strawberries, and my favourite pyjamas, and my favourite dance club... Is that really a reason to invent a new word?

It is, once you throw relationships, and of course sex, into the mix. Polyamory is one way of having non-monogamous relationships. Polyamorous people recognize the possibility of having more than one intimate partner at a time, while being fully honest and responsible with everyone involved. You may wonder: Is it really possible to be in love with several people at once? And can they actually know about and support each other? My experience is that it's not only possible; it's potentially very rewarding and sustainable.

When I first stumbled into polyamory, rather less-than-grace-

fully, I was isolated. I didn't even know it had a name. Since then, I've been fortunate to find growing communities both locally and in far-flung (often internet-based) locations. Still, I find myself wondering how often I cross paths with someone working on something similar. We might not even recognize each other.

From the poly folks I've met, I've learned that we are in cities and rural areas, we are sometimes parents, sometimes partnered, sometimes single, we represent every possible sexual orientation and gender identity. Our existence brings up important questions: What is sex? What is fidelity? What is intimacy? Where does jealousy come from? Is the publishing market ready for *Heather Has Three Mommies?*

My polyamory feels a lot like my queerness: it's exciting, it's scary, and it feels like "coming home." The fear, hatred, and discrimination I experience feel similar too. Poly people are often in the closet to some degree, are often stereotyped as oversexed, shallow, or promiscuous, and may be in danger of losing custody of children to unsympathetic authorities and/or exes. Poly folk also experience legal problems around many of the same issues as same-sex partners, such as power of attorney, taxes, marriage, divorce, adoption, and immigration.

I believe that the poly and queer

communities have a lot to offer each other, and a lot to learn from each other. Polyamory, as a word and as an idea, is gradually coming out of the closet. This is a creative time of asking questions, getting to know each other as individuals, learning about each other's communities, and building the foundation for understanding and alliance. Only time will tell whether we will strengthen each other's efforts or be played against each other. Either way, our common struggle against social control of who we love makes me believe that we'll succeed or fail together.

Wayves is planning an issue themed on polyamory; send your articles to submissions@wayves.ca. If you're wondering if this is any different from cheating, or swinging, or Mormon polygamy, or "those flaky, naïve, hippie communes that died out in the 70's", then watch this space! There is more poly content to come.

A final thing we have in common: Loves makes a family. Nothing more, nothing less.

If you're looking for more information, try the following resources in print (available from the Halifax Public Library, Venus Envy, and others): *The Ethical Slut: A Guide to Infinite Sexual Possibilities* by Dossie Easton and Catherine A. Liszt; *Lesbian Polyfidelity: A Pleasure Guide for the Woman Whose Heart Is Open to Multiple, Concurrent Sexualloves* by Celeste West; For the electronically inclined, there is a wealth of information online: *Meg's Poly Page* has a wonderful definition www.soulrebels.com/meg/poly.html; *Our Little Quad - Polyamory for the Practical* is funny and informative www.ourlittlequad.com; *Polyamory? What? Why? How?* is detailed and thought-provoking www.xeromag.com/fvpoly.html

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Bathhouses For Gone But Not Forgotten: Some, But Not All A Movie Review

by Terry Richard

The bottoms of my feet have never seen so many ceiling tiles in their life. - yours truly, the first night I was at a bathhouse in downtown Montreal.

I first heard of bathhouses way back in the mid 80's during the AIDS epidemic. They were described as disease infested places that were breeding grounds for sexually transmitted diseases. When I first started cruising in the early 90's baths were the last place on my mind for me to find sex with men. Going to our local cruising areas on a Friday night or going to our only gay bar was satisfaction enough for me to feed my sexual appetite. And besides the nearest bathhouse was over a thousand miles away in Quebec City so I was totally foreign to that kind of sex scene.

In 1995 I went to Montreal with friends to hit the gay village for the first time. One of my best friends was taking me on a tour of this fabulous city and when he mentioned taking me to the baths I was excited. Anything new interests me and I was willing to be a good student. I wanted to see what all the fuss was about.

We went on a Friday night and to say that going to that bath changed my life was an understatement. There I discovered was a place where a guy could get totally immersed into his sexual fantasies and these same fantasies could come true. I remember saying to my friend "I am now in paradise."

The men were totally hot, the place was clean, and it was very active. The nice thing I liked about it was that I wasn't getting bitin' from mosquitos and I wasn't freezing my balls off while cruising which is what happens anytime of the year when I cruise in Fredericton.

I am a total advocate for bathhouses. I do, however, understand that baths are not for everyone. I have personally seen guys come into a bathhouse and 10 minutes later leave as the scene is too much for them to handle. Hearing guys behind close doors having hot sex or seeing guys walking around with only their towels on can be a lot to digest. But if this is the scene for you you will not be disappointed.

There are two types of bathhouses; dirty and clean. I've been to some dumps where your afraid to take your shoes off, but the majority of bathhouses are clean

and sanitary. They have to be or they would lose their license as health inspectors routinely make check ups in the building. Most baths in gay districts that have been there for awhile are great and the guys that go there can be hot. Bathhouses, like any cruising area can also have their share of trolls so beware of that too.

First timers: remember to bring a form of picture ID to get into the bath. This is to protect the bathhouse in case you trash the room. You'll get free condoms and a towel and depending on if you want a locker or a room you'll be entering the fun zone. I've also learned that most guys that get lockers tend to be tops and guys that get the rooms tend to be bottoms. Just a little bit of advice.

The best times to hit the baths are on the weekends with Friday and Saturday nights after midnight being the busiest. It's really packed after the bars close and I've seen the halls swamped with men.

Some baths have as many as 100 rooms and 50 lockers and it's not uncommon on the weekends in cities like Toronto or Vancouver for you to wait an hour to get in. It can be that busy.

Most baths have hot tubs, whirlpools, work out gyms, showers, rooms with a mirror and tv showing gay porn, and a refreshment counter. Costs of going to a bath can vary but the average price if your staying four hours can be around \$15. Baths sell their rooms and lockers on time so depending on how long you want to stay is entirely up to you. You can even stay for 12 or 24 hours and at these times you have coming and going privlleges.

Bathhouses are known in my circle as a building housing MSM-men having sex with men. That is why these places exist. Sex is the name of the game. People say they are warehouses, but the bottom line is we are men who have needs and baths can fullfill those needs. The best sex I have ever had has been at bathhouses and there are all kinds of different guys that go to them. Personally I like the buff worked out types and there are plenty of those around.

Some baths even have "dark rooms" or as I call them orgy rooms where the light is faint and on any given Saturday night about 20 guys can fill these rooms. This is where things can be quite tough

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Review by Ralph Higgins
What do you do if you have an idea for a movie but no money, no studio backing, and no track record to induce someone to loan you millions of dollars? Well, if you are like many of today's independent filmmakers you use a credit card for essential expenses, ask your friends to work for free, borrow someone's cottage and a camera and you start filming.

It all sounds very reminiscent of those Judy Garland/Mickey Rooney movies - "Let's put on a show!" but this essentially is what Michael Akers did in order to film *Gone But Not Forgotten*. With six actors, six crew members and in only three weeks Michael Akers completed a story that has appeared in fourteen film festivals and gone on to become one of TLA Video's top ten videos of 2003.

Gone But Not Forgotten is a gay love story of a park ranger who finds a man lost and suffering from amnesia on a mountainside in a rainstorm. As they try to discover the man's past, the two men are drawn to each other all the while

afraid of what might happen when the amnesiac regains his memory? Can you fall in love without knowing who you really are? Is one's future entirely formed by one's past? These are some of the questions raised in this bumbling but charming film.



The nice thing about indie films is that you get to see a story pared down to essentials. There simply isn't money for throbbing orchestral music during love scenes (there's a very nice one in front of a fireplace), or the glamorous kinds of looks that a full make-up, costuming and lighting department could achieve. What you do get is a more intimate, revealing story telling. There is no hiding a bad plot with special effects. All the bumps and rough edges will show.

And there are flaws here. The park ranger is awkward and ill at ease quite often, but so hunky and

earnest that we forgive him for it. The sets are minimal and the editing occasionally choppy. But, in spite of that, we get drawn into the story, we care about these characters. Our imagination and our hearts fill in what our critical brains find lacking.

Heart is what indie films like *Gone But Not Forgotten* are about. They are someone's dream and vision come to life. Films like this get made not to make a fortune for a studio, not to fulfill a contract obligation, not to showcase a star. Films like this are made because someone had a story that he wanted to tell and the drive and imagination to make it happen.

Gone But Not Forgotten is that rare thing - a feel good, gay, love story.

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Third Thursday of each month

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

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

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

Bridgewater

Every Monday

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

Charlottetown

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First Monday of each month

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Every Wednesday

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

Halifax

Apr 8, 22, May 6, 20, June 3, 17

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

April 3

Bluenose Cat Club 30th Anniversary Spring Cat Show at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, 110 Wyse Road. Contact Janet at 902-463-7717 or Tanya at ntcattery@ns.sympatico.ca.

First Wednesday of each month

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

Apr 4, 18, May 2, 16, 30, June 13, 27

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

Apr 13, 27, May 11, 25, June 8, 22

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Youth Project Men's Meetings, 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick

Apr 6, 20, May 4, 18, June 1, 15, 29

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April 3

M.A.C.L. Leather Society Meeting, Toolbox East, 2104 Gottingen Street. Go to our web

site www.macleather.net for more event details.

Apr 3

Leather / Cowboy Night (M.A.C.L. Leather Bar Night) Toolbox East, 2104 Gottingen Street. Ride 'em hard... Put 'em away wet! Cum out in your finest country 'n western gear. Boots, chaps, overalls, vests, ten gallon hats all welcome! Leather of any masculine style welcome as always. Draws plus other prizes and promotional (check at the bar for details). Coat / clothing check available at this function!!! See poster at www.macleather.net/home.html

April 23

The Fetish Ball! Club Vortex, 2215 Gottingen Street. Wanna come out and wear that little outfit that you usually save for private performances? Come out to this dress up party and strut your stuff! There will be a 'Parade of Fetish' show, contest for best fetish gear, door prizes and a whole lot more! Fetish dress code not required but IS encouraged. Suggestions include: leather, lace, latex or lingerie; studs, stilettoes and steel, goth or glam; corsets, cat suits, body-paint, bondage gear, fetish wear, formal wear, underwear or just about anything you can imagine as long as it's got imagination (though remember you're still in public in a licensed bar so keep it legal). Watch for details. Coat / clothing check available at this kink community event!!! See poster at www.macleather.net/home.html

May 1

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May 1

Leather / Blue Collar Night (M.A.C.L. Leather Bar Night) Toolbox East, 2104 Gottingen Street. Workers of the leather world, UNITE! hey it's May Day - time to wear your work boots and hard hats, or other blue collar gear. Leather of any masculine style welcome as always. Draws plus other prizes and promotional (check at the bar for details). Coat / clothing check available at this function!!! Go to our web site www.macleather.net for more event details.

May 15

NOVA SCOTIA RAINBOW ACTION PROJECT SOCIETY Annual General Meeting, 1pm, at the offices of Merrick Holm, Suite 2100, 1801 Hollis Street. Everyone is welcome. This is your opportunity to learn more about and provide your input and guidance to the operations of NSRAP. For more information contact: Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, 106 - 40 Waterfront Dr., Bedford, NS, B4A 4J1, (902) 832-9100, Fax (902) 832-1269, nsrap@ns.sympatico.ca, www.nsrp.ns.ca

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

March 1 - April 16

Room for Rant, eyelevelgallery, 1587 Barrington St, 425-6412. This show was initiated by eyelevelgallery's Windows Committee in reaction to the lack of funding by the provincial government. Two distinct colour-coded rooms were created in the window spaces: Room for Reading and Room for Rant. Come in and read astounding facts and literature about artists and artists-run centres, and at the same time voice your opinions too! These unique rooms will allow people to inhabit each room with ease. The Room for Reading (painted light blue), provides a place to discuss and contemplate arts related issues with friends, to talk about all things related to being an artist, or not. In the Room for Rant (red room) you can express your feelings by writing on the interior walls and windows of the space. In this interactive room, you can even step up to the podium and speak into a tape recorder. Selective recordings will be aired on CKDU (97.5 FM) every Wednesday for the next six weeks. So if you are feeling frus-

trated or simply content about culture funding, come in for a visit, we guarantee you will never be the same, nor will either of the windows.

Every Sunday

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

2nd 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.

April 10

WOMEN'S SPRING DANCE, 8:30pm-2am, CFB Halifax Curling Club, Connolly Street. Tickets \$7 at Venus Envy or \$9 at the door. For more info call 433-1602 or email daiseym@ms.sympatico.ca.

Halifax Bar Calendar

MOBEY'S
www.clubvortex.ca
Sunday Brunch 12-3 PM

NRG

www.clubnrgHalifax.com
Monday Retronite w/DJ Face
Tuesday Karaoke & Wing Night hosted by Troy 20c wings with \$100 prize
Wednesday Studio hosts Open Drag - \$75.00 prize
Thursday Karaoke & Wings with Justin, 20c wings with \$100 prize
Friday & Saturday - Dancing all night

TOOLBOX EAST

Monday Queer as Folk
Fridays Kink & Oz
Sunday Six Feet Under

VORTEX

www.clubvortex.ca
Wednesday Retro Night
Thursday Five Minutes of Fame with LuLu LaRude
Friday & Saturday - High energy dancing with DJ's spinning till 2AM!

Kentville

Apr 8, 22, May 6, 20, June 3, 17
LGB YOUTH AT RED DOOR Support Group at the Red Door Adolescent Health and Support Centre, 28 Webster Ct, in Kentville, 6-8pm facilitated by the LGB Youth Project from Halifax. 679-1411

Moncton

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

Third Monday of each month

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

Second and Fourth Mondays

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

Moncton Bar Calendar

TRIANGLES
Moncton Pride Colour Parties! If you are dressed in the appropriate colour, you will get a free draft, and a ballot for a chance to win free entrance to Triangles for a year. Also Molson products on Happy Hour prices all night. And each one bought get a chance to win a Molson jacket.
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May 15 Purple June 12 All colours!

Saint John

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Saint John Bar Calendar

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Thursday Drain The Keg! No cover charge, free pool.
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St. John's

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Truro

Apr 24 - NEW DATE!
Cabin Fever Dance! Lions Club Hall 1100 Prince St. from 9:00 pm till 12:00 am. We hope you can attend after a long, cold winter. Please note that there will be an open bar and attendance is restricted to those 19 and older. Advance tickets go on sale April 1st and can be bought from various members of Truro Pride. They will be \$5 each, \$7 at the door. For more info call Wayne at (902) 897-6654 or Gina at (902) 895-8363, or email truropride@hotmail.com

Apr 14, 28, May 12, 26, June 9, 23
Truro Pride meets every 2nd Wednesday at 6 PM at the Calico Cafe, 564 Prince Street.

Wileville

Third Saturday of each month
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BATHHOUSES
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for some guys to take as orgys and group sex occur. But if that isn't your scene there's always other meeting places to meet like the jacuzzi or whirlpool area.

Bathhouses are legal. So you don't have to worry about the cops busting you. However, having sex in the hallways, in your room with the door opened, or any place else where people are walking by is illegal. The staff will simply tell you to stop whatever sexual activity you're doing and tell you to go to a more discreet place.

I also don't believe that baths are breeding grounds for disease. Bathhouses don't give you AIDS or any of the other STDs out there: unsafe sex gives you these diseases.

This brings me to another important point: barebacking (anal sex without condoms.) When I first started going to the baths safe sex was everywhere. All the partners I had sex with used condoms and the issue of barebacking never came up. By 1999 I saw a change in the wave in the fact that I saw more and more men having unsafe sex. I have personally had partners leave the room when I mentioned the word condom. Before even entering a bath one must make the decision to have safe sex or unsafe sex. I would say 50% of the guys that go to baths practice unsafe sex. I am not criticizing anyone who barebacks, but this is a legitimate decision one has to make and hopefully one will practice safe sex. It's entirely up to the individual. But be safe.

Baths can really be a lot of fun. I have even seen couples at the baths who come for some extra kinky play. And I have even made life-long friends while chatting at the coffee counter.

Baths are here for your enjoyment. Don't let anyone discourage you from going. You make the decision for yourself, go and decide if the baths are right for you. If your the type of guy who likes casual man to man sex then baths are probably for you. But you decide.

The only bathhouses we have here in the Maritimes are two in Halifax called "Seadogs" and the "Apollo." I have heard nothing but good things about them. As I live in New Brunswick I am so envious.

Terry Richard is an openly gay man living in Minto, New Brunswick, outside of Fredericton. Any questions and comments can be sent to him at nicksam @nbnet. nb. ca.

Educated Guess: Poetry Set To Music

Review: CD, Educated Guess
by Ani DeFranco

Reviewed by: Brett Hannam
oolong43@yahoo.ca
To begin with I will confess my ignorance. I am not a musical person. I know little of music besides a few terms I've picked up, mostly from my roommate (the rest I've gleaned from numerous 'teach yourself guitar' books), but when it comes to music I think that everyone is an expert in their own subtle way. I mean, we all know what we like.

When I first listened to 'Educated Guess' by DeFranco, I'll admit it jostled me. I was expecting something entirely different than what she gave, which, to my non-musical ear didn't sound right, but

I stuck with it.
By the third song I had figured it out. Her songs are more like poetry set to music. After that I found it much easier to get into the swing of things.

Ani's use of lyrics is simply amazing. Inventive and deeply clever they range from, "i am an all powerful amazon warrior/not just some snivling girl" to "a few more dizzying doppler lovers/and then a booming loneliness". But my favorite lyrics are in her song 'Grand Canyon': "our foremothers and forefathers/came singing through slaughter/through hell and high water".

The songs range from the more laid back (Educated Guess, Swim) to ones that feel like they have a

story to them (Origami) or that instill a sense of respect (Grand Canyon). In between songs there are segemnts which focus more on the lyrics rather than the music which provides a nice change of pace.

Over all I would say it is a wonderful CD by a very talented artist (in the back it informs me that playing, singing, recording and mixing were all done by the artist herself (it also states all words are by Ani DeFranco, I assume that means she wrote the songs as well).

The only thing I can think of to say about the CD as a whole is what my friend said describe it and that is "Rough and rich". Enjoy.

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screen though. Then there are the shoes. Something with a nice flat sole, or something similar would be nice considering I won't even attempt to trot around in pair of stilettos unless I just can't stand the prom anymore and choose the ambulance as my departure drive.

After all the drama and arrangements of the major prom priorities are done there is still much to think about. The limosine, if there is going to be one (though I would be quite content traveling on a nice moped), the corsage, the pictures, etc. It's only one day, I keep on drilling that into my head. Just like anything else, it could always be worse. I have great family and friends who accept me for who I am, I am luckily not one of the statistics. For that I would wear 100 dresses.

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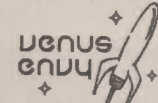
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East Coast Bears : adult men who are, or like, masculine, hairy men. 506-455-2856 email: info@eastcoastbears.com web: www.eastcoastbears.com, meets 4th sunday (www.eastcoastbears.com/schedule.html)

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

Gender Expressions Atlantic : peer support online. email: gender_expressions@hotmail.com web: www.geocities.com/gender_expressions/

MARITIME LESBIANS : Online info for all maritime lesbians. web: www.maritimelesbians.com

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

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

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

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

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

New Brunswick (506)

AIDS New Brunswick / SIDA Nouveau-Brunswick . Fredericton: committed to facilitating community-based responses to the issues of HIV/AIDS. 459-7518 email: sidaids@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.sidaidsnb.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: aidssj@nb.aibn.com web: www.geocities.com/aidssj

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

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

Disco-bar l'Arc-en-ciel. Dégelis, PQ: (418) 853-3945 (G/L/B on Sundays 10 pm - 4 am Atlantic.) at Chemin de l'arc-en-ciel, which intersects the TCH 5.5 km west of the Quebec border, about 25 km from Edmundston.

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

Galeses Nor Gays Inc. : une association d'hommes et de femmes gais, lesbiennes et bisexuelles de la région de la Baie des Chaleurs et du Nord-Est de la Province du Nouveau-Brunswick, Canada. 783-7440 email: info@gngnb.ca web: www.gngnb.ca

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

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

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

Moncton Drag Association : (English-speaking) For all drags old and new. Meetings every week. For more info, contact Jeff.

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

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

NB Gay Alliance : uniting individuals and organiza-

tions. 863-1888 email: artgenea@nbnet.nb.ca
New Brunswick Drag Queen Society : email: nbdq_society@hotmail.com web: n_b_d_q.tripod.com/thenewbrunswickdragqueensociety/

PFLAG - Moncton (English) : Parents, families and friends of gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans (transgender and transsexual), two spirit, queer and questioning persons. 536-0599 email: eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca, meets 3rd monday (every 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at U de M.) at c/o Eldon Hay, 35 Union St., Sackville, NB E4L 4M6.

PFLAG Fredericton, Fredericton: all welcome. Francis @ 454-8349

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

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

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

Safe Spaces Fundy Region, Saint John: email: safespaces_sj@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

AVALON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP, St. John's: 895-0478. (Katie Stein Sather, Minister)

GLBT Support, Corner Brook: web: www.geocities.com/glbt_cbs/

GLBT SUPPORT, Gander: 256-4395 or 533-2507.

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

PFLAG, St. John's: information or referral to one of our parents. 753-4297 at Box 6221, St. John's, A1C 6J9

Pride St. John's :

Rainbow Radio : queer radio show from MUN. email: michael_rossiter@hotmail.com web: www.mun.ca/chmr.ram, meets every tuesday ((broadcast) 3 pm (NF Time, Eastern + 1.5 hours))

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

Nova Scotia (902)

ACADIA WOMEN'S CENTRE, Wolfville: 542-2287 ext. 2140. email: womens.centre@acadiau.ca web: axe.acadiau.ca/womencentre (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

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

AIDS COALITION OF CAPE BRETON - ACCB, Sydney: 567-1766 email: jean@accb.ns.ca web: www.accb.ns.ca at 150 Bentinck St., Sydney, NS B1P 1G6

AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton Sharp Advice Needle Exchange - ACCB SANE : 539-5556 email: chrisporter@accb.ns.ca web: www.accb.ns.ca/sane.html at ACCB rear entrance on Bentinck

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

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656
Bluenose Bears, Halifax: Dinner club for bears and those who like them. 463-4312 email: bluenosebears@yahoo.ca, meets 3rd Friday

Cape Breton Gay & Lesbian Equality Project :
CARAS - Churchmembers Assembled to Respond to AIDS : 473-4055 at c/o Pastoral Care Department, Victoria General Hospital

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

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

DIVERSITY SOCIETY (UCCB) : Weekly meetings at UCCB. email: sds@hotmail.com

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

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

GAY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS : 461-1119, (every Monday at 8pm.) at St. Mary's Basilica

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MANNA FOR HEALTH : A special needs food bank for those living with illness. 429-7670

Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colc., Pictou, Cumb. & E Hants. 895-0931 email: t_o_p2000@hotmail.com

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

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

Outlaw : email: dal_outlaw@yahoo.ca

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

PFLAG Halifax : support and education to parents, family and friends. 443-3747 email: ah274@chebucto.ns.ca, meets 3rd Sunday (2:00 pm) at individual homes

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

QUAKERS : Quakerism emphasizes that we all manifest the Divine. 429-2904 (lots more info: halifax.quaker.ca) at Library at Atlantic School of Theology, Franklyn St. on Sundays at 10:30 am. All very welcome.

QUEER NEWS : at CKDU FM 97.5, Fri. 12:05 pm
Red Door, The, Kentville: Youth health adolescent center counselling, for up to age 30, all ages STD testing. 679-1411 email: reddoor@glinx.com web: www.reddoor.ca (Monday through Friday, 1pm to 5pm, Wednesday open to 6:00) at 28 Webster Court

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

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

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

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

SOUTH SHORE HIV/AIDS ASSOCIATION : 667-2285 web: www.sshaa.org at P.O. Box 171, Mill Village, NS B0J 2H0

South Shore Pride Social Club, Bridgewater: for 18 & older. 685-3297 email: thoron_ca@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/2384, meets every Monday (7:30PM - 9:00PM)

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

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

TRURO GAY YOUTH : Vida at 897-4366.

TRURO PRIDE, Truro: 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

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

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

Prince Edward Island (902)

AFTERNOON DELIGHT, Charlottetown: secure online shopping for novelties, oils, games, lingerie, books and more. 1-877-424-5469, email: afternoon delight@eastlink.ca web: afternoon delight.net/

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@colourspe.com web: www.colourspe.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: email: gay-pe-owner@yahoogroups.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pe/

GLBT Youth group, Charlottetown: discussion get-togethers. 566-2437 email: arcyouth@isn.net web: www.arcpei.isn.net/youth, meets 1st Saturday (call 566-2437 for drop-in times & places)

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. Peters Road Charlottetown

UPEI Rainbow Collective, Charlottetown: GLBT student organisation at the University of PEI. 566-2437 email: rainbow@upe.ca

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