

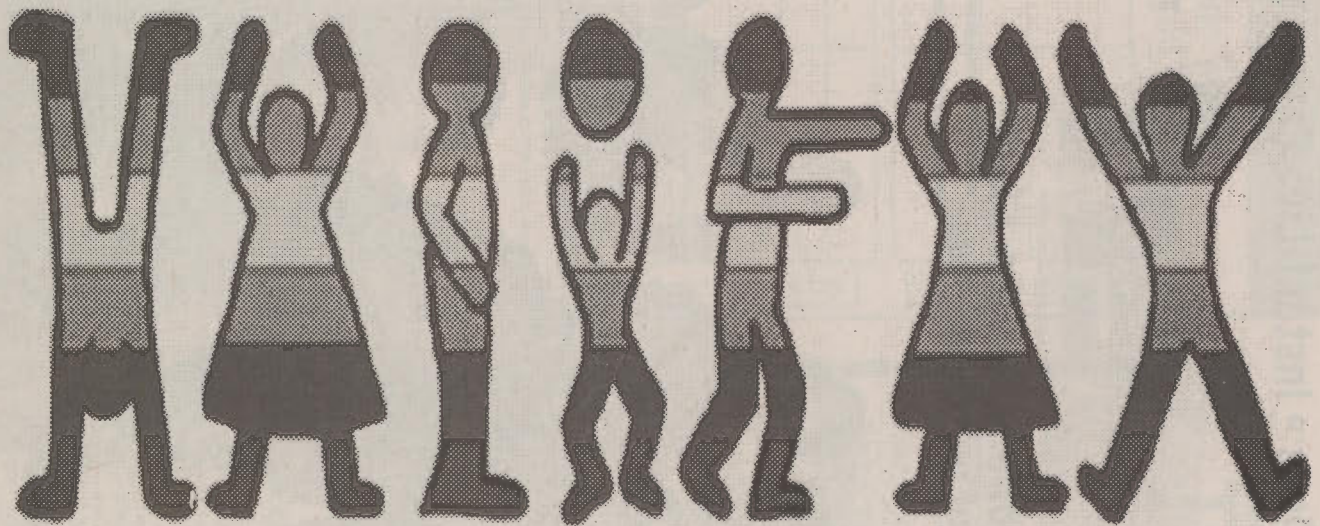
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Camping it up

by Maura Donovan

It's that time of year again! Back by popular demand is Canada's first camp for children of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender parents. The camp, which ran for a weekend in 2000, is spreading its wings by moving to five nights. From Sunday, August 26 to Friday, August 31, kids, teens, and staff will gather in the sunshine to become a community quite unlike any other.

To give you all a better idea about the camp, let me introduce you to a few of us who are involved in the Family Pride Camping Association.

First, there's Marj Lynn, who has served as Vice Chair of the Association and a counsellor at the camp. Marj is thrilled to see the camp expand to five nights. "We had such a successful first year. The overwhelming response from kids and families was that the best way to improve the camp was to make it longer. It showed the need for it... it has been very well-received."

Why a camp for children whose parents are transgender, lesbian, gay, or bisexual? Marj sees the rewards in the safe and comfortable atmosphere. "I think the biggest benefit is finding a community. For many of the kids, their unique family arrangements render them invisible. They have no community. In this camp, they have a ready-made community. They're free from other people judging their family."

15-year-old Danielle Kelley was a junior leader last year and is looking forward to a longer camp this year. "It was too short... It's a lot of fun, and you get to meet new

people and learn new things."

Danielle's favourite parts of last year's camp were spending time outdoors and canoeing. "Canoeing with the kids was so much fun... a lot of people learned a lot, and we had water fights."

As a junior leader, Danielle was involved with helping in various aspects of the camp. This year, the junior leaders (ages 14 to 18) will have their own pre-camp Leadership Development Weekend, August 24 to 26. The weekend will focus on developing confidence, teamwork, and skills for working with the younger campers. The Leadership Development aspect will also have an adventure-based component. "That sounds dangerous, but it's not," says Camp Program Chair Angie Singer.

Angie is an outdoor recreation specialist and camp canoe instructor. "We actually start the youth with activities that just build their comfort and teamwork and then move on to things that have a perceived risk." However, Angie says, "The actual risk is minimal. Safety is a consideration in every aspect of each activity, at all times."

Angie sees the junior leaders as an important group within the camp. "Junior leaders will participate as they are able. They'll all contribute, in their own way, to the camp... and they'll learn some fantastic leadership skills." This camp, like most others, has a future plan for putting those abilities to use. "We want to give youth a solid base of leadership skills so that as they return each year, they can become the counsellors for the camp."

Angie and the Program Committee have also started to plan the camp activities. "We are putting

together a great week... camp-wide games, canoeing, swimming, hiking, arts and crafts, and camp fires and singalongs... all with an environmental focus. These were all a hit last year." Indeed, for the majority of the campers, canoeing, campfires, and the food topped their list of favourites.

Angie is looking forward to having a larger group in the camp's second year. "With more kids, it will be easier to divide the campers into age-appropriate groups and activities." She cites examples: "Different ages may play different games, or go on longer or shorter hikes. Ring-making is tentatively planned for the older kids."

There will be a fee for the camp, but subsidies will be available. Camp nurse Christie Poirier sees that as an important aspect of the program. "We want the camp to be affordable to any child or family... We'll do everything we can to make it accessible. We don't want to have to turn anyone away." The Association has applied for a grant to help fund the camp, and will seek out donors to sponsor campers. "We have had tremendous support from the community to help send children to the camp," adds Christie. "We hope to have that support again this year."

That support is starting to build. Two parents of campers have organized a barbecue fundraiser, to be held on Sunday, June 24, at Point Pleasant Park in Halifax, from 11:30 to 2:00. "We're hoping to draw a lot of people with kids, yes, but also people from all across the community," says one of the organizers. "It will be fun by the ocean, in a friendly and safe environment, during Pride Week."

As for me, I'm involved with

publicity and making contact with families who are interested in having their kids come to camp - hence this article. We are spreading the word to families across the Maritimes, with the goal of building "close-to-home" friendships that the kids can enjoy during the year. However, knowing that there are only three other camps like ours in North America (in New Jersey, California, and Washington state), we are also publicizing the camp in Quebec, Ontario, and New England.

And what about the camp facility itself? The big week will be held at a children's summer camp about an hour outside of Halifax. The dining hall and cabins stretch down a grassy slope toward the lake, with woods all around. "It's a small camp, a good size for a camp like ours," says Angie. For safety reasons, the camp location and directions are given to interested parents, but not advertised to the general public. Unfortunately, the same reasons that make this camp necessary make the location something we can't talk about freely.

Christie sums up the amazing experience had by campers and staff alike in our inaugural year. "The camp environment is one that stresses fun, safety and the inclusion of all kids... it's a recipe that seems to have worked."

For more information on the camp, phone (902) 462-8079, email familypride@hotmail.com, or write to the Family Pride Camping Association at: FPCA, Site 6C, Box 21, RR #1, Waverley, NS, B0N 2S0.



New Brunswick Teachers Take A Stand

Teachers in New Brunswick have vowed to fight homophobia in the province's schools.

In Saint John at the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association in May, they passed the resolution. Association president June MacNairn says the resolution came from the "concerns of teachers and from a fundamental need to take a stand on

the issue".

She affirmed that no one should face discrimination. "People have a right to live and work in an environment free of prejudice and harassment," said MacNairn.

Leaders in New Brunswick's gay community have noted in past weeks the harm of taunting is very real and welcomed the teacher association's move.

Important Information

NSRAP (Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project), in partnership with EGALE and Safe Harbour MCC, will be presenting a public education workshop on the implications of recent legislative changes at the Federal (Bill C-23) and Provincial (Bill 75) levels.

Where: Multi-purpose Room New Glasgow Public Library

When: Tuesday, June 19th @ 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Workshop is free, although charitable donations would be greatly appreciated.

Contact NSRAP for more info: nsrap@ns.sympatico.ca

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Moncton: Bonaccord Connection; Reid's Newstand; Safe Spaces Project; Triangles; United Book Stores, Martin Road
Saint John: AIDS Saint John; Bogart's

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Corner Brook: Corner Brook Status of Women
Gander: Gander Public Library; Shopper's Drug Mart, Gander Mall
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Nova Scotia...

Amherst: Carvel Upholstery and Draperies; Cumberland County Family Planning
Antigonish: Antigonish Women's Centre; Student Union Resource Centre; Webb's Superstore
Bridgewater: Second Story Women's Centre
Canning: Canning Library
Dartmouth: Jake's Video & Variety; Nova Scotia Government Employees Union
Halifax: AIDS Coalition on Nova Scotia; Atlantic First Nations, AIDS Task Force; Atlantic News Stand; Backstage; Blowers Street Paperchase; CD Plus; CKDU Radio; Ceilidh Connection; Counseling and Community Support Services; Dal-Tech; Daily Grind; Diamond; Eagle; Entitlement Books; Grad House (Dal); HMV; Halifax Library - Spring Garden Road; Killiam Library; Libertine; Mount St. Vincent University - Rosaria Centre; Nooks and Grannies; NSCAD - school & supply store; N.S. Advisory Council - Status of Women; NRG; Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic; Reflections Cabaret; Robyn's Grocery; Smithbooks, Scotia Square; SUB, Dal and St. Mary's; Thomas Raddall Public Library; Tool Box; Venus Envy; Youth Project
Kentville: Annapolis Valley Regional Library - Kentville Division; Canadian Mental Health Association; R.J.'s Home Brewing; Valley AIDS Concern Group
Lower Sackville: Halifax Public Library
Middleton: Emma Tigerheart, R.S.W.
New Glasgow: Pictou County Women's Centre
Port Williams: Port Williams Library
Sydney: AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton; U.C.C.B. HIV/AIDS Awareness Society
Truro: MacQuarries Pharmasave - The Esplanade; Maggie's Place
Wolfville: Acadia Women's Centre; The Atheneum, Acadia; The Coffee Merchant; The Odd Book; Wolfville Library
Yarmouth: TOOTS; Western County Regional Library

Prince Edward Island...

Charlottetown: AIDS PEI; Afternoon Delight; Reading Well Bookstore

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Ottawa: After Stonewall; One-in-Ten
Toronto: Glad Day Bookshop; Out on the Street

Quebec...

Montreal: L'Androgynie

PEI Women's Festival

Dear Wayves-

I wanted to send on a bit of information about the PEI Women's Festival happening the weekend of June 15,16 & 17 at Camp Buchan, not too far from Wood Islands. It is held at a Scout Camp, right on the water....great spot, lovely swimming, sandy beaches, bunk houses to sleep in or come with your camping gear. Playshops, pot-luck meals, softball game, lots of music/ cabaret on Saturday evening. Cost is \$50 for the weekend, less if you perform at the cabaret on Saturday evening. This is a very fun event. We have the information/ registration form at the Women's Centre in New Glasgow. Also you can call Jennifer @ 675-2776 or Deb @ 838-3657 on PEI for more details.

We'll see ya's there!
Bernadette MacDonald,
Scotsburn, Nova Scotia

diversity, provides an anti-oppressive forum and is moderated well, based on rules of netiquette. Based in Fredericton but reaching all NB we strongly encourage women to join us who are interested in discussion of love, politics, religion and of local issues affecting us directly. It is not a social playground though the odd coffee would be nice, more over it is a place for minds to expand and share. My name is Katherine Giovanni and women interested may subscribe directly to my list else email me katherine_giovanni@hotmail.com for further details. We do not wish to alienate people who are without computer either and will be exploring initiatives here too. Ideas welcomed. We look forward to hearing from you email me or WOW2001-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Sincerely,
Katherine Giovanni,
Fredericton, New Brunswick

Valley volunteers?

Dear Wayves-

The Red Door Adolescent Health and Youth Centre in Kentville has operated a street clinic for over ten years in Kentville, N. S. The Red Door also operates satellite youth cen-

NB Women WOW Us

Dear Wayves-

I am setting up a lesbian and bisexual list for women in New Brunswick called WOW2001. Women On Women 2001 is a feminist initiative which welcomes

tres in the Horton, Central, and West Kings high schools. We will open two new satellites in the Middleton Highschool and the new North East Kings Highschool in the Fall of this year.

One of our services in the past was a Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual Support Group, but we have not been able to staff this for some time due to a lack of volunteers prepared to commit to this interesting and important work. We regularly get calls for this service, most recently from two young men in Yarmouth willing to come to the Valley if we could help them.

We would like to ask your readership in the Annapolis Valley for help. Interested folk contact

Mike Giffin at
<reddoor@glinx.com>

Thank you,
Mike Giffin,
Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia

Too many closets?

Dear Wayves-

We are a couple of people who are trying to start a gay and lesbian group in Gander, but thus far, we are not getting a lot of attendance. We know that we are not the only gay people in the area. Are there that many closets?

"FACES" Gander Gay and Lesbian Support Group is not a pick-up joint, merely a support group meeting place to talk about issues facing us today. All gays, lesbians and others who have positive-thinking attitudes are welcomed at monthly scheduled meetings. For further information in how to reach us, please call any of the numbers below.

Jim at 709 533 2507
Roger at 709 533 2204
or call and request information from Gander Women's Center at 709 256 4395

Sincerely,
Jim Genge,
Glovertown, Newfoundland

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Queer Quiz by Ralph Higgins

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THE CHOSEN FAMILY

by Noreen Stevens



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Friend missing

Dear Wayves-

I'm writing this letter because on Saturday, May 12th 2001, a good friend of mine went missing in Halifax.

I now reside in Toronto for the time being so hadn't seen him that night out at the bars. I heard about it on Monday. After his cousin had called my roommate to tell me that he was missing and if I had heard from him. They thought he was on his way up to Toronto to see me because he's done that sort of thing before. He never showed up here.

He was last spotted at Club NRG and Reflections and was pretty drunk. By himself. The very last time he was spotted was running down Gottigen street, which is not unusual for him seeing he used to jog home from the bar all the time when he would leave early. No one has heard from him since.

This is basically a cry out for help to the gay community. Please, help us out here.

He is 28 years old. Very recognizable. His name is Darryl Ferneyhough. He has long brown hair just past his shoulders and usually wears a goatee. The night he went missing, he had no coat, no money and was by himself. If anyone has seen him, or if anyone that knows who he is and has seen him can you please contact me.

Thank you Wayves,

Johnny Terris,

Johnnyterris@hotmail.com

Hockey anyone?

Dear Wayves-

As the hockey playoffs are upon us, I begin to remember my fond memories of playing hockey as a youngster. I haven't played since my college days however I would really like to start up a sport I so enjoyed. I do remember some of the homophobic reasons of why I don't play anymore and therefore would enjoy playing with other guys with like interests and commonalities. Is there a group of gay men in the Halifax region that get together once a week? If so, could you please contact me so that I could participate. If there is not such an evening in existence, I am wondering if there are enough gay guys out there that would be interested in starting something for next Fall. Please contact: gayhockeyhalifax@hotmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from anyone interested, age and ability are not important.

Sincerely,

Sandy, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Quirky queers wanted

Dear Wayves-

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Scott Blodgett and I am a Segment Producer for

a show called Queer Television which is produced by Toronto's Citytv. We are the world's first weekly mainstream television show to focus on the lives of those in the gay/lesbian/bi/trans community. Our show is syndicated in about a dozen countries and in several cities across Canada.

We can also be seen on the internet at www.qtonline.com. Currently, we are considering producing some stories in the Maritimes and that is the reason I am writing to you. Would you have any ideas for stories which might be of interest to our show? What we are interested in are stories about people.

We like to profile the people in the community rather than take on the issue oriented stories.

Let's face it...there are plenty of issues which we could tackle — but it's the people in the community that we find the most interesting.

For example would you know anyone in Maritimes who does something very unique or quirky...or even poignant and touching.

We try to think "outside the box" so that our stories have a sense of the unusual and fun.

Would you know of any people or groups of people who might fit the profile I have just set out? Any help you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions that you might have. Thanks you so much.

Scott Blodgett,
Queer Television,
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Toronto, Ontario, M5V 2Z5
416-591-7400 ext. 2984
www.qtonline.com

Thank-you!

Dear Wayves-

The Women Next Door Choir

would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to all of those who have supported our fundraising efforts this past year. Our experiences at the Sister Singers Network "Under Northern Lights" Festival in Michigan were strengthening, joyous, and profound. Our performance brought a special "small but mighty" Maritime touch to the event and people seemed truly moved by our words and harmonies.

In particular, we would like to thank The Eagle Pub & Eatery, Wayves Magazine, The Church, Venus Envy, all merchants who donated to our Silent Auction, and our supportive spouses and friends who volunteer at our events.

In Harmony,

The Women Next Door,

Halifax, Nova Scotia

What happened?

Dear Wayves-

A good friend recently tested positive for HIV. Wanting to help him out I've been doing some looking around to see where he

can go for support and services - and there's precious little to be found (almost everything I thought was out there is now gone - even this month the AIDSLINK project closes). After a number of enquiries to some friends in the know here's what I've found out.

The local AIDS service organization (the AIDS Coalition of NS) is half the size it was in the mid 90s. Less staff and a lot less programming - fewer services for those HIV positive and a considerable drop in prevention work to do stop people from getting infected - and NOTHING currently targetting gay men. (If a school or group invites a presentation then it happens - end of story. There used to be a women's project, a black outreach project, and a men's/gay project - they are all gone.) And yeah I know that there are new drugs that are much more helpful - but from what I've been told they only put dying off for a little longer - not prevent it outright! So we still need to teach people how not to get infected in the first place.

When I dug a little deeper to find out what has happened a few things came to light. The main reason for the absence of programs is dollars. There used to be a lot more money from the government and ACNS used to be a lot more active doing fundraising. I know governments have been slashing health budgets for years so that fits, but what has happened to the fundraising?

ACNS has a full-time fundraiser who seems to only do one event a year! Hello! The Walk is important but does it take up an entire year to organize. What ever happened to the Auction that used to happen every Spring? I remember the Ribbon of Dreams benefit that happened in the former Misty Moon on Barrington (great show - sold out) - where did that go? The Silent Wall benefit? I know raising money isn't easy but surely a full time person can do more than ONE event a year!

Sincerely,

Majorly Pissed Off

(name withheld by request)

Moncton Safe Spaces

"The most relentless feature in the lives of gay, lesbian and bisexual youth is a sense of isolation" (Canadian Public Health Association - Safe Spaces, 1998). This is why the creation of Safe Spaces, a Health Canada project, was initiated three years ago in Moncton, NB. It focuses on GLB issues by providing education, counselling and support to youth and the community. Safe Spaces has put in place support services to break isolation and to help youth between the ages of 14 and 25 accept their sexual orientation in a healthy and safe environment. Moncton is one of 4 sites in Canada chosen by Health Canada

along with Kamloops, BC, Montreal, Quebec and Halifax, NS.

We are presently in the process of organizing a second retreat to Montreal, which will be from August 2nd to 6th of this year. It is an opportunity to break isolation by reuniting GLB and questioning youth from different provinces who are dealing with similar issues.

Our experience with the 1st retreat, last year, was a huge success! Participating youth expressed such sentiments as "I have learned so much about myself..." Others returned home crying saying "I have never been myself, except during this trip, going back home will be difficult". This year, we would like

to offer the opportunity for more youth to participate in this activity. We need your help to finance this gathering that could serve as a turning point in the lives of our youth. The more money we can gather, the greater the number of lives we can enhance. We would greatly appreciate any donation to our cause. For more information or to make a donation, you can contact us at (506) 869-6224, or safespaces@nb.aibn.com. All donations (cheques payable to SAFE SPACES PROJECT) can be sent to: Safe Spaces Sain et Sauf - Sexual Health Centre - 860 Main Street, Suite 303 - Moncton, NB E1C 1G2



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Crawford Hastie's...

KIBBITZ AND BITCH

Dear Tom,

First of all, I was not complaining, as you so charmingly phrased it, about so many friends having birthdays. I was merely commenting on the organization required to get cards and things ready to arrive on time. Secondly, I resent the implication that some birthdays are more important to me than others. I have never forgotten your birthday, if that is what you were suggesting with your usual heavy-handed wit. I was, it is true, a few days - alright, alright, a couple of weeks late - in getting your card to you in September. Talk about holding a grudge! Let it go, Tom.

My birthday, due to some wonderful alignment of beneficent planets, good karma or just plain old luck, was an exceptional day with everything a gay man could wish for - except for the absence of a Chippendale dancer jumping out of a cake, or any gifts requiring batteries. There was, however, a drag queen. Well, sort of. Almost. Let me explain.

I have developed the same ambivalence about age as most of my acquaintances, but I always enjoy providing an excuse for cake and gifts. So, I anticipated a regular work day with a bit of good-humoured ribbing and maybe a silly card from my co-workers.

My friend, Jaybird, arrived mid-morning with a hug and an armful of flowers, giving a wonderful start to the day. I worked away at my desk surrounded by the scent of carnations and the warm glow of loving friendship, accented by the darts of jealousy sent my way by my work mates. How much sweeter one's good fortune tastes when it arouses envy in others. Just before noon a cake appeared (what? For me?) at the front counter and all the staff set about spoiling our appetites for lunch. A short time later, while disposing of paper plates and surreptitiously licking frosting bits off the knife, I noticed someone standing by the side doors. It was my sister and our friend, Andria, holding a dozen or so multi-coloured helium balloons. Laughing, I went over and opened the door. Andria was dressed in a long dark coat against the cold rainy weather but no sooner was she inside then she dropped the outer garment exposing a very skimpy, very shiny, red dress. She proceeded to sing Happy Birthday like Marilyn crooning to JFK, all throaty and whispery and pouty lips. The dress was so short she could not raise her arms without giving the store an R rating. Enormously long nails adorned her hands, her eyes were thickly and gaudily made up. She managed to look very sexy and very artificial at the same time. The perfect drag queen, in fact, ready to dazzle the denizens of a murky bar. The uncertain gender thing was intentional, she had originally tried to find a suit at Frenchy's but when she came across this little red number decided on a sort of Victor/Victoria's Secret combination. Lots of laughter, hugging and picture taking took place in the middle of the showroom viewed by most of the staff

and quite a few puzzled customers.

With considerable difficulty (being the centre of attention can be sooooo exhausting) I set my mind to getting some work accomplished in the afternoon but I was very glad when five o'clock came and it was time to head to Hizzoner and Chester Road's house where I was invited for a birthday dinner. I've known Hizzoner for years, long before he became the local big wig, and his and Chester's home is a haven of cheerful welcoming warmth for me. I recounted my day - complete with pictures - while we chatted over the beautifully prepared meal and sipping chilled white wine.

The celebrations continued the next day when B. came up with a scented candle, a tome on gay and lesbian literary heritage and took me to Acton's, our favourite restaurant, for dinner. I had been to a memorial that afternoon and was feeling a bit tired and solemn. Everyone I know seems to have lost at least one parent, so, as the queue to the exit door grows steadily shorter, I look around and try to remember not to take anything or anyone for granted. B.'s company worked its usual magic, aided by Merlot and an excellent filet mignon and the world once again took on a cheerful appearance. How truly fortunate I am in my friends! Even curmudgeonly ones like you, Tom

Crawford

P.S. Did I tell you that I am now a father? Okay, maybe stepfather. Foster parent? More accurately, I have accepted the great responsibility of caring for a finch. A colleague at work is in the midst of renovations and feared that the dust and noise and turmoil might kill off the little feather head, so suggested that I would like to have a pet. "I need a pet like you need ovaries," I replied. He took this for assent and the next morning I heard a clatter and a squawk followed by the landing of a bird cage on my desk. Finch, as I have since named him, deciding that his previous moniker of Elmo was lacking in dignity, survived a day of printers abruptly buzzing, phones ringing and the emotional atmosphere of greed and complaint with pervades a retail establishment. He is obviously tougher than his miniscule body would lead one to believe. The ride home in a taxi that night, the round cage stuffed into a long sleeved tee shirt, proved rather traumatic judging by the amount of peeping and mad flying about which this little trip occasioned. I myself retired early to bed with a glass of sherry. Parenting is not easy, Tom. Finch is now happily settled in, listens to CBC stereo all day while I'm at work. He has displayed a fondness for Mozart arias and for my late night piano playing, thus cleverly worming his way into my affections.

Surfing Through The Personals

by Sherri Handspiker

With curiosity and a need to expand my friendship circle I set out to find local personal ads on the web for lesbians. Truly "local" sites are rare, there are too many to count in the worldwide category, for the Gay/Lesbian/Bi community. Transgender listings are almost impossible to find. It can be a very frustrating task to find the ads you may be seeking, therefore I have viewed and rated some of the local and most popular worldwide personal ad sites that have ads for the LBGT community. All ratings are out of a maximum of 5 stars, for ease of navigation, content, broadness, layout and number of ads on the site.

Happy seeking!

www.gayhalifax.com - Local, Easy navigation, very broad range of ads including long term, casual encounters, leather & SM, groups, bears, friends, bisexual, transgender and women. Most categories contain alot of ads, but the other info on the site is not updated frequently. 4 stars :)

www.gaywhitenorth.com - They do have a personal ads link to another site www.oneandonly.com, which is worldwide listings broken down by country province and the city. I clicked as a woman seeking women and was shown 2 ads for women seeking men! There is other Canadian info on the site but not geared to the LBGT community. 2 1/2 stars :(

www.welcome.to/gaymaritimes - Although this site is not a true personal ads site I have decided to include it because of its fantastic content. The site does offer "chatters" pics and profiles from their MIRC chat channel, alot of these also include emails and homepage addresses. This site is a wealth of information and updated consistently, advice column, local events, community LBGT pics, travel info, news and links. 4 1/2 stars :)

www.gaycanada.com - Slow loading site but easy navigation, men seeking men or women seeking women, you are able to define some aspects of what you are seeking, also has listed chat, classifieds, events, forums, news, regional info travel info and links, But I couldn't get most of the pages at the time although I think the site is worth a look. 3 1/2 stars :/

www.cangay.com - A wealth of personal ads, scroll down the main page to E-classifieds on the left. Man to man, woman to woman, transgender and bisexual ads. Listings are from across Canada, but mostly man-to-man ads as of now. Easy navigation, also each category is broken down into more choices. 5 stars :))

www.gayuniverse.com - Large worldwide site with alot of information, scroll to bottom of main page for geolocator to see ads in Canada, not further defined by province or cities, just one big long list covering every seeker. 4 stars :)

www.pridelinks.com - Nice site, wealth of information, easy navigation, several categories for personal ads but not many ads posted as of now, definite potential. 4 1/2 stars :)

www.qsector.com - Worldwide ads, easy navigation, men seeking men, women seeking women, use the search option to further narrow your search into country and province. Alot of Canadian men-seeking- men ads. This site is easy on the eyes and head, not alot of unnecessary graphics and clutter. 4 Ω stars :)

www.matesanddates.com - Worldwide personal ads, simple, easy searchable for gay, lesbian, bi, or straight. Broken down by province but asks you to join with a free membership. 3 Ω stars :/

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New club opening Born to be wild

by Becky MacEachern

Members of the gay community in St. John will no longer have to travel to Montreal to get a taste of that city's wild nightlife thanks to a local entrepreneur, Gary Shelton, and his desire to "shake things up" on Sydney Street. Shelton describes his new venture, Club Montreal, as a "gay techno show bar" which will feature a wide, and wild, range of entertainment.

"I've been thinking about this for a long time and I have really tried to make it as much like a club you'd walk into in Montreal as possible," said Shelton. "I want to make sure that when people are in here that the surroundings, the atmosphere, the music, that everything works to make them feel as if they really are in Montreal in one of its great, wild clubs."

Shelton, who is familiar with the gay club scene in both Montreal and Ottawa, has gone to great lengths to ensure that his new club, scheduled to open this month, appeals to his patrons.

Renovations on the new club, in a space located just above Bogarts on Sydney Street, included putting in a glass enclosed shower stall next to the bar for the nightly "men's shower shows."

"Every night at a certain hour one of my waiters will be soaping-up in the stall," said Shelton. "All of my waiters are going to be shirtless but they won't be taking everything off in the shower.." Club Montreal will also feature a cyber room complete with computers and web cams as well as several VLTs. The club, which will be open 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. from Thursday to Sunday with Happy Hour prices at 11 p.m., will also offer a packed schedule of live dancing shows and other weekly entertainment.

"I've already hired some dancers and they are mostly from a travelling dance group, a lot like the Chippendale Dancers that used to travel everywhere," said Shelton. "We're pretty lucky here because we got an exotic license, maybe we got it because we're a gay club, I dunno, but I think it's

great we got one."

Shelton's excitement and enthusiasm for his new club came out loud and clear during a recent phone interview from his home in St. John where he was taking a little break from renovations at the new club. Not only has Shelton put a lot of time and effort into this latest project, Shelton has literally left his mark on the walls of Club Montreal.

"I studied interior design at college in Ontario so I did all the decorating and designing of the club décor myself," he said. "The lights are going to be real low to give the right atmosphere and I chose all the furnishings and I'm really pleased with how it's looking."

There's also talk of getting shuttle services from Fredericton and Moncton to Club Montreal, said Shelton. But in the meantime, Shelton's confident that Club Montreal will be a hit with St. John's gay community.

"There's already a lot of buzz going around about what we're doing here so I know that people are excited about it," said Shelton. "It's going to be a great and like I said, I really hope to shake things up here."

For more info, check out www.clubmontreal.net

10 good reasons

by Shalena, Mylene, and Graham

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 - Pride, pride, PRIDE!
- And lots more. So come see for yourself!

The Youth Project is an organization run by youth for youth 25 and under and is currently going through a transition. We're no longer a part of Planned Parenthood NS, so we've started a new way of organizing things. We have a Youth Board that plans the day to day activities and events, as well as a Board of Directors that handles legal issues and finances.

The staff, volunteers, and youth members of the Youth Project work on lots of different things, including a lending library, social groups, drop-in nights, one-on-one counselling, and new initiatives as ideas come up.

We are currently starting work on Pride projects, which include a new web site, all-youth newsletter, and a banner for the Pride festivities. If you're 25 or under and you have ideas, want to get involved, or just want to know what's going on, contact us! If you're 26 or older, we'd love to have you volunteer! You can reach the staff at (902) 429-5429, or the youth board at lgby_p_ns_youth_board@hotmail.com. Or, just drop in to a social group night (2281 Brunswick St., Halifax) to find out the latest: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm, for women; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7pm, for men. See you there!

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Don't miss the best summer weekend-long party on Canada's east coast, hosted by the East Coast Bears! This is our sixth year. Registration fee is only \$50 and includes the Friday night Meet & Greet the Wandlyn Inn, Prospect Street West. Saturday Hospitality Room, Afternoon Beach Party & BBQ, Private Dance with FREE shuttle service to and from the hotel, Run T-shirt & goodies, AND a chance to win prizes all weekend!

Tentative FurFest 2001 Schedule:

Friday, August 3rd, Meet & Greet at Charlie's Backyard Pool Patio at the Wandlyn Inn.

Saturday, August 4th, Breakfast at the Wandlyn. BBQ and Beach Party, Supper, Bear's Night Out dance. FREE shuttle service from the hotel.

Sunday August 5th, Brunch at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. Free time to spend with new friends, in the afternoon, Closing Banquet at the Wandlyn Inn.

To register for FurFest 2001 go to www.eastcoastbears.com. This year we are taking registrations for FurFest 2001 online. If you do not have access to the web, you can call Larry or Jason at 506-455-2856.



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Gay, gray and on your own

by Maura Donovan

Last month I wrote about Rainbow Manor, Canada's first retirement home for lesbian and gay seniors. The newly opened Ottawa residence is designed for elder folk who can still meet their own needs in terms of care and mobility, but who no longer want the responsibility of keeping up a home and preparing meals. As a small, intimate house (seven rooms - some singles, some large enough for a couple), Rainbow Manor is also for those who want to live in community.

Like other retirement residences, Rainbow Manor carries with it a price tag. Three meals a day, housekeeping, and rent are in-

cluded in the \$1700 monthly fee. This is comparable to the fees at Halifax facilities like The Berkeley - \$1845 and up - or Melville Heights, where bachelor suites start at \$1539 per month.

Great if you have the cash. But what if you don't?

Michael (not his real name) is a gay man in his mid-sixties who lives in a seniors' apartment complex that is owned by the Metro Housing Authority. About 200 people, mostly seniors and mostly single, call the high-rise building home. And Michael is happy to count himself among those who do.

"I'm here til it burns down - or they carry me out feet first," he laughs. "I have no intentions of moving. It's well-maintained, and very quiet. It's close to everything."

Michael points out that the building is not a nursing home. "It's independent living. That's what I liked about this place - no one looking over your shoulder." Some residents do require home care - "Every morning, the home care workers descend on the place," notes Michael - and VON staff are available a couple of days a week. However, "There's no nursing care or anything" in the building.

As the apartments are subsidized, the rent is set at an affordable rate. "It's one-third of your income," Michael explains. "You wouldn't find anyone here who brings in more than \$1500 or \$1600 a month - otherwise, they'd be in a regular (privately owned) apartment building. It's mostly middle-class seniors." Residents who are in receipt of social assistance pay a set monthly rental fee of \$180, through an agreement between the Housing Authority and Income Assistance.

Michael came out over twenty years ago. "I didn't discover myself until well after Stonewall. Anyone who knew they were gay before Stonewall is probably still in the closet - things were really bad. (Until 1969, when) Trudeau made homosexuality legal, I think gay people stayed pretty much in the closet."

At the time when he came out, Michael was married with children. For him, coming out was "like lightning struck. I've never looked back. Out of the closet and into the streets, as they say."

Michael says he does not hide being gay from others in the building. "A number of tenants know I'm gay. It's pretty neutral. Nobody really cares. There might be some people who don't approve. There's a number of gay men living here. One is always linked up with a bunch of older ladies. The others all keep to themselves. I'm close friends with one man."

When asked about nursing homes, Michael is less matter-of-fact. "If I get there, that's another kettle of fish. I hope I die before that day comes. My youngest (child) might take me in. I hope that's some time away."

Between now and 2021, again according to StatsCan, the number of Canadians in the 70 to 74 age range will increase by 172%; for those 65 to 69, the increase will be 188%. These are the people who are between 45 and 54 today - the eldest half of the baby boom. And there are lots of people in this group who have lived openly, or relatively openly, lesbian and gay lives.

In fact, according to Statistics Canada estimates, by 2021, 19% of the Canadian population will be 65 or over - almost one out of every 5 people. That's quite different from - and a challenge to - the gay and lesbian communities as many of us know them. Like so many aspects of our real lives, it's also different from how we are perceived by the 'straight' world. And this idea of aging is a radical concept for a relatively young community that has seen, and continues to see, so much premature death.

For people who are just starting to think about retirement, Michael's experience is encouraging. "This kind of arrangement would be good for people who want to give up mowing the lawn or anyone who suddenly finds themselves alone. I have no complaints."

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www.adultfriendfinder.com - Worldwide personal ads but you must join a free membership, easy navigation, easy layout, and alot of seeking options.
4 stars :)

www.classifieds2000.com - On Excite.com Worldwide ads broken down by country and province, easy navigation and layout, men seeking men, women seeking women, straight and other groups.
4 stars :)

www.accesswave.ca/~lbgtpersonals - Maritime personal ads, new site, easy navigation, men for men, women for women, bisexual, transgender, couples and groups. The site of local area Dale and Sherrie (I'm Sherrie) Not alot of unnecessary graphics and clutter. Updates often also have links and gay graphics. I will leave the "star" rating up to you :)

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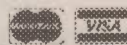
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And the cowboys cried



by Jane Kansas

The first Sunday in May was as sunny and warm as can be hoped for, in May, in Nova Scotia. Wilson Hodder's ashes went to ground and to sea.

He had been dead ten months, since early last July. He was the last. Terry Martin, his partner, died in 1994, and Polar the cat, before that. When the three of them had caught up with each other their ashes had been mixed.

A small group, thirteen, met in the parking lot at Crystal Crescent and walked to the third beach. It took twenty minutes, along boardwalk and pounded path, across stone and up small hill. There were small fast running rivulets of water to jump across. The pine trees shook out their needles. Birds chirped. Most of the thirteen were strong men, some tall, some members of

Tightrope, or motorcycle buffs, desperados of various kinds, some in leather chaps, in boots, and wearing pirate bandannas or ball caps. One carried a rainbow flag. There was ease and comfort, some laughing and talking, some quiet. It was like walking with a strong posse, like being with real cowboys.

Once on the rocks, the group milled for a moment and then began fanning out, facing land. The wind, not strong, not cold, was from the south, the sea, and coming onto shore. The ashes would blow that direction.

A couple of people said a few words, and read a few words of Wilson's and then a tin too small to hold the remains of all three came out of a bag. The ashes had been divided, and some had gone back to Newfoundland and some remained with Terry's mother. So out on the rocks was a tin the size

of a handshake, and after the words, the tin was opened.

Cremated remains are grey and white mostly, and not like ash from a fire. They are much more coarse. The bits of bleached bone and metal are easy to recognize. They taste salty.

Several people released the ashes. The first person cast the ash toward the ground, as if planting some fine seed, and the ash and bits of bone fell mostly onto the granite. The next flung two or three small handfuls at the sky, as if releasing baby birds, and the ash was like puffs of smoke or a tiny cloud against the blue, drifting, and then passing away into memory.

The tin was passed around. Some whispered quiet words to themselves, of prayer or love or goodbye, as they put the ash to the stone or into the sky. The cowboys cried.

EGALE Notes

www.egale.ca

LOGO - After a significant expansion in EGALE's mandate this year, the board has finally approved a logo that it felt speaks to the kind of organization that EGALE has become. This new logo and associated paraphernalia will be revealed at Pride events across Canada.

PRIDE - As the summer heats up, Pride events sweep across the nation and EGALEitarians come out in full force. If you want to help carry an EGALE banner or hand out EGALE pamphlets in a Pride Parade near you, please contact your board representatives.

PUBLIC EDUCATION - EGALE continues to partner with NSRAP (Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project) to deliver popular training sessions for members of our communities on the implications of Bill C-23 (federal) and Bill 75 (provincial). Please see ad in this issue regarding times and dates for upcoming sessions. We are open to partnering with groups across the Atlantic Provinces to deliver these public information sessions. Please let us know if your community would like to have this kind of workshop.

TRINITY WESTERN - The Supreme Court of Canada released its decision on May 17th in B.C. College of Teachers v Trinity Western University. The case concerned a decision by the B.C. College of Teachers not to approve a public school teacher training program by a private Evangelical University which requires students to sign a document agreeing to refrain from homosexual conduct.

In upholding an order that Trinity Western's teaching program be approved, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that graduates from Trinity Western University are entitled to hold "sexist, racist or homophobic beliefs" (para. 36). However, the Court also held (at para. 37):

"Acting on those beliefs, however, is a very different matter. If a teacher in the public school system engages in discriminatory conduct, that teacher can be subject to disciplinary proceedings. Discriminatory conduct by a public school teacher when on duty should always be subject to disciplinary proceedings [and] disciplinary measures can still be taken when discriminatory off-duty conduct poisons the school environment."

"EGALE was involved in this case because we felt it essential to uphold the right of students to a bias-free education," said John Fisher, Executive Director of EGALE. "The Supreme Court recognized in its judgment today that there is no place for discrimination or intolerance in the public education system. The Court did rule that public school teachers are entitled to hold sexist, racist or homophobic beliefs - though it's beyond me why they'd want to. However, the Court also ruled unequivocally that teachers are not entitled to act upon those beliefs, that any discriminatory conduct could properly result in disciplinary action, and that teachers by their public statements and actions are expected to maintain the principle that all Canadians - including those who are lesbian, gay or bisexual - are entitled to be treated with equal dignity and respect."

GETTING INVOLVED - EGALE would like to encourage anyone who wants to find out more about us or who may want to lend a hand to consider volunteering on one of our many committees. These committees need input from all parts of Canada and usually meet once a month by conference call. Please contact your regional board members for more information.

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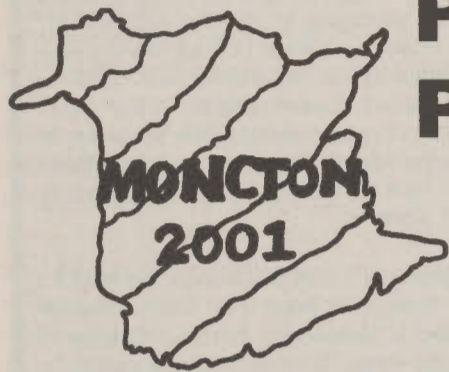
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Come on "Out"



Moncton Pride Parade

June 23rd

The Moncton Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgendered Pride Committee is pleased to present our second annual Pride Parade on Saturday, June 23, 2001 at 3 PM. The parade will gather at Moncton City Hall on Main Street, and follow a designated parade route through the city. The Parade will end at Summit Park (front of Aberdeen Cultural Center) on St. George St. where entertainment, information, and a barbeque will be held.

Paramount Lounge on Main Street, along with the 2001 Pride Committee will be sponsoring a dance beginning at 9 PM. So come join the fun and festivities!

Other events include: A bowl-

ing night at Plaza Bowl on Wednesday, June 20th. Karoke Night at Triangles on June 21st.

Friday Night June 22, 2001 The Diamond Divas will perform at the Paramount Lounge with the doors opening at 7 PM and the show beginning at 8 PM. Tickets are available at Reid's Newstand, Main St., Moncton or at the Paramount Lounge or by calling Art Vautour at (506) 863-1888. Advance tickets \$5.00 or \$7.00 at the door.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBISTE :

www.monctongay.com

Mr. Leather Moncton Contest

Moncton's Pride Week will kick off with the 1st Annual Mr. Leather Moncton contest. The contest will be held on Sunday, June 17th at Triangles. The evening will begin around 7 pm with the contestant meet & greet. At 8 pm the "Rave Essentials" fashion show will get underway, to be followed by the Mr. Leather Moncton contest at 9 pm. There will be draws for prizes - including a BBQ. A \$2 donation will be requested at the door with proceeds going to SIDA AIDS Moncton and the Safe Spaces Moncton project.

The Mr. Moncton Leather contest is the first local run-off contest leading up to the regional Mr. Atlantic Canada Leather contest to take place in Halifax, October 12th - 14th. The contestant criteria has been modified since last year's MACL contest to include an



audience response component and to increase the value of contestant's social interaction skills. Updated MACL contestant information packages are now available to interested potential contestants or anyone interested in organizing

their own local run-off contest. To get the information package contact the MACL organizing committee at lionwolf@dbis.ns.ca or phone 902-463-0942 or write c/o Wolfgang Leathers, 148 Windmill Road, Dartmouth, NS, B3A 1E5.

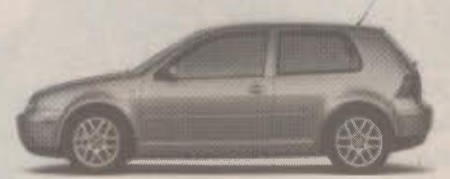
Oink! Leather Pride Party - Halifax

On Saturday, June 23rd the Mr. Atlantic Canada Leather Contest in association with TIGHTROPE presents "OINK!" - a leather-themed BBQ and party to take place at TOOLBOX EAST, 2104 Gottingen Street, Halifax after the Pride Parade. The "Swine & Dine" BBQ will begin at 5:30 pm and the party will go until closing to the accompaniment of Big Bad DJ Wolf. There will be draws throughout the evening and prizes galore (and wait till you check out the Piggy Pinata!). "At the 'OINK!' party we will launch our

theme for this year's contest" says Wolf Fillmore, committee Chairman. "There'll be prizes and surprises - especially for those who show up dressed in leather, uniform, or fetish wear." Mr Atlantic Canada Leather 2001 - Leith Chu will be the evening's host. Admission is a requested \$2 donation and special surprises apply to those who show up in leather, uniform, or fetish wear (see details at the bar). For more information check at the Toolbox, in the Pride Week schedules (it's an official Halifax Pride Week event), and on the event posters.



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Halifax Pride 2001 Schedule

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Friday, June 22nd
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3rd Annual EGALÉ Fun(d)raising BBQ @ 6:00 p.m. (6424 Vienna Street, Halifax). A chance for EGALÉ members, supporters, friends and family (in other words, everyone!) to have some great food and drink while celebrating another year of equality gains. \$15 covers everything and can be applied toward a new membership. Call 889-2288 to reserve a ticket.

Saturday, June 23rd
Pride Parade! at 2:00 p.m. through downtown Halifax.
Reception and BBQ from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Sackville Landing. Performers, vendors, awards, food, dancing and so much more.

OINK! (a leather-themed party and BBQ) at the ToolBox East directly after the Parade Reception and running until closing with Big Bad DJ Wolf.

Pride Day Sale and Draw @ Venus Envy. 10% off everything in store and a free draw for a great Pride Basket.

Sunday, June 24th
East Coast Bears Brunch at The Eagle Pub & Eatery.

Family Pride Camping Association Fundraising BBQ at Point Pleasant Park from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Call Joanne at 445-4322 or Sharon at 477-5232 for more information.

Monday, June 25th
Pride Week Flag Raising at Grand Parade. Come and support our city's recognition of Pride Week.

"G-Marks the Spot" Everything you've always wanted to know about the not-so-elusive spot. (6:15-7:30 p.m. at Venus Envy - \$5 at registration)

Wednesday, June 26th
Reading and Book Signing in-store by Darren Greer, author of best-selling "Tyler's Cape". (6:00 p.m. at Venus Envy - free admission)

Friday, June 29th
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Please visit the Halifax Pride Website for more up-to-date information:
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You're Invited to the Casting the First Stone Picnic - A Commentary

As a Canadian, there are words about this country that resound in my mind, making it a country apart from others. The Canadian Mosaic; a willingness of people to embrace diversity, celebrate difference, and unite in Multi-culturalism. Canada is uniquely welcoming to the ways of the world, Canadians are willing to eat to the tables of the entire globe, to clap and stamp and step into the dances of the planet.

So what a shock it was, when I saw the paperwork coming out of City Hall in Regina, not so very far from the geographical centre of Canada. Regina; a city of 200,000 people, a hub in the prairie economy, a vibrant place with that broad sky that only a prairie town can offer. In City Hall, it seems, there is something narrow taking place. This is what has issued forth:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the intact heterosexual family unit is ordained by God as clearly revealed in the Holy Bible (Gen 2:23, 24 Matt 19:4-6); and WHEREAS large bodies of research support the conclusion that intact heterosexual families provide an excellent nurturing environment for children; and WHEREAS many believe that intact heterosexual families provide a necessary source of stability that benefits society as a whole; and WHEREAS intact heterosexual family units provide much needed stability and moral direction for children and young adults; and WHEREAS intact heterosexual families provide sexual satisfaction for the men and women who are committed to them; and WHEREAS when monogamy is practiced, the husband and wives who enjoy sexual relations in the confines of their heterosexual marriage have no reason to worry about STD's, AIDS or broken hearts. NOW THEREFORE I, Pat Fiacco, Mayor of the City of Regina, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 18, 2001 as HETEROSEXUAL FAMILY PRIDE DAY in Regina, and in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this day.

Predictably, when I thought first about responding to this with my lesbian point of view, I worried that I would appear radical and intolerant. I considered the possibility of writing from another point of view; until I recognized that is just what Mayor Fiacco of Regina would like. My disagreement should banish me into the nice safe closet with all the other closeted writers. We might huddle with our typewriters, and invitations to Heterosexual Family Pride Day. I decided against that course of action; I realized how important it was to be truthful, and I wondered who else's viewpoint I might have adopted.

My first choice was that of my parents. Then I realized that they would not be able to attend Mayor Fiacco's fete, because they failed at maintaining an intact heterosexual family simply by raising a lesbian daughter. Furthermore, I am a well-loved daughter; not punished or disinherited for straying from the heterosexual path.

I looked to my sister; she married her childhood sweetheart when they were both very young. She became a mother, and then she grew up. Her husband grew up too. He became a person who could not have been foreseen. My sister chose to leave rather than follow him into the chemically enhanced lifestyle he was developing. Her family then, is flawed, and of course so is my nephew's family, by default.

My brother looks like a better option. He has been married for 27 years, he still lives with his bride. He has children of 24 and 22, one of them is married, my brother has a grandbaby. This family looks perfect, all the more because he will not speak to me; he is far too moral to acknowledge his lesbian sister. Yes, my brother could go to Mayor Fiacco's party, except for one small thing. Last summer, his 12 year old daughter came to visit. Individual quirks notwithstanding, we do not usually place restrictions on family membership, or ask babies to qualify for admittance. My brother acknowledged this teenager, and I gained an extra niece. I have to conclude, however, that no one from my birth family is qualified for admittance to Mayor Fiacco's festivities.

I looked at the family I have created. My partner, of course, is a lesbian; thoroughly ineligible for Heterosexual Family Pride Day. And Oh dear! I have a son by an ex-husband; that's a corruption. Furthermore, I happen to know that my son was not a virgin when he got married, so his family, too, is unfit for Mayor Fiacco's company.

Perhaps when you have a lesbian as a starting point, then ineligibility is inevitable. I decided to broaden my search to the neighbours. This is a quiet rural area in farm-country Canada. We do not live in each other's pockets, but we help each other stamp out grass fires, we cook casseroles on funeral days, and pick up each others' children when emergency strikes.

In the first house to the south of me, there is a young widow and her son. I wonder does that suit the requirements? Will it matter how the husband died? Is this family intact if he died from an industrial accident? if he got some bad cocaine? Will they be excluded if we suspect that he was planning to leave; the marriage was not intact?

My northern neighbour is a man raising his teenaged daughter. He was blind-sided by his sudden single-parent stature,

he never expected his wife to leave, and he would take her back today if she arrived. He did not impair his family, yet he wouldn't be able to go to the Regina event.

At the next house we have a two-parent, three-children family, living together, no non-heterosexuals in evidence. Oh but gee golly gosh! That oldest child has come from a first marriage; the mother escaped with the infant after the husband went on violent rampage and nearly killed them both. By escaping, she kept herself and her child alive, but she lost her chance at an invite to the Regina hetero-festival.

Past the meadow and over the creek, we have children living with grandparents. The seniors are wonderful with them, they are dedicated and loving and kind, bringing the wisdom of life-experience to the rearing of youngsters. But they don't fit the parameters, this is not an intact heterosexual family unit. Could Regina make an exception? Would it matter whether the absent parents are in Alberta working the oil-fields, or in the Corrections system doing time? Is one intact and the other not, even in absentia? How will we draw these lines?

The last house down the road would have been a shoo-in for membership in the Regina elite, until last week. The 33 year old daughter sent word that she has left her husband and entered a rehabilitation program to overcome a 15 year addiction to prescription medications. She has also started legal proceedings against the adult who sexualized her as a little girl. She has amazing strength and courage to take such a step, but it excludes her from the chance to attend on June 18th.

There are some single people in the village. Some are young and have never been married, others are old; pensioners. I don't know if they could provide proof of their heterosexual nature; maybe it is easiest just to exclude them.

I have attended a good many Les-Bi-Gay Pride events. There wasn't a lot of officialdom, no credentials required. There was no list of clauses 'whereas'; whole families attended, and were welcomed. The music included 'R-E-S-P-E-C-T,' and 'We are Family.'

There are always flamboyant joyous singles at Gay Pride Day; young people who strive to jolt spectators towards a new way of seeing. There are also lots of different kinds of families; we label them variously as birth families; blended families; bonded families and chosen families. The common thread connecting them is loving and caring and respecting each other. They share the belief that people together, all people, can grow and be fulfilled as individuals, can help make the world a better place. Marching for Pride, to show that something is not wrong is very different from an event that suggests it has the Christian god's seal of approval, and therefore is unerringly right.

Stars at the Les-Bi-Gay events are the Parents and Friends organization, PFLAG. Frequently the PFLAG group includes senior women with blue-rinsed hair, always there are steely-grey haired people, we assume they are heterosexuals; in fact, it doesn't matter. They carry placards with radical slogans like "I love my Lesbian daughter" or "I'm proud of my gay son".

Probably most of us think our own family is great, that it fits the best possible criteria. My family has raised me, and I think I'm a pretty decent human being. The thing is, I don't get to tell other families they are doing it wrong.

There's not actually much danger of Mayor Fiacco telling many people how to live; it is a really short guest list that the good Mayor will be able to send out. No fornicators; no adulterers; no second wives, first husbands; step children or half-siblings. No lesbians; gay men or bisexuals; and no celibates just in case.

Do not attend if you dismantled a family when you escaped violence or abuse. They want no one who stepped up and took in a child who needed a home, and no one who exercised the poor judgment of marrying someone mortal. Regina's Family Pride Day wants no one who said No to societal expectation, and embraced the challenge of living life true to the Spirit within.

I can understand why such rare and tiny minorities need to gather and to share commonalities. If intact heterosexual families feel silenced, then in a diverse community such as Canada, they should certainly have a voice. I think it must be difficult to sit on the laurels that they cherish, so high a seat must come with the concomitant fear of falling off: clayfeetphobia, perhaps. None of this means that they can declare a new reality; there has never been time in history when their fantasy family was the norm. Let them meet and celebrate together, but never let them think they can legislate my behaviour.

I took me a long time to find someone in my life who belongs to this tiny minority, I told her about the Regina Proclamation, and she told me she would not attend, she enjoys diversity, and would rather celebrate with her friends and their amazing differences.

Yes. Me too.

Tommi Andrews is a lesbian living in rural Nova Scotia.

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National News

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Christian Curriculum Curbed

SASKATOON, SK - Proponents of the Christian-based "Logos" curriculum say they will not give up trying to get it approved for public schools in Saskatoon, despite being turned down on the advice of a school board lawyer. "This is just a bump in the road and we're going to keep proceeding," said Suzanne Turanich, interim president of the Saskatoon Logos Society.

Logos, currently in place in a number of schools in Alberta, offers parents an alternative curriculum for their children that is based on Christian principles but that does not involve religious instruction. Daily activities include morning prayers, Bible readings and songs. Scripture memorization is also encouraged.

Bye-Bye Beach View Hello Rainbow Inn

STRATFORD, PEI - Dagmar and Arnost Cepica, owners of Beach View Bed and Breakfast, said they would shut down their two-room bed and breakfast and pay \$1,000 in damages rather than take a seminar offered by the Human Rights Commission than welcome gay and lesbian couples into their home.

Last August, Jean Bedard and Simon Corneau of Montreal filed a human rights complaint alleging discrimination based on sexual orientation. Bedard had been told a room was available up until the owners discovered that he would be sharing that room with another man. The owners then refused to rent the room.

The settlement reached between the two parties states that the Bed and Breakfast is supposed to be shut down but apparently the Stratford couple may be still open for business. They are still advertising and still accepting reservations on their Internet Web site.

Greg Howard, executive director of the Human Rights Commission, said the settlement states that the bed and breakfast will close. If it doesn't, Howard said the owners must provide assurances to the commission they are complying with the Human Rights Act and that means allowing gay couples to stay there.

Bi-Sexual Biker Bad Boys

MONTREAL, PQ - In the world of outlaw bikers, Danny (Danny Boy) Kane and Aime (Ace) Simard made an unusual pair: bisexual bikers who were also contract killers for the Hells Angels. The two men met through a dating service in 1996 and embarked on a brief, lethal partnership after romancing each other in a hot tub. It was an unlikely affair, but it gave police much of the ammunition needed to bust the leaders of the Quebec Hells Angels.

Mr. Simard pointed the finger at his former lover at the murder trial of Halifax business man Robert McFarlane. He is now serving a life sentence with a chance of parole after 12 years for the murder of a Quebec drug dealer. Since being released after the McFarlane case was declared a mistrial, Mr Kane killed himself in August 2000 but not without leaving some leads for police to follow about the goings on of the biker gang. "He was an important player in the case," a provincial police source said about Mr Kane. "He gave it more substance. He allowed us to get closer to the ring leaders."

Police eventually seized \$6.7-million in cash and by February of 2001, operational plans were complete to hit the Angels "as an entity". At dawn on March 28, 2,000 officers in 75 towns stormed clubhouses and private homes, arresting 118 people.

We Are The People In Your Neighbourhood...

POINTE CLAIRE, PQ - Thousands of people marched peacefully through a residential neighbourhood of Pointe Claire on May 27th to support the gay couple who say they're being harassed by a homophobic neighbour.

Roger Thibault, 55, and Theo Wouters, 59, have been together for the past 28 years. They passed 23 years in Pointe Claire without incident until a neighbour is alleged to have begun harassing them in May 1997.

According to the march organizers, about 4,000 people showed up to support Wouters and Thibault. The colourful procession, headed by bikers and people carrying a giant rainbow flag and signs saying "No to intolerance, no to homophobia," stretched for more than a kilometre as it snaked from the train station through quiet streets. Zivile Jurkus, a Pointe Claire resident, took her 3-year-old daughter, Dainava, to the march to show support for Wouters and Thibault and give her daughter a practical lesson in tolerance. Erica Bauman and her husband, Christopher Clark, had brought along their 2-year-old daughter, Bronwyn. "We came to teach our children tolerance and acceptance of all people regardless of choices they make," Bauman said.

According to the wishes of Wouters and Thibault, the crowds fell silent as the march turned onto Parkdale. Only occasional whispers and shuffling of thousands of feet were heard as the crowd streamed past the house of the couple's neighbour.

Quebec City: the after shock

by Bernadette MacDonald

When a person goes through a shock or trauma they often need time to fully process what they went through. My experience in Quebec City, where I went for the week-end of April 20-22 to peacefully protest the Summit of the Americas, is a bit like that.

In the month or more since then I am left with many images, thoughts, and concerns as to what it all means now and what was accomplished.

Witnessing thousands of police dressed in all their riot-gear, including gas masks, was something I had never experienced. Being in a war-like zone full of tear-gas was also an experience that socked the senses. It is as if the meaning of peaceful protests has forever changed. Our governments had established a new benchmark for maintaining so called "law & order", which has left little room for

citizens who wish to peacefully protest their opposition to government decisions.

I also had never marched, chanted, and screamed with approximately 50,000 to 75,000 people before. In solidarity, citizens from mostly North and South America, who gathered for the People's Summit, converged on the streets to express in one voice our opposition to the new-world-order being proposed by our national leaders and multi-national corporations.

At the People's Summit, we heard first hand the impact free-trade zones were having on the lives of people in Northern Mexico. Deplorable living & working conditions, low wages, their social infrastructure destroyed, and social activists being murdered. We heard about the extreme environmental degradation that is occurring due to corporations being able to sue na-

tional governments. The new-world-order, through the free-trade agreements, now ensures corporate profit over environmental protection. We were given the opportunity to meet and hear environmentalists and social activists like Maude Barlow and David Suzuki, who spoke passionately on the need to stop this free-trade insanity. As Anita Roddick, owner of the Body Shop, said in her book *Business as Unusual* "free trade was never intended to be a licence for the big, the powerful and the rich, to ride roughshod over the small, the weak, and the poor."

So what was accomplished by the Quebec Summit? Without a doubt people in the Americas were given the opportunity to find out, discuss, and comprehend the agenda of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and all the agreements that fall under it. More people than ever have grasped the extreme negative impact this new-world-order will have on our lives, our rights, our environment. What we now do with this knowledge is important.

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Sunday, June 10

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Sunday, June 17

Beach Volleyball - Halifax Departure point at 11am. Pack your own picnic. For more info call the LOC line.

Saturday, June 23

PRIDE Weekend: March And Swim - Meet at Sackville Landing (where the Pride Parade ends) at 3:30-4:00pm. Swim will be at Williams lake. For more info call the LOC line or Carrie at 902-453-5150.

Sunday, July 8

Tubing on the Gaspreau River - Halifax Departure point at 11am. For more info call the LOC line.

Sports Briefs

Plenty of Room

On May 4, the Los Angeles Sparks of the Women's National Basketball Association held a pep rally at Girl Bar Los Angeles. About 1,000 women came out to this event, a first for a professional sports team. Some of the women brought pennants, notebooks and basketballs to be signed by Sparks players. Some went further and signed up for season-ticket packages. DeLisha Milton, a Sparks player, summed things up nicely by stating, "We've got plenty of room for *anybody* who wants to watch us play." The decision to market directly to lesbians should help generate some needed interest in the Sparks. Attendance at their games has dropped every year since the 1997 season and the team's 7,600 a game average ranks 10th in the 16-team WNBA. By the way, the Sparks' 2001 season starts June 12 with a home game against the New York Liberty. (Los Angeles Times)

Love in the Major Leagues II

The path one takes to find love is not always smooth. Last month we reported that Brendan Lemon, editor-in-chief of "Out" magazine, included an article about his relationship with a major league baseball player in the May issue. Lemon's article has generated significant reaction in the press. Comments and discussions have appeared in major US newspapers, in Sports Illustrated, on CNN, and on ESPN.com. Some of the dis-

cussion has been speculation about the identity of the player, but most of the reaction has focused on whether Lemon has treated his athletic friend fairly by publishing the article and whether professional athletes should come out.

Billy Bean, a former major leaguer who is now openly gay, is one of many who were highly critical of Lemon's article. As reported in *Newsday*, Bean said, "I think it's easy to say those things when you're the editor of a gay and lesbian

ballplayer, I'd have cold sweats right now." Lemon's article has also been criticized as being insensitive and self-serving. The decision to come out publicly is a personal one and is not something to be taken lightly. For many men and women, athletes or not, coming out is a gradual process. Should the editor of a national magazine make this decision for someone else? The debate continues and Lemon has started damage control ...

Planning Ahead ...

While many of us are making plans to attend Gay Games VI in Sydney during November of 2002, others are thinking much farther ahead. The Federation of Gay Games has just announced the finalists for Gay Games VII in 2006. Four cities - Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and Montreal - are still in contention for the Games. There were two bids from Los Angeles for the 2006 Games and one of those bids was eliminated. The Federation did not reveal the specifics of the elimination vote among its members, though having two bids from one city was considered problematic.

Representatives of the Federation's Site Selection

Committee will have conducted inspection visits to the four candidate cities by early August of this year. During the Federation's annual meeting, which is being held in Johannesburg, South Africa from October 21st to 27th this year, each city's bid group will make a presentation to the Federation's Board of Directors. The Gay Games VII host will then be chosen and announced on October 25 during a live Internet broadcast. (FOGG)

The F-word

"Why should I care about the fans? They're a bunch of assholes and faggots here." These "ill-considered" remarks were made by Chicago Cubs pitcher Julian Tavarez after a game in May. Tavarez lost his cool while being booed by fans in San Francisco in a 5-0 loss to the Giants. The fans were angry about a fight he had gotten into spring training with the Giants' Russ Davis and for his hard forearm tag of Marvin Benard.

Tavarez, who played three years with the Giants, was quickly criticized for his use of the "F" word by the Cubs president Andy MacPhail and his manager Don Baylor. "I don't know what baseball is going to do, but I had to take care of what I could take care of within the team," Baylor told the Chicago Tribune. "He had to apologize to the team and the organization."

Tavarez joins John Rocker, Allen Iverson and Jason Williams, three other professional athletes who have become embroiled in controversy over the last couple of years after making derogatory remarks, including those about gays.

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Neptune Theatre's Jesus Christ Superstar

show begins. To my untrained eye: the stage seems small and crowded, the volume is way too loud for my liking, I am fidgety. Much to my surprise within minutes I am absorbed into a musical that is so moving I lose all sense of time. Before I know it, the first act is over.

During the intermission, I want to sing "What's the buzz," as I can overhear everyone's excitement for the show. The entire lobby was alive with anticipation for Act Two.

Once again, the curtain goes up. This time I am oblivious to the

speakers and the size of the stage.

Act Two wraps up the seven last days of Christ on earth with such power and emotion that at times I can feel his pain and anguish.

As tears freely roll down my cheeks, I feel a nudge and a Kleenex is placed in my hand.

"Jesus Christ Superstar was a moving tale of Jesus and it is also a reflection of the youth revolution of 1971, when the show was originally conceived," says Dieren Malone in the General Manager's Message in the program.

An absolutely must see at least once in your life.

International News

edited by Sam Meehan

Lesbian Crowned Prom King

WASHINGTON, USA - The election of a lesbian as Ferndale High's prom king has prompted dismay among adults and a change in school policy...future prom kings must be boys.

Prom attendees were given a ballot and told to write in their choices for king and queen. Krystal Bennett, the school's only openly gay student, says she voted for herself as king partly as a joke and partly because she wanted the title. Friends voted for her too, and she won!

The election "imposes something on society that, if truth be known, our society is not yet ready to accept," said parent Tina Mauler. "These types of things ultimately will lead to chaos." The prom queen, whose boy-friend was runner-up for king, has a more laid-back take on the April 28 election. "It's high school," Kara Johnson said. "Let it go."

Ms. Bennett has endured her share of name-calling in the wake of the vote. She's chosen an activist role - lobbying to increase the number of books in the school library that deal with homosexuality and criticizing the school's annual Peace Week for failing to address discrimination against gays.

Gay Man Adopts His Partner

MARYLAND, USA - A Silver Spring man has adopted his gay partner of 32 years in order to establish a legal family relationship, since they can't get married.

The petition, gives the men the right to make decisions about each other's medical care as well as claims of inheritance, said James Shrybman, their attorney. Shrybman said the couple did not want to be publicly identified, and the court records are sealed, as they are in most adoption cases.

Shrybman described the couple as two middle-aged men who met in the 1960s. The older man, a writer, was adopted by the younger man, a consultant, Shrybman said. The older man's parents are dead, according to the petition, and the court order consenting to the adoption requires that a new birth certificate be issued to him.

Myron Dean Quon, a deputy director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said that the success of gay adoption petitions depends on the judge. Quon said adoptions can be problematic because they are more restrictive than marriage. "You can't have a divorce at some point," he said. "It's not really a substitution for marriage for gay couples."

Gay Pop Fest Celebrates Freedom

MIAMI TO TORONTO (and everywhere in between) - Music fans are sure to have a gay time at this summer's Wotapalava music festival. Organizers say it's the first openly gay pop festival to tour the United States.

The Wotapalava festival was created by Neil Tennant of the Pet Shop Boys. Besides his group, other openly gay or bisexual artists slated to perform include Rufus Wainwright, Soft Cell, Magnetic Fields and Sinead O'Connor. But Tennant says it won't be an all-gay lineup. "Wotapalava will be a celebration of individuality and the freedom to be what you want to be," Tennant said. "This is not exclusively an issue of sexuality; it's about having the power to live as you want."

The tour kicks off in Miami on July 13 and will play in 17 cities. Organizers say they plan to donate one dollar from each ticket sold to a national advocacy group and local charities to be determined later.

The festival got its name (with its hint of Lollapalooza, the now defunct alternative-rock tour) from an English phrase translated as "what a fuss about nothing," organizers said.

You can get in on the fun at the Molson Amphitheatre in Toronto on July 27th. Go to <http://www.planetout.com/partners/wotapalava/gaycom/index.html>

What Goes Around Comes Around

WASHINGTON, DC, USA - Senator Jesse Helms says he is "attempting to protect" the Boy Scouts of America from school officials who would ban the Scouts from meeting in their classrooms.

The U.S. House of Representatives voted in favor of an amendment, that would bar federal funding to public schools that deny access of facilities to the Boy Scouts of America. Sen. Helms' amendment to the education bill would require schools receiving federal money to permit the Boy Scouts to use their facilities. The amendment also directs the Congressional Research Service to determine how many school districts have taken "hostile action" against the Boy Scouts because of their no queers allowed policy. Under the Helms amendment, schools that deny equal access to the Boy Scouts despite the warnings would lose federal funds.

Mr. Helms said, "The discriminatory treatment of Boy Scouts of America must not be allowed to continue." Mr. Helms decried the fact that the "very same meeting places at school remain open to over 800 Gay-Straight Student Alliance clubs." He believes the Scouts provide a much-needed "moral center" for these schools.

stage

reviewed by Rhonda Brossard

Wow! Who knew it was so popular?! I called for tickets, thinking I would surprise my girl-friend and take her on the weekend; you know kinda make a night of it. Not bloody likely. I can only get tickets for that night, so much for the surprise!

After many phone calls and much juggling of schedules, we arrive. As we find our seats, I notice we are too close to the stage for my liking. To the right of us are huge speakers.

The curtain goes up and the

Atlantic Community Events

June

4 MONDAY

MONCTON • SAFE SPACES MEETING
7:00 pm. Support group for GLB youth, 14-25. For more info, call: 869-6224 or email: safespaces@nb.aibn.com

7 THURSDAY

HALIFAX • ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING
5:00 to 7:30 pm. Atlantic First Nations at 2164 Gottingen St. Call 492-4255 for information.
SAINT JOHN • FREE TO BE ME YOUTH GROUP
7:00 pm. Office of the United Church, Wentworth St. Confidential, for youth aged 13 to 19 only. Email: rainbowprides@yahoo.com, call AJ at 696-6660, or for info on the next meeting, call Bogarts at 652-2004.

10 SUNDAY

HALIFAX • HIKE OR BIKE MCNAB'S ISLAND - LOC
11:00 a.m. from Dartmouth. Call Marie at 453-5150 for info. Ferry ride is \$8.

15 FRIDAY

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND • PEI WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

Runs from June 15th to the 17th at Camp Buchan (near Wood Islands). Workshops, potlucks and lots of music. Registration is \$50. Call Jennifer at (902) 675-2776.

16 SATURDAY

WILEVILLE • NO DANCE
There is no South Shore Pride Dance this month. Next dance is July 21st.

17 SUNDAY

HALIFAX • BEACH VOLLEYBALL & PICNIC - LOC
11:00 a.m. from Dartmouth. Call Nancy & athy @ 455-3939.

18 MONDAY

HALIFAX • ZEN MEDITATION FOR BOTH BEGINNERS AND EXPERIENCED.
Monday evenings beginning June 18th, 7:00 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 1500 Inglis Street. Please register in advance by calling Sylvia at 453-1946
MONCTON • SAFE SPACES MEETING
7:00 pm. Support group for GLB youth, 14-25. For more info, call: 869-6224 or email:

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19 TUESDAY

NEW GLASGOW • NSRAP/EGALE PUBLIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP ABOUT NEW FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION
7:00 - 9:00 pm. Multi-purpose Room, New Glasgow Public Library. There is no charge but a hat will be passed for donations (which may be eligible for a tax receipt)

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7:00 pm. Office of the United Church, Wentworth St. Confidential, for youth aged 13 to 19 only. Email: rainbowprides@yahoo.com, call AJ at 696-6660, or for info on the next meeting, call Bogarts at 652-2004.

22 FRIDAY

HALIFAX • EGALE FUN(D)RAISING BBQ
6:00 pm. (6424 Vienna Street) Come and enjoy some great food and drink at this 3rd annual event. Tickets are \$15. Call 889-2288 to reserve

or for more information.

HALIFAX • ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING
5:00 - 8:00 pm. AIDS Coalition of NS, 1657 Barrington St., Suite 321. Please call 425-4882 for an appointment.

HALIFAX • ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING
Call Elizabeth McGibbon at Phoenix Centre for Youth at 420-0676 for further info.

23 SATURDAY

HALIFAX • PRIDE PARADE
2:00 pm. Meet at Maitland and Cornwallis. Reception, BBQ and awards at Sackville Landing around 2:45 p.m.
MONCTON • PRIDE PARADE
Gather at 3:00 p.m. at Moncton City Hall. Parade ends at Summit Park. There will also be a Pride Dance at the Paramount Lounge beginning at 9:00 p.m..

26 TUESDAY

HALIFAX • WAYVES PRODUCTION MEETING & DEADLINE
6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and get involved. Call 889-2288 for info.

30 SATURDAY

HALIFAX • WAYVES LAYOUT MEETING
Call 889-2288 for info on time and location, or attend one of our Production Meetings.

July/August

20 FRIDAY WEST BRANCH HALL • SHEWOLF OF WOMMONWORLD

Presentation of a 2-hour slide show and commentary on the Wimmin on the Lands she has visited which includes a sampling of places where lesbian have escaped the patriarchy to some extent. Be part of a discussion about communal/cooperative living. Bring refreshments. You may camp over night and enjoy Reading by the Sea in River John on Saturday. Contact Denise at Leppard@hfx.eastlink.ca or 425-1234.

4-6TH AUGUST

MUSQODOBOIT HARBOUR • FERRON SONG-WRITING WORKSHOP
See ad in this issue. Call 889-2288 for info.

Regularly Scheduled Events

EVERY SUNDAY

HALIFAX • UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH
5500 Inglis St. 9 & 11 am 429-5500.

HALIFAX • SAFE HARBOUR MCC
7:30 pm. In the Unitarian Fellowship House, 5500 Inglis St. 453-9249.

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY

HALIFAX • ASSEMBLY OF RAINBOW CHRISTIANS (ARC)
7:30 pm. For location, call 462-6004.

1ST SUNDAY

VALLEY • LESBIAN ASSOCIATION
Contact Emily at 542-2287 ext. 2140 for more info.
PICTOU • PICTOU COUNTY LESBIAN BRUNCH CLUB
10:30-ish at Pictou area restaurants. Call 485-8526 for info.

3RD SUNDAY

HALIFAX • PFLAG (PARENTS, FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS)
Meeting at 2 pm. Phone Ron Garnett-Doucette at 443-3747 for details.

EVERY MONDAY

SOUTH SHORE, NS • SOUTH SHORE PRIDE SOCIAL CLUB
7:00 pm. For all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, and two-spirited persons and those who support them. Call 685-3297, or email thoron@auracom.com for info.

HALIFAX • HAH (HUMANS AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA)
6:00 pm, Rm. 302, Dal SUB, University Ave. Call 494-6662 for info.

HALIFAX • GAY AA.

8:00 pm at St. Mary's Basilica, Spring Garden Rd., Hfx. Phone 461-1119.

NEW BRUNSWICK • AIDS INFORMATION LINE
1:30 - 8 pm, and during office hours each weekday. Anonymous, bilingual info, support and referral by trained volunteers and staff about AIDS, HIV testing, and safer sex. Toll-free in New Brunswick, 1-800-561-4009.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH MONDAY

MONCTON • SAFESPACES
7:00 pm. Support group meeting for GLB youth, 14-25. For more info, call: 869-6224 or email: safespaces@nb.aibn.com

3RD MONDAY

MONCTON • ENGLISH PFLAG (PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS, GAYS, BISEXUALS AND TRANSGENDERS)
7:30-9:30 pm, Room 339, Taillon Bldg. U. de Moncton. Wheelchair accessible. Contact Eldon Hay, 536-0599 or by email at eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca

EVERY TUESDAY

CHARLOTTETOWN • NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS.
Meeting at 8 pm, 181 Kent St.. Call 566-9733 or 1-800-631-9733 for info.

EVERY 2ND TUE

SAINT JOHN • SAINT JOHN RAINBOW ALLIANCE
7:00 - 9:00 pm. Centenary Queens Square Church, 215 Wentworth St. A support/ discussion/ social group for gay, lesbian, transgender and questioning individuals as well as any open-minded individuals who may want to participate. Email: rb_alliance@hotmail.com Web: http://

hello.to/pride_saint_john/

1ST TUESDAY

MONCTON • FRENCH PFLAG (PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS, GAYS, BISEXUALS AND TRANSGENDERS)

7:30-9:30 pm, Room 339, Taillon Bldg. U. de Moncton. Wheelchair accessible. Contact Nicole LeBlanc, 382-3269, or Pierre Bourgeois, 856-7944 or email pierre.bourgeois@pwgsc.gc.ca

WOLFVILLE • OUTLET

A bunch of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals meets regularly. Phone 542-2287 ext. 2140.

CARIBOU, ME • GAY & LESBIAN AA

8:30 PM (Atlantic) Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St. (207) 498-2088.

1ST/3RD TUESDAY

NOVA SCOTIA - LGB YOUTH PROJECT WOMEN'S GROUP
7-9 pm. (25 & under.) Drop-in meeting at the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project drop-in centre, 2281 Brunswick St., Halifax. (902) 429-5429. Email: lgbypp@istar.ca

2ND TUESDAY

MONCTON • GAY PARENTS MONCTON (GPM)
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. La Planche à Fromage, 581 rue Main St. (English or French speaking) A place where gay parents and partners can come and share what's going on in their lives in a friendly, confidential setting. Meetings are informal and all participants are free to share as little or as much of their experiences as they feel comfortable in doing. Strict confidentiality is strongly encouraged and expected. For more info, email: gayparents@monctongay.com

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NOVA SCOTIA - LGB YOUTH PROJECT MEN'S GROUP
7-9 pm. (25 & under.) Drop-in meeting at the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project drop in centre, 2281 Brunswick St., Halifax. (902) 429-5429. Email: lgbypp@istar.ca

EVERY WED

HALIFAX • HAH! MEETING
7:30 pm. Dalhousie Student Union Bldg. Humans Against Homophobia (HAH!), a working group of NSPIRG, seeks volunteers to help with various projects. HAH is open to all ages and sexual orientations. Check with the information desk for the room number, or contact the NSPIRG office at 494-6662 or email: nohomophobia@yahoo.com

HALIFAX • ST. MARY'S OUTREACH SOCIETY
4:00-5:00 pm. Are you queer? or wondering? Please join the Outreach Society for discussions, activities, and more at St. Mary's University SUB, 4th floor, Room 411A. All Welcome!

FREDERICTON • SPECTRUM

7 pm. Tilley 28 (downstairs Arts Common Room). A social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited, queer and questioning students, staff and faculty at the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University in Fredericton. Web: http://www.unb.ca/spectrum/

FREDERICTON • RAINBOW PRIDE

7 pm. Tilley 28 (downstairs Arts Common Room). GLBTQ youth group is temporarily merged with Spectrum, the UNB/STU GLBTQ group. Web: http://www.gaycanada.com/rp_nb/low_rpf.htm

Separate meetings will return upon popular request.
CARIBOU, ME • NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD DROP-IN & OPEN HOUSE
8-10 PM (Atlantic) Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main

St. (207) 498-2088.

HALIFAX • HUMANS AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA (HAH!)
7:00 pm. For meeting location and other info, contact the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NSPIRG), 494-6662, Rm. 314, Dalhousie Student Union Bldg. Email: nspirg@is2.dal.ca

EVERY 2ND WED
HALIFAX • ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING
5 to 8 pm, Atlantic First Nations at 2164 Gottingen St. Call 492-4255 for information.

1ST WEDNESDAY

ST. JOHN'S • NGALE GENERAL MEETING
7:30 pm. Conference Room Cat the Corporate Office of the St. John's Health Care Corporation, Waterford Bridge Road (across from the Bowling Park duck pond). All welcome. Call (709) 753-4297 for more info.

2ND WEDNESDAY

HALIFAX • SPIRITUALITY FOR LESBIANS
7:30 - 9:30 pm. WE SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, KNOWING THAT GOD LOVES US AND CALLS US INTO LIFE AS WE ARE. PERSONS OF EVERY OR NO DENOMINATION ARE WELCOME.

FOR INFO ABOUT THE NEXT MEETING, CALL 459-2649 AND LEAVE NAME & NUMBER. CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED.

ST. JOHN'S • LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL/QUESTIONING YOUTH
NGALE (Newfoundland Gays And Lesbians for Equality) sponsors a meeting which offers support, information, a social network, education, and discussion. For further information and meeting location, call (709) 753-GAYS (4297).

2ND/4TH WED

ST. JOHN'S • NGALE SOCIAL NIGHTS
Call 753-4297 for details.

3RD WEDNESDAY

MONCTON • TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP MONCTON (TSGM)
7:30 - 9:00 pm. Room 339, Taillon Bldg., U. de Moncton. Wheelchair accessible. Contact Eldon Hay, 536-0599 or email: kristenelaine.geo@yahoo.com

HALIFAX • NAMES PROJECT QUILTING CIRCLE
Make a panel in memory of a loved one. Meetings are from 6-9 pm. Contact Joanne Martell at 477-5864.

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7:30 pm. Conference Room Cat the Corporate Office of the St. John's Health Care Corporation, Waterford Bridge Road (across from the Bowling Park duck pond). All welcome. Call (709) 753-4297 for more info.

LAST WEDNESDAY

TRURO • CENTRAL NOVA GAY MEN & LESBIANS GROUP
Meeting.

EVERY THURSDAY

NEW BRUNSWICK • TALKING MAN TO MAN
with men who have sex with men about HIV and AIDS. Toll-free in NB, anonymous, bilingual, confidential, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. 1-800-561-4009

SYDNEY • UCCB SEXUAL DIVERSITY SOCIETY
Gay-Straight Alliance meeting, Room CE 205, Students' Union Bldg. Open to all. For info, email: diversity@stunion.uccb.ns.ca. Also private Gay Discussion Group - email same address for info on location and time of meeting.

WOLFVILLE • ACADIA PRIDE

8:00 pm. Beveridge Arts Centre 3rd Floor Lounge (Rm. 325). For more info, email: acadia.pride@acadialca.ca or call 585-2165.

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY

HALIFAX • BGLAD MEETING
The Dalhousie Association of Queer Students. For information on meetings, other events, or to get involved, please call 494-1256, email: bglad@is2.dal.ca, or visit the office, Rm. 320, Dalhousie Student Union Building.

1ST/3RD THURS

CARIBOU, ME • FRIENDS & FAMILY OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (FFLAG)
8 pm Atlantic, Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 398 South Main St. About 24 km from Perth-Andover, NB.

2ND THURSDAY

CARIBOU, ME • NLN (NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD) MEETING
7:30 PM (Atlantic) Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center of Northern Maine, 398 Main St. (207) 498-2088.

MONCTON • MGLBTC (MONCTON GAY, LESBIANS BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDERED COMMUNITY)
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. La Planche à Fromage, 581 rue Main St. (English or French speaking.) A committee considering all gbt activities in the area. Open to the general gbt population of the Greater Moncton Community. For more info, email: parade2001@monctongay.com or Web: http://www.monctongay.com/

2ND AND 4TH THURS
FREDERICTON • RAINBOW PRIDE (LESBIAN, GAY & BISEXUAL YOUTH GROUP)
7:30 pm. Meeting in the Senior Common Room at McConnell Hall on the UNB campus. For more information call 455-7363 (ask for Cam or Gladys).

3RD THURS

AMHERST • PFLAG (PARENTS, FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS, GAYS, BISEXUALS & TRANSGENDERS)
7:30 - 9:30 pm, Maggie's Place, 12 LaPlanche St. Wheelchair accessible. Contact Sydney Russell (667-9091) or Eldon Hay by email at eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca

4TH THURSDAY

MONCTON • MGLBTC (MONCTON GAY, LESBIANS BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDERED COMMUNITY)
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm at La Planche à Fromage, 581 rue Main St. Executive meeting. For more info, email: parade2001@monctongay.com or Web: http://www.monctongay.com/

EVERY FRIDAY
PETIT-ROCHER, NB • GAY HELP LINE INTERACTIVE
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. You can also drop in to chat or pick up a book or a video. Gais.es nor gays inc, 702 rue Principale, Bloc C Local 13. 783-7440.

1ST FRIDAY
SAINT JOHN • PFLAG (PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS)
7:00 pm, Centenary Queen Square United Church Offices, 215 Wentworth St. For info, call Judith (652-3995), Wayne

(648-9700) or the Church Office (634-8288).

3RD FRIDAY

SAINT JOHN • LESBIAN/BI SUPPORT GROUP
7:00 pm. Community Health Centre, 116 Coburg St. For more info, call 642-1284 or email sjlesbi@gmail.com

EVERY SATURDAY

HALIFAX • FRONTRUNNERS RUNNING/WALKING CLUB
9:30 am. Join your fellow gay and lesbian runners and walkers at the Public Gardens. Both runners and walkers meet at the Daily Grind for refreshments after the run/walk.

HALIFAX • WOMEN'S PICK-UP BASKETBALL
5:00 - 6:00 pm. Needham Recreational Centre. Pay a loonie at the front desk when you come in.

PETIT-ROCHER, NB • CLUB GNG (GAIS.ES NOR. GAYS INC. NIGHTCLUB)
9:00 pm - 2:00 am. 702 Rue Principale, Bloc C Local 13. 783-7440.

EVERY 2ND SAT

HALIFAX • JUKA (BLACK GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUALS & FRIENDS)
4:00 pm. Call Les Gray at 454-5884 for info.

2ND SATURDAY

HALIFAX • OWLS (OLDER AND WISER LESBIANS)
HALIFAX
For lesbians who like events/activities NOT dominated by booze/smoke/noise, where you can talk with terrific women, have a great time and be home by midnight. See Wayves classifieds or phone Carrol Ann 443-2775 for info on upcoming events.

FULL MOON OR SUNDAY PRIOR
WOLFVILLE • WOMEN SACRED STONE PEOPLE'S SWEAT LODGE
12:00 pm Sundays or 6:30 pm weekdays. Call Moonstream Wolf Eagle at (902) 542-1117 for info & location.

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AFTERNOON DELIGHT — secure online shopping for novelties, oils, games, lingerie, books and more. Phone: 1-877-424-5469. Web: <http://afternoonlight.net/>

ATLANTIC TRANSGENDER — Email: atggrp@geocities.com. Web: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/7557/main.htm>

EAST COAST BEARS — a social group catering to Bears and their admirers of all shapes, sizes and weight. Membership is free! P.O. Box 1492, Station A, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G2. Email: ecbeats@nbnet.nb.ca Web: <http://www.eastcoastbears.com>

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

HEALING OUR NATIONS — 45 Alderney Dr., Ste. 607, Dartmouth, NS. 1-800-565-4255.

KINSHIP CANADA — Seventh Day Adventist G/L group, PO Box 82578, 5 Pts Mall Postal Outlet, Oshawa, ON, L1G 7W7, (905)432-2867.

PRIDE GUIDE — For advertising inquiries only: Jim Bain at (902) 463-0942. For any other inquiry: phone (902)423-6999, fax (902)429-8605, email: PrideGuy@hotmail.com, or 3-1563 Walnut Street, Halifax, NS B3H 3S1

TIGHTROPE — Leather Brotherhood Society of NS. Glenn (Membership Chair), 461-0714 or Mike (Pres.), 461-4528. Box 33067, Hfx, B3L 4T6. Email: stewarar@gov.ns.ca Web: <http://www.geocities.com/tightropehfx/>

WAY VES — Atlantic Canada's G/L/B/T paper. Box 34090, Halifax, B3J 3S1, (902) 889-2288. Email: wayves@fox.nstn.ca

Prince Edward Is. (902)

ABEGWEIT RAINBOW COLLECTIVE — Serving the Island's bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgendered & two-spirited community. 894-5776, or 1-877-380-5776 (toll free across PEI) Email: arc@threecats.com

AIDS PEI — PO Box 2762, Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 8C4, 566-2437, Toll Free 800-344-2437. FAX 626-3400. Email: aidspei@cdngateway.pe.ca

READING WELL BOOKSTORE — 72 University Ave., Charlottetown. A section for gay and lesbian books.

WOMEN'S ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS — PO Box 2031, Charlottetown, C1A 7N7.

New Brunswick (506)

AIDS NEW BRUNSWICK/SIDA NOUVEAU BRUNSWICK — 65 Brunswick St., Fredericton, E3B 1G5, 459-7518. Man2Man Line, 1-800-561-4009 (NB only).

AIDS SAINT JOHN — 115 Hazen St., E2L 3L3, or call 652-2437 or FAX 652-2438. Email: aidsj@fundy.net

BEEGIE'S BOOKSTORE — Fredericton Mall, Prospect St., 459-3636.

BOGARTS (bar) — 9 Sydney St., Saint John, Contact Jim or Carl, 652-2004.

CATALYST — LGBT & supporters at Mt. Allison, 364-2255, FAX 364-2263. Email: krotter@mta.ca. LGBT organization at Mt. Allison.

DISCO-BAR L'ARC-EN-CIEL (Rainbow) — CP 1547, Ville Dégelis, PQ, G5T 1B7. (418) 853-3945. G/L/B on Sundays 10 pm - 4 am Atlantic. On Chemin de l'arc-en-ciel, which intersects the TCH 5.5 km west of the Quebec border, about 25 km from Edmundston.

FFLAG (Friends & Family of Lesbians and Gays) — c/o Northern Lambda Nord, PO Box 990, Caribou, ME 04736-0990 USA. (207) 498-2088.

FLAG (Fredericton Lesbians & Gays) — Box 1556, Stn. A, Fredericton, E3B 5G2. 457-2156. Email: jwhiteh@unb.ca Web: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/3074/contente.htm>

FREE TO BE ME YOUTH GROUP — for gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning youth in Saint John, NB. The group is confidential, for youth aged 13 to 19 only, and will provide education on gay issues, and fun social activities. Email: rainbowpridesj@yahoo.com, phone 696-6660 (ask for AJ), or for info on the next meeting, call Bogarts at 652-2004.

G SPOT — 3rd floor, 377 King St., Fredericton, above Corleones Pizza. Open Tue-Sat, 8:00 pm - 2:00 am. 455-7768.

GALES NOR GAYS INC. (GNG) — Northern NB. Contact Box 983, Bathurst, E2A 4H8. 783-7440. Email: info@gngnb.ca. Web: www.gngnb.ca

GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE of UNB/STU (GALA) — c/o Help Centre, UNB SUB, PO Box 4400, Fredericton, E3B 5A3, 453-4955. FAX 453-4958. Email: gala@unb.ca Web: <http://www.unb.ca/web/gala/webpages/gala.html>

GAY-LESBIAN PHONELINE OF MAINE — serving Northern Maine/Northwestern New Brunswick (207)498-2088 or in Maine, 800-468-2088. Mon/Wed/Fri 8 - 10 pm Atlantic time.

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

LIVING WATERS COMMUNITY CHURCH — c/o E. Gibson, 98 Cityview Ave., Fredericton. E3A 1S8. 472-2376. Meeting Sundays at 7 pm, resuming 2000/09/09. Email: living_waters@hotmail.com

MANZMAN LINE — A volunteer-based outreach to provide support & info regarding HIV/AIDS to gay men and men who have sex with men. (800) 561-4009 (NB only), Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

MONCTON DRAG ASSOCIATION (MDA) — (English-speaking) For all drags old and new. Meetings every week. For more info, contact Jeff at missalexismachine@hotmail.com

MONCTON GAY PRIDE — Email: parademnb@hotmail.com or prideparademnb@hotmail.com Web: <http://monctongay.com/>

MONCTON TRANSGENDER GROUP — Eldon Hay, 536-0599 or email eldonhay@ns.sympatico.ca

NEW BRUNSWICK COALITION for HUMAN RIGHTS REFORM — Contact Allison Brewer, 457-2514. Email: righters@nbnet.nb.ca

NB GAY ALLIANCE — Aimed at uniting individuals and organizations in support of the GLBT and two-spirited communities, through education and other activities and events designed to improve respect for human diversity and quality of life for all New Brunswickers. Anyone wishing to join the organising committee should contact Art Vautour at artgenea@nbnet.nb.ca or 863-1888.

NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD (NLN) — CP/Box 990, Caribou, Maine, 04736-0990, USA. (207) 498-2088 or (800) 468-2088 in Maine. Email: lambda@ctel.net Web: <http://www.ctel.net/~lambda/>

OUT AND ABOUT (OAO) — (English or French speaking) A place where gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people can come and have fun in organized activities, meet old and make new friends, and share what's going on in their lives. Each month, activities are planned for the upcoming month. All ages welcome. Check out the Out and About bar for the upcoming event. For more info, email: outandabout@monctongay.com

PFLAG - Fredericton (Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) — PO Box 1556, Station A, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G2. Contact Francis at 454-8349.

PFLAG - Moncton English (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgenders) — c/o Eldon Hay, 35 Union St., Sackville, NB E4L 4M6. Contact Eldon Hay at 536-0599 or email: eldonhay@ns.sympatico.ca

PFLAG - Moncton French (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgenders) — c/o Pierre Bourgeois, 358 rue LaFrance, Dieppe NB E1A 2B8. Contact Nicole LeBlanc, 382-3269, or Pierre Bourgeois, 856-7944 or email: pierre.bourgeois@pwgsc.gc.ca

PFLAG - Saint John (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) — c/o Judith Meinert (652-3995), or Wayne Harrison (648-9700). Meetings held at the Community Health Centre, 116 Coburg St. Email: leavitt@nbnet.nb.ca

PFLAG - Woodstock (Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) — c/o Richard (328-4868) or email richardb@nbnet.nb.ca

QUEER(Y)ING NATURE — A queer outdoor group in Fredericton, NB, open to all, yet directed at a queer audience. Activities vary and include: hiking, camping, cycling, kayaking, skiing, snowshoeing, etc. This is a non-competitive, group-directed organization. The participants decide on the activities and pace. Any skill level or age is welcome. Contact Toni (455-4664) or email aroberts@nbnet.nb.ca

RAINBOW PRIDE (Fredericton lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth group) — is temporarily merged with Spectrum, the UNB/STU GLBTQ group. Separate meetings will return upon popular request. Web: http://www.gaycanada.com/tp_nb/low_rpf.htm

SAFE SPACES - Services for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, 14-25. Sexual Health Centre, 860 Main St., Suite 303, Moncton, NB E1C 1G2. (506) 869-6224. Email: safespaces@nb.aibn.com. Web: safespaces.org

SAINT JOHN LESBIAN/BIS SUPPORT NETWORK — a group for women (only, please) to share their issues, concerns, hopes, and dreams. Confidentiality assured. Call 642-1284 or e-mail sjlesbi@gmail.com for more information and for meeting times and locations. Web: <http://www.geocities.com/sjlesbi>

SAINT JOHN RAINBOW ALLIANCE — A support/discussion/ social group for gay, lesbian, transgender and questioning individuals as well as any open-minded individuals who may want to participate. Email: rb_alliance@hotmail.com. Web: http://hello.to/pride_saint_john/

SIDA/AIDS MONCTON — 165-A Gordon St., Moncton, NB, E1C 1N1, 859-9616. FAX 855-4526.

SMITH BOOKS — Champlain Place, 477 Paul St., Dieppe, NB E1A 4X5. 853-1806. Check "Gay & Lesbian Studies" in the "Psychology" section.

SPECTRUM — A social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited, queer and questioning students, staff and faculty at the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University in Fredericton. Web: <http://www.unb.ca/spectrum/>

TRIANGLES (bar) — 234 St. George St., Moncton, NB E1C 1V8, 857-8779.

Newfoundland & Lab. (709)

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Nova Scotia (902)

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INFORM-AIDS — 425-2437. Toll free (NS) hotline 1-800-566-2437.

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LESBIAN OUTDOOR CLUB — Drawer LOC, Wayves, Box 34090, Scotia Square, Halifax, NS B3J 1S1. Call 455-1926 (un-

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MANNA FOR HEALTH — Call 429-7670 for information.

MEN'S PROJECT — advice, support for men who have sex with men. Phone 425-4882

NSRAP (Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project) — Through community development, networking, outreach and political action we seek to foster change so that people of all sexual orientations are valued and included. c/o Wayves, PO Box 34090, Scotia Square, Halifax, NS B3J 3S1. (902) 832-9100. fax (902)832-1269. Email: nsrap@ns.sympatico.ca Web: <http://nsrap.ns.ca>

PFLAG - Amherst (Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals & Transgenders) — Sydney Russell (667-9091), or Eldon Hay at (506) 536-0599 or email: eldonhay@ns.sympatico.ca

PICOU COUNTY AIDS COALITION — 752-6218, or Box 964 New Glasgow, B2H 5K7.

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ANONYMOUS HIV/AIDS TESTING — Phone 455-9656.

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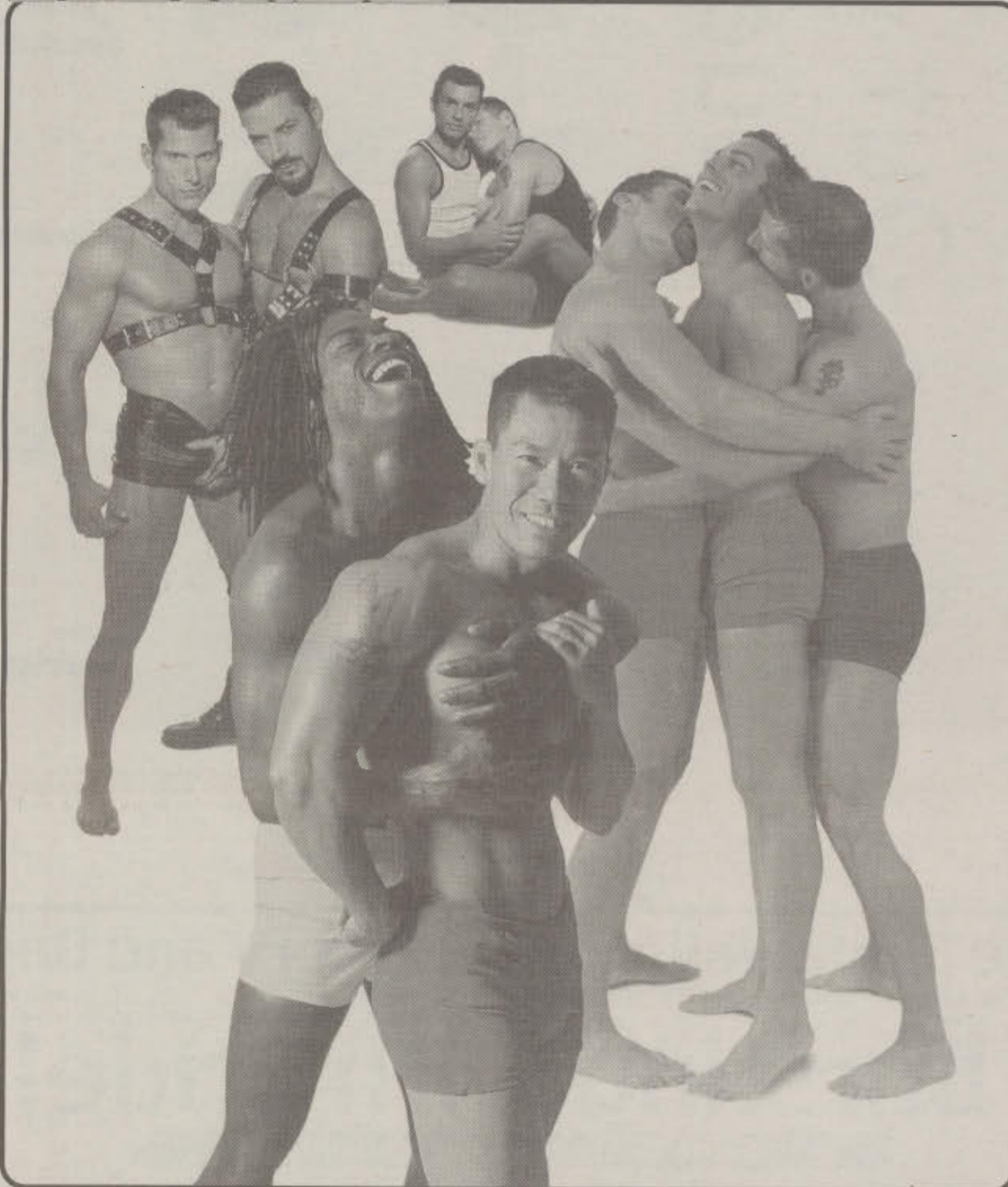
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outside Halifax

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Box 2518: I'm 35, bi guy, 5'11", 185lb, clean, athletic build, 6-1/2" cut, nice tight ass, into everything. Looking to hook up with single guys, couples, like it all.

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June 27th | Pride Open Mic
Pride give-aways to the crowd pleaser
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| Saturday:
June 23rd | Watch the Parade from the Patio!
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Pride T-shirt and flag giveaways | 5pm-9pm | Thursday:
June 28th | Pride Pool Shoot
Win a gift certificate for a pool cue!
Daquiri Daze on the Patio
Pride T-shirt and flag giveaways | 8pm |
| Sunday:
June 24th | East Coast Bear Brunch-All Welcome
Pride "T" Dance
Comedy Talent Search-\$50. 1st prize
Pride T-shirt and flag giveaways | 3pm-8pm
9pm | Friday:
June 29th | Pride Volunteer Wind-Up Party
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| Monday:
June 25th | Corn Boil
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