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"Avoid gay cruising areas"
- The Daily News

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MURDER IN THE MARITIMES

Double Homicide Shock In Nova Scotia

By Bill McKinnon

Two murders have recently taken place in Nova Scotia of particular interest to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in Atlantic Canada. The locations at which the victims have been found, although a considerable distance from each other, are both wooded areas where some gay men go for the purpose of anonymous sexual encounters, and are described by some as gay cruising grounds. The two victims were Trevor Paul Brewster and Michael Paul Knott. Brewster, 45, was found near Spectacle Lake in Burnside, and Knott, 44, was found near Mill Cove in Lunenburg County.

Gay Man Murdered In Saint John

By D. S. Mack MacKenzie

A twenty year old man from Saint John, New Brunswick was caught running from the law only days after allegedly killing another Saint John man, the 29-year-old Kevin James Palmer. Palmer was a call-centre worker with a zest for life, according to his co-workers and friends. Palmer was known to be gay and because his body was found in a cruising area of Saint John, some people in the LGBT community thought that it was a hate crime. The accused, Kevin Ronald Brooks, was apprehended by the New Brunswick RCMP and the Saint John Police Force within days of Palmer's death.

The body of the victim was found in the early hours of the morning by a person walking their dog in a municipal park. According to SJPD Inspector Darrell Scribner, the cause of death was a "gunshot wound." Police claimed that the motive was a "disagreement between the two men who were known to each other for less than a few weeks." The accused told the police that he had driven to the park with his victim and that he had taken a gun with him. Inspector Scribner would not divulge the caliber of the gun. Brooks will go before a judge on May 22, 2007, charged with second degree murder.

The LGBT community in the greater Saint John area expresses its heartfelt condolences to Palmer's grieving family, friends and co-workers. A luminary was lit to honour Palmer's memory on May 17, the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, recognizing Kevin James Palmer as a "Champion Against Homophobia." We will remember.

Reports by the mainstream media indicate that both murder victims were gay men. Although the HRM Police and RCMP have been cautious in releasing details, it appears that the modus operandi of both murders is so similar that it is probable that the perpetrator(s) of both crimes might be the same.

At this point, however, whether the two incidents are hate crimes or whether they had anything to do with both victims as being thought to be gay is uncertain.

The police have acted in a totally responsible and professional manner in their investigation of the murders, and in the information they have made available to the public. Two thumbs up for the Halifax Regional Police and RCMP for their sensitivity and consideration.

The reporting of these ghastly events by the mainstream media is another matter. Some segments of the media have reported on these crimes in a responsible manner

while others have sensationalized the events.

Some reports from the mainstream media have indicated that the gay community is in a state of panic, but that is not the case. Most gay men do not frequent so-called gay cruising areas nor do they engage in anonymous sex in public places. The gay community is, of course, shocked by these murders. As responsible individuals we are concerned by the taking of any lives.

Wayves wishes to extend its sympathy to the family and friends of the victims and expresses the hope that the killer or killers will be promptly brought to justice. Wayves also cautions all of its readers to avoid situations and places where there is a danger from people who might prey on members of the gay community. They're just not safe.

The murder of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming in 1998 is well-known. There have been many murders of

GLBT people across Canada over the years; and many of these were likely hate crimes. Some of these murders took place in Nova Scotia. See http://gay.hfxns.org/2007-05_Murders. To learn more about

violence against GLBTs in Canada, an excellent analysis of gay-victim murders can be found in Doug Janoff's book, *Pink Blood: Homophobic Violence in Canada* (U of T Press, 2005).



A passerby discovered the body of Trevor Brewster in the Spectacle Lake area in Dartmouth, NS May 9, 2007. RCMP warn members of the gay community to exercise caution.

PFLAG Celebrates Champions Against Homophobia

The Champions Against Homophobia awards program was created to recognize Canadian individuals and organizations who through their efforts have fostered greater acceptance of GLBTQQ2I persons, their families and friends. On May 17, 2007 Champions will be celebrated in four cities; Charlottetown, Saint John, Toronto, and Calgary with events to honour individuals and organizations who are making a difference.

"Diversity is the backbone of Canadian society," says Cherie MacLeod, Executive Director of PFLAG Canada. "There is a growing awareness of the challenges facing people who are, or who are perceived to be GLBT. Schools are working to confront homophobia in the classrooms, creating a safer and more productive learning environment for all students and business leaders are focusing on diversity to optimize their investment in human resources. The reward for these efforts is a stronger and more prosperous Canada, but acceptance and understanding are key."

To kick off PFLAG's Champions Against Homophobia Initiative, two individuals and one organization have been selected as this year's flag bearers and have been recognized as National Champions. Tyler Christiansen of rural Ontario, Joan Wiley of Niagara, Ontario; and the Halifax Capital Health Initiative.

Tyler Christiansen lost his home when he came out to his family at 17 but rather than self destruct, he found a place to live, stayed in school and kept his goals of going to university and a future career in teaching on track. Not only did Tyler keep himself afloat, but he decided to help others who faced abuse and homophobia as well. He established a Gay/Straight Alliance at his school and challenges bullying and ignorance whenever he sees it. "I want to educate people and help them to understand how we feel, so that anyone can relate to us and ultimately become more accepting," says Tyler. "Starting the GSA at my school has given some students hope that there are some people who do care."

Joan Wiley says that her journey of self discovery began with the words, "Mom, I have something to tell you." She goes on to explain, "When our son came out to us as a transgender person, we reacted as probably many parents would — we were bewildered, we felt guilt that we had somehow failed him, and we were tremendously worried that he would be targeted by transphobic bigots." Coming to terms with her own feelings led Joan to seek out the support of others going through what her family was experiencing. When she found no such supports existed in her area, she decided to create them herself.

Establishing "TransParent Canada," which is a "support network for parents and allies of trans children. Through its website (<http://www.transparentcanada.ca>), it provides reassurance and encouragement for parents, links to resources, and an opportunity to share with each other the concerns and joys associated with this journey." Says Joan Wiley, "Parents from coast to coast in Canada and as far away as Ireland and Idaho have sought out the organization."

Halifax's Capital Health GLBTI initiative was named a Champion for their work to establish a safe point of access to primary health care services to GLBTI's.

"The vision for the program belongs to Dr. Rod Wilson, a family physician working in Halifax," says Jeanne Rokosh of Capital Health. "He observed the need to improve safe access to primary health care for GLBTI's." The partnership between Capital Health and the IWK Health Centre allows them to serve all genders and all ages.

Joan Wiley captures it best by reminding us of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

On May 17, come out and join in with PFLAG Canada to celebrate all the Champions.

For more information visit: <http://www.pflagcanada.ca>.

Tides Of Change At Wayves

There is something to be said for the status quo. There's also much more to be said about change — as a way to be in constant touch with community undercurrents. In this issue Wayves is changing its look, we hope to match the higher quality of content we've been receiving. You'll notice we have a new front page — giving a stronger presence to issues affecting our community. We also have a Comments & Opinions page (see page 15) including for the first time an Editorial piece from the Wayves team. Finally, we've made a cosmetic change — using white newsprint for the magazine's wrap around. Love it? Hate it? Share your thoughts and ideas with us — help make your community magazine a better one. ihaveanidea@wayves.ca

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Atlantic News

ISCANS On Tour

By HMISM Empress VII
Natassha N!

The past few months have been a roller coaster full of several very exciting and successful events that have highlighted not only great performances, but as well; our community's willingness and interest in supporting ISCANs as they endeavour to raise money for four local charities. Participation has been high and memberships con-

tinued to be taken out. The charities for Reign VII of ISCANs are the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia Emergency Relief Fund, Byron House For Battered Women and Children, Manna For Health, and the Metro Turning Point Shelter. Since February, events of interest have included the King and Queen of Diamonds Pageant, Broadway Show, College of Monarchs Show,

Freak Show, Easter Show, ICP Ball and countless other fundraisers.

The focus of this year's efforts has not necessarily been on preparing elaborate fundraising plans, but sticking to what has proven successful in years past: regular weekly or bi-weekly events that bring in the cash for our charities and combined, give us a great end total that we can distribute

at our Coronation festivities in November. At the time of publication, events are booked for all four Sundays in May, with several events, including ISCANs visits to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island - both planned for June. To learn more about our efforts, membership and charities please visit www.imperialcourtns.com.

Fierté Moncton Seeks Volunteers

By Paul LeBlanc

With less than 100 days left before the rainbow carpet is rolled down Main St., Moncton River Of Pride's emphasis is now on fundraising, volunteers and programming.

As you read this, the first annual Gala Fundraiser Dinner, at which our fundraising campaign was launched, has taken place. Thank you to our hosts Mario and Jacky of Amore Passion, and to the volunteers and guests who all contributed to a memorable evening. Two levels of sponsorship are available: Marketing Partner and Friend of

Pride, and we're grateful for your generosity.

Although very encouraged by recent new volunteer registrations (we welcome Ed, Ben, and Roger G.), we are still actively looking for more of you to join the challenge. Please contact Terry at tgoo@rogers.com.

A new "sports" project is being considered, and we're trying to gauge the level of interest in it, so please contact Roger. G.LeBlanc@umoncton.ca for more information.

Congratulations to DJ Dewolfe and Nathalie Belliveau, our latest Best Colour Costume prize package winners. Reminder: "BLUE" is the colour for our next party on June 2.

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Photograph of Spectacle Lake, Dartmouth, NS.

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Mea Culpa

Dear Wayves:

I'm writing in regard to your "New Young People's Group at Safe Harbour" article in May's issue. While I applaud your effort to cover the local news, you ought to try harder not to misrepresent the people you interview next time. While you're right that I'm "a native Haligonian," I am not and never have been "a Ph.D candidate in English and Classics at Dalhousie University." I did my undergraduate degree at King's/Dalhousie, got my MA in English from the University of Toronto and was a Ph.D candidate in English there until recently. I'm now an ex-academic, poet, and bookstore clerk. Check your facts! Mary Kathryn Arnold
Wayves note: We regret this error and any inconvenience caused.

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Celebrate Pride The Island Way!

PEI Pride Week will be held July 7 - 14, 2007. This year our theme is Carousel of Colors. The week will begin with a camp-out at Vista Bay Golf course. Participants can pitch a tent, socialize and enjoy a day of golfing. That evening the lodge will host an evening of karaoke. Sunday's events will include a church service and pot luck dinner. On Monday join us for our official flag raising in Charlottetown or Summerside. That evening will be Steak and Fries and Trivia with Trish the Dish. Lots of laughs and prizes to be had. Tuesday night get our your pride colors and join us in a Pride pubcrawl. There will be games and prizes! On Wednesday night put on your whitest and brightest and

blaze your way down to the bowling alley for a rousing evening of glo-bowling. Thursday night will be our annual Pride Show and silent auction. Friday night is our Pitch for Pride softball game - guys versus the gals: drag encouraged! Finish up the week on Saturday with the official Pride Parade, Festival on the Waterfront and Pride Dance at the Delta. If you would like to help out with Pride or would like to perform in the show or waterfront, please contact us at pridepei@isn.net or phone (902) 388-0969. Please note that these events are subject to change. More information will be available on our website <http://www.peipride.com> as it is finalized.

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PEI Pride To Host 2008 National FCP Conference

PEI Pride is proud to announce their success in the bid to host the 2008 Fierté Canada Pride (FCP) conference. During a recent trip to Vancouver, BC, Sue Keen and Trish Daley presented a bid package to the FCP board, as well as other attendees of the 2007 FCP

conference. This package highlighted the benefits of bringing the FCP conference to PEI. Pleased with the bid, it was voted all in favour to have PEI Pride host the 2008 conference. Excited about the upcoming event, the PEI Pride committee also knows there is a lot

of work ahead of them.

"Now in addition to planning our own summer events, we have a weekend of speakers and social events to plan for March of 2008. It will be hectic, but we are up to the challenge. We had a great time in Vancouver and learned a lot

about how to host a conference of this type. We are really excited about showing what a great place PEI is and giving everyone a little taste of Island hospitality," says Daley. The 2008 Conference will be held in late March and will bring representatives from all across

Canada and some of the United States. Events will include speakers on various topics and several social events. Further information will be posted on our website as it becomes available.

Montréal Separates - Club Montréal, That Is!

By D.S. Mack MacKenzie

The future of Saint John's, gay bar is in limbo. May 1 was the official separation of Club Montréal from its previous owner, Kevin Dobson. The 47-year-old Dobson says that he and his wife realised that running a big bar like the one at 75 King Street was taking up a lot of his time. Dobson has other business ventures around the city, including at least one other bar which caters more to a straight, blue-collar clientele.

The 2500-square-foot dance bar had a separation of sorts during Saint John's Pride Week last Au-

gust, when it moved from its original location on Sydney Street to its brighter and larger site in Saint John's heritage area. The former location was where the celebrated Bogart's Bar was located, run for years by local LGBT Champions against Homophobia, Carl Trickey and James Crooks.

No one seems to know if this recent business transaction will spell the death of the only gay bar in the southwestern New Brunswick region, or if new owners Mark Gallagher and Dave Grandy will breathe new life into an ailing relic with untapped potential. When asked

about their past experience with the LGBT community, Gallagher and Grandy said they were "willing to learn," but they'd only owned the bar for less than 48 hours and, without looking at the books, they really didn't know what the future held, but gay patrons will be welcomed.

The bar has a Fire Department capacity of 210 people. Its pool table is free for customers right now, but bar manager Jenny Gillingham said it's likely the table will be refurbished and possibly a usage charge will be put in place.

Gillingham worked for previ-

ous bar owner Dobson long enough that she knew most regular Club Montréal patrons by drink. Gillingham describes her title as the "runner," not the bar manager, but clearly, she's the go-to person when something needs to get done or a question needs an answer. She admits that her future is uncertain until she finds out more about the new owners' plans. Gillingham could be the bar's greatest asset. "You will find that this bar is very

relaxing and friendly," she says. "We've had no major problems, and the welcoming atmosphere provides a good place to meet new people."



Safe Harbour: A Year In Review

By Bill McKinnon

The Annual General Meeting of Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) took place on March 25. The meeting included tabling financial statements, reviewing budgets and reports from the various ministries, and electing a new board of directors.

Safe Harbour's revenues for all ministries, except Manna for Health, totalled \$33,286 in 2006. Disbursements totalled \$35,923, so there was a deficit of \$2,237, leaving a cash balance of \$1,895 at the end

of the year. Receipts were higher than budgeted, but expenditure on some items exceeded the planned amounts. In 2007, Safe Harbour is budgeting for substantially increased receipts. Some expenditures will also rise, but they should be reasonably well controlled. Although there are challenges ahead for Safe Harbour, the congregation seems confident about its future and is looking forward to attracting new members, and to embarking on new initiatives. Of particular interest is the prospect of one day

moving to a larger space. The 2007 budget includes money to be set aside for a future accommodations fund.

What is this organization all about? Safe Harbour seeks to be an open and inviting church committed to growth and diversity in a non-judgmental environment, which encourages people to learn and grow in their spiritual journey with Christ. Safe Harbour has 29 members, another 10, called friends of Safe Harbour, who attend services regularly, and many more who

come to services at varying levels of regularity. In addition to weekly services, Safe Harbour conducts baptisms, funerals/memorial services, and weddings (10 in 2006).

Some significant achievements in 2006 include organizing the first Interfaith Service for Pride, co-hosting the World AIDS Day vigil, participating in the National Day against Homophobia, sponsoring a child at an orphanage in Zimbabwe, supporting MCC in Eastern Europe and its church growth initiatives around the world, and supporting Manna for Health, pastoral care services for people in need. Several in-house educational programs also took place including: Bible study and "Finding a Grown-Up Faith: Five Steps to a Faith That Works." There were fun events too, such as movie screenings, dances, dinners-out, potlucks,



and the Pride Parade.

A decision was made to discontinue the once-a-month evening services. All regular services now take place at 11 a.m. on Sundays at the Bloomfield Centre, Suite 108, 2786 Agricola St., in Halifax. To learn more about Safe Harbour, see <http://www.safeharbourmcc.com>. To contact Safe Harbour write to safeharbour@eastlink.ca, call 902-453-9249 or fax 902-404-3776.

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Costas In Truro

The Northern AIDS Connection Society is pleased to announce that CBC Radio personality, Costas Halavrezos, has agreed to be special guest speaker at this year's annual Art for AIDS Auction. The Auction will be held on June 4 at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro from 7 to 10 p.m. (doors open for viewing at 6 p.m.). Cash bar and silent auction will also be available. Fight AIDS, not people with AIDS. Why? Because AIDS truly does affect us all!



Please pass this along to all your friends, family and co-workers. All monies raised will be used to help educate our youth and the community at large about the facts surrounding the HIV/AIDS epidemic. We have now been officially living with AIDS for over 25 years. My children have never known a world without AIDS. How about yours? Help us continue the fight to end AIDS in our lifetime and theirs.

Sharon Farrell, Treasurer Northern AIDS Connection Society

LGBT Section Of Halifax Directory

In April, 2006, we published an article about the Halifax Chamber of Commerce having finally decided to include a "Gay Businesses" section. Last month, the new directory was published with the section.

So far, there are three businesses named in their hard-copy and on-line listings: Menz Bar/Mollyz Diner, SeaDogs Sauna & Spa, and Venus Envy. A lot of the credit for achieving this new status goes to Doug Melanson, who with David Landry owns and operates the first two enterprises on the list. The Halifax Chamber of Commerce is the largest amongst mid-sized Canadian cities and is considered the leading Chamber in North America. As the voice of business in HRM, the Chamber advocates on behalf of almost 2,000 members and the 90,000 men and women they employ. Its vision is to build and strengthen business culture. For more about the Chamber of Commerce, check out <http://www.halifaxchamber.com>.

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NSRAP News Thoughts From The Chair

If you're at all like me, spring is taking you a little by surprise. Where has the year so far gone? It seems like the whole Rainbow community is already knee-deep in its planning for summer. I feel like I just took over as Chair, and NSRAP is already planning for our June AGM!

Already, we're turning our thoughts to planning for Pride. As always, this year's Pride is shaping up to be a great community event. NSRAP will be taking active part this year. Besides our presence in the parade, this year we will be organizing the timeOUT Lecture Series at the Spring Garden Road Library. Among other things, Pride is an opportunity to reflect on where we are as a community, and where we're going. Our three speakers will offer their own perspectives on these questions.

When I think about our community, I feel an immense pride for where we are. Nothing is perfect, of course, but is so much positive to say about our recent past. In

December, Parliament finally put to rest (we hope) the issue of same-sex marriage, affirming equality for all Canadians who want to marry. What really excites me is that all Nova Scotia MPs voted in favour of equality—only Prince Edward Island and the Territories can say

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the same. That flies in the face of stereotypes some Canadians have about our part of the country—but my work with NSRAP shows me that we have a strong community here, whose voice demands to be heard.

Even in more negative moments, there's a lot to be proud of. I'm sure you recall the ECMA hoopla, when a picture of Ashley MacIsaac kissing his husband was published in the local media. There was some negative reaction, to be sure—there are still people who

are threatened by our equality, and they continue to get attention. But I'm incredibly proud of all the Nova Scotians who stepped up in response to the negative reaction. Not just NSRAP and others in the community, but our friends and allies in straight circles, who join us in celebrating diversity and tolerance as true Bluenose values.

Underneath all of that pride is a little bit of uncertainty for where we're going. This year's Pride committee organized an excellent Town Hall meeting to address just this question. I know that NSRAP learned a lot from all of the discussion, and is moving ahead with some initiatives suggested at the meeting. I hope we hear more input from our members at our AGM (new members always welcome!) and throughout the year.

For the next issue of Wayves, I'll have some further thoughts about where the community goes from here. For now, I hope you're looking forward to the coming events of summer as much as I am. Kevin Kindred, kevin@nsrap.ca.

NSRAP AGM 2007

Members of the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, take note—NSRAP's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on June 16, 2007.

This year, the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project has gra-

ciously offered to host us at their offices on 2281 Brunswick Street in Halifax.

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet the Board and staff of NSRAP, and put in place the Board of Directors for the next year. You'll hear our report of our last year's activities, and help us develop plans for the upcoming year. Remember, an organization is as only as strong as its membership. We want your input!

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Kevin Kindred, NSRAP chair

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Dawn's Early Light

Dear Dawn,
I'm tired! Tired of my community judging me and others for not being as 'out' as they think we should be. As a lawyer I work with some very conservative, straight, "wasp-type" personalities who see no problem with slinging homophobic slurs at anytime and in front of anyone. Not only is it not safe for me to be out in my work place but it's none of their god-damn business who I fuck or love. My ex and I argued about this issue a lot. In fact, I think it was one of the reasons we ended our relationship. Why is being out such a big deal in our community?

Signed, Sick and tired
Dear Sick and tired,

I can certainly empathize with you. The decision to "come out" is fraught with so many personal and political aspects that it's difficult to keep sight of what's important. In my opinion we make a big deal of coming out for many reasons. Being more visible in our society can help decrease the isolation we experience and help bring our issues out of the closet which can often make it more difficult for homophobes to find an audience. It also shows the world that we exist in every walk of life demonstrating that we are an integral part of society. However it is none of anyone's business

"Why is being out such a big deal in our community?"

whether or not you are out. We do ourselves and our community no favours when we begin judging each other based on our personal choices. Coming out is very much a personal choice when and if you are ready to increase your level of "outness" or to come out at all is your decision and should not be based on pressure to do so. Having said this though my main concern for you is your safety, if you sense that it's not safe for you to come out in your present work environment then it seems to me that you do need to do a bit of soul searching as to whether or not this is a healthy

work environment.

Slinging homophobic remarks goes against your human rights and it is considered a form of workplace violence. It will begin to affect your health emotionally and physically if it has not already. It has already had an effect on your ability to be who you truly are in your work place. It is a vicious form of violence that causes the victim to be silenced allowing the discrimination to continue which perpetuates the need to stay in the closet. Homophobia has a way of becoming internalized and is often expressed as low self esteem or self hate. Addictions, negative coping skills, physical ailments, mental health issues - depression and in some cases suicide can also be the result of homophobia. Taking action may mean speaking to your superiors, filing a complaint with the Human Rights Commission, or leaving your position. Whether or not you decide to act on this you really need to find some kind of ongoing support in order for you to stay healthy. However, keep in mind if this is happening to you it will continue and where does it stop?

Kindest regards, Dawn

Come To The Light!

Dawn wants to hear from you. Let Dawn shed some light on your personal problems. Contact her at dawn@wayves.ca.

Outgames Not Quite Bankrupt

Last summer's World Outgames, held in Montréal, were a financial disaster. Rather than see them declare bankruptcy, however, creditors have decided to settle. Bankruptcy would make it more difficult for Outgames to collect

money owed to them, thus leaving creditors worse off. Of the more than \$5 million lost by Outgames, \$3 million has been written off by the governments that loaned it to them. According to the Montréal Gazette, of the 308 creditors who

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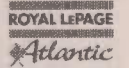
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Hey Tom

June is busting out all over, as they sang in Carousel. Okay, maybe it isn't really busting out but June always seems like a hopeful month to me. Summer begins and those long lovely days of smiling sun and caressing breezes seem to stretch out endlessly and sensually before us. Barbecues, trips to the cottage, sex outdoors, flowers blooming, all the lovely things that say "summer" to me, begin now. June is an historic month as well - Judy was born (and died) in June, Stonewall riots happened in June - consequently it is the beginning of Pride season - and the Anthill and Fisherman's Freud got married in June, on Midsummer's Day. My spam box recently revealed notices that June is National Iced Tea month and Turkey Lovers month. How will Hallmark possibly keep up with these holidays?

It is also the month for Father's Day... or as I secretly think of it: Leather Daddy Day, after an experience a few years back with a man with a fondness for leather straps and curious tattoos in even more curious places. I didn't actually call him Daddy and his attitude was not exactly paternal but he did fit the stereotype. He fairly reeked of testosterone which made it a sort of silly but fun interlude. As they say all work and no role play makes Crawford a dull boy.

Thanks for the birthday wishes (yes, e-cards do count). As usual, I managed to make the celebrations last over a week. There were packages arriving by post and by courier - nice to know all those broad hints didn't fall on deaf ears. There were CD's from New York, tea from Alberta (full bodied with fruity notes!), several dinners, lunches and two cakes. I am truly spoiled. It would be embarrassing if I didn't deserve all this attention. The Anthill prepared a veritable Italian feast, complete with printed menu, of lamb, zucchini stuffed with pine nuts and cheese, oven roasted potatoes and carrots, and enough wine to float a gondola. Then, for dessert, a cake the size of a beer keg. As you know - to (mis)quote yet another Broadway musical - when it comes to chocolate or men "I'm just a gay who can't say no." She and FF also gave me a lovely bottle of grappa. Alcohol, the perfect gift! After a long day at work, sipping its astringent strong flavoured essence transports me back to Italy and the civilized life which I so briefly sampled.

Speaking of Italy, did I tell you about the Bette Davis impersonator I met in Rome? His name was Giorgino and while he had a regular dull job in an office somewhere (I can only imagine!), his real existence consisted of paying homage to his favourite screen diva. Years ago he wrote and starred in a short film in which he portrays a man who becomes obsessed with Ms. Davis to the

point that he begins to lose his own individuality. Milosh, B and I watched it with Giorgino on an ancient VCR in his apartment surrounded by modern paintings, medieval candlesticks and wooden angels. The video shows a funny and poignant performance, capturing the essence of Bette with her beautiful wide eyes and distinctive flat drawl. Recalling it now, I can't help but ask if the era of strong women performers is gone for good? Who can we name, under the age of thirty, who can give the kind of gripping portrayal that Bette or Katherine Hepburn or Susan Hayward gave? When drag performers want to give us recognizable personalities they show us Streisand or Cher or Madonna - the old broads of show biz - not Jennifer Lopez or even Angelina Jolie. I long for the days when they real drama occurred on screen, not in courtrooms. But enough about Boy George and Paris Hilton.

The strong women nowadays tend to be lesbian talk show hosts. Do you think it's genetics that make Rosie and Ellen kick ass when it comes to ratings? (Oprah is in an entirely different category.) Rosie has retired (again) now, but I notice that Ellen has become a bit more openly lesbo - she frequently talks about her partner, Portia, and often brings up coming out issues like her recent hysterically funny interview with Nathan Lane. Middle America not nearly so disapproving as the evangelicals and right wingers would have us believe. Ten years now since Ellen's groundbreaking "coming out" episode on her sitcom. What will the next decade bring?

The sprained ankle is still giving me a bit of trouble which makes exercise a bit of a problem. My doctor's advice is to keep the feet elevated but my body needs vigorous activity increasing my heart rate. If only Jamie Foxx could be my physical therapist! Will MSI cover that?

Well, Tommo, better run. There is smoke rolling out of the barbecue, the ice cubes are melting in my gin and tonic and it's almost noon already. Where does the time go?

Love ya!

Crawford

Does Someone You Love Have A Drinking Problem?

By Bill McKinnon

Your spouse, partner, friend or family member may be drinking too much. You can see what it's doing to them, but can you see what it's doing to you? Al-Anon Family Groups are for families and friends of problem drinkers. They are a separate fellowship from Alcoholics Anonymous and they are compatible with professional treatment.

Considering that alcohol and substance abuse are of a magnitude more prominent in the Rainbow community than for our hetero counterparts, Al-Anon provides exposure to yet another important resource for our community should anyone decide to use it.

How do LGBT's fare in Al-Anon? Lots of lesbians attend Al-Anon meetings and most seem to benefit. Gay men tend to fit in really well. The reason is that in most Al-Anon meetings there are many more women than men. The women are not threatened by gay men and vice versa, so being openly

gay is usually not a problem. Being gay or straight is not the issue; it's the common bond of being affected by the alcoholism of others and of taking action to fix the problem.

People who benefit most from the Al-Anon program are those who attend meetings on a regular basis, make telephone contact with other members, read Al-Anon literature, have a sponsor (a sort of coach), apply the Al-Anon Twelve Steps to their lives, and become involved in Al-Anon service work.

If you live in the Maritimes, to learn more about the help and hope Al-Anon offers to friends and families of problem drinkers, call 902-466-7077, or visit the website at <http://www.freewebs.com/alanonmaritimes>. For those in Newfoundland & Labrador, call 709-722-2666 or check out <http://www.al-anonandalateen.nl.ca>.

Some text in this article has been copied from an Al-Anon Maritimes press release and from their website.

Family Pride Breaks Camp

By Kim MacDonald, Chair, FPCA

As you may be aware, the Family Pride Camping Association (FPCA) was created a number of years ago with the aim of establishing an annual summer camp for the children of LGBT parents. However, due to a recent decline in membership and attendance at FPCA events, the present FPCA board feels that the society is no longer able to continue. Further, a number of board members have stepped down from the board for various reasons.

An e-mail was sent out to the community several months ago indicating that if anyone wanted to

reestablish the board to contact us. Although some people indicated interest we had no takers.

We also invited the community to our AGM on March 11 at Mollyz to discuss the future of the association but only the board attended. This indicated that there may not be a current need in the community for this type of organization.

Although we are saddened to see the end of this wonderful organization, we are also encouraged by the fact that there are currently other organizations in the community that have the similar goal of connecting LGBT families.



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Nature Of Queer II — Gay By Default

by Gerrit Volkmann

Last month I mentioned that our sexual orientation is not a choice and that it is engraved in our genome. But how much exactly do we know about the genetics of sexual orientation, which sets our default to gay, lesbian, bi etc.?

As it turns out, the knowledge in this field still remains scarce. Before the era of the human genome project, family and especially twin studies often suggested a link between genetics and sexual orientation, yet it remained to be confirmed. Studies so far are focused on male homosexuality, but the findings may very well be applicable to all sexual orientations.

The first direct evidence of a

genetic predisposition to become gay was obtained in 1993 by a group in the US. They studied male homosexuality in 76 families, and discovered that there were substantially more gay relatives on the mother's side of the family than on the father's side.

This interesting hereditary pattern hinted at just one of our 23 chromosomes to likely contain a "gay gene": the X chromosome, which is exclusively passed on to male offspring from the mother. A region on the X chromosome was then located, which contained genetic material that with 99.5% certainty predisposes a male to be gay.

These results were confirmed

by the same group two years later, only to be refuted in 1999 by Canadian researchers. Skeptics predicted that this would happen because efforts to link behavioural traits to genetics have never been successful.

When one considers that the colour of our eyes is determined by a total of three genes located on two chromosomes, it doesn't seem too likely anyways that there would be just one gene located on one chromosome leading to a complex behavioural trait like male homosexuality. The three studies from above indeed showed that some gay subjects did not carry the "gay gene" region on the X chromosome, leading the researchers to

suggest that this region is "neither necessary nor sufficient for a homosexual orientation," and that regions on other chromosomes may exist, which contribute to male homosexuality.

A study conducted in 2005 indicates that this is exactly the case: all human chromosomes were scanned for potential "gay genes", and apart from the region on the X chromosome, three more were identified, all located on different chromosomes.

The public debate about these scientific findings and their ethical implications has been an ongoing process of controversy. Gay rights advocates welcome the results because they indisputably negate all

beliefs that sexual orientation is a choice and thus can be changed from "bad" back to "good". But at the same time there is great fear that the information could be misused. Genetic screenings of fetuses for chronic diseases and cancer predisposition are already in use; screening for male homosexuality may soon also be possible. But since the World Health Organization has removed homosexuality from the list of mental illnesses in 1993, there must never be the possibility for expecting parents to abort their unborn child solely based on the predicted chance of the child being homosexual. With knowledge always comes great responsibility, and we must never forget this.

Face-Off On Facebook: PEI Group Battles Homophobia In Cyberspace

by Martha MacIntyre

The Facebook group Revolution: PEI was started as a response to a PEI-based Facebook group called "Homophobic People."

Shannon Snow, a second-year B.Ed student at UPEI, came upon the group one day and began sharing it with Ryan Woolfrey (the Revolution creator) and many others, who started engaging in intense online discussions about the group's legitimacy and purpose.

After several days of discussion that took place over Facebook, they then decided that instead of dwelling on the negative nature of the "Homophobic People" group, they should create their own place where positive and progressive conversation could take place. It was out of these collaborative discussions that the group Revolution: PEI was born.

Ryan Woolfrey said a speech by comedian Margaret Cho encouraged him in finding a direction for the group.

"While trying to come up with ideas and a focus for the group, I stumbled across a performance by comedian Margaret Cho, which featured a speech that I felt encapsulated wonderfully what our group should be about," he said. Towards

the end of her performance, Cho said the following: "I have self esteem, which is pretty amazing, because if you are a woman, if you are a person of colour, if you are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, if you are a person of size, if you are a person of intelligence, if you are a person of integrity... then you are considered a minority in this world. And it's going to be really hard for us to find messages of self-love and support anywhere... If you don't have self-esteem you will hesitate to do anything in your life. You will hesitate to report a rape. You will hesitate to defend yourself when you are discriminated against because of your race, your sexuality, your size, your gender. You will hesitate to vote. You will hesitate to dream. For us to have self-esteem is truly an act of revolution. And our revolution is long overdue."

Woolfrey was captivated by Cho's idea of revolution.

"After hearing those words, I became intrigued by her idea of "revolution", and thought it was fitting for a group who wanted to challenge ignorance and oppression in a place like Prince Edward Island. It's also important that we recognize that cultural ignorance

isn't limited to small places like PEI- we see the devastating effects of prejudice and ignorance just about everywhere we look, no matter where the location may be."

The group's main focus isn't necessarily aimed at promoting tolerance or acceptance of those who are seen as different, and it isn't about any one issue in particular, whether that issue be size, sexuality, skin color or physical ability. It's about shifting the focus away from what we see as "minorities", and challenging everyone to seriously evaluate their own sets of privileges in society. Too often the onus is on those who are viewed as "different" to fight their way into the cultural mainstream- and what this facebook group is promoting is introspection on the part of those who, in many ways, already fit in.

"To us, this is really the only way true revolution can happen. There needs to be a fundamental reevaluation of how society is structured, and a questioning of why certain people constantly find themselves as society's margins," said Woolfrey.

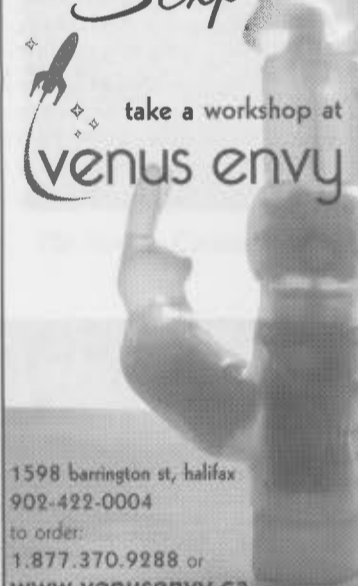
Revolution PEI has no real vision or plan for where they want their group to go in the future. This

group has already hit 370 members. Some group members come from as far away as Australia.

"It's an exciting time for our group, and an exciting time for people on PEI- and we're prepared to let the group take us wherever it decides to go," said its creator.

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Café DaPoPo is DaBomb!

By Gerrit Volkman

"This is our menu for today. We also have a special: 3 sonnets for the price of 2!" Huh, sonnets on a menu? No, that's not a joke. It's a revolutionary idea to bring literature and theatre to the public, wittily created by Garry Williams. He's the artistic director of the DaPoPo theatre company, an independent group of dedicated actors based in Halifax.

Every last Thursday of the month at 8 p.m., the group takes over Mollyz Diner on 2104 Gortingen St. and turns the relaxing bistro-bar atmosphere into "Café DaPoPo," a bodacious world of songs, poetry and stage plays. Everything is à la carte: from the hilariously written menu you pick what you want to indulge in, and the actors perform the "coursez" right at your table.

My friends and I have the sonnet special for starters. The 14-liners are brought to our table, each performed by a different actor. It's interesting how different poetry sounds when someone recites it just for you: the eye-contact, the very own personal way of using



the words and the silences in between. The sonnet special is definitely an enchanting and wonderful way to start the evening.

While we wait for the entrée, our eyes and ears wander about to the neighbouring tables. Someone's digging real deep into a poem of puns and cacophony; a couple licks the juices from a humorous Jesus Christ Superstar; and is that a neon-green socket puppet gracefully whispering love verses over there? Now I've seen it all.

Our main dish arrives, an excerpt from "13 Ways of Looking at a Madman," which was performed by DaPoPo at the Atlantic Fringe Festival in 2006. It is an interplay between three men - one being the Halifax

beer baron's nephew Sandy Keith Jr. - about the hidden philosophy of time, and while I have my very own laughs (the actors skip



the actors' spontaneity and creativity. The nice thing is that the actors want their audience to be involved: so we set the scene - a shoe shop; the actors - old acquaintances from school days. From there the story evolves, we spice it up from time to time with unpredictable plot twists. And we laugh ourselves to tears...

Café DaPoPo is a great experience that stems from its originality and the variety of marvelous actors. There is certainly room for improvement considering the logistics of individual performances and how to deal with distracting noise factors that simultaneous performances produce. But here also lies an indisputable pro: the opportunity for everyone to freely roam the setting and to join into other attendee's menu choices. Otherwise we would have missed the thrilling "Pasta Bolero," which ought to have a cult status soon.

Garry Williams plans to run Café DaPoPo throughout the



Kim Parkhill and Paul Rogers in "Pasta Bolero"...yummm

summer, "depending on Mollyz continued support, constant audience numbers and our own availability." The next café is on May 31, and then on June 28. Experience it yourself! You can check out the menu in advance at <http://www.cafedapopo.blogspot.com>.



Performance Photos
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The Café DaPoPo cast (Photo by Kim Parkhill)

between English and German), it amazes us how suddenly we are sucked into the mysterious, enigmatic atmosphere of the scene, and we almost forget that we are in a bistro. Superb!

As a big fan of improvising in all aspects of life, I choose an "Improv" for dessert. This is also a good opportunity to check on

New HRM Group Tackles Addictions

Halifax, NS - Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gambling: are addictions an issue for those of us identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT)? Sadly, there's not enough research yet to say how our communities might differ from the non-queer population. Yet the stories we share, and simple observation, might suggest that, whether it's due to internalized homophobia, or because we so often begin our queer lives in connection with alcohol or drug use, or whether it's simply that we like to party, addiction seems to be a distinctive thread running through the rainbow quilt.

At the invitation of Capital Health's Addiction Prevention and Treatment Services (APTS), a group of concerned individuals from Halifax met in April and May to talk about establishing a Local Committee (LC) to promote awareness around addictions within the Rainbow Community. APTS has a proven track record of developing and working with its LCs; there are established groups in Eastern Passage, Cole Harbour, Musquodoboit Valley, and all around HRM. Most of these tend to focus their activities on Addictions Awareness Week (third week in November) and for most, "community" means neighbourhood. From the outset it was recognized that an LC serving the LGBT community would be working differently. Its event planning might focus on our own

holidays, such as Pride, or even Hallowe'en. A Rainbow Community LC would cross geographic borders as much as our community already crosses the bounds of sexuality and gender.

At the first few meetings, the group around the table has resembled a round-up of the usual queer suspects; with members from the LGB Youth Project, the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, and Capital Health's LGBTQ Initiative. However, involvement in the Committee is open to the public, requiring only your interest and engagement. Indeed, a Rainbow LC would probably benefit even more than most from real grassroots involvement. Although an LC works with the support of APTS, the message it chooses to put forward is very much of its own choosing. So often, in Nova Scotia's Rainbow World, the same voices are raised again and again. Given that this is an issue that touches all of us, the more the community comes forward to speak for itself, the more clearly its message will speak to the needs of our people.

The next meeting of the Rainbow Awareness LC will take place on Wednesday, June 20, at 3 p.m. If you would like to attend, please contact Michelle Sperry, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, Addiction Prevention and Treatment Services, (902)424-4976.

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What is FurFest?

By Larry
 FurFest is a close encounter of the bear-hug kind. It's a giant, gay-friendly family reunion in a luxury waterfront hotel with the opportunity to meet some kissin' cousins. It's great food, great fun, great prizes and a financial boon to AIDS New Brunswick. Whether you come to see old friends or make new ones from around the world, there's a warm welcome waiting for you.

Never been to FurFest? Here's what a few people said about their experience with us...

"FurFest is a quality event and I love the fact that it is so well organized."

"The guys were great to talk with and make new friends, they were down to earth. I for one came to this weekend not expecting really that much but ending it with the best weekend I had in a long

time."
 "I enjoy seeing old faces and new faces. The event is small enough that it makes it easier to remember names."

"Overall it was a fun experience. It was ultimately the people that made it that way, not the events or the hotel."

"The most relaxing time of my whole summer."

We'd like to invite you to Canada's best bear party. FurFest will be held August 2 - 5, 2007, in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. We have decided that 2007 will be the final FurFest. If you've heard about FurFest through the years, but have never attended, this is your last chance. We hope all our friends will return for the Farewell Party.

For more information on FurFest check out <http://www.furfest.ca>.



Fetish Ball April 2007

This year's Fetish Ball was held at Diamonds on Gottingen Street, Halifax. Rouge Fatale (aka Jason Spurrell) MCed for the first time.

Rouge says there was a best costume contest that was quite naughty. No pictures were available however Rouge described the winning couple this way: "they

were very fun...a woman and a lovely gentleman dressed up as a puppy dog".

Rouge said "this was probably one of the more unique functions that I've ever hosted. I'd do it again in a heartbeat". Some teaser photos. Photo credits: Sarah DeVenne.



Hostess for the fetish ball Rouge "the mistress" Fatale
 The Human Corsette
 Miss C of the Pink Velvet Burlesque showing the goods

Transsexuals in the Countryside



Denise Holliday with fellow exhibitionist Sue Evans (Futurewox)

Maritime Transgender Workplace Solutions turned up its activities a notch in April by attending two new venues.

Al McNutt invited Denise Holliday to display MTWSP material at the Health Decision Making Fair in Truro. It was a major success with many Truro groups asking questions, watching her presentation and cleaning out her literature and freebies.

In the same week a flyer advertising the Stewiacke Valley Expo 2007 arrived at Denise's home, and she called and obtained a free table to present MTWSP material. The Stewiacke Valley Expo Fair was a major social barrier breaker since it was in her home territory. The organizers let Denise know that they had received several compliments regarding her personal manner, and the way she answered questions and explained the material she presented.

MTWSP was started by Denise in October 2003 to promote education at both management levels and social grass roots regarding transgender/transsexual issues. Workshops and venues like this reach people in a personal and non-threatening way. MTWSP also publishes a free electronic newspaper production called "Odds and Sods," a biweekly snap shot of trans issues around the world. She also runs a perpetual information gathering and emailing program to provide free updated information to over 1000 people and organizations across Canada.

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Here we are in June and not much has changed as far as what mother nature is serving for dinner in Atlantic Canada. When we actually have some local produce, I will offer you some interesting recipes using our fresh summer fruits and vegetables. But until then I am offering you a recipe for charbroiled souvlaki skewers. This recipe traditionally uses lamb, but it is just as yummy with beef, pork, or chicken. I love to serve the skewers with basmati rice pilaff, Greek salad, pita bread, and tzatziki sauce. This feast should be followed by drinking ouzo and breaking dishes. Opa!

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Reviews

Eating Out 2: Sloppy Seconds

Ariztical Entertainment
DVD release May 29, 2007
review by Ralph Higgins

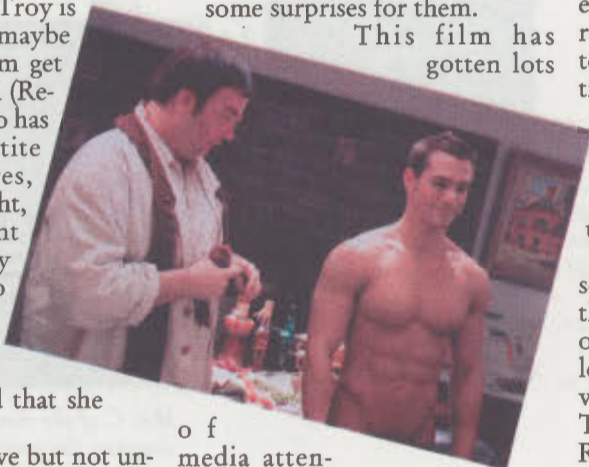
When young Troy (Marco Dapper) shows up as a nude model for an art class, he immediately becomes an object of lust for three of the students. Kyle (Jim Verraros), who has just broken up with his boyfriend, Marc, hopes Troy is gay and thinks that maybe Troy could help him get over his loss. Tiffani (Rebekah Kocham), who has an insatiable appetite for carnal pleasures, hopes Troy is straight, and available... right now! Gwen (Emily Brooke Hands), who is turned on by fantasizing about two men together, hopes Kyle succeeds... and that she can watch.

Troy, who is naive but not unintelligent, is happy when the three express an interest in being friends. He is uncertain about his sexual preferences, but his new buddies assure him that they will help in any way they can. What follows is an elaborate plot of mix-ups, miscommunications, and manipulations as everybody wants to get the jackpot - farm boy Troy. Even Marc, who at first is content to watch from the sidelines, decides to join in the fun. Soon, everyone is pretending to be something they are not - Kyle even joins an ex-gay support group with

hilarious results.

The deceptions start to unravel as Kyle, Gwen, Rebekah and Marc realize that the stakes of the game may be too high and they begin to see Troy as a person, not a prize. Then country bumpkin, Troy, has some surprises for them.

This film has gotten lots



of media attention and not just for the full frontal male nudity. Many critics consider this sequel superior to the original. Certainly if you enjoyed the first film, *Eating Out*, then you will enjoy this one. Both have the same fast-paced action, humour and wit. *Eating Out 2: Sloppy Seconds* is a rather silly, light-hearted sexual romp, but it also casts a satiric eye on stereotyping within the queer community and raises the question of how each of us can express pride in who we are.

Charbroiled Souvlaki Skewers

You will need:

metal BBQ skewers, or wooden skewers soaked in water for one hour to prevent them from burning 2 lb. of meat of your choice, trimmed of excess fat and cut into 1 inch strips

Marinade Ingredients

1 cup red wine	4 tbsps dried Greek oregano
zest of 1 lemon	1 tbsp ground cumin
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil	4 - 6 cloves crushed garlic
1 tsp sea salt	1 minced shallot
2 tsp cracked fresh pepper	

1. Combine the marinade ingredients and pour over the prepared meat. Make sure all of the meat is in contact with the marinade and put in an airtight container. Refrigerate over night.
2. Remove meat from marinade, blot dry, and skewer.
3. Heat clean and well-oiled grill to medium-high temperature. Grill for approximately five minutes on each side. Cooking time will vary depending on which type of meat you have chosen.
4. Remove from the grill and place on a heated platter. Serve and enjoy!

Stain of the Berry

ISBN 1-897178-24-7

by Anthony Bidulka

Insomniac Press

Toronto, Ontario

<http://www.insomniacpress.com>

review by Ralph Higgins

Are you scared of the Boogeyman? Maybe you should be. The Boogeyman in *Stain of the Berry* is quite real and he or she is scaring people to death. Someone is stalking victims, placing late night threatening phone calls and sending notes warning of imminent demise. Seems like a practical joke or a case of overactive imagination until the first body is found.

Was it suicide? A fragile personality pushed over the brink by the Boogeyman's macabre sense of humour? Or, is there a killer loose who enjoys toying with his victims before finishing them off? This is the puzzle that gay sleuth, Russell Quant must solve, yet he knows that the closer he follows the killer's trail, the more likely it is that he will become the object of the Boogeyman's attention.

In this, the fourth in the Russell Quant mystery series by talented Saskatchewan writer, Anthony Bidulka, we are presented with a delightfully intricate story that operates on three interconnected layers. First, there is the whodunit of the mystery - find the Boogeyman and stop him before he stops Quant. Second there is the devel-



Bidulka

opment of Quant's personal life - the heart and hormones part of existence that both gladdens and frightens him. Does he dare let down his guard to let someone in? Third is the search for his dear friend, Sereena, his enigmatic neighbour who has played an integral part in his recent life and who has -mysteriously - disappeared. Indications are that Sereena does not wish to be found but it is more than curiosity that drives Russell to seek her. Intuitively, he knows that her fate and his are intertwined but is he prepared to accept the truth that links their lives?

The mystery genre is a celebrated but often maligned one. During the years when Dame Agatha was the reigning queen, it became tradition to purchase a Christie for Christmas. Now it has become fashionable in some circles to dismiss all mystery writers as failed fiction writers who merely follow a formula. Bidulka is clear

evidence that writing in the mystery genre does not automatically preclude character development or emotional connection with the reader. The success of any story may be measured by the extent to which we, the readers, care what happens to the characters. In those terms, *Stain of the Berry*, is a grand success - we root for Quant's achievements and we sorrow for his losses. Bidulka has created a believable, likable hero who forges into dangerous territory, pushing through panic and fear by his driving need to discover the truth. And somehow we have the impression that his success depends on our participation. Bidulka's skill makes the story so vivid that we feel as if we are the friend holding the flashlight while Quant explores the tunnel ahead.

Ask for *Stain of the Berry* at your local bookstore and visit Anthony Bidulka at <http://www.anthony-bidulka.com>.



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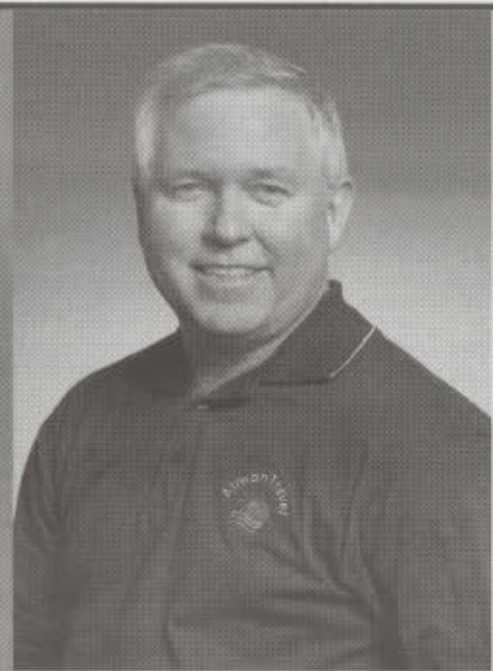
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AtlanticCanadianLesbians: Online Group For Lesbians from the Atlantic Provinces. email: AtlanticCanadianLesbians@groups.msn.com web: groups.msn.com/AtlanticCanadianLesbians

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

Egale President & Atlantic Director, St. John's, NL: (709) 690-5244 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.egale.ca

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

GaySpaces: Free postings of GLBT-friendly places to live in Atlantic Canada. email: info@gayspaces.org web: www.gayspaces.org

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

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

Healing Our Nations, Dartmouth: Healing Our Nations is an Aboriginal HIV/AIDS service organization that serves the Atlantic region. (902) 492-4255 email: director@accesswave.ca web: www.healingournations.ca (Healing Our Nations staff meet once on a weekly basis. Training offered on request at no charge for Aboriginal peoples and/or organizations.) at 15 Aldemey Dr., Suite 3, Dartmouth, NS. B2Y2N2

Maritime Transgender Workplace Solutions Project, Upper Musquodoboit: Transgender Issues Workshops and information resource. (902)568-2935 email: denisesined@ns.sympatico.ca web: www.3.nsympatico.ca/winpapernews (No meetings, Workshops by arrangements, information source when requested. Newsletter Odds & Sods bi-weekly)

Mr Atlantic Canada Leather Society, assorted cities: Dedicated to developing gay leather communities in the Atlantic region. email: chinman52@hotmail.com

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

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

Propitation: A fellowship of gay and lesbian Anglicans and their friends. 416-977-4359 email: propitation@hotmail.com (We meet in members homes on a Saturday or Sunday Evening once every other month for Evening Prayer Discussion, refreshments and fellowship.) at -contact for meeting location. We prefer our heritage, worship, and Spirituality of the Book of Common Prayer. We are troubled by such right wing organizations as the prayer book society and Essentials.

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

New Brunswick (506)

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

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

AIDS Saint John, Saint John: improve quality of life for those infected & affected by HIV, reduce the spread through education 652-2437 email: aidsj@nb.aibn.com web: www.aidsstjohn.com

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

Fredericton Lesbians and Gays, Fredericton: Occasional social events and Email listserv. email: jamesw@stu.ca web: www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074

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

Integrity, Fredericton: Supports and encourages Gays and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. web: www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity/ (Watch our website for details of 2007 planned events, (coming soon). Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual orientation.) at St John's Anglican Church, 59 Broad Road, Oromocto, New Brunswick.

Moncton Line Dancing, Moncton: LINE DANCING for all levels from beginner to advanced. No partner required. No dress code. , meets every Wednesday (8:30pm sharp) at Triangles Bar, corner of St. George and Archibald.

Moncton Transgender Support Group, Moncton: Transgenderers, their allies, families and friends. email: ellisk@nbnet.nb.ca (Meets Monthly, email for

time and place.)

PFLAG Canada - Fredericton, Fredericton: all welcome. email: pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/Pflagfredericton/, meets 4th Wednesday (7-9 pm (except December: 2nd Wednesday)) at Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton 874 York St. Fredericton NB E3B 3R8

PFLAG Canada - Moncton, Moncton: GLBTQ2IQQ persons and their parents, families and friends. (506) 869-8191 email: monctonnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd Monday (occasionally on the 2nd Monday - please call) at 7:30-9:30 PM at U. de M. in Rm 302, Adrien-J.-Cormier Building.

PFLAG Canada - Sackville/Amherst, Sackville NB/Amherst NS: Support and education for GLBTQ2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd Monday (7:30 to 9:30pm) at Meeting location alternates monthly between Sackville: United Church Parlours, 112 Main Street, and Amherst: Maggie's Place, 12 LaPlanche Street

PFLAG Canada - Saint John NB, Saint John: Provides support to anyone dealing with issues of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. 648-9700 email: wandr@nbnet.nb.ca, tigger@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.pflag.ca/saintjohn.htm (1st Friday of each month September - June at 7pm. No meeting in July & August.) at 116 Coburg Street in Saint John, New Brunswick in the Community Health Centre next to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Port City Rainbow Pride, Saint John: Pride Celebrations Committee. email: events@portcityrainbowpride.com web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

River Of Pride, Moncton: Organizes, promotes and produces Moncton's Pride events! email: monctonpride2007@gmail.com web: www.fier.temonctonpride.ca, meets 1st Tuesday, and last Tuesday (contact laisha@nbnet.nb.ca for further meeting and event dates) at Triangles bar 234 St. George St. Moncton NB

Safe Spaces Fundy Region, Saint John: Committed to ending discrimination around issues of sexual orientation in youth. email: safespaces@gmail.com web: www.safespacesfundy.com (See our webpage for schedule of meetings and socials etc @ www.safespacesfundy.com)

Safe Spaces Moncton, Moncton: Safe Spaces offers support & counselling to GLBTQ Youth between 14-25. 869-6224 email: safespaces@nb.aibn.com web: www.safespaces.ca

Safe Spaces Moncton Region, Moncton: Support Groups for GLBTQ Youth (14-25 years old). 506-854-3049 email: info@safespaces.ca web: www.safespaces.ca

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

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

Spectrum, Fredericton: social and support group for students, staff and faculty at UNB and STU. email: spectrum@unb.ca web: www.unb.ca/clubs/spectrum, meets every Tuesday (7 pm) at SUB 203

The UNBSJ Q-Collective, Saint John: A social and support organisation for UNBSJ students, staff and faculty. 506-648-5737 or 648-9227 email: QCollect@UNBSJ.ca web: www.UNBSJ.ca (The UNBSJ Q-Collective is interested in hearing from other university LGBTQ organisations and would like to possibly meet or collaborate.) at various locations; event particulars will be emailed to anyone who registers with the UNBSJ Q-Collective and/or who gets the UNBSJ weekly "E News". Past events include the annual Rainbow Peace March, guest speakers, movie nights, participate in Maritime Pride Parades, Supporters of PFLAG Canada's "Communities Encourage Campaign" and "Champions Against Homophobia".

UN sur DIX - L'Association des étudiant.e.s GLB de l'Université de Moncton, Moncton: Visé à éduquer, à sensibiliser et à offrir des ressources dans la langue française. email: unurdix@umoncton.ca web: www.umoncton.ca/unurdix/ (Visitez le site Web ou envoyez un courriel pour en apprendre davantage au sujet du travail que nous accomplissons.)

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

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

Conception Bay North AIDS Interest Group, Conception Bay: Conception Bay North AIDS Interest Group is a volunteer organization, education and prevention 709-596-4433 email: cbn.aids.intgr@nf.sympatico.ca web: www.cbnaig.org (Taylor Bldg., Carbonear Road, P.O. Box 993, Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, A0A 2M0)

Gay Urban Youth Zone Project, St John's: designed to increase HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and STI knowledge and awareness 579-8656 (ext. 28) email: chris@acnl.net web: www.acnl.net at Tommy Sexton Centre 47 Janeway Place Pleasantville, across from the old Janeway Hospital AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador

LBGT-MUN Resource Centre, St John's: LBGT-MUN

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

PFLAG Canada - St. John's: Information or referral to one of our parents. email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.pflag.ca

St. John's Pride, St. John's: St. John's Official Pride Organization. 709-746-6564 email: info@stjohnspride.net web: www.stjohnspride.net

Nova Scotia (902)

Acadia Pride, Wolfville: Acadia's GLBT group. 585-2165 email: acadiapride@acadiau.ca web: euler.acadiau.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (7:30pm (during academic year)) at Beverage Forum (old SUB)

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

Affirm United, Halifax Metro: GLBT & Friends support, action and worshipping community within the United Church. 902-461-4528 email: alstew@eastlink.ca at Box 33067, Halifax, NS B3L 4T6

AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton, Sydney: Support, advocacy, prevention/education for those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Free condoms! (902) 567-1766 email: joannerolls@accb.ns.ca; christierporter@accb.ns.ca web: www.accb.ns.ca, meets 1st Tuesday (6:00pm Board Meetings - Anonymous HIV Testing Available - See website for full calendar of events.) at 150 Bentinck St, Sydney, N.S. B1P 6H1

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: Live & Let Live AA Group for GLBT community- (902) 463-7895 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.rationalunlucy.com/cout, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St Matthews Church, 1479 Barrington St, Halifax (Use side door near Maritime Centre at bottom of stairs)

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

Bedford United Church, HRM Bedford: An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada - ALL welcome. 835-8497 email: bedfordunited@eastlink.ca web: www.bedfordunited.com, meets every Sunday (9 am service - Casual and contemporary service. 11 am service - Quieter and more reverent in tone.) at 1200 Bedford Hwy at Sullivan's Hill, near Atlantic Gardens

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

Bluenose Bears, Halifax: Club for bears and those who like them. 463-4312 email: bluenosebears@accesswave.ca, meets 3rd Wednesday

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

Colchester Sexual Assault Centre, Truro: Provides support and information to anyone (GLBTQ included) affected by sexual assault and abuse. 902-897-4366 email: trurosexualassault@hotmail.com (80 Glenwood Drive, Truro, N.S., B2N 1P3 Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30)

Cumberland Pride Support Group, Amherst: For gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals of Cumberland county. 660-5004 email: gaylorids_1975@hotmail, meets 3rd Thursday (7:30 PM) at 7 Kent drive, amherst, n.s. exit 3, victoria st., 3rd street on night.

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

Family Pride Camping Association (Rainbow Spirit), Halifax: FPCA plans events for GLBT families with kids of all ages. From Camping weekends to bowling events. email: info@fpcacba.com web: www.fpcacba.com (Contact us if you are interested in helping out or would like to be contacted when we have events.)

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

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

Group Harrison Society, Cape Breton: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. (902)270-6969 email: groupharrisonsociety@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/groupharrisonsociety, meets last Saturday (of every month Admission \$6.50 - \$5.50 for members- Best light and sound show around! Restricted 19 yrs and over) at Steel Workers Hall, Sydney

HalGal, Halifax: Low-traffic Yahoo group that provides events and information for queer women in the Halifax area. email: hal-gal@yahoo.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/hal-gal/

Halifax Front Runners, Halifax: Running/walking club. 422-7579 email: Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca web: www.frontrunners.org/clubs/halifax/, meets every Saturday, and every Tuesday, and every Thursday (Sat: 9:30am, Tue: 6:00 pm, Thu: 6:00pm) at Main gates of the Halifax Public Gardens, corner of Spring

Garden Road and South Park Street.

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

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

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

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax: support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under from across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (support and connection across, Week one: Monday - Transgender Discussion group 7-9 pm; Tuesday - 18 & under Discussion group 6-8 pm; Week two: Tues. Drop-in - 6-8 pm; Wed. - Movie Night 7-9 pm. Week three: Mon. Transgender Discussion group - 7-9 pm; Wed. Activity Night. Week four: Tues. Theme Drop-in - 6-9 pm; Wed. Movie Night - 7-9 pm. A youth food bank and STI testing on site. Please refer to website for times and details.) at 2281 Brunswick Street.

LGB Youth Support Group Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: fun social/support group for under 25 through the Sexual Health Ctr & LGB Youth Project. 527-2868 email: LunCo@NSSSexualHealth.ca (Postponed until further notice: Volunteer facilitators needed! (over age 25))

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

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

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

Outlaw, Halifax: Queer Law Students Association at Dalhousie Law School. (Meetings vary. Please email if interested.) at Dalhousie Law School. 6061 University Avenue. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PFLAG Canada - Amherst/Sackville: Support and education for GLBTQ2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd Monday (Contact us for meeting details.) at Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

PFLAG Canada - Halifax, Halifax: Support and education for parents, family and friends. (902) 443-3747 email: ab274@chebucto.ns.ca (September-March: 2nd Sunday of the month, 2-4 PM April-June: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7-9 PM) at individual homes

PFLAG Canada - Middleton, Middleton: Parents & friends. 902-825-0548 email: middletonns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/middleton.html, meets last Friday (7-9pm) at the Wilmet Community Centre civic address 13972 Highway #1 wilmet. Wilmet is located just between kingston and Middleton. The hall depending on direction that your coming from. Left if your coming from the East side and Right if your coming from the West direction.

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

PFLAG Truro: 662.3774

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

Pride Cape Breton Society, Sydney: Dances and Social Events. Monthly dances are Adults Only! Check website for other events. (902) 539-4627 web: www.pridecapreton.com (Dances on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Check website for dance theme!) at Southend Community Centre. Maps are at our website.

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

Pride of Pictou County, New Glasgow: All GBLT in Pictou County. 695-5222 web: www.PrideofPictouCounty.ca (see web page for meeting info)

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

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

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

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

RESPECT, Truro: Students Making Healthy Decisions. 902-893-6300 email: respect@nsac.ca (P.O. Box 550, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, N.S. B2N 5E3)

SAAFE (Supporting An Alternative Friendly Environ-

ment), Truro: Social/support group at the NS Agricultural College. 902-893-6300 email: lyoung@nsac.ns.ca (Meeting are as requested. Membership changes each academic year.)

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: A Christian Church with an affirming ministry to the GBLT community. Everyone is welcome! 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com, meets every Sunday (11 am) at 2786 Agricola St. Bloomfield Centre, Suite #108

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:

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

Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County, Cumberland County: We provide sexuality information and education in an environment that respects and supports choice. 667-7500 email: shccc@ns.alianzinc.ca web: cumberlandcounty.cfsb.info at 12 LaPlanche St., Amherst Monday - Thursday, 9 - 5 (by chance or appt.) Confidential, hassle-free. Free condoms

Sexual Health Centre Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: Confidential information, support & services for all ages & genders. Free condoms & info pamphlets. 527-2868 email: LunCo@NSSSexualHealth.ca web: www.LunCo.cfsb.info (Open by chance or by appointment) at 4 Hillcrest Street Unit 8, Bridgewater. (On the corner of Dufferin and Hillcrest Streets). Closed during summers.

South Shore Pride Social Club, Bridgewater: for 19 & older. 685-3297 email: info@southshorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca (No meetings at this time.) at We hold dances on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00PM to 1:00AM. No dance in July. Door prizes and 50/50 draw and a major prize draw at June dance. Cash Bar. Call or email for location.

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

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

The Rainbow - Atlantic Awareness Society, (Cape Breton/Halifax/Annapolis Valley): email: tpineo@hotmail.com web: To be released

Tightrope, Halifax: leather & denim brotherhood. See our monthly events listing at http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents. 455-0623, ask for Don, meets 3rd Saturday

Truro Pride, Truro: A group supporting GLBT individuals in the Colchester County. 902-895-0931 email: truropride@hotmail.com, meets every Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) at Coffee and conversation every Wednesday evening at the FairTrade Cafe on Prince Street, between Commercial and Dominion Streets. The group is open to all and the cafe is a gay friendly environment. For information call the Northern AIDS Connection Society at 902-895-0931 or email truropride@hotmail.com The Truro Pride also hosts dances and other activities, ask for details.

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

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House, Kingston: socials for gay men; gay & lesbian dances 19+. 902-765-2821 email: menembracingmen@yahoo.ca web: facetwitpride.tripod.com (Coffee every Thursday 7-9pm, Dances on the first Saturday of the month, for the exception of in November. There is two dances held in October, On the First Saturday and the Last Saturday of that Month and NO Dance in November.) at email or call for locations or special events or themes

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

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

Prince Edward Island (902)

Abegweit Rainbow Collective, Charlottetown: Serving GLBTQ Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: info@arpei.ca web: www.arpei.ca, meets 2nd Tuesday (of each month) at ARC Offices at 144 Prince Street, 3rd floor

AIDS PEI, Charlottetown: 566-2437 email: info@aidspei.com web: www.aidspei.com at 144 Prince Street

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

GLBT Youth group, Charlottetown: Safe Space Drop-Ins. 367-3408 or toll free 1 877 380 5776 email: youth@arpei.ca web: youth.arpei.ca at 144 Prince St. We have a lending library, books, movies, magazines and a place to hang out and chat. Special events planned throughout the year.

Narcotics Anonymous, Charlottetown: a fellowship of recovering drug addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. 566-9733 or 1-800-205-8402 (Mondays & Fridays 8:00pm) at 178 Fitzroy St

PEI Pride, Charlottetown: Organizing The Island Pride Festival July 7th -14th, 2007. (902) 388-0969 email: pridepei@isn.net web: www.peipride.com

Events >>

Amherst

Second Monday

PFLAG Amherst/Sackville - in Amherst one month, Sackville the next. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street, Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

First and Third Wednesdays

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

Third Thursday of each month

Cumberland Pride Support Group: Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals in Amherst, Nova Scotia. Meets the third Thursday of each month. Contact information: Gerard Veldhoven at 902-660-5004 or E-mail: gaylorids_1975@hotmail.com

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance for ages 19 and up from 9pm-1am. If you need more information concerning themes or other events that may take place call 902-765-2821 or email menembracingmen@yahoo.ca

Every Sunday

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

Bridgewater

Third Saturday of each month

Wileville Dance. Smoke free. For more details call 685-3297 or email info@southshorepride.ca or www.southshorepride.ca

Cape Breton

June 24, July 29, August 26

Meetings will be in the same place (Family Place Resource Centre), same day (Sundays) and same time (7:30 - 9:30 pm). All are welcome. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our meetings - they can contact us at sydney@pflagcanada.ca, sexual diversity centre 563-1481, Celeste 563-1389 or B. Durdle 563-1443.

Every 2nd Saturday

Pride Cape Breton Society hosts community dances at the Southend Community Centre in Sydney; admission just \$5., and open to those 19 yrs. of age and older.

Charlottetown

...see Prince Edward Island

Fredericton

Every Tuesday

Spectrum, UNB and STU's social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning, etc. students. As a group, our aim is to create a safe and supportive space for those who are questioning or discovering their sexuality, as well as providing a social outlet for members of the campus LGBTQ community. While our membership is primarily composed of UNB and STU students, everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. 7 pm, Top floor of SUB 203 (in the Sexuality Centre, across from the Ballroom) Everyone is welcome! For more information please contact us at spectrum@unb.ca

Every Wednesday

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

Third Sunday of each month

GLB ANGLICANS AND FRIENDS Integrity is a non profit organization of Gay and Lesbian Anglicans and Friends. Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual orientation. Integrity Fredericton was formed in October 2004 and supports and encourages Gay Men and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. A Eucharist followed by a coffee hour discussion is held at

4:00 PM on the third Sunday of each month at St. John's, 58 Broad Road, Oromocto. For more details check out website: www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity

Fourth Wednesday of each month

PFLAG Fredericton meets at 7 PM at the Unitarian Fellowship, 874 York Street. Everyone welcome. Discussion, guest speakers, support and special events. For more information email pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca. Confidentiality assured.

Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

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Halifax

Every Sunday

Bedford United Church. 1200 Bedford Highway, Bedford. We are an Affirming Congregation and welcome everyone. Services at 9 am (Casual & Contemporary) and 11 am (Quieter & More Reverent in tone) Starting June 24-Sept. 9, one 10 am service. For more info, call 835-8497.

Every Sunday

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: A Christian Church with an affirming ministry to the GBLT community. Everyone is welcome!. 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com, meets at 11 am at 2786 Agricola St. Bloomfield Centre, Suite #108

Second Sunday of each month

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

First and Third Mondays

Young people's group, at Safe Harbour, at 7 pm, Bloomfield Centre 2786 Agricola Street, Suite

108. The group watches an LGBT movie with some spiritual or other worthwhile value, eats some pizza and discusses the movie. Everyone age 30 and under is welcome.

First and Third Tuesdays

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

First and Third Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project Social Drop-in Nights. This is an unstructured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever, 6-9pm, 25 and under, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project 18 and under Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 6-8pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

First and Third Sundays

BLT-WOMYN OF HALIFAX DISCUSSION GROUP! This is a Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgendered womyn's Only! -Free Group, NO Dues, NO Fee's- MEETINGS are every second SUNDAY. @6pm - 7:30pm(Please remember when applying to this group, send full name and a contact number or call sue at 499-0335, everything is kept PRIVATE!) LOCATION: DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTRE 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) HOW TO JOIN THIS GROUP: Come to a discussion night or send us your e-mail address or call a moderator (Sue @ 499-0335). If you have any questions. A discussion group for Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgendered women, who will meet to have open discussions, in a positive

environment. To discuss topics concerning ourselves and our community. This is a bi-weekly meeting on Sundays. <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynofhalifax/> or sueandrews1964@hotmail.com

First and Third Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project Movie Night, 25 and under, starting at 7pm. 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project ages 18-25 Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second Wednesday of each month

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

June 7, 21, July 5, 19, August 2, 16, 30 Anonymous HIV Testing, AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia 1657 Barrington St, Suite 321, 5-8pm. 425-4882 for an appointment.

June 10, 24, July 8, 22, August 5, 19

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

June 4

I'm Coming! A Guide to Women's Orgasm: Some women never experience orgasm, some can have orgasms once in a while, or on their own, or never on their own, or ... you get the picture. The female orgasm can sometimes be rather elusive, and that can be okay, but it can also be very frustrating. This session will look at some of the reasons women have difficulty with orgasm, offer suggestions around play to enhance sexual feelings, as well as covering important anatomical information. Discussion includes g-spot, clitoris, and tips to use both alone and with a partner. 2 hours, Jun 4, 2007 @ 6:30pm. For Women. \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00) pre-register by calling 422 0004 or coming to the store at 1598 Barrington Street.

June 25

Strap-On Tools! Strap-on play is becoming more and more popular. This workshop will cover the ins and outs of harness play: what's available, what toys to use where, and the lay of the land you'll be exploring. We'll discuss both male and female anatomy and pleasure. 1.5 hours Jun 25, 2007 @ 6:30pm. For Everyone. \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00) pre-register by calling 422 0004 or coming to the store at 1598 Barrington Street

Halifax Youth Project Calendar

Youth Project events operate in a 4-week schedule. To find out what week we're operating in, please see our website or contact us! www.youthproject.ns.ca, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, 429-5429

Week 1

Monday - Transgender Discussion Group: A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what trans youth have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. A place to talk about trans issues and make new friends! 7-9 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.

Tuesday - Discussion Group (ages 18 and under) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present

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Events

have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.

Wednesday - Discussion Group (ages 18-25) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 7-9 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 2

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick street

Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 3

Tuesday - Guest Speaker & Discussion night (ages 25 & under) A new speaker every week to educate & spark discussion. This is a structured environment. 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick street
Wednesday - Activity night (ages 25 & under) A chance to have fun and perhaps learn something new. Activities will be on this night lasting two and a half months. First activity class IMPROV classes. 6-8pm, 2281

Groups, Cont'd

(See webpage for meetings www.peipride.com) at 286 Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown, PE or phone (902) 388-0969

PFLAG Canada - PEI, Island wide: Providing support, education and advocacy for GLBT persons, their families and friends in PEI. 902-887-3620 email: pflagpei@eastlink.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca, meets 3rd Tuesday at Ferry Road Centre, 24 Ferry Road, Cornwall, PE

Brunswick St

Week 4

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Themed Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event with a fun & exciting theme. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick street

Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

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SAT. June 9th - Dancing with DJ NEEDLES

FRI. June 15th - Party on with DJ ELECTRO

SAT. June 16th - Collar Night with DJ NEEDLES

FRI. June 22nd - THE OFFICIAL FIRST WHITE PARTY OF THE SEASON with DJ NEEDLES

SAT. June 23rd - Party with DJ NEEDLES

FRI. JUNE 29th - Music by DJ Electro

SAT. June 30th - Dancing with DJ NEEDLES

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Moncton

Every Thursday

LGBT AND FRIENDS VOLLEY BALL, resumes September 13th! École carrefour de l'acadie gym. No experience required. Info : Rodge 383-1410 or Oscar 855-1328. \$5.00 / player includes refreshments.

Tous les jeudis

VOLLEY BALL POUR LGBT et AMI-E-S, recommence 13 septembre. École carrefour de l'acadie. Aucune experience requise. Infos : Rodge 383-1410 ou Oscar 855-1328. \$5.00 / joueur (rafraichissements inclus)

Third Monday of each month

PFLAG Moncton has monthly support meeting from 7:30-9:30 in room 302 of the Adrien-J.-Cormier bldg at U de M campus. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

Second and Fourth Mondays

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

Last Saturday

Moncton Leather Chapter Leather Nights at Triangles! With the interest and number of people that have started wearing Leather in Moncton, it only seems natural to have a monthly Leather Night so that any man or woman can wear their Leather and know that they will not be alone in doing so when they go to Triangles.

Moncton Bar & Business Calendar

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Prince Edward Island Pride

July 7-14

PEI Pride Week will be held July 7th -14th, 2007. This year our theme is Carousel of Colors. The week will begin with a camp-out at Vista Bay Golf course. Participants can pitch a tent, socialize and enjoy a day of golfing. That evening the lodge will host an evening of karaoke. Sunday's events will include a Church Service and Pot luck dinner. On Monday Join us for our official flag raising in Charlottetown or Summerside. That evening will be Steak and Fries and Trivia with Trish the Dish. Lots of laughs and prizes to be had. Tuesday night get our your pride colors and join us in a Pride pubcrawl. There will be games and prizes! On Wednesday night put on your whitest and brightest and blaze your way down to the bowling alley for a rousing evening of globe-bowling. Thursday night will be our annual Pride Show and silent auction. Friday night is our Pitch for Pride softball game. Guys versus the gals; drag encouraged! Finish up the week on Saturday with the Official Pride Parade, Festival on the Waterfront and Pride Dance at the Delta. If you would like to help out with Pride or would like to perform in the show or waterfront, please contact us at pridepei@isn.net Or phone (902) 388-0969. Please note that these events are subject to change. More information will be available on our website www.peipride.com as it is finalized.

Sackville

Second Monday

PFLAG Sackville / Amherst - in Sackville one month, Amherst the next. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

Saint John

Third Saturday

Gay Men's Supper Club, 220 Germain St. <http://www.portcityrainbowpride.com/> for more information.

Saint John Bar & Business Calendar

CLUB MONTREAL

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St. John's

July 9-15

Pride 2007 will take place from July 9-15th, 2007. To sit on the planning committee, please contact Mark Hanlon by email at mlhanlon@gmail.com or Danny Smith at dannyontherock@yahoo.ca

St. John's - LGBT-MUN

Every Friday

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

Every Second Friday

General Meeting every second week. They take place at UC-6022 at 11:00am.

St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

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Sydney

...see Cape Breton

Truro

Every Wednesday

Truro Pride: GLBT support group in Colchester County, Nova Scotia. (Coffee hour at the Fair Trade Café on 535 Prince Street in Truro, every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. For information call Northern AIDS Connection Society at 902-895-0931 or email truropride@hotmail.com

June 4

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Wileville

...see Bridgewater

Wolfville

Every Second Tuesday

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groups

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research

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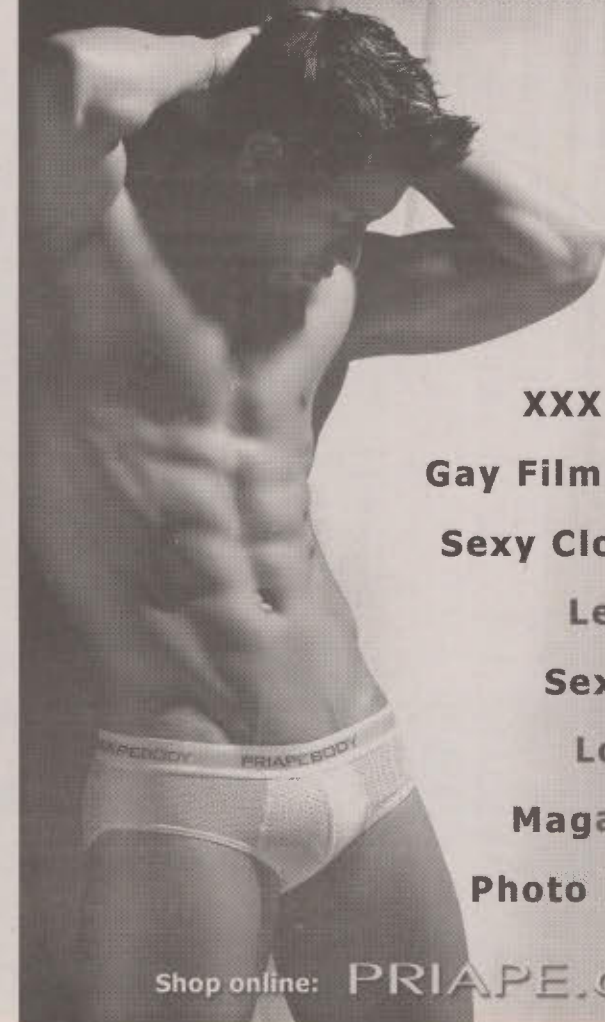
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3rd Sunday of the month: 1:30 - 3:30pm except December, (2nd Sunday)

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NEXT ISSUE
DEADLINE:
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Comment:

IDAH – Fighting With One Hand Tied Behind Our Back

It's May, which means that it's time once again to 1) shove my parka into the back of the closet; and 2) debate whether or not the International (formerly National) Day Against Homophobia should in fact be the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

Cogent arguments have been put forward on both sides of this discussion, and I have no intention of trying to provide an objective overview. Rather, the opinions I'm about to express come from my personal experiences as a cisgender lesbian.

Over the years, I have been physically assaulted for being perceived as a "faggot." I've been harassed on the street for being perceived as a "fuckin' he-she." I've experienced difficulty in using public washrooms and, on two occasions, in voting because I was perceived as a man, sexual orientation and gender identity unspecified. By contrast, I've never experienced harassment or overt discrimination for being a lesbian – unless you want to argue that if I were straight, I would have succumbed to being conditioned to dress and behave in ways more appealing to straight men, that my physical appearance is an expression of my lesbian identity and that therefore any harassment or discrimination experienced as a result of said appearance is harassment or discrimination against me as a lesbian.

In other words, my experiences have taught me that trying to fight homophobia without fighting transphobia, and vice versa, is like trying to save the odd-numbered floors of an apartment building from burning while ignoring the even-numbered floors.

People who believe they have a right to treat other people with disrespect, people who believe they have a right to discriminate against others and people who believe they have a right to inflict violence on others do not spend time on niceties of distinction. They attack. And if you are attacked on the street, yelling, "I'm not a faggot! I'm not a he-she! I'm a dyke!" will not save your ass.

There are indeed times and places to give the various segments of our diverse community their own space. However, IDAH(T) is specifically framed in terms of taking action against phobia – against fear, hatred and the violence and discrimination they engender. The 'phobes, those who perpetrate violence and discrimination, do not themselves appear to perceive a boundary between homophobia and transphobia. I would therefore argue that we cannot take effective action against the 'phobes' actions if we limit ourselves to one side of this boundary. We cannot fight effectively with one hand tied behind our back.

SarahRose Werner,
Saint John, NB

The Last Word

Editorial: Our Right to Print What's Fit

Wayves is always interested in feedback from our readers, even when it's less than glowing. Last month we received criticism (not for the first time) over the Cruiseline ad on the back cover. Negative comments about the "near-pornography" came from uncomfortable straight friends, and from some Rainbow readers too. So why would we print such ads?

Previous Cruiseline ads often featured simulated foreplay and oral sex. This one shows a surprising tenderness; at least some of the Wayves team thought so. A young and fit male couple, both in their underwear, are facing the camera. One embraces the other from behind, his right hand cradles the other's chest, while his left is tucked in the waist band of his partner's briefs. The sexual play is subtler, but it's still present. We at Wayves might ask whether those who expressed discomfort have the same concerns with Calvin Klein ads in Vanity Fair, or Britney Spears

videos on MTV. In other words, is sex the problem, or is it homo-sex? We're not saying Cruiseline is good and Calvin Klein/pop culture is bad. Pop culture is using sex to sell perfume and CDs, Cruiseline is using sex to sell .. sex! Their approach seems refreshingly honest.

Nevertheless, the question remains, why publish if it offends people? Of course, it helps pay for the paper. But that's not the only reason. We could also point out that Cruiseline is the money-making engine that funds Pink Triangle Press (PTP), the not-for-profit publishers of Xtra!, and that PTP is a big financial supporter of our community. But that's not the reason either.

Wayves publishes these images (among others) because if we didn't, who would? If we didn't print pictures of men holding, caressing and making love to other men, who would? If we didn't publish sex-positive images of women loving other women, who

in Atlantic Canada would? There are some within our community who can't accept such "graphic displays." There are doubtlessly many more in the straight world who have trouble coping with the idea that we have sex at all. It's sad that some people feel this way, but hiding our love or our desire away is not the answer. We are a sexual minority. thirty-eight years after Stonewall, it cannot be acceptable that we should censor ourselves. We should never again, we must never again apologize or feel shame for how we make love.

Wayves isn't just distributed in Fredericton and Halifax, Charlottetown and St. John's. Through libraries, community centres and small-town restaurants, Wayves reaches dozens of communities across our region. Somewhere in Meteghan or Miramichi, a young person might read an article or even glance at a Cruiseline ad and take that first imaginative step out of the closet. That's why we print what's fit.

Letters:

Pride and Poverty

Many of our readers may be unaware that Wayves operates as a democratic collective. A group of volunteers, meeting a couple of times a month, we proof and review every article and letter to make sure it's not homophobic, heterosexist or racist. We discuss its relative merits as topic of interest or piece of writing, all part of our debate as to what will or won't go into the magazine. As part of the team, I cast my vote against printing the letter, "Pride Expense." Those in favour carried the day, arguing that Toni's complaint is one often levelled at Pride, and Halifax Pride '07 got a chance to state its position. Now that both the letter and Pride's response are in print, I would like to share my thoughts with you, dear Reader, and I hope this may provoke discussion within our community about the serious issues that Toni raised in her letter.

My initial and (I freely admit) highly personal objection was that the letter came from someone not well informed, either about what was offered at last year's Pride, or the cost of producing such a large and multi-faceted festival. Halifax Pride's Mission & Values Statement clearly stated our intention to produce a Pride Week that was "accessible to all." We understood that to include those facing the challenge of poverty. Most of our official events were free of charge and those that weren't, such as Reel Out and Daniel MacIvor's benefit for the Youth Project were offered at well below regular movie or theatre prices. We were proud of our achievement and I

believe strongly that Pride 2006 was a breakthrough year, both in expanding to the Commons and in the number of events we could offer free of charge.

Pride 2006 cost about \$85,000. Without Thom Fitzgerald's more than generous support in producing Reel Out, the cost to Pride would have been closer to \$95,000. We fund raised hard last year; it was essential community outreach and we got great exposure, but fundraising didn't even cover the deficit from 2005. Most of our funding came from financial contributions (along with goods, services and discounts) from our government, community and business partners. The remaining 15% came from parade and vendor fees, an essential revenue stream for Pride, subsidizing our ability to pay for the Parade and produce the free concert.

My second reason for not printing Toni's letter was my feeling that, by focusing on Pride, it deflected our attention from the very real issue of poverty within our community. This is an extraordinarily complex issue, touching both the relative poverty of Atlantic Canada compared to Alberta, Ontario and other regions, and the particular way poverty affects LGBT persons. Poverty affects women and men differently, often causing tension between Lesbians and Gay Men and reinforcing negative stereotypes on both sides.

I empathise deeply with Toni's complaint. I have lived below the poverty line since I returned to Nova Scotia three years ago. At the time I joined Halifax Pride in November 2005, I was a resident at

Metro Turning Point. I can assure you all that a shelter for homeless men is not an easy place to be out and proud! I also know that as hard as it's been for me to be part of the working poor, I'm still better off than a woman in my situation, and much, much better off than a single parent. We are starting to learn about the impact addictions are having on our community and how addiction is sometimes linked to poverty, both as cause and effect. We know, from Denise Holliday's writing in Wayves, about the punitive expense of gender reassignment surgeries, and about the difficult employment issues faced by the Trans community. We know that many of those living with HIV/AIDS, that many of our community's elders, and that many youth, forced from homes and schools by homophobia, are all dealing with poverty that's directly impacted by sexual and gender identity.

It's true I was against publishing Toni's letter, yet perhaps it's for the best that I lost the argument. It was a courageous act to write that letter and my thanks go out to Toni. I'm heartily glad that Wayves exists to publish it. I hope more people will write in with stories of how poverty has affected them. Perhaps this can be the beginning of a regional dialogue around this hidden topic. It's time to bring LGBT poverty out of the closet. If there is a pot of gold at the Rainbow's End of our struggle for equality and freedom, we need to make sure it will be for every one of us, rich and poor alike.

Hugo Dann
Halifax



Last month's question was rather involved. There were actually four qualifiers attached to the main question, "Do you wear your sexual identity with pride?" Perhaps that explains why, while we received 12 "Yes" votes, only 1 reader chose to comment in depth.

"Do [I wear my] sexual identity with pride? Not Sure: I just am. No need for labels. This is not to say I am closeted. Far from it. I refer to myself as a lesbian but technically I could be bi. To put a percentage on it: today I am 80% lesbian, 20% straight; tomorrow it may be 60/40; next year 99/1. Fluidity, however, is not a popular concept. Many people [feel] threatened by it. Throughout history, gays & lesbians have been defined as individuals wanting to have 'sex' with people of the same gender. Perhaps if we defined our relationships in terms of emotional connection or attraction then there would be room for fluidity."

This Month's question:

Shortly before going to the polls, the Government of Quebec released a detailed report on the effects of homophobia in that province. A product of the Commission des Droits de la Personne, in partnership with LGBT community and social groups, the study was two years in the making and paid considerable attention to the experience of LGBT persons living in Quebec's rural communities. It made a number of concrete recommendations, including mandatory education on the issue of LGBT rights and homophobia in all state-supported schools, with no exemption for religious institutions. Overshadowed by the provincial election (and the defeat of openly-gay PQ leader, Andre Boisclair), the report has since languished in silence. Nevertheless, its creation is a landmark in Queer history, for Quebec and the country as a whole.

You tell us: should the Human Rights Commission in your home province be funded to conduct a similar study of homophobia where you live? You Tell Us! at www.wayves.ca.

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