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Fredericton: AIDS New Brunswick; Boldon's Bookmart; Campus "Smoke" Shoppe, UNB; Molly's Coffee House / Cargo Bay; Student Resource Centre, St. Thomas University; UNB/STU Spectrum; Westminster Books, King Street; X-Citement Video, Queen Street

Moncton: Reid's Newstand; SIDA/AIDS Moncton; Triangles; United Book Exchange, Mountain Road; X-Citement Video

Sackville: Bridge Street Café; Mount Allison; Tidewater Books

Saint John: AIDS Saint John; Club Montreal; Feel Good Store; Hair Station; Mahogany Manor

Newfoundland...

Corner Brook: Corner Brook Status of Women

Gander: Gander Public Library

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

Nova Scotia...

Amherst: Carvel Upholstery and Draperies; Cumberland County Family Planning

Annapolis Royal: The King George Inn

Antigonish: Antigonish Women's Centre; Student Union Resource Centre; Webb's Superstore

Bedford: Bedford Library

Bridgewater: Second Story Women's Centre

Canning: Canning Library

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

Halifax: AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia; Alteregos Café; Atlantic News Stand; Blowers Street Paperchase; Bookmark; Buy the Book and More; CD Plus; CKDU Radio; Club NRG2; Counseling and Community Support Services; DALOUT; Dal-Tech; Daily Grind; Diamond; FRED; Fresh Salon & Spa; Fresh Start B&B; Grad House (Dal); HMV; Hairdressers' Market; Halifax Backpackers Hostel; Junk & Foibles; Khyber Club; Libraries: Captain William Spry, Halifax North, Keshen Goodman, Killiam, Spring Garden Road, Weldon Law; Menz Bar; Mount St. Vincent University - Rosaria & Sexton; Night Magic Fashions; Nooks and Crannies; NSCAD - supply store; N.S. Advisory Council - Status of Women; One World Café; Outside The Lines; Planned Parenthood Clinic; Random Play; Read All About it; Reflections; Robyn's Grocery; Room2Move Fitness; Seadogs Spa; Second Cup - Spring Garden; Shoe Shop; SUB, Dal and St. Mary's; Venus Envy; Video Difference; X-Citement Video, Quinpool Road; Youth Project

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Wolfville: Acadia Pride; The Atheneum, Acadia; The Coffee Merchant; The Odd Book; Wolfville Public Library

Yarmouth: TOOTS; Tri-County Women's Centre; Western Counties Regional Library

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Charlottetown: AIDS PEI; Afternoon Delight; Reading Well Bookstore; That's Entertainment!

British Columbia...

Prince George: GALA-North Society

Vancouver: Little Sisters

Manitoba...

Winnipeg: Rainbow Resource Centre

Ontario...

Ottawa: After Stonewall; One-in-Ten

Toronto: Glad Day Bookshop; Out on the Street

Saskatchewan...

Regina: LGBT2A Centre, University of Regina

Gay Marriage And Me

By Christopher Vaughan

Congratulations to all those gay and lesbian couples who have taken advantage of Canada's same sex marriage laws and have gotten married.

You are all so very lucky – first to have found each other and then to commit to each other in a way that is fully recognized by Canadian society.

I must admit that I feel a tinge of jealousy. My boyfriend and I recently broke up after being together for four years.

We were planning on getting hitched. We got 'engaged' shortly after meeting each other and decided to get married once we were lawfully able to do so. Yeah, we were confident that the Canadian government would make it happen.

There were a lot of good times and some rough episodes as well. We managed to get through everything as a pair and it seemed like we would be together forever.

Even my family grew to accept my boyfriend and me as a couple. He was included in family get-togethers and he got along quite well with everybody.

His family wasn't as accepting. There was some tension between his family and me. I never felt very comfortable around them and I think they felt the same about me.

Through all the ups and downs

though, something went wrong between us. We had conflicting ideas about what the future held for us. We were going to buy a house together. But I was not satisfied with my career prospects and desperately wanted to go back to

school. It was impossible to afford a mortgage and tuition.

It was a terrible feeling knowing that giving up on buying a house also meant jeopardizing our

relationship. But it was a decision that I had to make and deep down I knew what I had to do.

I told my boyfriend that I was going back to school. He understood. We decided that we were growing in different directions and that it would be best if we went our separate ways.

It wasn't a really bad break-up, but that didn't lessen the hurt of leaving the person I was in love with.

So the government finally got around to passing the legislation and we had already broken up.

Since then, I've been pretty lonely. There are days when I wish we were back together. Other days I enjoy my freedom. But overall, I do miss my ex very much.

That said, we have moved on with our lives. I'm back in school and my ex has moved out to western Canada looking for work.

I've been out on a few dates. Not with great success though. I did not realize how difficult it would be to meet people who are sensible and interested in more than casual sex.

I must admit that I'm not interested in the whole anonymous sex

thing. Perhaps that makes me a bit of an oddball in the gay community. It seems like almost every guy out there only wants to have his cock sucked or have a quick fuck without any 'strings' attached.

If I'm going to put out, I want to know that the guy I'm with is actually interested in me and not just blowing a load. I guess that doesn't leave me with a lot of options in the singles world.

And deep down, I still have strong feelings for my ex. He's still the person that I think about most often. I know that we were not perfect together, but my perspective now is that we had something special and that we should have tried harder to make our relationship endure.

To make matters more complicated, my ex and I have decided to remain friends and keep in touch. We both express a desire to be together again but agree that it's not possible right now. Instead, we talk about the frustrations of being single again.

Maybe sometime in the future my ex and I will seriously try to make things work out between us. But right now, we are both alone and in different parts of the country. Neither one of us can afford to visit the other, not even for Christmas.

We are left with sporadic telephone calls and the occasional email. That's not very much to rebuild a relationship upon.

But may be this time apart has given us both a viewpoint that shows how we really feel about each other and that if it was really meant to be, then somehow it will work out sometime in the future.

So I offer my sincerest congratulations to all those gay and lesbian couples who have tied the knot. You are very lucky indeed to have found somebody and made that bond last.



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Team Halifax NYE Fund Raiser

The athletes preparing to represent us at the Out Games in Montreal next summer are going through grueling training programs, giving their all and pushing their limits. The rest of us can support their efforts the easy way - just by going out to the Team Halifax Fundraising New Year's Eve Women's Bash. All proceeds go to support our athletes. It's at the Halifax Police Association Club, 5527 Cogswell Street. Tickets in advance at Venus Envy. More info about the dance and the team is at www.geocities.com/team_halifax



Inter-Pride to meet in Halifax

By Dorothy Dakota

As soon as that freebie calendar for 2006 arrives from your hardware store or dairy, mark off April 6 to 9.

That's when, for the first time ever, Inter-Pride Canada will meet in Halifax. Inter-Pride exists world-wide to bath promote LGBT pride on an international level and to help even the smallest of communities to hold and attend Pride events.

Next April will be Halifax's turn. Raymond Taavel is an alternate director of Region 7, which includes the four Atlantic provinces. "It's a great opportunity for Halifax," says Taavel. "We'll also be hosting Fierté Canada, a new organization birthed at the 2005 Inter-Pride Conference, which was in Winnipeg." Taavel says the workshops offered will be diverse. "We'll have sessions on marketing strategies," he says, "and volunteerism and much more." Inter-Pride will be of interest to the boards of Pride organizations around Atlantic Canada.

Check out www.inter-pride.ca for more information.

Happy Holidays from Wayves

On behalf of the Wayves Team (see the "Brought To You By" column in each issue) to our advertisers and readers, thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. We wish you all, safe and happy holidays.

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Victimization / Aggression Survey

I'm doing a study on the experiences of victimization and perpetration of aggression within the Rainbow Community... particularly in the Maritimes. If you haven't already received this, I'll paste the link below. Please feel free to forward it on to anyone you know who lives in Canada... I am also looking for "straight/non-Rainbow Community" men and women to fill it out as well, to be able to see if there are differences in the experiences of various groups of people.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=924901219074>

Sydney PFLAG

The Sydney PFLAG (Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gay's) December meeting: December 15, 2005 at Sydney River Superstore (Community Room) 1225 Kings Rd. Sydney, 7:30-9:30pm, Contact sydneys@pflagcanada.ca, Sexual Diversity Centre 563-1481 and Celeste 563-1389.

Halifax Men's Softball

Men's Softball team of 13 forming for 2006 Out Olympics in Montreal. We need a team of people as soon as possible to get registered so we can work on numerous things and do fund raising to help fund the trip, uniforms and equipment. Contact Doug Saunders at cds181@hotmail.com atten: Olympics or sign the list at Club NRG.



Last month, we did something a lot different-when two hotties sent us their likenesses and asked us to choose, we decided that we didn't want to do that all by ourselves. We also couldn't think of a question, so we turned them over to our readers. Thirty-eight readers told us which person they chose.

The score breaks down as follows: 20 voted for Morgan; 10 for Darren; five weren't sure and three didn't choose at all. These numbers might indicate that twice as many women as men read

the magazine (or some of you male readers are not as gay as you claim) and that some are so bisexual they just can't make up their minds. But we are not statisticians (and don't even like them) so we don't put much stock in how the numbers break down. We're more interested in the comments people make.

This is what you said about Darren: "cutest"; "hot as shit"; sexy bitch."

And about Morgan: "for sure"; "v sexy"; super hot and horny." Those who weren't sure said, "FAB"; "popularity contest"; real questions." The comment from the three who didn't choose included: "none of the above"(probably in a relationship); "what a thought-provoking question...etc." and finally, "I hope this doesn't turn into a gender issue."

This month's question: Do you like Christmas? Tell us - head to wayves.ca and fill in the blanks.



About Our Illustrator

This is the first appearance of Guang's work in *Wayves*. Most of the time she's soaking it up in foundation year at NSCAD. "I like it all," she says, "drawing, video, photography, sculpture." Guang has just moved to Halifax from Yinchuan, Ningxia, in northern China, by way of a year studying english in Wolfville.

"In the Odd Book store in Wolfville, I saw a copy of *Wayves*," says Guang, "and it was on my mind to seek it out when I came to Halifax." More of Guang's work is at www.geocities.com/pp-guang444/Hi.html

About Our Cover

The holiday season turns our mind to religious themes and seasonal celebration -- and new additions to the Wayves family! Denise Holliday brings some magic to our pages from her diary, while we deck the halls and work on that infamous gay apparel...

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Out and About Womyn: Over and Out

By Dorthy Dakota

After five years, Out and About Womyn is no longer accepting new members. Bernadine, the founder of the popular group, says she's burning out.

"I'm tired," she says. "It takes so much time and energy to keep anything going." At its peak, OOW had 400 members. Keeping it local was a problem for Bernadine. "People responded from all over the world. A group in New York wanted to have cross border visits. We just wanted a group for local women."

It seems no one is able to take over the reins. "Ninety-nine percent of the members want OOW to continue," says Bernadine, "but 99.9 percent of them don't want to step in and take it over."

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New Play, "Gay White Trash"

Halifax based Fat Morgan Theatre has launched a new play, *Gay White Trash*, written by actor/comedian and up-and-coming playwright Michael Best and directed by Fat Morgan Theatre founding member Marty Burt. *Gay White Trash* had a two-week run at The Crib, 2103 Gottingen Street. Tickets are \$12 or \$10 for students, seniors and unwaged, and can be purchased by contacting Jackie Torrens at (902) 492-3062.

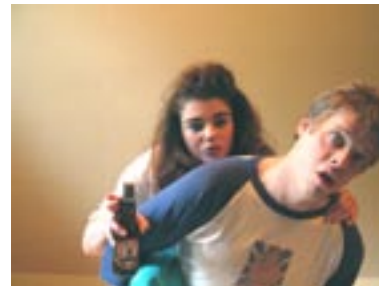
"I'm very excited to launch my first full-length play," said Michael Best, who wrote and is starring in *Gay White Trash*. "It's been in development for a long time starting out as a 15-minute sketch. Working with Fat Morgan Theatre has helped to make the production a reality."

Gay White Trash tells the story of Terry and Gary, economically disadvantaged life partners from rural Nova Scotia who have just moved to the "big" city. Gary wants to experience the kind of lifestyle a place like Halifax can afford gay men. Having moved to a rather low-rent area of north-end Dartmouth, however, he's missed the mark. When Gary meets a supposedly worldly and sophisticated gay guy, Kendal, at the mall where he works and invites him home for dinner against Terry's wishes, we find that being accepted into the "community" means many different things for many different people. It is a darkly sweet comedy about two members of the misguided and misinformed gay underclass.

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The cast, lounging from left to right: Tara Doyle as Joyce, Kevin Curran as Terry, writer Michael Best as Gary and Lex Gigeroff as Kendal.



Horse play: Tara Doyle as Joyce on the back of Kevin Curran as Terry.



The happy couple: writer Michael Best as Gary and Kevin

Gender Reassignment: Misconceptions Clarified

By Christopher Vaughan

In Canada, some provinces cover the full or partial cost of gender reassignment surgery. This is not the case in Nova Scotia.

Some local media outlets have produced stories that make it seem as though there is an aggressive campaign to have the province cover the cost of the surgery.

Those stories implied that the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP) and the Department of Health are conducting meetings to discuss the possibility of the province covering the surgery fees.

However, both the NSRAP and the government say this is not true.

"They (the media outlets) made it seem like there were ongoing discussions with the government," says Kevin Kindred, vice-chair of NSRAP. He says that there has been initial contact with the government regarding the matter.

Department of Health spokesperson Michelle Lucas agrees.

"I don't even know if there was a specific meeting or correspondence," says Lucas. "Nor has a formal proposal come to us."

Kindred notes that the NSRAP is a volunteer group and it is not interested in being "hyper-political" or taking advantage of the current minority government.

"We're not expecting to play

one political party against the other," says Kindred.

He says that the NSRAP is currently assembling a formal presentation that would try to convince the province to cover gender reassignment surgery. But he says it is a slow process and he does not know exactly when the proposal will be ready.

In the mean time, Kindred says one of the group's main priorities is educating the public about transgender issues.

"Our priority is to make Nova Scotians more aware of what it means to be transgendered and what it means to be discriminated against," says Kindred.



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The Red Door celebrates 15 years!

By Ralph Higgins

Where do you go if you are a young person with questions or problems with sexual health, relationships, self-esteem, drugs or depression and are too embarrassed to go to your family doctor or are concerned about confidentiality? For many, the answer is a nondescript house with a bright red door on a small street in downtown Kentville. In existence since 1990 and staffed mainly by volunteers, The Red Door provides services and information relating to the physical, sexual, emotional and mental health to people between the ages of 13 and 30.

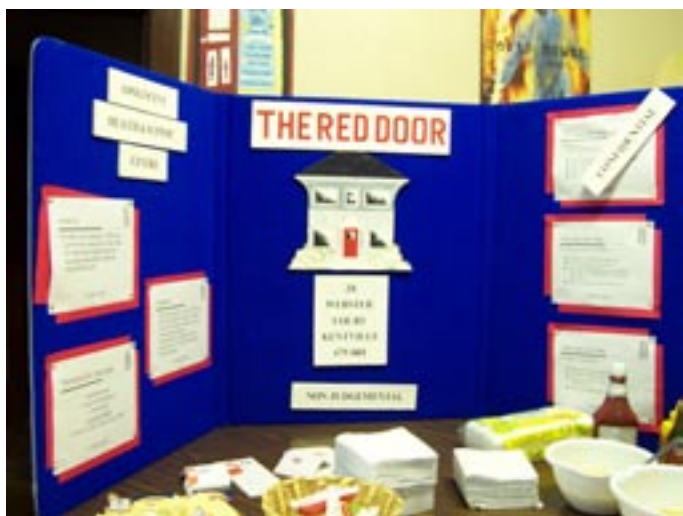
Their mission statement is "Inspiring Youth to exercise informed health decisions" and their stated philosophy is to "embrace diversity, be non-judgemental and to welcome sexual choices, orientations and identities." Over 100 young people a month come to the clinic, where nurses are available Monday through Friday between 1 and 5 p.m. and two doctors make office calls two afternoons a week. To honor privacy day concerns, clients

are on file by coded number rather than by name. All aspects of sexuality are dealt with in a frank, open manner, from birth control - the pill, condoms and morning after pill

- to STI (sexually transmitted infections) and HIV testing, pap screening and testicular exams. A client's emotional health is always of paramount concern and such



Lots of visitors and supporters during the Red Door Open House



Valuable materials and information are made available every

support and welcoming attitude is likely the greatest service offered by the Red Door to those feeling afraid and alone.

The Red Door also offers a re-

source centre with a wide selection of information, pamphlets and other reference materials. (Wayves was prominently displayed, I noted!)

Housed in the same building but operating as a separate organization is the

Emergency Teen Shelter providing, in cooperation with police authorities, a safe place to stay.

A police constable was dispensing hot dogs from the barbecue when I stopped by for the Open House on October 27 and the friendly volunteers and tour guides were convincing representatives of the Red Door's policy on being available, open and honest and providing a "listening ear."

Those interested in having more information or who wish to be involved in supporting the Red Door can go to their website: www.thereddoor.ca

By Gilles Marchildon

Schools aren't safe: Please help!

Many people think now that equal marriage is the law of the land, the fight for equality is over. Far from it! There is much work to be done before we can all live our lives openly, honestly and without fear about our sexual orientation or gender identity.

Young people are especially vulnerable, and the vast majority of school environments are unsafe for LGBT kids and children of LGBT parents. "That's so gay" is a phrase that's heard in schoolyards across the country. In most schools, nothing is done to counter this put-down or the taunts, harassment and bullying that so often accompany it. Many students live in fear.

Egale is embarking on our biggest project ever, making schools safe for ALL children. Unlike marriage, this isn't as simple as changing one federal law. We must take action province by province, and school board by school board.

Opponents of equality know that schools are the next key battleground in the struggle for acceptance of LGBT people. They made clear to Parliamentarians during the equal marriage campaign that schools would be their next focus. They said they are entitled, in their words, "to teach their children their values and their moral beliefs without state interference."

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Throughout his years in high school, Azmi Jubran was incessantly taunted and teased by his peers, bombarded with homophobic slurs like "gay", "faggot" and "queer", punched, pushed and spat upon. He brought a human rights complaint against his school board, who appealed right up to the Supreme Court of Canada. Last week, the Supreme Court denied leave

to appeal to the North Vancouver School Board, meaning the ruling by the B.C. Court of Appeal is now final and binding.

The B.C. Court of Appeal said school boards have an obligation to take proactive measures to ensure a safe school environment for LGBT students and children of LGBT parents. But these measures will not happen on their own. Someone has to keep the pressure up. Someone has to monitor what's going on and take strategic action.

In Calgary last Saturday, leaders of the religious right like Bishop Fred Henry held a huge fundraiser to support Pastor Stephen Boissin, who has declared war against the "perverse, self-centered and morally deprived" homosexual activists because "children as young as five and six years of age are being subjected to psychologically and physiologically damaging pro-homosexual literature and guidance in the public school system; all under the fraudulent guise of equal rights."

Pastor Boissin is determined to prevent schools from teaching tolerance and having a more inclusive curriculum. Unfortunately, he's wrong about the extent of these programs. Most schools have not taken action to counter anti-LGBT prejudice and remain hostile to LGBT people and their children.

Opponents of equality are mobilizing. If you think equal marriage encountered strong opposition, just wait until the fight moves closer to home, directly impacting their children!

Until now, there has been no national organization leading the



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*Twas the week before Christmas, time for my Open House
A much-anticipated event if I'm permitted to boast
I was feeling worn out from all of the pressure
So went to bed early hoping to wake feeling fresher*

*Maybe it was the eggnog or was I just randy?
Perhaps it was the fruitcake, two months soaked in brandy
Which created the dream into which I fell.
It started out lovely - hot sex with Denzel!
I was kissing his chest getting hotter and hotter
Moving down to his sugarplums. They made my mouth water!
But before I had a chance to swallow his pride
We got interrupted by a racket outside.*

*We'd been under the tree instead of in bed
So presents got trampled as to the window we sped.
At first we saw nothing; our breath fogged the glass
Plus I was distracted by his sweet cocoa ass.
Then I could see in the moon's silver glow
A sleigh with the driver spilled onto the snow.*

*As dry heaves can follow a surfeit of rye
Or dreams be created by too much mince pie
So Jolly Saint Nick, in my weird surreal version,
Was a dominant master with a taste for perversion.*

*Exposing his belly which he scratched while he leered
At the boys he had brought instead of reindeer.
He then cracked his whip, herding them to the wall
He made them all strip, crying out to them all,
"Off jockstraps! Off briefs! Off all tighty whiteys!
And Rudolph, I told you, take off that damn nightie!
I'll punish you now for being so clumsy."
Then muttering aloud and slapping their bums he*

*Made them line up in two orderly rows
And tied up their "packages" quite tightly with bows.
The reins then he laced through their nipple rings
While whistling A Few Of My Favourite Things.
Collars and harnesses all made of leather
He gave them, but nothing to shield from the weather.
In spite of the treatment, they seemed quite delighted
And Rudolph especially was visibly excited.
As he took up his place in front of the sled
It wasn't his nose that was glowing bright red.*

*Now Santa was smiling as he jumped in the sleigh
Reaching for cookies and cold chardonnay
"Hurry up boys. Get a move on, you knaves.
We've got one more stop, for the gay folk at Wayves."
For Daniel, for Cameron, for Jim's M and B
For Denise and Ian, for Norval and V.
For Raymond and Randall, and all volunteers
Who get all the news out to our Atlantic queers.
We've got to go fast, to get there and back on
I'll miss the ballet and they're doing Nutcracker."*

*They leapt into the air, an incredible sight;
For the sleigh it was shining with bright rainbow lights.*

*The dream was so clear but most vivid was this:
The way that Denzel wished me Merry Christmas.
I woke in the morning with a feeling of bliss
And the taste on my lips of chocolate from a kiss.*

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Opinion

New Brunswick Leaders Should Be Held In Contempt.

By Gerard Veldhoven

New Brunswick's government and the opposition Liberals are demonstrating a total lack of consideration for same-sex couples by not allowing them the equal opportunity to be legally married. It is outrageous that Bill 76 even came into being. If politicians deem it fit to challenge the New Brunswick Human Rights Act, which protects availability of access to any public service, the Act would be of little value in that particular sense.

We- in the gay and lesbian community; deserve equal access to all

services, including the availability of clerks and deputy clerks of the court to provide legal same-sex ceremonies.

Recently, I was in touch with Brad Green, New Brunswick's Justice Minister, who assured me he would appoint proper authorities to provide this service. As an activist, I find this to be an extremely pointless offer and it certainly is not within the bounds of NBHRA. He obviously has no intention of following the

If a clerk refuses to provide this service, his or her license to perform a marriage ceremony should be revoked at once.



instructions of the Act. This is contemptuous and definitely a flagrant attempt at minimizing the importance of equal rights for all the citizens of New Brunswick. The guidelines are in place and the

onus is on the government to provide this service to same-sex couples.

Discrimination continues to rear its ugly head and will not let up until governments in certain provinces

discontinue this practice. The NDP in New Brunswick had a wonderful and dynamic leader in Elizabeth Weir who worked effortlessly to halt this bill. I also wrote the current leader, Allison Brewer, who assured me she will fight this

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Free Speech - Even for the 'phobes

By Gilles Marchildon

It can be challenging to hear an opposite point of view. When that opinion is vehement and hurtful, it's even more challenging to defend the right of that opinion to be expressed.

There are limits, of course, but Pastor Stephen Boissin has not crossed them. Yet.

Boissin is the former executive director of Concerned Christians Canada Inc. Back in June 2002, a Red Deer, Alberta newspaper published a fiery letter by Boissin.

In it, he described his "war" against making schools safe for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-identified (LGBT) people.

Boissin called LGBT people "perverse, self-centred and morally deprived," and said that, "where

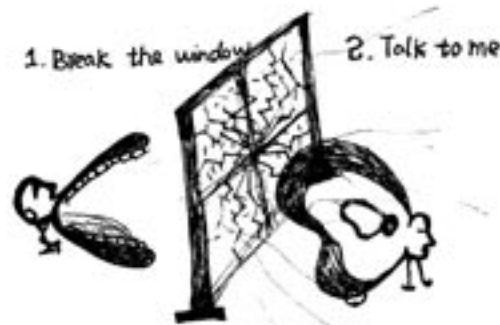
homosexuality flourishes, all manner of wickedness abounds."

The Pastor condemned the "horrendous atrocities such as the aggressive propagation of homo- and bisexuality" as well as the "psychologically and physiologically damaging pro-homosexual literature and

temptation is strong to want to silence such an angry diatribe,

guidance in the public school system; all under the fraudulent guise of equal rights."

He went on to say that "war has been declared," calling on readers



to "take whatever steps are necessary to reverse the wickedness."

The letter is now the subject of a human rights complaint by University of Calgary Professor of Education Darren Lund. Winner of an Alberta Human Rights Award, Professor Lund is a champion of human rights. His years of work towards making schools safe for everyone are worthy of respect and praise.

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Health Conference



Halifax Hosts Eastern End of GLBT Rainbow

By Denise Holliday

After months of preparations and hours of work at the national and local levels an event to be Proud about took place in Halifax. A group called CRHC (Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition) who were greatly assisted by a local Maritime Rainbow Group called NSRAP (Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project) orchestrated a Rainbow Community Health and Wellness conference and brought together speakers and delegates from across not only North America but the World.

The final count was reckoned to be 225 delegates and they had two full days of Maritime hospitality to keep them happy while they attended many of the 54 assorted workshops. Truly the colours of the GLBT Communities Rainbow were held high and as distinct as every colour is, they blended perfectly.

The event was held at the Casino Nova Scotian Hotel so adding a truly Maritime flavour to the delegates stay that was only outdone by the Maritime hospitality shown by the organizing groups and hotel staff. There was one volunteer who was waiting for someone at the check-in desk and was drawn into a conversation with a hotel staff member. "Oh" she said, "you folk have been so quiet we almost forget you were up there." Another great compliment to the dedication of not only the organizers but to the delegates in attendance as they moved flawlessly from one workshop time frame to another.

The Conference was titled Rainbow Health 2005, Developing Capacity to Address Our Health and Wellness. The handout about the conference explains that each year over 5500 gay men, Lesbians, Bisexual or Transgendered (GLBT) Canadians die a premature death as a result of the intolerable levels of homophobia that still exist in this country. Those deaths result from the stress of living in a climate that

does not value the lives of GLBT people. Unable to see how they can survive in this atmosphere, many GLBT people commit suicide and since they often usually feel isolated and unsafe the reason for the death is not always apparent. This often leads to the published number of deaths being much lower than the actual death toll.

Recently I experienced this homophobic attitude myself when

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I asked a man I knew if he cared to sponsor me in the AIDS Walk for Life. "No Way, Let em all die" he said. Fortunately, his was not the most common response. During conversations in workshops and during breaks, a common thread seemed to keep evolving. Gay men who explained situations where doctors upon learning they were gay, refused to take them on or keep them as patients and often made assessments based on the patients sexuality without proper examination,

Native Two Spirited and Transgendered people shared some common ground in the fact that the majority of the medical professionals know little or nothing of their issues and while some social, educational and government groups have collected information, as one person with letters after their name said "no-one shares relevant data".

A total of 54 workshops provided an amazing menu of subjects to sit in and learn about. The issues regarding GLBT communities and how stress creates additional problems such as medication abuse,

self abuse, spouse abuse and in particular same sex (male abuse) was looked at in depth. Effects that spiritual conflicts cause; as in the case of Christian gays and other mainline religious groups were examined and how this leads to added health care costs and premature death. The average gay man is expected to die at age 55 according to the

conference hand out. "Great" rings in my ears as the response I would expect from that man I spoke of earlier. It is to be hoped he never experiences losing a child or grandchild

who was "foolish enough to choose to be a Rainbow Child."

While I have no idea who the average delegate was, the ages in attendance were from early twenties to over sixties and they blended and shared on an ongoing basis. Possibly more was learned between workshops from each other than in the actual workshops as each one discussed what they had learnt and shared their true life experiences in this light. As a 58 year old Transsexual I was amazed that people in Canada would be unable to obtain reasonable and timely medical intervention. If my local hospital did that to me, I would truly be devastated. Rainbow Parents, Parents of Rainbow Kids, now there is two statements that are so far apart you can fit Canada in between. What about Kids of Rainbow Parents,. As these kids go through the health and education system or attend churches across the land, what is it that is offered to them?

Do you willingly watch for Homophobia and Transphobia and stop it, or do you find the torment these kids go through to be a subject of humour? It is so

easy to say, after the child has committed suicide, it's not my fault the parent was Gay, Queer, Lesbo, Homo Gender Bender . . . So sad, too bad. The Conference workshops successfully covered many of our issues including native-related member's issues.

Peer helping was promoted as one of the strongest ways of assisting members of our community. Self identification was also discussed, since not everyone likes to be classified as under simply G, L, B or T. It was noted that we are as diversified in self identification as we are in social and health issues. Another common theme was that Transgender issues were often perceived by the TG community as being tagged on the end of GLB while receiving no real identity. Hand in hand with that it was also plainly understood by many that while Sexual orientation is widely discussed and promoted inside and outside the rainbow community, many people treating or supporting transgendered people including the GLB community, get sidetracked by the word sexuality. They totally miss the gender identity issues, simply adding one more letter to their Title without clarification or real support.

CRHC ended the conference by having their Annual General Meeting on the Saturday afternoon and took the opportunity to announce the theme campaign for 2006 as OUTLIVE HOMOPHOBIA. They handed out posters and rubber wristbands proclaiming the aims of the campaign. Watch for more details in the near future in this paper.



Teamwork was the key factor to the on the ground success of the Health and Wellness Conference that the Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition held in Halifax at the Hotel Nova Scotian in November. After all the formal planning and arranging every organizer knows that it is the on the ground, in your face local support that makes the final difference between a good or a great conference. Here we see CRHC teammembers Daniel Lanouette, Moneca McLean, and Russel Rogers.



Bob Fougere, pictured here with Hal Walsh looking on, are just a sample of the teamwork supplied by NSRAP volunteers. Hal was providing much needed input for changes to a current flyer that had to be done in French. For such a small group of volunteers, there was an amazing collection of specialized skills. Several were bilingual which was very important to this event.

in Nova Scotia

I Am Who I Am - from the Acadian Peninsula

At the CRHC conference on Health and Wellness there were several tables and lots of information available. While some simply put out material and walked away, others were staffed with people to answer questions and they did a great job, but one table seemed to stand out for content for the enthusiasm of the people who were looking after it.

The person in charge was Janice Lizotte-Duguay, M.A.Ps a well known New Brunswick psychologist specializing in sexual orientation and suicide prevention and intervention. With the help of her colleagues she prepared a video that she and her team were very obviously proud of. No one passed the table without an effort to explain the video to them. It turned out that after the Friday nights free showing of the video, the people present were unanimous in their support of this opinion.

This was a professional production done by grass roots workers. The documentary deals with the journey of four young gays-two male and two female. The journey and perspective of each one is different. Sébastien Yan, the youngest, was only 15 when the video was shot and had "come out" only a few months earlier. Marilyne, 16, discussed the issue with her family and friends when she was 14. The process took longer for Suzie and Stéphane, both in their Twenties; it was only after graduating from high school that they felt comfortable enough to share this different reality with their loved ones.

The Documentary was entirely shot in New Brunswick's Acadian Peninsula with the assistance of various agencies that care about youth. It provides a perspective from rural youths who, often, experience this reality in an environment where support groups and services for gays are non-existent.

Young people are not the only ones who can benefit from watching this documentary. This is a valuable tool to facilitating a discussion between young people and their parents. It can help people in the process of understanding and communicating. It is frequently used as an intervention tool by therapists with clients of all ages.

The Documentary is available in original French or a very good



Business partners Lucie Michaud, Janice Lizotte-Duguay, and Stéphane Proulx.

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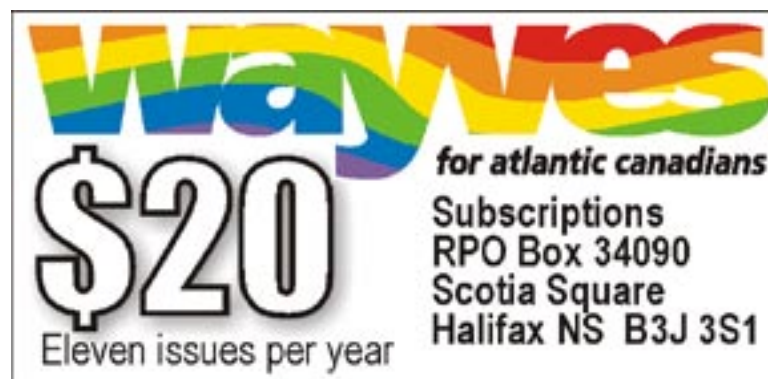
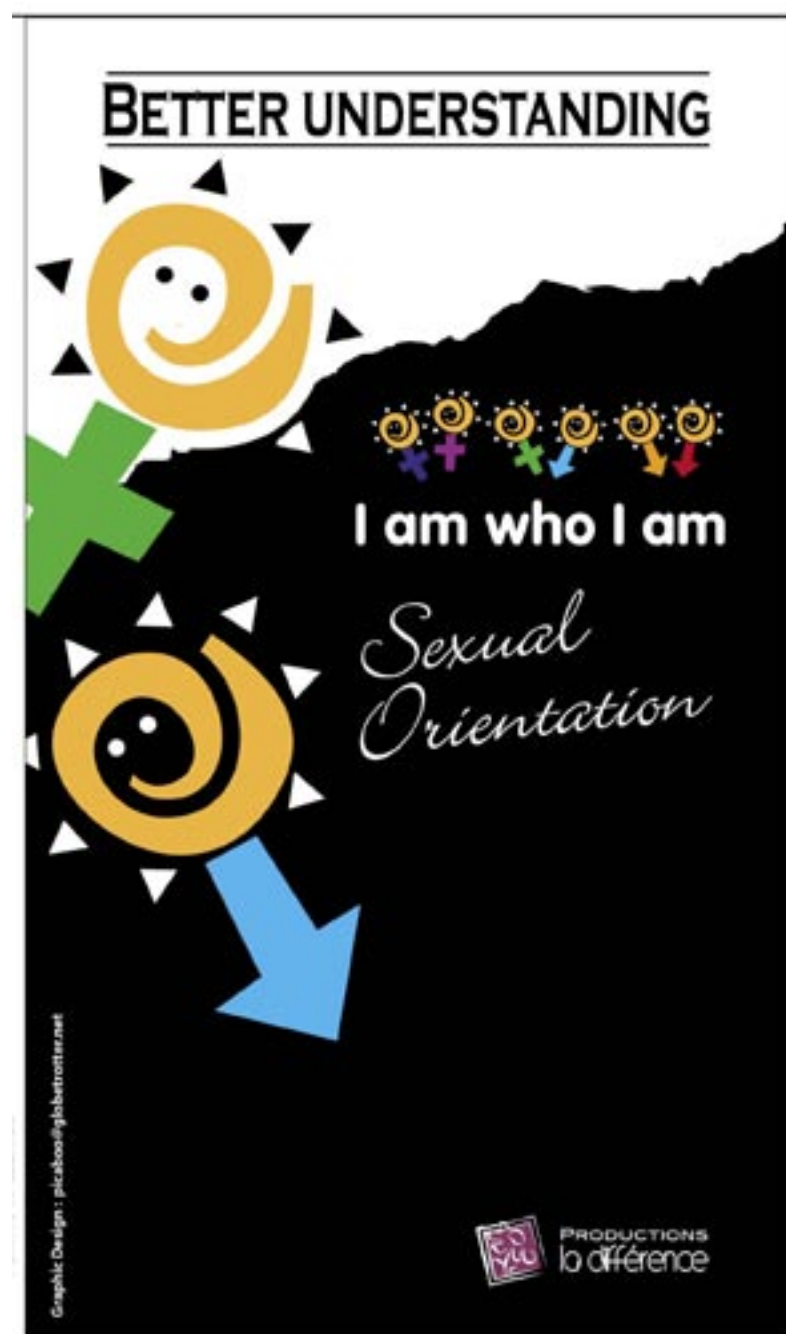
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Directed by: Paul Arseneau

Duration: 27 minutes

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Transgender Diaries: Denise's First Christmas

By Denise Holliday

The season was fast-approaching and I was sort of stressed out, like everyone else. The fact was that I was dealing with several unanswered issues and the uncertainty was perhaps worse than the reality of the situation. It had been agreed that I should transition, and for the past few weeks I had been spending more and more time living as Denise. This included several trips to Bedford, Dartmouth, and Halifax and as far away as the Annapolis Valley.

Because my youngest was in her first year of junior high, it had been agreed that it would be better if I could hold off going public 'til she completed the year. This would allow her to establish herself before my reputation over-rode all else. In a rural area, things like that can easily happen.

I had received a call and arranged to go to Christmas at the Halifax Forum with another TS and a genetic female friend. We all

met in Bedford and I traveled with them. This was to be the most public and up-close situation I had ever

faced as Denise. We entered the Forum with me trailing a little behind, and suddenly one of the men at the doorway thrust a basket in my face. "Merry Christmas, my dear. Have a candy, and I hope you enjoy

yourself." Another man opened the door for me and I stumbled through with what must have been the strangest look of panic, shock and elation. He had said "DEAR". The word hung on my ears like bright pearls. It left me in a daze as I wandered the stalls until my friends decided they had spent enough money. I actually had only enough left for the gas home.

They decided we would go to Burger King for a bite to eat and again that grasp of terror tightened around my chest. We parked and I settled in at a table while my com-

panions purchased the food. I remember almost nothing of the conversation, but when it was suggested we use the bathroom, my emotions went into overdrive. If there was one place I had not yet learned to be relaxed in, it was the female wash-room. Regardless of my fears and in fact because of them, my friends had been deliberately feeding me all day with food and coffee while staying away from what they knew was my biggest barrier. With no option but to "GO" I joined the pair and we literally took over the two cubicle washroom. I was fast, very fast, and then I started to wash my hands in a hurry, so as to get out before anyone picked on me. Suddenly, the room reverberated from a man pounding on the door and shouting, "I am coming in." Well, talk about panic: I was halfway up the wall of the building next door while still washing my

hands. The door crashed open and a large man rushed in. He stopped suddenly, looking at my friend and me. It seemed like an eternity as those few seconds flew by. Suddenly he looked confused and rapidly apologized, saying he thought it was empty and he had planned to clean up. Then he backed out and the door shut. Ten seconds of silence and then my friends were killing themselves laughing at my

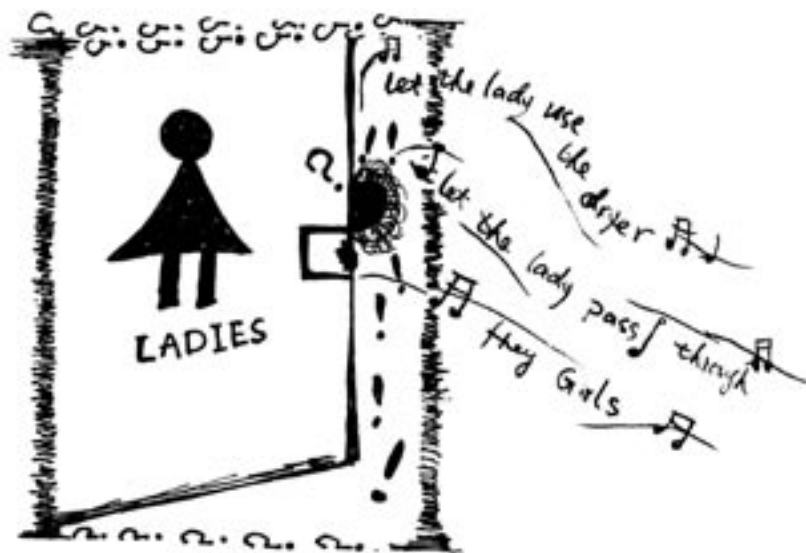
reaction to it all. As for me, I gave up any idea of drying anything, grabbed my bag and did not stop rushing till I reached the car.

It was to be a *Christmas Tale* my spouse and my friends would recall often.

I know I'll never forget Denise's first Christmas.

Merry Christmas everyone

*He had said
"DEAR". The
word hung on
my ears like
bright pearls.*



Gay Leads Going Into PQ Vote

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Openly gay politician Andre Boisclair was clearly in the lead as voting began mid-November for a new leader for the Parti Quebecois.

Party members are voting by telephone with results not expected until Tuesday. With eight candidates in the running for the leadership, unless Boisclair scores a decisive victory there will be a runoff.

That is something his closest rivals are banking on. A runoff could see opposition to the handsome 39-year old with a reputation for partying hard, unifying around a single candidate.

All eight leadership hopefuls have promised they would hold a new vote on separation from the rest of Canada within two years - plunging the country into another unification crisis.

Quebec currently has a Liberal government, but the opposition Parti Quebecois has the lead in public opinion polls.

While Boisclair was the front-runner going into Sunday's vote he has considerable baggage. He has admitted that while a junior cabinet minister he flirted with cocaine and has a reputation for being an elitist.

Boisclair has refused to say how



often he used the drug or who supplied it to him. In an attempt to deflect suggestions of criminal behavior, he did clarify he never personally bought cocaine.

About 140,000 paid-up party members are using a preferential system where they will rank their favorite candidates.

"We're led to believe things are probably closer than we think from our general population data," said Christian Bourque, a pollster with Leger Marketing.

"Usually the second ballot is a referendum on the front-runner," said Bourque.

"If you did not support Mr. Boisclair on your first ballot, you're not likely to support him on your second or your third."

Canada Approves Instant HIV Test

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For the first time, a test is available in Canada that will allow doctors to determine whether a patient is HIV-positive during a visit to the physician's office, clinic or hospital emergency room - avoiding the long wait for outside laboratory testing, its Canadian manufacturer says.

Using just a drop of blood, the Insti HIV test can tell whether a patient has antibodies to the virus that causes AIDS within an average of 60 seconds, said Richard Galli, director of research and development for the product's manufacturer, Biolytical Laboratories of Richmond, B.C.

"It's designed for a point-of-care situation, a one-on-one setting with a patient and their health-care provider," Galli said Monday from Richmond.

"The Insti test is designed to be very simple," involving a finger stick to draw blood, he said. "This small droplet of blood from a finger stick is then transferred to a vial that's contained within the Insti test, and from there it's a series of four very short processes to come to the final result."

The screening test has been shown to be 99.6 per cent ac-

curate in more than 16,000 trials performed on 3,400 people, Galli said, noting that the rate of false positives is about the same as current laboratory tests.

Insti HIV, given the regulatory green light on Oct. 25, is the first such rapid test approved in Canada, but is not intended for home use, said Health Canada spokeswoman Nathalie Lalonde. "No HIV test kits are approved for sale for home use."

Currently, HIV testing is done by provincial laboratories, and depending on the province or territory, it can take seven to 10 days to get results, said Matthew Clayton, chief operating officer of the privately owned company.

"This test is designed as a screening test," Galli said. "It is not considered a diagnostic test for HIV. In other words, any positive on a screen has to go for confirmatory testing. The patient would be getting a presumptive positive result."

It usually takes about two to three weeks after exposure to the AIDS virus for the immune system to make antibodies, which circulate in the blood.

Patient counseling about HIV/AIDS would continue to play an important role in screening, Galli said.





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Queer Gifts for Queer People

By Cameron MacLeod

Oh god. It's the winter holiday season again. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice, or who knows what, you're probably realizing that you're short of time, money, and ideas for gifts again this year. You swore 2005 would be different. Ha! At least those of you who celebrate Ramadan are already done, so you can relax and laugh at the rest of us!

This gift guide isn't for the plain, or the faint of heart. You want to buy your ladyfriend a nice tie, or a new set of curlers for your husband? Go to Sears! I'm here to present the best, the worst, the most expensive, and the least thoughtful things I've encountered the world over.

Disclaimer: Wayves will not be held liable for any breakdowns in relationships that result.

For the gay geek: QUICKCAM. Do you like to be watched? Well, when on camera let's hope you're not too quick! With a not-safe-for-work picture and heavy breathing in your headset, I bet you'll spend more late nights panting under that sexy monitor glow. Maybe throw in some vitamins for the Worlds of Warcraft players... (robotnik.com)

For the lesbian: FLIPPER. I remember as a child we would go to Sea World to see the seals and dolphins play. Sometimes, if we were really lucky, Flipper would

leap right into someone's vagina! Holy crap! This vibrator brings all kinds of fishy tales to the surface! (venusenvy.ca)

For the fashionista: PIX. This 75-LED device clips to your belt buckle (or anywhere else you're willing) and displays any patterns, messages, or numbers you choose. It even can respond to your body's motion, dancing to the music with you! Of course, you still won't be dancing very well... (thinkgeek.com)

For the DINKs (double-income, no kids): save some oil, and some money, with a SMARTcar. Only \$16,000 and only two seats! My question is, how in the hell can you drag your prize-winning Chihuahua into this thing when the wheels are the same size as she is?! This car might be too smart for its own good. (smart.com)

For the distracted dominator: THE MIND MOLESTER. It's not as bad as it sounds! Hide this chirping microchip somewhere, and everyone will go batty trying to track down the noisemaker! Now if only getting rid of all our troubles was as easy as finding a 9-volt battery... (thinkgeek.com)

For the bored bisexual: I wanted to find something really out there for this one, but if you're bi but bored anyway, it must be

time to try a new city, or a new species. To that end, I recommend DAMRON CITY GUIDE—queer-content maps of cities around the world! and DOG



LOVE (paperback). (chapters.ca and amazon.ca)

For the quiet queen (there must be one somewhere!): PARTY GROOVE WINTER PARTY 8.

Turn it up and bring everybody out of the winter blahs-it! (Say it out loud. no seriously, it's a good pun!) Have a bottle of KAMA SUTRA OILS OF LOVE handy for when you wake up the neighbours too. (priae.ca)

For the friend who's more interested in keeping their head in the clouds than getting their head (ahem) clouded: LAND ON MARS! I thought it was a scam, but you get a deed, a map of the property, and a copy of the little-known Martian Constitution. Here's the sweetest part of the deal: shipping is only \$10. I checked with Canada Post, and their rate to send a sweater and a CD to Mars is about \$3,430,000. (unverseshop.com)

For the terrific transsexual: a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T sweetie! I bet they have a wishlist just waiting for

you to ask. And whatever you do, no matter how much they beg, do NOT buy a copy of SHE MALE DISASTER. It's right there in the title! (priae.ca)

For the "straight" boy: three to nine bottles of Keith's, depending on his personal Kinsey rating. (NSLC, Alcool NB Liquor, PEILCC, NLC)


Hope you have a happy holiday! Remember, it's the thought that counts. So count your blessings, think about some hot thing you saw the other day, and put your Visa away! You'll thank us when the bill arrives.



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Reviews



Family Films

movie reviews by Ralph Higgins
Family is one of those emotionally laden words that can have a different shade of meaning for each of us. Does it mean just blood ties, emotional bonds, a shared past? Here are three films that all approach the topic of "family values" from very different perspectives: *Ethan Mao*, *Harry and Max* and *Bear Cub* all from TLA Releasing, www.tlareleasing.com

Ethan Mao is the latest offering from well-known indie filmmaker, Quentin Lee.

When teenaged Ethan (Jun Hun Lee) is kicked out of the house by his father for being gay, he starts living on the street and hustles to survive. He meets Remigio (Jerry Hernandez) a small time drug dealer and former hustler who offers him a place to stay and friendship, with no strings attached. Initially cynical and hostile, Ethan gradually begins to trust Remigio and asks him to accompany him when he goes home to retrieve some of his belongings on Thanksgiving Day when the family will be away visiting relatives. The family returns unexpectedly and angry confrontation escalates into violence. The family that rejected him become Ethan's hostages.

Held at gunpoint by Ethan and Remigio, his family is forced to face up to the reality of their relationships and the actions that have led to this emotional explosion. Long held attitudes about homosexuality, love, family and the Asian American values of work and tradition are challenged while it becomes clear that the strongest emotional connection is the friend-

ship between Ethan and Remigio.

While all of us have questions, anger and wounds from our pasts, this film acts out those issues and highlights without preaching, the importance of communication in all human relationships. Some strong performances and a quirky original story. Worth a look.

The film *Harry and Max* has experienced considerable controversy for dealing with the topic of incest but the story is really much more complex than the publicity would suggest.

Harry (played by handsome, sexy Bryce Johnson) is the older brother and member of a successful boy band whose younger brother, Max, (blond, cute Cole Williams) idolizes him and is set to follow in his musical footsteps. When the two brothers decide to take a camping trip together they discover that their more than brotherly love has emotional consequences that neither of them - or their family and friends - is ready to deal with.

Both lead stars give very strong performances here and the story is told with intelligence and sensitivity. Bryce Johnson is convincing as the emotionally lost pop star and Cole Williams struggles with innocence and sexual craving as he searches for the personal boundaries he needs. The ending of the film falters a little but overall this comedy/drama is an engaging look at an unusual subject.

In the Spanish film *Bear Cub*, directed by Miguel Abaladejo, we have the story of Pedro, (Jose Luis Garcia-Perez) a gay dentist living in Madrid fully enjoying his sexuality and the company of his close friends. He is asked to take care of his nephew, Bernardo, (David Castillo) while his sister goes on a trip to India. Having little experience with children and completely unsure of his suitability as temporary guardian, Pedro nonetheless is quickly taken with Bernardo's open, friendly nature and the two form an easy, amicable relationship. When Bernardo's mother is detained on drug charges in India, the temporary arrangement becomes indefinite. Until the arrival of Bernardo's paternal grandmother who feels she is a more appropriate guardian than an HIV positive, free spirited bear who frequents gay bars and bathhouses.

Bear Cub is a remarkable film which takes your attention from the opening moments and never lets it go. There is not a weak performance in the film and Garcia-Perez and Castillo, as the uncle

and nephew, are truly extraordinary. Sexuality is presented in a completely natural, matter-of-fact manner and love, family and affection are explored without presenting easy answers or preaching. Pedro is not a flawless gay hero and neither is the grandmother the wicked witch of storybooks. Of additional interest is the fact that *Bear Cub* is about gay men who do not have gym-perfect bodies, are not the decorators or witty side-kicks so prevalent in Hollywood's presentation of gay chic. They are bears: lusty, hairy, sexually exuber-



ant queer men. In a story which could easily have become overly sentimental and played purely for emotional effect, Miguel Abaladejo, who directed and co-wrote the script, deftly reveals the truth inherent in every scene and his gifted company of actors give us restrained, finely-tuned performances that sparkle like facets in this jewel of a film.





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Mushroom Chicken Marsala

Ingredients

1/2 cup flour
1 Tbsp Ground Pepper
1 Tbsp Garlic Powder
2 Chicken Breasts
3 oz Olive Oil
1/2 cup Chopped Mushrooms
1 Onion Sliced
1 tsp Rosemary
1 qtr bottle Marsala or Red Wine
1/2 cup Beef Stock or Brown Sauce
3 tbsp Sour Cream



Method

1. Start with seasoned flour: combine flour, ground pepper and garlic powder
2. Julienne or coarse chop the 2 chicken breasts and dredge in flour.
3. Preheat sauté pan and add olive oil
4. Add sliced mushrooms and julienne onions and sauté till red wine. Add chicken.
5. Add 1/2 cup of brown sauce or beef stock and simmer and then reduce. As it reduces it will thicken from the flour on the chicken
6. If it gets too thick then thin with beef stock or red wine. Finish with sour cream and toss and coat well.
7. Serve with a bed of rice or roasted potatoes and steamed veggies.

Archbishop Pendergast's hypocrisy

By Gerard Veldhoven

Upon reading the article in the Chronicle Herald, July 26, 2005, by Archbishop Terence Pendergast, it becomes apparent he is attempting to minimize the importance of the equal social fabric of Canadian society.

The fact is, he is of the opinion same-gender marriage is not and should not be recognized. The fact this is a civil issue and not a religious one, does not even occur to him. It seems plausible to me, it is the attitudes of some of the so-named Christian churches that should be of concern to us, as we know not all Canadians practise the teachings of Christianity, especially as of late.

There is a reason the pews in the churches are emptying, at a rate not previously realized. The reasons are clear and the Archbishop, along with the Catholic teachings, should accept responsibility. He speaks of the government trying to coerce the clergy into accepting the legislation. This begs the question, who is the Catholic Church trying to coerce? I wonder about the consequences, should the church succeed in this fruitless exercise. It shall certainly put us on a fast track to inequality and social chaos.

We are now the fourth country to have legalized same-gender marriage and to stir up further debate by religious leaders is harmful and indeed, detrimental

to Canadian society as a whole, not to mention the thousands of gay and lesbian couples who now live in a loving and nurturing marriage, including the possibility of raising children.

Church leaders, such as Archbishop Pendergast, insist they "neither reject or condemn" homosexuals and they should "have their human dignity". So, where is that human dignity if it is repressed by some of the "Christian churches" and the "Christian teachings"? I wonder. It is hypocrisy at work and though we are hearing these negative ideas, we also know the advances we have made in a relatively short period of time.

Kudos to activists, such as Rev. Eldon Hay and the insight of the majority of Parliamentarians, same-gender marriage is now the law of the land. We must, however, continue the task of teaching others, such as Terence Pendergast, certain churches and the likes of Stephen Harper and Peter Mackay, we are now living in a progressive and fair society.

Let Christianity prove to us the churches are willing and ready to embrace us. Some churches, such as the United Church of Canada, have embraced same-gender marriage. This is a Christian organization, so the Roman Catholic Church would do well to do likewise.

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So Long, QAF

by Terry Richard

It's really hard to believe that five years have passed since the premiere of *Queer as Folk*. During that time the show has had its share of controversy and critics, but it can claim the most intense viewer loyalty that any cable show has ever seen. Stories such as teen prostitution, rights of gay parents, drug addiction and HIV—along with some of the best acting in television—are just some of the provocative attributes this show can boast. The show has been so successful that even Rosie O'Donnell appeared in a few episodes.

Debuting in January of 2001, *QAF* became an immediate hit, not only with the gay audience but with a large portion of the female demographic. People watched season after season with anticipation to see the trials and tribulations of Brian, Justin, Michael, Lindsay, Debbie and the rest of the gang as Mondays became a "must see" TV night. Long before the women from *Desperate Housewives* made soap opera watching cool again, *QAF* was already known as the gay Melrose Place.

However, like all good things, *QAF* came to its end—in August after filming 83 episodes. Having been an intense follower, I knew this year would be the end. Many fans are disappointed the show ended, but its creators Ron Cowen and Daniel Lipman knew that after five years it was time to wrap it up. Many series start becoming stale after five years and its creators didn't want this to happen to *QAF*. There are only so many creative stories one can come up with week after week.

One thing *QAF* had going for it (along with its great acting) was the writing. The show was never

dull, and its insistence in telling stories that struck to the cores of many gay people will always be felt. Who can forget when Brian and Justin first met? the sudden death of beloved Vic, or when one of Ben's former students wanted Ben to make him HIV positive?

Probably the saddest part of the show's run was that *QAF* never received an Emmy nomination. Scott Lowell's performance as a drug addicted Ted in the third season was one of the show's finest moments, yet he was overlooked. Gale Harold's performance as Brian was

worthy of a nomination every year. Harold was never afraid to tackle the difficult scripts

in dealing with his character's lack of love from his parents or his experience with cancer, and Harold approached the sometimes difficult explicit sex scenes with a professionalism not often seen in acting.

QAF will be long remembered as that television show that tore the lid off homosexuality. It brought gay issues into millions of living rooms week after week in a bold and unapologetic manner that, more than any other series, educated generations of North Americans.

The show ended in a way which allows us to imagine it come back in the future as another weekly series or even a movie. Many fans who have yet to see the finale will be happy with the way the creators have chosen to end the show.

Although the series may be off the air, *QAF* will live on in DVD form. The first four seasons are available now; the fifth season comes to stores on January 10. The series is also seen in repeats on Canada's OUT TV station.

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

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. email: halifaxtransguys@yahoo.com web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html (Please write for further information on our upcoming meetings and social events.)

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

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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) at 3544 Acadia St. Halifax, NS B3K 3P2

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New Brunswick (506)

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

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

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

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ton: library & occasional social events. email: jwhitehe@unb.ca web: www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074

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Out in the Valley / A la campagne, Fredericton: Gay and Lesbian Outdoors Club. email: OutintheValley@hotmail.com

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

PFLAG Saint John, Saint John: 652-3995 email: wandr@nbnet.nb.ca, 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. 693-1145 email: danny@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

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

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

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

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Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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Gay on the Rock: Gay Life in St. John's and Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. email: gayontherock@yahoo.com web: www.geocities.com/gayontherock

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NGALE LIST-SERV, St. John's: Email discussions & events for Newfoundland. email: subscribe@ngale.cjb.net, meets 1st Wednesday at 50 Harbour Drive: ACNL Office

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: for the g/l/b/t communities- (902) 441-7505 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.ration-allunacy.com/cout, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St. Mary's Basilica, basement - side entrance

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

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

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

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web: groups.msn.com/GayFathersOffHalifax, meets 1st Wednesday (7-9 p.m.) at Dalhousie Legal Services, 2209 Gottingen Street (corner of Gottingen & Cunard) press the buzzer.

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

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Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colc., Pictou, Cumb. & E Hants. 895-0931 email: t_o_p2000@hotmail.com (Our Board of Directors meet regularly on the third Monday of each month.) at Futureworx 80 Glenwood Dr., Truro, N.S.

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

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Over 30's Club: Socials, usually potluck dinners. 464-8925 email: atlanticoverthirty@hotmail.com (one Saturday evening a month) at members' homes, mostly Halifax but occasionally out of town.

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

PFLAG Middleton, Middleton: Parents & friends. 902-825-0548 email: middletonns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/middleton.html, meets last Friday (7-9pm) at the Wilmot Community Centre civic address 13972 Highway #1 wilmot. Wilmot 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 Sackville/Amherst: Parents, families & friends-of, and, GLBT persons. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca web: www.maritimelesbians.com/, meets 2nd monday (Please see calendar on our web page.) at Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

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Positive Connections: Teleconferenced support groups for people living with. 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.

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

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

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

at 28 Webster Court

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

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

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society: South Shore Pride Social Club, Bridgewater: for 18 & older. 685-3297 email: info@south-shorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca, meets every Monday (7:30PM - 9:00PM)

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

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

Tightrope, Halifax: leather & denim brotherhood. See our monthly events listing at <http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents>. 461-1972 (ask for Mike), meets 3rd Saturday

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

Truro Gay Youth: Vida at 897-4366.

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

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

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House, Kingston: socials for gay men; gay & lesbian dances. 825

Events Calendar ... more >>

Amherst

First and Third Wednesdays

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

Third Thursday of each month

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

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

Valley Gay Mens Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance from 9pm-1am. We are having two dances in May, on the 7th and 28th and no June dance. The 28th dance will be a special Apple Blossom event.* If you need more information please contact 1-902-825-3197 or menembracingmen@yahoo.ca

Every Sunday

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

Bridgewater

Every Monday

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

Cape Breton

What's up in Cape Breton? Email submissions@wayves.ca and tell us! Event listings are free, after all.

Fredericton

Every Wednesday

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

Third Sunday of each month

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.

Dec 1, 15, Jan 5, 19, Feb 2, 16

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Halifax

Every Sunday

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Second Sunday of each month

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

First and Third Tuesdays

Formerly known as the Queer/Straight Alliance, Mount Pride in the GLBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University. We are an active and online group that meets bi-weekly on tuesdays at 12 noon in the diversity center in Roseria on campus, and online at mountpride@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

Every Wednesday

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

First 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

First Wednesday of each month

GAY FATHERS OF HALIFAX is a peer support group for gay and bisexual men. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. We also get together for a monthly Pot Luck social. For more info contact Bruce @ 469 5490 or Gilles @ 448-3565 or email GayFathersHalifax@hotmail.com or visit our website at http://groups.msn.com/GayFathersOfHalifax If you are interested in facilitating meetings, organizing activities or simply meeting a great group of men, then send us an email.

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.

Dec 1, 15, Jan 5, 19, Feb 2, 16

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

Dec 4, 18, Jan 8, 22, Feb 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

December 5

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia invites you to our Volunteer Reception and Open House! 3-6pm, 1657 Barrington Street, Suite 326.

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Sun Dec 11: Another Big Bird Turkey Draw in Support of MANA

Thu Dec 15: Harry Pickles Christmas Party - Food, Games & Prizes

Fri Dec 16: Christmas Concert with Chad & Friends 7PM - 9PM

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Sat Dec 17: Blue Collar Night - Dress Up & WIN! Christmas Teddy Draw in support of MANA for Health

Sun Dec 18: Another Big Bird Turkey Draw in Support of MANA

Fri Dec 24: OPEN 12PM - 2AM

Sat Dec 25: Closed

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Wednesday - Halifax Idol with Anita Mann and Annie Cockadoo 10pm \$100 Cash Prize

Thursday - Classic Karaoke and Wings with Justin 10pm \$100 Cash Prize

Friday DJ Laptop Spins 10pm

Saturday - DJ Laptop Spins 10pm

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Wednesday - Great live bands on stage till 1am followed by Retro night with DJ Electro and DJ Sapho till 3:45am

Thursday - Lulu LaRude hosts 5 Minutes of Fame - The anything goes Talent Show where we give away \$200 cash every Thursday. 10pm \$3. DJ HedFones till 3:45am.

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Thursdays - Naked Night, Towels optional!

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Moncton

Second Tuesday of each month

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

Third Monday of each month

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

Second and Fourth Mondays

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

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.

Montréal

July 9 - August 5, 2006

A group of Acadiens/Acadiennes from everywhere are planning to participate at the first Outgames Rendez Vous Montreal between July 29 until August 5, 2006. There will be dozen of gays

participate at that cultural and sporting event. If you do your inscription before the end of 2004 you will have a reduction of your inscription fees. If you want to join our acadien team please contact yvonbonbon@hotmail.com

Saint John

Third Saturday

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

Saint John Bar & Business Calendar

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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 Third Wednesday

Arriba's Night! Arriba's is a bar in the same building as Quintana's De La Plaza, in Churchill Square. We get together and attend this venue on a regular basis, due to its closeness to MUN and the fact that these are "Student Saver Nights" (drinks are cheaper and there are free nachos with every drink!). Before going to the venue, people are asked to meet at LBGT-MUN at 4:30pm to head over (and to grab seats before everyone else - teehee). Make sure to wear some Pride stuff so we can tell that you're there to meet us! (Note: this venue is 19 years and older)

St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

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Third Saturday of each month

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Wolfville

Every Second Tuesday

Kings County Prostate Cancer Support Group, 7-9 pm in the East Kings Memorial Public Health Centre on Earncliffe Ave in Wolfville. You can ask questions you forgot to ask the doctor or nurse and you can think aloud to help you make your decisions. There is growing evidence that your participation in a group of people who have gone through the processes you are now facing is mentally beneficial and may well contribute to your recovery from prostate cancer interventions. We are an easy-going informal group of 12 men, some of whom bring their spouses/partners to our monthly meetings. Know that you are truly welcome to join us and if you need more information please get in touch with me by e mail dickgroot2003@yahoo.ca or by phone 542 6125. Our correspondence address is the same as my home address: 210 Main Street, Wolfville NS B4P 1C4.

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The play runs at 8:00pm from November 22nd to December 3rd.



Michael Best has written for several Canadian productions such as Street Cents, Popular Mechanics for Kids, Olliver's Adventures and This Hour Has 22 Minutes, for which he shared a 2001 Canadian Comedy Award for Best Writing in a Series. Michael is also co-founder of Birdy Num Num, the outrageous Halifax comedy ensemble that earned him a second Canadian Comedy Award nomination for Best Sketch Group in 2002. Michael also created, wrote and starred in a series of three comic shorts called Ace in the Hole that has screened at film festivals in Australia, Vancouver, Toronto, Halifax and Hamburg. His 2003 solo debut comedy show Audible Minority had a successful run in March 2005 at the Second City's Tim Sims Playhouse in Toronto. Gay White Trash is Michael's first, full-length play.

Director Marty Burt has been working for Atlantic Canadian theatre companies for the past 15 years. Some of these include: Theatre Newfoundland and Labrador, Neptune Theatre, Theatre New Brunswick, The Irondale Theatre Ensemble, Live Bait Theatre, Two Planks and a Passion Theatre, Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia and The Stephenville Theatre Festival. Marty's first one-man show Mad Dog Racing was the first production staged by Fat Morgan Theatre company, of which he is a founding member.

With Jackie Torrens as drama-turge, Gay White Trash also features veteran performers of the local stage and screen: Kevin Curran (Birdy Num-Num, Neptune Theatre, Live Bait, Two Planks and a Passion, Eastern Front, Irondale Ensemble, Forerunner Theatre); Fat Morgan founding member Tara Doyle (If the Weatherman Left his Wife, Birdy Num Num, Trailer Park Boys, Lexx, Parsley Days); and Lex Gigeroff (Alexander Sextus: The Conclave, The Wild Guys).

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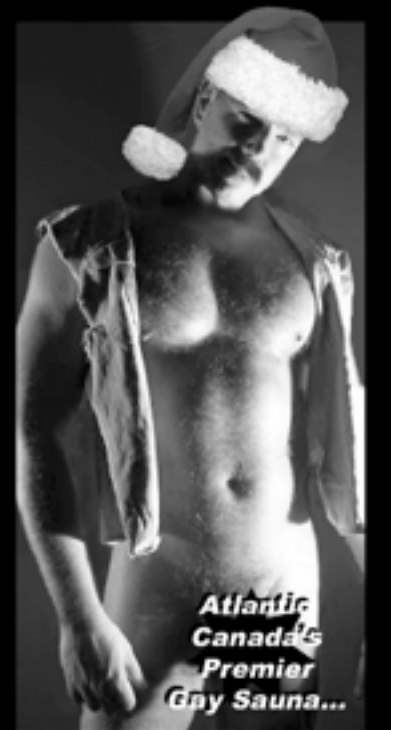
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Cont'd from Contempt, p. 7

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issue and has already spoken with Premier Lord to indicate her objection to Bill 76.

Religious officials are permitted to reject same-sex ceremonies and therefore, as in the words of SaraRose Werner, are covered by the New Brunswick government's "attempt to legalize discrimination". When legal same-sex marriage came into being in Canada, after most provinces had already adjusted marriage laws, it had seemed the other provinces would follow suit. However, it was an illusion, as the fight needs to continue and we all have an obligation to assist in this attempt to change the minds of these homophobic politicians bent on legalizing discrimination. We should be concerned about the future of our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters by making certain they have full access to equal opportunity.

The Lord government with the assistance of the Liberal opposition has amply provided us with unworthy ideas to be thrown at the gay and lesbian population in New Brunswick. The fight has been long and very difficult. It is clear we must oppose this constant discrimination, even if we live in other jurisdictions. We have the obligation to stand with same-sex couples in New Brunswick and assist them in fighting for the basic right to be legally married. The government must provide marriage ceremonies in all parts of the province. The clerks of the court must be made available and not be considered exempt because of religious beliefs. If a clerk refuses

to provide this service, his or her license to perform a marriage ceremony should be revoked at once. It is clear that politicians sometimes put their own beliefs before the rights of the general public.

The implementation of human rights seems so fragile at times. I believe the Lord government and the Graham opposition should be held accountable for their negative attitudes, as well as for their refusal to rid the province of discrimination. I look forward to the day we all are able to enjoy equally the rights afforded others and be awarded the same opportunities, such as

we must fight this discrimination, even if we live in other jurisdictions.

access to legal marriage in the province of New Brunswick. We must all be actively involved in the process of attaining this goal. All the citizens of New Brunswick, through the New Brunswick Human Rights Act, must have the same opportunities—regardless of sexual orientation.

Cont'd from Free Speech, p. 7

Lund is arguing that under Alberta's human rights legislation, Boissoin should not be able to make such discriminatory public statements. If the tribunal agrees with Lund, Boissoin could be required to apologize and/or pay compensation.

Meanwhile, the religious right is rallying around Boissoin, eager to paint him as a martyr for the cause of religious freedom. Concerned Christians is shaking the money

tree, including in the U.S. where it received support from the Alliance Defense Fund. Furthermore, a fundraising dinner was held October 29 in a Calgary hotel.

They are gathering their troops to combat what Boissoin calls the "homosexual machine that has been mercilessly gaining ground in our society since the 1960s."

For people who believe in equality and safety for all, it is easy to condemn Boissoin's hurtful and inflammatory language. Furthermore, the temptation is strong to want to silence such an angry diatribe, one which might find an audience willing to join his war against equality.

While it is difficult to support Boissoin's right to spew his misguided and vitriolic thoughts, support his right we must.

If Boissoin was no longer able

to share his views, then who might be next to have their freedom of expression limited? Traditionally, the LGBT community's freedom has been repressed by society and its laws.

Plus, it is far better that Boissoin expose his views than have them pushed underground. Under the glaring light of public scrutiny, his ideas will most likely wither and die.

In fact, his words may serve to increase public education. By more clearly seeing the ugly face of bigotry and prejudice, the need for teaching tolerance in schools becomes obvious.

Gilles Marchildon is Executive Director of Egale Canada, a non-profit organization advancing equality and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-identified people, and their families, across Canada.

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As well, privacy issues seem to be a problem. "As far as I know," says Bernadine, "privacy laws prevent me from handing on the membership list." She says the group has helped many women. "It's surprising," she says, "how many married women are discovering their sexuality. And there's still a great need for support groups."

OOW had booked the Halifax Police Association's Club for New Year's Eve, but has passed the venue on to Team Halifax, the organization working towards attend the 2006 Out Games in Montreal, so it can hold its own women's dance. Some OOW women will attend the dance.

OOW's website is at www.geocities.com/outandaboutwomyn

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Sports Briefs



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

PFLAG Friends

The New York Chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has honoured NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and his wife, Chandler, with the PFLAG Stay Close Individual Leadership Award. The Tagliabues, whose son Drew is gay, have been strong supporters of the PFLAG Stay Close Campaign since its inception and demonstrated this support with a sizable donation. The campaign consists of print advertisements featuring famous people and their gay relatives. Cyndi Lauper and her sister, Elen and Ben Affleck and his cousin Jason have already been featured in the ads. Rosario Dawson and her gay uncle Frank appear in the latest one.

At the awards ceremony, Tagliabue talked about the important, positive impact of the campaign and expressed his love for both his son and his son's partner. Chandler Tagliabue expressed her disappointment with hijacking of "family values" by a select group in the United States.

Friendship on Ice

The Varsity Arena in Toronto was filled with excitement on the Thanksgiving weekend in October. Gay and lesbian hockey teams from around North America converged for the Friendship Tournament 2005/Défi des Amis, the Toronto Gay Hockey Association's annual competition. In the competitive division, the T-Wrecks team from Toronto carried the day with a 5-1 victory over Les Dragons I from Montreal in the final match. In the recreational division, the final match was between two closely matched teams, Toronto Labatts' Blue and Vermont. After regulation time, the score was 1-1 and the game headed into sudden death overtime. Each team held their own during the overtime period and the game went into a shoot-out. The 6th shooter, a player from Toronto who had been drafted by Vermont, secured a 3-2 victory for that team.

Players of all skill levels enjoyed the tournament. The two developmental division teams also held the

spectators spellbound. They were tied after the first 3 round robin games. The victor was decided in the fourth and final game.

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Big Numbers

On November 4, Montreal 2006 organizers announced that 9,480 people have already registered for the 1st World Outgames. With the support of the Governments



of Canada and Québec, the City of Montréal, Tourisme Montréal, along with major sponsors, including Bell Canada, Labatt and Radio-Canada and a dedicated staff, Ms. Louise Roy, CEO of the 1st World Outgames, stated confidently, "We will host the largest LGBT sport and cultural event ever held!" The Outgames take place from July 26 to August 5, 2006.

Chicago 2006 organizers have announced that over 4,000 athletes have registered for the Gay Games which will take place from July 15 to 22, 2006.

Tout le monde!

Le 4 novembre, les organisateurs des 1ers Outgames mondiaux Montréal 2006 ont annoncé que 9,480 athlètes sont déjà inscrits pour cet événement. Les participants proviennent majoritairement de l'Amérique du Nord à 53 %, l'Europe à hauteur de 34 %, l'Océanie (Australie et Nouvelle-Zélande) à 9 %, l'Afrique à 2 % et l'Amérique du Sud et l'Asie à 1 % chacun. Montréal 2006 a annoncé aussi que 31 fédérations sportives « mainstream » québécoises, canadiennes et internationales sanctionnent les événements sportifs des 1ers Outgames mondiaux Montréal 2006, une première dans toute l'histoire d'un événement sportif LGBT.

100 Ways

Between October 28 and the end of November, world-wide supporters of the 2006 Gay Games in Chicago will hold up to 100 parties to raise visibility, fund-raise and increase registration for the Gay Games. The parties will be held in private homes, clubs, cultural centers and restaurants around Chicago, across North America and throughout the world. It is expected that an average of 50 people will attend each party, and with 100 parties planned, about 5,000 people could be having some fun and supporting the Gay Games.

Swoopes

On October 26, three-time Women's National Basketball Association



Swoopes did what very few professional athletes do. She came out of the closet. In an interview with LZ Granderson for ESPN magazine, Swoopes stated, "I'm a firm believer that when you fall in love with somebody, you can't control that. Whether it's another woman. Whether it's another man. Whatever."

Swoopes had been married and has an 8-year old son. She even posed pregnant for a sports magazine in a lighthearted imitation of the famous Demi Moore Vanity Fair cover photo. Swoopes' three-year marriage ended and she turned to Alisa Scott, who was then a basketball coach for Old Dominion University. Their friendship grew into romance and a long-term relationship.

Along with her three MVP awards, Swoopes has won four consecutive WNBA league championships with the Houston Comets. She's also among the top five players in all-time points, assists, steals and rebounds in the playoffs. If that isn't enough, she's won three Olympic gold medals and Nike has a shoe called the Air Swoopes. Sheryl Swoopes: a true champion and role model for everyone.

Rien de mieux

Les Halifax FrontRunners est un club pour les gais et les lesbiennes qui aiment marcher et courir. Tout le monde sera accueilli cha-

leureusement par d'autres du même esprit à l'entrée principale du Public Gardens. Les marcheurs et marcheuses commencent à 9h00 le samedi matin et les coureurs et coureuses commencent à 9h30. À la fin de la course les membres s'amuse avec la conversation à un café. Téléphonez Bruce à 902-422-7579 ou Jim à 902-826-7356 pour des renseignements. Halifax Front-runners – rien de mieux pour garder la forme pour la saison festive.



Atlantiques

Get wet and have some fun! The Atlantiques is a group of gay swimmers in the Moncton area who have joined forces for "Fun, Fitness, Friendship and Participation." That's the motto of Masters Swimming Canada and you'll find that these swimmers take the motto to heart. Some of the swimmers train with the masters swim team in Moncton, while others train on their own. Masters swimmers vary in experience from novice to seasoned competitors. For more information, visit <http://Atlantiques.org>.

Juegos del Sol

2006

The Sungames 2006 may be just what you need to warm-up for the Ist World Outgames or the Gay Games. The Sungames, which take place from June 29 to July 2 in warm and sunny Madrid, will be the largest sporting event in southern Europe aimed primarily at the LGBT community and its friends. The Sungames will be followed by Madrid's official gay pride march. Fiestas, sun and sport – it's a great way to start next summer.

For those who fancy a trip to Europe but can't wait for summer, Swing 2006, a skiing and snowboarding festival in the Swiss Alps, takes place from March 12 to 19 in Lenzerheide.



Guys and Balls

The film *Männer wie wir*, directed by Sherry Horman, is a romantic comedy released in Germany in late 2004. As the English title, Guys and Balls, might suggest, the film is set in the world of amateur soccer. The trouble begins when Ecki, a young pretzel-maker living outside of Dortmund, fails to defend a goal and his team loses a match. Matters go from bad to worse when his teammates catch him kissing another man and throw him off the team. Ecki heads into the city and visits all the bars to put together a gay-friendly team to challenge his old teammates. This tale of an intrepid group of gay soccer players tells a traditional story that is warm-hearted and humorous with just enough twists so that it's not too traditional. The film has a bit of good-natured fun with things like the German leather scene, coming out, and falling in love.

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