



River of Pride Flows Strong All Week Long

Moncton's 2008 Pride week was a grand success. The activities were well-attended and greatly enjoyed by a broad spectrum of the community.

The week began on Saturday morning with a stroll along the Petitcodiac River with the Front Runners Walkers. The White Ball, held that evening at Triangles Bar, was probably the best attended Colour Party to date, with most patrons wearing white, dancing the night away under black lights.

On Sunday the kick-off barbecue, hosted by the Moncton Leather Chapter and held at Amore Passion, was a huge success. The MLC used the opportunity to sash the new Mr. Leather Moncton, René Arsenaux. He was joined by his sash wife, Bea Norman, who had received her sash at an event in July. The MLC made a donation of \$415 to the River

of Pride from the proceeds of the barbecue.

On Monday the sun shone on the flag-raising and Pride Week proclamation. Joan Mac Alpine-Stiles, MLA for Moncton West, brought greetings on behalf of the province. Newly-elected Mayor George LeBlanc proclaimed Gay Pride Week and

Parade day was a huge success, with clear skies for the first time in five years.

raised the flag. Anne Othen, a representative from Riverview's town council, and Nathalie Haché, a representative from the City of Dieppe's council, also attended. A wonderful wine and cheese followed at Kramer's Corner, sponsored by the Delta Beausejour and Kramer's. Most participants went on to the Dieppe Bowl-a-Rama to finish off the evening with "disco bowling."

Early Tuesday evening a swim

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Saint John AIDS Walk



AIDS Saint John Support Coordinator "Nicky" Nickerson leads the way as Walkers head out along Saint John's Harbour Passage walking trail in the Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life on September 21. Walk teams included Wyndham Worldwide (grey banner), the Sisters of Charity (yellow banner) and many others. After circling at the end of the 2-km harbourside trail, the Walkers returned to their starting point at Market Square for prizes and refreshment. (more pics next page)

Gay Author Told He Can't Speak To Students

By Robert Frenette

Students of Charlotte Country High Schools won't be getting an important guest speaker this year after a few parents complained to school officials. Alex Sanchez writes books about gay youth and their struggle to find acceptance, but local school principals were not comfortable allowing him to address their students.

In a recent interview from his home in Moncton, Andrew Warham, president of Gay Straight Alliance New Brunswick said, "I think that it's a shame that so many students are going to miss out on such an important message. There's a great deal of misguided hate and discrimination directed toward the GLBTQ community and a speaker such as Alex Sanchez would be able to do a lot to help the situation."

Richard Blaquiere, an educator and gay youth advocate from Woodstock, says this move by School District 10 was not a wise choice. "It appears as if the district was bullied into bowing to the pressure of a few malcontents and homophobes. Because of that, an excellent opportunity has been missed for hundreds of students and teachers to hear a proud, gay, successful man talk about his life and thus the lives of between five and ten percent of the people in his audience," he said.

Blaquiere strongly urges everyone to take action on this issue. "There should be a letter writing campaign by people of good conscience to the superintendent, Keith Pierce and the Minister of Education, Kelly Lamrock."

Alex Sanchez's first novel, *Rainbow Boys* (2001), was selected by the American Library Association (ALA), as a "Best



Book for Young Adults." Two sequels, *Rainbow High* (2003) and *Rainbow Road* (2005), were honored as "Books for the Teen Age" by the New York Public Library.

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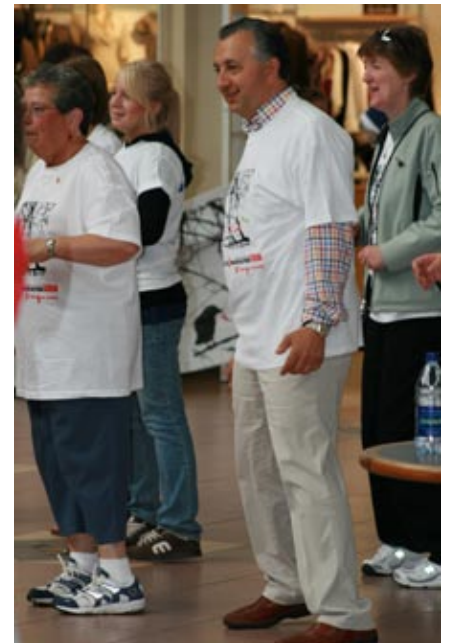
Saint John AIDS Walk, continued



Check out AIDS Saint John's new banner, which made its debut at this year's Pride parade in August!



Mentalist & hypnotist "The Amazing Raven" amazed the Walkers in Saint John. In this photo, AIDS Saint John President Leslie Jeffrey asks him if he can make more funding appear out of nowhere.



MP Paul Zed gets ready to line dance, along with AIDS Saint John Support Coordinator "Nicky" Nickerson (left).

Charlottetown Walk for Life: "Huge Success"

AIDS PEI is pleased to announce that the 2008 Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life was a huge success. The walk was held on Sunday, September 21 and raised over \$8,000 in support of AIDS PEI programs, services, and harm reduction strategies. Cory Roach, this year's Walk Coordinator says the walk is important to AIDS PEI. "The walk ensures that AIDS PEI can open its doors. It provides the necessary programs and services that are essential to support of people living with HIV/AIDS and prevention education."

Mark Hanlon, program director at AIDS PEI, says that community support has been overwhelming. "Our

clients depend on these funds. They depend on us to be able to provide them with the supports necessary to assist them in taking control of their health and maintain a consistent standard of living. Many thanks to our donors and partners."

The 2009 AIDS Walk for Life will be announced early in 2009 and the staff of AIDS PEI will work hard to build on this year's success and to engage the community to get involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

"I think many in Prince Edward Island are under the impression that HIV/AIDS barely exists in this

province. The reality is that many people are currently living with HIV/AIDS and that's only where it begins. Their family and friends are also affected. More still needs to be done to ensure AIDS PEI can ensure the rate of HIV/AIDS infection on the island

are reduced," said Mr. Hanlon.

AIDS PEI is a non-profit organization and Prince Edward Island's only AIDS service organization. Their mission is to create supportive environments for persons living with HIV/AIDS, to increase public un-

derstanding of the impact of HIV/AIDS, and to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS in Prince Edward Island. For media inquiries, contact Mark Hanlon at 566-2437 or by e-mail at mhanlon@aidspei.com.

The Amherst Corner

By Gerard Veldhoven
Cumberland Pride has become a society. On September 22 the decision was made to rename the group to "The Cumberland Pride Society," a change made after a new set of by-laws was adopted. The society is growing, and therefore it was felt improved organizational policies should be in place. After much thought and deliberations, the membership came together and

improved organizational policies should be in place...

unanimously voted for this change.

The September meeting also set up a committee to organize a holiday event set for December 13, 2008. This event will be held at the Old Warehouse Café on Havelock Street in Amherst. This Holiday Gay-la Celebration is certain to be a great time and will include a turkey buffet, a dance, a cash bar, door prizes and a draw. Tickets are on sale now. The cost is \$30.00 per couple or \$20.00 per person. If you want to attend just the dance, the cost is \$10.00 per person.

To purchase tickets please call Sue and Debbie at (902) 661-1874, or Norman and Gerard at (902) 660-5004. The deadline for securing tickets is Friday,

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Daniel MacKay: NSRAP's Inaugural Community Hero

By Randall Perry

The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project held its fifth annual gala on Saturday, October 4, 2008, during which NSRAP Chair, Kevin Kindred, presented the organization's inaugural Community Heroes award to Wayves publisher, Daniel MacKay. The Community Heroes award will be given annually to a Nova Scotia resident in recognition of his or her service to the province's rainbow community.

"For the inaugural award, we had an easy choice in Dan MacKay," says Kindred. "Anyone who has done any work on LGBT activism in Nova Scotia knows that you can't go too far without bumping into him. He has shown a deep commitment to building our community, keeping us in communication with each other, reminding us of our history, and planning our future."

"My flabber was completely gashed," Dan quips, when asked about how he felt about being the first to receive the award. "It's a real honour. I wasn't in any way expecting it and didn't know they were going to have the award in the first place. So, it came as a total surprise when I got a call from Kevin, who told me about the nomination."

Dan has been a familiar fixture in the province's queer community for well over 20 years. Born in Shelburne, he lived in Barrington Passage ("about as far south in the province as you can get") for a time before his family moved to the Bridgewater

area, where the seeds of his interest in publishing were planted while taking a Communications Technology course offered at the newly-constructed high school. A summer job at a local print shop, working at various "printer's devil's" jobs, including weeks spent in the darkroom and sitting at the hundred-year-old platen press, served to fuel his ambitions.

After moving to Halifax in 1981 to attend university, Dan met Jim DeYoung, one of the individuals who was very active in the growing gay movement at the time. "How Jim and I met is part of an extremely interesting series of stories," says Dan. "Over the course of a few months he introduced me to dozens of the shakers and doers in the community and showed me a great deal of what it means to be out and proud." Soon afterward, Dan became involved with volunteer activities, including the

GAEZETTE, which was the printed mouthpiece of the Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE). The GAEZETTE began as a photocopied, stapled let-

ter-sized booklet and eventually moved to the unbound, newsprint format; which in 1995 became Wayves magazine.

During the late 1980's Dan was



also involved for a few years with the Halifax Pride committee. "I was working with a bunch of extremely enthusiastic people and we ended

up expanding the Pride parade from a very small number of participants, somewhere between one and two hundred, to between one and two thousand in just a few years," he reminisces. "The amount of positive energy in that endeavour was mind-boggling."

Dan is known for being a "finger in every pot" kind of guy. Over the past little while, though, he's done a bit of pulling back and began to focus more of his energy on publishing projects, including Wayves—and its recently-resurrected literary an-

nual, punoqun—and the massive Rainbow Encyclopedia, an ongoing, on-line publishing project wherein he's collecting the past and present stories of queer Halifax. "It's not just a website," he explains. "It's a big piece of written work, and what I'm doing is publishing it. I'm not writing it—I've written some of it—but largely it's written by other people and I publicize it. That's what a publisher does!"

When asked about future projects,

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Bluenose Bears come out of Hibernation

By Ray LaLonde

It's autumn, an unusual time for bears to be leaving their dens, but that is exactly what is happening in Halifax with the newly revitalized Bluenose Bears (BnB). The aim of this group is to unite bears and their admirers together within a friendly atmosphere through various types of social gatherings. Bears have always been known not to conform to socially accepted norms so we need a group in Halifax to help unite us.

On Tuesday, September 23, 2008 a group of six bears gathered together at Menz Bar to reorganize and resurrect the group from a long sleep. The new coordinator, Terry Parker, reports that two official events as well as some unofficial events have been organized. The first event will be a social gathering on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 and the second will be the BnB Christmas Dinner which will be

held on Tuesday December 9, 2008.

The newly revitalized BnB will have several changes to the scope of its operations which include a new fee based membership format of \$5.00 per annum, as well as attendance at official events being limited to members and their guests. Information sharing to members will be solely web based. The aim is to reduce the amount of time required to organize and notify members of news and upcoming events. We are all busy bears and want to spend less time organizing and more time socializing. After all, that is what BnB is all about: socializing and bringing together bears and their admirers.

If you would like more information about Bluenose Bears or would like to be put on our mailing list, please email us at BluenoseBears2008@Yahoo.ca

Big bear hugs to all.

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Why Gay Men's Health?

By Angus Campbell
I've been having some interesting discussions about why we bother looking at gay men's health issues and not just men's health. In talking with a few medical professionals I informed one general practitioner that a substantial percentage of gay men here in Atlantic Canada have not come out to their doctors. His response was that all of his patients have come out to him. I couldn't help but laugh. How could he possibly know this?



gay men's health began in the 70's, was transformed by the AIDS crisis, and now has progressed so much further.

It is no longer HIV-centric but holistic, encompassing a myriad of issues because health is much more than diseases and syndromes. Social issues are just as significant.

Some of our health concerns, which are not necessarily exclusive to gay men but are factors in us leading healthy lives, include:

- Aging – There is a real focus on youth in today's society. Studies of middle-aged gay men reveal high-risk behaviours. And we have only recently started to look at senior's residences for GLBT's.

- Alcohol and Drugs (including Tobacco) – For a variety of reasons there are higher rates of alcohol, drug and tobacco use in our community.

- Anal Cancer – There is a much higher rate of anal cancer in gay men, especially if HIV-positive, due to the human papilloma virus (HPV).

- Body Image – Unrealistic "perfect body" images have left some gay men with poor self-esteem, depression, eating disorders, compulsive exercising and steroid abuse.

- Coming Out – Coming to terms with one's sexuality, especially during the formative teenage years, can be filled with shame and confusion. Mental, social and spiritual support from knowledgeable professionals can assist.

- HIV/AIDS – Accurate, timely and practical HIV prevention and treatment information delivered in a non-judgmental way is required for all gay men. Stigma and discrimination and what we as individuals and as a community (including our allies) can do to combat them should be included.

- Homophobia, Heterosexism and Internalized Homophobia – These have a huge impact on whether gay men develop good self-esteem and healthy self-identities. We need to be prepared for rejection by learning appropriate responses and coping skills.

- Social Support – Everyone needs a network of social support but gay men often are excluded from conventional social support models, consequently causing additional stress.

- Sexual Health – Some people see this as the only difference between men's health and gay men's health but everyone is susceptible to sexually transmitted infections (STI's). We all need to learn the how's and why's of safer sex practices, and the when's of regular screenings.

- Violence – Whether it's a hate crime or domestic violence, they can be very real to a gay man's life and they are often unreported due to shame. More than half of all hate crimes are against gay men.

Understanding gay men's health is necessary for all health practitioners and all gay men. Clip this column and mail it to your doctor, anonymously if you must.

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The Laramie Project is a play by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project about the reaction to the murder of Shepard. The play draws on hundreds of interviews conducted by the theatre company with inhabitants of the town, company members' own

journal entries and published news reports. It is divided into three acts, and eight actors portray more than sixty characters in a series of short scenes. It was later adapted into a film of the same name. 8:00pm, November 25-29. For more information see gay.hfxns.org/events



We Are: Expressions of Family; A Queer Experience

From November 8th to November 27th, Pier 21 presents We Are: Expressions of Family; A Queer Experience, a Community Presents exhibition in the Ralph and Rose Chiodo Harbourside Gallery.

This community based art exhibit features artwork by LGBTQ parents and their children that expresses and represents their experiences as a family. *We Are* gives the LGBTQ community a chance to display their stories as part of the mosaic that shapes Canadian identity.

Exhibit opening and family fun day: Saturday, November 8th between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

At the opening, visitors can meet the families featured in the exhibit and participate in crafts and activities for all ages. Visitors will also be encouraged to interact with the exhibit by contributing a piece of their own story. Admission is free.

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NACS Inaugural AIDS Walk For Life

By Denise Holliday

A small but determined band of walkers gathered in Elmdale to begin what the organizer Al McNutt of Northern AIDS Connection Society hopes will become an annual event to raise funds in the effort to fight HIV/AIDS and increase public awareness.

Ages ranged from under ten to over sixty and backgrounds were as varied, yet their determination to succeed was the same. While the final totals have not been tabulated, the on-the-spot donations exceeded \$800, which was an excellent start to a

first-time Walk for Life location.

The weather was very cool as walkers lined up outside of Sobeys

She insisted on giving a donation and sat chatting with everyone.

in Elmsdale. They displayed their banner while taking registrations and money already collected. Passers-by had mixed reactions but for the most part were either curious or encouraging. Several people blew their horns as they passed us at the line-up and

during the actual Walk. Our national sponsors provided great tee-shirts to give to the walkers and our provincial sponsor, "Sobeys," provided hot dogs, buns and an assortment of drinks for after the walk.

The highlight of the afternoon was when a local lady drove up after the walk and asked if she could buy a hot dog. Al McNutt explained the purpose of the gathering and gave her a free hot dog and shirt. She insisted on giving a donation and sat chatting with everyone. One more person had just become aware!



Catch-Up on B.L.T.

BLT Women of Halifax Third Annual Camping Event

By Sue Andrews and Karen Clarke, Facilitators

Our recent camping event, the third for the BLT women's group, was a great success. It was our biggest camping event to date.

We arrived around noon on Friday and we had members arriving almost immediately behind us. Women kept arriving through the afternoon as tents, lawn chairs and all kinds of camping supplies were unpacked from their vehicles, with everyone helping each other. We had members from our group, their friends and non-member women all showed up—it was wonderful to meet new friends and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

As women embraced women, older, wiser lesbian, Anita M., said, as she was overwhelmed with emotion, "This event brings back memories... it reminds me of lesbian camping events of years ago." Over the past few years the community has become so divided, and we believe that the only group that is working



with the women's community is the BLT group. The weekend brought together bisexual, lesbians, transgender and free-spirited women. We sang songs around the campfire, told stories and laughed.

On Saturday evening the moon was amazing, glowing over the ocean

and outlining the tree tops. It was a perfect picture of a wonderful weekend. On Sunday the women were feeling sad, saying the weekend was over so quickly, and they did not want it to end.

This was a definitely a successful BLT camping event.

NSGEU – Much More than just a Float in the Parade

By Angus Campbell

On Saturday, October 4, I was greeted with great enthusiasm by about 40 people at the NSGEU Human Rights Conference in Truro who are concerned about the state of human rights in Nova Scotia and wanted to know more about our community.

From the heart came many personal stories of my experiences and some of the bigotry I have witnessed such as a march by right-wing fundamentalists in San Diego carrying placards stating "G.A.Y.—Got AIDS Yet?" My presentation included photos of Fred Phelps, the Baptist minister whose grandson and followers picketed Matthew Shepard's funeral with signs that read "God Hates Fags—Romans 9:13." This may have been ten years ago but their hate and prejudice still linger. (Sidebar: You may want to catch The Laramie Project at the Dal Arts Centre Nov 25 – 29)

I spoke about discrimination here in the Maritimes by touching on Lindsay Willow's five-year nightmare, the denial of personal privacy for Eric Smith, Fredericton mayor Brad Woodside's lack of respect for the GLBT community, and the "flag flap"

courtesy of Truro mayor Bill Mills. In this country everyone is innocent until proven guilty, so we don't yet know if the murders of Trevor Brewster and Paul Knott last year, allegedly by Glen Douglas Race, were motivated by homophobia. Glen Race was recently found guilty of murdering Darcy Manor in Mooers, NY.

Most attendees at the conference were shocked and disgusted to learn that blood and organ donations by gay men are not permitted and that the decision is based upon sexual orientation rather than behaviour and scientific screening. I specifically pointed out that the Red Cross/Canadian Blood Services has lost out on 300 pints of my blood due to sheer discrimination, depriving some Canadians in desperate need.

We discussed issues of queer youth, The Youth Project and their invaluable services, and especially the promotion of Gay-Straight Alliances in high schools throughout Nova Scotia. No presentation on Human Rights would be complete without a viewing of the public service announcement created by The Youth Project that debuted at this year's International Day Against Homo-

phobia gathering at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia on May 17.

I asked the crowd how they would feel if one morning they woke up in the wrong body, for example, that of Stephen Harper's. This naturally outraged people, and from that one small exercise instant empathy for our transgender community was born and transgender issues were received with open minds and hearts. I thank Denise Holliday and other trans friends for arming me with the knowledge of their personal experiences.

Everybody loves a parade and the room exploded with excitement with a picture of the joint NSGEU/Nova Scotia Government award-winning float and we discussed the history of Pride parades, their relevance and absolute necessity in today's political climate.

By the end I think everyone agreed with my "same, same but different" theme and story. More importantly, they understood that the euphemism, "alternative lifestyle," is inaccurate and highly insulting. The only alternative we have is whether we choose to live openly, honestly—and lovingly—out of the closet.

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Hi Tom

What's the difference between an election in Canada and a reality show? The answer? Nothing.

Over the last several weeks we've seen political versions of: Canadian Idol with all the contestants singing their variation on some old classics. Stephen Harper performed a country and western version of Cuts Like A Knife followed by the other party leaders doing four part harmony on How Do You Mend The Broken Arts? Elizabeth May sang a medley of Little Green/ On a Clear Day (You Can See the Hole in the Ozone) while Stéphane Dion combined two Beatle classics I Wanna Be Your Man and The Long and Winding Road. Jack Layton tried to update his image by doing a rap version of We Shall Overcome and referred to young voters as "shawty." Bloc leader Gilles Duceppe seemed to be addressing Harper directly with his bilingual version of The Party's Over. The songfest ended with all five leaders trying to outdo each other belting out Leader of the Pack.

So You Think You Can Dance (otherwise known as the televised debates) didn't work well since no one wanted to choose partners and everyone wanted to lead.

Project Runway, more commonly known as creating an image, had its revealing moments. Stephen Harper's sole fashion statement was a blue sweater – ravelling a little at the edges. Elizabeth May refused to wear anything but natural fibres, suitable for train travel. Stéphane Dion fashion look consisted of a hockey sweater over his suit. Jack Layton had frequent costume changes, claiming he kept giving someone the shirt off his back. Gilles Duceppe preferred the layered look, or what he called separates.

As for other talents, all of them demonstrated considerable acting ability and something I call reverse ventriloquism where the dummy (the public) doesn't say anything while the ventriloquist (politician) moves his lips a lot but without really saying anything.

Of course one of the big issues both here in Canada and in the US has been the financial crisis created on Wall Street. While legislators have been bailing out Fannie Mae and Freddie, I've continued to deal with my own bankers, Peter and Paul. In spite of the Shakespearean injunction to neither a borrower nor a lender be, I continue to borrow from Peter to keep Paul quiet. I'm quite used to it now, my middle name is Impecunious, named after my uncle, the old Imp, spoken of in the family with a tone bordering on affection.

Speaking of affection and the love that dare not speak the words "I do," I see that Connecticut has joined Massachusetts and California in granting same-sex marriage rights to its citizens. My delight in this occurrence was doubled by an e-mail I received. By some strange quirk I have gotten onto a mailing

list for an anti-gay organization. They call themselves concerned citizens or some such tripe but really they are raving homophobes who dress up their rants with specious logic and feigned distress over the future of "the family." When I first got a message from them I was angered and wanted to immediately get my name removed. Then a friend reminded me of the old adage "Keep your friends close, and your enemies closer" and it has been quite entertaining and enlightening keeping tabs on what they are thinking and saying. I wasn't sure how big a deal this Connecticut Supreme Court ruling really was until I received the e-mail declaring that this judicial decision was bringing the entire United States one step closer to the abyss. It is often the little things that really make me smile.

On a lighter note, I recently found out about an organization who gives out what they call Ig Nobel prizes. These are for legitimate but silly research like why a ball of string will tangle or if dog fleas jump higher than cat fleas. My very favourite however was the study done in 1985 that found that Coke will kill sperm. Apparently some women were using coke as an after sex douche hoping to avoid pregnancy and kill HIV. While not effective as a birth control method – sperm swim too fast – the little wigglers do in fact explode in Coke. Would it be visible to the naked eye, I wonder? Much more fascinating than sea monkeys! Any pubescent boy with a bottle of Coke could conduct his own experiment. Think of the swelling this could create in the ranks of young scientists.

I recall with a certain pride my own Eureka moment as a teenager. One afternoon, while exploring blood flow principles in the human body with some advanced yoga positions I made the discovery that semen has a stinging effect on the human eye. Am I eligible for a prize? Of course I have no recorded data but the experiment could be easily recreated. This could be a whole new career area for me, Tom. Maybe there is one of those home study courses available, you know, like small engine repair, accounting or criminology.

Or maybe I could market it as an educational game. Hey kids, want to make learning fun?

Love ya!



Trans Family Nova Scotia

By Michelle Malette

I'm excited to say that by the time this issue of Wayves has hit the stands, we will have celebrated the birth of Trans Family Nova Scotia, at our first meeting right here in Halifax.

We are the family of a 17-year-old, trans-identified child in transition. Trans Family Nova Scotia grew out of a need to forge and foster connections with other allies and families. While we are grateful that our daughter is well

connected and supported within our community (IWK Mental Health, Youth Project, the CAVway Health Centre, NSYND, family, friends, etc.) there have been no supports readily available to us as a family. We feel strongly that if trans-identified children, youth and adults are to be well supported in their journey to authenticity, it is imperative that the supporting individuals also experience support and empowerment.

We would love to share this incredible journey with other families, ex-

tended families, parents, siblings and friends of transgendered individuals. We are welcoming to individuals at all stages of acceptance of their loved one as a trans-identified person.

Trans Family Nova Scotia is currently an "open" group, where we can come together with other families, partners, friends, co-workers, service providers and allies of trans-identified individuals to support and be supported. If and when the need arises, there are plans to form a closed group for families seeking a more private forum.

You can join us on the third Monday of every month from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Dalhousie Women's Centre. Looking forward to hearing from you or seeing you at our next meeting.

For more information, call (902) 431-8500, e-mail transfamily@eastlink.ca, or join us on FaceBook at www.new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=70907170076.

We are welcoming to individuals at all stages of acceptance of their loved one ...

Halifax Take Back The Night

By Denise Holliday

For most women "the streets" is a place that can be filled with terror at anytime and is one of the places a woman quickly learns is a place to be avoided. The history of "Take Back The Night" has been written many times and needs to be told over and over. We gathered at the Victoria Park, a small strip of land opposite Smitty's near Spring Garden Road and chatted and took pictures as women and men slowly gathered to take part in the evening of protest and awareness.

By this time the natural light had faded noticeably and the eight candles that formed the straight edge of the semi circle were lit and flickered dubiously in the damp air. Women spoke about black women's history, aboriginal and other nationalities and an array of poetry that would make

an evening of literary entertainment on a night not so cold or so dire in its reason. As all the women spoke, and poems were read that challenged the heart and rewrote history, the microphone was opened for people to speak. I moved forward and took a moment to express my thoughts and emotions of the previous hour or so, then walked to the side.

Several young women came up and spoke to me regarding my comments and transwomen (all positive) then I realized the walk was started and I almost got left behind.

I am so proud to have walked with so many women and men of all ages and yes we were laughed at by passers by who walked on the street seemingly without fear as we also wished to do.

(photo next page.)

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Wayves Launches at Word On The Street

By Randall Perry

On Sunday, September 28, 2008, Wayves made its first appearance at the Word on the Street book and magazine festival. The annual fête, held for the past few years at the Cunard Event Centre on the Halifax waterfront, is the east coast venue for the national festival, which also holds events in Calgary, Kitchener, Toronto and Vancouver. The festival's website, www.thewordonthestreet.ca, describes its mission as "...to unite the country in a national, annual celebration of reading and writing and to highlight the importance of literacy in the lives of all Canadians."

Wayves publisher Daniel MacKay and associate editor Randall Perry

arrived early and set up shop with stacks of current and back issues of the magazine for the reading public to pick up, as well as rate cards, business cards and a "one-pager" capsule history and Wayves raison-d'être. We were soon joined by Wayves advertising director Jim Bain and managing editor Raymond Taavel, and each of the four of us took turns at the table while the others worked the room, networking and socializing, meeting up with old friends in the publishing world and making new connections.

Our table had good company on all sides: we had Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia to our right, the Editors' Association of Canada to our

left, and across from us were tables for Toastmasters and Halifax Public Libraries (and on the other side of the curtain, behind us, we found literary interests ranging from NSCAD University's Dawson Printshop/NSCAD Press to Esperanto Nova Scotia).

Three local candidates vying for the federal riding of Halifax—Catherine Meade (Liberal), Megan Leslie (NDP) and Darryl Whetter (Green)—dropped by the table, chatting and exchanging insights (look for a review of Darryl's novel, "The Push and the Pull" in a forthcoming issue). Our back covers, featuring the sometimes-controversial Cruiseline ads, were a hit, especially with female visitors (hmmm... I wonder why?).

Our primary reason for attending WOTS was the chance to expose Wayves, as one of Atlantic Canada's longest-publishing magazines, to a broad audience of readers, most of

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Managing editor Raymond Taavel and WOTS Executive Director Heather Gibson share a joke with Mike Wile, former Wayves sales agent and moderator of this year's WOTS Pitch the Publisher.

whom fall beyond our "traditional" readership. It was evident—and somewhat surprising to me—that many people who came by the table had either not seen the magazine before or did not know that such a publication existed in this region. In that sense alone, the time meeting the reading public was well-spent. The

few hundred people who stopped at the table to say hello, ask questions or offer ideas took away not just a back issue or two of Wayves, but also a real, human impression of the volunteers behind the words.

As for next year's event, well, eleven months is just enough time to make plans...



Halifax Take Back The Night: Inside the circle was for "Just" women and the outer area was labeled Allies and those women who chose to stand with allies could gather there. Denise Holliday writes, "My heart was heavy as I considered the options and wondered what the reactions of this group might be. As a person born and socially identified as male, I was now a legal female and for about twenty minutes I stood outside of that circle with a smaller circle of what felt like icy fingers around my heart." (story previous page.)

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Mr. Leather Moncton 2009 – Rene Arsenault was quite “cheeky” & very good at it at Sunday’s main event.



Ms. ACL2007 – Marcy Walton presented an award to long-time sponsors & supporters to the o/o’s of Halfway Creations – Jeanne Chesnutt and Kate Hoey. Thanks for all you’ve done!



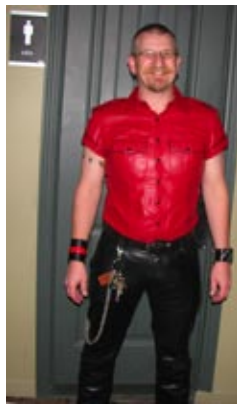
Don Murchy was the recipient of and presented with the MACLeather “Volunteer of the Decade”. It couldn’t have gone to a better person within the MACLeather Family. Thanks & Kudos for all you’ve done right from the start of it all Don!



Leather also means “Community Involvement” & here it’s proven by 4 guys from NB entertaining the crowd as KISS and rocking MENZ Bar on Sunday night.



MENZ Bar co-owner Dong Melanson was another of the several business recipients that were honoured for their support of the MACL Society over the past 10 years shown here along with current titleholders – Maisie & Rick.



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River of Pride

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event was held at Université de Moncton. Later that night fun and laughs were the theme for the second edition of O69 Gay Bingo, hosted by Sally Sue. Great prizes were graciously donated by our sponsors.

A busy Wednesday evening saw sports coordinator, Roger LeBlanc, hosting a GLBT soccer game, complete with a half-time doggy drag show, followed by line dancing at Triangles. Pride Karaoke, hosted by Princess Drew, was also held that evening at Triangles, with more great

for the first time in five years. Many groups from cities and towns around the Maritimes participated, including various PFLAG chapters, Cumberland and Halifax Pride contingents, and many university groups such as Université de Moncton's "Un Sur Dix" and Mount Allison's "Catalyst." The rally following the pa-



prizes from Mikes Hard Lemonade, Moosehead, RBC Insurance and Triangles.

Volleyball, a repeat activity from last year due to its popularity, kicked off the Thursday evening activities. Back-to-School student night was held later at Triangles bar, hosted by DJ's Sunny D and Just Jack—student night is a weekly event at Triangles featuring great beats and amazing drink specials for students throughout the night.

Friday night, in conjunction with the CIBC's Run for the Cure, the River Of Pride committee hosted "Le Nuit en Rose," a retro dance party featuring DJ John, with almost everyone wearing pink. Roger LeBlanc organized a co-ed hockey game, held that evening.

Parade day was a huge success, with clear skies



Triangles line dancers. The highlight of the afternoon was a half-hour performance by local country artist Shirley Albert.

The Pride Ball, held that evening



at Triangles Bar—decorated with lights and rainbows galore—was electric. DJ Da Boss and DJ John kept the dance floor packed and an amazing time was had by all.

Sunday's closing brunch, held at Amoré Passion, was a feast fit for queens, featuring an impressive art



GLBT artists.

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2008 River of Pride. Our "Pride Partners" were Delta Beausejour, Downtown Moncton Inc., Triangles, Kramer's Corner, La Terrasse Amoré Passion, Priape.com, Co-op, Record Street, Mike's Hard Lemonade and Moosehead.

Our "Friends of Pride" included Fahda's, Lazy Bones Kennels, Here Kitty Kitty.ca, St. James Gate, Triiiio, Little Louis' Oyster Bar, Moncton Mitsubishi, RBC Insurance, Chateau a Pape, McSweeney Dinner Theatre,

rade at Riverfront Park was very well attended. The joyful crowd was entertained by Genevieve Roy's hula hoop group, Sephora Belly Dancers,

Local Moncton.com, Studio 7 Hundred, Graffiti and Pastalli.

River Of Pride committee would like to remind everyone the Annual General Meeting will be held at Amoré Passion, 154 Church Street

on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Your nomination and votes count in the election of the executive for 2009. We need two co-chairs (one man and one woman), a treasurer, a secretary, a

media relations person, and four



coordinators, one each for volunteers, events, sponsorship and parade.

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Chef's Corner



November is the month in which we traditionally honour our veterans. Growing up in Moncton in the 1980's, I was an Air Cadet and marched in many a parade and stood at attention in the cold, and too often pouring rain, to listen to old sailors, soldiers and airmen go through their rituals of prayers, calling the roll, laying of wreaths, and saluting the old empire. I always had a healthy respect for the past and understood how it can and does affect our future. Well, here we are some 25 years later, and once again young Canadian men and women are halfway around the world "defending our way of life." No matter your

opinions on this latest conflict, many of us know someone, in or out of uniform, who has served, or is presently serving in Afghanistan, and we all watch each repatriation ceremony with emotion, wondering when and how it will all end. My friends who have recently returned from duty always talk about what they missed most while over there, and after their loved ones and their own bed, it's usually a nice home cooked meal that next tops the list. So, as my mark of respect for our troops, I am offering a great home style pot roast recipe. Nothing says loving like a home cooked meal. Too all our veterans old or young, thank you.

Next month, something special for the holiday season.

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Home Style Pot Roast

Ingredients

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| 1 (2.5 Kg) Bone-in blade pot roast (trimmed of fat) | 8-10 cloves fresh garlic (whole) |
| 1 large can stewed tomatoes | 1 onion (large dice) |
| 1 cup ketchup | 1 green pepper (large dice) |
| 1/4 cup HP Sauce | 1/2 lb button mushrooms (quartered) |
| 2 tsp Worcestershire Sauce | 1 tsp sea salt (for seasoning the roast) |
| 1/4 cup cooking sherry of white wine | 1 tsp fresh cracked pepper (same) |
| | 2 Tbsp olive oil (for searing the meat) |

Method

1. In a roasting pan, on stove top, over med-high heat, sear the seasoned roast on all sides in the olive oil until a nice brown crust forms on the outside.
2. Remove the roast to a side plate, and add the garlic, onions and green peppers, sauté until lightly browned, add the cooking sherry or white wine to de-glaze the pan, then add the tomatoes, ketchup, HP, and Worcestershire sauces.
3. Return the roast to the pan, cover, bring to the boil and then place the covered roasting pan into a 300o F oven for 2 1/2 hour. Remove the cover and raise the temperature to 350o F for 1/2 hour to thicken sauce.
4. Remove from oven and skim away any fat, which will have risen to the top, prior to serving.

Serving suggestion

Gently remove the roast to a serving platter and ladle the sauce around the edges of the platter or just over top like mom would have done. I like to serve this roast with sour cream and chive potatoes, roasted baby carrots, sautéed sugar snap peas, and a thick slice of home-style bread. Mmm, mmm, mmm!

Ramblings from the Sanctuary Gardens

On Love and Community

By Bethana Sullivan

"Still point of the turning world from which all life comes, let me not be afraid of all I know I cannot be." ("The Celtic Wheel of the Year," Tess Ward, 2007)

What a loving, evocative line from my morning prayer that speaks to me of how my relationship and Blessing Ceremony have changed me. I almost wrote "affected me," but that is too soft a phrase. I have actually been deeply changed by the many years of relationship that preceded our Blessing Ceremony.

I moved to Nova Scotia from Ontario as a single woman yearning for change, for a spiritual home, and in response to a call to be here. One day while splitting wood I thought, I cannot do this by myself anymore and the journey to partnership began. Relationship has taught me about all that I cannot be and it has built the

foundation for reaching out beyond the two-ness of "us" to the web of connection of community. In a recent Globe and Mail article, Jean Vanier

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wrote "...We human beings are made to be people of joy, of fun and of celebration."

Our Blessing Ceremony was the culmination and a strengthening of the journey towards a greater integration of self and other, of being part of that which is more than we are as individuals. We had fun, we celebrated who we are in our relationship, with all its warts and gifts; we were joyfully recognized by our friends, family and

community.

It was in this journey from oneness to relationship that I began to experience that awakening of heart that is so necessary for working for a greater vision of peace and unity. In his book, "Made for Happiness," Vanier describes the faith that Helen Prejean has in Matthew Poncelet—faith in his capacity for relationship, such that her companionship

in the "depths of his darkness shows him who he really is in his innermost being." It is in our acts of faith and love for each other that we create the potential to be all that we can be. Loving each other privately and publicly enables us to sustain strength and well-being, even when we know that sometimes we are not always as loving, accepting and respectful as others need us to be. It is in loving one another that we may grow in

responsibility for each other, that we find balance between freedom and belonging and, ultimately greater trust in our "human family."

I have been delightfully surprised and moved by how much our Blessing Ceremony has deepened my connection to my partner and my community. I feel emboldened to create opportunities for social action; to become more visible in my community. I am more willing to see in my partner loving actions no mat-

ter how ineptly expressed. I see the same for myself. Once again, I turn to the words of Jean Vanier: "We are all so vulnerable in love that we don't always know how to love." And love is what will get us there, not hate, not envy, not fear.

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Last Month's Question

"What effect do you think the Federal election will have on the lives of queer Canadians?"

We received five responses which, much like the voter turnout, seems to reflect how most Canadians felt about the whole political process.

All were unanimous in the fact that Harper would be about as good for "us queers" as the cod moratorium on the Newfoundland Labrador fishing industry has been and have a negative effect on our hard-won rights and the direction of the country.

One reader characterized Harper as "a devil in a blue sweater vest." No argument from us here.

This Month's Question

"What do you plan to do for a winter vacation?"

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We are recruiting participants to be part of a study about lifestyle factors that may contribute to the transmission of HIV/AIDS or other STD's. If you are 19 years of age or over, have left NL in the past year to work in the oil industry in Northern AB and have returned home at least once during this time, we are interested in talking to you. Participation is voluntary and confidential, and will include up to two, roughly hour long interviews. Please contact Sarah at the AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador - 1-709-579-8656 ext. #27 or sarah@acnl.net.

Events >>

Amherst

Second Monday

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

First and Third Wednesdays

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

Third Sunday of each month

The Cumberland Pride Society: Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals in Amherst, Nova Scotia. Meets the third Sunday of each month from 2-4pm. Contact information: Gerard Veldhoven at 902-660-5004 or E-mail: gaylords1975@hotmail.com

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday and First Saturday of each month

The Annapolis Valley Gay Men's Coffee House meets every Thursday Evening from 7-9pm. Also on the first Saturday of each month we host an over 19 gay/lesbian dance from 9pm-1am. There are various themes for dances so call or e-mail for directions and info to the following: 902-765-2821 or menembracingmen@hotmail.com or

yahoo.ca.

Every Sunday

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

Bridgewater

Third Saturday of each month (except July)

Wileville Dance. Smoke free. Door prizes. Cash bar. Must be 19. For more details call 530-5986 or email info@southshorepride.ca or go to www.southshorepride.ca

Cape Breton

Last Saturday of the Month

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

Charlottetown

...see Prince Edward Island

Fredericton

Every Tuesday

Spectrum, UNB and STU's social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning, etc. students. As a group, our aim is to create a safe and supportive space for those who are questioning or discovering their sexuality, as well as providing a social outlet for

members of the campus LGBTQ community. While our membership is primarily composed of UNB and STU students, everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. 7 pm, Top floor of SUB 203 (in the Sexuality Centre, across from the Ballroom) Everyone is welcome! For more information please contact us at spectrum@unb.ca

Every Wednesday

UNB/STU Women's Collective, at the University

Halifax: a Christian Church with an affirming ministry to the GLBT community. Everyone is welcome! 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com, meets at 11 am at Veith House, 3115 Veith Street, Halifax

Every Sunday

Bedford United Church. 1200 Bedford Highway, Bedford. We are an Affirming Congregation and welcome everyone. Services at 9 am (Casual &

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

First and Third Sundays

BLT-WOMYN OF HALIFAX DISCUSSION GROUP! This is a Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgendered womyn's Only! -Free Group, NO Dues, NO Fees- MEETINGS are every second SUNDAY. @6pm - 7:30pm(Please remember when applying to this group, send full name and a contact number or call sue at 499-0335, everything is kept PRIVATE!) LOCATION: DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTRE 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) HOW TO JOIN THIS GROUP: Come to a discussion night or send us your e-mail address or call a moderator (Sue @ 499-0335). If you have any questions. A discussion group for Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgendered women, who will meet to have open discussions, in a positive environment. To discuss topics concerning ourselves and our community. This is a bi-weekly meeting on Sundays. <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynofhalifax/> or sueandrews1964@hotmail.com

First and Third Wednesdays

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

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

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

Second Wednesday of each month

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

July 31, Aug 14, 28, Sept 11, 25, Oct 9, 23

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

Aug 3, 17, 31, Sept 14, 28, Oct 12, 26

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

Aug 9th

Night Magic Fashions Presents A Charity event in support of Bryony House Location: Bubbles Mansion. 5287 Prince Street, Halifax 8pm-10:30pm 5287 Prince Street in Halifax. Doors will open at 7pm with tickets available to be purchased for \$7 each at the door.

September 28

Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life 2008. Contact Robin Levy at 425-4882 @ Ext 228 or email walk@acns.ns.ca to register! Don't miss out on this chance to support people living with HIV/AIDS in Nova Scotia.

Halifax Youth Project Calendar

Support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under across Nova Scotia. Weekly events, plus a youth food bank and STI testing on site in Halifax. Please refer to our website for details and schedule of upcoming events. Website: www.youthproject.ns.ca Phone: 902-429-5429 Email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca

Week 1

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



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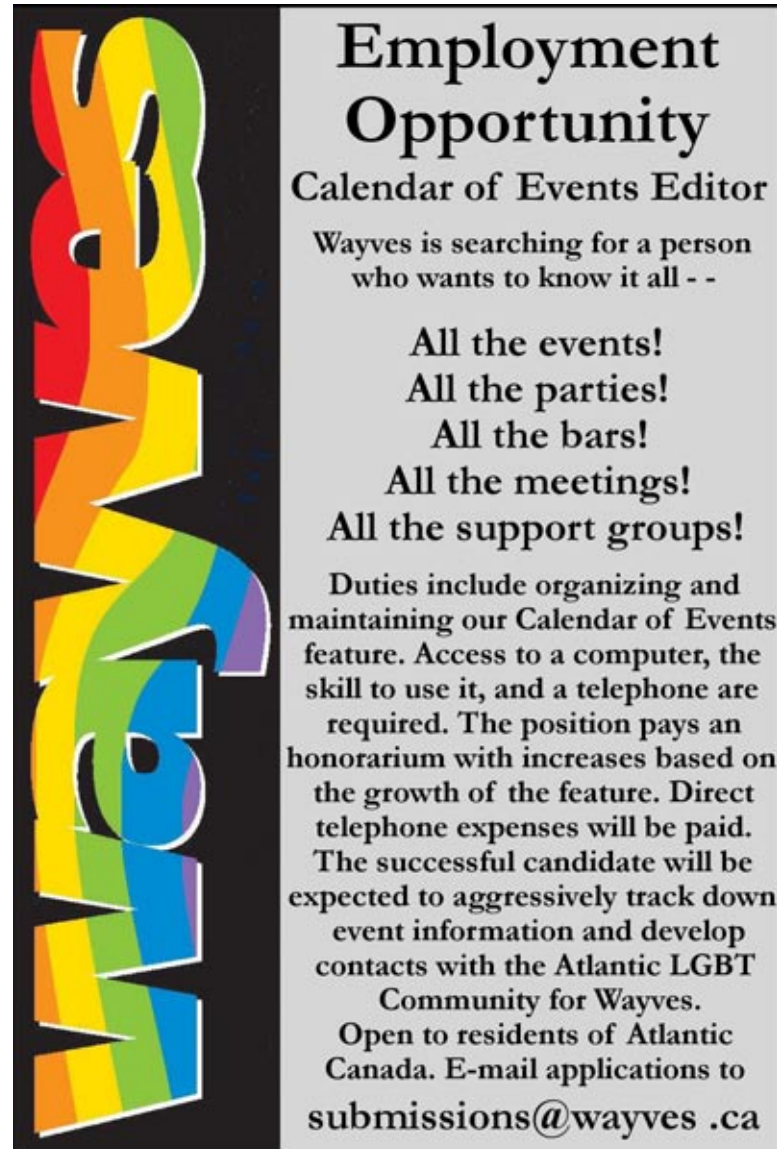
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Women's Centre in the SUB, 5pm. Contact Lindsey Gallant at gvnkr@stu.ca or call 450-3870.

Third Sunday of each month

GLB ANGLICANS AND FRIENDS Integrity is a nonprofit organization of Gay and Lesbian Anglicans and Friends. Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual orientation. Integrity Fredericton was formed in October 2004 and supports and encourages Gay Men and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. A Eucharist followed by a coffee hour discussion is held at 4:00 PM on the third Sunday of each month at St. John's, 58 Broad Road, Oromocto. For more details check out website: www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity

Fourth Wednesday of each month

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

Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

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Halifax Every Sunday

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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@yahoo.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,

Events

Tuesday - Discussion Group (ages 18 and under) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.

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

Week 2

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

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

Week 3

Tuesday - Guest Speaker & Discussion night (ages 25 & under) A new speaker every week to educate & spark discussion. This is a structured environment. 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street

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

Halifax Bar & Business Calendar

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Thursdayz Dance with DJ Bear from 10pm till 2am (NO COVER!) Door Prizes, 60oz Pitcher of Draught ONLY \$10, \$2 Shooters all night long!

Fridayz Dance Party with house DJ Needles & DJ Bear. Free Cover before 10pm (\$5 after 10pm). Happy Hour from 3pm till 10pm! \$2 SHOOTERS all night.

Saturdayz Dance Party with house DJ Needles or DJ Bear. Free Cover before 10pm (\$5 after 10pm). Happy Hour from 3pm till 10pm! \$2 SHOOTERS all night.

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Thursday November 27th
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Moncton

Every Thursday

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

Tous les jeudis

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

Third Monday of each month

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

Last Saturday

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

Moncton Bar & Business Calendar

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Marc - starts at 8:30, followed by Karaoke at 11:00. The Wednesday card club still meets at 8:30 also.

Thursday - House Party with DJ's Sonny D and Just Jack at 11:00. \$4.00 cover. Student's get staff prices all night with student card.

Friday - it's request night. Dance to all your favourite tunes all night long. Cover \$5.00

Saturday - Best dance music in town with DJ daBoss. No cover till 10:00. Happy hour till 11:00. Admission \$6.00.

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South Shore Pride Social Club, Bridgewater: for 19 & older. 530-5986 email: info@southshorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca, meets 3rd Saturday (-- dances -- 9:00PM to 1:00AM) at Call or email for location.

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

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

The Cumberland Pride Society, Amherst & Area: for: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals. 660-5004 email: cumberlandpride@hotmail.com web: cumberland-pride.sytes.net, meets 3rd Sunday (2-4pm)

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

The Youth Project, Halifax: Support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under across Nova Scotia. Weekly events, plus a youth food bank and STI testing on site. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Please refer to our website for details and schedule of upcoming events.) at 2281 Brunswick Street.

Truro Pride, Truro: A group supporting GLBT individuals in the Colchester County. 895-0931 email: truropride@hotmail.com, meets every Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) at FairTrade Cafe on Prince Street, between Commercial and Dominion Streets.

Universalist Unitarian Church, Halifax: an inclusive liberal religious community 429-5500 email: uuchurch@eastlink.ca web: chebucto.ca/religion/UUCH, meets every Sunday (10:30) at 5500 Inglis St

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

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

WomynZone, Halifax: Social activities for womyn who love womyn in the Halifax region. email: womynzone@eastlink.ca web: www.geocities.com/womynzone

X-Pride, Antigonish: social & support group at X. 867-5007 web: www.stfx.ca/people/xpride Prince Edward Island (902)

Abegweit Rainbow Collective, Charlottetown: Serving GLBT Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: info@arcpei.ca web: www.arcpei.ca, meets 2nd Tuesday (7:30 PM) at 144 Prince Street

AIDS PEI, Charlottetown: AIDS PEI cre-

ates a supportive environment for PHA's to all residents of PEI. 902-566-2437 email: info@aidspei.com web: www.aidspei.com at 144 Prince Street Charlottetown, PE C1A 2R6

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

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

PEI Pride, Charlottetown: Organizing The Island Pride Festival. (902) 388-0969 email: pridepei@isn.net web: www.peipride.com (See webpage for meetings www.peipride.com) at 286 Fitzroy Street

PFLAG Canada - PEI, Island wide: Providing support, education and advocacy for GLBT persons, their families and friends in PEI. 902-887-3620 email: pflagpei@eastlink.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca, meets 3rd Tuesday at Ferry Road Centre, 24 Ferry Road, Cornwall, PE or Stratford City Hall check with Mary or Bill Kendrick on this months location by calling 902-887-3620.

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New Minister for Halifax UUC

Reverend Julie Danny-Hughes arrived in Halifax at the beginning of September, after leaving her post at her last church in Palatine, Illinois. When we, the Halifax UU's, met her at the noisy and busy welcoming pot-luck last Friday she seemed to be a very committed person, while at the UU Church Ingathering Service last Sunday she even tried to speak some French.

As a minister Reverend Julie is very warm, tall and comfortable. She has already introduced a minuscule but humble bit of ritual in our usually well-run service-format, and her handling of that part of the service which we call "Joys and Sorrows"

was particularly impressive. Instead of being embarrassed or giving a pre-written response, she managed to allude to each spoken concern, sorrow or joy in a warm, personalised and heart-felt manner.

"The ministry task group heard her deliver a sermon on facing your fears and found it powerful," wrote Allyn Clarke. He continued, "When it comes to social justice issues, she walks the talk. To protest the state's refusal to register homosexual marriages, she refused to register heterosexual marriages." At the UU Church we are cautiously becoming very excited with how this year will develop. On September 14, Reverend Julie

will give a message on risk, theology, meteorology, fear and hope,

on September 21 our old friend, Sylvia Keet, will speak about peace, and on September 28 Reverend Julie will honour the high holy days of Judaism with a message of forgiveness and atonement—in short, a message of universal love.

"I am a Universalist at Heart!" she wrote in her first Minister's Message in our September newsletter.



Hero

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Dan is quick to respond: "I have a big stack of projects always on the back burner, waiting for just the right enthusiastic person to come along."

"But if I were to drop everything else right now and concentrate on one thing, I would focus on getting older queers in Halifax to tell their stories. Not to put TOO fine a point on it, but many won't be able to for very much longer. Five years from now, ten years, fifteen, those stories won't be there anymore and for the most part they weren't written down. For example, what was the beginning of GAE like, back in 1972, 1973? A dozen or so people know... I don't. We need to sit down with these people, tape recorder in hand, and just let them tell their stories."

Dan finds that "the edges of

things are always very interesting," which accounts for his varied and wide-ranging personal and professional interests. Despite his insistence that he's scaling back somewhat on his involvement, he continues to be a full-throttle source of energy and inspiration to multiple generations of the queer community.

"I think that such awards [like NSRAP's Community Heroes] give us an opportunity to examine what's important, both to ourselves and others, and I think they're useful tools to help us think about what's important," he concludes. "I think that everybody should be involved in their community in some way. If someone is spurred into their own action by my getting this award, then that's good. This raises the profile of volunteerism."

Reviews

Comin'At Ya!: The Homoerotic 3-D Photographs of Denny Denfield

by David L. Chapman and Thomas Waugh
Arsenal Pulp Press

Review by Ralph Higgins

What we know of gay life in the pre-Stonewall years is spotty and incomplete. Because homosexuality was illegal and considered a mental defect, most gay men were more concerned with hiding rather than displaying their interest in other men. Photographic images from the 50's and 60's are especially rare which makes this collection of images by Denny Denfield so important.

Nowadays when one can easily buy a copy of magazines like Inches, Honcho or even Playgirl it is difficult to remember that there was a time when even possessing photographs

of male nudes, let alone sexually explicit images could lead to arrest, fines and even prison. Photographers such as Denfield's friend, Bob Mizer, who was the subject of Thom Fitzgerald's film, Beefcake, had many of his photos confiscated and destroyed when he was prosecuted. Denny Denfield's position was even more precarious since he worked as an accountant with the US army. Had his hobby of taking erotic pictures of nude men ever come to light he would surely have faced prosecution, possibly prison and the loss of his job, friends and reputation. However, unlike Mizer and others, Denfield was not interested in publishing or distributing any of the photos. His was purely a private collection, one that he shared with only a select few. Denfield was intensely possessive and secretive about the photos. He



once turned down a generous offer by Rock Hudson to buy the entire set and would never have permitted this book to be made during his lifetime. All these factors contributed to keep the collection mostly intact. After his death something like 10,000 slides were discovered of which the nearly 200 reproductions in the book are

prime examples.

Another fascinating aspect to the Denfield photos is they are all in 3-D. (The book comes with its own set of 3-D glasses.) In 1947 a compact, easy to use camera called the Stereo Realist became available, creating double slides in brilliant colour. Many of us remember the viewers from years ago into which one slid a disk of slides often showing famous sites of the world. It was not, however, the Eiffel Tower which excited Denfield's artistic passion. On beaches, hillsides and wooded glades, or in Denfield's living room and bedroom, hundreds of young, mostly white, nubile men posed for his camera, singly or in groups. Those shots taken between 1950 and

55 are the most blatant, showing actual sexual acts, while the later images are closer to the physique type. Denfield was a confirmed naturist and often removed his own clothing while capturing the youthful physical beauty of his models. Given the fact that both he and his subjects were also steadily imbibing alcohol during the photo sessions it is remarkable that all the photos are vivid, clear and sharply-focussed.

In comparison with the erotic images so readily available today the Denfield photos may appear tame and old-fashioned. Yet, for their time they were amazingly bold and they still retain an air of titillation, the excitement of the forbidden. Comin'At Ya! gathers together a series of colourful visual artefacts from our past.

R U Invited

Ariztical Entertainment
www.ariztical.com

Review by Ralph Higgins

Five young men are invited to a sex party. All each of them has to do is send a nude pic—so the uglies can be weeded out—to get the details on the location of the party. Sounds like fun, right? Just a group of horny guys getting together for some no-strings pleasure.

Ben thinks it is a great idea, even though he has a happy life with his sugar daddy, a fact for which he is both envied and resented by his friends. Gordy is slightly overweight and worried he won't pass the screening process. He has just broken up—again—with his boyfriend and thinks the party will be a good way to get his mind off his problems. Jason and Mondo are in the early months of their committed relationship and see the party as just another social, fun time they can do together—at least, that is what they tell each other. Charlie is a promiscuous, forthright man who scoffs at monogamy and feels most relationships are doomed, so why bother? For him the party is another opportunity to demonstrate his desirability and sexual prowess.

The five gather at Ben's house to take the required pics, planning to head to the party as a group. As they wait for the e-mail acceptance, their sense of excitement and nervousness begins to grow and their very different personalities begin to chafe against

each other. As time passes they also must ask themselves, what will happen if one of them is not accepted?

Writer/director Israel Luna has written a realistic script going beyond the usual gay stereotypes. Each of the characters interacts and evolves during the story, allowing us a glimpse beneath their surface circumstances. The strong ensemble cast give convincing performances of a disparate group of friends exploring the bonds and boundaries of their friendship.



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The Last Word

Vote Counts

By Randall Perry

Mind if I vent? Today is October 14 and I'm about to cast my vote. Well, actually, I have to jump through a few more hoops in order to exercise that right. I recently changed addresses and my voter card is no longer valid at the polling station—I have to leave work early and take two buses to an out-of-the-way polling station which somehow serves the downtown Halifax area, where I will no doubt stand in more line-ups to re-register to vote on the same slate of candidates. Oh, thank you, democracy, you who got your start right here in Nova Scotia!

Like many Canadians, I'm suffering from election fatigue. We've been living with the soap opera that's been going on south of the border for the past eighteen months or so, we saw our own election call coming miles away, and in Halifax we have a regularly-scheduled municipal election added in as a bonus to all the madness. Needless to say, I'll be glad when it's all over.

And at the risk of sounding (politically) incorrect, I'm also going to say this: I really don't care what the outcome is this time around, because first, I don't think there's anyone really fit to govern this country, and second, after the tally, things will pretty much be right back to where they started. Things may be different by the time Wayves goes to press, but all the predictions point toward another Conservative minority. The only thing that has been accomplished during this election campaign is that the country is a lot more annoyed than it was five weeks ago. The Conservatives have managed to piss off a lot of artists; the Liberals have pissed off the electorate with their nebulous "carbon tax"; the other three major parties have been nipping at their ankles and promising the moon. Stephane Dion's command of English was most effectively ridiculed by CTV Atlantic. Elizabeth May made it into both debates and the five of them sat squabbling around the table. Add to

that the spiralling down of the stock markets and the rapid devaluing of the dollar. For the first time ever, I switched off the television.

Very cynical, yes, and far too simplistic. Mea culpa. My life as an out, gay man is more than likely not going to change after this election. I'll still get up in the morning, work my day job, come home, write and edit, and head to bed. Lather, rinse, repeat.

The only thing that would change things is if the polls are wrong and Stephen Harper becomes king in a majority Conservative rule. You know that creeping, chilly feeling you get in the pit of your stomach when you know something bad is about to happen? That's what I'm getting right now, just thinking about Harper's benevolent face smiling down at me from his banners adorning the walls of the Republic of Gilead. (Too much? Maybe. But fascism always begins by silencing the artists....)

By the time Wayves goes to press the election will be over, and Parlia-

ment will either be composed of the same stuff or it will be mapped in a different colour. I very much hope that everyone voted in this election, regardless of how they felt or how otiose the effort. The aphorism, "every vote counts," is trite-sounding and easily dismissed. However, just as

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a watched pot never boils, we don't notice the change from cold to hot until it's right there, bubbling away right on top of us. We as Canadians have a right not shared by a frightfully high number of the citizens of the earth; mess with that right and we may find ourselves without it. Even when I say I don't care, deep down I really do—I'm just pissed off because of having to go somewhat out of my way to get to a polling station. I can't imagine being in a position where I'm

not allowed to vote, or the only way I can vote is at gunpoint for someone who hates the fact that I exist.

Once the election's over, it's up to each and every one of us to hold our politicians accountable to their promises and platforms. No matter what sexual orientation or gender definition, each of us has a place at the table and a part to play in the running of our country. Same-sex marriage, non-discrimination clause in the Charter of Rights, partner benefits and more... we did that. These rights and freedoms are our legacy, our gift to future generations. These are nothing to scoff at, especially when these enlightened social advances are the envy of even the last so-called world superpower.

I'm done venting, and now I feel better. Thanks for listening. I'm off to my new polling station, ready to shove my vote where it will do some good. See you on the other side...

Transgender Remembrance Day

By Denise Holliday

Every year on November 11 I remember a man who took my place in Northern Ireland and died while doing so. I place a poppy while others watch in disapproval. Some of these people, unlike me, never served in the forces, police force and often not even a volunteer fireman or public service capacity. They feel they are superior just because they are and I am not.

On November 20 I remember and even though the same people are not aware that it is another day of remembrance, again I make a point of remembering just because I am and they are not.

I remember the friend of a friend who died by her own hand after three attempts because the idea of being tarred and feathered again by her Canadian community members

was unbearable. I remember the man who sat quietly in his car as the fumes from the engine snuffed out the last vestige of a life he could not identify with and a disgrace he could not bring upon his family. I remember

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the 10-year-old boy who faced being tormented daily at school and chose to hang himself from his bedroom window with his belt so that the

teasing would finally stop. I remember the 14-year-old boy who took a gun to school and shot a 15-year-old classmate in the head.

So many to remember. I also remember Gwen, Brandon, Matthew, Marsh, Amanda, and Roman, only a few of the names many people will not remember and many more whose names we never knew.

I am a transwoman and all these people suffered from the effects of social transphobia, a mental disorder not on the DSM but something so powerful that people who suffer from it drive members of the trans community to seek to destroy themselves six

times more often than the general public. Eighty-five percent of transsexuals think about suicide, fifty-one percent attempt it—and the success rate is anywhere from nine to fifteen percent. People treat us as mentally ill from as early as two years old and deny us the rites of passage needed to lead a fulfilling life and feed our families. Yes. We have families...

Yet despite all of that, we do live, love, succeed, and even find the strength to help others. We serve in the armed forces, police and fire departments, government offices and social organizations. Canada's Barbara Amesbury (formerly William) created music while Prince Edward Island's late Erica Rutherford, an artist, actor, filmmaker, farmer, and teacher became a much valued member of the Canadian art scene. Sara Davis Buechner is a world-renowned clas-

sical pianist teaching at UBC. Kristen Worley and Michelle Dumaresq are Canadian professional cyclists. Nina Arsenault is the self-proclaimed most famous Canadian transsexual actor and ex-sexworker. Enza Anderson is a Canadian supermodel; Dana Baitz and Michelle Yosef are musicians; Meryn Cadell and Lucas Silvera are singers. Jamie Lee Hamilton is an activist and educator. Sonja Elen Kisa is a linguist. The late Craig Russell was a female impersonator. Ruth Bramham works in the construction industry.

Because we are transmen and transwomen, we will remember those that have died either by their own or someone else's hand in the name of hate and social transphobia. I invite you to remember with us on November the 20, International Transgender Remembrance Day.

Eat, Drink and be Mary

by Al McNutt

I really feel that members of the GLBT community should consider supporting local gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses in the various communities in Atlantic Canada.

In eastern Canada we do not have the advantages of living in classic, established gay communities like Church Street in Toronto and Davie Village in Vancouver. (I have had the opportunity of living in both these cities. They are extremely large and it is sometimes easy to take for granted the plentitude of services.) What we do have is a sense of community and several great restaurants and shops that are very supportive of our interests.

My partner and I have had the pleasure to dine at the Elephant's Eye Bistro, located at 1727 Barrington Street in Halifax. This restaurant has a great menu, the food is absolutely delicious, the staff is extra friendly and the atmosphere is second to none. Catering small business func-

tions to gourmet full course meals chef Brenda Critch and co-owner Daphne Hocquard bring years of professional expertise to each event they cater. Using quality ingredients and organic produce their menu changes to accommodate the wide array of seasonal produce Nova Scotia has to offer.

The other restaurant I want to highlight is a new addition to downtown Truro, a place called Neenamo's, located at 515 Prince Street. This is upscale casual dining at its best. Truro has never had it so good. Co-owner and operator, Juanita Cody, is very supportive and friendly to the gay community. Neenamo's also caters to events and meetings.

Both of these establishments are wonderful places to take your partner or spouse for a great anniversary dinner. It is about time we have these types of businesses in Nova Scotia. Spread the word and try them out next time you are in Halifax or Truro. You will not regret the experience.



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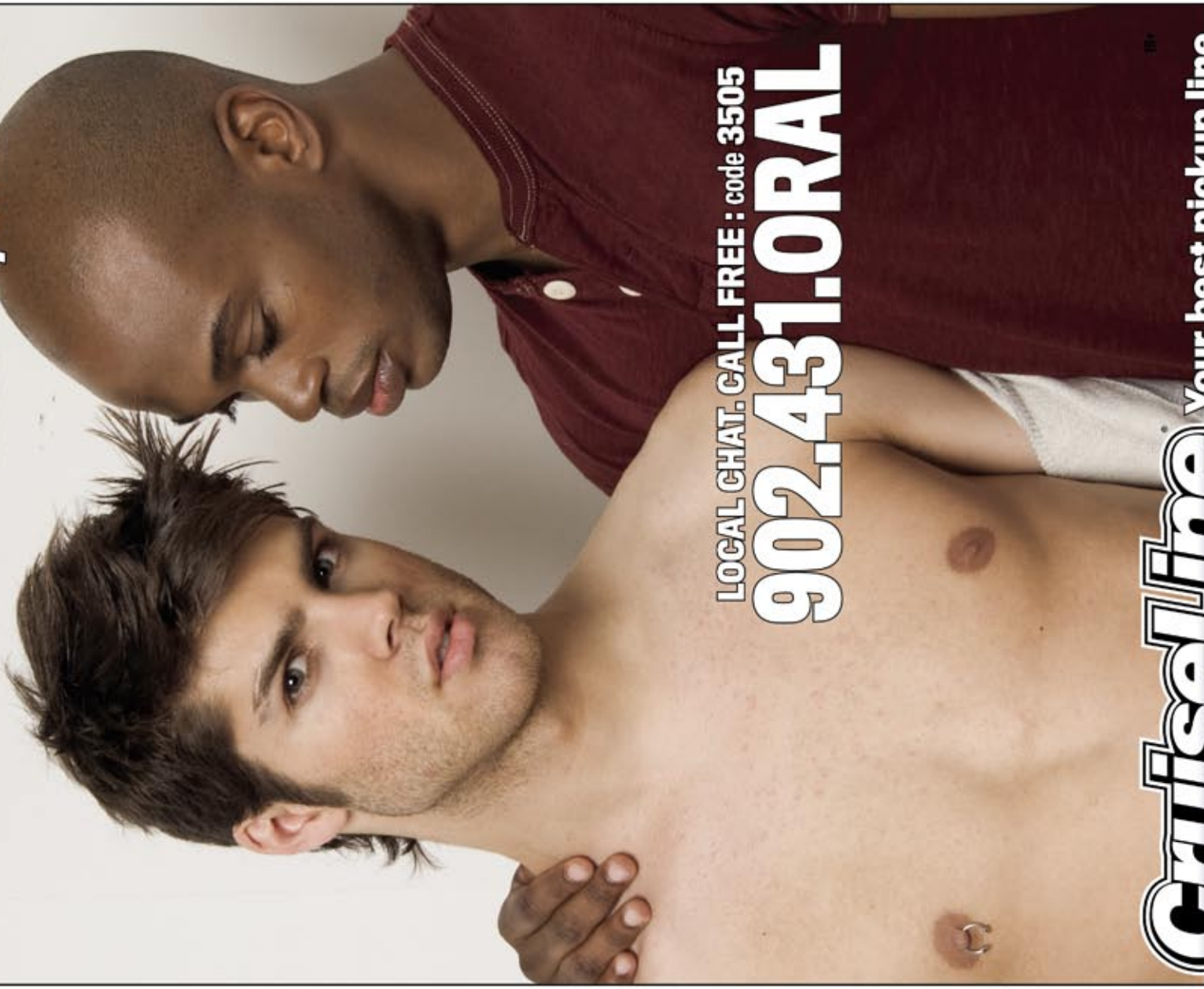
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