



Camp Out! Exploring LGBTQ Activist History in the Maritimes

In the most genuine spirit of “camp” and in homage to the integral concept of “out,” we are pleased to announce Camp Out!, a weekend celebrating and exploring LGBTQ activism in the Maritimes, featuring discussion groups, nature walks, bar-beque, community campfire, live music and more. Camp Out! will take place the weekend of July 17–19,

This is an opportunity to bridge gaps created by age, race, gender, geography, and to celebrate the rich history of LGBTQ activists ...

2009 at The Mermaid and the Cow campground in Pictou County, NS.

The idea for this weekend get-away was inspired by Kelly Baker’s Masters thesis, studying queer experience in rural Nova Scotia and by The Mermaid & The Cow, a lesbian-owned campground in Pictou County that is dedicated to providing a safe, relaxing camping experience for members of the LGBTQ communities and their

queer-positive friends.

Visiting the campground and talking with the owner made us aware of a need for more connection and exchange between rural and urban, older and younger generations of queers in the Atlantic region. As younger queer activists, we want to hear the stories about how it used to be, and get a sense of our history in both rural and urban contexts, from our gay, lesbian and trans predecessors. It is especially important to link past and present to the ongoing struggle for human rights, in the increasingly conservative political climate.

We believe in the power of face-to-face interactions to establish real dialogue. This is a much needed opportunity to bridge gaps created by age, race, gender, geography, and to



Mermaid And The Cow campground, Labour Day Weekend 2004. Collage by Daniel MacKay

celebrate the rich history of LGBTQ activists who have paved the way for younger queers in the region, a chance to share our stories, hear each other’s voices, examine the divisions and conflicts that exist within LGBTQ communities, and come together around issues that are relevant to all of us, regardless of our differences.

Camp Out! is open to anyone who wants to attend but as there is limited accommodation at the campground, the capacity is 40 participants. Priority will be given to folks who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual, Two-Spirit, Queer, and

questioning. Straight Allies are also welcome to register. Outreach to older and younger communities in both urban and rural areas around the region is aimed at bringing a wide range of experiences together.

The project is being organized by a small group of enthusiastic volunteers, not affiliated with any specific organization, and with little to no funding. In lieu of actual funding, and in the tradition of grass-roots community organizing, we have received much support and encouragement from the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP), and generous

in-kind donations from the Menz Bar, Wayves, CKDU and the Mermaid and the Cow. For the work-in-progress schedule of the weekend, see page 11.

Please join us for a Pancake Brunch Fundraiser for “Camp Out!” at Menz Bar, 2199 Gottingen Street on Saturday June 6, 12 noon – 3:00 p.m. Suggested donation \$10.00. For more information about Camp Out!, or to get a registration form, please email camp.out.2009@gmail.com or phone (902) 405-0340.

Safe Harbour MCC Looks to the Future

Interview with Rev. Bob Bond



By Angela Croft and Jane MacConnell (Continued from the May, 2009 edition of Wayves)

Why are you in Halifax with Safe Harbour MCC and how does the process work?

Rev. Elder Diane Fisher who is my elder, which is MCC’s equivalent of a bishop, knew I was coming to the end of the interim process at Reconciliation MCC (RMCC) and we were exploring options for me. There were three pulpits to be considered: 1) was

an intentional interim with the twist of being able to stand for appointment at the end of the call. I was not interested as I felt this violated the process; 2) was in Flint, Michigan and I was seriously considering this appointment as long-term pastor; 3) was in London, Ontario, which sounded like a good place to live and do ministry but I told Rev. Elder Diane it was too far from home for me to accept a permanent appointment there. She then contacted me and said Safe Harbour MCC was in need of an intentional interim pastor and they were in need of someone who could walk with them in their grief over losing Rev. Darlene Young who was founding pastor and had been with them all of their almost 18 years of existence. They would also need someone to shepherd them through the intentional interim process so they would be healthy and ready to

call a long-term pastor best suited to lead them into their vision. Because this is a time limited appointment, I agreed to relocate much further from my home than London, Ontario would have been.

The process is set up in stages. The first stage is to deal with the churches history. We will review the past; we will celebrate the joys, and we will grieve the wounds and the losses. Every member and friend of the congregation will be offered time to meet with me and share their history with religion and with Safe Harbour MCC. I will want to hear their stories of the good the church has done and the stories of when they felt they were wounded by the church. We will offer apology and ask for forgiveness on behalf of those who wounded and then we will ask that the joys and wounds be released to God. We will have some service with

a ritual of release. We cannot forget the wounds and we do not want to forget the joys but we must be able to let them go so something new can be birthed here.

The second stage is to develop a clear vision of who the church is now and were the church wants to go. We will be seeking input for those who attend worship, those who have attended worship, and those who think they might want to be affiliated with Safe Harbour MCC. We will want to know what we do that is important and needs to be continued, what may have outlived its usefulness, and what new things we should consider doing to meet the needs of this community and the larger community that is our world. This church will survive only as long as it has a mission and a purpose beyond Sunday morning worship.

The third stage is to create a

comfort level with the church always being in transition. Living things and communities are always changing and we will explore ways to understand, accept, and maybe even embrace change as a sign of being alive. We will study healthy ways of being community and ways to stay healthy even when there are unhealthy elements within our community.

The fourth stage is to affirm our connection to the larger denomination and world community. We will discover how what we do here, in Halifax, affects the wider community. We will decide together how to use our resources to further peace and justice everywhere. During stages three and four, the church will be creating its profile. The profile is posted for clergy to review who may be seeking a call. The profile describes

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ACNS Bid for Life Dinner & Auction



CBC radio and television personality Heidi Petracek and Information Morning host Don Connolly were hosts to this year's well attended BMO Financial Group Bid for Life, Dinner and Auction fundraiser for ACNS at Casino Nova Scotia Halifax May 7.



Above, Mike Sangster, ACNS Chair of the Board of Directors. Left, HSIM Empress 9 Boomboom Lubalicious and Mrs. Vicki. The live auction had fifteen items which included among other things artwork, various services, Cirque de Soleil tickets, a two night stay at White Point Beach and a weekend VIA Rail Loews Hotel Vogue, Montreal package.



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Safe Harbour

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the congregation, its mission and vision statements, the HRM area, and what skills and talents the congregation is seeking in a pastor.

The fifth stage is where the congregation sets its course for the future and covenants to stick to the vision they have developed and seek the pastor God has selected to lead them. During this stage a pastoral search committee will be seeking profiles from interested clergy and will conduct a screening process, an interview process and will ultimately invite a clergy person to candidate for the pulpit at Safe Harbour MCC. The congregation may consider only one candidate at a time and must vote up or down on the candidate before other candidates can be considered. The selection of a pastor is a faith process not an election of a candidate from a field of choices. Either the candidate is the one God has called to be here or not. The last stage very often is completed after the intentional interim

pastor has left.

What do you enjoy most about Halifax?

I have enjoyed the beauty that is Halifax. I have enjoyed meeting new people. And I enjoy the opportunity to be involved in ministry that makes a difference.

What message do you hope to leave in Halifax upon your departure?

I hope the health and productivity of Safe Harbour MCC will speak to HRM of the love God has for all of God's children.

What do you hope to take back home with you from Safe Harbour MCC and/or Nova Scotia?

I hope to go home with a better understanding of myself and my ministry. Perhaps, I will better understand what it means to be a citizen of the world. I will also take with me a greater understanding of the metric system.



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ISCANS Gearing Up for Summer

By Nathan Boudreau

It's been a crazy past month in the life of ISCANS. Our current King and Queen of Diamonds held a fabulous show at Menz Bar, where we saw both their naughty and nice sides. Thank you to all who attended, and to Doug, David and staff for having us. Now that we have reached June, it's the start of a crazy summer

season. This month alone we have two great events planned. Our annual ICP Ball at Reflections Cabaret will be held on June 14 starting at 10:00 p.m. Cover charge is \$5.00. Elle and Nate N! would love to see everyone out for this one as it's going to be quite the evening. On June 28 the Emperor and his boys are planning

a "Boyz Night Out" show to be held at Menz Bar. Check out our website (www.imperialcourtns.com) for more details as they become available.

Okay, everybody pay attention to this one: our lovely Empress Boom Boom Lubalicious has offered herself for the dunk tank during Pride celebrations. She has, however, placed

one and ONLY one condition. If the members of ISCANS and the community at large can raise \$2000 by the day of Pride celebrations, she will sit in the dunk tank in FULL drag. It may seem like a lot, but this is a goal worth reaching. So come out and make your contribution to this great event. Donations can be made by see-

ing any member of the Executive. All funds raised during this great event will be going to Phoenix House, one of Reign 9's chosen charities.

That's all for now, and remember if you have any comments and/or suggestions for events, please do not hesitate to email us at events@imperialcourtns.com.

Amherst Parenting Workshop and Family Picnic

By Gerard Veldhoven

The Cumberland Pride Society will celebrate Pride Week in Amherst, Nova Scotia, from July 6 - 12. As part of our celebrations, Saturday, July 11 will be designated Maritime

LGBTQ Family Day, a day recognizing LGBTQ parents and our children, supported by Queer Parenting Programs at the 519 Community Centre in Toronto and Maggie's Place

Family Resource Centre in Amherst. Join us for a workshop for Maritime families and service workers, preceded by a child-centered family picnic. As a geographic hub for the

three provinces we hope that we can share our workshop and picnic with all interested Maritimers. For more information regarding activities to be held during Pride Week in Amherst

please go to our website at cumberland-pride.sytes.net.

All are welcome to join us that morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon for our "Rainbow Family Picnic."

AIDS PEI Re-launches

AIDS PEI re-launched its organization on May 1, 2009 with a new location, a new brand and a new website. The organization recently suffered several setbacks including media coverage surrounding theft and fraud charges laid against a former Program Coordinator and the transferring of their needle exchange program to provincial facilities.

"This organization has been through a great deal over the past few months. We dealt with theft and fraud—the absolute worst situation that every organization fears—and

we saw our needle exchange program move to provincial jurisdiction and that has had some repercussions." Despite the setbacks, Mark Hanlon said their day-to-day operations have not really changed. "It's been a trying time, but we're proving to the community that we will bounce back as a renewed organization that is still committed to reducing HIV in the province and supporting our PHAs. We certainly haven't wavered from that goal."

AIDS PEI launched its new website at www.aidspei.com on May



1 to coincide with a location change to 375 University Avenue, Unit 2, in Charlottetown. They also unveiled their new logo and branding strategy on that date. For more information, contact AIDS PEI at info@aidspi.com or call 1 (800) 314-2437.

ARC PEI Prep For Pride 2009

ARC PEI continues to succeed in providing the community with dance parties every second weekend. The dance parties are located at Mavor's Studio in the Confederation Centre of the Arts in Charlottetown. Our DJ's provide party-goers with the freshest music hitting the airwaves

with all the most current club mixes and hip-hop to keep your party going. With a mix of club lighting and lasers combined with a sexy bar your night is sure to impress. All attending must be of legal age.

ARC PEI has now moved locations and is now located at 375 University Avenue, suite 2, in Charlottetown. With our new location, fresh look and successful dance parties we continue to look forward to the rest of 2009. Dance parties are scheduled for June 6, July 3, July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22 and September 15. If you are coming to Prince Edward Island check out our web site for event details at www.arcofpei.com.

We continue to plan our Pride festival and look forward to another successful year. Pride 2009 is scheduled to begin July 3 with our kick-off party and end on July 11 with a parade (gathering at Victoria Park) and Power Party. If your business would like to enter a float or banner in our parade, or set up a booth in the park after the parade, please contact ARC PEI at the web address above and let

us know. We'd love to hear from you. For more details on Pride 2009 events Google "ARCPEI" and you will be directed to our page.

As always, we would like to thank all those that have visited us both on and from off Island and hope to see you all in the near future!



Our Cover:

Mike Sangster, ACNS Chair of the Board of Directors poses with Casino employees at the very successful ACNS fundraiser Bid for Life Dinner and Auction held on Thursday May 7 at Casino Nova Scotia, Halifax. Photo credit: Rob Isbister Cover Design: Dan MacKay

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Wayves

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The Birth of Community

By Angus Campbell

When we look at the issues that most affect our health, there is one common thread: homophobia.

Forty years ago this month, our brothers and sisters had enough of the oppression and decided to fight back. The Stonewall Inn riots have come to be known as the beginning of the gay rights movement in the U.S. and the world. Gays and lesbians were tired of not being able to claim any space of their own, even the mafia-owned, often police-raided speakeasies of the 60's. Who could have imagined that a drag queen bopping a police officer with her purse, and a dyke in overly tight handcuffs screaming to the crowd, "Why don't you guys do something?" would be the beginning of the end: the beginning of us organizing ourselves, and the end

of us allowing hateful people to abuse us.

Written a few years earlier and not specifically for gay liberation, Bob Dylan was an ally and his lyrics are as appropriate today as they were then: "Come mothers and fathers / Throughout the land / And don't criticize / What you can't understand / Your sons and your daughters / Are beyond your command / Your old road is / Rapidly agin'. Please get out of the new one / If you can't lend your hand / For the times they are a-changin'."

On June 28, 1970, exactly one year after the riots, the first parade was held as a protest and a march for freedom. Every year since are cel-



ebrations of who we are, how we must be an equal part of society and how we need not hide in the closet any longer. We're naturally-occurring everywhere throughout humanity, whether you choose to be part of our community-at-large or not. As a group we're not sick. Individually we may have health issues just like anyone else, no matter what the sexuality. Like many other populations we are a proud people. No better, no less than any other. Oh and we're a very diverse lot too.

Amongst great debate in 1973 the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its

official list of mental disorders. The general public didn't follow suit quite so quickly.

In 1977, at the age of 18, I decided to come out to my very conservative police family. That same year my best friend gave me the newly published *The Joy of Gay Sex*. Within two years I chose my own march for freedom to the west coast so as not to embarrass the family name. (I later learned my father found the book in my storage boxes and promptly burned it.)

While living out west I befriended an older gentleman who became like a surrogate dad. He used to tell stories of "gay life" during WWII. I always found them fascinating as they were like none other I had heard before or struggle I had never considered.

So much happened in the 70's (The Boys in the Band, Anita Bry-

ant, Harvey Milk, disco, Pierre Trudeau's "the state has no business in the bedrooms of the nation," etc.) that I've always wanted to re-write Stephen Sondheim's *I'm Still Here* lyrics to *I'm Still Queer* to document my Broadway Baby gay pride that I eventually found.

But what about our early queer history in Atlantic Canada? Now the opportunity is upon us to hear directly from the people who lived it. A weekend exploring and celebrating GLBTQ activism in the Maritimes is an idea whose time has come, for no one can tell the stories better than those who were there. Congratulations Camp Out! And cheers to the birth of all queer Atlantic Canada communities!

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Ramblings from the Sanctuary Garden

What We Hope For...

By Bethany Sullivan

"What price beauty" is the expression that comes to mind as I sit here on my balcony in an island country, far from my home beauty. It is an astonishing reality to find myself here in this tropical paradise. A reality that, in the past several years, I have imagined wanting. And now that I am here, the second saying that comes to mind is "Be careful of what you wish for!" I have to say I had an easier time coming out than I am having being here in so-called paradise. Yes, the sea is beautiful, but people are poor and they have to sell themselves and their land in order to live. And the rich and the famous and everyday people like myself, come here and segregate ourselves from them. There is a need yet a resentment of the people who visit here. I note the history of oppression and the similarities between historical oppression at home and what happened here. Linda notes that the family names here can all be found in Nova Scotia. I long to be more than I am yet find I am stuck in my home values-cleanliness and order being much more valued than

I realized.

I came here to teach for a couple of days and took the opportunity to vacation. The teaching was enlivening; the students eager to discuss, challenge and debate ideas and share experiences. Yet, as at home, the teacher rules, so it is difficult to tell in this short time what is real. What might be real will evolve over time. And maybe that is what I would discover would happen if I were to be here for a protracted period of time. It seems to me, as I write, that time and experience are intimately related. More time, more experiences, changing attitudes, broader values... is this how it works?

My initial response to being here is how much I succumbed to the mythology of travel, to go south to where the sun and the sea are for renewal and fun. It seems to be such a status thing, to take a vacation in the sun.

But here today I am caught up in my longing for home. I want to be where I can be a lesbian, where I am not afraid to hold my partner's hand or to even call her my partner. And

in this longing might I be experiencing something of what the longing is here in this place-to be your own person, to be free to earn a living without loss of dignity, to be proud of who you are, to be interdependent not dependent.

I often think of how geography and person are intertwined; each informs the other, sometimes in a power-over way, sometimes though less frequently, in a power-with way; however the relationship, it is deep in our bones. My body here doesn't like the heat, is reacting to the mould that permeates everything indoors and out, and to the change in diet. And that affects my resiliency of spirit and emotions. I have to call upon the deep and ancient rock of the Eastern Shore to ground me and keep me here, to stay with this experience with an openness that my body wants to run from. My partner and I talk everyday about what this experience is about and what it is each of us is learning. She looks to the trees, the birds and the water as context for reflection, asking what it is she needs to learn. Me, I am just experiencing

and reacting and will probably need to be at home before I can come to terms with the unexpected results of what I wished for. The following quotes are both applicable here for different reasons.

"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; but remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for." —Epicurus, ancient Greek philosopher (341 BC – 270 BC)

"The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what you hope



for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof."—Barbara Kingsolver, author (b. 1955)

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Review: The History of Gay People in Alcoholics Anonymous: From the Beginning

By Audrey Borden
The Haworth Press, NY, 2007
Review By Norval C

The book provides a brief review of the concurrent evolution of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), human rights, including gay rights, and the women's movement and backs up the initial chapters with transcripts of interviews and quotes from historic material. Most of those interviewed were involved in AA in Washington, DC, New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles, but the author makes a point of including some points of view from people growing up in rural and smaller centers for balance.

AA was created in 1937 and the basic text was first printed in 1939. The first homosexual to join AA appears to be a man who went to see AA cofounder Robert Smith in Akron, Ohio at the very beginning of AA, telling him he was a homosexual and an alcoholic, and asking if he could join their group. A timeline in Chapter 1 points out that alcoholism was recognized as a disease by the American Medical Association in 1967, and in 1973 the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Interviews with key contributors

to AA over the years point out how both alcoholics and homosexuals were considered deviants and were subject to incarceration and extreme treatment measures.

The need for and acceptance of special meetings for homosexuals is discussed in detail. Other special groups, for women and for blacks, for example, began before official groups for gays and lesbians started.

One of the reasons for special gay groups was that many people had heard that alcoholic homosexuals could not stop drinking because the shame of being gay drove them to drink or they were simply too degenerate.

Some women's AA groups were welcoming to lesbians, but not all. Until the gay liberation movement began in the late 1960s, homosexuals were generally not open about their sexual orientation. A number of gay AA groups began in 1968 in a number of cities, including San Francisco. One of the reasons for special gay groups was that many people had heard that alcoholic homosexuals could not stop drinking because the shame of

being gay drove them to drink or they were simply too degenerate. Another reason was the common association within the gay community with bars and drinking, which led to an increased incidence of alcoholism.

Specific gay groups evolved and were listed in the world directory of meetings following much debate at the 1974 General Service Conference.

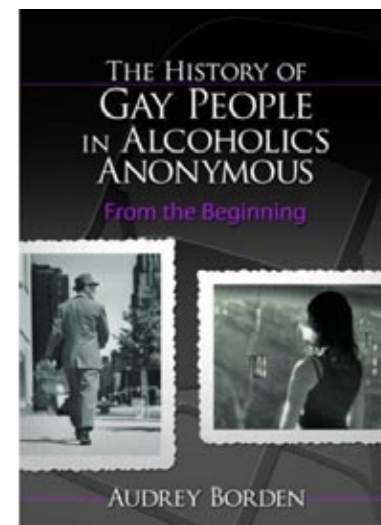
Most gay AA meetings were open to all, but a unique evolution in Los Angeles resulted in formation of a separate group

called Alcoholics Together, which required identification as an alcoholic and homosexual for participation. The need for an evolution of these groups provides fascinating insight into society and different cultures within North America.

The book is well balanced between men's and women's issues and includes creation of an organization for gay professionals in addiction. It is positive affirmation of the role of

gays and lesbians in the foundation of many types of groups formed to help people recover from addiction, including Narcotics Anonymous. Some understanding of 12-step programs would be helpful but not necessary to enjoy the book. One of the book's strengths is that it explains the linkage between addiction and gay culture as society changed, largely through personal stories. A weakness of the book for some may be that it does not extend to how recent changes in society and gay culture are affecting youth and younger gays, lesbians and transgendered people; some younger

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Let's Catch A Movie

Halifax has a new social group. "Out @ the Movies" is a recurring movie night for Halifax's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities. Founder Kirk Furlotte summarizes it as "Guerrilla GayFare goes to the movies."

Kirk was inspired by an article he read about the Minneapolis Movie Bears. The MMB get together every week to see a movie with socializing before and after. They also have other social events. "I thought the model would work pretty well in Halifax," says Kirk. "It's pretty easy—all you have to do is show up and see a movie. Maybe go out for a coffee

afterwards. The only required cost is the movie ticket."

Unlike the MMB, Out @ the Movies will start out with monthly movie outings. Movies will be screened on the third week of the month. Moviegoers are encouraged to vote for the upcoming movie two weeks in advance. One week prior to movie night, the film and time will be announced. At present, all movie outings are planned for Empire Theatres at Park Lane.

If there is sufficient demand, a second screening on the first Tuesday of the month will be added. There will also be special movie outings

such as Pride's film festival, Thrillema, al Fresco Film Festo, Empire After Dark and fundraisers.

"It's just a fun and easy way to meet other members of the community," says Kirk. To develop interest in the group, there is a Web site, Facebook group and twitter feed. If you'd like to learn more or join, contact halifax.out.movies@gmail.com or visit halifax-out-movies.blogspot.com.



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Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITCH

Hi Tom

Well, as usual, I managed to stretch my birthday celebrations over many days. If my family and friends are determined to show their love and appreciation of me, who am I to limit them to a narrow twenty-four hour period? It would be rude and ungrateful and you know I always like to be considerate of others' feelings!

The Anthill and Fisherman's Freud gave me a lovely party at their house—wine, a paper crown, delicious dinner and, of course, a cake with candles! As I drowsed in the taxi on the way home I had a large smile on my face. It gives one such a warm glow to be fêted like that. I received lovely insulting cards, some sincere ones (a minority) and one very erotic one of a cowboy doing... well, let's just say I pasted it into my scrapbook. (No, that's not a euphemism.)

One of the best gifts was a ticket to go see k.d. lang in concert at the Metro Centre. She was...and you know I don't use this word indiscriminately... FABULOUS, Tom! Funny and charming and silly and sassy and smart. And that voice! The years have honed her—she who was always a great talent—into a brilliant musician. Every word, every note is savoured and caressed by her. From small delicate phrases that tingled my spine to great soaring notes that were like a giant, iridescent dragon taking flight. Pure magic!

The sad counterpoint was the news a short time later about the death of Bea Arthur. This led to discussions on fan websites about whether Maude or Dorothy was her greatest role. In a weird way—you'll call it sick or ghoulish—the report of her demise also made me smile. Let me explain. My friend, Nicola, and I used to have a competition about who could be the first to tell the other about celebrity deaths. It got to the point where even our mothers were involved. Her mother would scan the news items and say, "So and so died." then in the same breath with a note of eagerness in her voice. "Did you call, Crawford?" Nicola would then race to the phone to triumphantly impart the sad news to me. Ah, happy memories. Now when everyone corresponds by e-mail rather than by telephone it is more difficult to know the winner and so the game has dwindled away.

The passing of darling Bea was noteworthy. Why is it that feisty women become such icons for gay men, do you think? Is it the refusal to follow tradition roles that appeals? The blending of male and female qualities? Or is it that we appreciate someone like Bea, considered by some to be the ugly duckling, who disdained being a duck or a swan either, insisting instead on becoming a bird like no other, a new species if necessary? Even our revered Judy, who died forty years ago this month

and whose funeral brought the city of New York to a standstill, fought all her life against other people's expectations of what kind of woman she was supposed to be but she never gave in, never succumbed to that pressure, although it took a huge toll on her emotional and physical health. Whether there was a real connection between Judy's death and the Stonewall riots will never be known for sure but one can't help wondering about the coincidence of the celebration of a death and the birth of a movement on the same day.

Both Bea and Judy lived lives that seem to say, "Be yourself and if others tell you that you are different, that you don't fit in, tell them that THEY had better adapt because you are not going to change for them or anyone else." You gotta love women like that! We need them more than ever now with the proliferation of cookie cutter competitions like American Idol beamed into every household in North America.

The other day while sipping a cosmopolitan and waiting for my steak to cook on the barbecue, I suddenly realized that Sex in the City is the gayest film ever made. Aside from the obvious cosmo connection, there are so many similarities. The main characters are all gay stereotypes. Carrie, who loves clothes, is a bit of a romantic but still hopes to land Mr. Big. Miranda is the activist who really wants to live in the suburbs and have a "normal" life with children. Charlotte is the adorable, but not very sophisticated twink. And, of course, Samantha is the straightforward, shoot-from-the-hip type who has a huge appetite for sex.

I was so taken with this hypothesis that I overcooked my steak—again! I'm normally a pretty good cook so why is it that other people can produce a tender, juicy steak that you can cut with a fork while my best efforts produce something that would serve as a poodle's chew toy?

I threw the steak away, made a salad and another cosmopolitan and raised my glass to the memory of Bea and Judy!

Love ya!

Crawford

Cape Breton Marks IDAH

On Sunday, May 17, the Cape Breton Regional Municipality once again marked International Day Against Homophobia. This year's acknowledgement of the worldwide problem of homophobia was especially poignant for me, as I know all too well this unnecessary plague that continues to persist in our daily lives. Although painfully aware of the extent of homophobia within my own family, I am quite thankful to have family members and countless straight friends who are quite supportive of my partner, David, and me.

Homosexuality Knows No Borders was recognized with a rally and march, a barbecue and reception hosted by the Pride Cape Breton Society, PFLAG Sydney, Addiction Services and the Gay-Straight Alliance group from Breton Education Centre in New Waterford. We, along with other participants from the local gay and straight community, took our stand against homophobia to the streets of downtown Sydney. During the week leading up to May 17 the CBRM flew the Pride flag outside the administrative building to mark its support of our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Thanks to our M&M Meat Shops friends, an ongoing supporter of our community, the event started with a free public barbecue at 12 noon in the Sydney Credit Union parking lot, located on the northwest corner of George and Townsend Streets. Guest speakers addressed those in attendance before marching along the sidewalks of Townsend and

George Streets. We then turned onto Dorchester, continue through downtown along Charlotte Street to Townsend and concluded with a reception at the Family Place Resource Centre. There, everyone celebrated with refreshments, food, great friends and lively discussion.

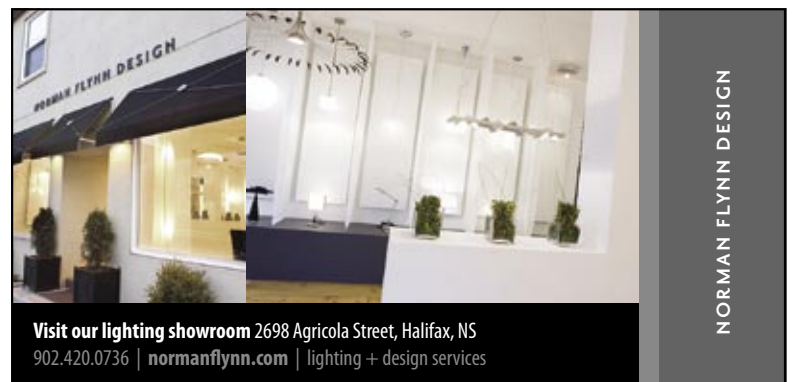
While writing this article I couldn't help but think about what I personally consider to be the biggest obstacle our community needs to address. There is still an overwhelming percentage of the population who continue to view homosexuality as nothing more than a sexual perversion. A man and a woman can walk down the road holding hands and they're thought

to be in love. When it's two people of the same gender, it's a matter of disgust for some people, and the possibility of love never enters their minds. This was very much the case in a most unlikely facet of my own family this past Christmas.

David and I will be together eight years this August, and we've been a part of many of my family's functions. David sat with me during the funeral of my wonderful mother, who included him in her life. For one part of my own family, however, seeing the two of us together on a Christmas card in a very tame and loving pose was a source of disgust and shame. As someone who's been out for years, and an organizer in our community for more than twenty-two years, I was shocked and remain conflicted

our fight for total acceptance is far from over, and we all must step up to the plate in whatever way we can to help

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Halifax Pride Theme: "Breaking Down Walls & Building Bridges"

By Hugo Dann, Chair, Halifax Pride

It's May as I write; daffodils are blooming and the trees just in bud. On May 1 I was lucky to be at a terrific theatre opening. A new collective called The Safety Position launched their first public effort, a production of Will Eno's Pulitzer-nominated play, "Thom Pain." On May 9 Halifax Pride held its annual musical fundraiser, Rockin' the Gaybourhood. Now we're planning for the International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia. Seemingly unrelated, these events have me musing on identity politics, the word "queer," and Halifax Pride's 2009 theme: "Breaking Down Walls & Building Bridges." I don't know or if playwright Will Eno would label his

sexuality, but the only character in his play, at least in what as he discloses, is heterosexual. However the three founding-member artists behind the Safety Position's production are proudly queer.

I asked Stewart Legere, the actor who played Thom Pain (brilliantly!), how that identity intersects with his work. "People sometimes deny the influence sexuality, politics, and spirituality have on what kind of person or artist they are," he answered. "I'm no good at that ... these are the things that define my worldview, my opinions, my insides. I think we're a queer company necessarily because we are queer. But there are a lot of companies I'd define as queer who might not say that about themselves, [like] Zuppa Theatre Co.

[They're artists that] push themselves and the audience with every show, that buck the trend and question the

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status quo—I would consider theirs a truly queer point of view. I hope The Safety Position would foster the same kind of curiosity."

I saw a lot of that creative attitude on stage at Pride's Rockin' the Gaybourhood concert. Many of the artists who donated their talents were straight-identifying, but they could see the value in "breaking down walls

and building bridges." Bands sang hetero and homo love songs, queer and non-queer artists shared the stage, and everything seemed to point to a better world.

Yet, so many of our efforts towards equality and civil rights, including the upcoming Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia, are based on identity politics, as are the ways we collectively identify as a "community of communities" or with the string of initials in our ever-lengthening acronym LGBTTI2SQ* (Did I exclude anyone? Sorry!).

I love the reclaimed word "queer." I love its sound, its roots in Old English and German. I love its fluidity and scope, that it somehow transcends identities, encompassing a gay man

in mid-life (me) and a trans youth redefining gender. I also know the positive power of identity politics. I don't know if one can fully embrace a queer identity if one hasn't first become strong in one's own personal lesbian, gay, bi, trans, or two-spiritedness. What's more, no matter how far we grow in civil and social equality, I'd never want to lose the distinctness of my gay identity.

I'm not sure if there's a contradiction here or not. I do know that the magic of Pride, whether it's in Toronto or Halifax, St. John's or Amherst, lies in the walls between us falling away and everywhere bridges of understanding blossoming like spring flowers.

Review: Gods of Football: The Making of a Calendar

Review by Ralph Higgins

It has become popular to create calendars of sexy men for charity fundraising. We've seen firefighters, police officers, university students among others. In Australia, for several years professional rugby players have posed nude for a calendar to raise money for breast cancer. This year more than forty hot men took time off from training and playing "footy" to get naked for this worthy cause but, unlike other years,

this time a video crew went along to film the process.

These athletes are truly stunning:

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young, rugged and in prime physical condition and the photographers

delight in capturing all this masculine beauty. The attraction for the viewer is clearly visual and quite frankly one could watch the whole film with the sound off. On the other hand, it is interesting to hear the rugby players—with those sexy Aussie accents—talk about why the project is important to them. Several of them reveal a charming shyness.

Even though, as professional athletes they spend a lot of time naked, as one

man remarks, it is a very different thing to strip off and pose in front of strangers pointing cameras.

Lots of different locations are used: rooftop pools, a horse ranch, a warehouse, aboard a sailboat but the lovely backgrounds never overshadow these remarkably sexy men. Fashion photographer, Pedro Virgil, knows how to make his models stand-out. This is a DVD that you will watch more than once.



Alcoholics Anonymous

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readers may have trouble identifying with how things were in the 1940s to 1980s.

One of the most fascinating parts of the book deals with the debate in 1974 concerning the listing of gay

AA meetings, keeping in mind that AA was supportive of homosexuals from its very beginning, but there are always dissenting voices:

I'm sitting there taking notes and listening to this debate. I'm hearing some people say, "Oh my god, are we going to let the queers in?" And, "If we list queers, what are you going to do next year, list rapists?" ... Well, if you have

read any of the literature on child molestation, raping, and wife beating, you know there's a little alcoholism involved, so I'm pretty certain there are wife beaters, child molesters, and rapists in AA, aren't you? And they deserve our love....

Near the end of the day-long debate a member of the board of trustees walked to the microphone

and said, "I understand that when you listed young people's groups, you did not go through these shenanigans. Is that right?" And everybody said, "yes..." "And when you listed women's groups you didn't go through all this folderol did you?" And everybody said, "No, we didn't do it then." "Well, what in the world are you picking on these guys for?" and

he took his seat....

Excerpted from pages 20-22 (the final vote for listing gay groups, 128 out of 131).

Overall, the book is a story of triumph and hope for anyone looking for a better life and wanting to feel proud of their gay heritage. The book chronicles that any addict, including homosexuals, can recover from addiction.



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Fierte Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe: Colour Parties; Planning Year 10 Celebrations

Happy 40th anniversary, Stonewall! And Happy 10th Pride in Moncton, Riverview and Dieppe!

By Greg LeBlanc, Treasurer, River of Pride

Plans for Moncton, Riverview and Dieppe's tenth annual Pride are almost complete. The Pride celebration has been moved back to the summer, so this year's Pride will be held from August 15 to 23. The parade will be held on August 22.

A survey is currently up on the website (www.fiertemonctonpride.ca) to gather feedback from you, our customers, to see what can be improved upon for future Prides. Feedback is your gift to us, and we appreciate the time you take to share. You can also submit your email address via the website to receive the most up-to-date information as Pride week approaches.

The Colour Parties are going strong, in the meantime. On April 4, we teamed up with the Canadian Cancer Society for the Yellow Party.

Volunteers from the Cancer Society attended at Triangles with their daffodils campaign to raise money and create awareness of their organization. River of Pride also contributed \$100.00 to the cause.

The Green Party was also held on May 2 and River of Pride teamed up with the New Brunswick Organ and Tissue Procurement Program,

and donated a cheque in the amount of \$100.

On May 17 we supported International Day Against Homophobia with the showing of a made for TV film, "Prayers for Bobby," a must-see for everyone. May also marked the return of "Galaxy of Stars." The tenth edi-



in our community: safe spaces and violence against women. The Pride Committee is still in need of more volunteers in the planning of Pride and for Pride Week itself! Check the website at www.fiertemonctonpride.ca for more information and to sign up.



make this one of our most attended fundraisers yet.

In May we were pleased to receive our official incorporation status from the Canada Revenue Agency. Our official name is "River of Pride – Rivière de Fierté Inc."

Plan to attend our upcoming Blue Party on June 6, when we partner with the Canadian Cancer Society to focus on prostate cancer awareness, signified by the colour blue.

Our final Colour party prior to pride week, Purple, will be held on July 4. We will have a dual partnership to focus on two very important issues

tion of the popular semi-annual series was a major success, one of the best yet, with Danny Babineau as producer and Julia Jeffries as emcee. Thanks to all who volunteered their time, as well as those who purchased tickets to

Far Left: Yellow Party Winners, Triangles, George St. Moncton, Near Left: Thank you Yellow Party volunteers! Above Top: Green Party Winners, Triangles, Below Top: River of Pride is partnering with the Canadian Cancer Society, Above: Roger Poirier presenting the Canadian Cancer Society with a Donation from the River of Pride,

Photo Credits: Greg LeBlanc



I Am What I Amherst

By Gerard Veldhoven
Pride Week in Amherst... we're almost there! The Cumberland Pride Society has been busy putting everything in place for the celebrations. Those of us on the Pride committee—Lisa Hill-Power, Mel Power, Sheila Little, Debbie Currie, Sue Reid, Norman Carter and me—are very satisfied and thrilled with the events scheduled for July 6 – 12.

The following activities are scheduled:

On Monday July 6, a Pride Flag raising ceremony hosted by the Town of Amherst will take place at 12 noon at Town Hall on Ratchford Street.

On Saturday July 11, we present the LGBTTTQ Parenting Workshop and Family Rainbow Picnic. The workshop will be facilitated by Chris Veldhoven, Queer Parenting Program Coordinator at the 519 Community Centre in Toronto. Maggie's Place in Amherst will conduct activities pertaining to rainbow family activi-

ties. The family event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at Maggie's Place on Elmwood Drive in Amherst. The LGBTTTQ Parenting workshop will take place from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Heartz Hall, Trinity St. Stephen United Church, on Ratchford Street in Amherst. Refreshments and snacks will be served during the break.

To get to Heartz Hall, take exit 3 off the highway and continue through to downtown Amherst. Turn right onto Havelock Street at the second set of traffic lights. Take the first left and you will see Trinity St. Stephen United Church on the corner. Heartz Hall is attached to the church.

To get to Maggie's Place, take exit 3 off the highway and continue through downtown Amherst until you come to Willow Street. Turn right, go to the stop sign, then turn right on Elmwood Drive. Maggie's Place is on your left.

The Pride Dinner and Dance will be held in the evening at the Old Warehouse Café on 4 Havelock Street. Buffet dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. and the Pride Dance will commence at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15:00 and must be purchased by June 30, 2009. Please contact Norman Carter at (902) 660-5004. Please leave a mes-

sage and we will return your call.

To get to the Old Warehouse Café, take exit 3 off the highway and go along Victoria Street to downtown Amherst. At the second set of traffic lights, turn right. The Warehouse Café is on your immediate left, behind the Royal Bank.

The Pride Picnic will be held at Northport Provincial Park on Sunday, July 12, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (or a little later). Bring blankets, swimming gear, etc. If you prefer certain

items for BBQ purposes, please bring those along. Salads would be welcome also and much appreciated. Take exit 3 off the highway and go through downtown. Do not turn anywhere until you come to route 366 on your left. Continue gaily forward to Northport and the park is on your left. It is well marked.

As Saturday in particular promises to be a hectic day with the family celebrations and parenting workshop, the committee decided to only have

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Mary Ellen MacLean

She's Baaack! Mary Ellen MacLean recently performed at the CoHo in Halifax. Photo Credit: Anita Martinez

k.d. lang in Concert



k.d. lang's Watershed Tour came to Atlantic Canada in April. The music icon sang to full houses across the region; Moncton, Saint John, Glace Bay and St. John's. Wayves' photographer Anita Martinez snapped this photo of k.d. during her fantastic Halifax concert April 16.

Blast From the Past



Some of the first members of the Persons With Aids Coalition in Halifax circa 1985-86
Back Row Left to Right...Dayle, Fred, Father Mike MacDonald, Eric Smith, Raymond,
Front Row Left to Right...Frank Morton, Peter Woods and Bruce...

Over the next while Wayves will be publishing photos of people places and events from days gone by -- call it a tribute of sorts to the many many people who have come and gone before us and laid the groundwork in ways big and small for the "Out Lives" so many of us freely express and enjoy today. Photo credit: Anita Martinez.

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Retro Night at the CoHo. See Events for next time DJ Motlette spins. Photo credit: Anita Martinez

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Chef's Corner



May brings Victoria Day weekend and the official beginning of tourist season. Now we wait to see if anyone shows up... While we wait, it's a good time to make sure that the lobster so many of them come for is still good! This recipe is an old favorite in most parts of our Atlantic region. Give'r a try and see what you think.



Chef Darren's Lobster Stew (serves 4-6) Ingredients

2 market lobsters (1 1/2 lb each)	1 cup caned diced tomatoes (drained)	1/2 white wine or 1/4 cup dry Vermouth
2 tbsp olive oil (to sauté shells)	2 tbsp butter (to sauté the veggies)	3 1/2 cups chicken stock
1 medium onion (chopped)	4 bay leaves	1 small bottle (1 cup) clam juice
2 stalks celery (chopped)	3 sprigs fresh thyme	1/4 cup tomato paste
2 medium size carrots (chopped)	4 tbsp flour	1 1/2 cups heavy 35% cream
4 cloves garlic (minced)	1/4 cup cognac (to flambé)	2 large Yukon gold potatoes (small dice)
1 shallot (minced)		
1/2 cup fennel bulb (chopped)		

Method

1. Boil the lobsters in sea water (or heavily-salted tap water) for 10-12 minutes. Remove the lobsters from water and set aside until cool enough to handle. Remove all the meat from tail, knuckles and claws and save any of the bright red coral for garnish then set aside covered in refrigerator.
2. Remove the heads and clean the body cavities with cold water. Sauté the shells in the oil in a large soup pot over medium high heat for 10 minutes or until they begin to brown. Add the vegetables, herbs and butter and sauté for another 6-8 minutes. Add flour then tomato paste and cook another 3-5 minutes. Add the cognac and flambé. When the flame burns out, add the wine and reduce by half.
3. At this point add the stock and clam juice, bring to the boil, lower to simmer for 1 hour until the vegetables are very soft. Remove the shells from the mix, and purée the remainder in a food processor or blender. Pass the blended soup through a fine sieve, return to clean pot, add diced potatoes, bring to the boil then medium heat and to potatoes until just tender.
4. Add the cooked lobster and cream and simmer another 10 minutes. Adjust seasoning with sea salt and cracked pink peppercorn.

Serving suggestions

I like to serve this stew topped with the crumbled lobster coral, freshly chopped tarragon, crème fraîche and chives with crusty French baguette.

Chef Darren is Chef/Co-owner of Chives Canadian Bistro, 1537 Barrington St., Halifax, N.S. Voted "Establishment of the Year 2008" by the Nova Scotia Association of Chefs and Cooks; awarded two out of three stars "Where to Eat in Canada 2009"; new member of "La Chaine des Rotisseurs International." Reservations (902) 420-9626.

Gay Travel Group

By Brian Wentzell

Have you ever thought of travelling around Australia with little more than a backpack, a swim suit and a car? What about mountain climbing, wine tasting and camping in New Zealand? Or partying in San Jose, doing an eco-tour or kicking up the sand in Costa Rica? And so on... That is what I am about, with some time and money in hand.

However, if you are like me, it is far more fun doing these adventures with two or three other adventurous guys. Much of what I have been doing has centered upon global travel,

alone and with others. I prefer it with others.

If this is you, I would like to hear about your dreams and travel plans. The winters here in Atlantic Canada are long and there is always summer somewhere. If you are a healthy and adventurous guy with some time on your hands, why not get away?

The challenge is networking and I would like to reach out to kindred spirits who would like to link up with me. Having travelled Australia/New Zealand a number of times, I can recommend them as safe, gay-friendly

countries to visit. Thailand, Bali and the South Pacific are cheap and easy excursions from Down Under as well. I am also interested in holidaying in Costa Rica, Brazil, Argentina, The Caribbean and Europe.

We live in a small world with so much to see and do. All we need are some "travelling buddies" to enjoy it with. And that is where networking is essential, to determine compatibility and like-mindedness.

So if the sandals fit you the same way as me, and you have an itch to travel with friends in foreign lands, then I would love to get together with you over coffee/beer. I can be reached by email at bwentzell@live.ca.

Cape Breton

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by this reaction.

It's unbelievable we're still in this situation. Gay couples are not only represented as movie and soap opera characters, prime time television has shown gay-themed programs for years. Gay people are more visible now than ever before, and we've made some incredible leaps of equality. Yet, our fight for total acceptance is far from over, and we all must step up to the plate in whatever way we can to help everyone realize that homosexuality is as normal as heterosexuality. It is my opinion that terms like "same-sex" don't help—after all, straight people are never referred to as opposite sex. Of course, I could

go on with many of the things that contribute to homophobia, but I won't.

However, I will continue to go on being myself, not afraid to let people know who and what I am. I will continue to fight and educate. I will never conform to please someone else's view of how I should be. And I will hope that my life, private and public, will help those still trapped in the mindset that we are an abomination. We all deserve to walk proud, smile and hold our heads high!

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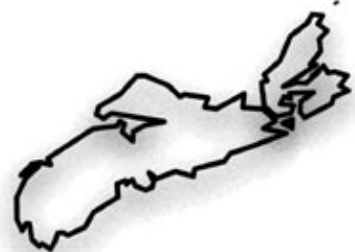
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See Darrell Dexter's NDP plan at ns.ndp.ca

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June Happenings!



Fredericton

BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

boom! Nightclub, 474 Queen, Fredericton. 506-463-BOOM (2666). THU: dance karaoke. FRI: CIRCUS = house trax, go-go dancers. SAT: POWER = mainstream dance. SUN: live bands & DJs. Latest info: boomnightclub.ca.

Friday, June 26th, 2009

AIDS New Brunswick 2009 Annual General Meeting 6pm - 10pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Moncton

Every Thursday

LGBT AND FRIENDS VOLLEY BALL! École carrefour de l'acadie gym. No experience required. Info: Rodge at 204-4704 and Oscar at 955-9217 \$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 204-4704 ou Oscar 955-9217. \$5.00 / joueur (rafraîchissements 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.

TRIANGLES

234 St George Street, Moncton NB E1C 5B1, (506)857-8779 Wednesday - Free pool with happy hour all night. Learn to line dance FREE with Jean-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. Sunday - Free pool and happy hour all night. Monday & Tuesday - Closed. Check out our monthly event page at www.trianglesbar.com and keep up to the Pride events - www.fiertemonctonpride.ca

Sackville-Amherst

July 6 - 12

Pride Week in Amherst. Saturday, July 11 will be designated Maritime LGBTTTQ Family Day, a day recognizing LGBTTTQ parents and our children, supported by Queer Parenting Programs at the 519 Community Centre in Toronto and Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre in Amherst.

Saint John

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Halifax

Saturday June 6th, 12pm - 3pm

WHAT: Pancake Brunch Fundraiser FOR: Camp Out! CelebraPancake Brunch Fundraiser ting LGBTQ Activist History in the Maritimes. A weekend of discussions, camping, hikes, music and campfire at the Mermaid and the Cow Campground in Pictou County on July 17 & 18. Please phone 405-0340 or email camp.out.2009@gmail.com for more information on how to get involved or register. MENZ BAR 2199 Gottingen Street, Halifax WHEN: COST: \$10.00 suggested donation

June 6th 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Hepatitis Information Session & AGM You are invited to attend an Information Session and the Annual General Meeting of the Hepatitis Outreach Society: - Saturday, June 6th - - The Weather Watch Room, QEII Health Sciences Centre, 5th Floor, Dickson Building, 5820 University Avenue, Halifax, NS - Guest Speaker: Dr. Kevork Peltekian, MD FRCPC - Refreshments will be served

Friday, June 12 & Friday, June 26

Retro at the CoHo with DJ Motlette The Company House (19+) 2202 Gottingen Street (at Cunard), Halifax 9pm \$5 What do you get when you combine some P.M. Dawn, Stevie Wonder and Wham!? Retro at the CoHo with DJ Motlette! Don't miss the next ones - Friday, June 12 and Friday, June 26 Cher. Madge. Stevie. Retro and requests for all in Halifax's newest music and arts space in Halifax's vibrant North End. Check out the Retro at the CoHo facebook group or motlette.com for more details.

August 7, 8, 9:

Alcoholics Anonymous 21st Annual Courage Round Up. Sponsored by Gay men and lesbians in AA. Open to all alcoholics and those affected by alcoholism in others. 5500 Inglis St. For more information call 902-425-8383.

September 27!

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Thursdayz POOR BOY Night 60oz Pitcher of Draught ONLY \$13.50 Tequila Shots only \$3.75, \$2.50 Shooters & FREE HOT DOGS 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! \$2.50 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! \$2.50 SHOOTERS all night.

Tuesday June 2nd & 16th prideHealth New office located at Menz Bar! Do you have a health question? Connect with Anita Keeping, prideHealth Clinical Nursing Specialist at 220-0643 or anita.keeping@cdha.nshealth.ca

Friday June 5th "THANK YOU" PARTY for our many and varied customers on the occasion of our 1st Anniversary in our Fabulous new location Starting at 10pm All Moosehead Beer only \$3.75 Door Prize Draw Free Pizza @ 11:30pm

Saturday June 20

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Thursday June 25th DaPoPo CAFE Presented by DaPoPo Theatre 7:30pm Start Time BAR Specials - 60oz Pitcher of Draught ONLY \$13.50 & \$2.50 Shooters all night long!

REFLECTIONS

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First Sunday of each month

Rainbow Proud: We are the LGBT community of Truro and surrounding areas. We are an organizational group that meets to plan activities ie: parades, outings, dances and such. We meet the first Sunday of each month. (Taking a break during summer months) We could always use some more help, so if you are interested in joining our group or if you are looking for information about the LGBT community, check www.rainbowproudnovascotia.ca

Events Feature: DJ Motlette: Fridays, June 12 & 26

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Camp Out!

Exploring LGBTQ activist history in the Maritimes

What: Camp Out!, a weekend celebrating and exploring LGBTQ activism in the Maritimes, past and present, featuring: discussion groups, nature walks, barbeque, community campfire, live music and more. July 17th, 18th and 19th 2009, at The Mermaid and the Cow, queer campground, Pictou County, NS <http://www.themermaidandthecow.ca/>

For more information about Camp Out!, or to get a registration form, please email camp.out.2009@gmail.com or phone (902) 405-0340.. Here's the tentative schedule:

Friday July 17	Saturday July 18	Sunday July 19
All weekend: audio recording and zine station set up to collect and document people's stories and thoughts	Morning: Introduction about the farm and campground by Jane Morrigan Presentation of Masters thesis research by Kelly Baker small discussion groups	Morning: pack up camp sites, guided walk, optional discussion groups
	Afternoon: story circle on activist history, small discussion groups	
Evening: registration, orientation to the campground, setting up tents, community campfire	Evening: barbeque, slide show, music performances and campfire	



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Adrien-J.-Cormier Building, Room 302, Université de Moncton
Facilitator: Eldon Hay (506) 536-0599, eldonhay@nb.sympatico.ca
3rd Sunday of the month: 1:30 - 3:30pm except December, (2nd Sunday)

Partners, Family, Friends & Allies of Trans-Identified Individuals. supporting one another. 902-431-8500 email: transfamily@eastlink.ca, meets 3rd Monday (6:30 to 8:30 pm) at The Youth Project (2281 Brunswick St., Halifax)

Universalist Unitarian Church: an inclusive liberal religious community 429-5500 email: uuchurch@eastlink.ca web: UUCH.ca, meets every Sunday (10:30; see website for special events) at 5500 Inglis St

Bedford United Church: An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada - ALL welcome. 835-8497 email: affirmingcongregation@bedfordunited.com web: www.bedfordunited.com, meets every Sunday (9 am service - Casual and contemporary - with free coffee and muffins before church to take into this service. 11 am service - Quieter and more reverent in tone, coffee after service. Call to confirm worship times as occasionally we have a 10 am combined service.) at 1200 Bedford Hwy at Sullivan's Hill, near Atlantic Gardens

Kentville

Red Door, The: Youth health adolescent center counselling, for up to age 30, all ages STD testing. 679-1411 web: thereddoor.ca (Monday through Friday, 1pm to 5pm, Wednesday open to 6:00) at 150 Park Street

Kingston

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House: 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

Lunenburg

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

Middleton

PFLAG: Information and support for GLBT community and their friends and families. 902-825-0548 email: middletonns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/middleton.html (Check online for meeting times and locations or phone 825-0548)

New Glasgow

Pictou County Centre for Sexual Health: 695-

3366 email: youth.access@ns.sympatico.ca
Pride of Pictou County: All GBLT in Pictou County. web: www.PrideofPictouCounty.ca (see web page for meeting info)

New Minas / Annapolis Valley

Valley Youth Project: Sexual Orientation. Gender Identity. Allies. Youth. email: valleyyouthproject@gmail.com (6-8:30 most Wednesdays through May) at New Minas Civic Center, 9209 Commercial St. Ages 25 & under. Free bus tickets available. Free food. Fun activities. Join us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Valley-Youth-Project/22418494995

Sackville NB/ Amherst NS

PFLAG: Support and education for GLBT21QQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: sacknb-amns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/en/prov-list-e.asp?RegionNo=6&ProvAbbr=NB, meets 2nd Monday (Phone or e-mail for meeting location and details.) at Sackville:112 Main Street or Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

Sydney

AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton: Support, advocacy, prevention/education for those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Free condoms!. (902) 567-1766 email: joannerolls@accb.ns.ca, christineporter@accb.ns.ca web: www.accb.ns.ca (Free Anonymous Testing 1-902-567-1123 Check our Website for events and updates.) at 150 Bentinck St, Sydney, N.S. B1P 6H1

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

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

Pride Cape Breton Society: Dances and Social Events. Monthly dances are Adults Only! Check website community events. (902) 539-4627 email: info@pridecapbreton.com web: www.pridecapbreton.com (Dances on the last Saturday of every month. Check website for dance and special event dates!) at Southend Community Centre. Maps are at our website.

Tatamagouche

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

Truro

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

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

PFLAG: Support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. 662.3774

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

SAAFE (Supporting An Alternative Friendly Environment): Social/support group at the NS Agricultural College. 893-6300 email: lyoung@nsac.ns.ca (Meetings as requested. Membership changes each academic year.)

Truro Pride: 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.

Wolfville

Acadia Pride: Acadia Student Union's LGBT21Q group. 585-2165 email: acadia@acadia.ca web: euler.acadiau.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (9:00pm(during academic year)) at Beverage Forum (old SUB)

Acadia Women's Centre: 585-2140 email: womens.centre@acadiau.ca (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

Prince Edward Island (902)

Charlottetown

AIDS PEI: AIDS PEI creates 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

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

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

Island Wide

PFLAG Canada - PEI: 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.

Gay PEI Mailing List: Electronic mailing list for all GLBT, questioning and friendly, focus is on PEI. email: gay-pei-owner@yahoo.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pei at All first posts are moderated to stop spambots, otherwise, it's an open list.

The Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives Renovation is Underway

It has been a long time coming, but the renovation for the new home of the Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives at 34 Isabella St., Toronto, is now well under way. Three things have happened to make this possible: the balance of the \$250,000 gift from Cresford Developments has been received, the \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation is now in hand, and the \$124,000 from the estate of CLGA supporter Roger Spalding is now settled.

To date, the roof has been replaced, major structural issues with a central supporting column have been

resolved, and the elevator is once again functional.

As we enter the more intensive phase of this renovation project, all materials now stored at 34 Isabella St. are being moved to an offsite storage facility. Critical day-to-day functions for the CLGA office are being temporarily moved to office space donated by Board Member Yeti Agnew. Thank you, Yeti. A big thank you also goes out to Clifford Collier and the rest of the Facilities Committee for their tireless work on the renovation planning and the move. We couldn't do it without you.

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Last Word

Stonewall Moments

By Randall Perry

Pride season is once again upon us. Some things don't change. The very reason for Pride, though, was the germ in a seed of change planted forty years ago this month.

When the queers were throwing rocks at the police in front of the Stonewall Tavern during the last weekend of June, 1969, I was a month shy of my second birthday. I didn't know or care about Judy Garland, how her life became a source of inspiration to the friends of Dorothy, or how her death, mourned by those same friends, became the "we're not gonna take it anymore" moment of a put-upon population tired of being walked on one time too many. The events of that weekend became a dot on my personal timeline.

By the same measure, the Toronto bath-house raids of 1981 and the subsequent protests which ultimately gathered together the disparate threads of a growing Pride movement in Canada could be dubbed our own Stonewall. Change was already afoot since the Klippert case sparked the change in the Criminal Code which decriminalized homosexuality in 1969. What the movement needed was a "Stonewall moment."

I believe each of us—gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans—has at least one "Stonewall moment." They can run the gamut from mundane to life-altering. I've had many throughout my life, obvious and subtle, usually manifesting themselves as moments of clarity or answers to long-considered questions. Two early ones stand

out as life-changers. During my first year of university I was the victim of a gay bashing at the hands of some teenage boys. I didn't report the incident because I was still fearfully in the closet (it was years before I could

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even talk about it, let alone write). The incident presented me with a choice: do I stay hidden in the closet; or do I start working for change? Having suffered endless bullying during my school years, I was tired of being walked on. I chose the latter.

I spent the summer before my final year of university in Toronto, during which time I finally earned my queer card. Immersed in the city's thriving gay neighbourhoods, I decided to make my final exit from the closet by coming out to my family when I returned home. Unfortunately it was an intensely negative experience, one which placed me at a second fork in my road: do I allow the negativity to consume my life; or do I suck it up, accept the negative outcome as part of the journey and move on? I built on my previous decision to work for change, knowing it wouldn't all be sunshine. Again, I chose the latter.

My most recent Stonewall moment happened just recently. On a trip to New England to visit my

partner, I proposed to him. For years I worked in concert with scores, hundreds of people to help bring about marriage equality in Canada, but I never thought I would claim it for myself.

The spirit of Stonewall continues to move me toward my little victories.

And I believe it will continue to move us as a community toward more of our own triumphs, large and small, personal and political. So much has been accomplished in the last four-plus decades, yet so much still remains to be done. Our Stonewall moments are the paragraphs that make up the vast and varied text of our great movement.

Letters

To the Editor,

The NB government is prepared to commit \$6 million dollars to the expansion of Moncton's Atlantic Baptist University ("Times&Transcript," April 25, 1). In the same news release, ABU president Dr. Brian MacArthur declares that the institution "...wants to operate respectful of all Canadians and certainly within the confines of all laws."

Yet employment policy at ABU states that, "...staff and faculty freely covenant together ... to be sexually pure, refraining from such activi-

ties as ... homosexuality." If staff or faculty members do not refrain from say, homosexuality, they can be fired: "Serious violation of this policy ... is recognized as a fundamental breach ... ABU, at its sole discretion, may terminate the relationship without notice or compensation" (www.abu.nb.ca/about/employment/emp_smc.html). So that, at ABU, a faculty or staff member who is gay or lesbian, and who may be in a legal marriage, is judged not sexually pure. And, such a person can be fired without notice or compensation.

This government commitment is morally repugnant. No institution which has a hiring policy prejudicial to a significant minority—aboriginal, Muslim, immigrant, Jewish or gay—should be considered for such gratuitous largesse.

ABU must forfeit its prejudicial policy in order to be in line for public funds. If it maintains its discriminatory employment practice, it must pay its own way.

Eldon Hay

An open letter from Egale, to Honourable Ronald Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness to the Government of Alberta.

Minister: You must be fully aware of the negative impact your recent announcement to delist sex reassignment surgery (SRS) as a benefit of Alberta's health care system has had on an already significantly disenfranchised group of Canadians. The decision is arbitrary, and discriminatory.

The barriers experienced by trans people in accessing healthcare are growing at a rapid pace. The situation of many is bleak and most are prone to discrimination and abuse. They are invisible in human rights legislation in Canada and continue to suffer discrimination and prejudice in accessing our health care system. Now, having to fund their own treatment of this internationally recognized, medically necessary procedure out of their own pocket at a high personal financial cost will cause significant and unnecessary debt just to meet their needs. For many such an expense is out of reach and consequently their needs are never met. For all trans people in Alberta, this will likely result in despair, depression, anxiety and for some, perhaps a more tragic response to their situation.

The United Nations Working Group on Human Rights recently recommended that Canada imple-

ment the Yogyakarta principles as a guide to assist in policy development when addressing sexual orientation and gender identity issues. Principle 17 is explicit and states: "facilitate access by those seeking body modifications related to gender reassignment to competent, non-discriminatory treatment, care and support." In response, the Federal Government is meeting with groups like Egale Canada on April 21st to discuss the effective implementation of these guidelines. The failure of the Alberta Government to consult with medical authorities and trans community members indicates a disregard for transsexual and transgender persons and a lack of understanding with regard to the importance of this procedure for this marginalized and vulnerable population.

Minister, this is more than a medical issue, but also one of basic human rights. We urge you to reverse this decision and instead address the shortage of accessible, localised ac-

cess to specialist care so that the most marginalized in society can be treated with dignity and respect.

An opportunity to meet with you at your convenience would be greatly appreciated. We would be happy to supply a briefing package that includes information on the funding supplied by the other provinces for your perusal.

Helen Kennedy, Executive Director, Egale Canada

Gail Knudson (MD, MPE, FRCPC), President, Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health

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