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# THE ISLAND NEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS

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## PRESIDENTS RANT

I GERALDINE DAVE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MY OPINION ABOUT SOME OF THE THOUGHTS EXPRESSED BY GROUP MEMBERS OVER THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF WHERE THE MONEY GOES THAT IS COLLECTED FROM DONATIONS. THE GROUP MONEY GOES FOR THE TRIPS AND BUSINESS EXPENSES. THE DUES SHOULD BE PAID BY GROUP MEMBERS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH. IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED CALL ME GERALDINE DAVE AT (902) 736-0987  
THANK YOU.

## GAY RELATIONSHIPS, FACT OR FICTION

I REMEMBER THE FIRST TALK MY MOTHER HAD WITH ME ABOUT BEING GAY, SHE MADE TWO POINTS. ONE A GAY LIFE IS A LONLEY ONE, AND TWO MEN ARE PIGS DON'T TRUST THEM. THE COMBINATION OF BOTH THESE POINTS WOULD MAKE ANY SELF RESPECTING PERSON DEPRESSED, OR HAVE THEM FEEL THAT ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO GAY PEOPLE IS IN THE LEAST FUTILE.

SO THE QUESTION THAT ARISES FROM THIS IS: CAN A GAY RELATIONSHIP LAST BETWEEN TWO GAY PEOPLE? I PUT THIS QUESTION TO A COUPLE OF MEN WHOM HAVE BEEN IN THIER RELATIONSHIP FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS, THIER ANSWER WAS AN EMPHATIC YES IT CAN, YOU JUST HAVE TO WORK AT IT, "GOOD ANSWER", I SAID BUT HOW ABOUT THIS ONE, "CAN A RELATIONSHIP LAST THIER ENTIRE LIVES", ANOTHER EMPHATIC "YES!" CERTAINLY ONE I AND EVERY ONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR. BUT WHAT OF THE DARK SIDE, THE FLIP SIDE TO THIS ROSE GARDEN, READ NEXT MONTHS ISSUE TO FIND OUT. WRITTEN BY NIKKI SELENA.

## N.D.P. USING CLINTON ANGLE?

THE N.D.P. IN LAST MONTHS ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE HAS A HALF PAGE AD AIMED DIRECTLY AT THE GAY AND LESBIAN POPULATION OF NOVA SCOTIA. IT'S NICE TO SEE SOMEONE IS TAKING NOTICE OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO US. WHAT WOULD BE EVEN NICER, IS THE OTHER PARTIES FOLLOWING THE SAME SUIT.

## DID YOU WATCH OPRAH LATELY BYE?

RECENTLY ON THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW, THERE WERE TWO PEOPLE WHO SAID THEY TURNED STRAIGHT WHEN THEY FOUND RELIGION. ONE GAY MALE AND ONE GAY FEMALE MADE THIS CLAIM ON THE AMERICAN T.V. TALK SHOW, AND THEY SAID THAT THEY WOULD NEVER GO BACK TO THIER PREVIOUS LIVES AS HOMOSEXUALS.

## EXPERIENCE OF SEEING SON DIE OF AIDS OFFERS LESSON IN LOVE FOR OTHER PARENTS

*DEBRAH R. RASTIN OF CAM-  
BRIDGE ONT., WRITES ABOUT  
HER SON TOM, WHO DIED OF  
AIDS. FROM HER LETTER TO  
ETRA!*

I RECEIVED MANY LOVELY AND HEART WARMING LETTERS FROM PEOPLE WHO KNEW TOM AND MANY WHO DID NOT. I KNOW THAT TOMMY WAS HAPPY AND ENJOYED LIFE. I THANK ALL THOSE WHO WROTE TO ME, FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. YOU HAVE HELPED ME TO GO ON. I AM NOT A WONDERFUL PERSON, AS SOME LETTERS SAID, AND DID NOT DO ANYTHING THAT I WOULD NOT EXPECT ANY PARENT TO DO. I AM, AND ALWAYS WILL BE, TOMMY'S MOTHER. AND BECAUSE I LOVED HIM UNCONDITIONALLY, I BROUGHT HIM HOME, WHERE HE BELONGED, TO DIE FROM AIDS. HE WAS AND WILL ALWAYS BE MY SON. I LOVE ALL MY CHILDREN.

I HOPE THE CHILDREN WHO READ THIS WILL CUT IT OUT AND SEND IT TO THEIR PARENTS. IF ONLY ONE PARENT CALLS A CHILD AFTER READING THIS, THEN I HAVE HELPED IN SOME WAY. OH, WHAT I WOULD GIVE JUST TO HOLD TOM ONE MORE TIME... BUT I CAN'T. OUR CHILDREN OUR ARE CHILDREN FOREVER. YOU GIVE BIRTH TO THEM- HOW CAN YOU TURN YOUR BACK ON THEM? TOMORROW THEY MAY BE GONE FOREVER. YOU MAY NOT BE AS LUCKY AS WE WERE; WE DID GET EIGHT MONTHS OF LOVE WHILE WE WATCHED OUR SON DIE. PLEASE, AS A MOTHER, I BEG YOU THINK ABOUT THIS: YOUR CHILD COULD BE GONE IN A SECOND, GONE FOREVER FROM AIDS, AN ACCIDENT, OR ANY ILLNESS. SO PLEASE PICK UP THE PHONE AND JUST SAY, "I LOVE YOU." WHEN THEIR GONE, IT IS FINAL. YOU CAN'T GO BACK AND SAY ALL THE THINGS YOU WISH YOU HAD SAID. DO IT NOW. TOMMY WOULD HAVE BEEN 28 ON FEB.2. THERE WAS NO CELEBRATION, NO CARD, JUST SORROW. I HAVE REGRETS AS A MOTHER OF A SON WHO WAS GAY. I WISH I HAD BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO TOMMY MORE AND UNDERSTAND HIS FEELINGS BETTER, BUT NOW IT IS TOO LATE.  
(FROM WHAT CANADA THINKS ).

## SUPPORT GROUP FOR C.B GAYS A WELCOME CHANGE.

THE CAPE BRETON SUPPORT GROUP FOR GAY MEN AND LESBIANS IS BRING A WELCOME CHANGE FOR THE ISLAND. THIS GROUP WHICH DOES SUCH GOOD WORK WITH THE ISLAND'S GAY POPULATION IS WELL RECEIVED, AND WELL TIMED. THE GROUP PRESIDENT GERALDINE DAWE IS A MOVER AND A SHAKER TO SAY THE LEAST. FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE SUPPORT GROUP GIVE GERALDINE A CALL AT 736-0987.

*QUOTE OF THE MONTH:*

*THE ONLY TIME YOU FAIL IS WHEN YOU STOP TRYING.*

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

LESBIAN, INTERESTED IN FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHER LESBIAN AND GAY MEN. I'M 39 YEARS OLD. FUN LOVING BUT ALSO APPROPRIATE. QUIET AT TIMES I'M 5'2. BROWN HAIR AND GREEN EYES. SEND TO 001

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

LESBIAN INTERESTED IN FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHER LESBIANS. I AM 38 YEARS OLD FUN LOVING, NON SMOKER. INTERESTED IN LONG DRIVES. QUIET EVENINGS. I AM 4'11. BROWN HAIR AND BROWN EYES. SEND TO 002

SINGLE MALE

48 YEARS OLD ATTRACTIVE AND GAY. INTERESTED IN FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHER GAY MALES. MY AGE I ENJOY MUSIC AND LONG WALKS SOMETIMES I LIKE TO GO TO THE MOVIES. SEND TO 003

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

31 YEARS OLD. ATTRACTIVE GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR. INTELLEBENT, AND FUN. WOULD LIKE TO MEET OTHER GAY FEMALE WHO HAS INTERESTS ALIKE. SEND TO 004.

SINGLE FEMALE

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP, I AM A LESBIAN 34 YEARS OLD, I ENJOY SLOW WALKS, CAMPING AND MUSIC. SEND TO 005

MALE MALE

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH SAME INTERESTS SUCH AS SUNNING, OUTDOORS, HIKING AND CAMPING. SEND TO 006.

SINGLE MALE

26 YEAR OLD ATTRACTIVE MAN ATHLETIC ENJOYS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. SEEK THE ROMANTIC ENCOUNTER WITH OTHER MALES. 20-35 YEARS OLD. ONLY PHOTO RESPONSES PLEASE. SEND TO 007

SINGLE FEMALE

AGE 30. LOOKING FOR A TRUE FRIEND NOT A FALSE ONE. SOMEONE TO DO THINGS THAT I LIKE TO DO. AND COMMUNICATE WITH. I ENJOY BOWLING CAMPING, DRIVE INS, MUSIC AND QUIET EVENINGS. SEND TO 008

SINGLE MALE

IN EARLY 30'S HANDSOME, SUCCESSFUL AND INDEPENDENT. A PRINCE OF A MAN THAT IS STILL JUST A BOY. IF NEED JUST A FRIEND, I'M CUSTOM MADE TO ORDER. NO DRINKERS OR DRUG USERS. PHOTO PLEASE. SEND TO 009

A SECRET UNTOLD" BY TROY MACINTOSH.

THERE WAS A LONELY BOY  
WHO TRIED TO FIGHT  
PEOPLE TOLD HIM THAT  
HE WASN'T RIGHT.  
AND AGAINST ALL THE WISHES  
AND THE PRAYERS OF THE LORD  
THEY CRUSHED HIS DREAMS  
HE'S A SECRET UNTOLD  
WITH THE SLAM OF THE DOOR  
HIS FRIENDS WOULD SAY  
WE DON'T LOVE YOU NO MORE  
BECAUSE OF YOUR WAY  
WHERE SHALL HE GO  
HE DOESN'T KNOW  
BECAUSE

HE'S A SECRET UNTOLD  
HE'S A SECRET UNTOLD  
HE'S ALL ALONE  
AS THE ROSE DIES  
AND THE THORNS GROW OLD  
WHEN THE PEDDLES WITHER  
HE FEELS SO COLD  
ALL BECAUSE  
OF A SECRET UNTOLD  
ON THAT NIGHT THE STORM RAGED ON  
HE PULLED THE TRIGGER  
AND THEN HE WAS GONE  
THE RAIN DID FALL  
THE WIND DID BLOW, ALL BECAUSE  
OF A SECRET UNTOLD.

SINGLE GAY MALE

AGE 20, AVAILABLE AND LOTS OF FUN. ENJOYS MOVIES, AND MUSIC AND ENJOYS MEETING NEW FRIENDS SEND TO 010

SINGLE MALE

AGE 35 YEARS OLD NO DRINKERS OR DRUG USERS PLEASE. LOOKING FOR A GOOD FRIEND, MUST HAVE GOOD FEET FOR DANCING AND LONG WALKS. SEND TO 011

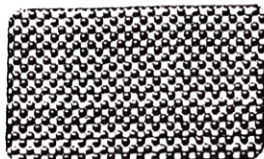
SINGLE GAY MALE

AGE 42. LOOKING FOR NON DRINKER NON SMOKER AND NON DRUG USER WHO LIKES NICE LONG DRIVES IN THE COUNTRY, SOCIALS AND WATCHING GOOD MOVIES. PHOTO IF POSSIBLE SEND TO 012

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AT THE END OF EACH AD



COMMUNITY CALENDER

THE G.L.B. OF CAPE BRETON WILL BE HOLDING A TALENT SHOW, AND DANCE TO FOLLOW, A NIGHT OF GAY ENTERTAINMENT. PHONE THE OFFICE OF THE G.L.B. FOR MORE DETAILS. TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT ARE \$4.50 PER PERSON, THIS IS A NON ALCOHOL EVENT.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN STARTING AN A.A MEETING FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS CONTACT GERALDINE DAWE AT 736-0987.

THE G.L.B. OF CAPE BRETON WILL BE ATTENDING THE GAY PRIDE PARADE AND SOCIALS IN HALIFAX ON JUNE 25TH AND 26TH. SEE YA THERE Y'ALL.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE SUPPORT MEETINGS OF THE G.L.B. CONTACT GERALDINE DAWE AT 736-0987.

THE G.L.B. WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE TO THANK BRIAN AND CALVIN FOR THIER DEVOTED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUPPORT GROUP. THANKS GUYS YOUR THE GREATEST!

ALSO ON THE WEEKEND IN HALIFAX WE WILL BE TAKING PART IN A RESEARCH PROJECT ON HOMOPHOBIA. ANYONE WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THIS PROJECT CONTACT GERALDINE OR NIKKI. THIS APPLIES ONLY TO THE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE G.L.B TRIP TO HALIFAX ON GAY PRIDE DAY.

ANYBODY WISHING TO BUY THE MUGS AND PINS, WITH THE GAY LOGO ON THEM CONTACT GERALDINE DAWE.

ALSO WE WOULD BE AMISS IF WE DIDN'T THANK THE PEOPLE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS FIRST ISSUE OF THE ISLAND NEWS, TAKE A BOW GUYS AND GALS YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

## DITA SPEAKS

### DEAR DITA:

WHEN MY LOVER AND I MOVED IN TOGETHER WE AGREED TO HAVE A MONOGOMOUS RELATIONSHIP. IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS AND NOW I WANT TO CHANGE. I LOVE MY BOYFRIEND BUT, I WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH OTHER PEOPLE. SHOULD I SNEAK AROUND AND NOT TELL MY BOYFRIEND ABOUT THIS?

BRINGED READY FOR A CHANGE.

### DEAR READY FOR A CHANGE:

NO, THIS WOULD BE UNFAIR AND DISHONEST. YOU SHOULD TELL YOUR BOYFRIEND ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS, AND WHO KNOWS MAYBE HE MIGHT FEEL THE SAME. IT MIGHT BE RISKY TO BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR BOYFRIEND, BUT IT IS BETTER TO BE HONEST AND FACE THE CONSEQUENCES THAN IT IS TO SNEAK AROUND.

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS FOR DITA TO  
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## POSITIVE THINKING A MUST FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.

DOCTORS LIKE TO TELL YOU ; YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT, WELL WHAT WE LIKE TO SAY IS; YOU ARE WHAT YOU THINK. A POSITIVE ATTITUDE MAY BE EASIER SAID THAN DONE WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT ITS SOMETHING EVERY PERSON CAN ACHIEYE THROUGH SUPPORT OF ONE-SELF, OR THROUGH SUPPORT FROM ANOTHER PERSON. WHEN SOME PEOPLE LOOK AT THEMSELVES IN A MIRROR, A REAL NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ARRISES FROM WITHIN THEMSELVES. I'M TO FAT, I'M TO UGLY, I'M NOT POPULAR ENOUGH, A FAMOUS PLAYWRIGHT WROTE ONE TIME YOU ARE WHAT YOU MAKE YOURSELF NOTHING MORE NOTHING LESS. SO IF IT IS SO EASY TO SAY THESE NEGATIVE THINGS TO OURSELVES WHEN WE LOOK IN THE MIRROR, THEN IT SHOULD BE JUST AS EASY TO SAY POSITIVE THINGS AS WELL, SO REMEMBER WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THAT MIRROR GIVE IT A TRY AND SAY YOUR THE BEST.