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# PRIDE PAGES!

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## PRIDE 2002: There's No Place Like Home!

### PRIDE PAGES: Happy Pride To Everyone!!

Pride is in the air and we need to acknowledge some of the hard working people involved in planning **Pride 2002: There's No Place Like Home!**

We're very happy to report that three cities in our area will be flying the Rainbow Pride flag this year.

The City of Cambridge has agreed to fly the LGBT Rainbow Pride flag at City Hall to honour the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Celebrations this year. Many thanks to Cambridge City Council!

The City of Waterloo has also agreed to fly the Pride Flag during the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Celebrations. Kudos to Waterloo City Council for supporting Pride this year!

The City of Guelph will also fly the Rainbow Pride flag during our local Pride Celebrations. Hooray for Guelph – a strong supporter of WWRP in the past!

Check out some of the hottest and happening

events in and around the area on the **Calendar Of Events** on page 12. As always, this service is provided free of charge as part of the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee's commitment to help build community awareness in our area.

For up-to-date information regarding Pride events, check out our website at [www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca)

We've recently switched servers and would like to thank James, Cedric, Cefn and everyone involved for their work and effort during this time.

Volunteers are always needed so why not call (519) 584-████ and let us know that you'd like to help? Pride Celebrations are for each and every one of us, so why not pitch in? This is the time of year to quit complaining about the community and work together! Suzanne will be very busy coordinating our volunteers and we're grateful to her for doing this!

We've got a terrific lineup of

entertainment set for Pride Day on Roos Island in Kitchener's Victoria Park. Check out pages 6 and 7 to see some of the acts booked by Rick and his committee to entertain you this year. Pride 2002 boasts one of the most diverse lineups ever at a Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Celebration. We've got something for everyone!

We've also got a fantastic set of vendor and information tables for the Sunday celebrations. Thanks to Jay and Melody for looking after this part of Pride.

Ron, Thom and their magic elves have been busy finding sponsors and politicians to attend. Thanks for all of your hard work guys!

And we can't forget Craig and Kathy. They've done a lot of behind the scenes work and kept most of us sane during the year. Keep up the good work!

Remember: the submission deadline for the July edition (our post-Pride edition) of Pride Pages is June 20th. If you want to be included, please let us know!

## WWRP 2002

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This newsletter is produced by volunteers on a monthly basis to keep everyone informed about what's going on in regards to the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee's celebration PRIDE 2002: There's No Place Like Home and other LGBT events in and around our area.

750 copies of this newsletter are produced monthly and distributed in Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Guelph, Stratford, Toronto, London, Hamilton and St. Catherines.

This is the official newsletter of the WWRP and is not restricted to any one sexual orientation or set of views. This newsletter, although representative of WWRP, does not necessarily reflect the personal views of the Steering Committee. Publication of names, photos of any persons, organizations, events or businesses does not and should not be taken as an indication of sexual preference. Items submitted for publication are subject to editing by the current Managing Editor (Jay Moore) in the interest of space.

**All proceeds go to  
Pride 2002**

**Next deadline  
is June 20th**

## Community Awards

Each year, the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee takes the time to recognize those special individuals and groups that make a difference in our GLBT community.

In 2001, the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee recognized four groups last year with community service awards: GLOW (University of Waterloo), GLOBAL (University of Wilfred Laurier), Muses Cafe and Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café.

This year, the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee opened the Nomination Process to members of the community at large.

The criteria for the nominations this year was very simple: the individual or group must live/have lived in Waterloo-Wellington County, must be supportive of the GLBT community and must have made a positive contribution to the local GLBT community.

Awards will be presented on Sunday, June 9 during our Pride Celebrations on Roos Island.

## The New Miss Ren: Bang Bang

Thursday, May 9 was the first Annual Miss Club Renaissance Pageant and the WWRP was there to catch all of the action!

Competition was fierce as the queens took to the dance floor, each vying for the coveted title of Miss Club Renaissance. Contestants competed in several categories including Presentation, Swimwear, Talent, Evening Gown and Q&A. It must have been a hard choice for the judges to make as each and every contestant was worth her weight in rhinestones.

Miss Drew gave the crowd a stellar performance in her step-down before crowning the winner. The new Miss Club Renaissance is Bang Bang La Desh!

Congrats to the staff and Miss Drew for running a truly excellent and professional pageant that evening.



Congrats to all the contestants on doing a fabulous job that night!

We look forward to seeing more of Miss Bang Bang in the coming year!

*Bang Bang Ladesh – the new Miss Club Renaissance*



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## Pride Past: The Stonewall Riots

*compiled by Kim Lee-Chu*

Gay and Lesbian Pride events across the globe (including marches, parades, festivals, rallies, and other events) commemorate the Stonewall Riots. The Stonewall Riots were the first time that gays (specifically, gay men and women, drag queens, and street people) fought back physically against police harassment and entrapment.

On Friday, June 27, 1969, the New York City tactical police force raided a popular Greenwich Village gay bar, The Stonewall Inn. Raids were not unusual in 1969; in fact, routine raids of New York City's gay and lesbian bars were frequent, with same-sex couples being routinely arrested for dancing together, kissing or showing other signs of affection. Individuals were also arrested for wearing clothing of the opposite sex -- considered "unlawful" by the police. On that night, however, frustration, fear and anger about societal oppression boiled over and New York's Finest were held at bay

for the rest of the night. The several nights of protest that followed have come to be known as the Stonewall Riots. The riots were three nights of violent street protests and arrests involving over 300 gay people who finally grew tired of all the verbal slurs, unfounded arrests and beatings the police had subjected them to.

Prior to that summer, there was little public expression of the lives and experiences of gays and lesbians. The Stonewall Riots marked the beginning of the gay liberation movement that has transformed the oppression of gays and lesbians into calls for pride and action. In the past thirty years we have all been witnesses to an astonishing flowering of gay culture that has changed this country. All across North America grassroots organizations have sprung up with the demand for a place in society, pushing for changes in the way

gays are viewed by society, and for protection from discrimination in jobs and housing. In Canada, Pierre Trudeau, Minister of Justice at the time, changed Canada's criminal code and removed the oppressive legislation that made homosexuality illegal.

Today, formal lobbying groups PFLAG, and thousands of local groups across North America advocate for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people. There are hundreds of community centres offering support with youth groups and a variety of other services. As with most civil movements, the lesbian, gay, bisexual communities have struggled, sometimes taking two steps forward and three steps back, but it is a movement that will persevere and eventually overcome the prejudice, bigotry and hate of those who oppose freedom, tolerance and love.



## London Halo Pride: July 13

This year's London Halo Pride Committee is proud to announce the Pride celebration for 2002.

In the past, the community in London has had continuous success showcasing the local pride we all feel and this year will be no different. The day will include community organizations, vendors, crafters, evening entertainment, and of course, two simultaneous unified dances that promise to deliver.

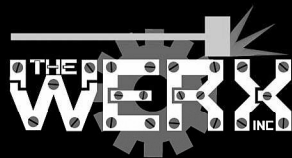
"Back to our Roots" is all about having fun, revisiting our fellow community members, family and friends, as well as bringing the pride celebration back into the downtown to allow easy accessibility for all those who wish to attend.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2002 at London's very own Centennial Hall. The day will commence at 11:00am in Centennial Hall and will run until 2:00am. Evening shows will include the Fresh Fashion Show, the crowning of Mr. & Ms. Gay London and The International Court Show.

Please come and share with us what our community has to offer!

Yours in Pride,  
The London Halo Pride Committee  
[www.pride.london.on.ca](http://www.pride.london.on.ca)

*The WWRP has been very pleased to work with both the London HALO and Hamilton Pride committees this year.*



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## Pride 2002: One Perspective

*submitted by Larry Wilson*

From Stonewall in the late 1960's to "Queer as Folk" in the present day and age, you COULD say that we have come a very long way. The road was bumpy, full of many obstacles and detours. We CAN say, however, that Canadian members of the GLBT community enjoy many rights and privileges that are protected by law.

Your Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee is still in its infancy. It is a product of the hard work of many human rights activists. They had a dream of a society that was open to acceptance of those who, for whatever reasons or causes, differed from the socially accepted heterosexual norm in their orientations and their lifestyles. As minds and hearts have become more open because of education and human rights activism, we should perhaps keep in mind that Pride is more than just a celebration of who we are. It is also a time to remember those who made our events possible, because not long ago, one could be thrown in jail just for being a known and practicing homosexual.

We are fortunate to live in our country. Canada is a world leader in the human rights arena. There are more than 6 billion people living on Planet Earth. The causes of homosexuality are not known. It has been suggested that they may be social or genetic, but in either case, it perhaps could be said that one's sexual orientation is a matter of random selection. It is beyond the control of the individual. With so many people living in the world our genetic program has become very diluted. It has spread far and wide through procreation since the beginning of humanity. It may be said that the Biblical mandate to "be fruitful and multiply" has already been complied with.

We should appreciate the wondrous diversity of creation and procreation with the understanding that we have

an obligation to respect not only our world but also all living things. We depend on the earth's resources, its wildlife, and one another as we make our way through life. For most people, that way is not always easy. A major problem is that we are taught to judge each other and ourselves even though we have been advised not to, for we might ourselves be judged in an unkindly light.

In many countries, it is common for people to be murdered, tortured, imprisoned, persecuted and exploited because of their sexual orientation. Prejudice, discrimination and harassment are accepted and encouraged even in our culture in spite of our laws and the diverse nature of our population. These concepts are the fundamental reasons for conflicts and they are the motivations for human rights movements.

The rights we have today should not be taken for granted because we could find them taken away from us by a change in legislation. Rights are given to those who fall under the jurisdiction of, and only if they also benefit, those in whose hands power currently resides.

Accepted statistics indicate that at least 10% of the world's population is homosexual and about 15% is bisexual. Thus at least 1.5 billion people are not heterosexual in nature. Canada's population is about 30 million and we have about 7.5 million members in our GLBT family.

**UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.** There is strength in numbers. Consider that cliché when you think about Pride celebrations. Our people are everywhere. They may or may not be "out" as the saying goes but they are here, there, and everywhere. Many of them no doubt have fears of being "found out". To support the work of your local Pride Committee, you are helping to pave the way for others to come out of

hiding if they choose to do so. Your support and attendance at the weekend of events contributes to this. When your Committee members are trying to raise money for your local events, your participation not only contributes something of financial value but also helps make a statement and set an example.

Prejudice shapes both minds and actions but people are not born with negative sentiments and attitudes in their hearts and minds. We are all mentally conditioned to cultural embodiments from the day we are born, as ideologies and concepts are passed on from one generation to the next through social institutions such as the family, religion, school and work. This is perhaps a bad social habit because many of today's social problems are a product of the past. We are beginning to realize this but changes take time and words from the past when placed inside a developing mind often have a life of their own, controlling thoughts, words and actions.

It can be said that self-righteous bigots are products of unenlightened ignorance and those who fit into this category need to be understood and tolerated by those of us who have to deal with them. They have a habit of being very selective and exclusive as they pass moral judgments upon others who have just as much right to be here as they do. They forget that all people are created equal. Bigots see themselves as being better than those who are not able to fit into their version of social acceptability.

"Love one another as I have loved you." These words were given with Love, Tolerance, Compassion, Forgiveness, and Understanding to a world in darkness. They did not fall totally upon deaf ears, and combined with the concepts represented by the words Hope, Peace and Harmony, there has been some enlightenment in the past 2000 years, but not

enough positive change.

As you know, we are at the beginning of a new millennium. We do not live in a world governed by Love, Peace and Harmony. We DO have some semblance of Hope but that flickering light may go out. There are those who fail to realize that if they make life a Hell on Earth for others it will come back to haunt them through never-ending conflict until there is absolutely nothing left. It will be as though nothing ever was, for there will be no one here to remember.

If YOU do not think that you count for much in this world, think again. You are UNIQUE and SPECIAL. You DO make a difference just by refusing to live a life of lies and hypocrisy. If you have experienced pain in your life because you did not feel free to be yourself, remember that you have never been alone. That pain is an historic tradition endured by pretty well everyone who has ever lived. For the elite who run this world it is perhaps not worth considering for they are few among many. They do however keep us busy fighting among ourselves because it suits their purposes - to keep them at the top of the material ladder.

PRIDE events are history-making events. Thirty years ago they could not take place. Even if you do not attend this year, keep that fact in mind as it is a part of your heritage and it shows what self-determination can accomplish.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee this year!

Have a GREAT Pride!!

## What's Going On During Pride 2002?

### WWRP ART SHOW AND EXHIBITION

The Week of Sunday, June 2 to Sunday, June 9  
Admission: FREE!

Muses Café and Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café will be the locations of an art exhibition showcasing local LGBT artists. The artworks will be installed from June 1 to June 10.

### QUEER FILM SCREENING: L.I.E.

Friday, June 7 to Sunday, June 9 (9:20 p.m. each night)  
The Princess Cinema, 6 Princess Street West, Waterloo  
Admission: \$6.00 for Princess members, \$9.00 for non-members.

The Princess Cinema in Waterloo will be screening L.I.E. – Long Island Expressway. The film will run all three nights of Pride weekend (June 7-9) at 9:20 P.M. Check out page 8 for a review of L.I.E.

### COLUMBIA LAKE BONFIRE (co-hosted by GLOW) AND DRUMMING CIRCLE

Friday, June 7, 9:00PM, Nightfall  
Columbia Lake, University of Waterloo  
Admission: FREE!

The WWRP will be co-hosting an event with GLOW (Gays and Lesbians of Waterloo) at Columbia Lake in Waterloo. We will have fires lit so come out and enjoy a summer's evening around the campfire. There will be a drumming circle for you to join in on or watch. The event will run from 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. and is free. Please note that alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

### PRIDE WORKSHOPS

Saturday, June 8, 11:00AM to 6:PM  
Conestoga Room, Kitchener City Hall  
200 King Street West, Downtown Kitchener  
Admission: FREE!

Workshop Schedule: See page 8 for a list of workshops and times.

### WWRP COMMUNITY PRIDE DANCE

Saturday June 8, 9:00PM to 2:00AM  
Bridgeport Community Centre, Kitchener  
Admission: \$5.00 cover charge

We will be putting on our first independently run Pride Dance. The dance will take place at The Bridgeport Community Centre, Kitchener and run from 9:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. We're doing the place up in a "Wizard of Oz" theme and DJ Bad Weather will be providing the music. The Bridgeport Community Centre was the home of LGBT dances in the KW area many years ago.

### ANNUAL PRIDE DAY EVENT

Sunday, June 9, Noon to 7:00PM  
Roos Island, Victoria Park in Kitchener  
Admission: Entry to the Island is \$2.00 or \$1.00 with donation to food bank.

Our annual Pride Day will again take place on Roos Island, Victoria Park, Kitchener. The event will run from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., with SEVEN hours of stage performers, vendors and community group tables, children's activities, silent auction, plenty of food and of course, a licensed beer garden. Check out pages 6 and 7 for a partial list of the GREAT performers that we've got lined up.

Visit our website at [www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca) for the most up to date information regarding all events!

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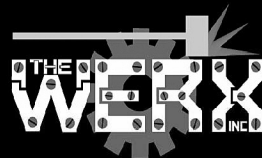
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## A Sample of the Performers Scheduled for Pride 2002

compiled by Rick Sickinger

**THE STRAP-ONS:** The London, Ontario based all-girl band are an actively gigging, female tour-de-force with a unique sound and an exponentially growing fan base. A Strap-Ons performance is a high-energy, positive atmosphere where the audience connects to the songs through their own experiences. Sweet, sustaining and powerful multi-part vocals carry honesty and a spectrum of emotions into the hearts of their fans. It is like a concert, comedy routine, group therapy session and house party rolled into one.



The Strap-Ons consist of Wanda Butler (lead singer), Pam Armstrong (guitarist and songwriter), Deanna McNeil (bass guitarist) and Eva Havaris (drummer).

[www.strap-ons.ca](http://www.strap-ons.ca)

**DAVID MACLEAN:** Toronto based stand-up comedian and actor David MacLean has been active as a performer for over a decade and a half.

As a stand-up comic David has performed at Yuk Yuks, the Laugh Resort, Club 54 and Comedywood in Canada. In the United States David has appeared at the New York

Comedy club, the San Francisco Punchline, Detroit's Comedy Castle and New York's Don't Tell Mama Cabaret.



David also appears on a regular basis at gay venues and Pride events. Recent appearances have included Gay Ski Week in Aspen, the Rainbow Mountain Resort in Pennsylvania and Long Beach Gay Pride in California. He has performed at gay clubs such as Georgie's Alibi in Ft. Lauderdale, Club One in Savannah and the Desert Palms Inn & Resort in Palm Springs.

David has performed in numerous film and television projects, including *PSI Factor*, *La Femme Nikita*, *Animorphs* and the television movies *The Rocky Marciano Story* and *Prince Charming*. David's comedic abilities are on regular display in numerous television commercials.

In the early nineties David toured his one-man show entitled *Quarantine of the Mind* to twenty-two cities in the United States and Canada. The show's direct and honest exploration of a gay man's reaction to the AIDS crisis won David many accolades. The show received rave reviews in

*The Village Voice*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Houston Chronicle* and Canada's *The Globe & Mail*.  
[www.funnygayguy.com](http://www.funnygayguy.com)

**DRAG KING HECTOR a.k.a. SHELLY SECRETT:** A preschool teacher by day, a friendly deli-worker by weekend and a handsome amateur Drag King by night. What do you think - a dictionary definition of a well-rounded person? Shelley Secrett, the happy owner of this life, seems to think so. Shelley has been performing as Drag King Hector at Club Renaissance for two years on amateur drag nights and also has participated twice in the annual fundraiser for The Hospital for Sick Children. Watch for Hector in Pride 2002. He will charm you in two performances of popular songs and will be joined by Jennifer Corbet to dramatically present two short stories.



Special credit and thanks go to Ivan E. Coyote, author of the stories, "*Border Crossing: No Proof*" and "*No Bikini*" taken from the book, "*Boys Like Her*".

**EVALYN PARRY:** Evalyn weaves together the personal, the political, the poetic and the hilarious in her compelling combination of music and

spoken-word. Melding "honesty and conviction and street-smart coolness" (*CBC Radio*) her work captures the human experience with "relevance, intensity and wit" (*Ottawa Folk Festival*)



Whether she's onstage costumed as a singing maxi-pad or ranting and rhyming her savvy poetic commentary, Evalyn's live performances are as intimate as they are thought provoking.

Parry's distinctive spoken word pieces have been commissioned and broadcast on several national CBC Radio programs, while her unabashedly queer perspective is winning her an enthusiastic loyal following wherever she performs. Her Debut album "*things that should be warnings*" was chosen as a CBC Radio "Disc of the Week".

[www.evalynparry.com](http://www.evalynparry.com)

**SCOTT ROOSE A.K.A. SCOTT HILTON, MR. GAY LONDON 2001-2002:** After moving to London 3 years ago, it has been a non-stop ride of activities in the gay community in London. Scott was part of the first Pride committee in Chatham and has continued his service in London. He is currently

## More Performer Bios and Information available at [www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca)

wrapping up his reign as Mr. Gay London and has enjoyed every bit of it. With his counterpart, Leigha Divine Blake (Ms. Gay London 2002) he has raised more money for the community than in previous years. Organizations such as the AIDS committee of London, The 9-11 Fallen Heroes Fund, MS Society, and several other community groups have received funds in 2001-2002. Scott is also a member of this year London HALO Pride Committee and currently a Lord in the Royal Sovereign Ducal Court of Southwestern Ontario. In his free time (HA HA) Scott is a chef at a private club and owns his own catering company.

### MUFFY ST. BERNARD:

A fantastic new performer in the Kitchener area drag scene, the incomparable Muffy St. Bernard has participated in local shows and fundraisers as well as performing in Hamilton and Brantford. She was part of the gala opening show for Brantford's "One" nightclub.



Muffy is also one of the hosts of the popular drag-oriented radio program "She-Devils on Heels." The show is broadcast every second Sunday from 10 p.m. until midnight. You can

hear it on CKMS FM (100.3 FM), or catch the web broadcast at: [www.watserv1.uwaterloo.ca/~ckmsinfo/webcast.html](http://www.watserv1.uwaterloo.ca/~ckmsinfo/webcast.html)

You might also get a kick out of the website: [www.dazzled.com/dangermuff](http://www.dazzled.com/dangermuff)

**CHERYL NEILL:** Often cheeky, always feminist, Cheryl combines folk, jazz and spoken word in intimate and delicious combinations. Her music has been described as "insightful portraits" of the all too human condition. Always a poet at heart, Cheryl often holds her own life up as examples of truth.



She is definitely not afraid to laugh at herself. She delivers her spoken word and music with candor and often startling honesty in a distinctive and richly expressive voice.

Her work has been heard on both local and national radio including CBC's *OUTFRONT* and *Definitely Not The Opera*. She has written, produced and directed more than twenty musicals. She is currently touring her one-woman show: *Cheryl Neill Unleashed*. She has published five Spoken Word Books and has a new music CD entitled "The

*St. Laurence Blvd. Semi-Annual Street Sale.*" [www.cherylneill.com](http://www.cherylneill.com)

### ENZA "SUPERMODEL"

**ANDERSON:** Canada's only political "Supermodel" drag queen, she was a former mayoral candidate City of Toronto 2000 municipal election, placing third in a field of 26 candidates with over 13,500 votes.



A Former Canadian Alliance leadership candidate in 2002, Enza also served two years as Co-chair of fundraising for Pride Toronto Committee 1999 to 2001. In addition, Enza is an avid volunteer in Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives Fundraising and has volunteered in Polish Gay and Lesbian Social group fundraising for various community organizations. Enza's favorite charity of support is Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, YouthLine.

Aged 38, Gemini, sometimes a blonde, other times a red head but never a brunette, Enza is a former correspondent for Q-Files on CityTv and 10% QTV on Rogers cable. She also kissed Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman during the 1999 Toronto Pride festivities.

Her motto: "There is nothing wrong with shameless self-promotion as long as you're sincere about it." With her 100% Great Legs™, Enza's current activities include fundraising coordinator for Woody's Aid Walk Team.

**HEATHER MCLEAN:** Heather Mclean was born in 1975 in Leeds, England. Her parents returned to Scotland where Heather spent the next 10 years of her life, before settling in Cambridge, Ontario.

Heather played with the Barndwellers for 4 years and performed in Kitchener, Cambridge, Warton, Niagara Falls and Toronto's Indigo Café. They recorded one CD together before breaking up in 1998. After the break-up Heather recorded a CD of her own. On a tiny budget Heather recorded eight songs in a small home studio in Kitchener over a period of three weeks. She then moved to Blind River and worked as a Forestry Technician for The North Shore Tribal Council.



Heather is working on her third CD. Heather McLean will be at home wherever she lays her heart, for every time she sings she shares a piece of her soul with those who listen and in turn takes a piece of their soul wherever she goes.



**Pride Workshops**

**Saturday, June 8**

**11:00AM to 6:PM**

**Conestoga Room,  
Kitchener City Hall,  
200 King Street West,  
Downtown Kitchener**

**Admission: FREE!**

**Workshop Schedule:**

11:00AM

**"Family Values/Keeping Families Together"**

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays)

Noon

**"Who We Are in the Community"**

Dave Vervoort,  
Marriage & Family Therapist

1:00PM

**"Unitarians and the LGBT Communities"**

Lee Dickey and Lee Horton

2:00PM

**"Abuse in Lesbian Relationships"**

Patti Moses, Anselma House

3:00PM

**"Safer Sex in the New Millennium"**

Waterloo Regional Health

4:00PM

**"Learning About Transgendered Issues"**

Roberta Robinson

5:00PM

**"HIV Workshop"**

ACCKWA (The AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo Association)

**Lanes Going Straight To Hell**

*by Sydney Brenshaw*

*The video/DVD release date for L.I.E. is May 21, after the Pride Pages deadline. Since it isn't yet available, I haven't been able to actually see this film, but I know Pride Pages wanted something about it for the June issue. This brief review by Sarjit Varma is straightforward and (I think) well written.*

*The film is being screened as part of the Pride 2002 Celebrations. Check out the Princess Cinema all three nights of Pride weekend (June 7-9) at 9:20 P.M. Admission is \$6.00 for Princess members, \$9.00 for non-members.*

Sydney Brenshaw

Fifteen-year-old Howie loses just about everything and everyone in the space of a single week, but ends up finding himself in the process. His mother has just died. His father, a corrupt building contractor, can barely keep tabs on his young girlfriend, let alone his own son. Thusly, the teen must navigate his adolescence virtually unsupervised.

Floating towards an ill-behaved existence, Howie and his crowd begin robbing houses in the middle-class neighborhoods off the Long Island Expressway. Together, he and his best friend Gary break into a place belonging to an old guy named Big John, a local man who

is a respected pillar of the community. When Big John fingers Gary for the crime, Howie learns that his pal has been leading a secret, dangerous but also alluring double life. Subsequently, we also discover that Big John has secrets of his own.

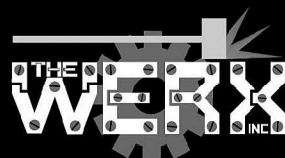
Directed by: Michael Cuesta

Writing credits: Stephen M. Ryder, Michael Cuesta, Gerald Cuesta

Cast:  
Brian Cox as Big John Harrigan  
Paul Franklin Dano as Howie  
Billy Kay (II) as Gary Terrio

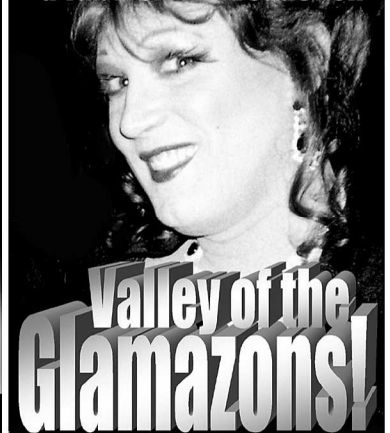


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## WWRP: Out and About!

*submitted by Morgan James*

On May 5, I had the extreme pleasure of being asked to represent the WWRP as a guest to the popular radio show, *SHE DEVILS ON HEELS* to promote Pride 2002. This popular radio show, devoted to the joy of drag, music, current events and

entertainment is hosted by the highly entertaining Muffy St. Bernard and Venus Flytrap, a.k.a. "Miss Congeniality".

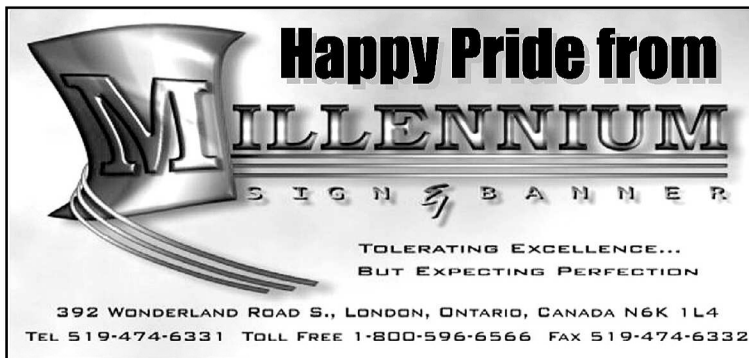
Despite a harrowing cab ride (in full drag no less!) with a driver who had no clue as to where CKMS FM was located,

things went well.

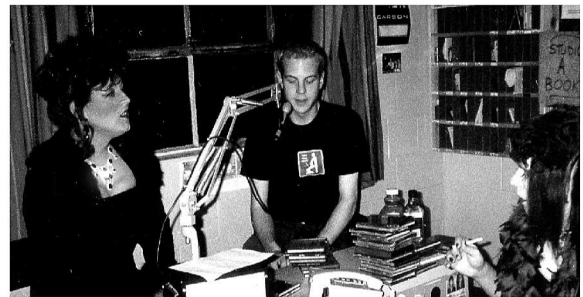
These girls put on a truly enjoyable and unique show, commenting on life, love and everything in between. The show is broadcast **every second Sunday** from 10pm until midnight (upcoming shows

June 2, 16 & 30). You can hear it on CKMS FM (100.3 FM), or catch the web broadcast at: <http://watserv1.uwaterloo.ca/~ckmsinfo/webcast.html>

Thank you to my hosts, the fab Muffy and Venus for a night of music, laughter and cocktails.



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*Morgan James (left) chats with Venus (centre) and Muffy (right)*

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Thursday, June 13, 2002 ( 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. )

- Opening reception with licensed bar, silent auction, concert with Kristine Stone and an outdoor movie screening of "If These Walls Could Talk 2" and "Boys Life" at The Art Gallery of Hamilton.

**Admission to the Art Gallery event is free!**

Friday, June 14, 2002 ( 9 p.m. to 1a.m. )

- The Siren Women's Dance at the MacNab Street YWCA
- The fab Men's Dance at The Werx

**Admission to the dances is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.**

Saturday, June 15, 2002

- Rally at Hamilton City Hall (12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. )
- March from Hamilton City Hall to Dundurn Park (12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. )
- BBQ, Vendors, and Licensed Bar at The Dundurn Park Pavilion. Musical Guests: Kathy Thompson as Bette Midler, The Strap-Ons, Ben Hartt, We're The Fagawi, Kristine Stone, King Flair and more on the Greater Hamilton Gay and Lesbian Business Association Stage (12 p.m. to 6 p.m. )
- Exciting Pride Events at "Gold Level Sponsor" bar THE WERX located at 121 Hughson Street North. Evening events also planned at "Bronze Level Sponsor" bars The Embassy Club and M Bar in Hamilton and One in Brantford. (8 p.m. to ????? )

**Admission to all Saturday afternoon events is free!**

**Admission to Saturday Evening Bar events may involve a cover charge at the door.**

Sunday, June 16, 2002 (1 p.m. to 3 p.m. )

- Outdoor brunch and concert with violinist Ruth Hoffman at Whitehern Historic House and Gardens

**Admission to the brunch is \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door.**

**Tickets to all events and Hamilton Pride 2002 T-Shirts are available at Gomorrah's. Gomorrah's is located at 233 Locke Street South in Hamilton.**

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Greater Hamilton Gay and Lesbian Business Association

## 3rd Annual Halton Pride Picnic Moves To Sheridan College

The Halton Pride Committee is pleased to announce the 3rd Halton Pride Picnic will be held on June 8th at Sheridan College's Trafalgar Campus in Oakville from noon to 6 p.m.

The picnic will remain a family event with entertainment for all ages: clowns, magic acts, jugglers, fortunetellers, BBQ, raffle prizes and 4 live bands. "For this community, this style really works, we have such a large area to provide service too and this is the one and only day where the Halton LGBT community can come together with friends and family and be themselves and meet others in their own community," says Logan. "We love being able to provide this day for the LGBT community and for the whole Halton region." All the money collected from the BBQ will be donated to The Friends For Life Bike Rally, an annual six-day bike ride from Toronto to Montreal, which raises money for people living with HIV/AIDS.

The committee is pleased to welcome Paddy Torsney, M.P. Burlington who will bring greetings and a welcoming speech to the event. "M.P. Torsney has been supportive of the Halton Pride and Halton Anti-Homophobia committees in the past, I am really excited about her attending our event this year."

Two new features of the Annual Pride Picnic will include:

1) Halton LGBT Parenting Group Inaugural Meeting at 2pm. "We identified a service gap in Halton for LGBT parents and parent wannabes at last year's

Pride Picnic, so we thought we would start a group," says Logan who will be attending the meeting himself with his partner of 14 years. "Kirsty Kohler, a Public Health Nurse with Children Health Services of Halton will be facilitating and getting the group off the ground. We want to introduce LGBT parents and parent wannabes to each other in the hopes of forming a group that can share experiences, and to build a network of LGBT parents in the Halton region."

2) The after Pride party dance will run from 8pm to 1am at Sheridan

College's The Cage. "We hope that with the picnic and then the after pride dance that we are covering a diverse range of interests for the Halton LGBT Community. Sheridan's location again offers us an accessible location and having both events on the same day at the same location makes for a seamless transition from the family oriented event into the adult dance." Tickets are \$10.00 and all proceeds go to funding next year's Pride event. You must be 19 or over to attend. If you go you can look forward to 2 DJs, light shows and video effects, pool

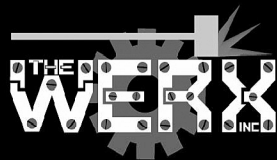
tables and great dancing.

Halton Pride has several volunteer positions open and encourage all those wanting to help out to attend our volunteer orientation night on May 28th, 7pm at the Halton Regional Building at QEW and Bronte Road. Visit our website [www.haltonpride.org](http://www.haltonpride.org) for more information or contact Marcus at [info@haltonpride.org](mailto:info@haltonpride.org) to volunteer at the event.

*The WWRP would like to wish Halton Pride good luck and success for their Pride!*

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAYS

**KW FRIENDS OF DOROTHY 10 PIN COSMIC BOWLING LEAGUE.** The only Gay/Gay Positive Bowling League in the Tri-City Area meets every Sunday at 3:00pm at Fredrick Brunswick Lanes at 385 Frederick St., Kitchener. For more info, contact Jason Boyko at 578-██████ or [friendsofdorothy\\_kw@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofdorothy_kw@hotmail.com)

**THE CAFE AT THE END OF THE UNIVERSE READING SERIES** is presented on the **first Sunday of the month** at The Dalby House at 143 Metcalfe Street in Elora. The group convenes in the historic and funky downstairs room known as The Coal Bin at 7:00 pm. For more information about the readings and/or The Cafe at the End of the Universe Reading Series, contact Gordon Gilhuly at (519) 576-██████ or by email at ██████████

**SHE DEVILS ON HEELS!** A local radio show devoted to the joy of drag, music, entertainment, and current events hosted by the always civil and mostly entertaining Muffy St. Bernard and Venus Flytrap. Tune in to hear what's going on in the world as they know it. They also try to bring in surprise special guests! The show is broadcast **every second Sunday** from 10pm until midnight (upcoming shows on May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16 etc.) You can hear it on CKMS FM (100.3 FM), or catch the web broadcast at: <http://watserv1.uwaterloo.ca/~ckmsinfo/webcast.html>

### WEDNESDAYS

**GLOW COMING-OUT DISCUSSION GROUP** All are welcome to join us on the **first and third Wednesday of every month**. This group provides a safe and supportive environment to discuss coming-out experiences. Hagey Hall 373 - 7:00 pm. Social follows at 8:30pm at the Grad House on the UW campus, no cover.

**POETS ON THE RUN** - Part of the Freshly Squeezed Readings Series. Held **every Wednesday** at Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café (119 King St., downtown Kitchener) at 8:00 p.m. Hosted by James P. McAuliffe.

**PINK COFFEE HOUSE** meets **every Wednesday** from 9:30pm to 11:00pm at Muse's Cafe at King St in Kitchener. A place to meet and play games with other GBLT folks. Come for board games and cards, and socialize.

### LOCAL PRIDE EVENTS

**JUNE 2 TO JUNE 9** Muses Café, Mostly Organic Juice Bar Café and The Princess Cinema will be the locations of an **ART EXHIBITION** showcasing local LGBT artists. The artworks will be installed from June 1 to June 10. This exhibit is being curated by the WWRP.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7** The Princess Cinema in Waterloo will be screening **L.I.E. – Long Island Expressway**. The film will run all three nights of Pride weekend (June7-9) at 9:20 P.M. Regular admission charges apply - \$6.00 for members, \$9.00 for non-members.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7** The WWRP will be co-hosting a **COLUMBIA LAKE EVENT** with GLOW. We will have fires lit so come out and enjoy a summer's evening around the campfire. There will be a drumming circle for you to join in on or watch. The event will run from 9:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. and is free. Please note that alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8** The WWRP is sponsoring **FREE WORKSHOPS**. The workshops will be held in The Conestoga Room at Kitchener City Hall. All the workshops are being presented by local therapists and community groups and cover a range of topics related to the LGBT community. Schedule starts at 10:15 A.M. and goes to 6:00 P.M.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8** The WWRP presents our first independently run **PRIDE DANCE**. The dance will take place at The Bridgeport Community

Centre, Kitchener and run from 9:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. DJ Bad Weather will be doing the music. There will be a \$5.00 cover charge for this event.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9** Our annual **PRIDE DAY** will again take place on Roos Island, Victoria Park, Kitchener. The event will run from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. We've got seven hours of stage performers, vendors and community group tables, children's activities, silent auction, plenty of food and of course a beer garden. **Admission is \$2.00 or \$1.00 with donation to food bank.**

If you would like your group or event listed in the July edition of Pride Pages, please submit your information to our email address [wwrap@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:wwrap@rainbow.on.ca) by June 20, 2002.

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