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 for those in need.

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## A memory of a dearly departed

I had a few errands to do to-day in the Park Lane Mall. As I was walking by this table when I heard the man working the table tell this women that "this is a good paper to read and if you want to buy 3 issues you can get them for this price so being curious to what he was selling I looked down on the table and I saw my dear friend Ferne on the front page "Ferne Riley" 1961-2008. I bought it right away put it in the bag I already had went about my business and headed home. I think I will make a coffee sit down and read the Streetfeat newspaper. By the time I was finished reading the whole paper tears were streaming down my cheeks for my dear friend Ferne. I met Ferne at the Bloomfield Centre. Ferne was singing in a room all by herself. I stopped at the door and listened and when she was finished I complimented her and her beautiful voice. Ferne thanked me and I went on my way. Days went by and I heard her singing again in the same room and when she was finished I complimented her again. Ferne said to me "if you want to really hear me sing come to my church on this day and I will be singing a solo for the bride and groom that are being married that day. You have no idea of the emotion that was in that church men women and children's cheeks were streaming down with tears of joy when Ferne sang. Ferne and I became good friends over the past seven years. I noticed in your article Bill Krampe that you mentioned you have a CD with Ferne singing Amazing Grace on it. Bill, myself and a few of Ferne's friends would love to have a copy of the CD/ if possible. Ferne is sadly missed by more than the average person realizes. I was at her service and withstanding room only. Only you can imagine what amount of people would have come had we not had that snow storm that afternoon. I myself live close enough I walked over. Ferne's other friends that I was going to go around Dartmouth and Halifax to pick up and drive home opted out at the last minute because they didn't want to put me in an awkward position taking into consideration driving in that storm.

Thank you.

Beverly Acker

**Editor's Note:** Beverly and Ferne worked together doing some of the special projects that Street Feat occasionally acquired, out of our former office at Bloomfield Centre and at other locations in Metro.



### PROCLAMATION Nova Scotia General Election

**On Tuesday, June 9, 2009, electors in all of the electoral districts in Nova Scotia will elect members to serve in the House of Assembly.**

*Take note of the following dates:*

**REVISION OF THE LIST OF ELECTORS ENDS**

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 8 pm

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE**

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 2 pm

**WRITE-IN BALLOT APPLICATION DEADLINES**

*In person:* Wednesday, May 27, 2009 8 pm

*By mail:* Saturday, May 30, 2009 8 pm

*By agent:* Saturday, June 6, 2009 8 pm

**SPECIAL POLLING DAYS**

Thursday, May 28, 2009 12 noon to 8 pm

Friday, May 29, 2009 12 noon to 8 pm

Saturday, May 30, 2009 12 noon to 8 pm

Monday, June 1, 2009 12 noon to 8 pm

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 12 noon to 8 pm

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 12 noon to 8 pm

**ADVANCE POLLING DAYS**

Friday, June 5, 2009 10 am to 8 pm

Saturday, June 6, 2009 10 am to 8 pm

**ORDINARY POLLING DAY**

Tuesday, June 9, 2009 8 am to 7 pm

**OFFICIAL ADDITION DAY**

Thursday, June 11, 2009 10 am

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Christine McCulloch, Q.C.  
 Chief Electoral Officer  
 May 5, 2009



### Metro Turning Point not as previously described

Street Feat,  
 Just read your Year End edition and your article "Regarding Pendleton Place" is inaccurate. You quoted Paul O'Hara social worker for the North End Clinic as stating that Korean War veteran Gordon Connors died on the street because he wasn't welcomed at the existing shelter's. In fact Mr. O'Hara should get his story correct, not only was Mr. Connor always welcome at the Metro Turning Point under any condition (before we where a harm reduction shelter) but Mr. Connors had his own room at the time of his death. I take great offense to people in the Community such as Mr. O'Hara blaming shelters like the Metro Turning Point for the death of Mr. Connors. It is time the record be corrected. The staff at the Metro Turning Point had the upmost respect for Mr. Connors and would never have turn him to the street.

Nancy Ross  
 Night Shelter Worker  
 Metro Turning Point

**Editor's Note:** Can't wait to see Paul O'Hara's reply...