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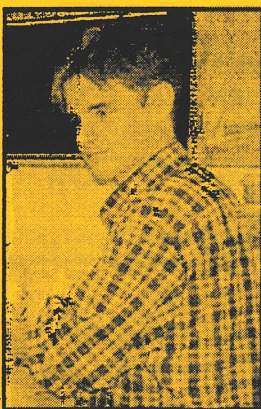
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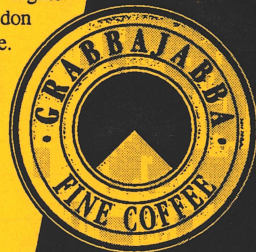
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## Ontario Liberals Support Gay Rights

by A.J. Mahari

Ontario Liberal Leader, currently the leader of the Opposition, Dalton McGinty, has made it known that he does support gay rights and that gay rights will be a part of his party's platform in our next provincial election.



"Gay rights legislation will be a centrepiece of the Ontario Liberals' next campaign platform. Liberal leader Dalton McGinty told The Toronto Sun [on October 14, 1998] he is eager to draft and pass equal-rights legislation for homosexuals. "It is something I have been firmly committed to," he said"

In speaking to a representative in McGinty's office, The Voice, asked how Mr. McGinty voted on this issue under bill 167 when the NDP was in power, in June of 1994 and in fact, Dalton McGinty voted **AGAINST** that bill at that time. The reason given was that the issue wasn't the issue but the way it was drafted. **"I was not comfortable with the process and how that evolved. I don't want to dwell on the past."** is what Dalton McGinty is quoted by **The Toronto Sun as saying in response to why he voted against bill 167 in 1994.**

The question that I think many of us need to have answered in more detail is why he voted against a gay rights bill in 1994 and now vows to draft a Liberal bill that he will support.

## The question is: WHY NOW?

"Hamilton East MPP Dominic Agostino said Liberals will be ordered to support the bill."

**"There will be no free vote," he said. "The Liberal party is committed to bringing in full legislation that will afford all rights, benefits and protections under the law to gay and lesbian couples. The only part that will stop short is on the issue of same-sex marriages."**

The proposed Liberal bill would, change the definition of spouse in all Ontario laws "to ensure that we include as spouses same-sex couples," [Toronto Sun] McGinty said.

Gay couples would have the right to adopt children, to share in job benefits like medical and dental plans, and to claim survivor benefits from pension funds.

Same-sex marriage will not be addressed by the Liberal bill, it falls under federal jurisdiction. When a representative in McGinty's office was asked, by The Voice, about the issue of same-sex marriages he said that **"Dalton does not support that."**

The news of the Liberal Party's inclusion of gay rights legislation on their platform in the next provincial election was revealed when Dalton McGinty responded to a report's questions calling for legislative action in the wake of the brutal killing of Matthew Shepard, in the United States.

**The Voice was promised an interview with Mr. McGinty over two weeks ago. To date that interview has not taken place. The Voice will pursue this for next month's issue.**



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## EDITORIAL

**Editor: Ms. A.J. Mahari**

**Matthew Shepard's death: a tragedy: a hate crime.** Why did it happen? Why must we not forget? You might also wonder, why it is important to us here, beyond the fact that a young man lost his life in a very brutal and unjust way? **Could it happen here?**



The killers of Matthew Shepard sent us all a message through their hateful and violent actions. It is a message that we cannot afford to heed.

If we heed the message that we have no right to exist, that we don't belong, that God hates us and that we will not be allowed into "the great beyond", or heaven; that perhaps things would be safer or better, "out of sight, out of mind", surely then there is little to no chance for change. Not working actively in your life for some change is the apathetically-dangerous equivalent of the silence that hate so effectively uses to perpetrate violence, abuse and controlling oppressiveness. Do you care? Do you value the opportunity that you have to fight for your freedom?

**Visibility in the face of such acts is of paramount importance.** How often do we hear the slurs of the beginning of hate, violent and abusive in their own right, without that being followed by anything physical? How often do we sit there and think, whew, that's over, while all the while we pretend to agree or could be taken to agree because we do not voice our true disagreement?

Seeds of hate are small when they are first planted. Hate, weed that it is, is strong and prevalent and must be uprooted from what is becoming a commonplace reality. **Hate sows its seeds in ignorance and in silence.** Speak, act and educate! I believe

that by being a visible educator and by being unwilling to laugh off the words that are the seeds of hate that each of us can make a difference.

**Matthew's killers would have us live in fear of them,** in fear for our rights, our freedom, our lives. The more we fear the more we will have to fear. There comes a point, when each of us has to decide, individually: simply....with conviction, **no more....no more allowing fear to grow, no more being silent** and allowing only the viewpoint of hate expressed to ring aloud....simply...**no more apathy, no more waiting always for someone else do whatever needs to be done....no more.....**

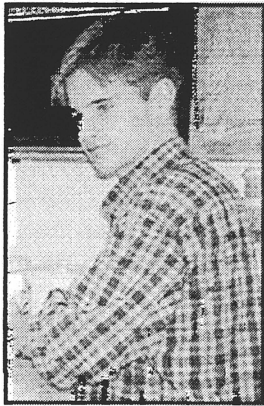
Why is it that people continue to seek to divide and to hate and feel justified in violent ways based simply on difference and a tremendous lack of understanding? And why are these actions undertaken in the name of God?

If you think it can't happen here or happen to you, remember, that it did, indeed, happen to Matthew Shepard. **This is a wake-up call.** The alarm is ringing. Are you going to get up?

**"The opportunity to be threatened, humiliated and to live in fear of being beaten to death is the only 'special right' our culture bestows on homosexuals."**

**- Diane Carman, Denver Post**

### Obituary



### Matthew Wayne Shepard

Memorial services for Matthew Wayne Shepard, 21, of Laramie and Casper, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday October 16, 1998, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 7th and Wolcott streets, Casper, with the Rev. Royce Brown officiating. St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral in Laramie will hold memorial service for Shepard concurrently with the Rev. Chuck Dennison officiating the services in Laramie.

Shepard died Oct. 12, 1998, at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo., of injuries sustained in an attack

in Laramie.

Born Dec. 1, 1976, in Casper, he was the oldest son of Judy Peck Shepard and Dennis Shepard.

While living in Casper, he attended Crest Hill Grade School, Dean Morgan Junior High and completed his sophomore year at Natrona County High School. He was a member and an acolyte in St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

He attended the last two years of high school at the American School in Switzerland (TASIS) in Lugano, Switzerland, where he graduated in 1995. While at TASIS, he traveled extensively throughout Europe.

After graduation from high school, he attended Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C., and Casper College. He then moved to Denver, where he worked several jobs.

He was attending the University of Wyoming, majoring in political science/foreign relations with a minor in languages at the time of his death.

He enjoyed the theater and had parts in several Casper College and Stage III Theater plays. He was also quite active in politics and campaigned for several candidates.

He was selected as the student representative for the Wyoming Environmental Council.

He enjoyed soccer, swimming, running, camping, hunting, fishing and snow skiing, as well as dancing and theater.

Shepard is survived by his parents of Casper and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; one brother, Logan; his paternal grandparents, Harry and Ruth Shepard; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family asks that contributions to the Matthew W. Shepard Memorial Fund be sent to First National Bank, account no 1926083, P.O. Box 578, Fort Collins, Colo., 80522.

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### **"Matthew" by Bob O'Brien, (C) 1998**

Matthew, can you hear me? My thoughts are all with you. Your story shocked the nation with what fear and hatred do. The blind misunderstanding of the love within your heart that some would cast aside as lust, perversion on your part.

Matthew, I am hoping and praying for your sake that all the pain you suffered will make the world awake. That difference of opinion should never come to this  
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**In Wyoming, Homecoming Infused With  
Hard Lesson on Intolerance**

**By Tom Kenworthy  
Washington Post Staff Writer  
Sunday, October 11, 1998; Page A02**

LARAMIE, Wyo., Oct. 10—On a day that is traditionally given over to nothing more profound than collegiate exuberance and the fortunes of the University of Wyoming football team, this community on the high plains had a different kind of homecoming today, as many searched their souls in the wake of a vicious, apparent anti-gay hate crime.

With 21-year-old student Matthew Shepard lying comatose in an intensive care unit across the Colorado border four days after he was lured from a tavern, beaten with the butt of a .357 magnum handgun and strung up on a fence to die in a grotesque tableau, students, faculty and townspeople gathered for the traditional homecoming parade and struggled to fathom the inexplicable.

Amid the usual hoopla — the marching bands, politicians' floats, equestrian units and fraternity boys drinking beer at 9:30 a.m. -- hundreds of people donned yellow arm bands and marched in tribute to Shepard and the

belief that intolerance has no place in the Equality State. Parade floats and flatbed trucks carried signs saying "Thoughts and Prayers with Matthew," and "No hate in our state."

In Washington, President Clinton condemned the attack, and he and House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.) likened the beating of Shepard, who police

said was lured from a bar by two men who claimed to be gay but made anti-gay remarks after the attack on the openly homosexual student, to the slaying of James Byrd, a black man who was dragged to death in Texas this summer.

Clinton lauded the people of Laramie. "In the face of this terrible act of violence, they are joining together to demonstrate

that an act like this is not what our country is all about," he said in a statement.

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Shaken by a network newscast that quoted one resident saying Shepard as a gay man should have expected such treatment in Wyoming, Jessi Steward, a junior from the tiny town of Encampment, changed her plans and joined the march. In her high school graduating class of 20, she said, there was one gay student. "We took care of him," said Steward. "Something like this would never happen there."

The savage beating of Shepard, added education faculty member Audrey Kleinsasser, has shattered the state's "veneer of congeniality," and prompted a collective self-examination that may eventually lead to some good coming from a horrific event. "If the faculty doesn't stand up and speak out, it would be intolerable," said Kleinsasser.

In a state that takes its football seriously, and where the University of Wyoming Cowboys help bridge a vast and sparsely populated landscape, this might be an opportunity to begin healing, said Susan McKay, a women's studies professor. "Nothing in this state is more important than football, and all those thousands of people will hear a moment of silence for Matthew today."

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Mike Sullivan, the former Democratic governor who is awaiting Senate confirmation as U.S. ambassador to Ireland, also expressed the hope that Wyoming would ultimately profit from the trauma.

"You hate to look for tragedy to generate something good, but often it does," said Sullivan. "It's such a tragic, incomprehensible act of violence, it causes people to examine why."

On a crisp fall day with the first signs of winter visible on the distant Snowy Mountains, student leaders and faculty were mapping out plans for a Sunday vigil for Shepard and to incorporate the incident into continuing forums for encouraging tolerance of diversity.

In a statement tonight, Shepard's parents said their son's one intolerance was with people who "don't accept others as they are. . . . He has always strongly felt that all people are

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## ON-GOING EVENTS

### Sundays

Rainbow Metropolitan Community Church service To attend an LGBT-friendly Community Church try the Rainbow MCC, the Guelph congregation of the UFMCC. Services are under the direction of the Pastor, the Reverend Sid Bater, and take place each Sunday at 7:00 p.m. It is located at St. Matthias Anglican, 171 Kortright Road, at the corner of Kortright and Edinburgh Road. Call the Rainbow MCC at:

519-██████████

### Tuesdays

**Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)** meets every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in UC536, the University Centre's Mature Student Lounge at the University of Guelph.

Contact GQE at ██████████ for details.

**Meetings this month include:**

**November 10-** is a Stargazing/Poets Night.

**November 17-**Relationships: Friends, Lovers and Others.

**November 24-** Out For the Holidays

### Wednesdays

**Hamilton Coming Out Proud Discussion Group** We meet every first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 6:30 pm at Gomorrah's. Call us for more details: ██████████ or toll-free 1-888-██████████, or email ██████████

### Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth

**Discussion Group:** A group for people aged 16-25, sponsored by ACCKWA and held in Waterloo, 7:00-9:00 pm. To join, or for more information, call Rob Gascho at ACCKWA at (519) ██████████ (Kitchener).

**GLLOWNight:** a social evening in Hagey Hall Rms. 373/378, University of Waterloo, 9:00-11:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome; meet old friends, and make new ones.

### GLLOW Coming Out Discussion

**Group:** explores issues in sexual orientation; Hagey Hall Rms. 373/378, University of Waterloo, 7:30-9:00 pm. Lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered people, and those questioning their sexuality are welcome. Information: ██████████

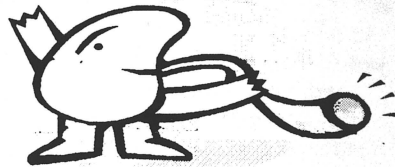
This month's topics are:

**November 4:** "Gaydar"

**November 11:** "Leading a Double Life"

**November 18:** "How Out Can I Be Or Should I Be?"

**November 25:** "Where do I fit into the queer community?"



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### Wednesdays (continued)

**GLLOW's Second Discussion Group** also meets in Hagey Hall Rms. 373/378, University of Waterloo, 7:30-9:00 pm. Both the Second Group and the Coming Out Group meet together in one room for the introduction and icebreaker question, then the Second Group moves to the other room for their own discussion or activity. The groups rejoin for the social at 9:00 pm.

This month's topics are:

**November 4: "Politics and Sexuality"**

**November 11: "Developing Intimacy"**

**November 18: Movie Night**

**November 25: "Religion and Spirituality"**

### Thursdays

#### **Out-Reach Rainbow Alliance (ORRA)**

From 7:30-9:30. The Victoria Community Center, 25 Joesph Street, in Kitchener, in the **Program Room**. For more information contact A.J. Mahari at [redacted] or [redacted]

### Swimming

**KW Aquatics Club (KWAC)** swims three times a week swims at the Waterloo Recreation Center Swimplex on Father David Bauer Road in Waterloo. We are open to swimmers at all levels and of all orientations. There is a small entrance fee each time you swim; join us afterwards for some refreshments too. Telephone Mark at [redacted] for more information.

### Running

**KW Front Runners** is a running and walking group. Telephone Mark at [redacted] or Peter at [redacted] for details.

### Special Events

#### **Friday November 6**

Region Seven Interpride Conference runs from November 6-8 at HALO, 649 Colborne Street in London, Ontario. Contact Pat Shanahan of London Pride at (519) [redacted] or email at hcalls@home.com for more info.

The proposed agenda includes the following workshops:

1. "To incorporate or not?"
2. "Sponsorship"
3. "Advertising"
4. "The political aspect of Pride -"
5. "Volunteer recruitment and retention"
6. "Public relations"
7. "Security"
8. "Next steps"

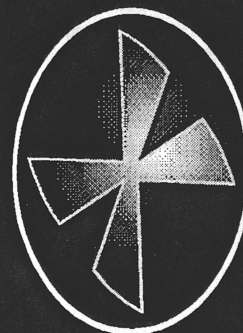
#### **Saturday November 7**

Waterloo-Wellington Region Pride Committee Meeting at 3 pm. Location to be announced. Inquiries can be directed to [redacted]



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### Sunday November 8

Region Seven Interpride Conference continues in London. See entry on November 6th.

SM 101 - An Introduction to SM Play is presented by The Safer SM Education Project from 12:00 to 18:00 on the 31st floor of 44 Charles Street West, Toronto. (Please ask Security desk for the ACTseminar on 31st floor.) Registration starts at 11:30. The seminar will cover coming out into SM; emotional and physical safety during SM play; rôle playing; toys; hygiene; spirituality; and other fun topics. Presenters will provide a variety of perspectives, demonstrations, and a discussion period. Coffee, tea, and juices will be available during the breaks.

Seating is limited, so please reserve your seat by calling John Maxwell at The Talking Sex Project, (416) [redacted] ext. [redacted], <http://SaferSM.org/SaferSM.html>. For info only, call (416) [redacted] ext. [redacted]. Registration is \$20. The next seminar, Earning Your Stripes, will be on January 10th, 1999.

### Saturday November 14

Woods-Bowing, contact [redacted]

### Wednesday November 18

Dinner at La Spaghetto Gomorrah's is planning some new social groups in Hamilton. Their first group will be a mixed supper club. Give them a call and reserve a spot at La Spaghetto, November 18 at 6 pm. You can reach Gomorrah's at: 905-[redacted] or toll-free 1-[redacted] or email [redacted].

Wordsworth Books presents Anne Fleming, Uof W grad and lesbian author- "Pool Hopping & Other Stories" reading with Tomson Highway, "Kiss of the Fur Queen" Call 884-BOOK for information.

### Friday November 20 PFLAG

(Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meet at 8:00 pm. PFLAG is a support group for people who are learning to understand and come to terms with the sexual orientation of family members or friends in a confidential and supportive atmosphere. For the location of the meeting and more information, call Evie at [redacted] (Kitchener) or Sue at (519) [redacted] (Cambridge) or email them at: [pflag@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:pflag@rainbow.on.ca).

### Wednesday November 25

Author Reading - Shyam Selvadurai Shyam Selvadurai, author of Cinnamon Gardens and Funny Boy, will be at The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery as part of the Words Worth Books Author Reading series. David Adams Richards, author of The Bay of Love and Sorrows, and Naomi Duguid, co-author of The Seductions of Rice and Flatbreads and Flavors will also give readings on November 25th.

The Gallery is located at 25 Caroline St. N. at Erb St., Waterloo. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door, and a Series Pass is \$25. Call 884-BOOK.

### Friday November 27

Faggie Pub in Bullring Contact GQE at [redacted] for details.

### Sunday November 29

WOODS-Car Rally at 2pm. Speed and fun following directions all in an effort to be the first to cross the line. The group will go out for coffee after the rally.

### \*Exclusive\*

## Matthew Shepard: The Front Lines (Perspective of an American)

by S. Vaught

My first thoughts of Matthew Shepard were from the perspective of a lesbian, aching once again for a gay man on the front lines, being killed in action in the name of his freedom, and mine. My second thoughts of Matthew Shepard were from the perspective of a human, seeing another human martyr lying dead at the hands of his fellows. My next thoughts of Matthew Shepard were generative, giving birth to a new conviction that I have been too silent—that too many have been too silent, too long.

As a lesbian, I have always believed that gay men are more visible. To me, this is an American fact. Lesbians, as a whole, can slip by the scrutiny of self-righteous predators. Though we ball up a fist and make a muscle announcing our "butch" toughness at times, that muscle is rarely tested on the front lines of the battle. We fight for our right to marry, to teach, to have control of a partner's estate or medical care, to have children, to keep children--and all of these are such deeply important battles! Yet, there on the front lines, our gentle gay men, fight just as hard, and often just to live. Period. For many, their appearance makes a statement of identity that marks them for combat, and their lives are staked on whether or not a passer-by can "stand" a man who doesn't meet the societal standard for "manliness." I walk down the street. The worst I have ever received (and I had to be wearing a T-Shirt with a queer logo) was a verbal curse. My friends who were drag queens or proudly effeminate, or

even just affectionate to their friends or spouses, have been beaten, spit on, shot at, and egged. I believe American society sees lesbians differently from gay men--tolerates neither, but for some reason, lets me live punishing me with laws--while killing my gay brothers. I don't understand this. I don't want to understand this, and I will not tolerate this.

Random strangers approached Matthew Shepard, there on the front lines of his life, being himself. They judged him as unworthy, and they executed him. Another bright mind, another sweet and gentle soul, crucified to satisfy a misbegotten belief system rendered blind by intolerance and hatred. A friend of mine pointed out his name, Matthew Shepard, and I matched this with his photograph, and the descriptions offered by friends and family. Then, I took my silent to time to grieve, and to wonder, how many times a shepherd will have to come amongst us and be crucified because we simply don't--or won't--understand. When will we, as a society, finally learn that judgment is the province of God? When will we accept that tolerance, love, and acceptance are the tasks of humans? Whether it be Matthew Shepard, or Medgar Evers, or Jesus, or another prophet, or the members of a rival gang, the taking of a human life because of who that life has been given to or what that life stands for, is to me the truest perpetuation of evil and human self-destruction. In doing this, or condoning it by action or inaction, we become thieves, stealing from ourselves the bounty God has given us all: each other.

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Reflections From a Canadian  
The Matthew

by Jane McKenzie

I was shocked to read about the horrible attack on Matthew Shepard, as were many in our community. The fact that he was hung up like a scarecrow accentuated the brutality of the incident. Reportedly, a college homecoming parade passed a few blocks from Mr. Shepard's hospital while he was dying. One fraternity had a float with a straw-haired scarecrow. Under the float was a black label stating "I am gay". I have been reading on my mailing list of another young American, Tony Dill, who is lying close to death from a "gay bashing". His attack was not as bizarre as Mr. Shepard's and consequently did not get the wide press coverage.

We like to think that this type of crime is typical of American bigotry and could not possibly happen here. However, more than 30 gay bashing incidents have been reported to the 519 Church Street Community Centre between July, 1998 and September, 1998, including a stabbing and a beating with a baseball bat that was so severe that several vertebrae in the victim's back were crushed. Many of us have fallen victim to less extreme hate-motivated behavior. A recent incident comes to mind which

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occurred at a gay camp site. Some local youths had come onto the property early in the morning and overturned the outhouses while chanting "get the fags" etc.,. Many of my friends are still talking about this incident. One young man suggested that he was going to make "pizza pie" out of them if they ever came back. Someone else suggested letting guard dogs loose on the property to at


tack any trespassers. A third person suggested chasing them with a big truck.

Gay bashing incidents have reopened the debate for anti-hate legislation. There are two kinds of anti-hate legislation. One kind mandates a judge to impose a harsher sentence for crimes motivated by hatred towards members of certain identifiable groups.

The Canadian government adopted hate-crime sentencing regulations in 1994.

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In 1996, sexual orientation, age and language were added to the list. Presumably, had the youths been arrested and been charged with mischief, the judge would have given them a harsher sentence under this legislation.

The second type of anti-hate legislation creates a substantive crime. For example, section 319 of the Criminal Code creates the crime of "public

am from Wyoming", then they probably would have committed the crime of inciting hatred against an identifiable group or perhaps advocating genocide.

In the United States, criminal legislation is created by the individual states, whereas in Canada it is created by the federal government. 40 states have legislation that creates "hate crimes". The state of Wyoming does not have anti-

hate legislation. 21 states include sexual orientation in their target groups. There is also federal hate-crimes legislation before congress which add sexual orientation to the target groups. If this law were to pass, American judges



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incitement of hatred" against members of "identifiable" groups. These groups fall into the categories of colour, race, religion or ethnic origin. Section 318 also creates the crime of "advocating genocide" against members of the same groups. Had the fraternity entered their float in the Octoberfest parade, they would not have committed a crime in Canada as sexual orientation has not made the list of identifiable groups. However, if the float had had the words "I am Jewish" or "I am black" or "I

would be forced to impose heavier sentences against people who were motivated by hate to commit a crime against a person who belonged to certain target groups including "sexual orientation".

Anti-hate legislation sounds like a good idea. So why are so many people opposed to it? The "religious right" often cites the right to religious freedom and freedom of expression in order to

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defend their position that "sexual orientation" should not be added to the list of target groups in anti-hate legislation. It is also pointed out that any violent crime is motivated by hate and that all assailants should be treated equally. However, there are other arguments as well. For example, US statistics show that more hate motivated assaults were committed by black assailants against white victims than the other way around. The anti-hate legislation mandates a heavier sentence for the black assailants, who, statistically, are more likely to be arrested than white assailants. What would have happened if the youths had come back to the gay camp ground and had been attacked by the campers with guard dogs, baseball bats and a big truck? It is likely that the campers would have been found guilty of hate-motivated offenses themselves and if they had been convicted, for example, of assault, their sentences would have been increased if it had been proven that the assaults were motivated by hatred towards heterosexuals. Such motivation could be presumed if the youths were doing something "openly straight" such as wearing pro-straight T-shirts or carrying pro-straight picket signs.

There is no easy solution to resolving the issue of hate. Hate breeds hate and only serves to further polarize an already divided society. However, it is likely that the Shepard incident will result in anti-hate legislation being more readily accepted in the States as well as in Canada.

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"22"

When I was 22

The ashes, ashes all fell down  
And they came at me armed to the teeth  
Like Shiva, ready to destroy me  
And make me a martyr.

I didn't want to become a martyr  
And I didn't want to burn and  
I didn't want to lie in the hospital for them.

When I was 22

I bled for the sin of being a man who  
was different. . .  
Only my blood didn't wash them clean  
and it made them mad.  
So they kicked me on my path to see  
Joan And Martin and Galileo. . . or  
maybe  
They kicked me to make that path.

When I was not even 23

My mother and father cried for my  
bruised body.

My mother and father cried for my dying  
body.  
My mother and father cried because  
they might have to kill me.  
I laid in my mind and no one could reach  
me.

When I was 22

There came a silence that out did them  
all.  
I had burned for them and bled for them  
till there  
Was nothing left to do but die.  
I won nothing and lost my life.  
Not even 23 and my dead body

Was on the news.  
My killers, on the TV.

And the leaders said it was isolated  
And I couldn't agree more.  
So isolated, no one heard me screaming.

When I was 22

I died.

And somewhere in South Carolina,

A boy cried.

written by a young man from Clemson

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### **Matthew Shepard: The Front Lines (Perspective of an American)**

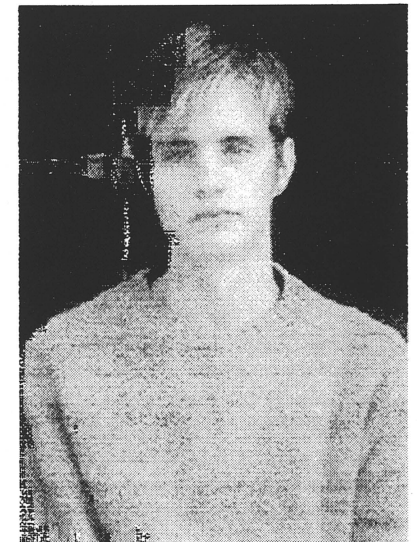
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I feel ashamed of my country, for not elevating hate crimes against any one for any reason, to a special status of criminal enforcement and penalty. I believe fervently in individual rights and self-expression. I also believe, though, that there is a higher responsibility to basic human rights. I believe clear legal lines must be drawn to prevent any group of humans from being sentenced to genocide because of who or what they are—by birth or by choice. We will cross the globe and take military action to stop genocide in other countries, whether it be for race, religion, nationality...how brutally sad that we will not afford our citizens the same consideration.

We leave them unarmed, on the front lines, waiting to die at the hands of a misinformed stranger.

If the politicians, if the "old guard," if the so-called Christian groups, if the so-called religious right, left, or middle will not or can not stop the bloodshed—then the rest of us, the silent MAJORITY, must act to stop the killing. We must speak, and we must be heard. We must vote, educate, vocalize our love and gentleness and tolerance—and we must, above all else, pay attention, and stay involved. Draft ourselves. Draft each other. Move to the front lines with outstretched arms instead of guns and fists.

I believe it is time for truly spiritual human beings, irrespective of denomination, for truly thinking and feeling human beings, irrespective of ideology, for truly human beings, irrespective of race, sexuality or gender to stop the war.



In Wyoming, Homecoming Infused With  
Hard Lesson on Intolerance  
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the same regardless of their sexual preference, race or religion."

Though concerned that the beating and its attendant publicity might generate more anti-gay sentiment, Susanna Goodin, the university ethics center director, said it might also prompt Wyoming residents to ponder the price of intolerance and indifference. "I hope this gets people talking and perhaps back in touch with the importance of human life. People have been rocked to their very center by this."

Despite such hopes, there was some dismay that Republican Gov. Jim Geringer had not taken the opportunity to back passage of hate-crime legislation in one of the few states where such a measure has failed to be enacted.

Sitting on the rear deck of a Mercedes sports car as the homecoming parade formed, Geringer said he questioned whether any law could deter "perverted individuals" more than the state's already tough law enforcement statutes. Hate-crime legislation usually includes enhanced penalties, he said, and the two men charged in the Shepard beating already face attempted first-degree murder charges.

"We deal very toughly with criminals of any kind," said Geringer. "In this case I don't know how you would make it tougher. I think the people of

Wyoming need to rally and say we are not going to tolerate this."

Standing in the university quadrangle by a white marble statue, "The University Family," that depicts three people with arms entwined, land conservation activist Susan Childs said she hopes for better now from Wyoming's "Byzantine" legislature.

"There's a pall on this city," said Childs. "This is a prime opportunity to do something."

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**"Matthew"**  
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and anyone with reason will live and let us live.

Matthew, you are showing them all for what they are. False prophets who pretend to preach then justify the war. They take no time to know us and they don't seem to see we're everywhere around them in every family.

Matthew, though you're gone now, you live within our hearts. You taught the world to listen now we must do our part. We must fight and win the battle in your name, we'll walk the miles until people loving people won't be laughed at, or reviled.

**Select quotes from various speakers:**

**Ellen Degeneres:**

Ellen was great. She walked up to the podium and the crowd went wild. The first thing she said was something to the effect of: "And they thought I'd finally shut up." The crowd laughed, and then things became deadly serious. "I am so pissed off," Ellen began. "I can't stop crying." Her voice immediately broke, she looked at the crowd, caught her breath and said in a now-strained, softer and emotion-laden voice: "This is what I was trying to stop - this is why I did what I did." It was a moving moment that brought Ellen's coming out experience into a new and suddenly much more serious light. I still get chills writing this.

She talked about the preachers who claim to speak for family values, but "when something like this happens, where are they?", she said. "I don't see full-page ads saying 'stop the hate, stop the violence.'" She then took on those who use the Bible to just anti-gay intolerance: "The Bible also was used to justify slavery." And she closed by noting that "everyone has the right to love." The crowd adored her.

**Anne Heche:**

Anne began by saying something like "I am so proud to be Ellen Degeneres' wife." The crowd laughed. Anne focused her speech on the religious right and their conservative defenders in Congress. She talked about conservative religious organizations that are "taught to preach, but not to think." She told Republican Senate Leader Trent Lott, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and religious right leader Jerry Falwell that "we are all children of God." She criticized ex-gay groups who claim to cure gay people and try to make gays more



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like them: "I do not want to be like you....you are the abomination in the eyes of my God....groups who are founded in hatred."

**Joan Garry**, Executive Director of GLAAD:

"Anyone who thinks that love needs to be cured has not experienced enough of it in their own lives."

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**COMING OUT**  
by Rayne Jarvis

I am going to share what I have experienced in the past year or so in my own personal journey of coming out. Actually in many ways I still feel as though I am coming out. I feel as though I am doing this more and more as each day passes and I continue to grow in my own renewed understanding of myself and who I am.

As a 46 year old lesbian mother, and grandmother, this year has been one of tremendous personal change and transition. After 28 years of being, in many ways, distinctly identified as a married heterosexual woman, there have been many adjustments to make. I was separated for five years before my divorce was finalized on July 6, 1998, during which time I made several changes in my life. I moved back into the city. I began to stretch myself out to fit the newly found freedom that I was realizing was mine for the taking. I went back to school, took some very interesting courses, and met and talked with interesting people.

This was quite the change from what was a rather isolated married life over those 28 previous years. A brief acquaintance of mine, Jackie Grieb, (who took her life this past summer) had an impact upon my evolving process. Jackie's death reminded me that life can be all too short.

It was a result of her death that I decided to work toward resolving many of my own inner conflicts which to a large degree were responsible for keeping me mired in a lengthy and difficult period of depression.

I felt that I had nothing to lose at this point in my life by coming out and that I had only myself to find and an entire new world to gain.

Going to the local Pride Day Celebration, this past June, was my first major active step in my coming out. It took a lot of courage for me to go there and I felt shaky while I was there. I was afraid I didn't belong in the LGBT community because I had been married and because I have three children.

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REMARKS OF MATTHEW'S FRIEND AT  
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Wow! I don't know what it looks like from down there, but this is very impressive from up here. I stand before you, not as a representative of any organization, profession, or group. I stand before you as a gay man, a parent, a neighbor, and a third generation native son of Wyoming, the equality state. But more importantly, Alex and I stand before you as friends of Matt Shepard.

Alex and I have been asked repeatedly to help people understand who Matt was. I sat for over an hour, looking at this blank paper, afraid to put my pen to it, a multitude of random images flashing through my mind, images and memories of Matt. It has taken several days for the shock to wear thin, and for the images of Matt to fight their way past the horrible image of his broken and battered body lying in that hospital bed. But Matt has made it back into my consciousness, past the horror, the shock, and the exhaustion. His smile dances before my eyes as I write.

All those who were graced with the gift of knowing Matt, know the smile I am talking about. Matt never smiled with just his mouth. His whole face and body would light up. His eyes would dance and his vibrancy and energy just radiated from his whole being. It never mattered where we were, when I would meet Matt, he would bounce up to me, throw his arms around me in a hug only Matt

could give, and immediately start into some conversation that would quickly suck me in. And we were lost in whatever topic was on his mind when we bumped into each other. His insight, humor, and concern, all poured out, regardless of whether we were talking about world affairs, a class, a friend, or clothes and fashion. Throughout the conversation, Matt would pause, assume a very introspective posture, and take a draw from his cigarette, always careful to blow the smoke away from anyone sitting near. And I'd have to smile. It was at this moment that I'd see all the care that Matt put into his appearance, the way his hair looked, the way his clothes reflected his mood, the way he was sitting. I might point that out, and we would laugh and talk about presentation and fashion and wanting people to have a favorable first impression. Matt wanted people to know him and like him at a level far deeper than the superficial "small-talk" stage, but believed people judge each other with first impressions. Matt would be appalled that we are standing here in our everyday clothes instead of brand new suits.

When I say, Matt would bounce up to me, the image is crystal clear. Again, anyone who knew Matt knows what his "bounce" was like. We would talk and laugh about the way he walked. I'd remind him that he once told me he used

to practice the way he walked, we'd laugh. He told me that his African American friend would tell him he walks "like a brother." Again, we'd laugh. Matt was very proud of that compliment. I'd tell him he was so skinny because he used up too much energy with his "bounce."

But there are other images that also present themselves. Matt showing up at my door, and asking "Am I bothering you?" His eyes were not dancing, and he was not offering his energetic hug. His eyes had the look of a little boy who has just seen a scary movie. He'd come in and ask if he could "just hang." He'd have his backpack and school books with him. He'd either sit and watch TV for a little while, or take his books out and start doing homework. After a short time he'd start talking about hearing someone call out "faggot," or hearing someone talk about "queers." We'd talk about how this touched Matt at the core of his heart, and that he needed to feel safe again. Then he'd just hang around, regrouping, and trying to harden himself. Something that never came easy for Matt, because he was not the type of person to "be hard."

After some time, the Matt with the dancing eyes would start coming back and he'd be off to class or to meet a friend for coffee. Like Alex and myself, Matt was also a native son of Wyoming.

A gentle, vibrant, loving young man who loved Wyoming and had returned home to go to school. Just a week before he was so savagely tortured and murdered, Matt told me how happy he was to be back home, how comfortable he felt in Laramie, and how safe he felt there compared to the big city. I was so happy to hear that because I had encouraged Matt to come home.

Matt's sense of safety was betrayed by every legislator in Wyoming and this nation who has opposed or voted against hate crime legislation over the last years. These men and women represented the leadership of our state and Nation, and sent a clear and tangible message to the people of our state, and to the children of our nation that it is okay to "Hate Gays and Lesbians."

Through opposition to hate crime legislation which clearly states we will not tolerate hate, our leadership has sanctioned an atmosphere of ignorance, prejudice, oppression, and hatred. Our children have been, and are still listening and watching. Alex and I stand here before you because some of our children heard that message and interpreted it to mean it is okay to savagely torture and murder one of our gay children. I will never be able to understand the thinking of a person who could do something so horrific to another human being.

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## REMARKS OF MATTHEW'S FRIEND

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But these two young men did not in any way try to hide their crime. They did not dump Matt's battered body in some ditch hoping the snow would hide it until next Spring. They strung him up on a fence, displaying him like a trophy, announcing to the community and world what they had done. This display was an attempt to intimidate and subjugate Wyoming's gay community and send the message that all gays and lesbians deserve such violence.

Those are the actions of people who think somebody, somewhere, is going to applaud what they did. Those are the actions of people who believe they are living in an environment that would protect them, and allow them to get away with their actions. I hope they are shocked by the response of the people of Laramie, Wyoming and this nation. But only time will tell whether or not they were correct in their assessment of the environment in Wyoming and the nation. Alex and I are here because our lives have been shattered by the violent murder of our dear gentle friend. But this is not just about Matt. This is not just about Wyoming. All of us know about the daily physical attacks on gays and lesbians throughout this nation. We also know about the minute by minute verbal and emotional violence against gays and lesbians everywhere. But this is not just about gay and lesbian issues. We are here because of hatred and violence. The enemy is not heterosexuals, the enemy is oppression. Oppression against all vulnerable groups and populations. There are still some in our government attempting to

rationalize their stance of opposition to hate crime legislation. They do not seem to understand that hate crimes are directed at a person because of that person's membership in a particular group, and the hate crime serves to intimidate and subjugate the entire group. We will never know, one way or another, whether hate crime legislation would have prevented this savage attack on our friend, Matt. We all know that laws in themselves do not prevent crime. But laws do voice the "heart and will" of the people.

I look around at the outpouring of love and compassion that has been expressed by the people of Wyoming and the entire nation during this time of horror and tragedy. These are images I have always had of the people of this nation. Loving, friendly, compassionate, caring, and willing to come to the aid of others. Have I been so blind, or naïve? Have I been so wrong about the people of this nation?

We stand at a moment in time which will define who we are as individuals, as states, and as a nation. It is time to look in the mirror and then look in the eyes of our children and our neighbors and say this is who we are and that is who we are not. No words are going to convince anyone of anything. Words are cheap. We will define ourselves, and be judged by our actions or by our lack of action.

I cannot stand on these steps to the Capitol and demand that our leaders

commit to the eradication of hatred and violence if I am not willing to do the same. I am not talking about a commitment to just gay rights. I am talking about a commitment to actively fight for the rights of all people.

As a white, middle classed, formally educated, temporarily abled man, I must look at and recognize my position of privilege and use that position to actively fight for the rights of all races, for the rights of those who have been denied access to the economic opportunities of our nation, for the rights of those who are denied access to a quality education, for the rights of the disabled, for the rights of women, and for the rights of every other human being. I must actively work to eradicate all forms of oppression on a personal and public level. Only then can I demand that our political leaders do the same.

Governor Geringer, President Clinton, and the leadership of Congress have an opportunity to lead all of us into a new era. They can help us look in the mirror, stand up straight and tall, and send a loud and clear message to our children, our neighbors, and the world that we are not a people filled with hate. Congress can pass Hate Crime legislation that clearly states we do not sanction and we will not tolerate hate and that we believe in, and stand for, equality. Anything less will be a confirmation that we are the hateful, ignorant, and barbaric people the world must see us as now. If we fail to act, we allow the actions of Russell Henderson

and Aaron McKinney to speak for us.

Alex and I are here because our dear and gentle friend, Matthew Shepard, was brutally tortured and murdered. But we all know we are here for more than that. Matt once told me that someday he was going to be famous and that he was going to make a difference in the area of human rights. When I look out at all of you and reflect on what is going on in the building behind us, I have to think he had no idea how true that statement would be.

Matt is never going to hop off my couch and bounce off to class or to meet a friend, ever again. But I have to believe that his eyes are dancing as he looks down and sees how he has touched the heart and soul of the people of this nation. But please remember, no matter what good may come from all of this, **THE PRICE WAS TOO HIGH.** The price was too high. Please be safe. Thank you.

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**Abbot and Costello meet Windows 95**

**Costello:** Hey, Abbot!  
**Abbot:** Yes, Lou?

**Costello:** I just got my first computer.  
**Abbot:** That's great Lou. What did you get?

**Costello:** A Pentium II-266, with 40 Megs of RAM, a 2.1 Gig hard drive, and a 24X CD-ROM.  
**Abbot:** That's terrific, Lou.

**Costello:** But I don't know what any of it means!  
**Abbot:** You will in time.

**Costello:** That's exactly why I am here to see you.  
**Abbot:** Oh?

**Costello:** I heard that you are a real computer expert.  
**Abbot:** Well, I don't know-

**Costello:** Yes-sir-ee. You know your stuff. And you're going to train me.  
**Abbot:** Really?

**Costello:** Uh huh. And I am here for my first lesson.  
**Abbot:** O.K. Lou. What do you want to know?

**Costello:** I am having no problem turning it on, but I heard that you should be very careful how you turn it off.  
**Abbot:** That's true.

**Costello:** So, here I am working on my new computer and I want to turn it off. What do I do?

**Abbot:** Well, first you press the Start button, and then-

**Costello:** No, I told you, I want to turn it off.  
**Abbot:** I know, you press the Start button-

**Costello:** Wait a second. I want to turn it Off. I know how to start it. So tell me what to do.  
**Abbot:** I did.

**Costello:** When?  
**Abbot:** When I told you to press the Start button.

**Costello:** Why should I press the Start button?  
**Abbot:** To shut off the computer.

**Costello:** I press Start to stop.  
**Abbot:** Well Start doesn't actually stop the computer.

**Costello:** I knew it! So what do I press?  
**Abbot:** Start.

**Costello:** Start what?  
**Abbot:** Start button.

**Costello:** Start button to do what?  
**Abbot:** Shut down.

**Costello:** You don't have to get rude!  
**Abbot:** No, no, no! That's not what I meant.

**Costello:** Then say what you mean.  
**Abbot:** To shut down the computer, press-

**Costello:** Don't say, "Start!"  
**Abbot:** Then what do you want me to say?

**Costello:** Look, if I want to turn off the computer, I am willing

to press the Stop button, the End button and Cease and Desist button, but no one in their right mind presses the Start to Stop.  
**Abbot:** But that's what you do.

**Costello:** And you probably Go at Stop signs, and Stop at green lights.  
**Abbot:** Don't be ridiculous.

**Costello:** I'm being ridiculous? Well, I think it's about time we started this conversation.  
**Abbot:** What are you talking about?

**Costello:** I am starting this conversation right now. Good-bye.

### Year 2000 Problems

10. "99 Bottles of Beer" song gets stuck in an infinite loop

9. At the stroke of midnight on 12/31/1999, Windows 99\* turns back into DOS 1.0; the Pentium\* V turns back into an 8088, and the Handsome User is left holding a beautiful glass mouse.

8. Internet Movie Database now lists "1901: A Space Odyssey"

7. Bob Dole's age erroneously listed with only two digits.

6. Sales of Coca-Cola(tm) jump drastically after original cocaine-laden formula becomes legal again.

5. Software engineers point out that since computers think it's almost 1900, we



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technically have to "party like it's 1899" (which, frankly, doesn't seem like that much fun).

4. Microsoft(tm) declares the year 1900 to be the new standard of the "Gatesian" Calendar.

3. Jesus shows up late for His Second Coming; blames it on COBOL programmers.

2. Using a computerized adoption service, Michael Jackson mistakenly takes home some octogenarians.

1. Unexpected demand for COBOL programmers results in severe personnel shortage at McDonald's(tm) restaurants

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6. Stray cats will not be petted, played with or picked up and cuddled unnecessarily.
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10. Stray cats will not be allowed inside the house except on days ending in "y".

11. Stray cats allowed inside will not be permitted to jump up on or sharpen their claws on the furniture.

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13. Stray cats will be permitted on all furniture but must sharpen claws on new \$114.99 sisal-rope cat-scratching post with three perches.

14. Stray cats will answer the call of nature outdoors in the sand.

15. Stray cats will answer the call of nature in the three-piece, high-impact plastic tray filled with Fresh'n'Sweet kitty litter.

16. Stray cats will answer the call of nature in the hooded litter pan with a three-panel privacy screen and plenty of head room.

17. Stray cats will sleep outside.

18. Stray cats will sleep in the garage.

19. Stray cats will sleep in the house.

20. Stray cats will sleep in cardboard box lined with an old blanket.

21. Stray cats will sleep in



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22. Stray cats will not be allowed to sleep in our bed.

23. Stray cats will not be allowed to sleep in our bed, except at the foot.

24. Stray cats will not be allowed to sleep in our bed under the covers.

25. Stray cats will not be allowed to sleep in our bed under the covers except at the foot.

26. Stray cats will not play on the desk.

27. Stray cats will not play on the desk near the computer.

28. Stray cats are forbidden to walk on the computer keyboard on

the desk when the human is asdfjhhkl;jjfd.;oier' puyykmm4hbdm9lo9j USING IT!



## ANTI-VIOLENCE PRAYER VIGIL

by R. H.

On the evening of Wednesday, October 21st a group of thirty people gathered in St. George's Square in Guelph for an anti-violence prayer vigil. Organized by The Rainbow MCC of Guelph. The event honoured "the life and memory of Matthew Shepard, and all those who have died in hate-motivated acts of violence." Through diverse prayers, meditations, music and messages an opportunity was provided for people to not only to grieve but also to commit themselves to "creating a world filled not with violence but with peace; not with hatred but with love." Thank you Rainbow MCC.

The following is the "Welcome" from the Guelph Vigil written and delivered by Rev. Sid Bater:

"From all walks of life, from various experiences, beliefs and achievements, we are gathered here to honour the life and memory of Matthew Shepard, and all those who have died in hate-motivated acts of violence. We still live in a world in which sameness is exalted and differences are misunderstood and feared; and, where lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people are all too regularly attacked and murdered for the simple fact of who we are.

We gather here tonight to acknowledge our loss, our grief and our frustrations, and to gather strength, hope and courage from one another. May Matthew's life be an inspiration for us; may his death be a catalyst for change in our world."

## "SHARING THE LIGHT OF HOPE"

**As we share the light of hope, let us remember that each and every life is sacred regardless of the various human constructs we use to erect barriers between us.**

**The hope we share is based on the fact that no human being is a "loser", and so strive for that day when privileged shall be abolished."**

"We will not be silenced by hatred and fear. We will not go away because of intolerance or injustice. Rather, we stand today, united, strong, courageous, to commit ourselves to creating a world that is filled not with violence, but with peace; not with hatred, but with love."

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**BUSINESS PAGE:FEATURING A LOCAL LGBT OR LGBT FRIENDLY BUSINESS**

**This month's The Voice features:  
IMAGINE HAIR SALON**

**IMAGINE** Hair Salon is quickly approaching its first year anniversary. Imagine is located in the Atrium building, a quaint "mini-boutique" mall in Waterloo. There are two main focuses in practice at Imagine. The first is client service, and the second is giving back to the community. Imagine is committed to continually donating gift certificates to charities such as The United Way, Big Brothers and Sisters, R.O.O.F., and Hope Spring to just name a few. The staff at Imagine is also proud about donating two days of hair cutting with all proceeds going to Hope Spring Cancer Support Centre. In the last year over \$1500.00 was raised for Hope Spring.

On-going education is another commitment and focus of the staff at Imagine. It is staying current with trends that enable us to better teach our clients the latest techniques in hair and make-up.

In August we took a business trip to Manhattan, New York, to attend a weekend seminar held by stylists who create seasonal looks for designer and fashion magazines.

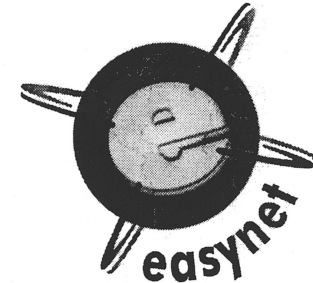
Imagine has a refill program which enables clients to save 10% off every product. There are also 10% discounts for seniors, and students.

The Imagine salon is a place where clients can feel proud to be patrons. Opportunities are provided for clients to participate in fundraisers, environmental programs and to learn the latest information in beauty and wellness. **Imagine** is located at 33 Erb St. W. (in the Atrium) in Uptown Waterloo. Call [REDACTED] to book your experience!

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**Winnipeg Elects Openly Gay Mayor  
by SCOTT EDMONDS**

WINNIPEG (CP) - Winnipeg voters became the first in a major Canadian city to elect an openly gay mayor Wednesday (Oct.28), but they broke with tradition more because of Glen Murray's politics than his private life.

For the first time in more than 60 years of municipal elections they rejected a small-c conservative candidate and instead backed a man openly supported by organized labour.

"I think it was a history-making night," a jubilant Murray said after his victory was assured.

"We're a city of such diversity, of so

many cultures. We're a city of great tolerance, of hope, and I just think all of those values were reaffirmed tonight."

With his troubled foster son, Michael Curtis, Murray was the subject of a National Film Board documentary six years ago called A Kind of Family.

But he had other hurdles to overcome on his way to the mayor's office. Murray's supporters worried before his win that voters might again reject anyone allied too closely with labour.

"I don't know if Winnipeg's ready to elect a centre-left mayor," said Paul Moist, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees that represents city workers.

## Inclusive Community: Can We Accomplish This?

by A.J. Mahari

How can we build a community that is truly welcoming to all? How can we ensure that those who are new, or who are not well known to others, can some how feel important, included and accepted?

The strength of community, in my estimation, can only be as well established and enduring as the self-love and self-acceptance that each of us develops inside of ourselves. The self-love and self-acceptance that we give to ourselves is the only base from which we have to give to others. Self-love and self-acceptance shared with others is how I define the essence of what community is.

Developing this self-love and self-acceptance is not an easy task for most of us because a lot of the messages that we have received have been shaming and hating. Each of us needs to heal and or continue to heal these most fundamental wounds that being different, being a minority, being misunderstood and feared have caused us to suffer.

I have heard many LGBT people talk about very painful experiences of exclusion in the heterosexual community as well as the LGBT community. I have also listened to the devaluing expression of the differences among us as LGBT people. I, myself, have been guilty of this also. It is human to struggle with differences. It is crucial, though, that we do not stop stretching, and growing in our acceptance of ourselves and of one another in the face of the shame that can be handed to us at anytime on any given day, without warning. There is oppression as well and whenever there is shame and oppression generally there often grows this silent discomfort with

self and with others which is all too easy to lay at someone's else's feet. Each of us must take responsibility and act upon our responsibility to ourselves and to each other to care about what each of us has been through or may still be going through. We owe it to ourselves, and to our community to begin to dialogue in all the spaces that have so long remained too silent. We owe it to ourselves, to our community, and to the heterosexual community as well to eagerly work to put our voices where this crippling silence is breeding hate right now. Each of us can make a difference, both in and outside of our community. Believe!

We may think life is only as it appears on the surface but I believe that what we do or don't do, what we say or don't say, how we accept or reject others has all to do with how we feel about ourselves which is based upon our experiences as being different from the main majority. Do we project that on to each other at times? Does this cause us to fail, at times, to not be as inclusive and accepting as it would benefit each of us and our community to be?

Are we, as gays and lesbians, seeking to understand each other enough or are we still, by and large, going our own ways? If we don't understand each other than how much can we possibly extend inclusive acceptance to each other?

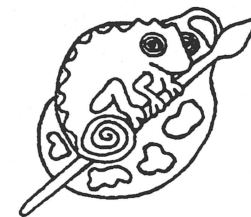
There is divisiveness between us. There are as many differences between us in the LGBT community as there are differences between us and heterosexuals. With all that live in this condition known as humanity, we must learn to build bridges within ourselves, between each of our pasts, our presents, and

what we hope and want our futures to be for us, and the most precious of all: our NOWs. Building these inner-bridges is where we will develop the resources needed to build the outer bridges, lesbian to gay man, gay man to lesbian, lesbian and gay to bi-sexuals, and to transgendered individuals as well. All differences aside it is true that whether you are lesbian, gay, bi or transgendered we all share tremendous sameness in spite of our differences. Each one of us wants and needs to be loved, nurtured, valued, cared for and about. Many of us need to find families of the heart because we have lost much in terms of our biological family units.

We exist as a community within a larger society; all part and parcel of humankind. Life is calling each of us to, both celebrate our humanity, and to defend that very humanity; in a kind and loving, inclusive way.

It seems to me that to overcome our differences, after we have looked inside, we must dialogue about these issues and hear each other and respect each individual point of view, each base of both knowledge and experience, all of which are the starting points from which we approach our community.

In a world that is becoming increasingly comfortable with referring to people as boxed in, stereotypical labels without any forethought to the reality of the persons so identified, hate is not only growing but it is becoming less and less personal and more and more driven by a minority of people. These people get attention and then attain the trust, loyalty and following of otherwise rational human beings, in the name of their own limited awareness, and dissociated vulnerability.



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They desire to overcome their fear and their vulnerability by pushing away and controlling others.

One of our biggest challenges, as LGBT people, and as a community, is to let our voices be heard without resorting to the tactics of those who act out of their own ignorance and fear. It is up to each and every one of us to decide if we are going to work toward, not only a more inclusive LGBT community, but also toward our inclusion into the larger community as a whole. We may have to work for this to ensure that we are known to be human beings who love and live much the same as heterosexuals do.

I am making a decision to strive harder to be inclusive; to not be exclusive. If you haven't already, will you do so also?

## ENTERTAINMENT



### Local Film and Theatre Events by Steve Hutton

"What upcoming film and theatre events are of particular interest to LGBT people?" I am constantly being asked. Now, I can answer: "Just read **The Voice**."

The Princess Cinema is a good place to start. As we go to press, the November-December schedule is not available yet but the films for the first two weeks of November are listed on their web site (<http://princess.sentex.net/>).

**November 5-10** we have Pecker, the latest film by gay director John Waters. Waters started his career with gross-out films like Pink Flamingos and Polyester. (I once saw Divine on stage, and she was asked "Did you really \*\*\* \*\*\*\* in Pink Flamingos?" Her response: "That's why I'm up here and you're down there.") Over the years, Waters has become more conventional, producing mainstream films with a camp sensibility. Pecker is described as "a feel-good, rags-to-riches-to-utopia art-world satire".

**November 19-22 and 25-29, KW Little Theatre (9 Princess East)** presents the Canadian premiere of "**One Bad Apple**," "a feminist rock musical reinterpretation of the book of Genesis". It's being produced by More Notes Productions, the same group that last year gave us the

Stephen Sondheim musical Assassins. Show times are 8 pm Thursday to Saturday, and 2 pm for Sunday matinees.

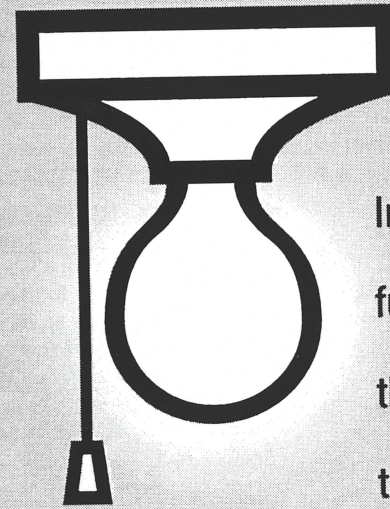
### PLEASANTVILLE



"**Pleasantville**" refers to a fictional '50s American town and TV show -- rerun, for eternity, on cable -- that's the balm of David (Tobey Maguire), a mournful '90s teen who watches and re-watches, glassy-eyed, to tune out the pain of his own broken family (divorced Mom and Dad argue bitterly on the phone). David's twin sister, Jennifer (Reese Witherspoon), meanwhile, takes the fast-girl route to denial -- she's a slut-in-training.

Fighting over the TV remote control one night, the two receive a visit from a mysterious repairman (Don Knotts) who replaces the clicker with another, a gizmo that throws the kids into "**Pleasantville**." Suddenly, David and Jennifer are called Bud and Mary Sue, enrolled in a high school full of classmates who have never gone All the Way or missed a basketball shot. Mom (Joan Allen) wears a dress and a Stepford smile in the kitchen. Dad (William H. Macy) sings out, "Honey, I'm home!" The world is in black and white. Jennifer wants to get the heck out immediately. "We're in Nerdville!" she complains. But at first David is charmed by the refreshing security of the setup and anxious not to upset the **Pleasantville** universe.

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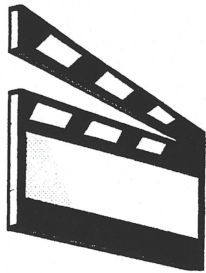


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## MOVIES

"Audacious! Stimulating! A Ribald Musical Comedy Crammed With Ideas!"

- Stephen Holden, The New York Times

"A Buoyantly Cheeky Sense Of Humor!"

- Richard Corliss, Time Magazine

"A daring cinematic gem that deserves to go down in gay history. This is the film we've been waiting for!"

-Jim Merret, The Advocate

"John Greyson has woven a tall tale of love and loss, sex and science, history and hysteria in the age of AIDS. Greyson revives renowned Victorian Sir Richard Burton who constructs a sensationalist multimedia museum display focusing on Patient Zero, the gay French-Canadian flight attendant ac-



cused of bringing AIDS to North America. Fast-Paced, hilarious and provocative, Zero Patience is essential viewing." -Toronto Film Festival program note by David McIntosh

**Color**

**Approximately 100 minutes**

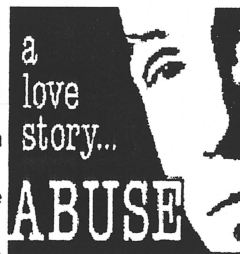
**Meet Thomas Carroll. He's fourteen & in danger of becoming a child abuse statistic.**

**ABUSE**, shot in 16mm and black and white, is an original. It begins with shots of a teenager being force fed more milk than he can swallow, followed by a savage beating from his parents to punish him for spilling the milk.

Finally the boy goes into convulsions and the frightened parents rush him to the emergency room in a New York hospital, where the sympathetic intern on duty phones his friend, Larry Porter, a film student working on a child abuse documentary for his masters thesis.

In 14-year old Tommy, the filmmaker discovers the perfect real-life case history for the focus of the film. It is only after the boy discovers Larry is gay, like himself, that he feels comfortable enough to discuss his problems openly.

In time the two fall in love, and Larry is forced to ask himself new questions about the various definitions of exploitation.



## SCI-FI FAVORITES

Entertainment Weekly Online

<http://cgi.pathfinder.com/ew/>

Hollywood has a natural affinity for sci-fi movies. The earliest films, like George Melies' phantasmagoric 1902 vision, "A Trip to the Moon," proved that seeing space creatures and fantastic landscapes on screen was a world a way from merely reading about them. It's hardly surprising, then, that sci-fi has become one of filmgoers' favorite genres: Six of the top ten movies of all time are science fiction, totaling nearly \$3 billion at the box office. And there's no slow down in sight. Paramount is releasing its ninth "Star Trek" saga in December; MGM's "Supernova," about outer space guerrillas, opens next April, and Disney's remake of "My Favorite Martian," opens next summer. But the 800-pound meteorite out there is the "Star Wars" prequel, "The Phantom Menace," which is set to break all box office records when it opens in May.

## Star Trek



"A Wagon Train to the stars." That's how Gene Roddenberry pitched "Star Trek" to TV execs in 1964. But though his hero, Capt. James T. Kirk (William Shatner), was a classic space cowboy - Buck Rogers for baby boomers - it was clear right away that Roddenberry had more on his mind than laser shoot-outs.

Set in the 23rd century, Trek dared to

imagine a future in which the human race had evolved in perfect harmony. Such optimism had obvious appeal in an era of anxiety and unrest. But Trek wasn't just about escapism -- it gave viewers a fresh perspective on their own world, with morality plays that were thinly veiled versions of 20th-century Earth problems.

Of course, Trek found plenty of action as well. There were Klingons and Romulans, phasers and photon torpedoes, Mr. Spock (Leonard Nimoy) and his Vulcan nerve pinch. And, of course, the two-fisted Kirk kicking alien butt. Yet Trek failed to succeed in its own time, getting canceled after three seasons.

Only in syndication did its impact mature. In hindsight, the growth of the franchise -- eight feature films (with a ninth on the way), three prime-time spin-off series (including the wonderfully complex Next Generation), countless books and paraphernalia -- seems inevitable. Echoes of Trek can be found in every corner of our culture: Witness the Trek-themed attraction in Las Vegas, or NASA naming a space shuttle Enterprise. Trek didn't just show us the future it fashioned our future in its image.

But Trek's mythology still achieves its greatest resonance in Roddenberry's original vision of an enlightened humankind, boldly going where no one has gone before, fulfilling its destiny in an expanding universe. As Captain Picard (Patrick Stewart) once put it, "Let's see what's out there." Idealistic? Sure. But also damned inspiring





## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### 15,000 AT JO'BURG PRIDE

A record 15,000 people turned out for Johannesburg, South Africa's ninth gay-pride parade Sept. 26, reports Gavin Hayward, editor of Exit, a local gay newspaper.

The eight-kilometer procession wound through the central Hillbrow, Yeoville and Berea areas, starting and ending at the same park. More lesbians and more people of color participated than ever before (South Africa is about 85 percent non-white). Several floats were sponsored by corporations, including GinZing, Benson & Hedges and BMW.

The parade theme was "Recognise Our Relationships."

"The last thing that we want is to have first-class marriages for straight people and second-class marriages for gay people," said rally keynote speaker Kevan Botha, a well-known gay lawyer and activist. "We again stand together and commit ourselves to work for a society where our relationships are respected and admired and where we have the choice not only to live in freedom but also to decide the nature, content and character of those relationships."

The rally featured a beer garden and information booths, including one staffed by the South African Police Service's Police Gay and Lesbian Network. The Pride Parade After Party, held in

the huge space below the grandstand of Johannesburg Stadium, offered four dance floors and continued until sunrise.

### WOMYN'S READING CIRCLE

**A few of us are interested in starting a womyn's reading circle. (possibly writing/poetry as well)**

**We would meet and choose a book of interest, have time to read it and then get together again to discuss it.**

**Anyone interested in joining please call us at The Voice, 743-5015.**

### BRITISH NHS WILL BUY VIAGRA FOR GAY MEN

Britain's National Health Service will provide Viagra to gay men when it becomes available from the government medical system later this year.

"Family values" campaigners had argued gay men do not deserve the

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impotency treatment and will abuse it, but the Department of Health said it could not discriminate based on sexual orientation.

"I don't see why people should be paying for people to have homosexual activity," said Dr. Adrian Rogers of the Conservative Family Institute. "It really should be available only for married couples."


international film festival Sept. 18.

Officials said Bugis Street, which looks at the drag queens who populated Singapore's red-light district in 1960, is pornographic.

"It's ridiculous that Thailand has one of the freest presses in Asia but Thai cinema is the most strictly censored in the world," director/screen writer Ing

Kanjanavanit commented to the Bangkok Post.

Film critic Somsak Wongrathpanya added, "We have a censorship law that was written in 1930 and this law has not been changed to make it suitable for the situation now."



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Valerie Riches of Family and Youth Concern said the drug needs to be "controlled to appropriate relationships" or "everyone will just be using it for larks."

It is estimated Brits will consume up to \$1.6 billion worth of Viagra yearly.

### THAILAND BANS TRANY FILM

Thai police banned a Singaporean film about transvestites from Bangkok's first

### HIV-NEGATIVE GAY MAN SUES

#### AUSSIE RED CROSS

A 21-year-old gay man in Melbourne, Australia, has hauled the Red Cross before a state human-rights tribunal for refusing to let him donate his HIV-negative blood.

"Scott" says the rejection was based solely on his statement that he has had gay sex.

"They [Red Cross] are ... portraying to

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the public that they don't need to be worried about HIV because it is a gay problem," Scott said. "Just because you are gay doesn't mean you are going to have unsafe anal sex with Tom, Dick or Harry, and just because you are heterosexual doesn't mean you're going to have safe sex with one partner."

A Red Cross lawyer argued that the agency is bound to reject "high-risk" donors by the Therapeutic Goods Act, the Code of Manufacturing Practice, and National Blood Transfusion Committee guidelines.

The tribunal's ruling is pending.

### TOO MANY SYDNEY GAYS BARE-BACK

Twenty-three percent of 621 gay men surveyed at three gay bars and one sexual-health clinic in Sydney, Australia, admitted to having unprotected anal sex with casual partners in the first six months of 1998.

The figures were the same for HIV-negative and HIV-positive men.

The research was conducted by Dr. Paul van de Ven, deputy director of Macquarie University's National Centre in HIV Social Research (NCHSR).

A second NCHSR study found that some lesbians also put themselves at risk for HIV by having unsafe sex with gay and bisexual men.

Questioning of 774 mostly lesbian women at the Gay and Lesbian

Mardi Gras Fair found that 2 percent of lesbians, 25 percent of bisexual women and 8 percent of heterosexual women had sex with a gay or bisexual man in the preceding six-month period -- and 20 did not use a condom.

"People tend to have sex with people in their friendship group," said NCHSR researcher Dr. Juliet Richter.

And women don't necessarily have sex only within the confines of their stated sexual identity, she said.

### SYDNEY GAYS DEMAND PARTNERSHIP LAW

About 5,000 gay-rights supporters blocked Macquarie Street in Sydney, Australia, Sept. 22 demanding that the New South Wales Parliament pass legislation recognizing gay relationships, reported Capital Q.

They urged legislators to vote on the De Facto Relationships Amendment Bill prior to state elections in March. The government expressed support for such a measure during campaigning in 1995.

"It gets up my nose that Parliament considers this too sensitive or unpopular," said well-known television personality Julie McCrossin, who hosted the rally. "I don't feel sick and dirty."



## Don't Take Anything for Granted

by A.J. Mahari

Don't take anything for granted.



This may seem difficult. Yet through the consistent, conscious effort to appreciate and to be grateful for what you have, and for who you are, right now as you are. There is a security and a peaceful contentment to be attained in not taking anything for granted. This peace and contentment comes not from what you have or necessarily who you are, but rather from the acceptance of said. Water is never tired of flowing.

There will always be times and situations in our lives that exact much from us at a very high cost. We must always choose wisely and take good care of ourselves. Choices we make can be changed if need be, choices are not brick walls.

Life gives and life takes. We learn and grow, gain and lose. Each of us are at times correct and at other times we make mistakes. Fair is just a word. Right and wrong are always relative. Win and lose are less important than the amount of truth and love you can create and sustain in your life. Control is an illusion. Feeling out of control is often an escape through which we seek to not take personal responsibility.



Being who you are and caring who others are matters. Listening is a lost art. Empathy engages and endures, empathy builds strength between us. Compassion caresses the soul. Be thankful.

Life is a challenge. Always there will be happy and there will be sad. There will be joy and there will be sorrow, just as there is a today and a tomorrow. Opposites are opportunistically omnipotent. Strive for a balance between all that can be within what is and don't take anything for granted.

Acceptance, love, and appreciative gratitude are the opposite of taking something or someone for granted. Are you in touch with self-acceptance, love and appreciation of all that is in your life at this very moment? Learn the lessons from all that is and don't take anything for granted.

Not taking anything for granted; from the most simple in your life to the most complex and challenging in your life, is the essence of living each day in the knowledge that there are no mistakes, only growth opportunities.

Seek to be the best you can be. This is the cry of your soul. Find the balance between give and take. Know who you are and celebrate that. Who you are matters much more than what you do or what you say. Be who you are. Celebrate yourself today. Live to the beat of your own drummer.

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##### Silent Warriors By J.R.S.

Like wraiths they roam the streets,  
Silent striders in the night.  
Though they clearly stand before you,  
They're completely out of sight.

You see them every day,  
Though you know not who they are.  
Spirits existing in two worlds,  
Yet from both forever far.

Ours is a world of hatred,  
That fuels all their fears.  
That strips them of all hope,  
And leaves them chilling tears.

For while they search for shadows,  
At but a fleeting glance,  
We prey on their misfortunes—  
They never stand a chance.

Our daggers of desecration  
Make every jeer a crushing blow  
And though a tempest brews within them,  
They can never let it show.

They don't happiness as their armour,  
Make every smile a stalwart shield.  
Some surround themselves in flames,  
All fortresses firmly sealed.

And though they feel safe  
Beneath their tangled web of lies,  
Loneliness is a landmine,  
You can see it in their eyes.

Divided souls are fragile things,  
So easily torn apart.  
As fortresses slowly crumble,  
Hail the silent warrior.

Facing the battlefields each day,  
Though the journey makes you weary,  
May you never lose your way,  
For amid the darkness before you,

With a whispered cry, they depart.  
There are those who'll shine a light  
Building bridges through the void,  
Loyal comrades in your fight.

And for those who toss daggers blindly,  
Upon whom the war depends,  
Pray the next heart you rend asunder,  
Is not one of your friend's.

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### 2 Haikus

by Rayne Jarvis

*Egg sunnyside up,  
Two crescent moons holding hands  
'round a beaming sun*

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*Tiger lillies gush  
Orange flames on slender stems  
Summer seduction.*

## The Three-worded Question by Timothy Lee

### "Are you gay?"

My mind blanked out completely as if someone had slapped me a real good one across the face. After the gears started clicking again, the only response I managed to get out was, "Uhh, what?". He asked me the same question again. This time, with determination, I said "Yes."

I met "Samson" last winter in Ottawa. He is a tall middle-aged half-native man with a bushy moustache who takes courses at Algonquin College and owns a cat named Cat. The only difference between the two of us and any other pair of individuals waiting at a bus stop was the harsh polar environment of Ice Storm 98. You could say that the storm brought two strangers together in companionship just as it had brought friends and family members together.

Samson is an ex-drug-user and though I usually see him during the morning commute, I would occasionally meet him on his way to an N.A. meeting in the evenings. He gave many accounts of his experience with various drugs and their effects on him, as well as stories of drug disasters involving others including those of his brother and even a cat. (I'm not sure who the cat belonged to.)

Having led a comparably sheltered life, I look at Samson's life in awe. And he looks at my life—a Waterloo engineering student working in high-tech Ottawa—with similar curiosity. But despite his past, Samson wants to improve his life. That is why he studies part-time, plans to buy a new computer, and now volunteers as treasurer for the N.A. group.

In our most recent conversation, he surprised me and altered my perception of him. We were relating each of our respective evening/weekend activities and the enjoyment we derived from them. I briefly mentioned my odd-jobs volunteering for the AIDS Committee of Ottawa (ACO) and The Living Room (a walk-in centre for people with HIV/AIDS), keeping in mind that I would have to be careful what I said about my involvement because of confidentiality reasons.

No sooner had I mentioned the ACO & The Living Room, Samson leaned over and whispered the three-worded question. I'm not sure why it surprised me so much except that no one had ever asked me before, that is, no one who wasn't gay themselves.

"No problem, it's cool." My mind felt comforted by the sound of those words. But then I started wondering why I got so worried in the first place. I have been out to close friends and family since age 17 and have gradually become more open.

Samson's unexpected and unconditional acceptance of my sexual orientation renewed my hope for fair and equal treatment of members of the queer community especially in light of the recent hate crime committed against Matthew Shepard.

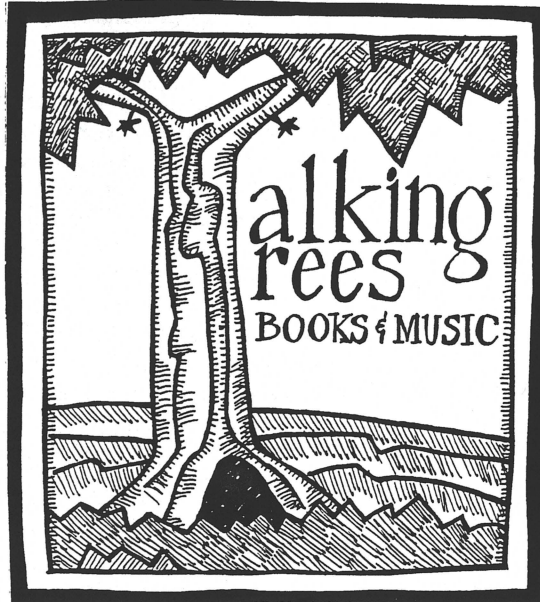
Matthew Sheppard's death affected me in a way I can only describe as a reversal of the coming out process, but this one seemingly insignificant conversation-piece reaffirmed for me that I should not be frightened into losing pride in who I am.

Thanks Samson.



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## BOOKS



### OPEN SECRETS: GAY HOLLYWOOD 1928-1998

by David Ehrenstein

Publisher: William Morrow & Co. Inc.

Hollywood is, and always has been, a homo haven. David Geffen, Rupert Everett, Clive Barker, Anne Heche, Liberace, and Gus Van Sant are just a few of the more recognizable names we see

splashed across the tabloids for having the audacity to have same-sex relations. Since the tabloids have been the primary source for most people to hear about gay Hollywood, we can thank David Ehrenstein for writing "OPEN SECRETS: GAY HOLLYWOOD 1928-1998, a fascinating, well-researched, nontabloidy (but still dishy) look at Tinseltown's lavender history.

#### From The Publisher:

How homosexual actors and actresses came to define straight America's



sexual self-image is only one of the paradoxical and provocative questions explored in *Open Secret*, a revealing cultural chronicle of gay Hollywood. Part social history and part Tinseltown expose, this entertaining book spans seventy years, painting knowing and vivid portraits of many of Hollywood's foremost gays and lesbians, often in the words of eyewitnesses or the principals themselves.

**"Lesbian and Gay Marriage: Private Commitments, Public Ceremonies"** - rrp \$16.95

by Suzanne Sherman

This collection of personal narratives explores the hotly debated issue of same-sex marriage. The 24 interviews with lesbians and gays who have celebrated wedding ceremonies as well as couples who remain unmarried or choose not to marry reveal the qualities that bind people in lifetime partnerships as well as the everyday tensions of committed relationships.

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by Larry J Uhrig

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**"Weddings from the Heart: Ceremonies for an Unforgettable Wedding"** - rrp \$9.95 by Daphne Rose Kingma

A book for those who do not want a traditional wedding, comes complete with five different ceremonies.

## "JUST TELL THE TRUTH:"

by DJ

For many men, the truth is particularly difficult. They have hidden their gayness from themselves and built a heterosexual lifestyle to cover their gayness, often even from themselves. **The Norman Institute**, a non-profit educational corporation focusing on issues related to gender orientation, and specifically to gay married men [normaninstitute.org] was formed to help gay men and their families.

One of the most helpful resources I have found in some time is the 1998 publication by the Institute of the book by Terry Norman of, **"Just Tell The Truth."** Like Paul Monette whose book *Becoming a Man*, Terry Norman takes us through a childhood in the 50s and 60s when being homosexual was not accepted particularly in small town America where religion and social norms worked against the knowledge even that one could be different. Terry Norman grew up in small town America, went to seminary and became a minister in the Methodist Church in Missouri - one of the bible belts of the U.S. in a mid-sized city,

smaller than Kansas City or St. Louis. After 20 years in the pulpit and as a doctorate in psychology doing counseling, he came out to his wife and children and eventually left them to be himself. His own brother whom he was close to had not even realized the fight Terry had had with himself, his self-hatred, his over-indulging in food, etc. When the truth is finally told, Terry Norman becomes a man again for whom life is great, living a life where addictions are unnecessary and health is improved.

The story is rich with experiences of his difference from norm as a child and how he chose to hide it - of his going to the rooftop in seminary to pray to God to take this burden away from him. For me, so many of the experiences of growing up in that era struck home. To me religion has been a big part of my life, although not my vocation and so wrestling with what the word means is a struggle from which one eventually emerges as Terry Norman does to believe God made him the way he is and he should be proud and true to God's creation.

The book moves on to an extremely useful section on what young men do when they realize their orientation. One response is to commit suicide and he talks statistics here to show that even though gay teens commit many more suicides than non-gay teens, he goes on to suggest that a large number of teens deny their gayness to the point of actually believing themselves to be heterosexual. They marry and become wrapped up in family until the true self surfaces again, sometimes quite late in life and much more often in the late 30s or early 40s. The struggle then is to deal with the false life they have built for themselves. They do not intend to hurt those around them - the wives or the children who they love BUT if they are to be true to themselves they have to come out and in many instances break from the confines of the marriage they have been involved in.

This book is a cry for understanding of gay men who marry, most times hiding their homosexuality unconsciously and even from themselves, never intending to hurt anyone in the process. It

is far better as a book to give to spouses as a coming-out book than is **"The Other Side of The Closet"** by Amity Buxton (another book about gay married men - but a book without a great deal of hope or positiveness) or even Whitney's **"Uncommon Lives:"** Gay Men and the Straight Women Who Love Them.

I highly recommend Terry Norman's book. For me it has been an extremely enlightening book which has caused me to see myself so much that I have broken down crying at some points as I reach into myself to step out some more. Not only would this book be great for men who are married

and coming out BUT for anyone dealing with coming out to family after hiding in the closet for any period.

## TELLING TALES OUT OF SCHOOL

by Kevin Jennings (ed.)

Forget the shame of being called "faggot" or "dyke" as a kid? Forget when you, knowing you were queer, victimized another kid for being gay because you were afraid someone would notice you first? Ever wonder what it meant to be you, because when you looked around you couldn't see anyone else who seemed remotely like you in your small town or suburban sprawl? Can there be healing through memory? Kevin Jennings, director

of the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, thinks so, and his new book, **"TELLING TALES OUT OF SCHOOL"** is a melting pot of memoirs from a variety of educators, activists, and writers who remember when. No skipping class this time -- get hold of **"TELLING TALES OUT OF SCHOOL"** and find out what others like us were going through from grades one to 12.

The book is divided into several sections that roughly define each grouping of memories, with such titles as "The Good Old Days(?)" and "Sissies and Tomboys." After a brief introduction, the book begins with a provocative opening, penned by Irene Zahava, called "Revelation":

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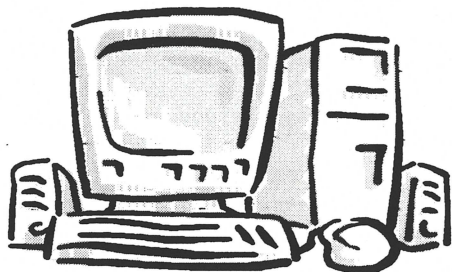
## The Rainbow Email Lists: A Part of Our History & Our Present

by Jim Parrott

In this article I am going to be telling you about the creation of a set of electronic mailing lists for the Waterloo-Wellington region that have come to be known as the **Rainbow Lists**. Their origin was in a collection of email addresses of people active in GLOW (Gay & Lesbian Liberation of Waterloo). This early collection of addresses was intended to allow for rapid communication between active members of GLOW.

This collection, which was not much more than a dozen email addresses from about 1992 to 1993, had grown to the point in 1995 where it was a nuisance to list all those addresses at the top of any message to the group, and to make sure that everyone's collection of addresses was up-to-date and identical.

Early in 1995, Lindsay Patten and Todd Veldhuizen of GLOW agreed to set up a more sophisticated mailing list that would run from Lindsay's business computer. Messages to people on the list would be sent to a single address at that computer, and the computer would send the message out to all subscribers on the list. At this time the list was advertised only within GLOW. The first message on the Rainbow List was sent by



Lindsay on Tuesday, February 21st, 1995.

Later, in November 1995, when the GLOW website went live, the list was advertised on the GLOW website, and people wanting to be on the list were asked to send mail to the GLOW email account at the University of Waterloo.

I agreed to screen all requests sent to the GLOW account to ensure that the

list was as safe a place as possible for subscribers.

After the screening was complete, I would send information about people accepted to Todd and Lindsay,

who would then add them to the list. In the beginning, the main purpose of the list was to help GLOW plan events and make decisions about issues of interest to GLOW members.

Once the GLOW website went live, an increasing number of people added to the list were not members of GLOW or did not live in Kitchener-Waterloo.

It was clear that the Rainbow List was becoming an important communication channel for the LGBT communities in Waterloo-Wellington counties. So, we began to describe the purpose of the Rainbow list as to allow LGBT people

in the area to communicate with each other rapidly and confidentially.

From November 1995 to February 1996, the Rainbow List was dominated by plans for GLOW's 25th Anniversary Celebration, which was held March 9, 1996. A significant fact is that the planning group included some people who hadn't been involved with GLOW, but who were attracted by the notion of a broadly-based community celebration. The Celebration was a very successful event with 231 people at the dinner (where Svend Robinson was guest speaker) and another 100 people at the dance. It brought together many people who had been part of the local community in the previous 25 years.

After this event, the question of having a 2nd annual local pride celebration (after the first one in 1995) increasingly dominated discussions on the Rainbow List. One of the initial results of these discussions was that people were in favour of having a celebration covering not only Kitchener-Waterloo, but Cambridge and Guelph as well. So, a sub-list of the Rainbow list, called the Pride96 List was set up, and several people from the Guelph area were added to both lists.

An initial meeting of what came to be called the **Regional Pride Committee (RPC)** was held in late April 1996 in Kitchener at the headquarters of ACCKWA (AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area). The RPC met several times in May and June of 1996 at various locations in the Waterloo-Wellington region in preparation for the Regional Pride Celebration. These early meetings were very exciting for people attending them, since this was the first time that we had worked with people with similar goals from

nearby communities. At that time, the Committee included members of GLOW, ACCKWA, Out & About Queer Radio show, Guelph Queer Equality, and the Rainbow Metropolitan Community Church (Guelph branch).

At the review meeting in late July 1996, members of the RPC felt that it would be useful to do more than sponsor a single event each year. One example of suggested projects that the RPC might undertake was the construction of a website for the LGBT community of Waterloo-Wellington Region. In the following months, Dave Callendar (of Out & About Queer Radio) and I did a lot of work in developing webpages for the website, which became named the

**Rainbow Community Centre.**

[www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca)

In January 1997, when the Rainbow Community Centre was announced to the public, a Rainbow List Information page along with a registration form was constructed at the Rainbow Community Centre. The email contact address was changed from the GLOW email address to the Committee's email address.

As time went on, it became clear that it would be useful to introduce additional lists. The first new list, entitled the **Rainbow-Womyn List**, was added. This is a mailing list used by womyn in the LGBT communities in the Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, and Cambridge areas.

The next new list, entitled the **Rainbow-Lite List**, was added for those who wanted to receive messages in digest format.

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Early in 1998, it became clear that Todd and Lindsay would be leaving town in 1998, so it became important to prepare to move the operation of the Rainbow Lists from Lindsay's business computer (at cybervision.com) to another location, preferably with a permanent address. The most obvious choice of computer was the same computer running the Rainbow Community Centre website. On the afternoon of Monday, February 16, 1998, the Rainbow Lists began operating from their new location. I continued to screen requests to be added to the Lists, and also took on the task of adding subscribers to the lists.

Finally, the newest list, entitled the **Rainbow-Announce List**, went live on the afternoon of July 13, 1998. It is intended for people who want to learn what is happening in the community, but who either do not want to receive much mail, or who are not interested in seeing topical discussions. Steve Hutton, who has been active in the Regional Pride Committee and other groups in the LGBT community, has taken on the responsibility for all announcements being sent to the various lists.

As I am writing this article, there are 154 subscribers on the Rainbow List, 62 on the Rainbow-Womyn List, 15 on the Rainbow-Lite List, and 9 on the Rainbow-Announce List. Many of the people on the Rainbow-Womyn List are also on one of the other three. So there are likely around 200 different people in total on the 4 Rainbow Lists.

If you have an email account and would like to try out one or more of these Rainbow lists, then go to the Rainbow List

website at:  
<http://www.rainbow.on.ca/RainbowList/>  
 where you will find more information about the Lists and a registration form to apply to become a subscriber.

Subscribing to these Lists does not require any money beyond what you are already spending on email access, and it is an excellent way of keeping in contact with day-to-day developments in our community, and also of learning about other members of our community and how they see various issues.



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## Entertainment

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### The Twilight Zone



Its very title has entered our lexicon as a metaphor for eerie ambiguity. Which is only fitting, given that its creator, Rod Serling, embodied myriad contradictions. Optimist, naysayer, folksy storyteller, urbane futurist — all got play during the series' five-year run. Serling camouflaged his secular moralism in fantasy, all the better to hide its bite from nervous CBS execs. But whether dealing with racism, Armageddon, or loneliness, Serling's message got through — sometimes with a nudge, sometimes with a sledgehammer. The show's most memorable episodes captured lightning in a bottle in a literate way other programs could only dream of. To television's flickering shadows, Zone added substance.

### Star Wars



We didn't know how desperately we needed it till it showed up. But from the moment the original "Star Wars" switched on its paradigm — shifting tractor beam in May 1977, audiences were hopelessly in thrall to the power of George Lucas' sunny sci-fi fable. Folks lined up for hours at the mere 32 theaters initially showing the film, some emerging, giddy and grinning, only to get right back in line.

And why not? Full of adventure, romance, self-sacrifice, and hissable, unambiguous villainy, Wars was an Rx for a cynical audience numbed by everything from Vietnam to Watergate to drugs. Outside, the world was going to hell. Up on the screen, Luke Skywalker was going to Alderaan, to learn the ways of the Force and become a Jedi like his fa-

ther. And everybody on our planet wanted to go with him.

For science-fiction buffs, the rush was especially intense. Hollywood, at that point, had all but

abandoned the genre. But with Wars, Lucas took some of fandom's favorite tropes (talking

robots, evil — potentate fathers, rocket jockeys) and transmuted them from corny to cool — thereby turning a backwater into the very definition of moneymaking mainstream entertainment.

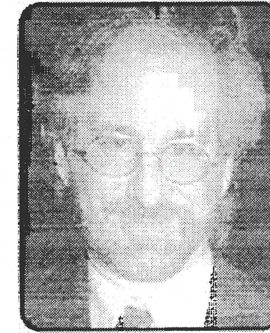
The sequels — "The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) and "Return of the Jedi" (1983) — brought increasingly sophisticated visual splendors to progressively pulpier plots. But they spawned a whole constellation of spin-off merchandise whose totemic lure has held so strong that, two decades later, Lucas is set to launch the first of three prequels. What he anticipated was a modestly popular series that would let him create toys for kids who'd grown up without heroes. Instead, Lucas engineered a universe so thoroughly imagined, so appealingly mythic, that

people don't want simply to visit it. They want to live there.

### SUPERMAN



He was invented by two teenagers from Cleveland, writer Jerry Siegel and artist Joe Shuster, and introduced in the premier issue of Action Comics in June 1938. Supe would become one of the most recognizable characters — comic book or otherwise — in the world. The heart of his appeal: He personified the best of humankind ironic since, technically, he was an alien. The Man soon found his way into other media, including a 1940 radio show and a series of beautiful cartoon shorts. Although future TV and film incarnations would vary widely in quality, his stature in the national mythos never wavered. He was, after all, Superman.



### Interview With Steven Spielberg

**Spielberg on Sci-Fi** In an exclusive online-only interview, Steven Spielberg tells EW's David Hochman why science fiction has such out-of-this-world appeal.

**Why are so many sci-fi films made?**

**Steven Spielberg:** People simply love to tell bigger-than-life stories — stories that are even bigger than this planet — and audiences, with their boundless imaginations, are always right there to reciprocate.

**Why is sci-fi such a money-making genre?**

**Spielberg:** You have to remember that science fiction wasn't always a money-making genre. For many decades sci-fi was a public as well as a Hollywood disgrace. They lost money on almost everything except some of

the low-budgeted Allied Artists sci-fi pot boilers like "Attack of the 50 Ft. Woman." Science fiction was never taken that seriously by studios. So sci-fi film aficionados couldn't get the big budgets and were funneled into small-change categories where their films were forced to compete with some of the B-movie westerns of the 1950s. I'm grateful for people like George Pal, who elevated science fiction to the level of "War of the Worlds," "When Worlds Collide," "The Conquest of Space," and "The Time Machine."

**Why does science fiction capture the public's imagination?**

**Spielberg:** The public has an appetite for anything about imagination — anything that is as far away from reality as is creatively possible. This is why, to a degree, sci-fi literature has always been successful. Cinema was simply the fortunate beneficiary of all the gifted sci-fi literature spanning a century and a half.

**Is there any end in sight to the success of sci-fi?**

**Spielberg:** If they ever bring back the western, I don't see that happening.

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## COMING OUT

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While at the same time I didn't feel I belonged in the straight world either. I was very nervous and thought I was the only person my age with children and grandchildren who had been married and now was coming out as a lesbian. I was very surprised at how good I felt, and how relaxed and happy I felt. When I got home I was very excited and pleased with what I had accomplished that day. I knew I had connected to both myself and my community and it felt very significant to me.

Another major change that came after my divorce was having the choice of what last name to use, my married name, still, or my maiden name. I have decided not to use either of those names. I have instead decided to choose a new name to honour this new chapter in my life.

In the interest of continuing my coming out process I want to share the following:

My old name was Christine Macdonald and the new name I have chosen for myself is Rayne Elizabeth Jarvis. This new name was chosen because it is very meaningful to me. I chose Rayne because I love water and the renewing qualities of rain. Elizabeth was my sister's name, a sister who died before I was born. This gives me a sense of connection to her. Jarvis was my grandmother's maiden name which is significant in that I want to feel more in touch with the female roots of my heritage.

On Saturday October 24, 1998, I attended my first ever LGBT function. I

went to the Pink Party. I did not know what it would be like or how I would feel. As it turned out, I felt like I was coming home, like I had been away from home and had just arrived back after a long arduous journey. I knew then more than ever that I had found myself....this new self that it seems I may have always longed to be, only knowing this in a small piece of myself until now.

I have written this because I believe that it is important to be visible and true to myself. I believe our experience as women tends to make us overly cautious. The fact that we are women is not a concealable reality. Why should we hide our identities as lesbians anymore than we would try to hide the fact that we are women.

I can only hope that visibility will bring about positive change for myself, and for all of us.

And now I am coming out in yet another very significant way by writing this to share with others in our community. It enhances my sense of connectedness and belonging though I am still in the early stages of getting to know these aspects of myself as well as just beginning to make new friends.



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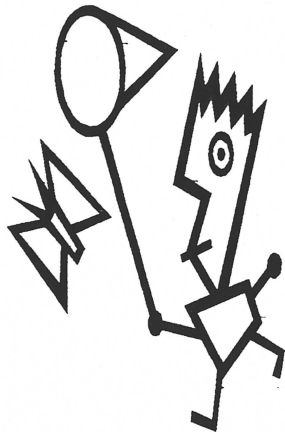
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"Truth In Love Relentlessly"

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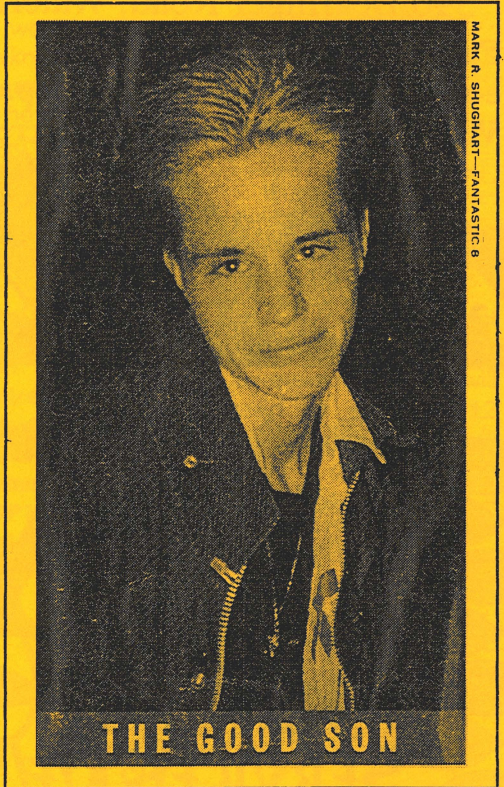
--Martin Luther King

"No [person] is an island, entire of it self; every [person] is a piece of Continent, a part of the main; ....any [person's] death diminishes me, because I am involved in [Humankind]; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls--- --it tolls for thee." --John Donne

"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it." --Bible--Song of Solomon

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