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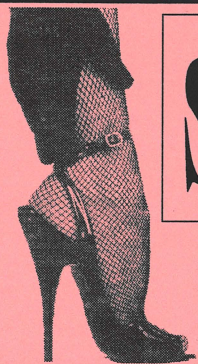
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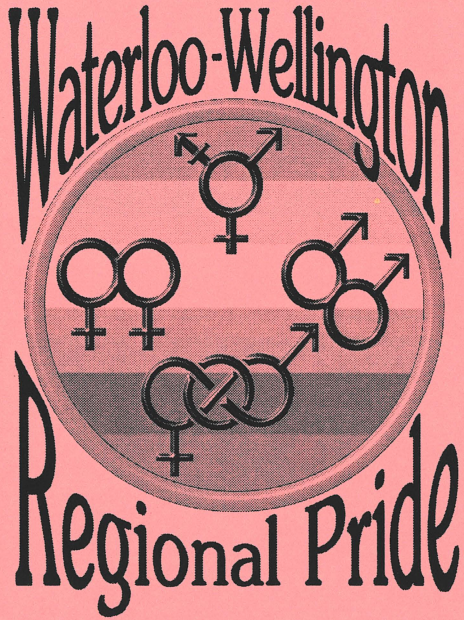


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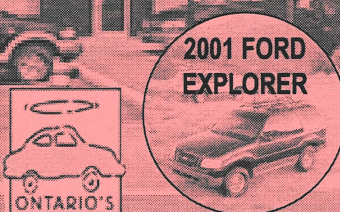
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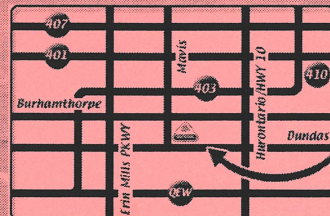


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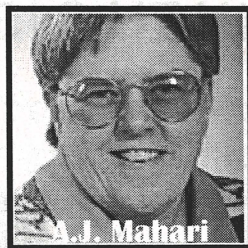
# FIRST WORDS

## Fragmented Community

Many believe that our LGBT communities are fragmented. I've heard this said about things in K-W and Cambridge, about Guelph, and Hamilton as well. To some degree my experience bears out the reality that we do indeed have more fragmentation than it serves us well to have.

That said, the question is why? The answers are likely as varied as those who venture to guess at the reasons. While it may be an understatement, it seems accurate to say that there is just too much criticism of those who do the very best they can to volunteer in community, often from those who don't volunteer. Or, at times, we hear criticism of one organization or group from those who are volunteering their time with other given organizations or groups. Is this helpful to anyone?

What do those who continue to try to tear down what others work very



hard to build up possibly hope to gain from constantly picking at what does in fact get done for community?

It has been my experience that, if I want to see change, I have to work for it. Working for change and constructively adding my energy and ideas to those of others is a positive building way to help community overcome this fragmentation. We also have to address the duplications in very similar services that are also becoming more frequent. We need to come together across those lines of gender, judgment, ego, and personality conflicts long enough to address what we really care about and what we hope to accomplish in community.

More communication and cooperation between already existing groups and agencies may be a great place to start. The more we can work together for the goals that we have in common, setting aside our differences and personal feelings, the stronger we can make community for all of us.

If community remains fragmented it is because too many people will continue to put their own personal feelings and egos ahead of the greater good.

There is so much that we can build but to do it sporadically in pockets of small groups is to remain senselessly fragmented and alienated from one another. It is an on-going loss that we all have to bear.

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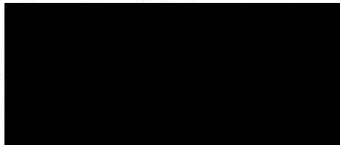
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## HAVE YOUR SAY

I have been a lurker on The Rainbow Email List. A list that is purported to be our "community list." I find this list very disturbing. I do not, for one minute, believe it is very representative of our community at all. It is a list upon which a very small number of self-centred individuals, mostly gay men, exercise their critical patriarchal clap-trap as if they are the centre of the universe. I, for one, have had enough and I am unsubscribing effectively immediately.

Recently on this list, once again, as they so often do, these critics saw fit to almost totally ignore a very successful Pride Event by being overly-critical of a problem that occurred during a few minutes of an entire day's worth of entertainment. Why do we have to be subject to such constant negativity, accusations and childish back-biting?

The only conclusion I can come to is that these people must be unhappy with themselves to be so critical of the few volunteers we have in this area that work awfully darn hard and for what, more and more criticism? I think that these guys should put up or simply shut-up!

Congratulations to the Pride Committee for doing such a fantastic job in such a politically ridiculous environment. Kudos to you and many of us hope that you don't let these few guys get you down. Keep up the great work!

Angry in Kitchener  
Name withheld at writer's request

I wish to commend the Waterloo-Welington Regional Pride Committee on their many good efforts that came together on Roos Island, marking a great Pride Day. I enjoyed the food & craft vendors, information tables, the bands & music as well as connecting with friends. There was however, one notable exception: the incredibly appalling display of verbal vulgarity by two drag queens, especially Chris Edwards.

Not all of us enjoy the drag entertainment, but I fully respect that it is a part of our culture and has its place for those that do. Edwards' one perform-

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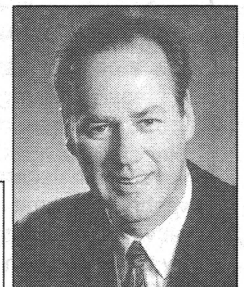
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ance told a story too disgusting to describe and he delivered it with excessive and constant swearing that I found truly mortifying, especially in an outdoor public event. Has he no respect for himself, for our event and most of all, for the dozens of children in attendance!? It was a very, very low point in an otherwise great day and I hope he is never invited back. Who cares how well-known he is? Surely there are many other drag queens who have a better understanding of self-respect and respecting others. I have no respect for anyone who would submit children and our event to that gutter-level of so-called talent. We needn't be dragged down by it. Again, apart from these incidents, the day was wonderful.

Debra Azadi (Kitchener)

I want to congratulate this year's Pride Committee on the fantastic job they did. What a cool Pride Day we had. And it wasn't just a day but a weekend of different things to go to. I don't think we've really had much more than the

day in the past.

I trust that the committee will come up with a way to make sure that any concerns that have arisen out of the entertainment on Pride Day are dealt with.

It's too bad there were those two small things that happened during the entertainment. From where I sat this was the most balanced entertainment I've ever seen at a Pride Day here. It was especially nice to see some women performers.

Nancy Dwyer, Waterloo

While I congratulate the volunteers who organized Pride on a very successful event I am concerned about how what happened with the entertainment will be perceived. My fear is that we are going to lose more and more of what it means to celebrate our culture to more and more 'het' things like kids and so forth. I hope that we don't have to tone down one aspect of any Drag Queen's performance just cause there are kids

around. The same goes for the fact that there was a wonderful selection of sex toys etc on display at one of the vendor tables. Nothing wrong with that.

Do we need to protect kids from who we are? Do we need to have "family life" further usurp our culture? I think not! I think it is some parents who have the problem. The kids who aren't old enough to understand certain things won't even notice what is going on. Secondly, there is nothing wrong with what was going on.

I hope that the organizers of Pride will continue to build on their success this year and not change one thing about the entertainment when it comes to the Drag Queens.

David A., Cambridge

Bravo to Drew and to Chris for their most entertaining Pride performances! Especially, entertaining were the two numbers that were more racy, provocative and somewhat controversial. I refer of course to the two numbers that many objected to and that the city and Pride Organizers interrupted. And kudos to the dancer from the crowd with the very, and I do mean, very, cute butt!! I had a great time. I don't see what the big fuss is about. A dance is a dance. A butt is a butt and well language is only words.

George Knaus, Kitchener

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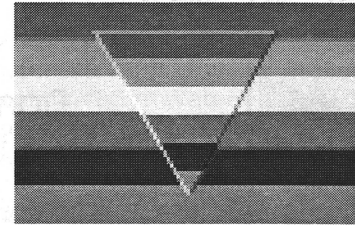
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## COLLECTIVE SOUL



### An honest kind of pride

By LAURIE SOPER



June 9th at Victoria Park was an exciting day for me. I had been looking forward to it for months. It offered a rare and precious pleasure: being surrounded by my own kind. Enjoying the heat of hundreds of other bodies who call themselves lesbians. Seeing reflections of my self. Relaxing. Breathing deep. Laughing. Smiling. Shaking hands. Meeting new friends. Looking into someone's eyes. Luxuriating in the company, the numbers, the energy.

And then, in the mesmerizing rays of the blinding sunshine, I overhear two women. "Well, yeah, man, of course I'm going to Toronto Pride. I mean, what is this? This is nothing. This is just a laugh in comparison."

"Yeah, like whoopee. Six booths and some hot dogs."

I am tempted to invade their conversation and expose the absurdity of their sarcasm. "Pardon me, my name is Laurie Soper and I'm new to the area." (Handshake, smile.) "So why are you here today?" Of course, they would look at me funny and say, "What do you mean?"

"Well, I just overheard you talking about how you'd rather be in a throng of a million in another city. Just wondering what you're proud of."

My tongue spits arsenic when I'm faced with hypocrisy. Wouldn't have fostered much solidarity. So I'll go back and try it again.

"Pardon me, my name is Laurie Soper and I'm new to the area." (Handshake, smile.)

"Hi, I'm Gayle. This is my friend Lynda."

"You two from around here?"

"Yes, from Waterloo. And you?"

"Just moved to Cambridge from Toronto. Isn't this sunshine enough to make you feel drunk? It's such a privilege to be here today."

"From Toronto? This must be a disappointment compared to Pride Day there. Have you been?"

"Oh God yes, of course, every year.



The Dyke Parade too."

"Well, what do you think of this?" They fling their arms tritely and stare at me as they take another gulp of beer.

"Oh, I love it. I love it. It's such a privilege. I confess I get weary with the interminable drag queens and tasteless Eddie Murphy impersonations, but I focus instead on the feeling of being surrounded by other lesbians. I think we need Pride Day once a month during the summer, and maybe every two months during the winter. Ah, just to sit here in the spring grass and watch all the gorgeous dykes around me, dancing and hugging and laughing. Next year, if the calibre of the performances is going to rise a notch to have more lesbian and family appeal, I'll bring my kids. I think a lot

of parents would."

"You can say that again. But there's hardly anyone here."

"What do you mean?" I look into their eyes, challenging them.

"Well in Toronto there's a million people. It's the biggest in North America now. Here there might be, what? Five hundred? Maybe seven hundred?"

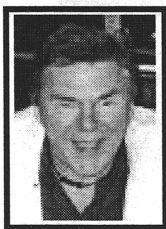
"Toronto Pride started out with a few hundred people. And you're here. And Lynda's here. And I'm here. And see all those gorgeous babes over there? They're here. And there's some kids too. And in Toronto it's all pavement, and crowds, and litter. You can hardly move. That's okay for some people, but this is much nicer for me. You know why? Because it's home."

They take another gulp of beer and look away. I continue.

"I came here because I'm proud of myself, proud of my community. It's a beautiful place to live. It's not as big as Toronto, but that's why I moved. If I'm not proud of being here on Roos Island, I can't really call it Pride Day, can I? I'm proud of everyone who arranged for us to have it on this lovely island in the first place. I'm proud of everyone who volunteered to make it happen. I'm proud of all the sponsors who bring more meaning to the place. I'm proud of Nancy Rancourt and Removable Red (Sarah Dillon and Connie Buna) who are entertaining me for free. I'm proud of everyone who stays late to clean up. I think it's perfect. I think we should have it every month. We need it. I just think we need it more often."

**Laurie Soper is a writer who lives in Cambridge, Ontario. A Voice exclusive.**





Franklin R. Sinanan:  
A Delight to Know and Behold

By Charles W. Westfall

As the artist escorted me around his showing at the Carnegie Gallery in Dundas, I had only one thought. This stuff deserves a shrine. A place of its own. An appropriate setting to show it off to best advantage.

You really have to see Franklin R.

Sinanan's art to begin to understand my reaction. However, I'll try to supply as much stimulus as I can. It is the product of many hours working with mixed media and drawing from a wide and diverse life history.

It is a remarkable assembly of wood, clay, paint, glass, found objects and images and living things. It is colourful, three dimensional, functional, architectural and visually stunning. It combines personal and traditional icons with Judaeo Christian, Oriental and Primitive symbols and idols. A Voodoo doll next to a 19th Century Madonna. Marilyn Monroe and a Crucified Christ. Franklin, himself, and an array of Carribean fertility figures.

One of my favourite pieces is a complex collage containing a world map that highlights all the places on the globe that he has visited. His smiling face, topped by a jaunty sailor's cap, looks out from a central porthole. The rainbow scarf around his neck is a subtle and delightful acknowledgement of his sexual orientation. Rainbows and Pink Triangles insinuate themselves very easily and naturally into his work.

At the same time, there are the functional pieces. Tables, mirrors, lamps, clocks and more. They, too, combine many facets of a diverse and observant life. They, too, cry out for a home. A suitable setting for their very special identity and presence.

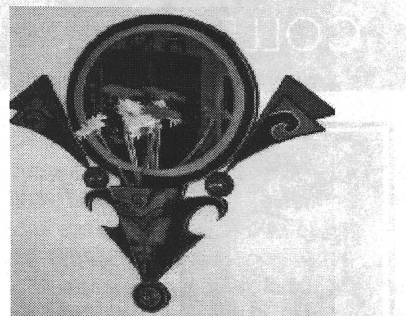
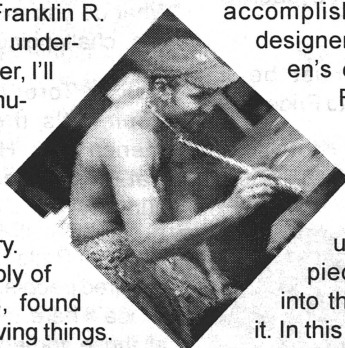
Franklin R. Sinanan was born in Trinidad/Tobago but his parents brought him to Canada at the age of three. He studied at Mohawk College, Dundas School of Art and Sheridan College.

He has designed the interiors of several bars in Toronto and has exhibited his work widely throughout Ontario and the North Eastern United States. Although he has not pursued this dimension of his creativity, he is also an accomplished and recognized designer of men's and women's clothing.

Franklin loves to work on commission.

Since he regards his functional art as something unique, he wants each piece to blend perfectly into the setting intended for it. In this regard, though, let me just say that the perfect setting for any of his artwork is a vast white emptiness where it can declare itself and its beauty without fear of competition or distraction.

I recently convinced Franklin to decorate a cake for a 30th anniversary celebration of a same sex couple here in Hamilton. We both agreed that it was probably the most funky anniversary cake ever created. Watching him pour over and play with the rudimentary colours and tools with which I had provided him was a delight. He was totally concentrated and step by step, one design led to another. "We'll just use what we have" was his guiding principle. I, along with the couple, was deeply



moved by his apology, "I didn't sign it. Do you think they'll mind?" My quick rejoinder was that I would be happy to print out a certificate of authenticity that could be presented later.

Franklin is currently negotiating with a number of galleries and production companies in an effort to find markets for his work. A very special delight has been the possibility of being named the feature artist in residence at a gallery being planned in New Jersey.

Whatever the future holds, Franklin R. Sinanan is not an artist to be trifled with or easily dismissed. His is a talent too seldom encountered and a focus and drive that deserve attention and support. That he is an openly gay man should not influence reaction to his art. At the same time, I believe that it is a wonderful quality that inspires his work and gives it a very special energy and life.

You can see more of his work and learn more about this remarkable artist at:  
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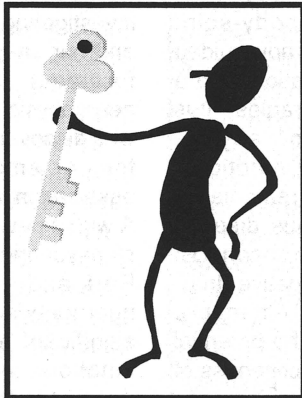
## I'm Out, Now what?

By Ryan Weston

It's supposed to be very difficult to come out of the closet. We begin to expect rejection and confusion. So when I came out to very little commotion I felt as though I was off to a rocking start in my queer life. That was supposed to be the big hump that I had to get over, and it was hardly even a pebble in my shoe. My family was great (and absolutely not surprised) as were my friends. Now, as a 21-year old queer man, I find myself feeling more alienated in many ways than I did when that closet door was still closed.

My predicament is figuring out where I fit in the queer community. When I moved to Waterloo in the fall to begin school I was excited about moving to a "city" (my hometown has 6000 people), with all sorts of stuff going on that I wanted to become involved in. Through friends I ended up getting connected with people who, like

me, were involved in political activism of varying sorts, and have found a wonderful and supportive community. So, it would still seem as though my life were going on pretty well, wouldn't it? Well, the thing is, the only queer people I've gotten to know (after almost a year) are the various lesbians who frequent our circles. I don't know many queer men my age, and am having trouble figuring out how to go about changing that.



The thing is, whenever I go to Renaissance I feel out of place. A friend of mine once described me as a "hippy fag" and I think that seems to work in a way. I'm not your typical gay white man. I have different interests than what the media tells me gay men are interested in, I have different "fashion sense" (in

fact I have none!), and I'm involved in political causes which I barely hear mentioned except among some dykes. So how do I claim my place in the community? When I go and listen to ridiculous music and scope out boys,

who don't even know I'm there, does that mean I'm now part of the queer community in Waterloo? It sure doesn't feel like it. It feels like I don't have a community there at all.

I admit that I'm shy and will rarely go and talk to someone I don't know, but I'm not closed off. I'm open to meeting people, to dancing and laughing and loving people; I just don't feel like I belong in the place where the people I want to meet and laugh with and love are. Yet I'm still pretty lucky. What if I were a person of colour, what if I had a disability, in a very white, able-bodied community, what would it be like for me then?

I will continue to look for my place among the community. I crave connections to other queer men my age. Maybe simply writing this out will be a kickstart to the process. Sometimes, however I feel like if I had wanted to feel this alienated I might as well have stayed in my closet, thin though the walls were.

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## *Enhancing Health: The Power of the Mind-Body Connection*

by Judy Saltarelli Neal, M.A.

I'm writing this at the beginning of Pride week 2001. The top story in today's newspaper is that the incidence of new HIV infections is dramatically increasing in Canada's major cities. Many medical writers speculate that the increase in infection rate may be linked to a decrease in the use of condoms, itself linked to a growing sense of complete safety, possibly misguided, associated with the use of antiretroviral drugs. This perception that there is a quick 'cure' is leading many to either succumb to the understandable urge for increased intimacy—or convenience—or to develop a cavalier attitude toward the risks involved, as in "if I get an HIV infection, I'll just go on the drugs and I'll be alright."

While the antiretroviral treatment is proving to be highly effective at significantly extending life for many, it isn't quite as easy as "just going on the drugs." The antiretroviral cocktail is a blend of highly potent medications, each with some potentially very uncomfortable or dangerous side effects, and the drugs must be taken according to strict guidelines and schedules in order to be effective. Many users find the first few weeks on the cocktail very uncomfortable indeed. They often have to take even more drugs to control side effects such as pain and nausea. They also involve a risk of kidney and liver damage.

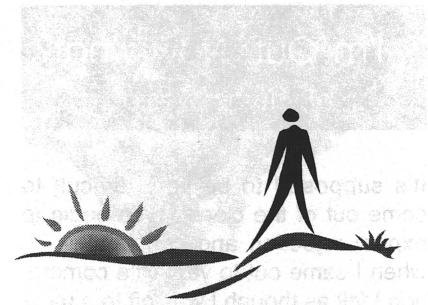
The side effects are leading many people to investigate the potential for a wide variety of complementary and alternative treatments to alleviate these uncomfortable and often serious side effects. Complementary and alternative treatments can be divided into two main categories: those that involve taking an herbal or similar substance, and those that involve using

the power of our mind-body-spirit complex such as hypnotherapy, guided imagery, meditation, relaxation, and a wide variety of energy therapies. It is extremely important for anyone contemplating using any nutritional supplements or alternative remedies to consult with their infectious disease specialist or knowledgeable pharmacist regarding any possible negative drug-supplement interactions. Alternative medications always have the potential to either decrease the effectiveness of the antiretroviral drugs or to increase unwanted side effects.

The use of the mind-body-spirit-energy therapeutic treatments in addition to the antiretroviral program, on the other hand, may be much safer as no substances are taken into the body that could interact with the drug cocktail. When used appropriately, they can be a powerful adjunct to the protocols of western medicine and technology. The use of these psycho-emotional-spiritual healing modalities is fast becoming an integral part of the treatment of cancer and heart disease.

What exactly is the mind-body-spirit connection? Aristotle reportedly said, "Soul and body, I suggest, react sympathetically upon each other." Eastern philosophers and healers have for thousands of years considered the mind and the body to be an integrated whole, united and maintained by a system of circulating energy, or chi. In a western context, the distinct separation of body and soul (or mind) arose in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, when Descartes made his deal with the Church wherein scientists could have access to cadavers to explore the mysteries and functions of the body as long as they left the soul and spirit to the theologians.

A new wave of western scientists has recently begun



investigating the interplay of emotions and our immune system. One of the foremost is Candace Pert, the neurophysiologist and AIDS researcher who discovered the biomolecular basis for our emotions and its intricate association with the immune system. A whole new specialty has arisen, that of psychoneuroimmunology. Briefly, Pert and others discovered that neuropeptide receptors, which play a significant role in the experience of emotions in the brain, are liberally distributed throughout all parts of the immune system. Pert theorizes that the biochemistry of emotion will eventually hold the key to the discovery and manufacture of more physiologically potent and more tolerable AIDS medications. In 1990 Howard Hall demonstrated that the immune system can be consciously

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and beneficially influenced by "cyberphysiologic strategies" such as guided imagery, relaxation, self-hypnosis and biofeedback. This was the first scientific validation of the countless anecdotal reports of post-hypnotic improvement of various maladies. Today we are now seeing similar anecdotal reports following the use of the various energy therapies.

I am not suggesting that anyone consider abandoning mainstream medical care for HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, any STDs or any other diseases or illnesses. It may be productive, though, both for prevention and for treatment, to add one or more of the approaches that marshal the healing abilities of our mind-body-spirit complex. There's a huge smorgasbord to sample, including relaxation, meditation, yoga, Reiki, energy balancing, EFT, Tapas Acupressure and many others. Many of these techniques help you soothe your mind and spirit, and anything that does that, it now seems, may also boost your immune system.

For more information about the role of the mind-body-spirit in healing and prevention, see Candace Pert's book "Molecules of Emotion," Deepak Chopra's "Quantum Healing," Caroline Myss's "Why People Don't Heal and How They Can," and the websites for Emotional Freedom Techniques and Tapas Acupressure Techniques. There is also a raft of other websites dealing with these topics, and they are only a web search away.

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### The Meaning of Success

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure false-friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have known even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success."

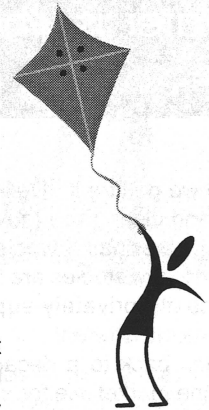
--- Ralph Waldo Emerson

## SHADES OF GREY



### Dare To Fly Your Kite

By Ms. A.J. Mahari



The search for personhood, place and purpose in life is one of considerable challenge. This challenge can be even greater when one is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered.

Personhood is a life-long process. We don't just arrive at the outer edges of it on a given day. We are always growing and evolving. This may be even moreso the case when one is not straight. It can be very difficult to see yourself mirrored back from a predominantly straight world. Gender roles are still very much embedded in our society. Whether or not one fits the mold, the lessons are often the same. When you don't fit that mold, the lessons can be all the more difficult and painful.

Coming to terms with who you are involves coming out to yourself first and to others secondly. Coming out is another life-long process. The extent to which you are able to honour your truth, live authentically, esteem and love yourself is the extent to which you actually claim your personhood.

While many may find rewarding jobs or careers, being LGBT may put them at risk. The same can be said for one's housing. We still live in a world that continues to value sameness over difference and diversity. Finding one's place in this world as a lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered person still carries with it for many an up-hill climb.

Purpose is perhaps, for many, less interwoven within our sexual orientations or gender identifications. It also, however, can present quite a challenge to anyone who comes from a past in which they were penalized for trying to emerge more authentically in the process of fully being everyday.

We have to claim our personhood, our place and our purpose in order to fly the kite that is our potential and promise.

Flying that kite is an individual journey of epic proportions. It is an experience in both joy and pain. It is an odyssey worthy of celebration no matter where you are on the road to all that you seek and need. The trick is to stay true to the journey. Stay on the road that is your pathway in this life.

At each fork in the road, and there will be many, you have ample opportunity to exercise the kind of choices that will bring you closer to the fulfillment of all of your potential and to the acquisition of your promise in action.

Potential is the vehicle that we drive to the promise that is housed within us. Each one of us may drive at his or her own speed. Each one of us has an inherent responsibility to exercise the choices that we have the personal power to exercise to the best of our ability and most importantly, lovingly.

The biggest obstacles to overcome in the acquisition of your personhood, place, and purpose, and the fulfillment of your potential and promise, are self-doubt, negativity, the petty jealousy of others, false-friends, betrayal of trust, homophobia, discrimination, and shame.

Be bound not to those who would criticize. Be bound not by those who talk but never do. Take action in your life. Understand that without reasonable risk you are choosing to stay stuck in what are your greatest fears or pains today. Live your life in the active pursuit of your wildest dreams. Dare to fly your kite. Never look back. Your personhood, place and purpose await you.

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## Water is what we want. Free and clear

By Greg Macdougall

Are we getting it? Definitely not both free and clear. Free (government supplied) water has a whole lot of junk in it, and if new studies are to be believed, the costly privately-supplied variety isn't much different.

Think back to a decade ago. What was the market like for sales of bottled water then, compared with today? To what can we attribute the change - a new need for clearer water that didn't exist to the same extent before, or are companies like Coke (Dasani) the culprits for the commercial turn the water market has taken?

Project Censored has placed the issue of the privatization of the world's water supply at the top of its list of the top 25 censored stories of the year [for full details on all 25, visit [www.projectcensored.org](http://www.projectcensored.org)].

What information is it that is being suppressed by the mass media? Well, multi-national corporations, the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, and free trade agreements (like NAFTA and FTAA) are turning water into a commercial commodity, with the help of complicit national governments.

On the other hand, water is becoming ever more valuable. This from Project Censored's web site: "Global consumption of water is doubling every 20 years, more than twice the rate of human population growth. According to the United Nations, more than one billion people already lack access to fresh drinking water. If current trends persist, by 2025 the demand for fresh water is expected to rise by 56 percent more than the amount of water that is currently available." If current trends persist, by 2025 how much control over the world's water will corporations have?

Hip hop artist Mos Def takes on the subject in his song 'New World Water,' off the album "Black on Both Sides": "Now the world is drinkin it (New World

Water) / Your moms, wife, and baby girl is drinkin it (New World Water) / Up north and down south is drinkin it (New World Water) / You should just have to go to your sink for it (New World Water) / The cash registers is goin "cha-chink!" for it (New World Water) / Fluorocarbons and monoxide / Got the fish lookin cockeyed / Used to be free now it cost you a fee / Cause it's all about gettin that cash (Money) / Said it's all about gettin that cash (Money)."

So there is some resistance. San Francisco company Bechtel Corporation found this out the hard way when their subsidiary, Aguas Del Tunari, took over the water supply of Brazilian city Chochabamba in late 1999. The Brazilian government was pushed by the World Bank to hand over the reigns to a private company, which didn't wait long to jack up prices by double or more. City residents rose up in opposition, shutting down the city for four days in January 2000. In February, the police shut down a march through the city with tear gas. In March, another city shutdown led the Brazilian government to declare martial law, arrest organizers, shut down radio stations and send soldiers out into the streets. In April, it was only after a 17 year old protestor had been shot in the face and killed, that the government finally conceded to the protestors demands and took Bechtel out of the equation.

The thing about this uprising in Brazil was that it was universal. Everyone got involved - some 90 per cent of surveyed residents were against the water supply privatization. Everyone got involved because it was over something that affects everyone. Water. Down there right at the very base of Maslow's hierarchy of needs triangle.

We've been having some water troubles ourselves over here in Canada. The Walkerton inquiry is showing us

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what the Ontario government was up to as it went about changing aspects of the water delivery system. Now privatized water is looking good (is that what Harris was aiming at?); at least we won't have incompetent politicians messing it up. Instead, we'll get some people in charge who are competent - only their competence is not in the area of doing things for the public good.

Most people don't seem to mind though. A two-four of individual-sized water bottles works fine to keep you hydrated. Doesn't set you back too much. A lot better than tap water.

The problem is, the bigger the commercial water market gets, the bigger it will get. As more people abandon tap water, the companies realize their goals of serving an ever-larger group of consumers. In reality, it is more about self-serving as they realize their ultimate goals of increasing profits.

And you don't normally get to hear about this from the mainstream media. The commercial media. The corporate media. While the protests were in full force in Quebec against the Free Trade Area of the Americas, the press wasn't doing much digging in terms of what the agreements were actually about.

Imagine a different media, one that would explore, in detail, what the agreements mean. One that would have provided in depth coverage of how NAFTA takes away some of a government's control over its their country's water supply.

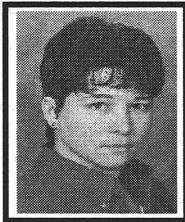
Imagine a media that would have done a similar look at the FTAA and how it will affect our lives, instead of doing play-by-play of the good old fight between police and protestors.

Imagine the possibilities ... Independent Media.

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## PASSIONATE RELATIONS



### Your infinitely loveable self

By Jasmine Neaves

Oh, you love this woman. You are crazy about her. And one night as you are sharing a cup of raspberry tea at dusk, you look up to see her whole body glowing with desire. You get that fluttering in your belly, your heart skips a beat, and—you pull your eyes away. You look down. A voice behind you starts to cackle. "Yeah, she likes me now, but wait till she gets to know me. Like, really know me." She leans over and touches your hand. "What's wrong?"

"Nothing. I guess I'm just scared."

"Scared of what?"

You pause. You can hardly form the words, they are so shameful. You push back the tears as you try to form words: "Of falling in love."

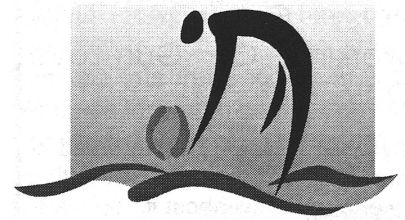
This is your way of saying, "If you really knew me, you wouldn't love me." But since you cannot say these words honestly, they remain unspoken, never facing a reply, never being challenged.

Let's challenge them.

Where do you get this idea that the real you is not loveable? That the most beautiful parts of you are what you construct with clothes and preening and artifice and presentation? That the most beautiful parts of you are not really you?

This concept has its source in the myths of Western European civilization. As the Christian myth goes (only one example), God loves you in spite of who you are, not because of who you are, and Christ died to make you acceptable. God can look at you only if he sees Christ in front of you. He cannot look at you for you. You're just too sinful, too ugly. The Creator of life, who was supposed to have come up with the idea of you in the first place, has to cover his eyes when you're naked? If he can't stand the sight of you, how can you expect a mere mortal to truly love you?

And so you think: she must love me because I am physically attractive, or because I just happened to be there, or because she hasn't found someone else better than me....But she doesn't love me for



me. She doesn't know me yet. She doesn't know my history or what happened with my ex-lover. Wait till she gets tired of my quirks, my illness, my tears, my kids, my fears, my family. She will get bored. The love will fizzle.

In my experience—and I have 4 decades of it—the truth is the opposite. The more I get to know someone, the more beautiful they become. The deeper you explore each other, the more intimate you become, the more honest and trusting you are, the more you share with each other of your most personal feelings and experiences, the more you love them. It's exhilarating.

Yes, there are exceptions. I once lost a friend of 15 years after she betrayed me, in the worst way. I came to know her other side and was shocked to hell. But are you a traitor or a fiend? So why would you fear that someone who loves you will stop loving you for who you are?

That woman who is swooning in your presence right now, tilting her head to one side, weakened by adoration—yes, she will lose interest in you and fall out of love, you can count on it—IF you don't let her in. If you refuse to trust her and welcome her into the most tender, private rooms of that house you call your heart, then how on earth can she continue loving you?




In other words, if you surrender to your fears, they will come true. It happens all the time in the "couples" you see around you. But they are not healthy couples, and they are not in love. Try the other route. Yes, it's a risk to open your heart, but if you close it, love cannot grow—EVER. If you let someone see all of you they ache to see, they will keep falling in love with you. So open up to her. Cry in her arms. Be yourself and luxuriate in all the love coming your way. You are unspeakably beautiful, and if your lover is truly meant for you, she wants to enjoy every nook and cranny of your body and soul. I dare you to prove me wrong.

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## Heterosexual Day In Regina Stirs Up Controversy Organizer Now Working On Gun-Love Day

**Canadian Press** - They're proud of breeding and they plan on letting everybody know about it.

The city is celebrating its first Heterosexual Family Pride Day on Monday.

Organizer Bill Whatcott says events will include a parade from the provincial legislature to city hall.

A request for a flag raising event was turned down. Whatcott, a former mayoralty candidate, maintains the day is meant to celebrate the family.

But a preamble to a proclamation marking the day is causing concern in Regina's gay and lesbian community.

A section reads "husbands and wives who enjoy sexual relations in the confines of their heterosexual marriage have no reason to worry about STD's, AIDS or broken hearts."

A city spokesman says beginning next month, there will be a generic preamble for proclamations.

Emboldened by the support for his special day, Whatcott is now asking Regina to declare a Gun Owners Pride Day in the fall.

### Anarchists To Disrupt Gay Mardi Gras

A group of anarchists is hoping to disrupt Lesbian and Gay Mardi Gras this weekend (June 29) by holding an alternative festival and distributing "propaganda" and free sex toys.

The group and the gathering are both called LaDiDah.

Some members of the group were involved with the May Day anti-capitalist demonstrations.

Members of LaDiDah see the annual Mardi Gras event as elitist and exclusive; they are particularly critical of the entrance fee. Up until 1999, Pride festivals were free.

One of the group, known as 'Greg', told RainbowNetwork: "Mardi Gras is trying to brainwash you into a passive consumerist way of living, a way of living that oppresses others through things like sweatshops."

Greg continued: "It's classist, it's sexist, and it's biased towards the white middle class men who dominate the gay movement."

LaDiDah will hold a festival outside the Mardi Gras gates in Finsbury Park, North London. They will be distributing free sex toys as well as copies of 'The Pink Pauper' - a satirical version of The Pink Paper.

'Cath', another member of the group, said that they would be handing out

anarchist "propaganda" during the Pride march earlier in the day.

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resents for cultural historians the birth of homosexuality as a category of identity, and we have chosen only to include those artists from the late 19th and early 20th centuries for whom compelling evidence existed regarding their sexual orientation. The composers presented here showcase an incredibly rich font of talent, and it is a delight to bring them together.



The biographies of these composers truly are fascinating; more information about them can be found on our website.

The performer is Elif Savas, a noted Turkish soprano who is a winner of several international competitions. The pianist is the Martin Hennessy, a noted composer and the founder of Positive Music, a musical ensemble dedicated to promoting AIDS/HIV awareness and education.

For more information on biographical resources, as well as sound files and how to get a copy of the CD, please visit our website at [www.elifsavas.com](http://www.elifsavas.com)

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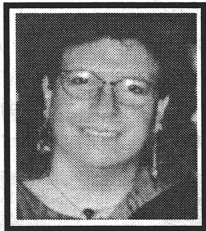
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## Pride Day was ours!



By Lyn McGinnis

For a day we were out in the open. For a day we felt no fear. For a day we had the power to make our own world. This is why Pride Day exists, and will continue forever.

As long as we connect with each other and remember our history and culture, there will always be Pride events, regardless of changes to our legal status. We were enriched by each other and together created a unique cultural space. For some, this was their first time out. Our community provided a strong affirmation to those "first timers." Our Pride weekend of June 8, 9 and 10 was the moment we wrested control of who we are, how we define ourselves, and how we occupy public space in Waterloo and Wellington Regions!

And we did so in record numbers. Several sources agree over 700 enthusiastically cheering people were on Roos Island at the peak of Drew's glorious performance as Cher! We had 500 last year, an increase from the year before. We must be doing something right! As more know about us and feel safe to attend, our events will continue to grow. This change means some will feel a loss of intimacy, of having all your friends around and knowing everyone. With any small community there is something lost in growth, but our commitment to bringing everyone out of the closet and creating a strong, inclusive and vital community has to be our first priority.

While the curious hets looked on, we set the stage for our own celebration. We came hand in hand, children in tow, and not a cold stare or rude word could stop us. We looked around and saw our diversity and harmony. Again Roos Island became a "Hate-Free Zone," where we could relax and affirm each other, and ourselves. We were joined by more allies from a variety of supportive organizations and businesses than we have ever had before. Our queer linguistic and ideological barriers came down. Lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and

transgender persons came together in one community.

We also honoured our own. Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride (WWRP) committee presented plaques to Club Renaissance, Gays and Lesbians of Waterloo, Wholistic Health Shop and Muses Café for their ongoing contributions to our community.

The Chairperson and I found ourselves having to deal with some problems behind the scenes most were not aware of. Many of our challenges had to do with the fact that information the city made available to a committee member was not made available to the rest of the committee. Furthermore, during



the Drag Show portion of the entertainment, two laws were violated. One track used during one of Chris Edwards' performances included language and epithets that some found offensive. Also, during one of Drew's performances, an audience member approached the performance area and exposed his rear while dancing with Drew. Both of these incidents violate laws regarding conduct in a public place. Victoria Park is relatively new to large public events such as ours, and the City of Kitchener has realized that there is a need to codify their policies regarding acceptable public behaviour.

Along with the concerns the city has regarding the content of the performances at issue, there is the reality of our own changing



demographics. Two years ago when Chris sang the same song, there were perhaps a dozen children in total on the island. This year there were enough to fill a daycare!

Drew has gotten "up close and personal" with a willing member of the audience every year. We have great pictures on The Voice Magazine web site of Drew and a very enthusiastic young woman doing the same two years ago. As the age range of our audience and the increasing interest the city has in our event changes, we will adapt accordingly to try to suit as many of you as possible.

That said, we stand firmly behind the excellent and varied talent we had on the day. In the future we will present guidelines to outline clearly what is appropriate in an indoor setting and in a public park. This is something the performers themselves have requested.

Since Pride, I have been stopped by people wherever I go and told that it was a great day and thanking us for our efforts. I respond by saying thank you!

Thanks for coming out and supporting your community! Thanks to all the individuals and organizations working so hard to give us a sense of identity and safe places to be ourselves! Thank you for helping us cover our costs by paying the admission and for donating food for the food bank. Thank you for all your helpful and constructive feedback and encouragement since the event. We now have many new faces wanting to join the WWRP and are already thinking about what we can do better next year. Thank you most of all for being proud of who you are and celebrating in a way to help others come out and join us.

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## Why Was Judy Garland So Important to Gays?

By Rawley Grau

When New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn on Friday, June 27, 1969, they couldn't have expected much resistance; raids on gay bars were fairly routine affairs. But the Stonewall's patrons were in no mood to cooperate with the authorities. That very afternoon they had buried one of their dearest friends: Judy Garland, whose pain and tenacity, expressed so deeply in her songs, reflected their own struggles. This time, instead of letting themselves be led away in handcuffs, they fought back against the police, grief turning into rage, and ignited a liberation movement that continues today.

This, at least, is one explanation of why the Stonewall Riots happened when they did. The timing, in any case, hardly seems coincidental, for in the 20th century no performer was as idolized by gay men as Judy Garland.

The 47-year-old singer and movie star, who had long been addicted to pills, died from an overdose of barbiturates early Sunday morning, June 22, at her home in London - it was most likely a tragic accident, not suicide. More than 22,000 mourners turned out for the public viewing in New York on Thursday and Friday; among them were hundreds, if not thousands, of gay men.

For nearly two decades, gays had been obsessed with Judy Garland, and this obsession had fostered a kind of community. Gay men would refer to each other as "friends of Dorothy" - a probable allusion to Garland's role in *The Wizard of Oz*. To find out if someone else was gay, they would mention their Judy Garland records. Attending her performances became an experience of solidarity for gay men, a "community of feeling," as one British fan described a 1960 concert: "It was as if the fact that we had gathered to see Garland gave us permission to be gay in public for once."

Garland's special bond with gay fans began in 1950, when she was fired by her studio, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and attempted suicide. According to film

historian Richard Dyer, these events signaled "a sudden break with Garland's uncomplicated and ordinary MGM image"; no longer was she just the girl next door. Less than a year later, Garland made a triumphant comeback, not in film but with her concert tour, dazzling critics and audiences alike, first in London, then in New York.

"The history of my life is in my songs," Garland sang at the beginning of her concerts. Torch songs like "You Made Me Love You" gave way to other songs, like the determined "Come Rain or Come Shine" - all delivered with an emotional honesty few could resist. Even the burlesque "I Don't Care" conveyed a message that resonated with gay fans: "Don't try to rearrange me, There's nothing can change me, / 'Cause I don't care!" To close the show, Garland would sit on the edge of the stage and sing "Over the Rainbow." Her life story served, too, as the not so hidden subtext for two of her post-MGM movies, *A Star Is Born* (1954) and *I Could Go on Singing* (1963), both tales of loss and endurance.

Garland's troubles were well-known: domination by a controlling stage mother, then by callous studio executives; anxiety over her appearance; turbulent marriages; illness, mood swings, and addictions. Gay men related to her pain, but more importantly, they were inspired by the indomitable spirit that transformed pain into art.

They responded, too, to something vaguely androgynous in her film persona: she was usually boyish, rarely demure, and for her show-stopping musical numbers she would often don black tie and tails or a clown's baggy trousers.

For her part, Garland valued her gay fans, though she could also joke about them. "When I die I have visions of fags singing 'Over the Rainbow' and the flag at Fire Island being flown at half mast," she reportedly said.

Still, it's worth noting that, in her personal life, Garland was repeatedly



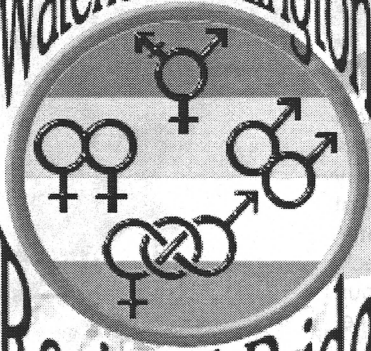
drawn to gay or bisexual men. Two of her five husbands - director Vincente Minnelli and actor Mark Herron - were gay or bisexual, as were at least two extramarital lovers. Even her future son-in-law, Peter Allen, whom she introduced to daughter Liza Minnelli, proved to be gay. And although Garland herself was predominantly heterosexual, she was rumored to have had affairs with women, including the publicist MGM assigned to spy on her.

Garland's attraction to gay men may have been linked to her relationship with her father, Frank Gumm, a former Vaudevillian and movie house manager who on several occasions was run out of town because of dalliances with teenage boys. Gumm died when Judy was 13, not long after she signed with MGM. "I wasn't close to my father, but I wanted to be all my life," Garland later said. "He was a gay Irish gentleman and very good-looking. And he wanted to be close to me, too, but we never did have time together."

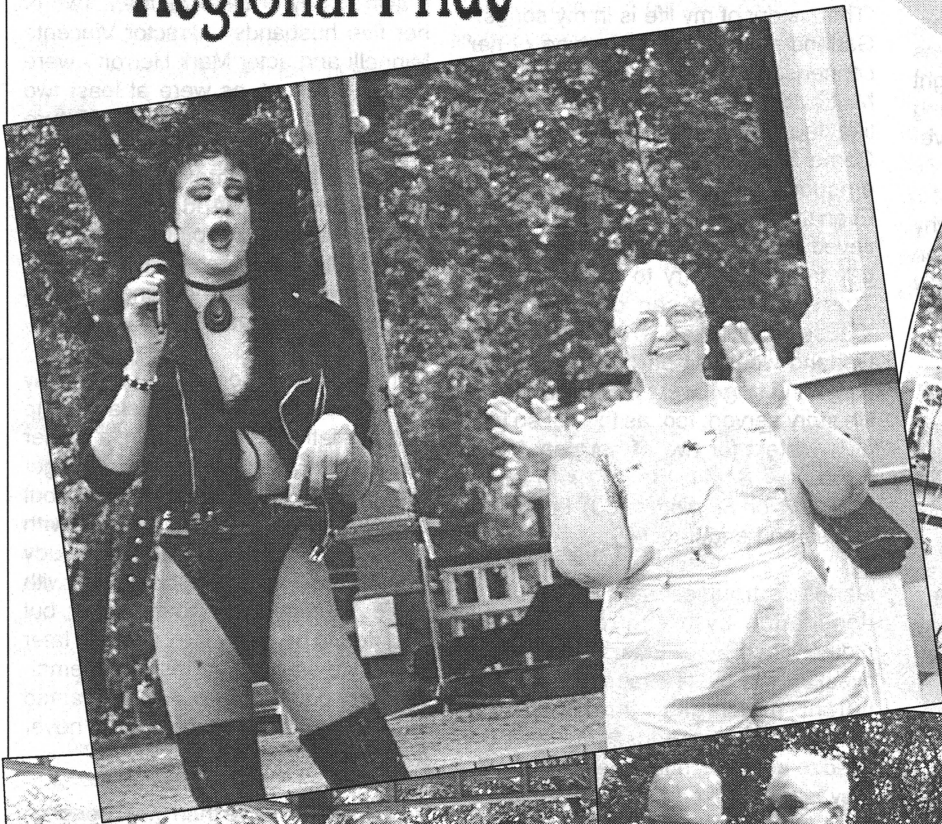
Perhaps even more than most performers, Garland craved the love of her audience. "All those who applauded her, who stood up and cheered ... were providing her with an identity," suggests biographer Gerald Clarke. And for many gay men in her audience, she was, through her remarkably honest performances, returning the favor.

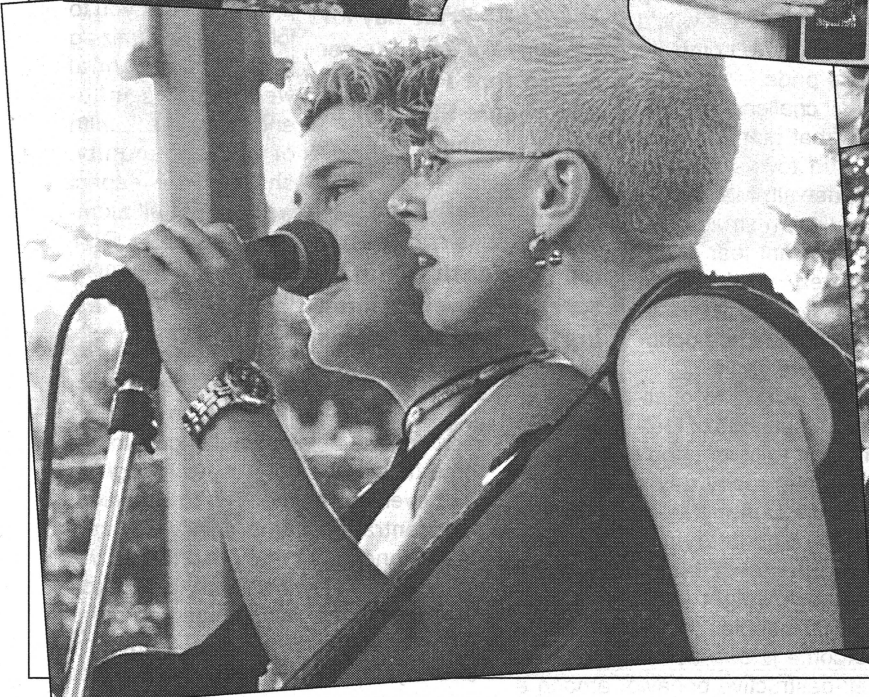
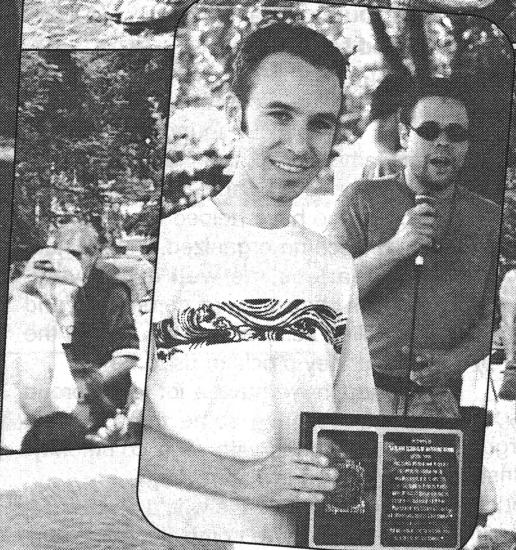
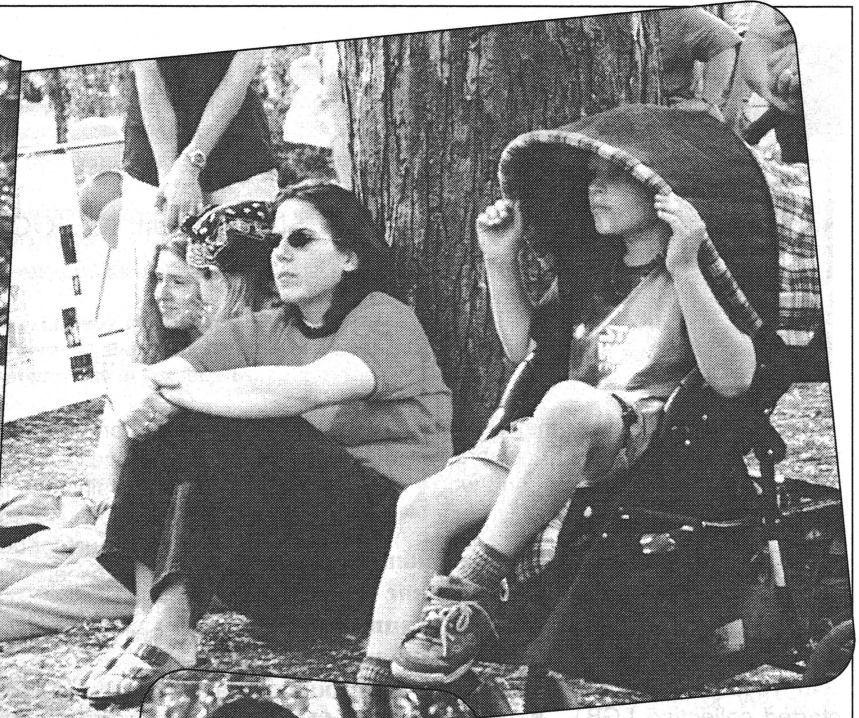
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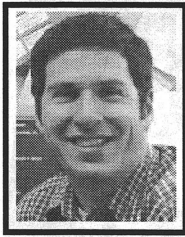
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LGBT Pride: From stONeWall to Today

By Dr. Jeffrey Chernin

This is the time of year that we get together as a community to celebrate "who we are, who we were, and who we are becoming." Stonewall is commonly referred to as heralding the gay liberation movement in 1969, but our modern history started long before that.

In 1942, Jim Kepner started collecting LGBT materials, from which he founded the International Gay and Lesbian Archives in 1951. In 1952, Dorr Legg and several others began ONE Incorporated and ONE Magazine. In 1954 the U.S. Post Office confiscated an issue of ONE, declaring it obscene. The crew fought back and won a Supreme Court ruling in 1958, which has paved the way for the incredibly diverse LGBT literature as it stands today.

In 1994, after expanding their services, the two organizations merged their materials to become ONE Institute & Archives, creating the world's largest collection of historical documents of the experiences of LGBT people.

I had the good fortune to attend the grand (and I mean grand!) opening of the new home to ONE Institute & Archives at the University of Southern California on May 6th. Looking over the vast amount of historical literature and attending the opening ceremonies filled me with a sense of pride. It also filled me with gratitude that these fierce leaders had the forethought to chronicle their experiences while fighting for their convictions. I learned so much, and realize that I have so much to learn. Lisa Ben, founder of Vice-Versa magazine (in 1947!), Jim, Dorr, and others of their time showed extraordinary acts of courage during a time of complete oppression.

These people rightfully felt proud of their accomplishments. We, as they,

also have a right to feel proud about overcoming the obstacles we face. We can feel good about maintaining self-respect and dignity in the face of

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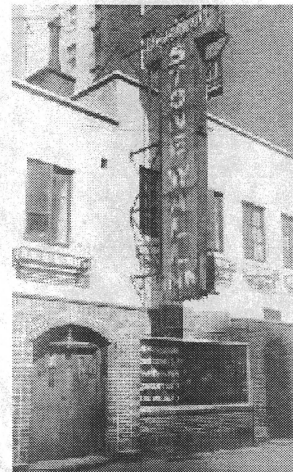
people who hate us just for being LGBT. We can feel pride about being ourselves when just being ourselves is risky.

As a community, we have come out in huge numbers, thanks in part to our own raw courage, but assisted by our founding mothers and fathers. We can also thank the Dr. Lauras, Helms, and Falwells of the world, who have helped us by forcing us to become organized, determined, and fearless, as well as proving, through their absurd comments and hate-filled actions, that we are not the people they proclaim us to be.

Although we have a lot to be proud about, we have some things yet to come to terms with as a community; with the last few stumbling blocks removed, we would have the right to complete and total pride.

The first challenge to consider is that many smaller cities and towns are still pre-Stonewall. Many people who live in small cities are in constant fear of being outed and being harmed. It is up to us to publicly confront homophobia where we find it.

Another hurdle to overcome is the attitude of feeling superior to other people or groups. For example, many gay men disparage lesbians, many lesbians belittle gay men, and individuals in both groups put down bisexuals, drag queens, overweight individuals, and older LGBT people. Yet another hurdle to overcome is our lack of outrage at the self-destructive behavior among a



segment of our population. In particular, I'm referring to LGBT people who abuse K, GHB, crystal, and other drugs of destruction. As a treatment provider for gay and bisexual men who are addicted to crystal, I have seen the literal devastation of many men's lives. Drug use is not confined to gay men in large cities, but it seems to be concentrated there, and no one is speaking up. And for what HIV is now failing to do to us, crystal has taken its place.

Therefore, this LGBT pride day, I'm going to re-dedicate myself to overcoming my own prejudices, speak up when people put segments of our community down, and speak out against drugs of destruction. And I am asking you to join me, to realize that every lesbian, gay male, bisexual, and

transgendered life is precious. I ask you to join me in recognizing that our personal well-being is influenced by the health of our community, and the more respect we have for all members of the LGBT community, the more healthy each of us will be.

I'm going to ask every reader to join me in considering

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perhaps the biggest challenge—to not hate those who hate us, to recognize that every homophobe is to be pitied. Concentration camp survivor Victor Frankl once said that prisoners in the camps died only once, but the guards died every time they shouted an order at the prisoners. This LGBT Pride day and beyond, I'm going to recognize that

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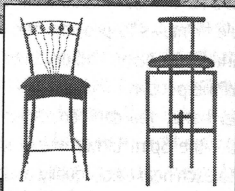
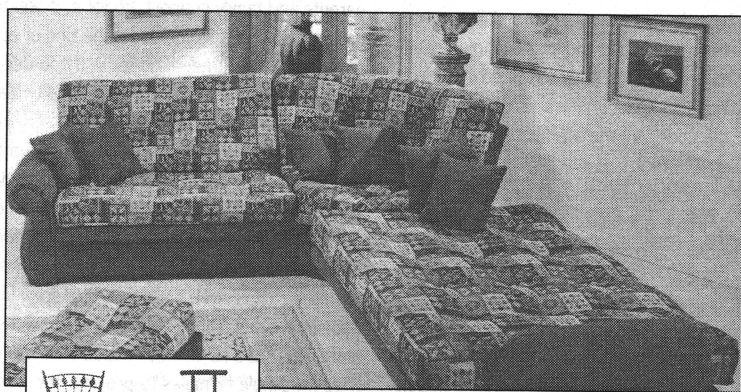
At this time of year as we celebrate LGBT Pride, I'm inviting you to know how strong, beautiful, and powerful you are. And that no matter what, no one can take away our history; our ONE, our Stonewall, our defeats and our tri-

umphs. You have the right to feel proud—not just for being lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transsexual, but to know that surviving to this day is a triumph.

To learn more about the ONE Institute & Archives, go to:

[www.usc.edu/isd/archives/oneigla/](http://www.usc.edu/isd/archives/oneigla/)

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## Gays and lesbians 'un-insurable' claims survey

Most life insurance companies won't insure lesbians, gay men, same sex couples or those living with HIV, according to research from the gay website, Queercompany.com

A survey into the attitudes of the top 20 life insurance companies in the UK found none offers genuinely non-discriminatory life insurance to gay people and those with HIV and 40% of companies will not offer a joint policy to a same sex couple.

Zurich Life, which openly admits it will not offer life insurance to gay men and lesbians, said: "We do not quote on homosexuals. We have difficulty assessing the risk. We admit we are not good at it."

Allied Dunbar said: "Our computers that were set up years ago can't cope with same sex couples - the systems do not allow it."

Half the companies said they attached coverage exemptions or additional charges to policies for lesbians, gay men or same-sex couples and 60% of companies insisted on a gay man taking an HIV test before offering him life insurance at any level.

Only Clerical Medical would offer life insurance to someone with HIV, but only if attached to an investment bond. As a result of its research Queercompany is hoping to offer a life insurance product that does not discriminate on the grounds of gender, sexual orientation or HIV status in a deal with Travel Assist/CPP.

"The Life Insurance companies we spoke to have spent too long hiding behind excuses of not being able to assess the risks of insuring queer people," said Wanda Goldwag, the managing director of Queercompany.com

"Queer men and women do not present any greater risk to an insurer than their heterosexual peers."

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# Spiritual Life: The Quest for Freedom

THIS IS THE CHURCH. HERE IS THE STEEPLE.  
OPEN THE DOORS AND SEE ALL THE PEOPLE

By Noel Springwood

That little ditty from childhood, played out with a simple manipulation of hands and fingers, says a lot.

When many of us think of spirituality, we think of church. What constitutes church and how we can fit in are often questions that are not nearly so simple.

Church is ultimately about community, or, more properly, commonality. I learned that to identify a church, one had to be able to identify a creed, a code and a cult. Since some of these words have acquired altered meanings, let me supply a context.

By Creed is meant a statement of belief, of principle, in which the focus of the church is based. Code refers to a code of conduct and law by which the church and its members are governed. Cult has nothing to do with cultists but outlines the rituals and ceremonies that constitute worship in that church.

So, it remains for the individual seeking a Church affiliation to determine which church can ultimately provide the avenue to spiritual awareness that is sought and that will work.

The important starting point for all of this is that any spirituality that has been formulated, or packaged, has been frozen, in time and space. Caution is therefore necessary when adopting any of these. Often, this translates into empty precepts and meaningless ritual: a kind of going through the motions without really knowing why.

A story, provided by Jesuit Author Paul Melo may help here. It seems that a kind of church was begun by a very wise and wonderfully charismatic person. The church attracted many adherents. While the founder was alive, the founder presided at worship services. The founder had a cat that bothered the worshippers. The custom arose of tying up the cat before each service.

Ultimately, the founder died and a new leader was found to officiate at the services. The custom of tying up the cat was retained.

Then, finally, the cat died. A new cat was quickly found to tie up before each service.

There's nothing wrong with organized religion, with what is generally called "church". Before aligning oneself with one of these establishments, however, some investigation is due.

In terms of motive, it is necessary to determine the why and wherefore of wanting to belong in the first place. If it is simply for community, there will be

one choice; if it is for a sense of certainty, there will be another; if it is for an avenue for spiritual growth, there will be another.

Examine the Creed. What are the professed beliefs and how do they translate into daily activity and mutual understanding and love and tolerance? Are they simply theological abstracts or do they have real meaning and impact on the lives of individual?

Examine the Code. Are the conditions of membership exclusive or inclusive, merciful or harsh, outmoded or contemporary, absolute or flexible? The answers to these questions could easily tell you whether or not you could benefit and grow from a given association.

Finally, look at the Cult. Do you have to sit for hours listening to abstract theological treatises, moral diatribes against every evil, real or imaginable, or wishy washy togetherness as nice kinds of placebos? Is there decent music and participation, enough to lift up the spirit and encourage participation? Is there fancy dress or simply an almost total avoidance of any kind of traditional formality? Is the whole affair relaxed and fluid or is there a rigidity and coldness that predominates? Do you feel at home?

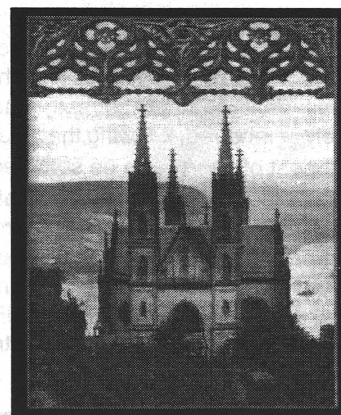
A Monty Python sketch that I've treasured for some time portrays God in heaven observing a group of worshippers. God asks an accompanying Angel, "Are they standing in rows and mumbling again?" The Angel murmurs a reluctant, "Yes, God, they're standing in rows and mumbling again."

On the other hand, I've often felt that the whole "God is dead" thing has been badly misinterpreted. If some worship is any indication, it should be, "God is deaf."

One more consideration, in this matter, involves personal accountability and responsibility. Many churches are much easier to join than to leave. Many are basically in the business of acquiring contributing members and do not easily let go of anyone, once a commitment has been made. This seems to be especially true of those who claim "salvation" as a self-proclaimed privilege, open to members only. Some even go so far as to definitively limit the numbers of the faithful who can be saved.

Caution is to be advised and the rules of adherence clearly understood and determined before any kind of real church affiliation is advisable for anyone. Again, there is no easy answer; but the step should not be taken without investigation and care.

Whatever the answer, it has to be found in your heart. If you are comfortable in the tradition your



parents and family support, go for it. If you find a group that speaks to you about the kind of acceptance and love you need, go for it. If you decide to delve your own depths to find a spirituality that you can live by, go for it.

In terms of belonging to a particular group, it can be very easy to compromise, if not lie, about the conditions of membership. At the same time, the need to belong might just be worth this infringement on personal integrity.

Whatever choice you make, it is your spirit that will benefit or suffer. There are no easy, absolute solutions. There are far too many options for comfort. I have no simple formulas to provide. You can't just play a hand and finger game and discover the right church and all the people.

On the other hand, you can remember that the Spirit is Gentle, the Spirit blows where it will, the Spirit speaks to each heart individually, and the Spirit will come to all who are open to it.

Maybe it's just a question of opening the doors to your own heart to let all the people in. What a powerful concept that is. What a wonderful church that would be.

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## GAY BIZ



### Marketing to Generation X

Who are we and what do we want?

by Darren Kregar  
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*There are many articles about this generation and their buying behaviours. What follows are my thoughts on a generation that I consider to be the 'lost' generation.*

Generation Xers consider themselves to be survivalists. They believe that if they don't take care of themselves, no one will. This generation is all about the individual. Many of these individuals are well on their way to financial security considering that many of these same individuals had worked in retail or fast food during the late eighties and nineties. This is the best educated generation. This group was born from 1961 to 1966, according to the characters in Douglas Coupland's novel "Generation X". There are 3.2 million Generation Xers in Canada.

This generation's life experience has led them to distrust any sort of large institution. They look out for 'number one'.

The baby boomers who preceded them, claimed most of the good jobs and opportunities. Generation Xers entered the job market at a time of few

jobs. Since then, the same generation have improved their education and are now told that they are 'too old' for entry level jobs and too short of experience for more senior ones. The children of the boomers who are starting to enter the job market are getting the entry level jobs. They too are educated but also young and willing to work hard.

What does this all mean? Gen-Xers must speak out and be heard. They must be aggressive and will continue to fight to move forward. They are not afraid to challenge authority. This group is looking out for themselves at all times.

They are the group that are willing to try 'something new'. A good example is that this group of individuals were introduced to the compact disc. Twenty years later, compact disc sales account for nearly all sales of recorded music. They are a quality-conscience group. They will pay high prices for products only if the price relates to the quality of the product.

Marketing to this generation is not an easy task and, as a result, many companies will expand the group to include

all those individuals between 18 and 34 years of age. Unfortunately to compare the twenty year olds to that of the thirty year olds can be dangerous.

Generation Xers are starting to make their mark on society by creating their own opportunities through self employment. They are just starting to get the jobs they worked so hard for. This same group is heading back into city centres to live and work.

They are laid back in their attitudes but are hard workers in whatever they do. They do not want to be told to do something, but to be told this is what will happen if you do this.

And remember the eighties, it was the Gen-Xer decade as teens and look what happened as a result . . .

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July 20th

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BB & GG Night at the Bombshelter Club, U of W. For more information call GLOW at 884-4569

2nd & 4th Wednesdays in July

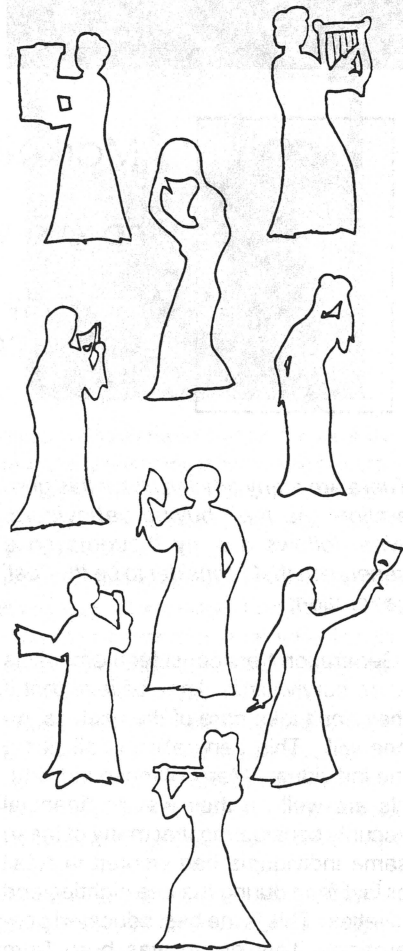
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On the second Wednesday of July, Glow will hold its Heart to Heart Discussion Group. On the fourth Wednesday in July the Diversity Discussion Group takes place. For more information on either group or the Coming Out Discussion Group call GLOW at 884-4569

We will be beginning even earlier this year to organize next year's Pride Weekend. Volunteers are welcome to come and join in the process of not only planning pride but helping to continue to build this community organization. [wwrp@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:wwrp@rainbow.on.ca) or call (519) 743-[REDACTED]

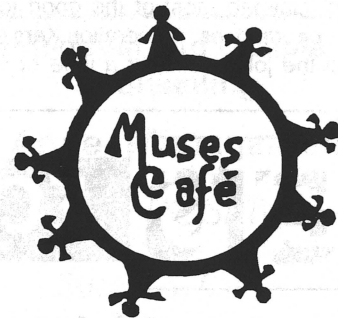
For a list of groups and activities that take place on a regular basis please see page 30. Or check them out on line at [www.thevoice.on.ca](http://www.thevoice.on.ca) by clicking on Community

Do you have an event that you'd like to publicize? Get the word out by letting us know about it so we can include your event in our events section. [REDACTED]



*Far away there in the sunshine  
are my highest aspirations.*

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but I can look up and see their beauty,  
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and try to follow where they lead.*



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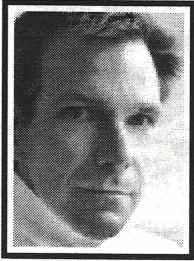
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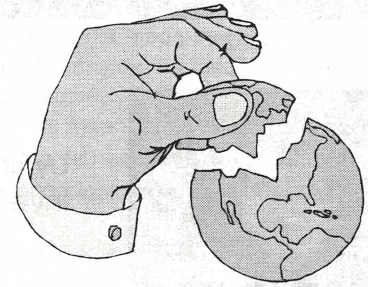
## HIS-STORY



### Confessions of a Late Bloomer

#### Dividing up the Silver, Dividing up the Friends

By Randy Siegel



Shards of blue and white glass were all that remained of one of my favorite glasses. Pistachio shells were ground into the Mexican tile floors, and the house smelled of smoke. Two of my oldest friends had just left my home, and I felt violated, sad, angry and confused.

It had been close to four years since I had seen them. While we had stayed in touch during my divorce, it was at arms' length. I needed space. I needed to deal with my divorce as well as with coming out.

They initiated this meeting sensing we needed to see each other soon or our friendship would dissolve. They were right.

They had found out about the divorce by calling the house after I moved out. My ex-wife answered. She had never been one of their favorites, but as she tearfully told her story their attitude changed.

They became a player in her drama. Each week they called offering advice and counsel. From the dividing of the silver to the final financial settlement, she told them things about my marriage and divorce my brothers did not know.

Now, they were sitting in my kitchen downing their third martini. As the

alcohol took its effect, the conversation shifted. It became apparent they had an agenda. They wanted to hear my side of the story.

I declined. By telling my side of the story, they became judges, and friends do not make good judges. I sought higher ground.

Despite my best intentions, my resolve failed when they threw out an untrue accusation. Others followed.

Some of their accusations were totally unfounded. Others were not. They poked at the rawest areas of our marriage. I was on trial, and try as I might, I was doing what I did not want to do. I was defending myself.

The questions stopped when they seemed satisfied, although not convinced, with my answers. They were pleased with themselves for having the courage to bring up these difficult issues with me. With the air cleared, we could resume our friendship, they said.

I felt battered, bruised and angry. I was disappointed in myself for becoming defensive. I had fallen back into old patterns: I cared too much what others thought.

I was also disappointed in them for being so insensitive and uncaring. While they were eager to tell me how well my ex was doing, they were not

equally interested in my new life. That made me angry.

Finally, I was disappointed in our friendship. Friends do not punish friends, and I felt punished.

At the same time, I was sympathetic. No one has written the definitive manual on dealing with divorce.

It is hard when close friends go through a divorce. It's hard to listen yet not get involved. It's hard not to take sides and stay friends with both persons.

I learned a lot from this experience. The best thing we can do for friends going through a divorce is to love each person unconditionally, and love the individuals as we loved the couple.

We as divorced people need to be patient, realizing our friends need time to learn to deal with us differently. We need to carefully choose the people with whom we share the details of our divorce, limiting those conversations to those who are exclusively our friends. More importantly, we should never demand friends take sides. We should respect their right to remain friendly with both parties.

In the following days, the couple called leaving voice mails that were light and funny. I did not return their calls.

Nothing throws light on friendships more than bad times, and few bad times are worse than divorce. I learned true friendships are based on more than history. True friendships are grounded in mutual trust, respect and love. Only then can they survive.

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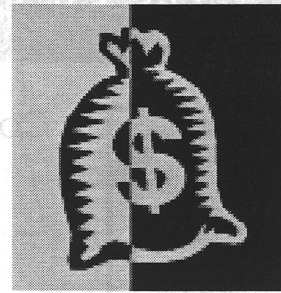
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# GAY MONEY



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## Insuring Your Mortgage

Buying a new home is an exciting experience. However, most of us need to finance a large part of the purchase price of our homes. Taking on a mortgage is a big responsibility.

When you negotiate your new mortgage, one of the first things the lending institution will suggest is that you apply for life insurance. This is a good idea. After all, if you should die prematurely, you want to ensure that your family is looked after, and a fully-paid mortgage would make life a lot easier for them.

There are a variety of insurance products to choose from and different ways to purchase them. You should consider all of your options.

## Purchasing Insurance From The Lending Institution

This insurance is inexpensive and easy to apply for. All that you are required to do is answer a few basic questions about your health. If your answers are favorable, the bank offers you insurance coverage on the spot. Only if you answer unfavorably will the insurance company investigate your health.

Because insurability is not fully verified before the policy is issued, there is a higher risk that the claim might not be paid. If this were to happen, your family's only recourse would be through the Court system. This process could take many years. Mortgage payments must continue during this time or your house could be repossessed.

### Some other considerations when purchasing insurance from the lending institution:

This insurance is usually decreasing term coverage. The premium payments remain the same while the amount of life insurance reduces as the balance owing on the mortgage does. Reducing your mortgage amount faster by paying lump sums and higher monthly payments has no effect on the life insurance premiums.

The insuring company has the right to increase your premiums at any time.

The death benefit **MUST** be used to pay off the mortgage. Your family will not be able to use the funds for any other reason. The lender is the policy owner and sole beneficiary. You are actually insuring the lender against the default of the mortgage payments.

If you move your mortgage to another lender, you lose all insurance benefits and must reapply. If you are no longer healthy enough to qualify, your application could be turned down.

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All of this investigation into your health is done to ensure that there are not any unfavorable health problems, which could make you uninsurable. *The more information the insurance company has, the more confident you can be that the claim, when it is made, will be paid out with no delays.*

Having your own individual life insurance policy will provide you and your family with flexibility. Even if you move or pay off your mortgage the coverage will stay in force.

Your family will be able to decide for themselves how the insurance proceeds will best benefit them.

There are several different types of individual life insurance available. Your Financial Planner is trained and licensed to help you choose the coverage that best suits your needs.

### Conclusion

Regardless of which type of insurance plan you choose, remember that your main concern is to provide your family with security. Your death should not force them into changing their current standard of living. The type of insurance you select today will determine how much flexibility your family will have if you should die.

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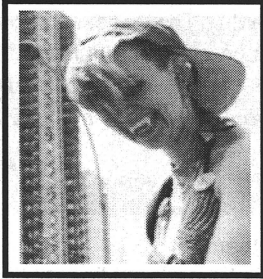
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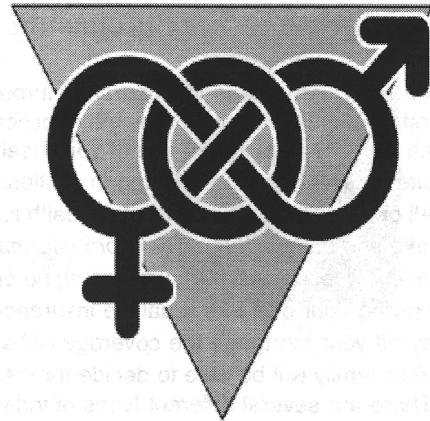
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## BI-STORY



### What Is Bi-Sexuality?

By Heidi Vanderheiden



Bisexuality is a hot topic nowadays. It has received tremendous media attention in recent years. Bisexual themes are seen in fashion shows, magazines including Newsweek, television shows, and movies. Much coverage has been given to the bisexual orientation of celebrities such as John Cheever, Calvin Klein, Madonna, Camille Paglia, Elton John, Mick Jagger, Jan Wenner, Rachel Williams, Laurence Olivier, Cary Grant, and Eleanor Roosevelt. Yet most people have little understanding of bisexuality.

What is bisexuality? William Wedin, Ph.D., Manhattan psychologist and director of the Bisexual Information and Counseling Services, defines bisexuality as "the capacity to be aroused by either gender." Dr. Gail Elizabeth Wyatt, UCLA psychiatry professor has a slightly different but related definition: "The individual must define for herself what her sexual preference is .... Someone cannot identify [her] sexual orientation for her based solely on behavior."

According to Lani Ka'ahumanu, bisexual activist and co-editor of *Bi Any Other Name*, "Bisexuality shakes up the rigid assumptions that people have about sexuality, that there is only heterosexuality and homosexuality, when in fact, sexual behavior is fluid." In fact, many experts agree that sexuality is a continuum, with heterosexuality and homosexuality on either end, and bisexuality covering all of the ground in between.

Nevertheless, stereotypes of bisexuals abound. One is bisexual promiscuity. But in their study, Weinburg, Williams, and Pryor asked, "Is it possible that someday you could behave either exclusively homosexual or exclusively heterosexual?" Over

80% hoped for a long-term monogamy. Other people think bisexuals are confused, fence-sitters, abnormal, or 'in a phase'. As in any other group, although some bisexuals may have these characteristics, there is a range of individual differences.

But "the fluidity of bisexuality is scary for most people," says Ka'ahumanu. Homosexuals and heterosexuals are often threatened by the possibility of being bisexual. Straight women are frequently repulsed by bisexual women and are afraid bisexual women will make a pass at them or their boyfriends. Such attitudes are often reflected in articles in both gay and heterosexual publications.

Bisexuality is frequently treated as a false category, although Alfred Kinsey's 1940s and 1950s behavioral survey found that 46% of middle class men and 12% of women admitted to sexual experiences with both sexes. According to Wayne Bryant, former board member of the Boston-based Bisexual Resource Center, "Society tends to view sexuality in a dichotomous way, either/or, straight or gay. Bisexual people are marginalized by this. They're treated as if they don't exist."

Many gays and lesbians believe bisexuals are more accepted and find it easier to hide in the straight community, giving us "heterosexual privilege"—freedom from discrimination. But this is untrue. Besides negative attitudes from homosexuals and the unique problems of bisexuality, bisexuals deal with the same stereotypes as gays. Behavior typical of heterosexuals is considered especially negative when seen in queers.

Additionally, bisexuality in the animal kingdom is common. Dolphins studied in the wild are generally bisexual, and

homosexual behavior has been found in dogs, bonobo chimpanzees, and flies.

Although a recent Massachusetts task force reported greater support for gays, they also found that 60% of students would be "upset or afraid" if people suspected they were gay. And in 1989, the Department of Health and Human Services reported that 30% of youth suicides occur among lesbians and gays. This probably also includes bisexuals, as bisexuals are often lumped in with gays in such statistics. But bisexuals are little different than anyone else. Their main difference lies in their attitudes towards gender. Supermodel Rachel Williams says, "I'll tell you this about sexual orientation. Gender is a detail. It's not what makes a person, what they've got between their legs."

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## HERSTORY

### Lesbians who forgo Pap smears raise HPV risk

Lesbians get fewer Pap smears than bisexual and heterosexual women, raising the risk that a virus linked to cervical cancer will go undetected, a new study has found.

Researchers tested 248 lesbian and bisexual women and found that 31 — or 13 percent — were harboring the human Papilloma virus (HPV), strains of which are considered a prime cause of cervical cancer. Four percent of the women had pre-cancerous lesions. If caught early, cervical cancer is almost always treatable.

While some may have gotten the virus from men, the findings indicate that women are transmitting the virus to each other as well, according to study co-author Jeanne M. Marrazzo.

Women who had never had sex with men — an estimated 5-20 percent of lesbians — were especially at risk, said Marrazzo, a professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine. "They were clearly not getting the recommended number of Pap smears."

The findings appear in the June 2001 issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

HPV, which affects both men and women, is considered to be the most common sexually transmitted disease in the United States. Most people never notice symptoms, but others can suffer from genital warts. The virus is spread by skin contact and possibly through shared sex toys.

Women who only had sex with women reported getting an average of just two Pap smears over the last five years, Marrazzo said. Women with some male sexual contact reported getting twice as many Pap smears, which test cervical cells for signs of abnormality.

"Part of the issue is that when women aren't sexually active with men, they aren't getting birth control," Marrazzo said. "If they don't do that, they miss out on an embedded structure of getting Pap smears."

Some women lacked proper health insurance while others may think that they won't get HPV, she said. "The presumption is they didn't think they

needed a Pap smear because they weren't having sex with men."

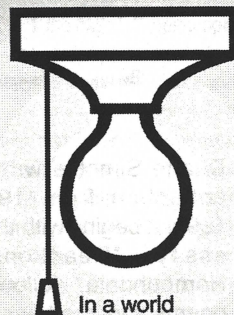
Others may have had difficult Pap smears in the past or were told by their doctors that they shouldn't worry about a checkup.

Women should have Pap smears every year for 2-3 years, Marrazzo said. If no problems appear, the women may get checkups less frequently, although there is debate about just how often that should be.

Women should avoid sharing their sex toys with each other, or at least clean them between uses by different people, she said. Another approach is to put condoms on the toys, she said. "Women should know that they can protect themselves from getting STDs, although it's difficult to totally protect yourself."

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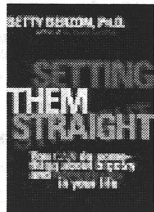
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**Setting Them Straight**  
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About Bigotry and  
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by Betty Berzon



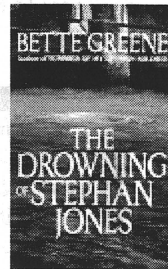
A psychotherapist presents an innovative approach to confronting the discrimination faced by gay and lesbian individuals that reveals why people hate, how to channel anger, the origins of prejudice, and how to prevail in homophobic situations.

**Holding Me Together**  
Essays and Poems  
by Duane Simolke



Duane Simolke wrote this collection from 1983 to 1999. It begins with the long essay "Reactions to Homophobia," followed by poems and short essays on a variety of topics, such as religion, violence, friendship, and gay relationships.

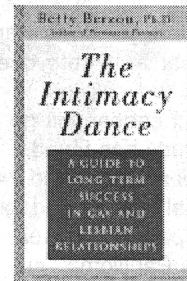
**The Drowning of  
Stephan Jones**  
by Bette Greene



Hate. It's the farthest feeling from sixteen-year-old Carla Wayland's mind. She can't believe people would persecute others just because they are different. But she isn't about to worry about the injustice surrounding her because she's in love with handsome and popular Andy Harris. Although raised to act on her ethical beliefs, Carla finds that her en-chantment with

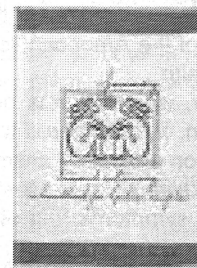
Andy makes her a silent partner in his hate campaign and harassment of gay couple Stephan Jones and Frank Montgomery. At first Carla manages to overlook and explain away Andy's atrocious behavior toward the men. But Stephan drowns as a direct result of what Andy and his friends do, and Carla can no longer deny the truth. Carla must decide before the trial which side she's on and what she stands for. Will justice prevail?

**The Intimacy Dance:**  
A Guide to Long-Term  
Success in Gay and  
Lesbian Relationships  
by Betty Berzon



A book for gays and lesbians in relationships of three years or longer addresses such issues as identities merging, sex waning, the inability to resolve conflicts, and the inability to communicate among others

**Journey Toward In-  
timacy: A handbook for  
lesbian couples**  
by Jeanne Shaw Ph.D.,  
and Virginia Erhardt  
Ph.D.,



A take-home workshop for lesbian couples who want to enhance sexual energy, focus on the experience of connectedness, and develop the "Self-in-relationship." This collection of experiential (although not physical) exercises is designed to help couples reconnect with or expand erotic promise, deepen emotional intimacy, and enrich the rest of their lives. The book offers a workshop adventure at home that allows you to go at your own pace without the support or expense of a weekend away.

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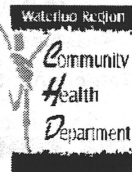
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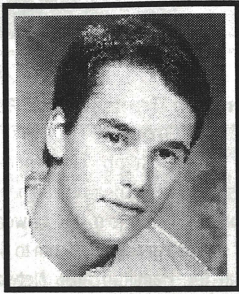
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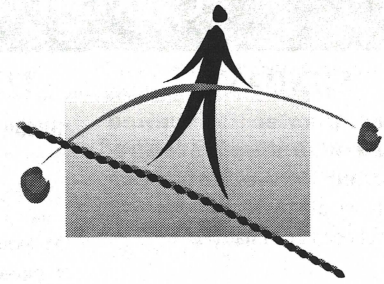
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## Angela

By Kirk Read



Smack dab in the middle of Lake Bygod County, California, Angela came out on the first day of her junior year. She'd attended a queer youth leadership workshop in San Francisco over the summer and arrived at school wearing a rainbow necklace, a rainbow pin, and a rainbow patch. Nobody got it.

During English class, students were asked to stand up and say something about themselves. Already irritated by the inefficiency of symbols, Angela said she was a lesbian. She'd spent the better part of her summer in internet chatrooms discussing Xena, Warrior Princess. She was sure.

In a matter of weeks, she approached teachers to sponsor the Gay Straight Alliance she was planning to found. One asked her, "You don't think I'm gay, do you?" The second teacher was a folk singer with posters of Bob Dylan and Jack Kerouac on his walls. Excitedly, he pulled out a GSA handbook, a souvenir from a flaming senior boy who'd attempted to start a GSA at the same high school.

In February, a local therapist did a faculty training with a panel featuring seven LGBT young people, including Angela. Despite her drama classes, Angela shook while she spoke. Her mother stood up and expressed her support for her daughter.

Afterward, several teachers told the principal that a GSA wasn't a good idea. A prominent religious official called the superintendent to complain. School officials tried to delay the group. Angela pushed.

During the first week of March, Angela and other students posted signs all over school announcing the first GSA meeting. Fifteen were ripped down. Anticipating this, they taped cards under each sign which said "You've just committed a hate crime."

The meeting was announced every day that week, though some teachers skipped over that item while reading the daily bulletin.

The night before Friday's meeting, Angela barely slept at all. When she finally fell asleep, she had nightmares of someone crashing the meeting with a machine gun. She spent third and fourth periods in her guidance counselor's office, crying.

During lunch, Angela led the first GSA meeting at Middletown High School. Sixty two students attended, including five teachers and even a hand full of kids from the Bible Club. "We don't condone the lifestyle," they told her, "but we love everybody."

All over school, students talked about the meeting. Two teachers put up signs that said "The Bill of Rights + Cultural diversity = The right to be different." In one class, a spontaneous chant erupted: "Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve." An athlete started a petition because he was scared of 'fags making out.' He wrote "GSA" at the top of the page and enlisted five others, three men and two women, who spent the next three weeks collecting signatures in the hallway.

The vice principal told the petitioners that if the school shut down the GSA, it would be forced to shut down every other club as well. In all, they collected over one hundred signatures in a school of five hundred students. When students refused to sign, they were called a "stupid lesbian" or a "stupid fag." School officials said there was nothing they could do unless the incidents were reported. None of the students came forward. It would all die down, they told her. Angela prepared a blurb for the announcement of the second meeting. "The theme," she wrote, "is harassment."

This time, forty students showed up. In an attempt to legitimize the group, teachers and students suggested that the group broaden its focus to *tolerance*. That was the week I met Angela, thanks to a gay teenager from her school who found me online. Angela said she was scared that people were trying to take the gay out of GSA. I asked her what she was going to do. "They're not going to fuck up my GSA" she said.

I was the guest speaker at the third meeting. Walking into the school was eerie. The student body was nearly identical to my own high school in size and cultural makeup. It had been ten years since I'd heard locker doors slamming. It felt like prison.

There had been all sorts of homophobic graffiti that week, sprinkled all over student council campaign posters. Some of the candidates told Angela that she could just take them down. But she didn't want the evidence erased. With a thick black marker, Angela and a boy from the GSA crossed through phrases like "No gays allowed."

Angela spotted me in the hallway. From the force of her voice, I'd expected a six foot tomboy with bandaged knuckles. She was a tiny wisp of a thing, wearing a Supergirl tee shirt and baggy black pants. I had to wait in the office until lunch period, be-

cause visitors were not allowed at pep rallies. God, I really was back in high school.

I only had twenty minutes with them and I desperately wanted to say something profound that would make their lives easier. I read to them from my book, *How I Learned to Snap*, a memoir about being openly gay in a small town high school. They were a loud audience and frequently interjected comments and questions as I read. Ten years later, the things I remember about high school are still painfully resonant for them.

So many adults are under the impression that the internet and mass media have completely changed the dynamics of homophobia in schools. It's "so much better now" is the operative mantra, what we say when we don't want to believe how much young people are still suffering in abusive school environments. For every Angela, there are countless boys being pushed down steps, countless girls whose lockers are vandalized, countless young people who don't click with the labels of boy and girl at all. Maybe the climate is better, compared to twenty or thirty years ago. But such comparisons are small comfort when you're being cornered in a locker room.

Several days later, Angela called me near tears. "I just needed to talk to someone who would understand," she said. "I didn't know where to turn."

I prepared myself for the most dire of after-school special dilemmas. Was it a friend's suicide attempt? Was it a death threat because of the GSA?

"It's my hair," she said. "I want to cut my hair."

She reminded me that beneath her activist bravura, she was still, through and through, seventeen years old.

Her new haircut is adorable.

**Kirk Read is the author of "How I Learned to Snap," to be published in July. This article was submitted to The Voice by Kirk Read. He can be found at [www.temenos.net/kirkread](http://www.temenos.net/kirkread)**



# COMMUNITY GROUPS

## SUNDAYS

**Westminster United Church (an affirming congregation):** Services are held each Sunday at 10:30 am. at 543 Beachwood Dr. in Waterloo.

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**AWARE K-W** :Aware K-W. A discussion and support group for gay Christians, their parents and friends who have been disillusioned by the church's often negative approach to homosexuality. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month. For more information call Gary at [REDACTED] or Ada at [REDACTED]  
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## 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: [gqe@uoguelph.ca](mailto:gqe@uoguelph.ca) for details.

**The Rainbow Community Conversation Group** Now meets on Tuesdays on the U of W Campus at 7pm. For more information call 884-GLOW.

**The Rainbow Parenting Network** - A forum for GLBT parents, parents-to-be, and those considering parenting. For more information call 743 [REDACTED]

**Tri-Youth Pride** - meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at Planned Parenthood - 4-6pm. For more information call Gail at [REDACTED]

## WEDNESDAYS

**GLOW's Coming Out Discussion Groups** explore issues in sexual orientation; University of Waterloo, 7:30-9:00 pm. Information: 884-4569. **A social gathering follows the discussion group weekly from 9pm to 11pm.**

**Hamilton Coming Out Proud Discussion Group** meets every first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 6:30 pm. Call us for more details: 905-526-1074, toll-free 1-888-338-8278 - [info@gomorrah.com](mailto:info@gomorrah.com)

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**Discussion Group:** A group for people aged 16-25, sponsored by ACKWA and held in Waterloo, 7:00-9:00 pm. To join, or for more information, call ACKWA at (519) 570-3687

Wednesdays, 7pm to 8:30pm, Oasis Club, 146 Wyndham St., Guelph. For more info, call Marilyn at (519) [REDACTED]

**Alice's Dinner Club**, a Hamilton gay and lesbian group of food connoisseurs meets every 2nd Wednesday at 6:15 pm. For information call Joan/Barb at [REDACTED] or Michael at [REDACTED]

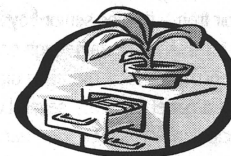
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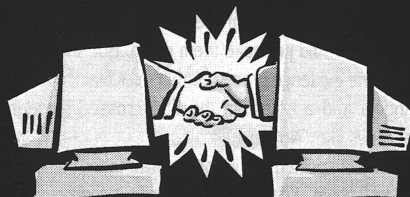
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**BMC (Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian & Gay Concerns):** A social group that provides support for Mennonite GLBT people, their friends and families. Various events throughout the year. For info write P.O. Box 43031, Eastwood Square, Kitchener, ON N2H 6S9, or call Colleen at [REDACTED]

**Coffee Club** - If you like to drink coffee and just chat. For more information call - Peter at [REDACTED]

**Global:** is available to help anyone in the Laurier community who is dealing with LGBT issues. Staff, students, or faculty can reach GLOBAL directly at the club's e-mail address 00global@mach1.wlu.ca Laurier Peer Help Line 884-PEER.

**GLOW Phone Line: 884-GLOW.** Information and peer support.

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**Waterloo Region Alliance For Equal Rights-Kitchener-**(519) 743-[REDACTED]

**Women's Centers:** UofW (519) 888-4567 ext. 3457

**WOODS:** is a social club for lesbians in K-W and area. In Kitchener call Leslie at [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

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**GUELPH QUEER EQUALITY** (GQE) University of Guelph - [gqe@uoguelph.ca](mailto:gqe@uoguelph.ca)

**HOWL: Hanging Out With Lesbians** is a social group for women (lesbian, bisexual, transgender and gay friendly) ages 25 and up who are active in Guelph and area. Women may contact HOWL through Outline (519) 836-4550

**OUTline:** A support and resource phone line for people dealing with LGBT issues at the University of Guelph. **Phone lines are closed Wednesdays and Saturdays (for the summer)** Open 7 to 10 pm other evenings. Call (519) 836-4550.  
[outline@uoguelph.ca](mailto:outline@uoguelph.ca)  
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**Rainbow Chorus:** is a choir that performs and will also be **hosting dances for the LGBT community starting again in September.** For information you can contact Robert at [REDACTED] or Cory at [REDACTED] <http://www.webpoint.net/~cory>

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**Alcoholics Anonymous--**For the location and time of the Gay, Lesbian and Alternative Lifestyles Group in Hamilton call: (905) 522-8399.

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**Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Centre at McMaster University,** Hamilton Hall Room 412 - Call 525-9140, ext. 27397

**Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth Line** 1-800-268-9688

**Gay Fathers Support Group-** 3rd Tuesday of each month. For information Call 522-[REDACTED]

**Greater Hamilton Gay & Lesbian Business Association** (905) 526-[REDACTED]

**GLBT Centre at McMaster**  
Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:30 to 4:30 at Hamilton Hall, Room 412. (905) 525-9140, Ext. 27397 or e-mail: [glbt@msu.mcmaster.ca](mailto:glbt@msu.mcmaster.ca)  
[www.msu.mcmaster.ca/services/glbt/glbt.htm](http://www.msu.mcmaster.ca/services/glbt/glbt.htm)

**Hamilton Aids Network**-- 528-0854 Anonymous Testing for HIV appointment only --546-3541

**Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police--**General Assistance: 546-4925 Jane Mulkewich, GLBT Task Force 546-4910 Complaints against Officers 546-4776 Street Crime/Hate Crime: 546-3831

**Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Public Health Department-** Sexually Transmitted Disease Services, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 pm. A walk-in clinic; no Health Card required. Hamilton General Hospital, Outpatient Clinic

**Kindred Spirits:** a social and recreational group for lesbians and bi-sexual women in the Hamilton/Burlington/Niagara area. (905) 541-[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@hotmail.com

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**PFLAG--**Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians & Gays. For information call 662-[REDACTED]

**Sexual Assault Center:**  
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**Sexual Health Information Line** 905-528-5894--Confidential telephone counselling and information provided by a Public Health Nurse regarding sexual health issues--M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m

**Street Health Centre--** Wesley Centre 777-7852

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To find out more information about anything else happening in Brantford email: [glbtadultsocialbrant@yahoo.ca](mailto:glbtadultsocialbrant@yahoo.ca)

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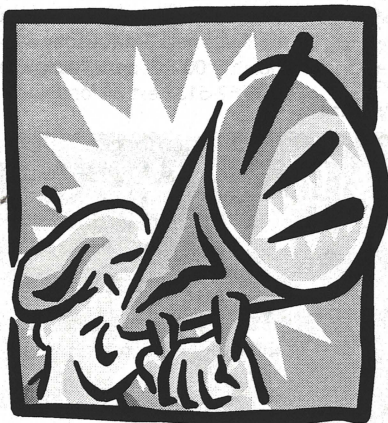
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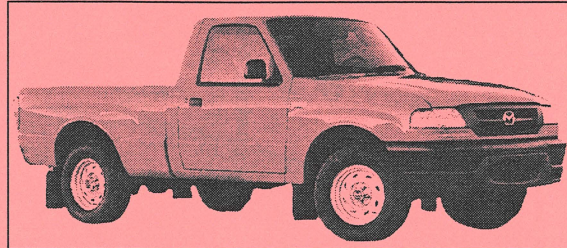
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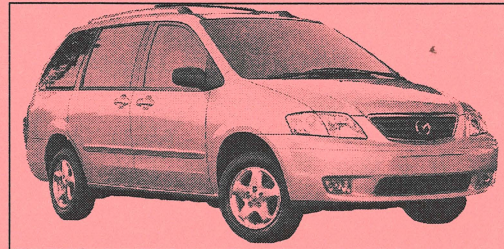
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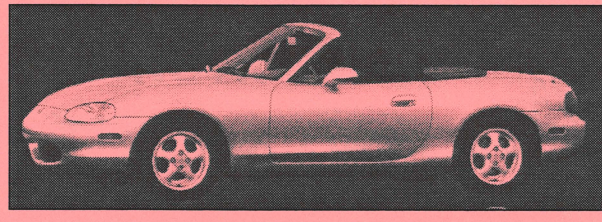
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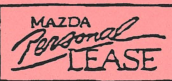
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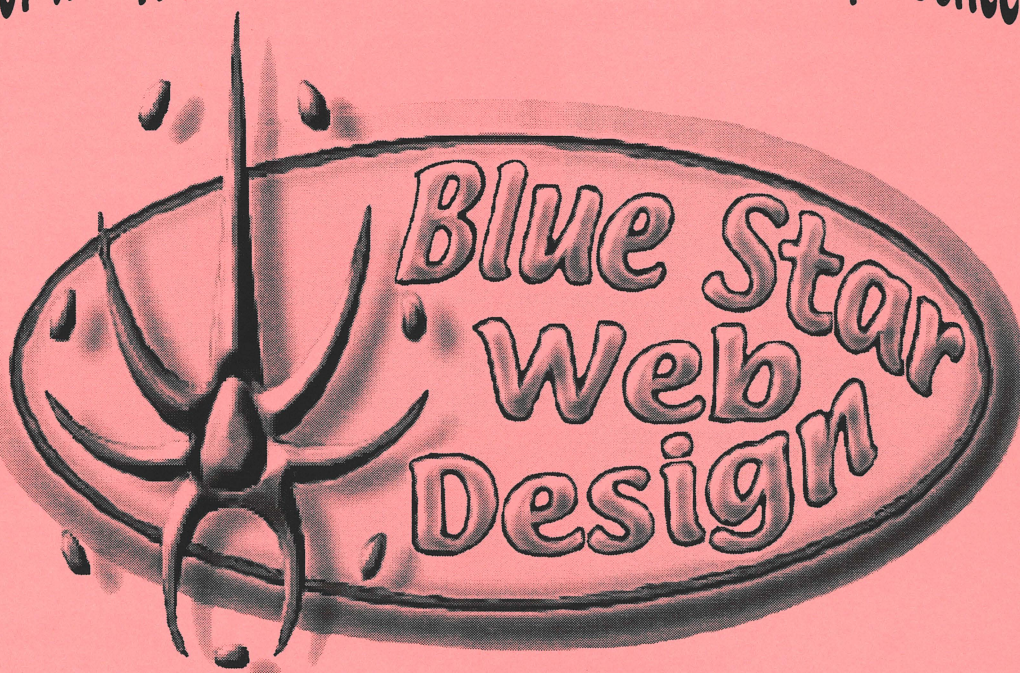
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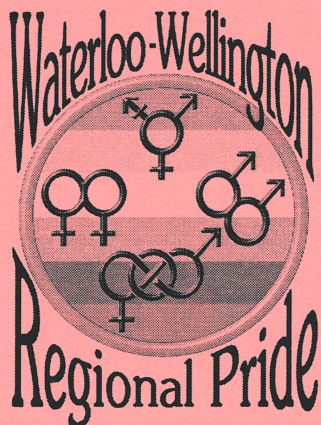
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