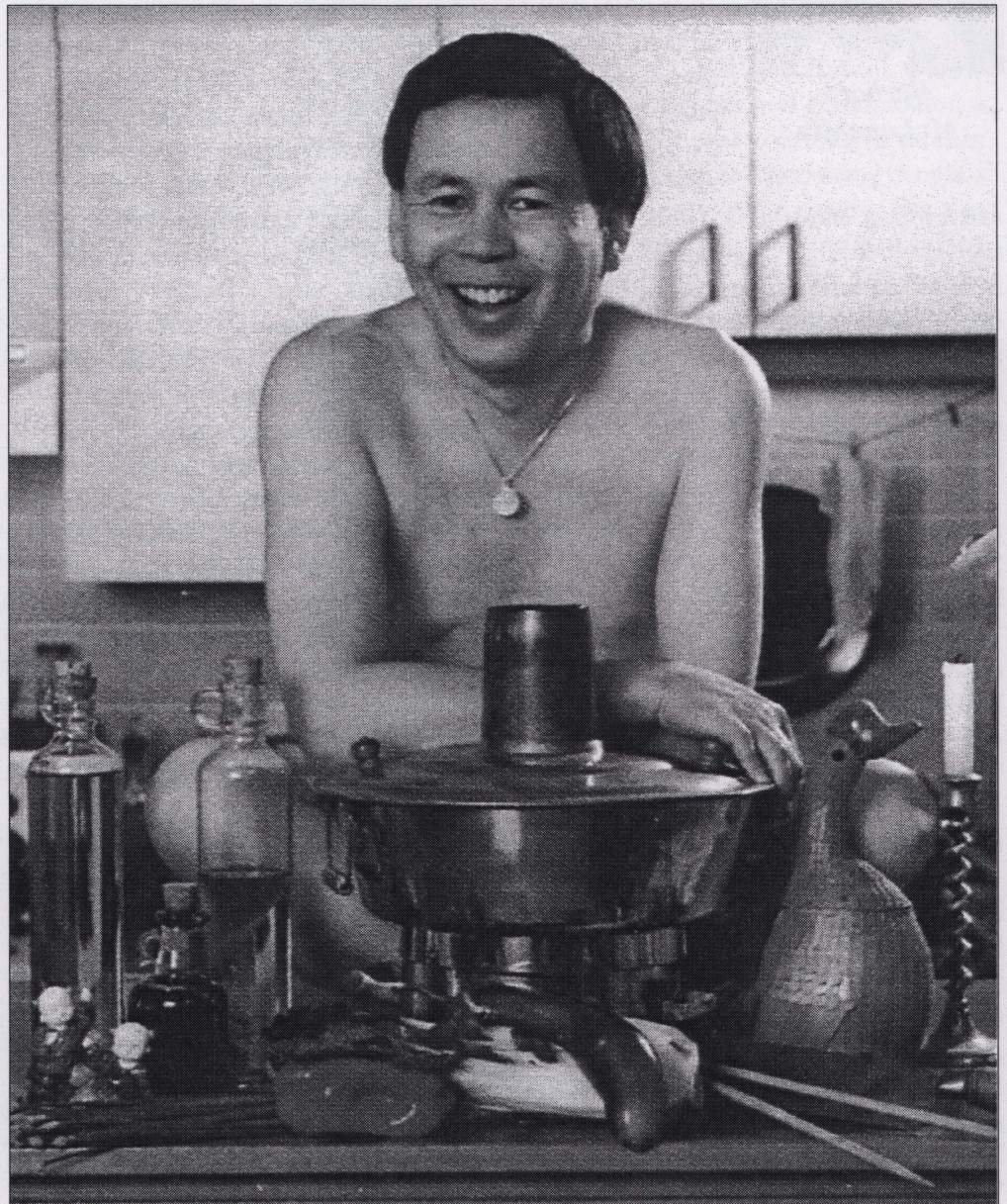
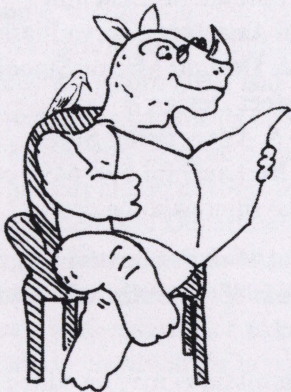


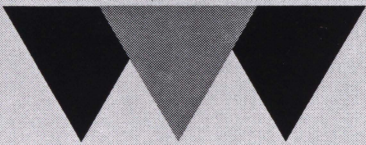
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Taking On City Hall

I admit it. I get angry when I pick up the paper and realize that somebody has elected a politician who mixes up his spiritual beliefs with his duties as an elected official.



**Barbara
McLauchlin**

Monday Magazine was clever enough to bring Victoria Mayor Alan Lowe's comments about gays

and lesbians, published in *Island Christian Info* to the light. Too bad our mayor is in the dark. What he said is that he doesn't believe in the gay pride parade and will not march with us. "As Christian politicians we must be a light that people see, show the joy that we have in Christ," he is quoted to have said.

Our Stacy Leblanc was quick enough to respond with, "It's that old notion of 'We love the sinner—we just don't love the sin.'"

First off, I object to Lowe's mixing church and state. Who says his personal beliefs are the right ones? We had enough of that kind of lunacy when Vander Zalm was premier. When are we going to have a worship centre at city hall, Alan?

What is worse, however, as I come down to earth, is the implication in Lowe's comments that homosexuality flaunts itself in the face of Christian teaching. That is so untrue. Homosexuals believe fervently in all kinds of religious teachings. You can tell by the numbers of people we interview via Zorya's monthly column, *Queer Spirit*. We'll be years getting around to every-

body—there's many ways we practise what we believe.

The other thing implied by any fundamentalist is the one way to believe theory. Hey, Alan, a lot of our general Victoria community operate stores and other businesses downtown. Some are Jewish, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Catholics, Pagans, Bahai and, yes, among those religious are gay men and women. We contribute a lot to your precious little town, Alan. And we usually don't, in that process make fun of people who aren't of the same race, who believe the same things we do, or who dress differently. Heck, Alan, some of our best friends—movers and shakers, and others in the queer community—are politicians.

I have a saying on my wall: the belief that there is only one truth and that oneself is in possession of it seems to me to be the deepest root of all the evil that is in this world. Paraphrased: belief is the hidden enemy of truth.

What our esteemed mayor has done with his comments, spread in *Monday's City Watch* column, is to foster the ridiculous hate mongering attitudes which permeate parts of the USA today—attitudes that cause the death of innocent gays and lesbians. Scary.

I'm glad this mayor has come out of his sanctimonious closet. It means we can choose, for good reason, to not have him walk in the parade.

In light of the Feb. 13 Times Colonist editorial "Same-sex Rights no longer issue" following the federal government's new omnibus bill, the recognition of our right to equality already offered by our provincial government, I'd say this mayor who's church wants to lead us to the light, is taking us back to the dark ages. Anyone got a match?

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Three Divas and A Star and.... A Lot of Lesbian Spirit

Women's Studies Celebrates

By Debby Yaffee

Universities are funny places. On the one hand, they promote social injustice by helping to consolidate the power and privilege of dominant groups. On the other hand, they generate information and activism aimed at promoting social justice. Departments of Women's Studies balance uneasily at the crux of these contradictions, with tensions between activist and grassroots feminisms thrown in for good measure. The UVic Department of

Women's Studies (which has been financing my mortgage payments for the past 10 years) has just marked its 20th anniversary with a series of exhibits, performances and gala celebrations, in which the contradictions were not only evident but gleefully played with. This is all by way of introducing my write-up of the festive event on Friday, February 4th, in the David Lam Auditorium.

The well-attended evening could have been called "Three Divas and a Star." The divas were the founding mothers of the Women's Studies Program, our own Jennifer Waelti-Walters, Paddy Tsurumi and Connie Rooke. Jenny and Paddy are both happily retired now, and Connie Rooke has gone on to the presidency of the University of Winnipeg. Each spoke about her own experiences back in the days when women were barely tolerated in academia and the idea of making women an analytical category, or subject of scholarly enquiry, had to be defended against jerks making jokes.

Jenny sparked. She had everyone laughing with her descriptions of backroom maneuvering against the boys, not to mention the maneuvering between the gals. I was reminded of times I'd heard her lecture and been knocked over by her brilliance and wit. At the end of her talk (each diva was allotted 10 minutes), she surprised her co-mothers and the current departmental chair, Christine St Peter, with original etchings she'd produced in her current incarnation as full-time artist.

Paddy went next and gave a characteristically outrageous, extemporaneous blast of plain speaking. She brought the

house down with her remark about her co-mothers' abilities to "make ass-holes feel good about themselves." Connie Rooke, whose reputation for tall-blond-glamorous-ness was clearly earned, rounded off this part of the programme with remarks that I actually can't remember, I was so taken with her looks. (Oh, geez, have I just destroyed my reputation for seriousness?) I was also occupied mentally rehearsing my part in the programme. I was to distribute silver medallions to each of the founding mothers.

There was such a lot of thanking, presentations of flowers to various deserving folk, applause, high emotion and high spirits, that by the time the star appeared, the audience had to stand up and stretch. Beth Brant is a Bay of Quinte Mohawk woman, a lesbian, a mother and grandmother, a long-time writer and activist. She was a visiting lecturer in Women's Studies all week long, and touched many people's hearts with her readings from essays and stories. For this evening, she read from her story about a lesbian grieving the death of her young child while with his father. The woman's despair is presented alongside her witness of a salmon struggling upstream. Beth has a great voice, a husky yet tremulous smoker's voice, and her reading had us all attuned to the nuances of emotion wrung from the story, as though we'd all been struggling upstream together.

After all that emotion, what to do but eat, drink, and schmooze! I had a great time meeting up with scads of former students as well as friends from the community. It was lovely to be able to celebrate the positive aspects of being part of the university—using the resources to bring in writers like Beth Brant, helping thousands of students over the years to find their places in the world, and to think of them actively out there subverting the power structure in all their many different ways.

And, like so many other enterprises, it never would have happened without masses of lesbian passion, lesbian money, lesbian energy, and lesbian spirit.

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A Hero of Our Own

By Reva Hutkin

How many are the unsung heroes in our community? The answer, no doubt, is too many. Today, however, we can celebrate with joy and pride a true hero in our midst, Shirley Petten.

Shirley and Beverley Holmwood had been lovers for 20 years, in itself a wonderful tribute to long-time partnerships.

While on duty as an operating room nurse at the Royal Jubilee, a job Bev loved, she was the victim of a needle stick. Because she was "too busy saving lives" she neglected to file an incident report. Fortunately, there were witnesses who later played a major role in the outcome of this dramatic turn of events. The injury left Bev with



Hepatitis B and C and rapidly declining health. Three months later, on December 9, 1991, Bev died leaving Shirley a grieving widow.

In February 1992, Shirley requested that the Worker's Compensation Board conduct an investigation into Bev's death to determine that she died of a needle stick injury while on duty. Her second request was for any pension benefits afforded a common law spouse based on their 20-year relationship. In August 1992, Shirley won the first request but WCB denied the second because they were a same-sex couple. So Shirley embarked on her first of many fights. On Nov. 9, 1991 she was the first person in Canada to win same-sex spousal benefits.

Shirley's second fight came quickly. In October 1992, the hospital had appealed the original WCB decision regarding cause of death, citing Bev's lack of filing an incident report. The BC Nurses' Union provided a lawyer and for the next six years incredible amounts of paperwork mounted up, finally resulting in the Review Board siding with the hospital and a doctor's report which revoked his original testimony!

On Mar. 16, 1998, Shirley lost the case!

Now Shirley was on to her third fight. The hired lawyer had advised the Nurses' Union to withdraw their funding support. So, with only two weeks to appeal, Shirley decided to represent herself (who knew the case better?). The lawyer's challenge "you can't win..." was all the determination she needed to forge ahead. She launched an appeal to the Appeal Division, the next level above the Review Board. A final decision was supposed to be rendered on Nov. 20, 1998, now seven years to the day since Bev went into hospital in a coma.

Not so—they postponed making a decision many times until, on Nov. 22, 1999, she finally won her case. Her widow's pension has been restored for life and Bev's good name has been restored, too, her death ruled a work-related injury, and the cause of death, Hep. B or C.

On December 9, 1999, she received her back pay plus interest, "exactly eight years since Bev's death!"

"I felt Bev's presence with me every step along the way. The day I won the case, the wind chimes on the back porch were clanging!"

In 1992 there were many newspaper articles regarding Shirley's win of same-sex benefits: "WCB ACT STRUCK DOWN: Lesbian partner's access to survivor benefits first in Canada," "WCB award a record," "Woman's widow gets pension," "Nurse's spouse wins benefits," "WCB award a landmark," "WCB award called a breakthrough," "Same-sex partner granted pension," etc.

Shirley never gave up the fight and now, thanks to her spirit and determination, all people in the medical profession from the laundry room to the surgeon, and all gay and lesbian partners everywhere can enjoy these same benefits.

Unlike our own gay and lesbian community, others have seen fit to acknowledge and honour Shirley for her courage.

On June 12, 1993, The Gay and Lesbian Group in Abbotsford gave Whirley an award, a plaque saying: "Friends in the valley would like to congratulate you on being the first Canadian to obtain same sex spouse survivor benefits from the WCB. Your courageous efforts have not gone unnoticed by our community."

On June 27, 1993, Shirley received an award at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, in front of 2500 people stating: "The Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto honours Shirley Petten for outstanding leadership, exemplary action and achievement for the betterment of Canada's gay and lesbian community on the occasion of Honouring our Heroes." Worship Service, Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, The Rev. Brent Hawkes, Sr. Pastor.

After this award she rode on a float in the Pride Parade in front of 350,000 people including her family who were out there in full support.

On Jan. 30, 2000, Shirley threw a victory party at which an astonishing 88 people attended. And, at the suggestion of a couple of friends, most of us signed up to nominate her for the Woman of Distinction Award.

Thank you for your energy and perseverance on our behalf. We know it cost you dearly as now your own health is in jeopardy. Being the fighter you are, we know you will overcome this new challenge. Battle on, Shirley!

Alison Campbell

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A Child of the Universe

By Zorya Plaskin

Some could be envious of Catherine Bennett Bourns's spiritual journey of evolution. She describes the faith of her childhood—she's a third-generation Unitarian Universalist—as “the only place I know of that is sort of an organized church whose stated calling is to be honest in the presence of diversity.”

Catherine says growing up as a Unitarian Universalist was “a very positive source for self-esteem.” She received “no overt religious messages about the wrongness of homosexuality. And I got a lot of overt religious messages about the worth and dignity of every person.” Unitarian Universalism has a tradition of honouring individual search for truth and meaning, within a framework of respectfulness to community.

She describes the reactions to her coming out as “variable.” However, she was fortunate that her London, Ont., community was a Welcoming Congregation, and it was only because of that community that she was able to come out “as a joyful, bisexual person.”

Her greatest challenge, in fact, came from London's gay and lesbian community, which was “very un-welcoming to bisexuals. We were considered to be the ones who just didn't have our act together, and who couldn't decide what we really wanted to be. And for God's sake, why couldn't we really decide? We weren't straight enough to be straight, and we weren't really lesbians or gay.”

With the exception of “some very happy

Queer Spirit

years with the Friends,” UU has always been the base camp for her journey of self-discovery and evolution. It is “a very important place on my spiritual thing. But it's not the only place. It's just one place I go.”

In fact a part of the Unitarian Universalist expectation is that people will explore diverse concepts and manifestations of community, and will learn how to “be in right relationships with one another.”

The recipe for Catherine's own “UU stew?” To a “main brew of deep ecology and creation spirituality, add generous bits of Quaker, Zen and feminist theology; mix generously with sacred play, season well with laughter and tears, place in a vessel of witchy earth ritual, and serve on a bedrock of social-justice activism.” From the Quakers, Catherine learned “about the idea of testimony as faith, and living your life as a testimony to your sacred values.” In the natural order of her universe, “every thing that is, everything in the universe is in a process of becoming. And everything is involved in a pattern of Life, and Death, and Gracious Evolution, and sudden change.”

Once upon a time, the Unitarian and Universalist communities were heretics. They hived off, separately, from mainstream Christianity centuries ago. The Unitarians' heresy was their view that the Trinity made no sense. “If God is as all-encompassing as we think God is, then really God is just one God. And this whole business of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost is sort of a fracturing of what surely must be a

single godhead.” This made them “extremely unpopular, and they had a tendency to be burned at the stake.”

The Universalists left the Christian fold “over the notion of pre-ordained salvation, that whole idea that some of us are going to Heaven and some of us are going to Hell, and that it makes no difference how you live your life or what you do. That everything is pre-ordained.”

When the two communities merged in 1963, Catherine says “it was kind of like each of them finding a piece of self that had been lost when they broke away from Christianity.”

As well as serving as her spiritual foundation, Unitarian Universalism is inextricably part of her work “as a liberation psychotherapist concerned for healing at the personal and community levels...My growing niche as a psychotherapist has to do with, what would we be doing if we were healing, in community? What kind of structures would we be creating?”

What continues to attract her to UU? “Well, it's partly the music...During times when I am frustrated in that community...sometimes I think, ‘well, I love the singing’. And I think you could probably say that of Musaica, also, which is becoming another of my blessed and beloved communities.”

Catherine moved to Victoria a little more than a year ago and, while she is not yet fully grounded in her current Now, the Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation—also a Welcoming Congregation—quickly became the first base camp for her continuing spiritual journey.

“When I came into this congregation, on the first morning, there was this wonderful row of out dykes sitting there. And I walked in, and I looked at them, and they looked at me, and they said, ‘Come over here and sit with us’. And I thought, ‘Oh! This is really swell’. ‘Cause they really are out.”

“We are not humans having spiritual experiences; we are Spirit, having a human experience.”

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The Modernizing Benefits and Obligations Bill

EGALE'S Analysis

Approach:

This bill simultaneously extends to same-sex couples the rights and responsibilities of opposite-sex common-law couples, while also conferring on common-law couples (both same-sex and opposite-sex) many of the rights and responsibilities of married couples. Relationship rights and responsibilities will now attach to any couple living in a conjugal relationship for a period of one year. In this regard, the Bill goes further than the omnibus bills adopted by Québec and Ontario, which accorded same-sex couples the rights and responsibilities of opposite-sex common law couples but not any of the rights and responsibilities of married couples.

Terminology:

Unmarried couples are identified by the phrase "common law partner" or, in French, "conjoint de même sexe." Although "spousal" terminology is only used for married couples, identical terminology is applied to both same-sex and opposite-sex common law partners. This avoids the recent Ontario approach, which established a separate category for only same-sex partners. Members of our communities will be able to accurately describe themselves as living "common law." The French terminology "conjoint de même sexe" corresponds with the phrase commonly used to describe heterosexual common law partners. Both same-sex and opposite-sex relation-

ships are recognized as "conjugal." There remains a difference in terminology between married couples and unmarried (same-sex and opposite-sex) couples which will need to be addressed through ongoing political and legal initiatives.

Omissions:

The Bill amends all federal legislation dealing with relationships, including those dealing with children. There are three important omissions, all of which are subject to independent legislative review:

(i) the spousal compellability provisions of the Evidence Act have not been extended, because the government is currently considering whether to repeal these provisions altogether;

(ii) the "marital exemption" to the higher age of consent has not been affected, since the whole age of consent provisions are currently under review. EGALE (Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere) is assessing the government report on these provisions, with a view to involving ourselves in the review process;

(iii) no regulations have been amended – only the governing legislation. Changes to regulations are expected to follow later this year. Most significantly, the immigration regulations have not been extended. This issue is further addressed below.

Immigration:

On the immigration front, the Citizenship Act has been amended, but

the not the immigration regulations. The bill addresses only legislation. Regulatory changes will follow. Although equal immigration rights are of crucial importance to our communities, including them in the omnibus bill would inevitably involve application of the one-year cohabitation requirement. This would be unworkable in the immigration context, since couples who live in different countries would be unable to meet the cohabitation requirement. EGALE and the organization LEGIT (Lesbian and Gay Immigration Task Force) have discussed this, and we are in agreement that it is preferable to see immigration issues addressed in separate legislation which can be better tailored to the unique needs of the immigration context. Instead, we are calling upon the Minister of Immigration to commit to a definite timetable for bringing her legislation into conformity with the Charter.

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The Impact of Federal Omnibus Legislation

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Some of the most significant areas affected by the *Modernizing Benefits and Obligations* Bill include:

Income Tax Act:

As a result of this bill, those in same-sex relationships will be able to:

- claim their partner and/or children as dependents on their income tax;
- claim childcare as a deductible;
- claim medical expenses of their partner and/or children as a deductible;
- access income splitting, where a higher-earning partner can attribute some of their income to their spouse.

Non-taxed RSPs:

Unlike heterosexual partners, gays and lesbians have not been able to pass their RSP or RIF savings to their partner without being taxed upon death. These taxes can amount to about 60% of the total value of their savings.

Pensions and Benefits:

There are numerous social benefits and pensions which have not been available to same-sex partners. Under this Bill, same-sex partners will be able to receive survivor benefits under the *Canada Pension Plan*, and will be able to access a spousal supplement available under the *Old Age Security Act*.

Conjugal Visits:

Under the Corrections and Conditional Release Laws, gays and lesbians will have the same rights as heterosexuals to conjugal visits with their partners in prison.

Conflict of Interest:

Conflict of interest laws are clear for heterosexual couples, but not for same-sex couples, creating uncertainty about their legal obligations.

Access to Employment Insurance:

Relocating to be with a spouse has been recognized as a valid reason for heterosexuals to leave employment, but can disqualify gays and lesbian from receiving employment insurance.

Federal Appointments:

Legislation such as the *Governor General's Act*, the *Judges Act* and other laws governing prestigious federal appointments have been drafted on the presumption that these positions will be occupied by heterosexuals. Under this bill, the partners of gays and lesbians appointed to such positions will receive equal benefits.

Take Some Action on New Bill

EGALE (Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere) welcomes the introduction by Parliament of the *Modernizing Benefits and Obligations* bill. The bill extends to both opposite-sex and same-sex couples the status of "common law partners/conjoints de fait" throughout federal law.

This far-reaching piece of legislation not only recognizes same-sex relationships as equivalent to opposite-sex common law relationships, it also extends many of the rights and responsibilities of married couples to both same-sex and opposite-sex common law partners.

To support equal rights for those in same-sex relationships, please do the following:

Phone, fax or write your MP. Express your support for this important Bill and the need for prompt action to ensure its passage. To get your MP's contact details:

- call Elections Canada at 1-800-463-6868;
- visit the following Website: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/36/smpcur-e.htm>

- All MPs may be reached c/o House of Commons, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6, no postage required;

- * You can fax your MP through the Internet, using the link at: <http://www.egale.ca/politics/politics.ht>

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Hon. Anne McLellan, PC, MP, Minister of Justice Ph: (613) 992-4621 Fax: (613) 943-0044 McLellan.A@parl.gc.ca

The Bill deals only with federal legislation, not with regulations, such as those which prescribe who may immigrate to Canada under the family class. EGALE recognizes that the requirement of cohabitation contained in the omnibus legislation is not appropriate in the immigration context where couples are often unable to live together because they are separated by distance. The Immigration Minister has, however, committed to including same-sex couples within the family class and plans to introduce legislation to that effect later this year.

Please contact the Minister of Immigration and call upon her to commit to a clear timetable for bringing the law for which she is responsible into conformity with the Charter.

The Hon. Elinor Caplan, PC, MP Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Ph: (613) 954-1064 Fax: (613) 992-0887 Caplan.E@parl.gc.ca

Report on EGALE's Board Retreat for 2000

By Cynthia Callahan

As the newly-elected Board member for BC/Yukon, I was excited to travel to Ottawa for EGALE's board retreat from February 4th to 7th. Considering that our 12 Board members come from all across the country and usually meet by conference call, the retreat was a great opportunity to meet face-to-face and hash out issues for the upcoming year. Plus, it was timed perfectly to coincide with Ottawa's famous winter carnival, with its opening-night fireworks and exquisite world-class ice sculptures!

The retreat weekend also coincided with the opening of the House of Commons on February 7th. EGALE took this opportunity to schedule a press conference with the Hon. Hedy Fry, Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women, to present her with 6,500 postcards with the message "It's about time!" for equal recognition in federal law for same-sex relationships. Fry responded, "It isn't a matter of whether, but when. This government has been pretty clear since we came in 1993 that we have moved forward steadily but surely to ensure that this last bastion of legislative discrimination against a group of Canadians will end."

Sure enough, later that week Justice Minister Ann McLelland announced that omnibus legislation would be introduced in the House of Commons by the end of the week. EGALE is optimistic the bill will pass. Our lobbying indicates support from the vast majority of the Liberals, the Bloc Quebecois, and the NDP, and most of the Conservatives. And two-thirds of Canadians support our right to equality in our relationships. A 1998 poll conducted for Ottawa found roughly two-thirds of Canadians believe same-sex couples who have lived together for a year or

more should receive the same benefits and obligations as common-law couples. A smaller number, 59 per cent, support the idea of calling same-sex couples "spouses," the survey showed.

Omnibus legislation will bring the law into conformity with the Charter according to the Supreme Court's decision *M. v. H.* Significantly, because federal legislation spans the whole country, the proposed legislation will set national standards requiring that same-sex couples across Canada be treated with equal dignity and respect.

The retreat felt like a marathon to me as I struggled to overcome jet lag from a three-hour time difference. From breakfast to bedtime, we discussed issues ranging from EGALE's identity and mission statement to our involvement in specific legal cases. But it was definitely worth the effort—in just three days we did a huge amount of work.

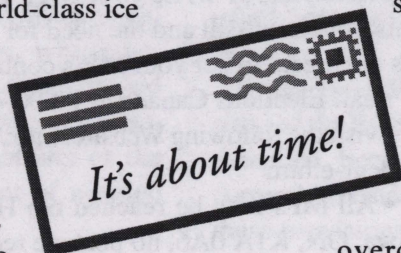
Retreat Accomplishment Highlights

- The board agreed to recommend to the membership that our mission statement be changed to explicitly include advancing equality and justice for transgendered people.
- The board agreed that as federal laws and policies change to provide more equal treatment for our communities, we can expect to see EGALE putting more work into public education and also lending increased support to provinces which are still resisting legal equality.
- EGALE agreed to intervene in the Trinity Western case, to support the BC College of Teachers' right to ensure that universities seeking accreditation do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.
- The board recognized that over the past year or so, we have become increasingly active in working on free-

dom of expression issues, in addition to our traditional focus on equality issues. Examples include the Surrey Book-banning case, the Little Sisters case, CRTC hearings on hate on the Internet and most recently, the Trinity Western case. All of these cases seek to balance the rights to equality, freedom of expression, and, in some cases, freedom of religion. EGALE therefore began work at the retreat on developing a policy on expression issues, to help ensure consistency in our continued work in this area.

The board of EGALE depends on the support of volunteers and members across Canada. To help out at the local level, contact me in Victoria at (250) 388-9189, e-mail: cynthia@egale.ca. Readers in Vancouver readers can contact Dale Ackerstrom at (604) 666-3605 or dale@egale.ca. To become an EGALE member call the national office at 1-888-204-7777.

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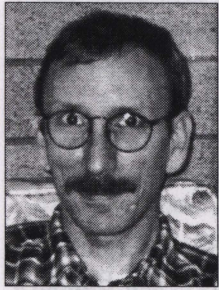
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What is Youth?

I attended a meeting recently where the definition of Youth was discussed. Some groups and people think of youth as 15 to 19 years old. Others say youth are 19 to 25 years old. And yet others I've heard have said that youth is 29 years old and younger.



Michael Yoder

Now in my day (way back before they invented colour), at the tender age of 17 and 18, anyone older than 19 was a grown-up. In fact, "youth" were adamant about being considered adults at 17. A 25-year-old was considered very old and 30 was – well – pretty close to the grave.

Who decides this magical age of youth and why do we need to define it? I think when we call someone a "youth," we are suggesting that person is not fully responsible as an adult (they are still children to some degree). Society places all kinds of restrictions on behaviour based on age: at 18 you can drink, but you can't vote federally until you're 19; you can have heterosexual sex at age 16, but only with another 16-year-old; you can have homosexual sex when you're 18. I think that's to make absolutely sure you're not going through a phase.

Even in the gay community we've used terms like "twinks" and "chicken" to describe young men. Terms like "jail-bait" clearly recognize the illegality involved in inter-generational

sex. We also want to protect youth from exploitation. And we want youth to decide individually and independently when they are ready to explore their sexuality.

All this is fair enough. But we can't have our twinkies and eat them too. There is a vast difference in life experience between a 15-year-old and 29-year-old. A 29-year-old is an adult—suggesting that we extend childhood will not create an environment where youth will have any kind of real power in their lives. Otherwise what is there to suggest that an 89-year-old can't consider him or herself a "youth."

We need to think very clearly about whether we as a sub-culture support young people to have the power to choose for themselves how to live their lives, or whether we make those decisions for them. And for adults (here I'll say anyone older than 19) we have to assume they are responsible and mature and able to look after their own needs—independent of a "youth"-serving system.

When do we become adults? Probably when we realize the young people we talk to are living a different experience than we are; when we start to lose our hair and gain a few extra pounds where we don't want them; and when we pull back the sides of our faces and truly know that gravity has taken a firm grasp on our lives.

Perhaps we want to extend youth because we can't bear the fact that we're getting older. After all, youth is wasted on the young...

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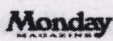
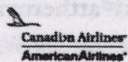
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a dog and a man carrying on like star-crossed lovers? Who is and who isn't in heat?

Finally, Martha makes her entrance. She seems wooden and dismissive of the play, the lines given her admittedly not much, and I began to slouch in disappointment. Her opening lines are a paragraph of contrivance which tells us the couple has no children, is currently living high in New York, doing well and enjoying freedom. School, however, is expensive.

There were moments for Martha. She was steadfastly brilliant and wonderfully clever as woman spilling-out-her-problems to her friend Phyllis, deliciously portrayed by Allan Zinyk. Within moments she's dispatching ever-increasing amounts of whisky to Phyllis who toppled from her AA wagon in the face of the affair of dog/mistress and husband/schmuck. That scene almost made up for the rest of the play.

Nearly every one of Henry's exits requires a modicum of appropriate Shakespearean couplet. Her day job is English teacher in a middle city school.

Beattie played his role like an overgrown kid wheedling his way past mommy's disapproval. I think it was his ingenuousness against the overt and adult affection of the dog for him which made me feel so icky.

The dog I loved—that is, the performance offered by Liz Balkan. While I wasn't about to get up and lick her stomach or scratch her fleas, I was totally impressed by her doggyness. She had me transfixed as she roared at a cat at the back of the theatre (beyond a parked car). Her exceptionally horny speech as she strutted off, bum in air, to find Bowser the boinker, was totally woofums.

It was the first time I had ever seen two of Canada's premiere performers used as a foil for a four-footed siren and a man in drag. Not, I am sure, the intent of the playwright.

I cannot understand why Henry and Beattie, married in real life, agreed to bring this shoddy play to life—or near-life. Is it that they have had to deal with Rod's passion for his own dog? He won't come to play Wingfield here without his dog.

Sylvia, like dog bones, should be buried in some garden and forgotten. Let the Arts Club dig it up. Or not.

"Most of the time we stand with our backs to our own Light, looking into the shadows."

Swami Radha

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Paul Liittich died suddenly in Cloverdale, B.C., on January 4. He was born in North Bay, Ontario, December 14, 1944. He was raised and educated in North Bay and Brantford, Ontario.

In 1971, he moved to Victoria. Here he was active in the theatre community with Bastion Theatre as actor, director and teacher. In 1973 he co-founded Kaleidoscope Theatre with his long-time friend, Barbara McLaughlin. He was a major part of the magic in Kaleidoscope's early years.

In 1984, Paul moved to Cloverdale where he continued to work in theatre as director and teacher. He donated hundreds of hours of time to the Clover Valley Country Music Society, Cloverdale Board of Trade, the Business Improvement Association and the Cloverdale Legion.

It was impossible to walk down the street with Paul here or in Cloverdale without several people saying "Hi, Paul."

Paul's vision, artistic abilities, lively sense of humour, good nature and resourcefulness will be missed by many in B.C. and in Brantford, Ont. Paul is survived by his sister Bev Liittich of Brantford and many friends who were his adopted family.

Paul was remembered in Cloverdale with a memorial on January 15. One line of a poem Paul wrote says: "I feel so lost and very lonely-no place to hide but deep within." Paul was the perfect clown.

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Sneaking Peeks with the Bakerwench

Isn't it funny how life never ceases to provide me with ways of making a complete ass out of myself? In this "equal opportunity" world, I would think that all people from all walks of life would be granted their fair share. Alas, it seems I have been given a greater portion of the pie. Before you get up on your human rights high horse and demand to be treated as my equal, let me just say "It ain't all glory." In fact, making an ass of oneself can be down right embarrassing.

So, there I am at the bakery, going about my day in a rather usual way, when I am struck by a beauty sitting at one of the tables out front. She is facing the opposite direction, and I can't see her clearly, but I do what I can to get a better look.

"Maybe if I pretend to be getting a cup of coffee," I ponder to myself, "I could sneak a peek at her.... oh, darn, she's turned away."

Then I think, "I could sit and read the paper and steal sweet glances as the opportunity arises."

Sadly, every section of the paper is taken and no one is willing to part with theirs. Deflated and feeling absurd, I slink back to the kitchen to resume my work. Before long, I am devising an alternate plan. Maybe I can just peek out

around the corner quickly and catch her before she sees me. I stick my head out only to find that she is standing at the counter and staring right at me. My face lit up as if by spotlights under my bright white bakers hat. Of course, everything turns a shocking shade of pink shortly after that. I decide the best plan of action is to duck back into the kitchen where I promptly make plans to evacuate the country.

Soon, one of the girls who is working out front comes back for a chat. I expect she has words of encouragement to soothe my aching ego. But instead, the words that come forth from her mouth are, "Am I crazy, or is that not Sarah McLachlan sitting out there?"

Words can not describe how I feel. My life flashes before my eyes, all the embarrassing moments in my life in fact, as if my brain is searching for a more perverse moment. But it comes up empty handed. The only response I can muster is, "aaaa...come again?"

If it is true, that this woman and Sarah McLachlan are one and the same, I surely need to know. This is what I use to convince myself to brave one last look. This time, I go out and pour myself a glass of water, and watch as she walks out the front door. She turns and walks past the front window where she looks in at me and smiles. All at once I know that it is true.



**Marcia
Hewitt-Hicks**

Later, I ask my co-worker what Sarah had to eat. Among her lunch items, she had this soup and from this day forward it has been renamed. I lovingly call it, "Spicy Sarah McLachlan Soup".

Spicy Sarah McLachlan Soup
serves 6-8. *Recipe compliments of Carol Harris at Cascadia Bakery*

2 cups of green split peas, soaked for at least 3 hours

8-10 cups of vegetable stock

2 tbsp. vegetable oil

1 large can of diced tomatoes

2 cloves of garlic, minced

1 tbsp. of minced fresh ginger

1 bunch of green onions, chopped

3 cups of chopped su choy

2 cups of carrot, in a 1/2" dice

2 tbsp. of curry powder

dried chillies to taste

3-4 tbsp. Soya or tamari sauce

1 bunch of cilantro, chopped

salt and pepper to taste

250 ml. of yogurt or sour cream

Cook peas in soup stock until fully cooked. Set aside. Sauté garlic, ginger and tomatoes in the vegetable oil for 4-5 minutes. Add onions, su choy, carrots and curry powder, and cook a few more minutes. Add to the pea mixture, adjusting liquid if necessary. Season with Soya sauce. Add salt, pepper and chillies if desired. Add cilantro before service and top each bowl with a dollop of yogurt.

The Bakerwench can be reached at for questions via randomact.bc.ca

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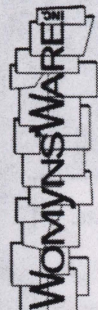
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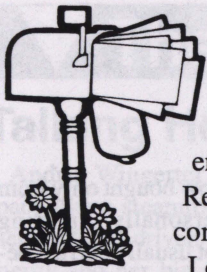
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Letters to the Editor

Rhino as Life-Line

I have been receiving the LNews/Lavender Rhinoceros for several years now. Reading your editorial in January's LR I was compelled to respond.

I can't imagine what a task putting out the LR month after month is. I can certainly relate to your "demons" leading you to burnout. I hope you get lots of pats on the back and self-satisfaction from your work. This is why I'm dropping you this note. We often don't give compliments or credit when they are due.

At this time of my life I am living a very isolated existence due to my demons. The LR is my way of keeping a connection to the lesbian community. It helps me feel less alone and gives me hope. I will emerge from my isolation soon and grow with other lesbians. I wanted you to know how much I appreciate your efforts and how much it means to me to receive the LR. I know it's help you need with the LR production, but I am unable to give that of myself at this time. But—

Thank you Barbara and all your staff. May this New Year, New Millenium help us all battle our demons and continue to grow as you said.

Love to you sister. Anonymous by choice.

Greetings Barb,

More shameless promotion. A few weeks I received my two copies of Skin Deep - Real-life Lesbian Sex Stories from Alyson Publications. My story, The Scream, exists within its covers. I stopped in at Munro Books to see if they would order a few copies in case anyone is interested in the latest from Alyson. Plus, I am working with an editor from Women's Works Press, a publisher out of Virginia on my book The Dyke's Delight Diner. Seems they're very interested in publishing and I've sent them a time of 4-6 months to have the second draft to them.

Thought I would just flash ya.

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Humble Pie An editor's lament

Although I make lots of them, I really hate making mistakes. High fever notwithstanding, last month was a particularly screwy one for me and my facts.

The worst was misspelling the name of a dear one who has died. Helen Sonthoff, partner for many glorious years to Jane Rule, was so special, even to those who had never met her, that even their cats were called Helen and Jane. My deepest apologies to all concerned.

Not until I read Little Lezzie Flashes for last month did I realize I had attributed a crazy fund-raising idea to the wrong source. Packing me off on an ice floe was the idea of the gorgeous Kate Boylan. Not that I'm profusely thanking her for the idea, but...

Finally, my deep apologies to the G-Spot for all the errors on the calendar. I have always said a calendar opens us up to fail badly. I didn't mean to prove it. Coffee Talk is and always has been on Wednesday. All concerned are sorry it happened. Don't forget, you newly out lesbians, the coming out support group meets at the Spot 1st and 3rd Fridays at 7 p.m.

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Bargains Galore at Jumbo Beach

Story by S. McPherson

Photo by Barbara McLaughlin

Jumbo Beach Garage Sale." The name is intriguing enough to draw me in to have a closer look. Located at 508 Herald Street Jumbo Beach is right in the hub of the newly gentrified Old Town between Government and Store Streets. Originally the name was just Garage Sale, but in September 1998, when Paula Ring and her silent business partner Jack took over from the previous owners, they added Jumbo Beach to make the name more fun.

As you walk in the door you are guaranteed a warm greeting from owner Paula or her friends Jack and William. Personalized service is what keeps people coming back," Paula says. "We try to be really attentive to what they want."

Jack and Paula were already friends before going into business together. Paula describes Jack as a collector at heart (Coca Cola and Hotwheels collectibles are his passion) and someone who has always bought and sold from his home. When his friends, the previous owners, offered the business to him he approached Paula who agreed to invest in the project. And so Jumbo Beach Garage Sale began. There was a third partner involved in the beginning who has subsequently moved on. William first came to the store as a customer and has become a trusted friend and co-worker.

One of the reasons for the success of the business according to Paula is all three work so well together. She describes starting out as a real hands-on learning experience. Although she had had experience working in retail she hadn't actually run a business. The former owner helped her learn how to keep the books and was available at tax time. Early on Paula says she learned how important it is to really keep track of income and to monitor cash flow. During the slump in retail business last year, Paula and Jack managed to hang on because they had the advantage of other employment and some savings to help them through.

In the beginning, she says, they bought everything from everybody, but quickly learned they had to narrow purchase choices.



Electronic equipment is now bought only from someone they know personally. Sporting goods and clothing are not usually carried because Sports Traders and Value Village are close by. The space is well-organized so it's easy to find what you're looking for whether it's a coffee pot or a sofa. When I asked how items are priced, Paula laughed and said, "guess work." Then she explained that a lot depends on what she pays for them. Some stock is bought at auction and some from people calling for appraisals or bringing things in. Sometimes there are donations, which give her freedom to give back to the community by keeping prices fair for everyone and giving

"good deals" to those on limited income.

Business is good now. While I was chatting with Paula, people were coming and going continually—some to buy and some just to look and visit. There's a truly diverse customer base and everyone is welcome. Most advertising is done by word of mouth. Here's where the friendly service and good prices pay off. Paula says print advertising hasn't been effective for them, except for an ad in the Yellow Pages which brings quite a few customers. If you're looking for bargains or particular household items, drop in or call Jumbo Beach Garage Sale at 383-6680. They deliver, too.

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Talking Her Way to Success

Andria Wingerter burst into my small space like a steamroller with pedal to the metal and no driver. Whew! She wore her energy and her big eyes under a crushed top hat—"my friends call it my Dr. Seuss hat,"—and began to tell me how she's living her dream. And loving it. Andria has just opened *blue star* a consignment store at the junction of Quadra and Cook featuring great clothes for guys and gals and drag for guys and golf and other sports wear in sizes 4 to 44.

Andria, now 30, discovered she had an extra circuit in her heart. She almost lost her life due to heart surgery. "I could be dead now. But, I feel 110 per cent, my health has never been better, my energy is up, and I'm having a good time."

Andria is neighbours with Michael



Losier, personal success coach. In conversation with Michael she said she was "thinking about doing it" (opening a store). Michael's response was "just do it." Owning her own business—and she has 1400 square feet of it—means "I get to be me. I dance on my tables. It's my store. It's a fun environment." I was curious about how

she'd sell this place. "Word of mouth," she said. "Actually, I sell it. I'm positive. The store is hot and I'm already a success. In six months I'm going to be the number one consignment store."

Of that, I have no doubt.

Curious, I drove out to the store, parked right in front, at 3516 Quadra. The store's instant charmer is a tiny walking rug, or six-pound Yorkshire Terrier, who disregards feet and safety and demands only walking room. If you're taller than I am you'll first notice housewares, gifts, golf stuff, kids toys, and customers who banter back and forth.

I couldn't resist a stunning yellow and black plaid blazer that fit me to a Tee. It costs me \$9 and wowed them later at the G-Spot. Check the *blue star* out. And enjoy a giggle with Andria while you're at it.

Business Tips

Rhino readers are fortunate – we have two personal success coaches, Michael Losier and Joy Kirstin who have offered to write montly columns. Improve your business skills and your life skills.

Three Simple Steps to a Better Life

Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

Mary Oliver, *A Summer Day*



Joy Kirstin

Have you ever felt like the work you do isn't as fulfilling as it could be? Or that exciting possibilities hover all around you, but dissolve into confusing mirages when you look at them too closely?

As a personal and professional coach, I work with people to help them get clear about what they want and support them to create strategies to get there.

Here are three simple steps anyone can follow to start creating the life they want.

1. Start where you are.

Too often, people set off to make their dreams come true without pausing to fill in the "you are here" box on the map.

They end up walking in circles without realizing it. Being in constant motion can make you feel like you're doing all you can to get somewhere, but it won't take you there unless you pause often along the way to consult your map, check your bearings

and see what the terrain ahead holds.

Ask yourself, do I really want to get somewhere different, or do I want to stay where I am while convincing myself I'm trying to change things? Both are valid choices, but be honest about what you're doing. Without taking time to assess where you are now and how you got here, you'll make it harder for yourself to make the shifts necessary to get somewhere else.

2. Be thankful for what you have.

Before you step outside the "you are here" box in search of greener pastures, ask yourself how you can make the most of what already is. Otherwise, you could find yourself on a quest that leads to having everything you thought you wanted, without the enjoyment or meaning you assumed it would hold.

Gratitude acts like a beacon to help attract more good things. And accepting what already is, even while working to change it, cuts down on the emotional baggage you'll have to carry with you. (Remember, accepting it doesn't necessarily mean lik-

ing it; it just means you stop feeding it precious energy.)

3. Dream big and take baby steps.

There's a saying that if you shoot for the moon and miss, you'll at least land among the stars. Baby steps are not necessarily "little" steps although they can be. Most importantly, they are brand new attempts not shut down by fear. Shaky and uncertain at first, toddlers don't give up, no matter how many times they fall.

Let your dreams be as big as they can be, and ask for lots of support, encouragement and TLC from the people you love as you take the first steps. If a small step feels right, then take it. If you're ready for a life-changing blast-off, pack a compass with your parachute, and let me know which star becomes the next "you are here" box in the map of your life.

Joy Kirstin is a personal and professional coach who works with business people, professionals, and artists in Victoria and across North America to help them become more effective, productive and fulfilled. Using weekly in-person or phone sessions to stay connected, she helps people transform their lives while staying or becoming financially secure. She is affiliated with Coach University and is a member of the International Coaching Federation. If you're interested in how a coach could help you, call or email for a free introductory session: joykirstin@pacificcoast.net or 250-361-4680.

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Giant Book Sale March 11

Feminists and dykes won't want to miss this one. Jennifer Waelti-Walters, one of the founding mothers of Women's Studies, is unloading 200 of her books and you can get in on a real meal deal! All books are priced at only \$5 and \$10. There's radical poetry, novels by women, Rebecca West, Virago Classics, even Joann Loulan! There's also 35 volumes of Hypatia going for negotiated price. Some fab framed prints, tarot cards and tarot books, too. A great way to celebrate the end of Women's week and right after coffee talk, too. At the G-Spot Saturday March 11 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Proceeds to Lavender Rhinoceros.

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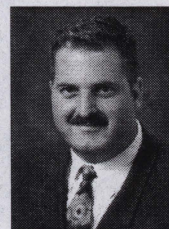
Ms Gay Canada?

In the height of the Miss Canada International controversies, MCI Survivor Marie Routhier has branched out her pageants and is now in the midst of planning for a national drag queen pageant. The pageant will be held in Winnipeg from August 2-6, 2000, and will

Business Tips

The Power of Using Testimonials to Attract New Customers

When you give good service, you'll get good comments. How can you tap into the value and credibility of what others are saying about your product or service? Testimonials offer written proof that what you say in your flyers and brochures is true. In fact, the use of testimonials on flyers, brochures, or even on the back of your business card can speak volumes for your business.



Michael Losier

Here are a few tips and techniques for using testimonials:

(1) When asking someone for a testimonial, make sure you ask the question to elicit an answer which becomes a perfect testimonial. Here's a good way to ask: "If you were going to tell someone about my services (products) what would you tell them in a couple of sentences?"

(2) When quoting a testimonial, be sure to ask for permission. It is not always appropriate to use full names, especially if the nature of your work demands confidentiality, a counselling practice, for example. In all cases, ask for permission in writing.

(3) Where appropriate, use the person's full name, position, and their company. Can you feel and see the difference between the following: S. Smith or Susan Smith, Manager, Sales & Marketing, ABC Company.

(4) Keep the testimonial to a couple of sentences.

(5) Write the testimonial in italics; this adds to the appearance that someone is "saying" it.

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(7) Keep a file folder of notes, cards or other forms of testimonials which you may use at a later time.

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Remember ... to get referrals, give referrals.

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What's A Word's Worth?

By Maddy Aramis

Fresh Flesh by Stella Duffy Serpent's Tail, 1999

Unapologetically snorting cocaine to stay awake, guzzling booze to calm her nerves, and perpetually battling to keep her temper under control, Saz Martin is not the kind of private investigator I'd want to hire.

Sadly, Stella Duffy's decision to make Saz rather unlikable makes it difficult to work up much enthusiasm for the plot of *Fresh Flesh*, a mystery novel set in London, England. The story revolves around the search for several adoptees' birth parents and the resulting discovery of a baby-selling ring.

Though Saz and her partner, Molly, also happen to be pregnant (Molly carries Saz's egg which has been fertilized by a gay friend's sperm), potentially interesting material about fertility, gay couples becoming parents, and shifting social mores goes essentially unexplored.

About the only emotions Duffy seems comfortable probing in any depth are rage and anger, and there is no shortage of either in the novel. The tone of the book is cynical and pissed off, and it seems that Duffy populates her whole world with people who have serious chips on their shoulders.

Two supporting characters (boorish, prone-to-violence straight men) are far too similar to be interesting and the plot twists and coincidences are often strained and unbelievable.

The promise held out in the first chapter (when it seems one might be in for a decent story about the nature of family ties and human emotion) is never fulfilled. The story limps along to its fairly predictable ending without really making an impact on the reader's view of the world.

Rating: ▼▼ on a scale of ▼ to ▼▼▼▼▼

Don't Stir-fry in the Nude: A Beginner's Guide to Fabulous Chinese Cooking

By Les Chan

I'm willing to forgive a lot in my friends if they have a good sense of humour and don't take themselves too seriously. I have the same kind of relationship with Les Chan's cookbook, *Don't Stir-fry in the Nude*.

Right off the bat, the cover is amusing with Chan perched atop his kitchen counter in the buff, a big grin on his face, and a wok neatly concealing any naughty bits. This cover certainly is eye-catching and sets the light-hearted tone for the rest of the book. The recipe selection covers soups, noodles, veggies, seafood, meat and poultry, as well as a couple of desserts (though, Chan informs us, it is not usual practice to conclude an authentic Chinese meal with dessert). The recipes range from ultra simple (Stir-fried Lettuce) to the rather elaborate (Stir-fried Seafood in a Potato Nest). The whole book is laid out in an easy-to-read format.

Chan's quips (explaining, for example the difference between Wor Won Ton, plain Won Ton, and Win Tin Tin – the latter being a

famous Chinese dog...) are sprinkled throughout and give the impression Chan is at your side cracking jokes as you wok up a storm.

Very useful are the practical tips about where to get ingredients (you can buy winter melon by the slice in Chinatown), a quick treatise on rice, and suggestions for customizing seasonings to suit your tastes.

Since the book is aimed at beginners, it would have been useful to have more information up-front on techniques like steaming and stir-frying, and perhaps some details on wok care, vegetable selection, etc. Though some of this information is included in specific recipes, certain tips of a very general nature would have been more useful if included in the introduction.

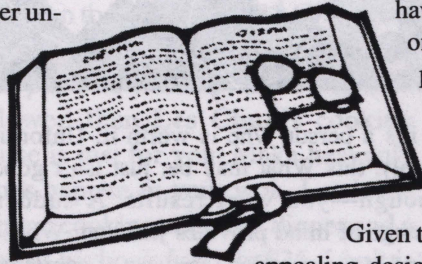
Given the book's small format and cozy tone (and very appealing design using Chinese calligraphy characters in the background), I didn't mind the lack of illustrations (usually high on my list of what makes a cookbook good). What I did find troublesome was the lack of editing throughout.

In places, instructions are ambiguous. This, for a cookbook that is supposed to be helpful to beginners, is a recipe for disaster (or, at least, frustration)! Though in his introduction Chan says he "encourages personal failures and successes with cooking" (meaning he encourages experimentation and creativity), I'm sure he didn't intend to ambush would-be wokkers with such gaffs as recipes where the instructions don't quite mesh with the list of ingredients.

The kinds of problems I encountered wouldn't phase a cook with a bit of experience, someone who reads over the whole recipe before won-ton-ly firing up the deep-fryer. It's unfortunate that Chan, whose humour and obvious expertise permeate an otherwise delightful little book, forgot to add that critical ingredient—one hot editor.

That said, I hope the book finds a home on the shelves of lots of cooks interested in trying out some wonderful traditional Chinese recipes, many of which were handed down through Chan's family. Just think, when the 2nd Edition comes out the idiosyncrasies of the 1st edition will make this little gem worth all the more!

Ed note: It will help to know that Les is offering cooking classes to groups of six for \$25. Includes dinner, class and a book! Great deal.



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Sue's Sun Signs

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Aries. Self-analysis, soul searching. Be strong in the eyes of others and they will be strong for you. You can't get your way all the time, so direct your energies into self-discipline. Come to terms with personal problems to resolve sleep disorders, and set yourself slightly-higher obtainable goals. Strength & vitality return in the latter part of the month. Watch for making bad financial bets...not all is as it seems—someone is misleading you.

Taurus Your social stance is in the blender. So, too, are your work, living arrangements, business, and thought processing. Prepare to be flexible. Neglect can lead to accidents... Care. Watch delusions of grandeur where work is concerned and don't forget what you're supposed to be doing—people will have a habit of sidetracking you...That's not always a bad thing. All work and no play makes for a bore. Love the politicians of your life!

Gemini. Job applications and career may be thwarted by personal relationships, but you're not short of a few bright ideas. Accept the fact that it's good to have a break from the norm. You will set the basic rules for any relationship to work in your busy life. Sometimes work has to come first. Watch for a big fat lie. There's a revelation, too, but don't expect such luck next time.

Cancer. Work progresses nicely for you as long as you don't go wasting your gains on frivolity. There's new ways for you to celebrate. Work for your worth and gamble only on sure bets; risk nothing in the first part of the month. Strategy comes in handy when wishing to attain certain success. It's a month to show that you have business sense unlike wannabees. Change the mundane—thrice.

Leo. New targets need to be set as old one's are fulfilled, or modify as necessary. What started out as casual enterprise now transpires into partnerships, deals, and a solid foundation for future expansion. What once blocked lifts, yet new blockages appear just to test you. Believe only those who show their intentions, as someone is set to trap you for their own gain. You could turn this to your advantage if you spot them in time!

Virgo. Time moves on for you, offering a chance for you to expand on what you have.



If it's a person s/he is worth it. Unfortunately, this What may be, just isn't good enough—you want results. A sudden change of mind provides just that. Whose mind is the question? Beware of coercing. The burden of paying bills lifts (when you pay them!) and there should be enough left over for a bit of fun.

Libra. Life just won't run smoothly, especially when you're trying to make a point. Brain Fuzz. Though you'll have a short beneficial time period at the two ends of the month. Relationships are still to the fore. Are you fulfilling a desire? Are you in control? All questions you should ask yourself. Confused? A couple of months ago a similar situation arose, except this time the boot's on the other foot! Mid-month looks good for luck.

Scorpio. You'll tend to deal with your emotions in true Scorpio fashion, and question these reactions. Remember this: If you allow it, the opportunity will pass you by. Show you care and are interested, break that old cycle, and kick the habit by employing an ingenious new method. Flaking out at home is not the answer to partnership issues, and set a new standard for passion, which will eliminate the high-faluting image you have.

Sagittarius. Even more developments on the home front can't be avoided forever by escapism. Illness is also an issue, but not an excuse, and being a hypochondriac can be a major flaw in your character now. You need help, and family can help to a certain extent, but once again you must push yourself. There's some positive exciting news coming, plus a good result on a major issue you have been pursuing. It's not magic!

Capricorn. Behind the scene string-pulling, are you? And not necessarily nice either, but there is justification. No whimsical dares for you re love or home, and as

one sphere of communication closes, another is sure to open. You have an aura of total sincerity as you prove yourself again and again, yet you can enjoy it too, and do. You're due to make a financial killing. A young person needs help, which you oblige.

Aquarius. Friends come and go. Watch exaggerating to the family about your well being, just to cover up. Your emotional and financial status are reliant on your nearest and dearest, not the fragmented minds of others. Love and friendship takes on a whole new meaning for you as the month progresses to the point of re-evaluating your whole concept. A nice trip close to water will soothe your frayed nerves, rejuvenating you.

Pisces. Look out for work deals going sour due to finances and communications (Pluto in your 10th) and don't rely on hope. Contact people directly to ensure all details are adhered to. The only person you can rely on is you, and this will be obvious to all as the month blooms. You're to be taken seriously; just one problem: the image needs a little makeover. You seem to be having fun, but how's your sleep? A confidence enhancement time.



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Little Lezzie Flashes

This hot little item could be headlined: Gay and Lesbian BC Government Employees Qualify for Marriage Leave! **Cynthia Callahan**, an employee at the Ministry of Attorney General, applied for her three days of marriage leave under the BCGEU Agreement this week, only to have it turned down... at first. The very next day, the Public Service Employee Relations Commission (PSERC) called her supervisor back to reverse the decision. Apparently, they had overlooked a very recent arbitration decision on the exact same issue. The good news is that PSERC's policy is now to grant marriage leave to gays and lesbians equally with heterosexual employees. Let's hope they spread the word a little better inside PSERC! And it will be great to see **Judy Lightwater** and **Cynthia** hitched. Finally... Speaking of couples, **Dr. Richard Hastie** (Dick) has arrived at the Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation at James Bay with his partner **Richard Lincoln** (Dick). The Dr. Dick will be helping out as minister for three months. Okay, I admit I wanted to do

something with the superfluity of Dicks. **Lee Porteous** says she counted 12 dykes and four gay men at last Sunday's service. Last year the congregation sponsored a course on homophobia and diversity required for a UU congregation to be designated a "Welcoming Congregation." ...If the kitchen is your place of worship, and I will be a follower, then **Les Chan's** cooking course is just for you. Make heavenly things happen in your wok. Les is offering a cooking course, a dinner and a copy of his book for only \$25. Limit is six people. Les attributes the success of his industries to **Michael Losier**, personal success coach, and credits **Daniel Sikursky** with the drawings and illustrations in his book, reviewed this issue. Pick it up at **Bolen's** or at **blue star** consignments... **Val Utman** turned 40 over the Valentine weekend celebrating with friends at Friends of Dorothy's. Dorothy's shut the place down for her at the party organized by Corinne, a.k.a. Rebook. Val says thanks and thanks to Skybar. "Dorothy's and Skybar really helped make my party,". Val and pal **Janis Mullan** are gearing up with the Lez to present Spring Fling 2000 at the Da Vinci Centre on April 8. Dancing to a live band. Wow! Caught the Belfry's **Paddy Stewart** at Dog's Day Bakery. A treat for **Sylvia**, perhaps...**Larreine Trudeau** and **Kayshalee Snider** are doing a wonderful job hosting coffee talk on Wednes-

days. It's quite cozy again. **Zorya Plaskin** is working for the government these days so you'll have to call her for astrological or tarot appointments and readings. Check her business card this issue...Finally, I thought you'd enjoy these from the *Sun* via the **Washington Post**. Alternate meanings for words. **Negligent** (adj.) describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie. **Circumvent** (n.), the opening in the front of boxer shorts. **Oyster** (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions. Now, that you are back on your feet, I'll bid you adieu. BMcL

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ON SALT SPRING ISLAND Gays/Lesbians/Allies: meet on the third Sunday of the month, 2pm-4p m, at the Seniors for Seniors Building, 379 Lower Ganges Road (across from GVM). Plan social events; get involved in education, exploration and visibility projects. For more information call 537-2227, e-mail caffyn@saltspring.com. Email: roselyn@netbistro.com (left on holidays until March) Réseau Femmes C-B Email: rccb@telus.net

PERSONAL

I am a 36 year old healthy, professional and large woman interested in meeting a gay man (with or without a partner) who would like to become a father. If you would like to experience the joys and adventures of co-parenting contact LR Box 201.

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Musaic: Lesbian & Gay Choir. Box 8533 Victoria, BC V8W 3S1, 360-1966

Outdoors Club: 474-8159 Also email Kanaice_sls@bc.sympaico.ca Sherry Norie norie@telus.net

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LESBIAN ISSUES IN CANADA - A VICTORIA PROFILE READ ON!!!!

March 1, 2000

Dear Participant,

As Canadians we have the good fortune to be part of a culture that is willing to incorporate a growing degree of diversity. Federal policy makers are beginning to consider what they believe to be the perspective and experience of gays and lesbians when developing new policy and reviewing existing programs and legislation.

Unfortunately, assumptions are often made about the homogeneity of the gay and lesbian community. As lesbians, we know our lives and issues can vary greatly from those of gay men. This project has been undertaken as a first step in describing the profile of lesbians and the issues of concern to us in one mid-size Canadian city, Victoria. The survey is especially relevant to those who have experienced legal, health, and educational obstacles because of being a lesbian.

The Lesbian Issues Project includes this survey on lesbian issues and two focus groups to discuss those issues in more detail. The project is funded by Status of Women Canada and sponsored by the Women's Creative Network. If you would like to participate in the focus groups please contact us by email at jlightwater@pacificcoast.net or call 598-6034. The survey is intended to help identify the policy issues that concern lesbians. In time we hope to be able to paint a more complete picture of our community including its history, profiles of lesbians who have made contributions to community life, samples of our art and creative writing, and further research into areas of program and legislative needs.

Thank you again for completing this survey. **It can be returned by mail to 1435 Thurlow St., Victoria, B.C., V8S 1L8, emailed to lesbiansurvey@home.com, or faxed to 383-8976.** Please make copies of the survey for other lesbians who would like to fill it out. Or call 388-0161 and request another copy by mail, or email lesbiansurvey@home.com and an email or hard copy will be sent. We are distributing 500 surveys and hope to reach lesbians of all ages and backgrounds. The more responses/completed surveys we have to analyze the more conclusive our findings will be.

Sincerely,

Judy Lightwater and Jannit Rabinovitch, Issues Research Project Coordinators
Women's Creative Network

Lesbian Issues in Canada - A Profile of Victoria

Note: This questionnaire is only for women who identify as lesbian, queer, dyke, or two-spirited and whose primary sexual and emotional relationships are with women. Please answer every question. Use N/A if the question does not apply to you or if you choose not to answer it. Please write legibly. Only one answer per question. Thanks.

Demographics

How old are you?

1. under 18 2. 18-25 3. 26-35 4. 36-45 5. 46-55 6. 56-65 7. 65+

How many years have you been a lesbian?

1. 1-2 years 2. 3-10 years 3. 11 years or more

What is your current gender?

1. female 2. male to female transsexual

What is your current sexual orientation?

1. lesbian 2. dyke 3. queer 4. two-spirited 5. other

Is your sexual orientation known to

1. very few people 2. some people 3. most people

Do you currently care for dependent children?

1. yes 2. no

If yes, are you the sole caregiver?

1. Yes 2. No

If you are co-parenting is that co-parent

1. Female 2. Male

What is your highest level of education?

1. Grade 10 2. High school graduation 3. college or university degree
4. graduate degree 5. trade/professional certification 6. other

Do you identify as

1. Caucasian 2. First Nations 3. Inuit 4. Metis 5. South Asian 6. Asian
7. Oceanic 8. Hispanic 9. Black 10. Indigenous 11. Middle Eastern

Are you currently employed?

1. yes 2. no

Please indicate your annual gross income (before taxes)

1. under \$16,000 2. \$17,000-\$30,000 3. \$31,000-\$45,000
4. \$46,000 - \$60,000 5. \$60,000 - \$75,000 6. \$76,000 or more

Are you currently receiving income assistance?

1. yes 2. no

Are you currently receiving employment insurance?

1. Yes 2. No

Are you currently receiving any other form of pension, insurance, or benefit?

1. Yes 2. No

Approximately what percentage of your net monthly income (after taxes) do you spend on shelter (including utilities)?

1. less than 25% 2. 25% 3. 30% 4. 40% 5. 50% 6. More than 50%

Do you rent or own your shelter?

1. Rent 2. Own

Health

Have you experienced any major illnesses or injuries in the last five years?

1. yes 2. no

Do you currently smoke tobacco?

1. yes 2. no

Do you currently drink alcohol in amounts that influence your daily life?

1. yes 2. no 3. other, please explain

Do you currently use marijuana in amounts that influence your daily life?

1. yes 2. no

Do you currently use cocaine, heroin or any other illegal drugs in amounts that influence your daily life?

1. Yes 2. No

Do you have housing that meets your needs?

1. yes 2. no

If no, in what way is it inadequate?

1. yes 2. no

Was that training helpful in gaining employment?

Do you have adequate access to counselling/therapy if you desire it?

1. Yes 2. No

If no, why not?

Do you take prescription drugs to treat/manage/improve your mental health?

1. Yes 2. No

If yes, what types of drugs do you take?

What are your primary health concern(s) at this time?

the future?

How can health and health services for lesbians be improved in Victoria?

1. Caucasian 2. First Nations 3. Inuit 4. Metis 5. South Asian 6. Asian S. E. 7. Oceanic 8. Hispanic 9. Black 10. Indigenous 11. Middle Eastern

What services not available to you would help to address your health concerns?

Are you currently employed?

1. yes 2. no

As a lesbian, do you feel respected and well-served by our health providers?

1. Yes 2. No

Who do you turn to for primary emotional support?

(one answer only please)

1. Partner 2. Friend(s) 3. Family 4. Counselor 5. lesbian community/group
6. Church/religious organization

Who/what are your other sources of support?

Legal Issues

What do you consider your major legal issue(s) at this time?

Have you experienced any discrimination as a result of being a lesbian?

(This includes discrimination within your family, at school, at work, or elsewhere)

1. yes 2. no

If yes, please describe that discrimination.

Were you able to redress that discrimination?

- 1. yes
- 2. no
- 3. other, please explain

Have you experienced any covert forms of discrimination as a result of stereotyping, invisibility or ignorance?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

If yes, please describe.

Education

Have you participated in job skill training?

- 1. yes
- 2. no

Was that training helpful in gaining employment?

- 1. yes
- 2. no

What changes would you make to training opportunities that would make them more relevant or effective for you as a lesbian?

General

What are the major issues concerning you, as a lesbian, at this time?

What are the major issues that, as a lesbian, you anticipate will be of concern to you in the future?

Would you prefer to use education, health and legal services specifically designed for lesbians?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

Do you see the lesbian community as your primary social and support network?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

What barriers do you feel may limit lesbian concerns/issues being addressed effectively?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

Who do you turn to for primary emotional support?

(one answer only please)

- 1. Partner
- 2. Friends
- 3. Family
- 4. Counselor
- 5. Lesbian community

Are there any other comments you would like to make that would assist us in identifying issues of concern to lesbians in our community?

Legal Issues

Thank you very much for completing this survey. Please return it by email to lesbian_survey@home.com , by fax to 383-8976, or by mail to 1435 Thurlow St., Victoria, B.C. V8S 1L8.

There will be no list of respondents generated in this study nor do we wish to know your identity. If you wish to guarantee anonymity please mail your response with no return address or fax from a public fax service. Please do not put any identifying information on your questionnaire no matter how you return it.

We respect and protect your responses and the confidentiality of all information gathered in this survey. **If you are interested in participating in a focus group on these issues please let us know by calling 598-6034 or emailing**

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Thank you.

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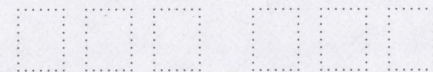
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GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER *Myiarchus crinitus*

LIKE ALL OTHERS FLYCATCHERS FOUND IN CANADA, THE GREAT CRESTED IS A MIGRANT, WINTERING IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA AND CENTRAL MEXICO, THROUGH CUBA TO NORTHERN COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA. AFTER HEADING BACK NORTH IN EARLY MAY, IT CAN BE FOUND IN SOUTHERN CANADA - EAST OF THE ROCKIES - IN SOUTHEASTERN SASKATCHEWAN, SOUTHERN MANITOBA, SOUTHERN AND SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO, SOUTHWESTERN QUEBEC, SOUTHWESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK, AND IN A LIMITED AREA OF MAINLAND NOVA SCOTIA. THE GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER OFTEN LURKS IN THE CANOPY OF TALL, MATURE DECIDUOUS FORESTS WHERE, PERCHED ON A DEAD BRANCH, IT MAY REMAIN SILENT AND MOTIONLESS WAITING FOR AN INSECT TO COME WITHIN REACH. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE BIRD, WITH ITS LARGE BILL, WILL SEIZE THE INSECT IN FLIGHT, RETURN TO THE PERCH TO EAT IT, AND AWAIT THE NEXT PREY.

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TYRAN HUPPÉ *Myiarchus crinitus*

TOUT COMME LES AUTRES ESPÈCES DE MOUCHEROLLES QUI SE TROUVENT AU CANADA, LE TYRAN HUPPÉ EST UN RÉSIDANT D'ÉTÉ QUI HIVERNE DANS UNE ZONE ALLANT DU SUD DE LA FLORIDE ET DU CENTRE DU MEXIQUE AU NORD DE LA COLOMBIE ET DU VENEZUELA, SANS OUBLIER CUBA. LORSQU'IL REMONTE VERS LE NORD, AU DÉBUT DE MAI, IL NICHE DANS LE SUD DU CANADA, À L'EST DES ROCHEUSES, NOTAMMENT DANS LE SUD-EST DE LA SASKATCHEWAN, LE SUD DU MANITOBA, LE SUD ET LE SUD-OUEST DE L'ONTARIO, LE SUD-OUEST DU QUÉBEC ET DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK ET DANS UNE RÉGION RESTREINTE DE L'OUEST DE LA NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE, À L'INTÉRIEUR DES TERRES. LE TYRAN HUPPÉ OCCUPE SURTOUT LA CIME DES GRANDS ARBRES, PRÉFÉRANT LES FORÊTS DE FEUILLUS D'UNE CERTAINE MATURITÉ; IL SE PERCHE SUR UNE BRANCHE MORTE ET S'Y TIENT, IMMOBILE ET SILENCIEUX, À L'AFFÛT D'UN INSECTE QUI PASSE. AVEC SON LARGE BEC, IL HAPPE ALORS SA PROIE AU VOL ET REVIENT S'EN NOURRIR SUR SON PERCHOIR, EN ATTENDANT UN PROCHAIN REPAS.

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Saturday Morning Coffee Talk
10:30am – 1:30pm with Debbie
& Fran - \$2 for everyone
chair massage with Miriah,
available most Saturdays
Tarot, Horoscope & Rune readings
available most Wed and Sat
Coffee Talks with Joy & Zorah

**Victoria Women's Outdoor
and Activity Club (vwoac)**
call Kanaice 474-8159 or email
Sherry norie@telus.net
for activities info

Drop in Jam with Michele
8:30-10:30pm
2nd & 4th Mondays

March@thespot

women's creative network
it's small but if you can find it
you can come...

			1 coffee talk 10:30am-1:30pm	2	3 Coming Out Support Group 7-9pm	4 coffee talk 10:30am-1:30pm chair massage with Miriah
5	6	7 Qi Gong 6-7pm with Miriah	8 coffee talk 10:30am-1:30pm New Writer's Group 7-9pm	9	10	11 coffee talk 10:30am-1:30pm Drag King Show 8pm
12	13 Drop in Jam with Michele 8:00 - 10:30 pm	14 Qi Gong 6-7pm with Miriah	15 coffee talk 10:30am-1:30pm	16	17 Coming Out Support Group 7-9pm	18 coffee talk 10:30am-1:30pm Party Hardy 8pm
19	20	21 Qi Gong 6-7pm with Miriah	22 coffee talk 10:30am-1:30pm New Writer's Group 7-9pm	23	24 Move Night Bring your own popcorn with Marla and company 7pm	25 coffee talk 10:30am-1:30pm Wise Women 7:30-11pm
26	27 Drop in Jam with Michele 8:00 - 10:30 pm	28 Qi Gong 6-7pm with Miriah	29 coffee talk 10:30am-1:30pm	30	31	coffee talk 10:30am-1:30pm chair massage with Miriah

Events at the Womens' Creative Network are:

• **WOMEN-ONLY** unless indicated
all genders. this policy includes
and welcomes transgendered and
transsexual people.

• ALWAYS available on a **SLIDING
SCALE**, a sliding scale means that if you
have more, you pay more, if you have
less, you pay less: Come out and
support **YOUR** Spot

up-to-date information always
available @ 382-SPOT (7768)
1910 store street
(just past Capital Iron)
wcn_spot@yahoo.com
http://victoria.tc.ca/
Community/WCN/

Special Events

Two shows

Two shows

Drag King Show

WOMEN ONLY TILL 10:30pm
****ALL GENDER 10:30pm ON****



Saturday March 11
8pm-2am

Cover: \$5.00 Non-Members
\$3.00 Members

First show at 9pm

Second show at 11pm

hosted by
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Licensed Event



Party Hardy

Saturday March 18
8 pm

Cover: \$5.00 Non-Members
\$3.00 Members

DJ's: "DJ DEVOTION"

Alice and Allison

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