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Crows... Queers... and Shiny Things

The one thing in common between crows and queers is that we both like shiny things. So, if you're reading this, then I must also thank you for finding us this month. We have a new brand, a new look, and yes we've gone glossy. And what better time to launch our new sixty-four-page format than with Pride Month and the 40th Anniversary of Stonewall. A turning point in gay history and now a turning point for *Outlooks Magazine*.

But that's not the only thing that's new. As you read this month's issue, you will see that we have established, what will become, ongoing departments. Starting with the *Lifestyle* section we will be presenting articles on your Health with regulars like *Ask Dr O* and *Couch Talk*; Fitness this month features the *Triadventure*—a three day challenge that supports HIV and AIDS charities; and Politics where we celebrate the *World's First Openly Gay Prime Minister*; and *Technogay*—an exploration of electronics and gadgets. Of special note are the two new regular features for this department—*International and Regional Gay News*. Both of which we will be enhancing in future issues, because after all, it's a great big gay world out there.

Our travel section, now called *Vacations, Trips and Party Time* will feature an international travel destination; a more local travel opportunity; and profiles of international gay events and parties. This month we tackle some Pride Events, a P-Town Reunion, and a review of a great campy—err, I mean camping destination just two hours from Toronto.

Moving deeper into the issue, you will find **Looks**, our answer to today's trends in fashion and

design. This month we pay tribute to some of our GLBT *Canadian Style Makers* along with a great new workout collection from *Rufskin*. Adding to an already strong design flavor is *Karim Rashid*, an Egyptian born, but Canadian educated, international designer. His range of designs is astounding, having designed furniture, fashion, hotels, accessories and beyond.

We felt **Arts and Entertainment** should be a definite keeper, and our recent Readers Survey echoed those sentiments. Get close and personal this month with *Bif Naked* who tells it exactly as she sees it! Then there's everyone's favorite gay pimp—*Jonny McGovern*. And wait till you see Mike Ruiz, an A-list celeb photographer who will be starring in this seasons *Canada's Next Top Model*. This guy can easily play both sides of a camera.

Out-spoken is where you will continue to find our never dull and somewhat outspoken columnists—Peter's Pulpit and the ever popular, *Mistress Manners* to name just a couple. And this month a special piece about personal pride—*Prisoner of Love*.

Our final department, **Inside-out** is where you'll find your regular favorites like *Don't You Wish*, *Out & About*, *Marketplace* and some added fun on the *Horscope* page. And oh yeah, the *Editor's Notes* I suppose belongs in here too.

So again, thanks for recognizing us this month and please help us spread the word by sharing your copy or by telling all your friends about the new *Outlooks*.

Cheers for now and Celebrate your pride with passion.

~ Brett Taylor, Editor in Chief

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