

Shaun Proulx & Patrick Marano

What happens when a top billing porn star meets an envelope-pushing chronicler of gay sexcapades?

Montréal's Patrick Marano was discovered by porn impresario Chi Chi LaRue while living in Los Angeles. As Eddie Stone, Marano quickly became one of this decade's most sought-after adult entertainers, winning GayVN and Grabby awards for Best Newcomer.

Shaun Proulx is an established columnist in GLBT media, an outspoken activist, and the controversial publisher of GayGuideToronto.com.

During an interview in 2007, sparks flew between the pair and they now live together in Toronto, working with 103.9 PROUD FM, the world's first GLBT commercial radio station (www.proudfm.com).

We caught up with the power couple to find out how they manage their unique work-home dynamic.

Outlooks: Great to speak with you both. Shaun, is it true that you once wrote for *Outlooks Magazine*?

Proulx: Years ago, yes. I covered the Toronto scene.

Outlooks: You also outed Calgary and Vancouver's best pick-up spots on CBC's *The Hour* with George Stroumboulopoulos?

Proulx: If there's one thing recognizable

that readers know I've done, it was that report. I spilled several no-holds-barred secrets on gay cruising—but I was only trying to educate. (*Laughs*) I promise! (Search "Shaun Proulx Cruising" on YouTube.)

Outlooks: Patrick, is it true you first met Shaun on the phone?

Marano: Exactly—during a radio interview from LA. We talked porn, safer sex, drugs—the things guys usually talk about on a first date. (*Laughs*) But even talking over the phone, I remember feeling chemistry.

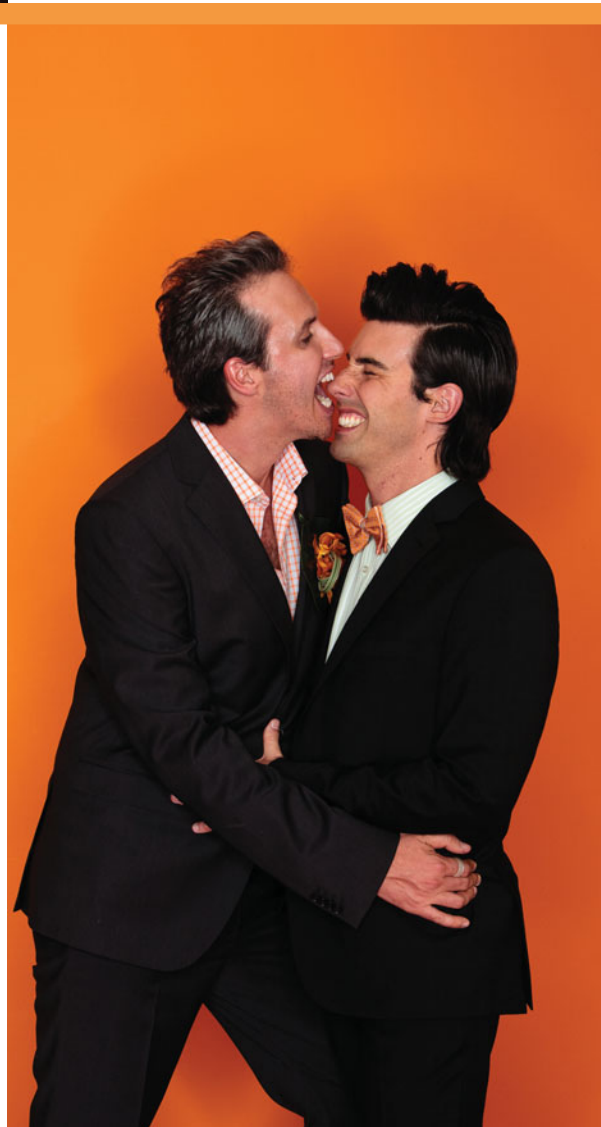
Outlooks: But you were living and working in Los Angeles. How did one interview turn into a relationship, two dogs, a cat, and a new Toronto condo?

Marano: I was in transition. For porn, I had worked with top studios, traveled and won awards. I was ready for my next phase, which meant moving back home to Canada to start my own studio. No sooner had my plane landed than I looked up Shaun.

Proulx: (*Laughs*) I don't feel that I've done a good interview unless they are living with me a year later, cleaning up dog poo.

Proulx & Marano:

Canada's Next Power Couple



Marano: (*Smiles*) And mopping up pee.

Outlooks: So, with separate time slots and crossing paths daily at ProudFM, what is your home life like?

Marano: It's not glamorous. I have an end-of-day routine: feed dogs—throw on shorts and shirt—crack open beer—start dinner. Shaun gets home—we eat—and then into bed early.

Proulx: Our lives are highly work-focused, which is bad enough for any couple. Our safe word is "Chocolate" if one of us is blathering on about anything work-related.

Marano: We also have a daily slow dance in the kitchen—with or without music. Shaun initiated it. At first, I thought it was silly; but it gives us our moment every day.

Outlooks: Can you give *Outlooks Readers* a hint of what to expect over the next months?

Proulx: Well, I'm excited that *The Shaun Proulx Show* will be seen on OUT TV (slated for August), with three cameras in ProudFM's studio and additional out-of-studio footage. There will be great guests, pee-ourselves-laughing moments, and topical talk—an excellent twenty-four minutes each episode.

Also, this summer I bike from Toronto to Montreal (with co-host Mark Wigmore) for the Friends for Life Bike Rally and the Toronto People with AIDS Foundation.

Marano: For me, developing the mid-day show on PROUD FM is my priority. I will also be launching my studio, and am currently in talks to develop a porn reality show (yes, with men!). Keep posted on my studio's blog: eddiestoneonline.com.

Outlooks: Patrick, having lived in LA, can you offer any comments on Proposition 8 and the banning of gay marriage in California?

Marano: I know many couples affected by Prop 8, and all I can say is to hang in there, I know it's frustrating. They are truly pioneers, paving the way for future generations; but when the day comes, it will be because of their strength and perseverance.

Outlooks: Shaun, as Canada's own "Ellen and Portia," should we expect wedding bells in your own futures?

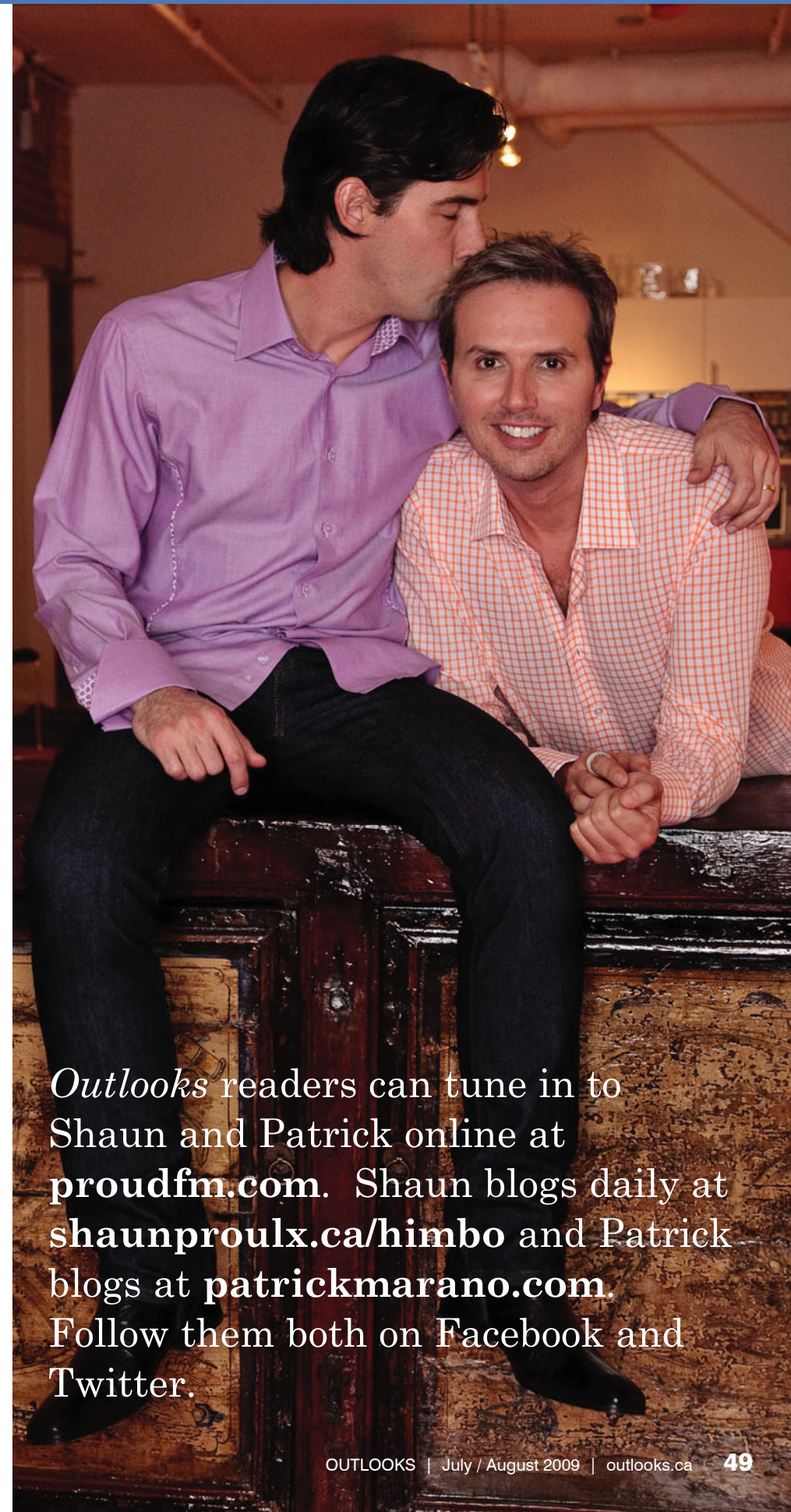
Proulx: The question was asked, I'll say that much.

Outlooks: And what was the answer?

Proulx: Stay tuned! You'll be one of the first to know. And I assume I'm Portia.

Marano: I'm definitely Ellen.

Outlooks: I can take a hint. Thank you both for your time.



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