

Hepatitis rates 'alarmingly high'

Gay and bisexual men urged to get vaccinations

SAN FRANCISCO – Although hepatitis vaccination rates are on the rise, more than half of the nation's gay and bisexual men are said to be unprotected against hepatitis A and hepatitis B. Both strains are feared to disproportionately affect gay and bisexual men.

Routine vaccination against both hepatitis A and hepatitis B is recommended for all gay and bisexual men by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) based in San Francisco.

Symptoms of hepatitis A and hepatitis B include fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, stomach discomfort, dark urine and jaundice. In 5 percent to 10 percent of cases, hepatitis B infection becomes chronic and may cause primary liver cancer, which can lead to death, according to GLMA. Immunity is conferred by prior infection or by vaccination.

The hepatitis alert developed from GLMA studies conducted at Pride festivals last summer. Statistics from the organization's 6th annual multi-city survey of men who have sex with men (MSM) included 949 responses from nine sites:

■ 40 percent of respondents were judged completely immune to hepatitis A, and 39 percent were judged completely immune to hepatitis B. (Complete immunity is conferred through prior infection or a complete course of vaccination, according to the GLMA.)

■ The highest vaccination rate was reported by respondents at San Francisco PrideFest, where 51 percent of respondents had received at least one dose of a vaccine against hepatitis A, and 56 percent had received at least one dose of a vaccine against hepatitis B.

■ The lowest vaccination rates were reported by respondents at the Queens, N.Y., PrideFest: 35 percent had received at least one dose of a vaccine against hepatitis A, and 40 percent had received at least one dose of a vaccine against hepatitis B.

■ GLMA found that respondents were less likely to have been vaccinated if they had a lower income, if they didn't have healthcare coverage or a regular healthcare provider, or if they were not "out" to their provider.

A comparison to the previous survey shows that, for respondents living in 8 of the 9 cities studied, the vaccination rates for both hepatitis A and hepatitis B rose by at least five percentage points between 2003 and 2004. Since 1999, the first year GLMA conducted a hepatitis survey, vaccination rates against hepatitis A have more than

PJALS calls for freedom to marry campaign

Grassroots coalition hopes also to rally for domestic partner benefits for city employees

One nonprofit organization allied to the gay community and a grassroots effort by individuals both announced plans this month to mobilize action in support marriage equality for gay couples living in committed relationships.

The Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane (PJALS), which supports the freedom of individuals to marry as a civil rights issue, said in an electronic message that it is "committed to actively address the freedom to marry issue as 2005 gets under way."

PJALS announced a meeting to establish a freedom to marry campaign for Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Building at 35 W. Main.

Those interested in participating are asked to contact Brooke Powers at

PJALS by calling 838-7870 or by e-mail to Brooke.PJALS@gmail.com.

The grassroots organization seeks people willing to advocate for the extension of domestic partner benefits for Spokane city employees and who would serve as part of a coalition to help preserve the gains to be made legislatively at the state level.

Principal organizers include former City Council member Dean Lynch; Brad Read, former chair of the Spokane Human Rights Commission, and Barbara Williamson, a professor at Spokane Falls Community College.

Three reasons they cite as the need for active participants are:

■ If the Spokane City Council passes an ordinance authorizing domestic partner benefits – which has been languishing with the Human Rights Commission for well over two years – it is possible for opponents to try to repeal it by voter initiative in November.

doubled (from 21 percent to 48 percent). Vaccination rates against hepatitis B increased 45 percent (to 48 percent of the targeted population).

Earlier last year, GLMA relaunched its program to promote hepatitis vaccination for MSM, distributing 170,000 brochures, posters, postcards and stickers at Gay Pride events and through clinics and private providers.

Innovative programs now offer free or low-cost vaccination at many community-based clinics. Off-site programs such as New York City's "Hot Shots" bring free vaccinations to bars and clubs popular with gay men. (See related story on page 5.)

"We are pleased to see progress," said Joel Ginsberg, executive director of the GLMA, "but we shouldn't be lulled into a false sense of security."

Added Ginsberg, "While rates of new hepatitis A and hepatitis B infections are falling among almost every other population group, they remain alarmingly high among men who have sex with men.

"Gay and bisexual men need to ask their providers about hepatitis vaccination and providers need to be trained to make sure their gay and bisexual male patients are protected against these diseases," he said.

Gay GOPs plan inaugural dinner to benefit AIDS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A black tie, \$125-a-plate dinner to raise money for an AIDS organization founded by gay Republican activist Abner Mason is expected to become one of the main events for gay Republicans in the nation's capital on Jan. 20, when President Bush is inaugurated into his second term in office, said the Washington Blade.

The dinner comes at a time when Log Cabin Republicans, the nation's largest gay GOP group, is working to mend fences with the Bush administration. Log Cabin refused to endorse the president in the recent election because of his announced support for a U.S. constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage. The group endorsed Bush in 2000.

The AIDS Responsibility Project (ARP), which Mason formed in 2003, is billing the dinner as a "salute to a second term" and a celebration of "the presidential inauguration and Republican electoral success."

The dinner is scheduled for the J.W. Marriott Hotel downtown beginning at 6 p.m. Many of the 150 participants expected to attend, including Log Cabin members and other gay GOP activists,

■ If the Washington Legislature passes the Cal Anderson bill – which would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation – it is possible the opposition will try to repeal it in a statewide initiative to voters in November.

■ If the state Supreme Court "upholds the unconstitutionality of preventing equal treatment of citizens based on marriage and requests the Legislature to act" – a decision is anticipated as early as this summer – another voter initiative, this one also statewide, might materialize for November 2006.

Individuals who recognize the need for people to form a unified coalition in support of human rights and equality are invited to contact the organizers:

Call Dean Lynch at 838-6743 or send him an e-mail at flynlch10@comcast.net.

Call Brad Read at 536-8847 or e-mail him at mbbread@comcast.net.

Call Barbara Williamson at 389-0330 or send her an e-mail at amlit278@hotmail.com.

likely will attend one of the official inaugural balls after the dinner ends at 9 p.m., the Blade said.

Some critics have called the ARP a front for U.S. pharmaceutical companies, which provided funding for the group. Among other things, ARP has sided with the pharmaceutical industry on some AIDS drug-related issues. Mason defended the actions, he said, because they call for the best means of providing drugs to millions of poor citizens in developing countries.

Mason is a former Log Cabin board member and served as head of the organization in Massachusetts before moving to Los Angeles two years ago, when the White House named him to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

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Voices

Stonewall: yes you can help

by staff

Let's take this occasion for a little heart-to-heart about Stonewall.

First of all, we're a week late in publishing. That came about due to an illness on the news staff. And when that staff, essentially, is a one-person operation, without a pool of qualified writers to step in and help out, deadlines and assignments go by the wayside.

More importantly, and more to the point of this discussion, Stonewall is smaller than customary. Considerably smaller. To a degree that's because of fewer advertisers, a seasonal malady endured by many publications in the dead of winter or the heat of summer.

But, for this first issue in 2005, we decided to apply the formula that guides most publications in determining the number of pages to print: an even split between advertising space and news space. The Spokesman-Review applies it. So do the weekly Seattle Gay News and Portland's biweekly Just Out. A 50-50 split is harder to achieve with a smaller newspaper, but we decided to give it a shot.

Establishing a ratio of 50 percent advertising to 50 percent news, in theory, is recommended for maintaining an economically-viable publication. Alternatives would be to reduce overhead, cut payroll, increase the subscriber base or raise advertising rates.

It's difficult for a home-based business such as Stonewall to pare overhead expenses. You may notice the absence of staff photos, but it makes for gray-looking pages. No special excitement for the eye. Plus, the savings in film and processing is negligible. Columnists and other contributing writers and illustrators, when they're used, get what amounts to a token payment. But those tokens are significant to Stonewall's bank account.

The principal outlay for payroll goes to the production editor. Because of the decrease in advertising revenue, the production editor, who also handled advertising contacts this month, will take home slightly more than half the income projected for the January issue.

The company that prints Stonewall will get about one quarter of the projected income, with most of the balance to cover distribution costs. The few shekels remaining could go to the person who juggles administrative management with the news writing. They would be entered as a payroll expense but it would be a stretch to call it a salary.

Subscriptions pay for the maintenance of a mailing list, but little else. A few years back, more than 40 people responded as Super Subscribers to help mail the newspaper to government decision-makers. Stonewall has continued the mailing. The local post office does an excellent job in delivering Stonewall and many subscribers receive their copy the day after it's mailed. We know. We monitor it closely.

We're sensitive to our advertising rates and, while determining what they should be is not an exact

science, we feel they were pretty much on target through 2004. It also may be worth noting that the ad rates have remained unchanged since January 1999.

From a news standpoint, we feel as if we publish a pretty darned good product, that Stonewall compares favorably to the big boys both visually and journalistically. With more advertising, we could offer more depth of coverage.

Can you help? Oh, you bet.

While display advertisers have reported varying degrees of success from their ads in Stonewall, one nongay advertiser called last month to cancel her contract. Although she allowed that her ad was targeted to a rather select audience within the gay community, she expressed disappointment that, after nine months, she had not received a single call in response. Not even from someone who only wanted to say thanks for advertising in "our paper." A friendly pat on the back is always helpful.

Some business people have called to inquire about advertising in Stonewall because one of their customers suggested it. That's helpful, not only for the paper, but it benefits our broader community as well.

Stonewall's ad rates are reasonable for many businesses, too steep for some. But, an ad in Stonewall represents a commitment to the gay community. It's not gratuitous and it's considerably more than tokenism.

Here at Stonewall, we occasionally find ourselves in a Catch-22. One recent example is Margaret Cho's comedy gig in downtown Spokane. We gave the show reasonable feature treatment but we didn't feel we – or the gay community – were invited for the fun. An invitation, to our thinking, would have been a paid ad. But the venue hosting the comic did not feel compelled to advertise in Stonewall. Of two shows scheduled, one was cancelled for lack of reservations. Did readers sense the Catch-22, too? Would an ad in Stonewall have filled the showroom for both performances?

That doesn't even touch on some business owners who are gay but refuse to advertise in Stonewall.

Yes, Stonewall is visible, and while it hardly is the lifeblood of the community, we do feel the community would be less viable, less cohesive, without the paper. Stonewall offers an opportunity to bring the community together. It's an opportunity to let people know what's going, even those who chose not to get involved in community affairs. To some, Stonewall is reassurance, to others it's an awakening or an awareness that otherwise might have gone undiscovered.

The size of this issue of Stonewall is in direct relation to the amount advertising necessary to produce a more comprehensive publication. Without advertising support, you can count on Stonewall for one thing: its disappearance.

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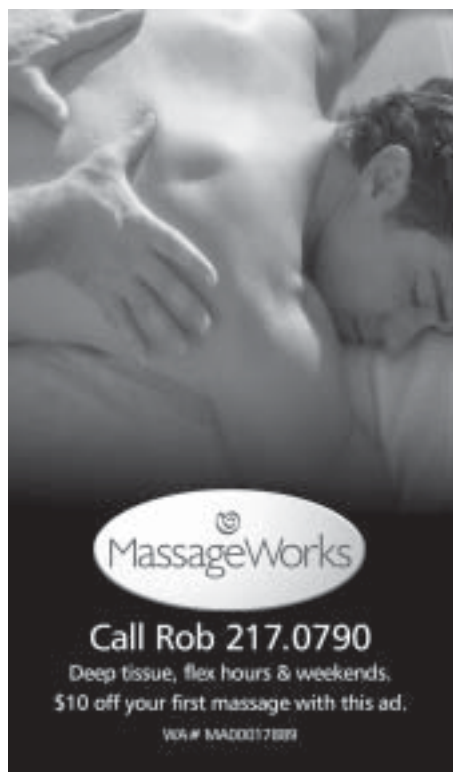
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IN Pride morphs into OutSpokane

Members of Inland Northwest Pride, who voted unanimously last month to change the name of the organization, will hold a midday retreat Jan. 9 in an effort to solidify plans for Pride Day in June.

At question will be the date for the day itself. Typically held the second Sunday in June, some members feel a Saturday event would attract a larger crowd and could offer a beer garden and longer parade route, among other possibilities. It also was suggested that the committee look into the possibility of city sponsorship.

Inland Northwest Pride, often referred to as the Pride Committee, now will be known as OutSpokane.



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Rainbow Center also sets volunteer training

Art and cinema are the attractions featured at the Rainbow Regional Community Center this month, and a one-hour orientation class for volunteers is scheduled along the way.

The work of Savannah College of Art and Design alumni will be exhibited at the center Jan. 6-28. Gallery director Timothy Phillips, himself a graduate of the Georgia school, said the exhibition "will allow the center to show work of artists from all across the United States and other countries." The exhibit will showcase the talents of both gay and allied artists, he said.

Phillips said the gallery also is accepting work for an upcoming student

artist show. Deadline for entries is Jan. 28.

The center's "Dinner & Movie" program, launched last month on selected Friday nights – the food is home cooked by volunteers and the films are shown on a large-screen TV – continues this month at 6 p.m. each night:

Jan. 14th – *Trick*, served with beef tips and noodles,

Jan. 21 – *Priscilla, the Queen of the Desert*, with a plate of stew, and

Jan. 28 – *Bobbie's Girl*, accompanied by a bowl of potato soup.

The orientation meeting for volunteers and anyone who wants to volunteer is scheduled at the center on Jan. 20th at 7 p.m., Phillips said.

Drummers plan 'V' ball

Lovers get ready: the Giant Ass Drum Corps of Spokane will present *The Valentine's Ball* on Feb. 12. Semi-formal or formal attire will be appropriate for the event, said drum corps member C.C. Labor.

The dance, with live entertainment, will be held at Unitarian Universalist Church from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. It's an adults-only affair and admission is \$10, or \$8 with two cans of food.

KYRS airs *Queer Sounds*

Community radio station KYRS, dedicated to under-served voices in Spokane, airs national shows, news and music, and also features *Queer Sounds* every Thursday from 3-5 p.m. when DJ Irey spins music not likely heard on commercial radio. She also announces gay events and other events of interest. KYRS 95.3 is being translated on 92.3 by the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane (PJALS) translating the signal.

Dennis Ryan takes business group helm

New officers elected at the December board meeting of the Inland Northwest Business Alliance include Dennis Ryan, president; Paul Tiesse, vice president; Penny Reid, secretary, and Tonya Conklin, treasurer.

Conklin, Lorin Miller and Willow Williams were announced as new board members.

Odyssey Youth Center's Laurel Kelly is the scheduled guest speaker at the group's monthly business luncheon at Europa Pizzeria and Bakery on Jan. 12. Kelly is expected to discuss projects Odyssey's members are planning for 2005.

New Best Buy outlet to open near downtown

Gay entrepreneur Jack Allen looks to open a new outlet for Best Buy Adult Entertainment near downtown this month. New quarters for the shop that specializes in videos, magazines and a variety of novelties and health aids for both male and female shoppers, was being spackled, painted and carpeted in preparation for stocking as Stonewall News Northwest went to press. An opening date depended on remodeling progress, Allen said.

The new store is located at 123 E. Sprague Ave., two blocks east of Division. The entrance is at the center of the building fronting a customer parking area. Allen said his current plans call for the store at 2425 E. Springfield Ave. remaining open.

Best Buy first operated on Second Avenue from 1996 until a city ordinance change mandated relocation more than a year ago. An ardent supporter of local community events and economic development, Allen owned Jack's Nighthawk, a popular gay bar, during the Expo 74 era and beyond.

Rainbow Center elects new officers

New officers for the board of directors of the Rainbow Regional Community Center, elected at December's meeting, include Sharon O'Brien in her second term as cochair, joined by Shannon Denny, who succeeds John Brindle as the other cochair. Lorin Miller is the new secretary and Jeff Buckner was reelected treasurer.

New board members, O'Brien said, include Faith Olson, Fred Rauber and Derrick Braaten. Timothy Phillips continues as gallery director.

O'Brien said center directors will meet Jan. 11 to discuss a grant application that could lead to enhanced programming and extended hours of operation at the community center.



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Robert Franklin Wells

Robert Franklin Wells, a prominent figure in the Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane for a decade and elected Emperor XVIII, died Nov. 26 in Renton, with his partner of nine years, Delbert Deach, by his side, according to longtime friend and



Robert Wells

former partner Doug McPhail.

Mr. Wells, who had been diagnosed with cancer last spring, was 46.

He was born March 27, 1958,

in De Smet, S.D., where he was graduated from high school in 1976. After residing briefly in Denver and Billings, he moved to Spokane in 1983, where he and McPhail made their home together for 12 years.

Mr. Wells and McPhail, aka Christy Ste' Clair, joined the Imperial Sovereign Court in 1985. Mr. Wells became well known for his sewing skills and was esteemed for his ability to organize fundraisers and major court events.

He served several years on the ISCS board of directors and reigned as emperor in 1993-94.

He was a volunteer for Spokane AIDS Network and also served on the board of directors.

Mr. Wells was a popular bartender at the original J.S. Pumps and helped open Pumps II. He moved to the Seattle area in 1995.

Besides his partner and numerous friends, Mr. Wells is survived by his sister, Janet Jorgenson, and nieces Jill and Jade, all of South Dakota.

YCCHD now offers hep tests, shots at The Victorian

BILLINGS – The expansion of health services at The Victorian here now include testing and vaccinations for hepatitis.

D.J. "Donnie" Svetich, owner of the adult emporium bordering downtown's east side, said YCCHD (the Yellowstone City-County Health Department) is on-site once a month to administer free shots for hepatitis A and B and testing for hepatitis C.

The new health service, Svetich said, is available the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. on a drop-in basis, meaning no appointment is necessary.

The hepatitis project is in addition to an HIV/AIDS program sponsored by Montana Targeted Prevention, which includes free, anonymous and rapid testing for HIV every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 5-9 p.m.

Misty Westby heads Sandpoint PFLAGers

PFLAG-Sandpoint members will focus in on the issue of gay marriage with a slate of new officers for their first meeting of the year at the United Methodist Church on Jan. 9 at 2 p.m.

A tape of Dick Sandall's appearance last month on the Bill Litsinger radio program *Sound Off* will be featured, according to chapter founder Barbara Hansen.

New officers for the chapter's board of directors include Misty Westby, president; Sandall, vice president and treasurer, and Brenda Hammond, secretary. At-large members are Laura Adams, Jim Akers, Luise Cerwensky and Jim Shirrell. Sandall also will head the membership committee.

Gays, allies will lobby legislators for equality

HELENA – Gay Montanans and their allies are organizing for "Lobby Day for Equality" at the state Capitol here on Martin Luther King Day Jan. 17. The event is being planned and coordinated by PRIDE.

Executive Director Karl Olson said the one-day effort "could mean the difference between real progress or the status quo" in the coming year.

Lobby Day begins at 8 a.m. with legislative committee hearings on select civil rights bills followed by a luncheon training session pegged "Grassroots Lobbying: Anyone Can Do It!" Olson said an afternoon of meeting with legislators will culminate with a rally in the Capitol rotunda at 3:30.

For information, directions, carpooling and transportation needs, telephone PRIDE's helpline at (800) 610-9322, or e-mail questions to pride123@aol.com.

"If there's anything PRIDE can do to help you get there, we will do our best. Let me know," urged Olson. He receives e-mail at karlpride@aol.com.

Splashy drag Pageant continues aboard Spirit

PORTLAND – *Pageant*, the hit drag send-up of beauty pageants, continues its run in 2005, moving to the Portland Spirit for a limited engagement. The

90-minute musical spoof will play two performances each Friday from Jan. 21 through Feb. 25.

The first musical mounted by the Portland Spirit, *Pageant* spoofs the world of beauty pageants with six contestants – portrayed by men in drag – vying for the crown of "Miss Glamouresse 2005." The Oregonian last month cited it as "fun-filled musical entertainment ... more than a glitzy drag show: It's a devilishly playful send-up of old-time, overproduced beauty contests."

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Regional Calendar

January events:

▼ Jan. 9 – PFLAG-Sandpoint meeting features Dick Sandall on *Sound Off* for gay marriage, United Methodist Church, 711 Main, 2 p.m., (208) 263-6699.

▼ Jan. 15 – Holly Near and Cris Williamson concert, Benaroya Hall, **Seattle**, \$17-\$52, (206) 323-2992.

■ Jan. 17 – *Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Lobby Day and Rally for Equality* in Montana, State Capitol, **Helena**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., (800) 610-9322.

▼ Jan. 21, 28, and Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25 – Triangle Productions' *Pageant*, a musical drag spoof of beauty contests, **Portland Spirit**, \$20, (800) 224-3901.

▼ Jan 29-Feb. 7 – *Altitude*, 13th annual Gay and Lesbian Ski Week, **Whistler, British Columbia**, www.outontheslopes.com.

Plan ahead for February:

▼ Feb. 2-6 – Gay standup comic and actor Jason Stuart, *Funny Bone*, **Boise**, (208) 331-2663.

▼ Feb. 13 – PFLAG-Sandpoint meets, United Methodist Church, 2 p.m., (208) 263-6699.

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Regional & National

Whistler, Aspen and Eagle's Nest offer variety for fun in the snow

With the Inland Northwest deprived of any considerable amount of snow this winter, January offers some nearby and appealing alternative destinations for those who slalom as well as for those who would rather cozy-up inside with a hot buttered rum.

Weeklong gay festivals highlight the season at a pair of landmark resorts in the region, but for people who yearn for adventures in the snow away from organized events, look no further than just across the border to the ski resorts in central British Columbia.

Whistler

Consistently ranked as one of North America's top ski destinations, Whistler, 75 miles north of Vancouver, B.C., is the site for the 2010 Winter Olympics. But this month, Whistler presents its 13th edition of *Altitude*, the largest international gay and lesbian ski and snowboard festival. More than 4,500 gay men and women are expected for the weeklong fest Jan. 29-Feb. 7.

Whistler provides an incredible backdrop for *Altitude's* seven days of skiing, boarding, outdoor adventure, world-class dining, nonstop entertainment, après parties and special themed events, as well as daily fireside breakfasts and yoga.

Event and registration information, all accommodations, lift tickets, event passes and travel are available at www.outontheslopes.com.

Aspen

Head down to Utah and join some 3,000 other revelers anticipated for the 28th annual Aspen Gay Ski Week Jan. 16-23.

More than skiing, which includes a downhill costumed event, the week features après-ski mixers, a pool party and signature nighttime events along with Aspen's famous designer boutiques. Also billed is a "first run" Gay and Lesbian Film Fest.

Book discount air and lodging by calling (800) 367-8290 or get information online at www.gayskiweek.com.

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Immigration group wins asylum for gay Nigerian

NEW YORK – Fleeing Nigeria out of fear for his life from a mob that killed his second partner after finding out the two were romantically involved, a gay man has won asylum in the United States, Immigration Equality stated in a year-end press release.

The man, given the pseudonym "Ojo," was taken into custody by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement when he arrived in New York without the proper paperwork, and was assigned pro bono representation, according to the press statement.

Ojo's request for asylum was rejected at a full hearing in March, but his attorney later obtained documentary evidence to corroborate his claim, Immigration Equality said. The case was reopened the last week in December and Ojo's asylum request was approved, said Immigration Equality, which works on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and HIV-positive immigrants.

Judge: board guilty of setting 'public morality'

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – An Arkansas judge in late December declared unconstitutional a state ban on placing foster children in any household with a gay member, according to the Associated Press.

Ruling in a case brought by the Arkansas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, Pulaski County Circuit Judge Timothy Fox said the state Child Welfare Agency Review board had overstepped its authority by trying to regulate "public morality."

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Gay interior designer Nate Berkus was one of the survivors of the tsunami that struck Southeast Asia the day after Christmas. Berkus, a frequent guest on The Oprah Winfrey Show, said he survived the initial surge by hanging onto a telephone pole. A second wave ripped him away from the pole. As Stonewall News Northwest prepared for press, there was no word on Berkus' friend, photographer Fernando Bengoechea, who was jolted from the same pole. The two were vacationing in Sri Lanka. Death toll from a series of tidal waves spawned in the Indian Ocean area was expected to surpass 150,000 people.

LAPD settles claims filed by gay officers

LOS ANGELES – The city has tentatively agreed to settle lawsuits filed by two gay police officers who claim they were discriminated against because of their sexual orientation.

Sgt. Robert Duncan, 42, would receive more than \$200,000 to resolve claims his career was damaged after fellow officers discovered he was gay, according to the Los Angeles Times and Associated Press. Officer Alan

Gay village welcomed in Santa Fe and state

SANTA FE, N.M. – RainbowVision Properties Inc. announced completion of financial transactions Jan. 3 to build what it claims would be the first full-service resort-retirement community welcoming gays and their friends. Construction was to begin this month.

Joy Silver, company president and CEO, said the \$34 million project, dubbed RainbowVision Santa Fe, will be built on 12.5 acres here with 60 percent open space. The layout includes 60 for-sale condominiums and 86 independent and assisted-living rentals, along with dining, fitness center, spa and healthcare services.

Mayor Larry Delgado said Santa Fe is ready to welcome the gay and lesbian retirees with open arms.

Silver said, "We have been informed that Gov. Richardson considers the retirement industry as economic development for the state of New Mexico, and that he supports (the project). It has taken us four years to finally realize (the beginning of construction) and we are gratified to be doing it in the Land of Enchantment."

The company said it has approximately 150 potential residents on its priority waiting list.

Weiner, 45, who said he was harassed while working as a training officer, would get about \$450,000.

"To me, it was very clear that Alan was singled out over a series of years because of his sexual orientation. That's wrong, and it's also illegal," said Brad Gage, Weiner's attorney. "When a police department breaks the law, that's especially outrageous."

Both settlements must be approved by the City Council, expected this month.

Israel to grant limited rights to gay couples

JERUSALEM – Israel has announced it will give limited rights to same-sex couples. Attorney General Menahem Mazuz has directed government offices that the state now will recognize same-sex couples for monetary and property issues.

The decision reverses a legal opinion by his predecessor, Elyakim Rubinstein, that gay and lesbian couples cannot be sanctioned under Israeli law. Mazuz said legislation will be introduced in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, to formalize the decision. Ultra Orthodox religious parties denounced the move and vowed they would fight any legislation recognizing gay relationships.

The Nazareth District Court recently ruled the term "man and woman," as spelled out in Israel's inheritance law, also includes same-sex couples.

Law reflects 'respect for individual choice'

WELLINGTON, New Zealand – Gay and lesbian couples in New Zealand will be able to register their unions and receive many of the same rights and benefits as married couples under legislation passed by Parliament in December.

The new law doesn't go far enough for most gay activists who sought full marriage rights, according to press reports. For religious conservatives, the bill went too far. Conservatives fought tooth and nail to kill the bill.

Dozens of amendments that would have emasculated the legislation were

proposed by the opposition in Parliament, only to be voted down.

The new law, passed intact by a 65 to 55 vote, allows couples to have a ceremony, the right to claim next-of-kin status when a partner dies and to have control over a partner's medical treatment.

"Today I sense tremendous joy and enthusiasm. We will have an opportunity we have always been denied," said openly-gay Conservation Minister Chris Carter, who plans to enter a civil union with his partner.

"It gives the simplest of things, the formal recognition and respect by our laws for the individual choice of New Zealanders," said David Benson Pope, the minister in charge of the bill.



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Group for gay artists proposed

Gay artists, artistes and artisans. The call is out for those with an artistic bent – whether amateur, professional or aficionado – to get together and participate in expanding individual horizons and appreciation for all the arts.

The formation of an artist group of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered (GLBT) individuals is the idea of local artist Paul W. Flanary Jr., who volunteers as a docent at the Jundt Museum at Gonzaga University.

Flanary suggested the group might launch its formation in conjunction with First Friday, the monthly event to

promote gallery and art spaces in the downtown area of the city.

Flanary, former president of the Inland Northwest AIDS Coalition, says the group is open to artists in any medium



Paul Flanary

as well as performing artists. He sees the gathering as an opportunity “to develop another non-bar venue for gays to meet.”

Known for his innovative, neon art, Flanary says he now works “mostly in acrylics and watercolors.” His last show was at The Shop about three years ago.

Anyone interested in discussing the formation of an art group is invited to call Flanary at 747-9156.

CenterStage, Interplayers and Civic actors poised

Interplayers presents Sam Shepard's *True West* this month, CenterStage opens the year with the musical *Romance, Romance* and Spokane Civic Theatre answers *What's Wrong With This Picture?*

True West evolves from a clash over a film script by the sons of a desert-dwelling alcoholic and a suburban wanderer. The production is directed by Braden Abraham and features Seattle actors Sean Cook and Nathan Smith as the brothers, with local favorites Kathie Doyle-Lipe and Jamie Flanary in supporting roles. The show runs Tuesdays through Saturdays, Jan. 20 to Feb. 12.

Romance Romance, a two-act musical comedy, opens Jan. 14 and plays every Thursday, Friday and Saturday to Feb. 5, including a matinee on Jan. 30. In two distinct, yet thematically intertwined musical acts, romance is discovered, debated and, ultimately, celebrated. The production is directed by Jessica McLaughlin with musical direction

by Leslie Ann Grove. The cast includes Tony Caprile, Jamie Andrea Rae Mathis, Jadd Davis and Selena Schopfer.

The Civic's *What's Wrong With This Picture?*, is an evocative comedy by Donald Margulies, sometimes referred to as a Jewish *Blithe Spirit*. Shirley, the wife of grief-stricken drycleaner Mort, has left him with a house full of extra furniture because she was in the middle of redecorating when she died from choking on a piece of moo shoo pork. The play begins to take odd turns when Mort convinces his teenage son to don the deceased Shirley's sexiest dress. Names of cast members were not made available.

What's Wrong plays Jan. 14-Feb. 15, Wednesdays through Sundays. Ticket information is available by calling 325-2507. *Romance, Romance* tickets and times are available by telephoning 747-8243. For *True West* tickets and times, telephone 455-PLAY.

Have a Happy New Year starting this January in Spokane

“Spokane. Near nature. Near perfect.”

Saturday the 8th – Centerstage continues its **Worst Midnight Movie Series** with *Switchblade Sisters* ... and another delightfully bad movie will be shown every Saturday at midnight this month.

Friday the 14th – The **Rainbow Regional Community Center** resumes its **Dinner & Movie** night with *Yummy*. Come on down and join the fun tonight and every Friday night this month at 6 pm.

... or if live entertainment is more your dish, the musical comedy *Romance, Romance* opens at **CenterStage** with dinner at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday the 18th – **Gay Movie Night** at **CenterStage** features *My Beautiful Laundrette*. Dinner at 6 pm; movie at 7 pm.

... and later that evening, nationally-known comedienne **Cheril Vendetti** gags it up at **Dempseys** at 8 pm.

Thursday the 20th – *True West* opens for a three-week run at **Interplayers** at 7:30 pm.

Saturday the 29th – Enjoy the best and worst of drag when the **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** presents its hilarious *Gong Show* at **Dempseys** at 8 pm.

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CenterStage will air out gay laundry this month

“Gay Movie Night” at CenterStage during the holidays offered a sweet movie (*Jeffrey*) and an even sweeter array of desserts for the nearly 50 people who attended. This month’s third Tuesday film fare focuses on love and laundry and, before it’s aired on the giant wall-screen, the fare will be dinner.

Jerry Davis, a member of the theatre’s board of directors who initiated the gay event in October, an-

nounced the film selection for Jan. 18 as *My Beautiful Laundrette*.

This 1985 drama-comedy spins around an ambitious Pakistani, Omar, and his London lover Johnny (Daniel Day-Lewis), as they remodel a grungy washeteria into a glamorous laundromat – a sort of travail with Tide along the Thames. Along the way, they must sort out differences in cultures, old-school ethnic attitudes and their intimate attraction to each other.

Tickets are \$15 in advance by calling the theatre box office at 747-8243, or \$20 at the door. Advance reservations include selecting the entree for the four-course meal: chicken, beef or vegetarian. Dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by the presentation of *My Beautiful Laundrette* at 7.

SFCC jazz fest set first weekend in February

Noted jazz musicians headline Spokane Falls Community College’s Jazz Festival scheduled early next month.

Grammy-nominated trombonist Conrad Herwig and the SFCC Jazz Ensemble, directed by Brian Ploeger, will entertain Friday, Feb. 4. The following evening features the Brubeck Brothers Quartet, showcasing jazz master Dave Brubeck’s sons Dan and Chris.

All shows are scheduled in the SFCC Music/Performing Arts Auditorium, Bldg. 15, at 8 p.m.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$18 general admission, \$15 for students and seniors. At the door, admis-

sion is \$3 more. Tickets may be purchased on campus at Bldg. 17 or at any Hoffman Music or Ticketwest location.

Celluloid abuse continues at CenterStage

“The Worst Midnight Movie Series Ever” resumes its Saturdays-at-12 run at CenterStage this month with the 1975 slice-and-dice cult classic *Switchblade Sisters* on Jan. 8. And what trashy flick would be complete without a lesbian prison brawl and a bloody, roller rink gunfight? Thankfully, Quentin Tarantino’s production

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CELLULOID ABUSE

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company re-released this movie in 1996 so that new generations could experience a truly great exploitation movie.

Upcoming horror-ible thrillers:

■ *Horror Express*, Jan. 15, chugs across the frozen tundra with a melting monster, Christopher Lee, Peter Cushing, and Telly Savalas in a uniform that resembles a bathrobe.

■ *Vampire Men of the Lost Planet*, Jan. 22, a hodgepodge of footage from

no less than three films, uniting space vampires, Filipino cave dwellers, oversized iguanas, a toy spaceship and John Carradine in the same flick.

■ *The Killer Shrews*, Jan. 29, a 1959 version of *Jurassic Park*, with tiny rodents instead of big dinosaurs and Ken Curtis, who played Festus on the TV series *Gunslinger*.

An episode from a *Flash Gordon* serial precedes each movie. Cocktails, beer, popcorn and snacks will be available. Tickets are \$3 per person and may be purchased at the door on the night of the show.

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To be sure, there are some omissions (see the Spokane page), and some establishments may have gone out of business, but such is the fate of a directory. But Damron's guides reflect a remarkable, comprehensive effort: the *Men's Travel Guide*, \$19.95, features more than 12,000 listings. The *Women's Traveller*, \$17.95, contains nearly 9,000 possible



Classifieds

PEOPLE and EVENTS

13-Volunteers:

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PERSONALS

77-Gay Men:

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78-Pen Pals:

LONELY GAY inmate looking for friends. My family found out I am gay so they don't write. Long sentence but hope to get out on appeal. Fetishes include long hair and guys in Jockey shorts. Blue eyes, It brn hair (turns blnd in summer), told I'm good looking, but brains and personality are more important to me than looks. Into oral sex and sensual massage but also like walks and cuddling. Photos appreciated: Dennis Mintun #69558, ISCI 13A-19B, PO Box 14, Boise, ID 83707.

Miscellaneous

PERSONALS

78-Pen Pals:

PLEASE NOTE: Ads in this classification are free to people incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. SNN may edit copy submitted but does not screen ads.

Readers are advised to use common sense in replying to any ads from prisoners. Contact the institution where prisoner is incarcerated to obtain information about a prisoner's conviction charge, sentence, county of commitment and release date.

Additional information may be obtained from public records where the prisoner's trial and conviction took place.

For general reader information, SNN sends inmates a complimentary copy of the issue in which their Pen Pal ad appears, except for prisons in the seven states that do not permit publications with "homosexual content."

NATIVE AMERICAN GM, 18, 5-8, 150, brn, hzl, attractive, open-minded and loves to write, seeking GM, 18-40. Need someone to take care of me: Chris Mace #72759, ISCI Unit 14-A-12, PO Box 14, Boise, IS 83707.

PERSONALS

78-Pen Pals:

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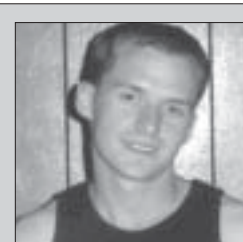
SWM, 22, 5-10, 147, blu, brn, 16 mos till top-out date, seeking open-minded, good-humored pen pal with ties to southern Idaho area. Intrigued by TS, TV. I'm one-time experienced and curious for another. Open-minded, willing to experience most anything and hope to find others like me: Eric Liebl #64407, IMSI B-52, PO Box 51, Boise, ID 83707.

TOP MALE, 38, 6-2, 220, hzl, brn, 56" chest, 34" waist, 18" biceps. Plumber Lic# A4086, weight lifter, release date 7-20 mos. Seeking male for serious love in CdA, Spokane region. Reply to: Kevin Amerson #24633, IMSI A-1-7B, PO Box 51, Boise, ID 83707.

Miscellaneous

PERSONALS

78-Pen Pals:



22-YR-OLD SGM, 6-0, 165, brn, brn, great personality, always a positive attitude, honest and outgoing. I love to laugh and enjoy spending time with those I care about. Hoping to meet someone open-minded who can look past my incarceration (but not much longer) and will take the time to get to know me. If interested in something spectacular, write to: Jeff Jensen #62802, ISCI Unit 15-23, PO Box 14, Boise, ID 83707.

Deadline for the February Classifieds is Tuesday, Jan. 18. Call 456-8011.

PERSONALS

78-Pen Pals:

BiWM, 6-0, 175, good physical condition, looking for a friend with shared interests, intellectual, sense of humor and good goals in life, for correspondence with 1 yr left and to keep in touch once released: Moroni Fox #59278, ISCI Unit 10, PO Box 14, Boise, ID 83707.

TOP MALE, 38, 6-2, 220, hzl, brn, 56" chest, 34" waist, 18" biceps. Plumber Lic# A4086, weight lifter, release date 7-20 mos. Seeking male for serious love in CdA, Spokane region. Reply to: Kevin Amerson #24633, IMSI A-1-7B, PO Box 51, Boise, ID 83707.

HELLO FELLAS! Billy Noel from Frankfort, Ky, 27, 6-0, 185, reddish-brn, blu. Male looking for males. Will be released April 2006. Lonely and needing friendship. Write soon: Billy Noel #141156, EKCC D#5 DU-10, 200 Road to Justice, West Liberty, KY 41472.

26-YR-OLD seeking long-term relationship with gentleman of same age. I'm about 5-8, medium build, blu, brn. Reply to: Jeremy Roberts #62104, ISCI Unit 8, PO Box 14, Boise, ID 83707.

BiWM, 20, 5-8, 155, brn hair, looking for pen pal while I'm incarcerated, maybe more in the future once I get out of here. I'm kind of shy, don't know what else to write. Reply to: Tyson Buss #72783, ISCI Unit 10, PO Box 14, Boise, ID 83707.

SGWM, 21, blnd, blu, 175. Would like to write a person who can understand that my past and present weren't planned; I'm just a guy who made a wrong move. But I've done my time and paid my dues, so, if you're like me and can't stand another lonely night, just let your pen meet paper. Take a chance and write: Chris Dunn #62513, ISCI Unit 15-A-42, PO Box 14, Boise, ID 83707.

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WEDNESDAYS

7 pm: GLBT AA meets at Emmanuel MCC/ Bethany Presbyterian Church, 301 S. Freya.

THURSDAYS

5:30-8 pm: RAINBOW REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER.

FRIDAYS

2-6 pm: RAINBOW REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER.

(When known, the price of admission for one adult is shown. S/s indicates discounted ticket prices are available for Seniors and for students with ID.)

Spokane's entertainment and meeting calendar for January

January 2005

Birthstone: Garnet
Flower: Carnation

Astrological Guide: Capricorn to the 21st; Aquarius begins Jan. 22nd

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Saturday

Members and guests of OWLS, Older and Wiser Lesbian Sensations, will meet for breakfast at the Golden Corral Buffet at 9:30 am.

Integrity, a fellowship of gay and lesbian Christians, meets in the All Saints Chapel of St. John's Cathedral at noon.

The Worst Midnight Movie Series Ever continues its witching-hour run at CenterStage with the showing of Switchblade Sisters. \$3

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Sunday

Members of OutSpokane (formerly Inland Northwest Pride) will hold a retreat today to plan Pride Day in Spokane.

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Wednesday

Today's Inland Northwest Business Alliance luncheon at Europa Pizzeria and Bakery begins with a networking session at 11:30 am. \$15 and \$18

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Friday

Resuming the Dinner & Movie schedule at the Rainbow Regional Community Center, the yummy Trick will be served with beef tip and noodles beginning at 6 pm. Free

The musical comedy Romance, Romance opens at the CenterStage dinner-theatre, with Thurs-Sat performances (and Jan. 30 matinee) through Feb. 5. \$39 and \$45 with dinner at 6:30 pm. \$22 show-only with dessert and beverage.

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Saturday

The newly-founded Ancient Traditions Community Church, a welcoming congregation at

1928 E Rich, will hold an open house today between 1 and 5 pm.

The Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane has scheduled its White Knight-Debutante fundraising show at 8 tonight at Dempseys. Lineup at 7. Free

The tacky, tracky Horror Express pulls into CenterStage for tonight's offering in The Worst Midnight Movie Series Ever. \$3

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Sunday

You can buy a card and be one at this afternoon's Gay Bingo, sponsored by the Friends of SAN at Dempseys beginning at 4:30.

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Tuesday

Gay Movie Night at CenterStage features dinner (at 6 pm) with My Beautiful Laundrette (at 7 pm). \$15 advance: 747-8243, \$20 at door.

National comic Cheril Vendetti returns to Spokane for a standup gig of gags at Dempseys at 8 pm. Free

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Thursday

An hour-long orientation meeting for volunteers and anyone who wants to volunteer will be held at the Rainbow Regional Community Center at 7 pm.

Sam Shepard's True West opens a 3-week run at Interplayers tonight at 7:30 pm. \$20, S/s.

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Friday

Tonight at the Rainbow Regional Community Center, Dinner & Movie-goers will enjoy homemade stew in the company of Priscilla, the Queen of the Desert beginning at 6 pm. Free

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Saturday

At Dempseys tonight at 8, Scottie Black's Birthday Show is featured as a fundraiser to fight cancer. Lineup at 7. Free

Tonite's horror-ible feature for The Worst Midnight Movie Series Ever at CenterStage is Vampire Men of the Lost Planet. \$3

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Sunday

The Gansango Mandinka Music Trio performs at the CenterStage dinner-theatre at 7 pm. Dinner at 5:30 pm, \$43. \$22 for show-only with dessert and beverage.

Cher wannabees are invited to join in a special Karaoke with Diane program at Dempseys at 8 pm that features lyrics popularized by the goddess for gays. Free

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Tuesday

Establishing a Freedom to Marry campaign will be the focus of a meeting at 5:30 this afternoon at the Community Building, 35 W. Main, sponsored by PJALS, the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane. 838-7870

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Friday

Bobbie's Girl is the flick and potato soup is the food for the Dinner & Movie fare at the Rainbow Regional Community Center at 6 pm. Free

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Saturday

You're invited to hoot, holler and huzzah at tonight's Gong Show at Dempseys beginning at 8. The event will benefit the Disaster Board and general fund of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane. Lineup for acts begins at 7. Free

Tonight's sacrificial selection in The Worst Midnight Movie Series Ever at CenterStage is The Killer Shrews. \$3

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Sunday

Noted philosopher, educator and author David Spangler will speak on Partnering with the Soul of America at Unity Church of Truth at 1 pm. \$20

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Sunday
Sundays at Dempseys between 5 and 8 pm feature free tacos, prizes, games and drink specials as a lead-in to Karaoke with Diane beginning at 8.

At The Merq, it's Karaoke with Yasmine tonight and every Sunday at 9:30.

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Sunday

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Monday
Karaoke with Diane is scheduled every Monday at 8 pm at Dempseys.

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Monday

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Wednesday
At Dempseys tonight and every hump day, beginning at 8 pm it's Karaoke with Diane.

Karaoke with Yasmine is featured upstairs at The Merq every Wednesday from 9:30 pm.

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Wednesday

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Thursday
An exhibition featuring the work of Savannah College of Art and Design's alumni opens a 3-week gallery show at the Rainbow Regional Community Center.

At The Merq tonight and every Thursday at 9:30, Karaoke with Yasmine is featured in the upstairs dining room.

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Thursday

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EMCC - Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church

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Fundraising organization for people living with HIV/AIDS to improve the quality of their lives. Write: 1212 E. Front Ave. Spokane, WA 99202

Gay/Lesbian Info Line

Call: (509) 489-2266 Immediate Crisis: (509) 838-4428

GLBT Book Group

Discusses selected works at Auntie's Bookstore at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday each month. Call: Julie Smith: (509) 838-0206

Gonzaga University GLBT Resource Center

For information and to contact resource organizations on the GU campus, September-May.

HERO (Helping Educate Regarding Orientation) gay-straight alliance. SODA (Sexual Orientation Diversity Alliance) law school support group. Direct line: Bryce: 323-5847

Hospice of Spokane

Physical, emotional and spiritual care for the terminally ill and loved ones; bereavement support and HIV/AIDS counseling services. Call: (509) 456-0438

ISCS -

Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane Call: Secretary Clyda: (509) 533-1903. Website: www.iscspokane.com

INBA -

Inland Northwest Business Alliance Supports and promotes gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses and the professional community; publishes annual directory. Call: (509) 455-3699

Integrity

Gay and lesbian Episcopalians meet monthly for communion and simple meal. Call: Chuck: (509) 326-7707 or Ann: (509) 624-6671

Landlord Tenant Information Hotline

Volunteers provide information and referrals to landlords and tenants. Free resource materials. Does not provide legal advice, but may refer. Call: (509) 325-3037

Northwest Fair Housing Alliance

Private, nonprofit organization provides education, outreach and enforcement assistance for those who have experienced discrimination and the general public. Call: (509) 325-2665 or (800)-200-3247

Odyssey Youth Center

Discussion/support group and social drop-in center for GLBT and questioning youth. Call: Elizabeth: (509) 325-3637

Outreach Center

Condoms, needle exchange, AIDS information. Open M-F, 3-5 p.m. at 1103 W. First Ave. Call: (509) 838-6859

OutSpokane

Committee organizes annual Pride march and celebration and other community events.

Papillon

A social support group for the transgendered community. Call: (509) 292-8852

PFLAG - Spokane - Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Support group for parents, family, friends and members of the GLBT community. Call: (509) 624-6671

PJALS -

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane Independent, membership organization building foundations for a just and nonviolent world. Call: (509) 838-7870

Planned Parenthood of Spokane & Whitman Counties

HIV antibody testing and counseling. Call: Clinic for Appt.: (509) 326-2142 Administration: (509) 326-6292

Quest Youth Group

To "inspire, encourage and support" gay and bisexual guys, 18-25, in the Inland Northwest through free monthly recreational activities, discussions, service projects and movie nights. Call: Ryan: (509) 290-3519 Website: www.QuestYouthGroup.org

Spokane-Kootenai Pride

A program of the Pride Foundation to involve Washingtonians outside of King County in activities beneficial to the GLBT community. Call: Spokane office: (509) 327-8377

Rainbow Regional Community Center

Support services for GLBT community and individuals exploring their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Call: (509) 489-1914

SAN - Spokane AIDS Network

Call: (509) 455-8993 or 1-888-353-2130 Website: www.spokaneAIDSnetwork.org

Spokane County Domestic Violence Consortium

A private, nonprofit organization with members from a variety of professions who have come together to end intimate partner violence. Call: (509) 487-6783

Spokane Falls Community College - The Alliance

GLBT and allies group to provide a safe space; to educate our community. Call: (509) 533-4507

Spokane Human Rights Commission

Call: Equity Office: (509) 625-6263

Spokane Regional Health District

Providing health services and referrals for the public. HIV testing. Call: (509) 324-1542 or 1-800-456-3236 Website: www.spokanecounty.org.health

Spokane Gender Center

Resources and support for transgendered people. Website: www.gendercenter.com

Unitarian Universalist Church

Gay, lesbian resource committee. Call: (509) 325-6383 Website: uuspokane.org

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery

Call: 535-3155 Website: www.vanessabehan.org

Women and Friends

Women-only activities and events in the Spokane area. Call: (509) 458-4709

Women's Cultural Exchange

Promoting arts and entertainment events by women, for women. Write: P.O. Box 4795, Spokane, WA 99202

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