

Brain waves:

Gay men aroused by sweet smell of sweat

compiled from various reports

STOCKHOLM, Sweden – Researchers here have discovered what gay men have known, at least subconsciously, for a long, long time – that a section of the brain that may be linked to sexual arousal responds to male aromas. What gay men either didn't realize or didn't care about is that their reactions were different from straight men.

Swedish neuroscientists, using chemical scents extracted from male and female sex hormones, last month reported findings that show the hypothalamus region of the brain responded

Study by Swedish neuroscientists gives credence to gay-at-birth theory

in a similar way in separate groups of gay men and heterosexual women after both groups sampled odors obtained from male perspiration.

Brain functions of the study subjects were examined through positron emission tomography (PET) scans and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) tests.

Identical tests given heterosexual men showed their brains did not respond similarly to the odor from male perspiration but did respond to an odor obtained from an estrogen-like substance found in women's urine, according to the study. In turn, the gay men and heterosexual women showed no significant neurological response to the odor from the female substance known as EST.

The study was conducted by a research team from the Department of Clinical Neuroscience and Medicine at Karolinska University Hospital in Stockholm, and was published in the May 10 edition of the Proceedings of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

The researchers used 36 people as subjects for their study, divided equally into three groups of all-gay men, all-heterosexual men and all-heterosexual women. All participants, they said, were healthy, un-medicated, right-handed, HIV-negative, within a similar age range and with a similar level of education.

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Floating on Cloud 9



staff photo

Members of Odyssey Youth Center applied their painting and carpentry skills in late May to construct the first motorized float ever included in Spokane's annual Pride Parade. Under the tutelage of Volunteer Coordinator Julie Amo, top, the construction crew included, from left, Elerie Dial, Corinna Verdugo, Megan Cuilla and Kelly Stevens. They christened their creation "BGF" (Big Gay Float). "It will look much better with people, balloons, tassels and frillies," advised Amo, whose pickup will tow the decorated flat-bed through downtown streets for the noon-hour parade on Saturday, June 11. This year's Pride Parade completes the event's evolution from 1992, when police escorted an estimated 500 marchers along downtown sidewalks in 1992. Stonewall News Northwest's extensive coverage of Pride Week in Spokane begins on page 7.

Jewish groups pledge support for gay equality

compiled from various reports

BELLEVUE – With the single-vote defeat of a bill that would have outlawed discrimination of gay people in Washington state barely one month old, representatives from some 15 local Jewish temples and groups meeting here revealed plans aimed at convincing legislators in three key districts to support House Bill 1515 next year.

The key bill, which the Senate voted down 25-24 on April 21, would prohibit discrimination in housing, insurance and employment based on sexual orientation.

The Jewish communal leaders and a broad spectrum of clergy revealed

their campaign plans at a press conference here on May 25, just a month after a self-absorbed, local conservative Christian pastor claimed that Microsoft withdrew its support of the bill this year after the pastor threatened a nationwide boycott of Microsoft products. The software giant insisted its position had nothing to do with the pastor and has since recanted, saying it would support the bill in 2006.

"We want to make clear to all Americans that people of faith do support justice and equality for all," said Rabbi Jonathan Singer of Seattle's Temple Beth Am, according to the Seattle Times.

"Fifteen-fifteen for Jews is personal," said Rabbi Harley Karz-

Wagman of Everett's Temple Beth Or, joining other speakers in emphasizing that Jews have experienced similar discrimination for decades.

They recalled that, even recently, restrictive covenants prohibited the

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Voices

West and the press

by John M. Deen

With Spokane Mayor Jim West acknowledging he is gay, but only in the aftermath of what he termed “a brutal outing” by The Spokesman-Review, most in the gay community here have little compassion for the man who, as a state Senator, so vehemently opposed any legislation that even hinted of civil rights for gays.

What we find so appalling is that, through allegations supported by solid investigative reporting, this hypocrite may be a child abuser. Abuse of children is abhorrent.

Most of us knew of West’s proclivities for visiting the “tearooms” in the parks of Olympia. Some of us were privy to the efforts by gay activists to publicly “out” legislator West, and we winced when we heard that their “backgrounding” was dismissed by the daily newspapers in the Seattle area. Being openly gay in those days carried a stigma, as all of us were so painfully aware. So, conversations in gay circles in those tenuous times referred to West as a Closet Queen, among much less complimentary abbreviations and expletives.

Most of us did not vote for West. Many of us, however, admit to an appreciation for the accomplishments attributed to him as mayor. Until May 5, that is.

Politicians, business leaders and people fervently aligned to perceived religious movements momentarily gagged when asked their opinion of West in light of the recent revelations. Gagged – and reached for their bottle of Spokane Stupid pills.

In the broad spectrum of opinion in Spokane, that

West happens to be gay is not an issue. We agree; his being gay is not relevant. But consider: if West were to abide by his own rantings and votes against equality and fairness for gays, then he would sweep himself from office in a flash. Integrity and honesty should be guiding principles.

With assurance that West will receive his day in court to answer charges of child molestation and abuse, it’s with a sense of detached amusement that we listen to the awkward doublespeak from West backers and former supporters. Yes, the stuttering and stumbling attempts from homophobes to respond to the West issue is amusing. If we were not as concerned as most of the people of Spokane, we could lean back and enjoy the circus.

But, as stories and information about West continue to surface and unfold, the important question to us is, what has the media learned from all of this? West aside – for he’s proved himself a little man – how will the media conduct its reporting of gay issues in the future.

Will reporters start asking hard questions of gay bashers? Will they acknowledge that homosexuality is not a choice, that we don’t choose to be gay and be exposed to humiliation and hatred? Will they ask what is meant by the *sanctity* of marriage? Is the matter of extending civil rights an evolving issue for a compassionate, just and fair civilization?

Will those who claim membership in the Fourth Estate start to question and challenge irresponsible statements from the anti-gay crowd? Or will they continue their note-taking as they have in the past?

The torch passes

by John M. Deen

With this issue, I step aside as publisher of Stonewall News Northwest. A decade of memories now seem compressed into a handful of days.

I remember the first months answering Stonewall’s phone and callers expressing surprise to hear a live voice. I remember the persuasion it took to convince people to allow full use of their name in a story. With special fondness, I remember the diverse group of people I called upon to approach the Spokane City Council and ask they amend the city’s “Discrimination” ordinance to include sexual orientation. For their valor and courage, and with particular affection, they are forever remembered as the Stonewall Patriots.

On news stands and shelves, Stonewall has been the visible face for the gay community for more than 14 years. I would like to think the paper has performed honestly and with integrity.

There have been some unexpected experiences. A particularly poignant moment occurred when I mounted the steps to photograph and talk to individuals who organized a candlelight vigil at Gonzaga University for Matthew Shepard. I heard someone in the crowd comfort her partner with a whisper that sounded like a plea for hope and reassurance: “Stonewall’s here.”

It’s always fun to hear from advertisers and organizations that readers have responded to items in the paper. Feel-good memories come in many forms. Headline writing sometimes can be more fun than it should be, but I’ve never been able to write an obituary with dry eyes. Nearby hang a faded letter and drawing to Camera Man from Beth. Her mother sent them, and they are pinned along with numerous notes of thanks from subscribers and announcements from organizations.

To be sure, there have been some disappointments along the way. After years of covering various events, when it became Stonewall’s turn for recognition, only people affiliated with Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church, Inland Northwest Pride (now OutSpokane) and the Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane deigned it significant enough to attend the newspaper’s 10th anniversary open house.

The disappointments extend to myself. I had hoped to take Stonewall to a twice-monthly publication. Some personality features and stories of historical interest have gone unwritten, but it’s time to turn Stonewall over to fresh minds with fresh enthusiasm.

As I relinquish the banner to the new publisher, Mike Schultz, I wish him well in his endeavors on behalf of Stonewall. I now turn my attention to a rose garden and lawn too long left in the care of Morticia and Gomez.

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▼ Lakeside Luau Barbecue
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- 5th ▼ Gay Bingo at Dempseys
hosted by Friends of SAN
- 6th ▼ Rainbow Awards at CenterStage
- 7th ▼ Pride & Joy Movie Night Presents
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- 8th ▼ INBA Luncheon at Europa
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Spokane AIDS Network:

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Like hospitals, we would prefer that there was no need for Spokane AIDS Network. But illness and disease are realities of life, and we're appreciative of the services that medical centers and SAN provide. Unlike hospitals, however, SAN lacks a steady support of abundant funding resources.

To help the agency continue its assistance programs for people with HIV and AIDS, and to help reduce the impact of the disease in the Inland Northwest, a fundraiser is being planned in conjunction with SAN's 20th anniversary observance this month.

A *Stem & Stein* wine and beer tasting event will be held at Northern Quest Casino on June 17. The party is scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. and will include appetizers and door prizes along with a raffle. Proceeds will benefit the AIDS agency.

Tickets are \$35 and may be picked up at SAN, downtown at Vino! A Wine Shop or at the door on the Friday night of the event.



Four student leaders win college funds

Four gay students from Spokane were named this spring to receive scholarships from the Pride Foundation and Greater Seattle Business Association. They will scatter to the four winds this fall to renew their pursuit of college sheepskins, but some may return to pursue careers locally.

The prominent four from Spokane were among 92 students from the greater Pacific Northwest to win scholarships from the joint charity and business partnership. The awards, said the Seattle-based Pride Foundation, recognize leadership and academic merit, along with the ability to overcome the additional obstacles many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students face in their educational pursuits. Some scholarships were awarded allied, or nongay, students.

Spokane scholarships were won by:

■ Leonard Anderson

As a participating member of The Alliance at Spokane Falls Community College, Leonard Anderson took an active lead in the group's sponsorship of gay-themed events on campus and gay rights rallies and demonstrations in the wider Spokane community. Part-time work at Dempseys helped Anderson finance his education at SFCC; now he plans to transfer to Eastern Washington University to earn a degree in English, with an eye on becoming a teacher at an alternative high school in the Spokane area.

■ Adam Cogswell

Whenever there's a potential for leadership training and development, Adam Cogswell chooses to be involved. The former member and intern for Odyssey Youth Center, who helped develop strategy for the group's first Lobby Day with legislators in Olympia, plans to attend Whitworth College this fall. Cogswell recently returned from Brussels, Belgium, where he participated as a selected delegate at an international conference devoted to improving comprehensive sex education in the United States by studying effective methods employed in Europe.

At Whitworth, Cogswell will focus on courses in music and political science – his dream is for a career in music, be it Broadway or as a solo. At the same time, he hopes to cultivate his leadership skills and eventually run for political office and strengthen the Democratic Party.

Gay Spokane Pageant takes stage in June

Next only to Coronation in October, this month's Gay Spokane Pageant ranks at the top of command performances for members of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane. For those not involved with the court, it's a special entertainment treat on the threshold of summer.

This year's celebration, officially dubbed *Classical Hollywood Stars and Starlets*, extends from a presentation of honors and awards on June 9 to a collective sigh following a hectic calendar of shows and socializing on June 11. All major events will be held at Dempseys, home bar of the court.

Relinquishing their diamond anniversary rule will be Mr. and Miss Gay



Lexi Sapphire

■ Melissa Derry

A journalism intern with Stonewall News Northwest in the fall of 2003, Melissa Derry recently put the wraps on a fundraiser she organized for The Alliance at Spokane Falls Community College, and putting a wrap on her studies there at the same time. She now plans to head to Bellingham and study communications and gay and women's studies at Western Washington University. There, Derry hopes to further develop her strong interests in working for organizations that serve gay youth or work toward political change.

■ Andy Hill

Active in Odyssey Youth Center activities for a number of years, Kenneth "Andy" Hill served as an intern for the group's first Advocates for Youth Lobby Day in Olympia in 2004. Now armed with a cosmetology degree from the Glenn Dow Academy, Hill looks forward to utilizing his skills to maintain good employment while continuing his education in pursuit of a degree in nonprofit management. His long-term goal is to manage a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving gay youth.

Spokane 25, Scott Douglas Rainier Surreal McEvans and Lexi Sapphire, respectively.

The court's schedule for *Classical Hollywood* at Dempseys features:

▼ Thursday, June 9, an Awards Dinner at 7 p.m., \$7.95.

▼ Friday, June 10 at 8 p.m., the spectacular In-Town and Out-of-Town Show, featuring entertainers from

throughout the region. Lineup for performers is called for 7 p.m. There is no cover charge for the show.

▼ Saturday, June 11, Pageant Day. Hospitality and Protocol

are reserved for 2 to 4 p.m. Voting for Gay Spokane 26 candidates will be held in the foyer from 4 to 9 p.m. The Pageant itself begins at 5 p.m., with tickets \$10 at the door.

▼ Sunday, June 12, the Victory Brunch. Eye-openers will be served at 11 a.m., food service at noon. Tickets are \$9.95.



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Mike Schultz takes reins of Stonewall News Northwest

by John Deen

Negotiations expected to be completed the first week in June will install Mike Schultz as the new publisher of Stonewall News Northwest, the first change in the newspaper's ownership in nearly a decade.

Schultz, a Class of '81 graduate of Lewis and Clark High School, has made his home in the Spokane area for nearly two decades. More than that, he and his partner of six years, Jeff Buckner, were legally united in civil union ceremonies in Vermont in July 2001. They repeated their vows at Bethany Presbyterian Church here two months later. Schultz's father, a Lutheran minister, was to have officiated the wedding services in Vermont, but died three months before the ceremony.

The new man at Stonewall, with a solid background in business and finance, has been interested in newspa-

GU offers reading help for youngsters, adults

The continuing education program at Gonzaga University will offer five-week courses this summer to help children and adults improve their reading skills and comprehension. Presented in conjunction with The Institute of Reading Development, the programs are geared to turn poor readers into good readers and good readers into great readers.

Sessions begin in mid-June and late July. Tuition is \$199 for the pre-kindergarten program and \$299 for all others. For information and registration, telephone (800) 964-8888.

per operations for some time. In the early Nineties, he observed, "There wasn't a stable, consistent voice for the community, but I realized I didn't want to compete with Stonewall. There wouldn't be a big enough market share for advertising and it could end up putting us both out of business.

"Business management, tenacity, drive; there are many aspects in producing a paper," he said.

To meet the challenge of publishing Stonewall, Schultz admitted to possessing "a passion for analytical and creative problem solving. I want to make the paper better – on all different fronts," he said.

Acknowledging his plans for the near future, Schultz hopes to "increase distribution channels, subscribers, and enhance the paper's value to advertisers.

"What I am bringing is a fresh perspective and fresh energy. One fresh perspective will be to look at the paper from a business management angle," he explained.

Casual and informal, yet business-like when peering over the rim of his glasses, Schultz also expresses a good sense of humor.

Schultz said he doesn't anticipate making any changes to Stonewall, "at least for the first three months or so. Mark (Southwick, production editor for six years) has graciously agreed to stay, and I value his experience with the paper."

Born in Seattle, Schultz spent his early years in California before coming to Spokane. Following his years at LC, he headed to Seattle. "I bounced around for a while," he said, "different places, different jobs. When I fi-

nally lit in Spokane, I've been here ever since."

Schultz has owned several businesses of his own and, until 2002, served four years as operations director and president of Ticket Track, the world's largest processor and collector of unpaid parking violations. He is now business director at Cooper



Mike Schultz

George, a retirement and assisted living community.

Not to discount an exceptional career in business, Schultz feels that coming out was his life turning point.

"It seems like life for me really didn't begin until I fully came to terms with myself ... in the late '80s. The whole decade of the Eighties was awareness and affirmation for me and claiming a sense of dignity," he said.

His self-assurance – coupled with his partner's – allow them to say aloud "with confidence and sincerity" that they're married. "Wherever I'm working, whatever I'm doing, I'm just myself. To be politically active," Schultz

added, "you don't have to join a board or wave a flag."

Schultz and Buckner recently sold their house on South Hill and built – from the ground up – a new home on Horseshoe Lake, including a deck 100 feet over the water. It's there where they retreat from the business concerns of the day, to paddle a canoe or to enjoy the company of "Jeff's three beautiful daughters," Ashley, 13; Joelee, 11, and Aubrey, 9.

It's a family that also includes a cat, two hairy dogs and a pond of Koi, plus a sailboat waiting to be launched.

With impending plans for Stonewall's relaunch, the sailboat may have to wait for its christening.

GROUPS PLEDGE SUPPORT

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sale of homes to Jews, as well as to African Americans and Asian Americans. Jews could not be employed in certain fields or work for certain employers. Some restaurants would not serve Jews and some amusement parks denied access to Jews. Certain clubs denied Jews membership.

The campaign announced by the Jewish coalition features two primary components:

- Organize in key legislative districts to urge passage of the nondiscrimination bill, including the targeting of three east Lake Washington-area senators who voted against the measure in April: Luke Esser of Bellevue, Kirkland's Bill Finkbeiner, and Dave Schmidt of Mill Creek, all Republicans.

- Reach out to other religious groups to increase the faith-based voice for equal rights, including networking efforts with Equal Rights Washington and the Religious Coalition for Equality.

Coalition participants also include the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, the Pacific Northwest region of the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and several Reform and Conservative congregations. Orthodox Jews, which regard homosexuality activity as prohibited, were absent from the coalition.

While views on homosexuality and the anti-discrimination bill differ within the Jewish community, coalition leaders contend that the vast majority of the approximately 40,000 Jews in the Puget Sound area support the bill.

Although Orthodox Jews chose to sit this one out, Conservative Jews still debate homosexuality and whether to ordain openly gay and lesbian Jews. Conservative Judaism, however, supports anti-discrimination efforts for gay men and lesbians.

Reform and Reconstructionist Judaism accept openly gay and lesbian rabbis and agree that gay couples have a right to marry.

Merq bankruptcy filing authorized

A bankruptcy filing by the Merq Cafe and Liquid Lounge was approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington on May 25. Provisions of the filing indicate that David Lewis, who is listed as manager/cook, is to receive \$2,000 per month to pay insiders.

A subsequent notice announced a meeting of creditors in the U.S. Courthouse at Riverside and Monroe on June 24 at 9 a.m.

Neither Lewis nor his attorney, Richard M. George, of Esposito, George and Campbell, PLLC, answered telephone calls requesting information. Lewis further did not respond to messages left on the Merq's answering machine.

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10 Days of Pride

There's a plethora of things to do during Pride month in Spokane. Here are the scheduled events to enjoy.

Pride Week – Friday, June 3

Gay Pioneers starts 10-day Pride Week fest

The Spokane GLBT Film Festival presents a very special start to Pride Week this year with the showing of *Gay Pioneers* and guest Barbara Gittings, who is featured.

The documentary kicks off Spokane's Pride Week at the Eastern Washington University Riverpoint Auditorium on June 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. The following day, Gittings will be the featured guest speaker at a brunch held at Unitarian Universalist Church. She will discuss her 55 years of activism on behalf of the gay community.

Celebrating the pre-Stonewall activists, *Gay Pioneers* profiles the group of brave men and women who organized the first gay civil rights demonstrations in the U.S. from 1965 to 1969.

Gittings was one of those activists who marched in the first gay picket lines in the mid-1960s at the White House and the Pentagon, and at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Earlier, in 1958, she started the New York chapter of the lesbian organization Daughters of Bilitis, and edited the organization's national magazine, *The Ladder*, for three years until 1966.

Other documentary films she has appeared in include *Out of the Past*, *Before Stonewall* and *After Stonewall*.

Gay Pioneers was produced by the Philadelphia PBS affiliate WHYY with the Equality Forum as co-producer.

Pride Week – Saturday, June 4

Barbara Gittings featured guest at Saturday brunch

The Rainbow Community Center will host *Brunch With Barbara* (gay pioneer Barbara Gittings) at the Unitarian Universalist Church on June 4 at 10 a.m. The mid-morning gathering will honor the longtime gay activist who comes to Spokane at the invitation of the GLBT Film

Festival committee and its screening of the documentary *Gay Pioneers* on the previous day.

Gittings is more than a match for this year's Pride theme, *Let's Get Visible*. She emulated the slogan 40 years earlier, when she marched in the first gay picket lines in major cities in the East during the mid-1960s. The demonstrators Gittings marched with in those days preceded the historic Stonewall Rebellion – generally cited as the event that launched the modern-day gay rights movement – by four years.



Barbara Gittings

Those who brunch will have an opportunity to meet and visit with Gittings and hear her show-and-tell lecture, *Gay and Smiling: Tales From Our 55 Years of Activism*.

Food service begins at 10 a.m. Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students, will be available at the community center and at the door. Proceeds will help support the Rainbow Regional Community Center.

Pride Week – Saturday, June 4

Enjoy barbecue on beach before Pride cruise sails

The highly popular Pride Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene will feature a few new twists this year. Sponsored by Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church since 1996, planners for this year's event announce a pre-cruise picnic on the beach and shipboard entertainment for the cruise.

A barbecue will be held on the shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene, at 2201 Coeur d'Alene St., between the hours of noon and 5 p.m. Emmanuel MCC will provide hot dogs and hamburgers sizzling from the grill. Guests are invited to bring along potluck dishes to share, something like a potato or pasta salad, or a concoction of beans or corn. Also tote in selected beverages of choice.

EMCC-ers also suggest packing in a blanket or chairs and maybe a few

utensils. Music will fill the background.

The barbecue bunch will break in time to catch the boat for the annual cruise that sets sail from the dock at the Couer d'Alene Resort. Boarding will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the 6 p.m. sailing hour is firm; ask anyone who's ever been stranded, rushing to the boardwalk as the two-deck steamer pulls away.

A pair of former empresses with the Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane, Courtney Cocks and Selena Blaque will entertain between music sets for dancing. With a bar on board, once-a-year sailors must be 21 years of age or older.

Cruise tickets are \$18. They're available at EMCC and the Rainbow Center, and may be available at the gangplank on Saturday.

Pride Week – Sunday, June 5

Friends of SAN ready to call Gay Bingo at Dempseys

Talk about a perfect fit, try Sunday and Gay Bingo.

The combination appeals to Friends of SAN, which will spon-

sor Gay Bingo at Dempseys on June 5 beginning at 4 p.m. Proceeds, as revenue from all events sponsored by the all-volunteer organization, will benefit Spokane AIDS Network.

Pride Week – Monday, June 6

Pride announces winners of 2005 Rainbow Awards

An integral part of Spokane's Pride Week celebration, the Rainbow Awards are intended to honor individuals and organizations whose efforts have had a positive effect on the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community of the Inland Northwest.

This year's Rainbow Awards program will be held at CenterStage on June 6 at 7 p.m. The event will be a dessert reception with a special performance by the Giant Ass Drum Corps. The event is free to the public.

This marks the 10th anniversary of the Rainbow Awards. For the first

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eight years, the event was sponsored by Inland Northwest Pride (now OutSpokane), organizer of Spokane's annual Pride Day festivities. In 2000, Spokane-Kootenai Pride, the local Pride Foundation group, began cosponsoring the event and recognizing their scholarship recipients from the Inland Northwest. In 2004, Pride Foundation became the main sponsor.

This year, in addition to the stained glass awards created by Barb Beyenhof, monetary awards of \$100 will be granted each recipient. Winners not affiliated with a non-

profit organization will designate a nonprofit to receive their \$100.

The Pride Foundation announces its 2005 Rainbow Award winners:

■ Individual Award – Stormi Oshun

For her commitment to GLBT performing arts, particularly her leadership of the Giant Ass Drum Corps, which has enlivened Pride celebrations across the region. Her \$100 prize will go to the drum corps.

■ Group Award – Spokane AIDS Network

For its steadfast commitment to the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS, particularly its increased outreach and alliance-building in the past few years.

■ Ally Award – Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane

For its tireless work in defense of gay rights, particularly the organization's commitment to marriage equality. PJALS sponsors the newly-created Inland Northwest Equality, which advocates for GLBT equality in the Spokane area.

■ Over the Rainbow Award – (shared)

To Marvin Reguindin for many years of service to the gay community, particularly for his work with the Inland Northwest Business Alliance. He has spearheaded efforts to raise the visibility of the gay community in Spokane, working closely with downtown businesses. He designated the INBA for his \$100 prize.

To Odyssey Youth Center for its steadfast support of gay youth of the Inland Northwest. Odyssey has helped thousands of youth, offering them support and training as future leaders of the gay movement. Odyssey is recognized nationally for its excellence.



Stormi Oshun

Pride Week – Tuesday, June 7

Make a date for Prom Queen at CenterStage

The Pride and Joy Film Festival at CenterStage celebrates Pride Week with the screening of *Prom Queen* on June 7 at 7:30 p.m. on the theatre's second floor. A complimentary appetizer bar will open at 6:30 p.m. and drink specials also will be available.

Prom Queen is a dramatization, with lightly comic overtones, of the true story of Canadian teenager Marc Hall. Marc is a popular young man who escaped the harassment usually inflicted upon openly-gay high school students. Therefore, he doesn't have a problem with bringing Jason as his date to the high school prom.

Aha, but the Catholic school board does.

With support from the student body, his family and friends, Marc decides to fight for his rights. When he does, the media attention he receives thrusts him into the role of spokesperson for the nation's gay community.

The film stars Aaron Ashmore as Marc, with former *Kids in the Hall* cast members Scott Thompson and Dave Foley in supporting roles.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for youth. With a Pride and Joy ticket, meals at Ella's Supper Club on the third floor qualify for a 25 percent discount either before the movie or afterwards.

Pride Week – Wednesday, June 8

Love Story deals with hatred spurred by oppressive laws

To coincide with Pride Week, Inland Northwest Equality, PFLAG-Spokane (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and Queer Sounds on KYRS Thin Air Community Radio will sponsor the screening of *A Love Story – In the Face of Hate*.

The program is scheduled for the lobby of the Community Building, 35 W. Main, on June 8 at 7 p.m. A panel discussion will follow the showing of the film, a documentary that chronicles the lives of a lesbian couple who shared 39 years of love together then felt forced to leave the state of Virginia because of a new law prohibiting contracts between people of the same sex.

The story puts a face on the law and the far-reaching consequences of oppression.

George Cheung, executive director of the new statewide organization Equal Rights Washington, will be part of the panel discussion that focuses on gay issues. The program is free.

Pride Week – Thursday, June 9

Eyecons headliner brings Bette, Babs to Northern Quest

Female impersonator Christopher Peterson, popular in entertainment circles far and wide, will star in *Eyecons* on June 9, Northern Quest Casino's salute to Pride Week.

For a one-show-only – in the Pend Oreille Pavilion at 7 p.m. – Peterson will perform with the likes of Bette, Marilyn, Judy, Barbra and a host of celebrity divas revered in the gay community.

If his show at the Marquis Hotel in Palm Springs is an indication,

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Peterson will camp with guests while changing costumes on stage. To hilarious approval by the gay crowd, Peterson's pet targets are the straight guests in the audience.

Attendance will be a litmus test of sorts.

Response will signify whether the gay community in the Spokane area appreciates a sampling of the type of entertainment that's a hallmark of San Francisco, Palm Springs, Key West, Provincetown, New York and other gay hot spots. The marketing staff at the Airway Heights casino will evaluate it in determining what the scope of its alliance with the gay community should be in the future.



Christopher Peterson

Tickets are \$25 and may be reserved in advance by calling the casino entertainment line at 343-2329. They're also available, with applicable service fees, through TicketsWest outlets at (800) 325-7328.

A community dance is scheduled to follow *Eyecons*. On Saturday, Peterson – or maybe one of his alter-egos – will serve as grand marshal of the Pride Parade.

Pride Week – Friday, June 10

Kathy Griffin will dis, dig A-listers at the Big Easy

Comic Kathy Griffin will dis and dig at the Big Easy on June 10 in a fundraiser for OutSpokane, the group that pulls Spokane's Pride Week together.

Griffin, a self-proclaimed D-list personality, entertains at comedy clubs across the country, giving audiences the low-down and laughs on the A-list celebs. She's a frequent guest on *Comedy Central* and at comic clubs throughout Southern California.

"Kathy Griffin is our big fundraiser," said OutSpokane chair Bridget Potter. "We need a good attendance at her show to be able to pull off the events we have planned for Pride Week."

The show is scheduled for 8 p.m. Ticket prices range in increments

from \$75 for front-row seats. Others are priced \$55 and \$45, down to balcony-level viewing at \$35. If those are a sellout, standing room will be offered for \$25.

Ducats are available at TicketsWest outlets, by telephoning (800) 325-7328 or online at www.ticketswest.com.



Christopher Peterson's persona as Marilyn Monroe.

Pride Week – Weekend, June 10, 11

Hedwig at Garland

The historic Garland Theater strides into Pride's entertainment schedule with a weekend screening of the cult favorite *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*.

The film will be shown at midnight on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. Tickets are \$2.50, available at the door.

Pride Week – Saturday, June 11

Start Pride Day with hearty PFLAG pancake breakfast

Remember what mom always said, "If you want to grow up to be big and strong, be sure to eat a good breakfast."

That, apparently, is what the Spokane chapter of PFLAG has in mind the morning of Pride Day.

Members of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) are warming up the

griddle in preparation of sponsoring a *Mom and Dad Pancake Breakfast* at the Merq on June 11 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The menu will include pancakes, bacon, eggs and juice. A donation of \$5 is suggested.

Oh, yes, and one more thing. "Be sure to wear clean underwear."

Pride Week – Saturday, June 11

Full-blown parade leads revelers to festival in the park

Spokane's 14th annual Pride Day has some new and very special features this year. It marks the first time in Pride Day's short history that the Pride Parade will include motorized floats. Further, the parade and festival are now set for June 11, a Saturday, and a departure from the traditional Sunday date.

More appealing, the parade route is configured through the heart of the downtown business district, starting at noon from Wall and Main and

circling counterclockwise past Riverpark Square to the festival in Riverfront Park.

Floats, marching units and individuals will assemble on the brick courtyard of Wall Street between Spokane Falls Boulevard and Main beginning at 11 a.m. The stream of floats, banners and marchers begins

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Microsoft execs reverse again, support gay bills

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Bill Gates recently urged Washington state's congressional delegation to push policies that improve worker training, relax immigration limits and increase trade with China and other countries. The Microsoft chairman also said that a controversy over gay rights caught him by surprise, adding that the company plans more dialogue to address concerns from employees and other critics. The Redmond-based software giant was one of the earliest companies to extend benefits to gay couples, but was criticized recently for failing to support gay-rights legislation in Washington state's Legislature this year.

Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer said an outpouring of employee concern and further reflection led him to reverse course again on legislation that would outlaw anti-gay bias in employment in Washington state.

"After looking at the question from all sides, I've concluded that diversity in the workplace is such an important issue for our business that it should be included in our legislative agenda," Ballmer wrote in an e-mail to employees, according to the Associated Press.

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11 from region chosen for Pride scholarships

SEATTLE – Scholarships recently awarded here by a joint partnership between the Pride Foundation and Greater Seattle Business Association included 11 applicants from Montana, Idaho and Eastern Washington outside of Spokane. In all, 92 gay and nongay students from throughout the Pacific Northwest won scholarships, including four from Spokane.

Regional scholarship winners included:

Montana

■ Samuel Matt Bird in Ground

Working on a bachelor's degree in English literature and creative writing at the University of Montana in Missoula, Samuel Matt Bird in Ground is a Two-Spirit from Montana's Crow tribe, president of the UM Native American Student Association and organizer of the largest student-run powwow in the country. Bird in Ground's long-term goal is to earn a master's in social work and apply his education and social skills in the gay and Two-Spirit communities, with a focus on youth.

■ Brett Janecek

Born and reared in Billings, Brett Janecek is pursuing a degree in politi-

cal science as an openly-gay student at the University of Notre Dame. Janecek's career plans are sighted on government and educational institutions to help ensure equal rights for alienated social groups, including gay men and lesbians. Other interests include photography and theatre.

Idaho

■ Pete Kutchins

An Idaho native, Pete Kutchins attends Boise State University and majors in graphic design and visual arts, with a minor in Japanese. He is president of the Visual Arts League, which uses art to increase awareness and influence change. Kutchins also uses his graphic design skills to support campus gay organizations while looking ahead to gaining a master's degree in Fine Arts to qualify for a position as a graphic design teacher.

■ Leah Hyman

After years in the publishing field, Leah Hyman returned to school at Lewis and Clark State College in Lewiston to pursue a career in radiography, with a long-term goal of managing a radiography department. Her main interest is in children and women's health and preventative medicine. She currently is a peer advisor and a key player in reviving the Safe Zones Project.

Eastern Washington

■ Kim Bartlett

Kim Bartlett was graduated from Colville High School this spring and plans to attend Devry University in Phoenix. She wants to combine her excellent math, science and computer skills with the creativity she has shown in art and drama to become a video game designer.

■ Craig Burdine

From social work in the Yakima/mid-Columbia area, Craig Burdine aspires to become a law clerk and change how gay people are viewed within the legal community.

■ Devon Cresse

Devon Cresse cofounded the Tolerance Awareness and Alliance to promote diversity prior to her graduation this spring from Ellensburg High School. She plans to study psychology at the University of Washington and fashion a career that blends psychology, human sexuality and civil rights.

■ Kym Dye

Kym Dye's thesis for a master's degree in education at Washington State University will focus on bullying, an antagonism she faced while growing up and something she hopes to defeat at every opportunity. She is said to be "very active in the Pullman community, especially at the United Church of Christ."

■ Daniela Hugelshofer

Entering her last year of the doctoral degree program in clinical psychology at Washington State University, Daniela Hugelshofer plans her dissertation as an examination of the effectiveness of gay speaker panels in facilitating attitude change among undergraduates. Her long-term goal is to balance teaching, research and clinical practice responsibilities with a particular emphasis on research of sexual minority issues.

■ Erin Krueger

Erin Krueger was graduated this spring from Ellensburg High School with a grade point average of 3.97 and served as president of the Tolerance and Awareness Alliance. The straight ally to gays also initiated and led the Safe Zone program, Coming Out Day, a Day of Silence fundraiser, and also created an anti-discrimination presentation that allows elementary students to experience the effects of stereotypes. Krueger plans to attend the University of Washington and fight for civil rights and tolerance.

■ Joseph Paterson

Joseph Paterson is enrolled at Washington State University where he is majoring in international business and communication. Paterson has received numerous honors during his affiliation with Future Farmers of America and served at many levels, including president of the state FFA. Among his long-term goals are becoming an advertising executive and traveling the world.

Shari's ponders ruling on gender perception

GRESHAM, Ore. – A jury has ruled that a local gay man who worked at a Shari's restaurant here faced a hostile work environment because he failed to display traditional male behavior. The jury awarded Kevin Turner, 33, \$122,225 in the gender discrimination suit filed against Shari's Corp. in U.S. District Court.

A Shari's spokesperson told the Oregonian newspaper that the company disagreed with the jury's conclusion and was considering an appeal. The franchise "strives to provide a safe and respectful environment for all our employees," said Shari's Dick Olsen.

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Misty Westby

Affectionately known as Grandma to the children and scores of others in the many neighborhoods of Sandpoint, Misty L. Westby, president of the lakeside city's chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), was remembered with special fondness on May 7 at a memorial service and potluck lunch to honor her life. Mrs. Westby, preceded in death by her husband, Lee, died March 24. She was 62.

It was widely acknowledged that Mrs. Westby had a special knack for bringing people together, and her sense of humor and loyalty to friends further enhanced her active engagement in PFLAG affairs. She worked in the nursing profession, with special attention to elderly care. Paramount, recently, was her participation in last year's march in Washington, D.C., to call attention to the recognition of women's reproductive rights.

Mrs. Westby was born May 6, 1942, in Billings, where she attended school and later married. In her younger years, friends recalled her travels as lead singer and drummer with a popular dance band.

Besides her many friends in the community, Mrs. Westby is survived by her daughter, Robyn Myers of Billings, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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You can almost sniff the lavender from the comfort of Eagle's Nest

KELOWNA, British Columbia – Fields of lavender set the scene for a festive and scented summer celebration here next month.

To rival the Okanagan's famous fruit-bearing trees and vines, some may be surprised to learn that fields of lavender blooming at family-run farms and orchards also are a life-force for the area's many residents.

Over the weekend of July 8-11, the fifth annual Lavender Festival here will provide an array of activities that are sure to entertain in a relaxed and unhurried environment, which seems fitting since lavender long has been recognized for its ability to soothe frayed nerves and release tension.

Hands-on workshops will include lavender basket weaving and the creation of lavender wreaths. Guided tours will culminate with food and wine pairings, featuring – you guessed it – lavender-themed dishes. Or, visitors can indulge in lavender ice cream-making, sipping lavender lemonade or sampling lavender-flavored jelly and scones.

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Alan and Gary Warren

Hosts of the Eagle's Nest Bed and Breakfast, Alan and Gary Warren, have more information on the area's special summertime treats and can set you up with comfy accommodations at their lodge overlooking Okanagan Lake. They're available on the toll-free line at: (866) 766-9350.

PFLAG math: add one movie, some goodies, you get free Pride treat

SANDPOINT– Mom and dad weren't always able to help with homework the teacher assigned, especially when it involved the "new math." Whether it was two trains traveling at different speeds or adding apples and oranges, the answer was problematic. Thankfully, times haven't changed.

The moms and dads of the PFLAG chapter here, for instance, have leased a gay-themed movie, rented the city's

theater and, for good measure, decided to bake up a big batch of goodies. Add these up and the sum PFLAG came up with is one big, free treat for Pride Week. That's reason enough to wave the Rainbow colors and shout hooray for PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

PFLAG's Nancy Gerth said the free film fare features Russell Crowe in *The Sum of Us* at the historic Panida Theater on June 9 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7, which allows gay showgoers and their special allies plenty of opportunity to select from the complimentary baked goods provided by PFLAG-Sandpoint. A no-host concession stand will be operated by the Panida staff.

Three years before he became a household name in Hollywood (with *L.A. Confidential*), Crowe starred in this 1994 Australian drama. The lovable Crowe plays a young gay man and the son of a widower, played by Jack Thompson, who is equally endearing. The two live together while they both search for that special someone with whom to spend their lives.

Regional Calendar

Pride Month events:

- June 2-4, 9-11 – Pacific Northwest Ballet's *Silver Lining*, McCaw Hall at Seattle Center, \$20-\$137, (206) 441-2424.
- ▼ June 4 – Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church's *Pride Cruise*, Lake Coeur d'Alene, 6 pm, \$18, (509) 838-0085; CenterStage presents *Forever Plaid*, Colville High School Auditorium, 7:30 pm, \$10-\$13.50 (tix at Happy's Hallmark), (509) 747-8243; *Queer Eye on the Future* panel discussion, Elliott Bay Book Company, Seattle, 7:30 pm, free, (206) 624-6600; and *Captain Smartypants* and *Sensible Shoes* concert, Benaroya Hall, Seattle, 8 pm, \$25, (206) 323-2992.
- ▼ June 9 – Female impersonator Christopher Peterson presents *Eyecons*, Northern Quest Casino, *Airway Heights*, 7 pm, (509) 343-2329; PFLAG-Sandpoint hosts *The Sum of Us*, Panida Theater, 7:30 pm, free.
- June 10 – *Opera Plus!* concert, Courtyard of the Plaza Shops, Coeur d'Alene, 6 pm, free.
- ▼ June 12 – Seattle Men's Chorus' *The Courage to Love*, Yakima, 3 pm, (206) 323-2992; and PFLAG-Sandpoint meeting, United Methodist Church, 2 pm, (208) 263-6699.

- June 15-18, 22-26 – Theatre in the Raw's *The Inspector General*, Ukrainian Hall, East Vancouver, B.C., \$8-\$12, (604) 708-5448.
- ▼ June 17-19 – *Montana Pride Celebration*, Helena.
- ▼ June 17-19 – *Portland Pride Celebration*, John McCall Waterfront Park.
- ▼ June 23 – Singer-songwriter *Amy Bleu*, Noir, Portland, 8 pm, no cover.
- ▼ June 24 and 25 – Seattle Men's and Women's choruses' *Pride Concert*, Meany Theatre, Seattle, \$20-\$52, (206) 323-2992.
- ▼ June 25-26 – *Seattle Pride Festival*, Volunteer Park.

Plan ahead for July:

- July 8-11 – 5th annual *Lavender Festival*, Kelowna, B.C., accommodations and information: Eagle's Nest B&B, (866) 766-9350.
 - ▼ July 10 – PFLAG-Sandpoint meets, United Methodist Church, 2 pm, (208) 263-6699.
 - ▼ July 29 – Singer-songwriter *Amy Bleu*, White Horse Coffee House, Sutherlin, Ore, 6:30 pm, no cover.
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Gay 'Auntie Mame' parents enrich lives

SEATTLE – The Auntie Mames of gay parenting – those who strive to broaden their children's awareness and understanding of the world outside the walls of the classroom and school activities – may find the new season of the Seattle Children's Theatre of special interest. Beyond contributing a cultural experience, travel to the Emerald City could help broaden a child's interest in history and the environment.

The September through June season begins with *Seussical*, a musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss, and includes three world premiere productions: a new version of *Peter and the Wolf*, an adaptation of *The Devil and Daniel Webster* and a baseball tale in *Honus and Me*.

"We believe this is truly a season for all ages," said SCT Artistic Director Linda Hartzell, "exciting shows for the youngest, a chilling tall tale for the oldest and enchanting musical fun in-between."

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at noon. (For route, see map on pages 14 and 15.)

Christopher Peterson, star of *Eyecons*, is grand marshal of this year's parade and will serve as master of ceremonies at the festival in Riverfront Park.

At the Riverfront Park site for the Rainbow Festival – Gondola Meadows includes the runners sculpture wrapping around the corner of Post and Spokane Falls

Boulevard – nonprofit and retail vendor booths will be staffed from noon to 4 p.m.

A wedding ceremony will start the activities for the Rainbow Festival following the parade's arrival in the park. Live entertainment was yet to be scheduled as Stonewall News Northwest went to press, but new features this year will include a play area for children and a beer garden for the big folks.

Pride Week – Saturday, June 11

Concert will be musical fireworks of newest, best

The whirlwind of Pride Week activities begins to wind down on the evening of Pride Day, but not without a special gusto, and it's headed here from Seattle.

Not only does the highly-regarded Seattle Men's Chorus return to Spokane's Pride Week lineup, but the Seattle Women's Chorus joins them

here in concert. The program marks the debut in Spokane for the women's chorus.

Entitled *The Courage to Love*, the concert is scheduled at the Spokane Falls Community College Music Auditorium on June 11 at 8 p.m.

It has been five years since Seattle Men's Chorus played Spokane.

"I am a big fan of Seattle Men's Chorus and I am very pleased to help facilitate their return to Spokane," said Kevan Gardner, regional outreach manager for the Pride Foundation, which is sponsoring the event as a fundraiser. "We are also extremely pleased that Seattle Women's Chorus will be making their Spokane debut," Gardner said.

The Courage to Love is the first concert in which the Seattle Men's Chorus, Seattle Women's Chorus and special guest Diverse Harmony perform together on stage. Individually, they'll sing of their experiences in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and straight communities. Collectively, they'll celebrate their unique differences and honor their common similarities.

Addressing civil rights, marriage rights and finding the courage to love whomever one chooses, this rare and momentous event will be one of the largest gatherings of Spokane's gay community celebrating Pride Week.

"The program will be centered on the gay experience of who we are and the things we care about," said Dennis Coleman, artistic director.

"There will be some new songs, but also older ones, and the concept is to have all the choruses and their ensembles on stage the entire concert."

Also performing are Captain Smartypants, a men's ensemble that



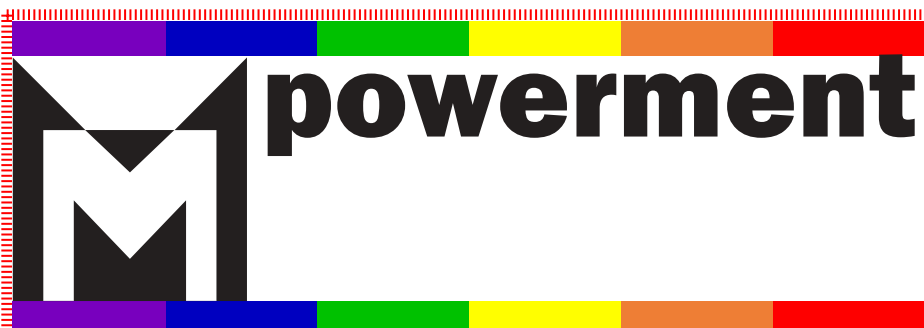
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The Seattle Women's Chorus

blends exquisite harmony with raucous humor. Another treat will be Sensible Shoes, a pop and vocal jazz ensemble of the women's chorus, in its premiere season.

Diverse Harmony, the first gay/straight alliance youth chorus in the nation, will sing about the challenges of growing up gay, lesbian or just plain different from other kids.

The Courage to Love is a prelude to the choruses' tour next year to Idaho, Montana and Utah, parts of the West where people aren't neces-



June 7th

CenterStage Pride and Joy Movie Night presents *Prom Queen*.

June 9th

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June 11th

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Formed in 1979, Seattle Men's Chorus is now 300 voices strong, the largest community chorus in America and the largest gay men's chorus in the world. Seattle Women's Chorus premiered three years ago and has quickly grown to more than 200 singers. Each has a base of some 80 volunteers and associate members who support both choruses.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 in advance or \$22 at the door. They may be purchased through TicketsWest, online at www.ticketswest.com or by telephoning (800) 325-7328.

Pride Week – Sunday, June 12

Cap'n Smartypants sermonizes in song, showbiz at church

Captain Smartypants, an ensemble of the Seattle Men's Chorus since 2000, has a reputation for telling it like it is, telling it like it isn't, and telling it like it probably never will be. Part improv-comedy troupe, part a capella showcase, part vaudeville extravaganza, the Smartypants boys sing and dance like the illegitimate lovechild of 'N Sync and Monty Python's Flying Circus.

Playfully, they will put the cap on Pride Week when they perform at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane on June 12. The group will be the featured attraction at both the 9:15 and 11 a.m. worship services.

Unitarian is located on Fort George Wright Drive on the west side of Spokane Falls Community College. The services are free and open to the public.

INBA's vision for gay district, city and state legislation at heart of documentary

by Inland Northwest Business Alliance

The Inland Northwest Business Alliance (INBA), which has been serving the Inland Northwest since 1994, is a nonprofit organization of gay/straight professionals and businesses. The mission of the INBA is to create a nondiscriminatory environment that fosters, encourages, promotes and supports a diverse business community in Spokane by strengthening and expanding its members' businesses and careers, breaking down negative stereotypes of the gay community through educational outreach, and becoming positive role models for gay/straight youth.

INBA features a guest speaker at our monthly networking luncheons and each year produces a community resource directory of member and non-member businesses and services that support the GLBTQ/Allied community, and awards financial scholarships to deserving students. Our Vision Committee has been leading the movement to establish a visible gay community in Spokane and develop materials to help people understand why a visible gay community is important.

The INBA also is co-producing a documentary with InFocus Productions, "A Rainbow Vision," that will focus on the recent controversy over the public outing of Mayor James West and his vehement anti-gay senatorial

career, the national and international media attention reported this winter about the INBA's efforts to establish a gay district in Spokane and the opposition from local conservative Christian groups –

an insight into the city of Spokane and state of Washington's gay legislation and the impact these issues have

had on Spokane. The program is scheduled for national distribution in late 2006 or early 2007.

Spokane parents helped launch national PFLAG; active locally since '84

by Lorin Miller, member, board of directors, PFLAG

PFLAG – Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays – was inaugurated as a national support group in 1974 in Washington, D.C., and sev-



eral Spokane parents were a part of that beginning. Over the years many local chapters have started to provide direct support to L G B T loved ones.

The Spokane chapter celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2004. In

recent years PFLAG's charter was expanded to embrace individuals in the transgendered community as well. The local group meets monthly and will participate in Pride events, offering T-shirts and Rainbow bracelets for sale.



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The fair will open noon to 10 p.m. daily, with loads of entertainers, exhibitionists and demonstrations at the expanded Folsom Marketplace. A *Taste of the Village* and the new Agitator dance party are among added activities. There is a \$5 suggested donation for the 19-years-or-older event.

10 Days of Pride

FRIDAY,
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Gay Pioneers, a 30-minute documentary, Q&A follows with special guest **Barbara Gittings**. 7 pm. \$5
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SATURDAY,
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Brunch With Barbara, with presentation by **Barbara Gittings**, "Gay and Smiling." 10 am to noon, \$10/S/s
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SUNDAY,
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Gay Bingo, a fundraiser for **Spokane AIDS Network**. 4 pm. Free
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MONDAY,
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Rainbow Awards dessert-reception with entertainment by the **Giant Ass Drum Corps**. 7 pm. Free
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1017 W. First Ave.
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TUESDAY,
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Pride and Joy Movie Night

features the lightly comic **Prom Queen**. 7:30 pm. \$5/s
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WEDNESDAY,
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Barbara & Tibby: A Love Story – In the Face of Hate, a documentary, followed by panel discussion featuring **George Cheung**, executive director of **Equal Rights Washington**. 7 pm. Free
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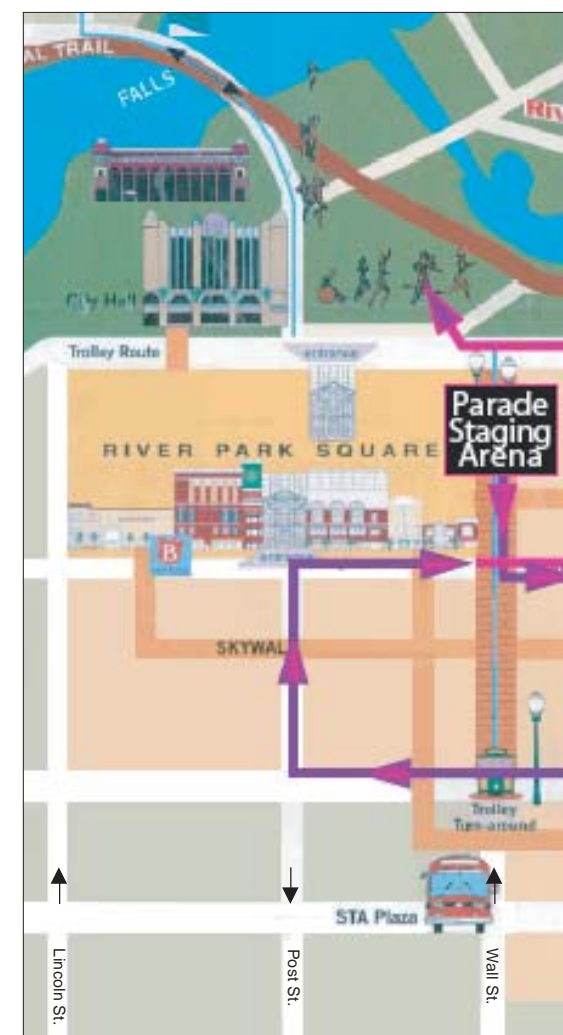
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Pride Calendar

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GLBTQ Midnight Movie screens **Hedwig and the Angry Inch**. \$2.50
Garland Theater
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*SATURDAY,
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Pride Parade, with Grand Marshal **Christopher Peterson**. Participants gather on Wall Street between Spokane Falls Blvd and Main at 11 am. Parade through downtown starts at noon, ending at the Rainbow Festival in Riverfront Park.

Rainbow Festival, with the **Annual Wedding Ceremony** from noon to 4 pm in **Gondola Meadows of Riverfront Park**, corner of Post Street and Spokane Falls Blvd.

Pride Concert with the **Seattle Men's Chorus** and the **Seattle Women's Chorus**, with **Captain Smartypants**, **Sensible Shoes** and **Diverse Harmony**, presenting **The Courage to Love**. 8 pm. \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door
Spokane Falls Community College Auditorium
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*SUNDAY,
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Seattle Men's Chorus' Captain Smartypants entertains at the 9:15 and 11 am services. Free
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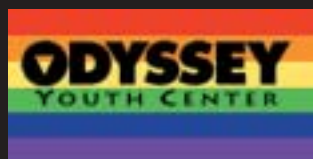


Pride is all month long in alluring San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO – Tourism officials are bracing for a “Rainbow infusion” in late June as more than 500,000 visitors from all over the U.S. and the world are expected to gather here for Pride Month, several weeks of activity leading up to the largest Gay Pride Parade in the nation.

This year's theme is *Stand Up, Stand Out, Stand Proud*, reflecting the community's ongoing fight for equal rights. Official Pride events begin June 25 with music and performances by the San Francisco Opera and other choruses from noon to 6 p.m. The Pride Parade starts its march up Market Street on June 26 at 10:30 a.m. Online information and links to Pride pages are available at www.sfpride.org.

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Men of Quest are peer role models, leaders, volunteers

by Ryan Oelrich, executive director, Gay Youth Association

Quest Youth Group is a branch of the Gay Youth Association (GYA) and a nonprofit 501c3 organization dedi-



icated to improving the lives of gay, bisexual and questioning young men in the Inland Northwest. The Quest H.S. Youth Group serves young men

ages 16-17, while the Quest Youth Group serves young men ages 18-25.

Our purpose is to help transform gay and bisexual youth into role models, leaders and volunteers for their friends, families and communities. By cultivating talented, educated and confident gay and bisexual young men, we will not only improve their lives, but we also will challenge negative stereotypes which still exist in the world today.

We will inspire, encourage and support the youth we serve, and we are currently 114 members strong and growing. We invite you to join our Quest family as a member, participant, volunteer, supporter or friend. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mpowerment helps young men blaze healthier life paths

by Russ Hemphill, community health educator, Spokane AIDS Network

The Mpowerment Project was developed with and for young gay and bisexual men, mobilizing young gay/bisexual men to shape a healthy community for themselves, building positive social connections and supporting safer sex. The Mpowerment Project can reach large numbers of young gay/bisexual men in a cost-effective man-



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ner because it operates on the community level instead of targeting men individually or solely through small groups.

The Mpowerment Project is designed to be tailored to the characteristics of our community. A series of principles



guide this multilevel program, including the importance of self-determination, personal empowerment, the diffusion of new behaviors through social networks, the power of peer-influence, a need to focus on HIV prevention within the context of issues considered important to young men (e.g., social issues), and community building. The Mpowerment Project will be implemented by Spokane AIDS Network and will work with the existing GLBT support and service organizations.

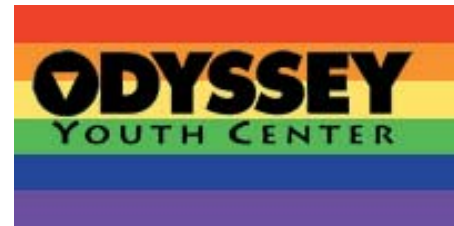
Odyssey molds champions for civil rights, equality

by Laurel Kelly, executive director, Odyssey Youth Center

Odyssey Youth Center works with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered

and questioning youth and their allies to provide a safe place, education and advocacy to promote positive growth and self empowerment. Odyssey is the only LGBTQA youth organization east of the Cascade Mountains and, in 2004, had 5,000 site visits from 450 youth.

Odyssey Youth Center is a safe and fun environment for youth to be themselves without being judged. We provide social service referrals, HIV counseling and testing, and life-skills



educational presentations. The center's speaker's bureau provides education to the community about issues facing LGBTQ youth. Finally, Odyssey offers a social-justice leadership program entitled Odyssey Out Loud! This program empowers youth to examine multiple oppressions communities experience and to become activists in the fight for human rights and equality.

For more information about OYC, visit our Web site at www.odysseyyouth.org or call (509) 325-3637. Donations are always appreciated.

Emmanuel inspires spiritual growth, community service

by Len Mace, interim lay pastor, Emmanuel MCC

Like many organizations, churches are no different in that we have our ups and downs, our struggles and trials. In the 23-year history of Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church there have been times when we have been a very visible, vital part of the greater GLBT community. There also have been times when it was all we could do to just keep ourselves going.

God has been good to us. We have been blessed with new inspiration and a renewed vision for the need to once



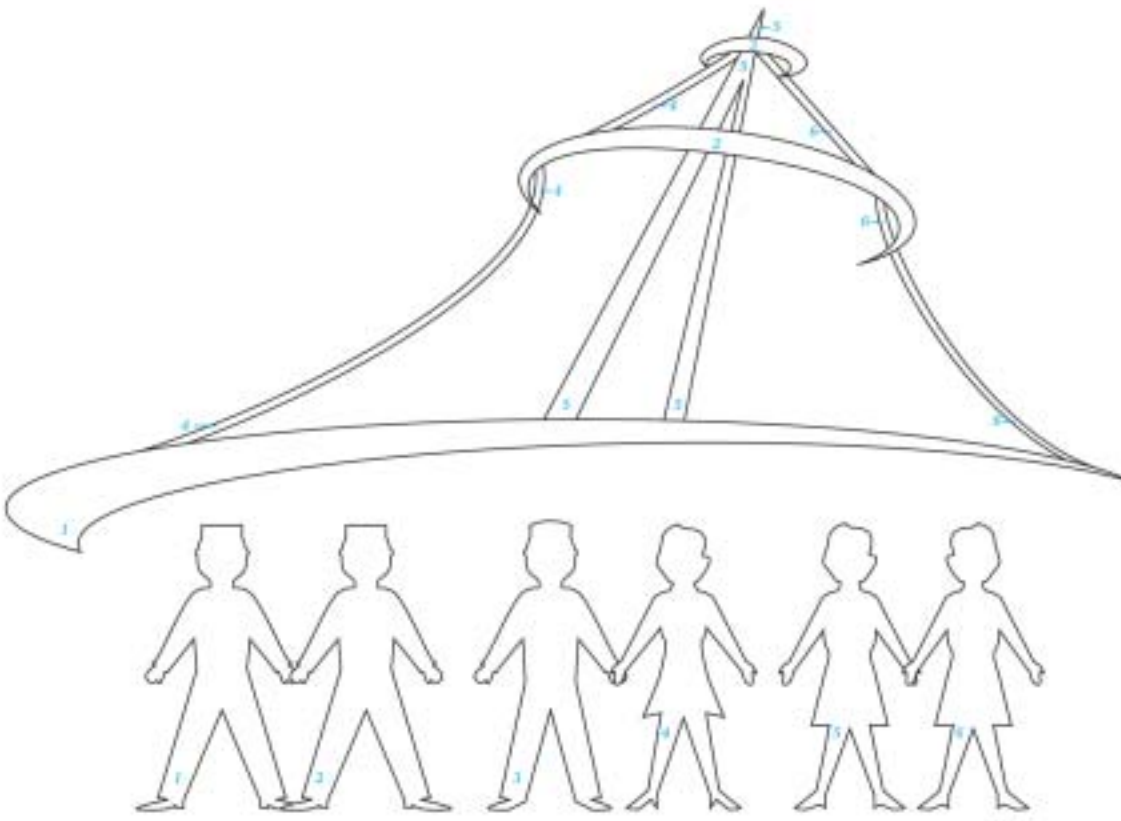
again become a more visibly active part of the greater community.

It is our goal to have representatives from Emmanuel attending other organizations' meetings and functions as we strive to better serve both the spiritual needs of our community and in whatever other ways we can be of service. Please know that all are welcome at Emmanuel MCC, where God's unconditional love is the cornerstone of our ministry.




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Kansas AG says ban no bar to partner benies

TOPEKA, Kan. – Kansas state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage and civil unions doesn't prevent local or state government agencies from extending benefits to gay employees' partners, Attorney General Phill Kline said in May.

Kline's announcement contrasts with a legal opinion issued in March by Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, who said a similar amendment to that state's constitution prevents governmental entities from offering domestic partner benefits.

Bill would save trees to build more crosses

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Republican state Rep. Gerald Allen recently introduced a bill in the Alabama Legislature that would prevent public school libraries in the state from stocking books or plays featuring gay characters or that are written by gay authors.

"I don't look at it as censorship. I look at it as protecting the hearts and souls and minds of our children," Allen said.

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Gay pioneer Jack Nichols dead at 67

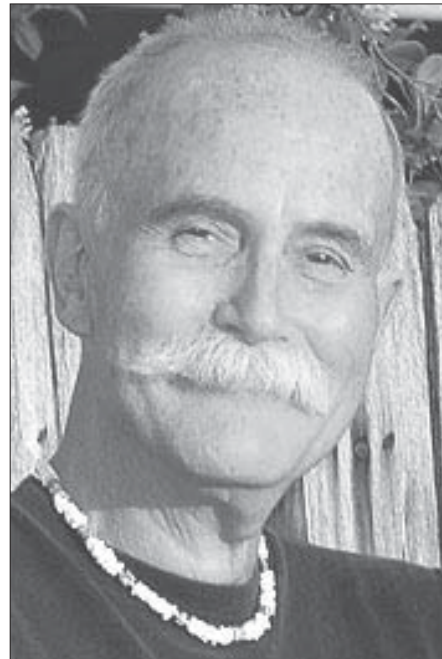
COCOA BEACH, Fla. – The man thought to have been the most visible gay person in America in the pre-Stonewall 1960s – when homosexual acts were criminal offenses – died here on May 2. The cause of death was given as leukemia. He was 67.

Gay pioneer Jack Nichols is credited with the cofounding of the Washington Mattachine Society in 1961, an early gay advocacy group; leading the first gay rights march on the White House in 1965; for successfully lobbying the American Psychiatric Association to rescind its definition of homosexuality as a mental illness, and being one of the first gay people to speak on national television in a 1967 CBS documentary, *The Homosexuals*.

Mr. Nichols also helped plan the first organized gay civil rights demonstrations prior to the Stonewall rebellion. The first of those demonstrations was held on July 4, 1965, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia – the subject of Spokane's Pride Week film *Gay Pioneers*, to be presented at the EWU Riverpoint Auditorium on June 3, courtesy the Spokane Gay and Lesbian Film Festival committee.

Mr. Nichols was among the first gay activists to challenge the American Psychiatric Association's position that homosexuality was a mental illness. In 1967, he appeared as a self-identified gay male in an interview with Mike Wallace, the first CBS documentary on homosexuality.

From 1969 to 1973, Mr. Nichols and his partner, the late Lige Clark, were editors of GAY, the country's first gay weekly newspaper. Together, they wrote the first nonfiction memoir by a gay male couple, *I Have More Fun With You Than Anybody*. Since 1997,



Jack Nichols

he edited the online news magazine GayToday.com.

Mr. Nichols authored several other books, including *Men's Liberation: A New Definition of Masculinity* and *The Gay Agenda: Talking Back to the Fundamentalists*. His latest book, *The Tomcat Chronicles*, describes his youthful indiscretions.

"At one point, (Mr. Nichols) was just about the most visible gay person in the country, if we go back to the mid-1960s," said Rodger Streitmatter, a professor of journalism at American University. "He was always willing to be identified as a gay person, and that was still an era when many people were not."

Another retrial set in death of Gwen Araujo

BERKELEY, Calif. – There's no debate that Gwen Araujo ended up dead after the men she was partying with discovered that the 17-year-old was biologically male. But will a jury agree that it was murder?

Another jury deadlocked on the question last year after the defense argued for manslaughter, a crime committed in a heat of passion sparked by sexual deception, according to the Associated Press. The defense infuriated Araujo's family and transgendered rights activists who called it a case of blaming the victim. Prosecutors were to try again in late May.

Michael Magidson, 24, Jose Merel, 25, and Jason Cazares, 25, are charged with killing Araujo, who was born Edward but came to believe her true identity was as a woman. After she died, her mother, Sylvia Guerrero, had her name legally changed as a mark of respect. According to a fourth man, Jaron Nabors, 22, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in a plea bargain and agreed to testify against the others, Araujo was beaten and strangled after her biological identity was revealed during a confrontation at Merel's house.

Pat Robertson: Judges worse than terrorists

NEW YORK – Saying that the actions of "liberal" judges are "destroying the fabric that holds our nation together" and "probably more serious than a few bearded terrorists who fly into buildings," Rev. Pat Robertson claims the nation's judiciary is the worst threat America has faced in 400 years, trumping historical threats posed by Nazi Germany, Japan and the Civil War.

"There is an assault on marriage. There's an assault on human sexuality ... They've taken sides in the culture war," Robertson said on the nationally televised *This Week with George Stephanopoulos* on May 1.

Three years ago, among others, Robertson blamed gays for the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

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Cops mum on slurs following park bust

ATLANTA – Four of six gay men arrested for being in Atlanta's Piedmont Park after the 11 p.m. closing hour on a Thursday in April have been ordered to complete 16 hours of community service or serve 10 days in jail. Two others plea-bargained with city prosecutors and were sentenced to 16 and 20 hours of community service each.

The men told Municipal Court Judge Elaine Carlisle that Atlanta police officer L. Smith called them "faggots" and "cockroaches" while detaining them for three hours in a nearby parking lot. The men were jailed overnight.

Smith, who made the arrests, testified that he encountered the men in the park around 2:30 a.m. He said that when he discovered they didn't have written permission to be there, he made the arrests.

Defendant Ray Gallimore pleaded not guilty, explaining he was new to Atlanta and unaware the park was closed from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. He provided photos of the entrance to illustrate that the park's operating hours were not prominently posted.

The Atlanta Police Department refused to fully identify Smith or other officers involved in the arrests and said an internal investigation would be conducted.

Schools: Exclude gays? We'll exclude bigots

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Supreme Court justices will review in their next term beginning in October whether the government can withhold federal funds from colleges that bar military recruiters, wading into a dispute over campus free speech rights.

The justices will consider a ruling allowing law schools to restrict recruiters as a way of protesting the Pentagon's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy excluding openly-gay people from military service. The case sets up a free speech fight over schools' rights of association and the government's need to promote an effective military in time of war through campus recruitment.

Joshua Rosenkranz, a lawyer representing 31 law schools suing the Pentagon, contends the government may not force schools to accept its discriminatory policy – known as the Solomon Amendment – by linking military recruitment to federal research money. "If, as the Supreme Court has held, bigots have a First Amendment right to exclude gays, then certainly universities have a First Amendment right to exclude bigots," he said.



Ray Gallimore

AFA sour on Kraft support of Gay Games

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Kraft Foods' sponsorship of next summer's Gay Games has riled, ruffled and repulsed the anti-gay American Family Association.

AFA is urging its supporters to call Kraft and express their anger at the sponsorship. "Kraft is ignoring e-mails. Please make a personal phone call to Kraft and tell them to pull their financial support from the 2006 Gay Games," the conservative Christian group told its members in a mass e-mail.

AFA launched a campaign against Proctor and Gamble in a similar way last year after Cincinnati-based P&G supported the repeal of an anti-gay law in that city. When the company did not cave in to their demands to reverse its position, AFA began a boycott. The organization declared victory, whether

Student leader mounts gay-bashing hoaxes

MILL VALLEY, Calif. – A rash of gay-bashing incidents at Tamalpais High School here was the work of a gay student athlete who claimed she was the victim of hate crimes, Mill Valley Police Capt. James Wickham told the Associated Press.

The 17-year-old girl, a top wrestler and leader of the school's Gay-Straight Alliance, admitted she was the perpetrator of the incidents, which included vandalizing her own car with derogatory graffiti, police said. Other incidents involved threatening telephone messages to teachers. The student, not identified by police, has been suspended from school and could face expulsion, said Bob Ferguson, district superintendent.

actual or contrived, over Proctor & Gamble after the company ended most of its advertising in the gay media. The group claimed that more than 300,000 people signed pledges not to buy P&G products.

The effect on P&G is believed to be one of the major reasons Microsoft decided to withdraw support of a gay rights bill in Washington following a meeting with a conservative Christian leader. Citing outrage from the company's gay workers and gay rights groups in the state, the company reversed course again and announced it would support gay rights measures in the future.

Kraft earlier this year authorized its company logo to be placed on the Gay Games official Web site as a major corporate sponsor. The company makes popular products like Kraft Dinner, Kraft Singles, Oreo cookies, Maxwell House coffee, Miracle Whip dressing and Ritz crackers.

The Gay Games will take place in Chicago July 15-22, 2006. Twelve

Poll: New Jersey favors legal marriage for gays

NEPTUNE-ASBURY PARK, N.J. – A recent poll by Garden State Equality-Zogby International found that 55 percent of New Jersey voters would favor allowing same-sex couples to marry, and 49 percent would consider voting again for former Gov. James E. McGreevey, who resigned his post last year after acknowledging he engaged in an extramarital affair with a man.


Only six percent said McGreevey's sexuality is a reason they would never vote for him, according to the Associated Press.

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Lambda Legal: new FDA rule 'based on bigotry'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Food and Drug Administration's new rules to place tougher restrictions on anonymous gay sperm donors is seen as a move that could adversely affect lesbian couples who prefer insemination from gay donors. The rule requires a five-year abstinence from sex by gay-identified men, while heterosexual sperm donors face only a one-year waiting period following sex that could cause HIV transmission.

Kevin Cathcart, executive director of Lambda Legal, noted the steady increase in heterosexual transmission of HIV is ignored in the rule, which he called "a policy based on bigotry."



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Bigotry reemerges in the shadow of Shepard

PINEDALE, Wyo. – The Sublette County Sheriff's Department here is investigating anti-gay slurs spray painted on the pickup truck of a gay Pinedale High School student. Sophomore Kourtney Kellen, 16, who has been open about being a lesbian, said she discovered the vandalism one afternoon when she left her house to give a friend a ride home.

Kellen told the Associated Press that most people at school were OK with her sexual orientation, but that she'd recently had a disagreement with a boy in her class. "It's really uncool to hate people for their (differences)," she said. She also said the teen later acknowledged committing the vandalism and that his father offered to pay for the damage to the truck.

Kourtney's mother, Sherry Kellen, said she was reminded of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student who

died from a savage beating in October 1998, and felt she needed to draw attention to the incident so that it wouldn't escalate. Pinedale is the gateway to the lake country of the Bridger-Teton National Forest, some 300 miles northwest of Laramie.

New civil unions law rings of discrimination

BOSTON – A new law in Connecticut that establishes civil unions – but not marriage – for gay men and lesbians in the state, prompted editorial reaction from the major newspaper in neighboring Massachusetts.

"There is no reason to withhold marriage other than to signify a separate status for one class of individuals based on their sexual orientation. That is the very definition of discrimination," said The Boston Globe.

Massachusetts, on May 17, 2004, became the first state to legalize marriage for gay men and lesbians.

SWEET SMELL OF SWEAT

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Test subjects also were asked to smell several "control" substances, such as lavender oil, cedar oil and butanol, the study said. They failed to trigger any hypothalamic responses during the brain imaging tests, the study said.

Scientists familiar with the study said it appears to support the theory, advanced by previous studies, that link sexual orientation to the genetic

They also noted that they exposed their research subjects to far higher concentrations of hormone-produced odors than would be expected in normal human interaction, and that the higher concentrations could have played a role in the hypothalamic responses.

Sandra Witelson, a specialist in brain anatomy with the DeGroote School of Medicine at McMaster University in Ontario, told the Associated Press that the Swedish study "clearly shows a biological involvement in sexual orientation."

The Swedish study follows findings in the early 1990s by U.S. researcher Simon LeVay, which showed that the hypothalamus region of the brain is significantly larger in heterosexual men than it is in gay men and heterosexual women.

LeVay conducted his research by measuring the size of the hypothalamuses of human cadavers. His study is believed to have provided the first indication that the hypothalamus may, in some way, be related to an individual's sexual orientation.



Stockholm's Karolinska University Hospital

makeup of individuals through mechanisms believed to be acquired at birth rather than through psychological factors acquired during childhood or adolescence.

The odor obtained from male perspiration used in the study came from a testosterone derivative called AND, which, some scientists believe, is a pheromone, a substance shown in animal studies to trigger sexual responses during mating.

Ivanka Savic, Hans Berglund and Per Linstrom, lead researchers in the study, concluded that their findings provide new evidence that pheromones might play a role in human sexuality. But they cautioned that the different responses in the hypothalamus between gay and heterosexual men could be related to "an acquired sensitization to AND stimuli in the hypothalamus (among gay men) ... due to repeated sexual exposure to men."

The announcement from Sweden follows a study published earlier this year in the journal *Human Genetics* by National Institutes of Health in which researcher Dean Hamer identifies similarities in the chromosomes of gay brothers. Hamer called his findings important because they reinforce the theory that "sexual orientation is at least partially genetic and that there are many different genes, not just one or two," that may be linked to sexual orientation.

Brian Mustanski, a University of Illinois researcher who worked with Hamer on the study linking chromosomes to gay siblings, called the new Swedish study "very well done," a significant advance in findings suggesting a genetic link to sexual orientation.

"What's so compelling is that the region of the brain (the study examined) has been shown to be involved in sexual activity and sexual orientation," Mustanski said.

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Friday the 3rd – The Spokane GLBT Film Festival presents *Gay Pioneers*, with special guest Barbara Gittings at the EWU Riverpoint Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Saturday the 4th – The annual *Pride Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene*, sponsored by Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church, starts off with a *pre-Pride Cruise Lakeside BBQ* from noon to 5 p.m. Boarding starts at 5:30 – the boat leaves the dock promptly at 6 p.m.

Saturday the 11th – **PRIDE DAY!** The bigger and better *Pride Parade* has a new route this year – gather on Wall Street between Spokane Falls Blvd. and Main at 11 a.m. and *Parade* through downtown at noon. The following *Rainbow Festival in Gondola Meadows in Riverfront Park* lasts until 4 p.m.

Later, join the Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane at its *Gay Spokane Pageant – Classical Hollywood Stars and Starlets* – at Dempseys starting at 5 p.m.

Friday the 17th – Help celebrate Spokane AIDS Network's 20th anniversary with a *Stem and Stein* wine and beer tasting event at Northern Quest Casino from 6 - 10 p.m.

Sunday the 19th – Don't forget Dad this *Father's Day!*

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AIDS clinics used in \$5 million drug fraud

MIAMI – Two doctors face sentencing July 19 for using two South Beach AIDS clinics to bill Medicaid for potent intravenous drugs that were either not provided, not given as claimed or not medically necessary in a scheme that defrauded the government out of \$5 million.

Jorge Forcada and Clark Carlton Mitchell were the final two of nine defendants to be convicted in a conspiracy involving the infection-fighting drug Neupogen and anemia-fighting Procrit, the U.S. Attorney's Office said. Forcada was convicted of eight counts of health care fraud and one conspiracy

count, and faces up to 85 years in prison. Mitchell was found guilty of four health care fraud charges and a conspiracy count, and faces up to 45 years in prison.

Leonard Bolanos, owner of the Bolanos Institute, and Robert Sauve, owner of the Lefebvre Institute, were indicted a year ago along with three staff doctors and four other employees.

Father: home schooling preferred for gay issues

CONCORD, Mass. – A father who wouldn't leave school property after officials refused his demand to remove his 6-year-old son from discussions

about homosexuality pleaded innocent to a trespassing charge in May.

According to the Associated Press, David Parker, 42, was released on \$100 bail after his arraignment in Concord District Court and ordered to stay off school grounds. Parker said he wanted to teach his son about gay lifestyles, not leave it to a teacher.

Parker first complained to officials at Lexington's Joseph Estabrook School in January after his son brought home a book called *Who's in a Family?* that included depictions of same-sex households. "Because of the same-sex (marriage) law, people are treating it as a mandate to teach the youngest children ... I want to be the gatekeeper of the information," he told the AP.

Navaho Council bans same-sex marriage

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation has outlawed same-sex marriages on its sprawling Indian reservation here. According to the Associated Press, the Tribal Council in late April voted unanimously in favor of the Dine Marriage Act of 2005. Dine is the Navajos' name for themselves.

The act restricts a recognized union to a relationship between a man and a woman and prohibits plural marriages as well as any marriage between parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, brothers and sisters and other close relatives, the AP said.

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Aussie gays push for same-sex marriage bills

SYDNEY – Gay rights advocates in Australia have launched a national campaign to change state laws and allow same-sex marriage, according to the Australian Associated Press. The nation's AP said gay rights proponents discovered a loophole in federal legislation that bans same-sex marriage, leading Tasmania Greens justice spokesperson Nick McKim to introduce the Same-Sex Marriage Bill in the state's House of Assembly.

Developed in conjunction with the organization Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights and a constitutional law expert, Lee Rhiannon, spokesperson for the NSW Greens justice, said she will introduce a similar law into the NSW Parliament in spite of its condemnation by NSW Premier Bob Carr.

Rhiannon said Carr has "dashed the hopes of many same-sex couples who want to get married."

Passport ID could crimp gay travel, hurt business

MONTREAL – Businesses that benefit from gay tourism in this city may be impacted by a new U.S. Department of Homeland Security plan to require that all U.S. and Canadian citizens have a passport to either enter or reenter the United States, according to media reports. Called the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, the new requirement will be implemented in phases, but tourist officials and lawmakers said it will impact the number of American tourists who enter Canada.

Catholic leaders call for 'civil disobedience' to protest legalization of same-sex marriage

compiled from various reports

MADRID, Spain – Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero has defended a new law that will allow gay couples to marry – a veiled counterattack on the Roman Catholic Church which has thrown its weight against it.

Parliament gave initial approval to the law in April, prompting the Spanish Bishops' Conference to step up its campaign against the measure by calling on all Catholics to resist applying the new law. Catholic leaders called for sympathizers to engage in "civil disobedience" over the issue, according to London's Daily Telegraph.

"I will never understand those who proclaim love as the foundation of life, while denying so radically protection, understanding and affection to our neighbors, our friends, our relatives, our colleagues," Zapatero told Parliament in a state of the nation address, according to Reuters.

"What kind of love is this that excludes those who experience their sexuality in a different way?" Zapatero said.

The Catholic Church, traditionally powerful in Spain, says gay marriage



Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero

harms society by threatening the very notion of family. It has urged mayors to refuse on grounds of conscience to celebrate same-sex weddings.

Some center-right mayors of the People's Party vow they will refuse to allow gay men and lesbians to marry when the country's marriage law is changed, according to the Daily Telegraph. But a government official told Reuters that the mayors would not be

able to choose to ignore the law. The government said it is not up to bishops to rule on a measure that affects only civil marriages, not church marriages.

"I am aware that this measure is one of the most controversial we have approved ... (but) we cannot deny a right to many of our compatriots when the exercise of that right does not harm anyone else," Zapatero said.

While 95 percent of Spaniards are nominally Catholic, surveys show increasingly liberal attitudes prevail in society.

Same-sex marriage is the most high-profile element of the Socialist government's social agenda that has angered the Catholic Church. Other policies include making it easier to divorce and allowing stem cell research.

Several Spanish mayors from the conservative opposition have said they will refuse to perform the ceremonies. The government says this will not be a problem as there will always be other officials prepared to do it.

The newspaper El Mundo, quoting sources at the Bishops' Conference, reported that the church would like to see King Juan Carlos demonstrate opposition to the law by abdicating temporarily to avoid having to sign it.

No one at the conference was available to comment, said Reuters, nor has the monarch made any public comment on gay marriage.

Gay men among first for new civil union law

WELLINGTON, New Zealand – Two men were among the first couples joined under New Zealand's newly enacted civil union law, according to the Associated Press, a law that gives gay and straight partners nearly the same legal rights as traditional married couples.

The law, which took effect in May, makes civil unions slightly less binding than marriage and stops short of legalizing same-sex marriages. Passed last year, the measure was fiercely opposed by religious groups who called it a "gay marriage law" that undermines the importance of traditional marriage, the AP said.

John Jolliff, 75, and Des Smith, 65, a same-sex couple of 18 years, pushed for the new law and were married here in Sunday ceremonies on May 1. Civil union ceremonies were televised nationwide, including one beach-front ceremony involving a male couple. Of 29 couples who registered for civil unions, 21 were gay men and women, said an Internal Affairs department spokesperson.

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Montreal planning 'tres gigantimonte' night Pride parade

MONTREAL – The city's annual Divers/Cité Pride Celebration will kick off with a parade on the night of July 25 for festivities that will continue all week through the end of the month.

"The night parade is a long time dream of ours," said Director General Suzanne Girard, who hopes the change will inspire people to get even more creative with their participation. "The Divers/Cité Parade has the potential of being one of the most visually stunning events in Montreal."

Moving the parade to a Monday also permits Divers/Cité to change the route, bringing it to Montreal's other neighborhoods. This year's parade will take place in the city's Gay Village.

Le Grand Rendez-Vous community fair has been expanded to two days, July 30 and 31.

More than a party, Divers/Cité has blossomed to become a major arts festival in North America, one that features an assortment of free outdoor performances that run the gamut of art disciplines and musical styles. Other new events have been added, plus the return of the popular Pride Ball and Lesbomonde parties.

To find out more about Divers/Cité, go online to www.diverscite.org.

Free Democrats prefer 'a smaller package'

BUDAPEST, Hungary – One of Hungary's government parties has announced that it plans to propose legislation granting unmarried people living together, including same-sex couples, similar rights to those enjoyed by married couples.

A proposal by the Alliance of Free Democrats would let unmarried couples register their relationships with civil authorities, according to the Associated Press.



Laszlo Csozik

Surviving partners in unmarried or same-sex couples then would be allowed to inherit from their deceased partners without a will and would also qualify for certain housing privileges, such as favorable mortgage loans, now available only to married couples.

While Free Democrat officials said their proposal was not tantamount to granting gay couples the right to marry, they acknowledged they wanted to move in that direction. "This is not a radical proposal. It is a smaller package," said Laszlo Csozik, a member of the Free Democrats' national committee. "But it shows the way forward."



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Hey Yours & Everyone's,

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Love, Trinity

Dear Trinity,

I've been married five years and love my partner, but I have had a couple of affairs on the side. I'm not proud, but it happens. I've been keeping a diary and don't want him to see it. Where's a good place to hide it?

Yours, Diary Troubles
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Dear Diary Troubles,

As for extramarital affairs, you know it's wrong and I know it happens, so now listen up, sweetie! Walk the diary to furthest garbage can, in the furthest state and burn it. And never write your wrongs in a diary again unless, of course, you secretly want to get caught.

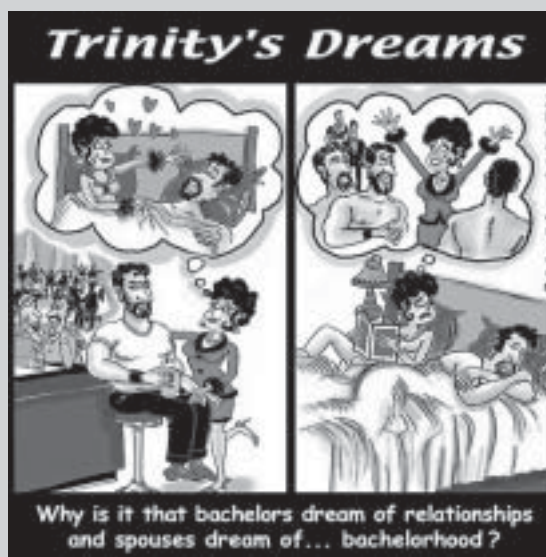
Everyone who keeps diaries eventually gets caught, period.

Love, Trinity

Hey Trinity,

I'm single and want a relationship, yet my friend who has a boyfriend always talks about being single. Can we ever win?

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Hey Me and/or We,

Some people live alone and hate it, while others live as a couple and hate it, too. But, pumpkin, the best attitude for dealing with any situation is: a) accept what you don't have, b) enjoy what you do have, and c) work hard for what you want. Oh, and: d) fantasize, fantasize, fantasize!

Good luck, Trinity

Dear Trinity,

My ex and I moved into an apartment together but broke up soon after. Now we have to live together for a while. But we fight all the time. I need help in the communication department, especially with this one!

Thanks, Trapped In Ex-Hell
Miami

Dear Trapped,

I know adventure is the key to heaven's gate and you'll never get in by always doing the right thing, but ... DID you have to move in so quickly?

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2. Learn to TALK NEUTRALLY. Speak in such a way that no one is right or wrong, but rather "this is one possible way" of seeing it.
3. Learn to FIND THE RIGHT MOMENT. A safe, calm and gentle time slot to sit down and yell, I mean talk, is always best.
4. Learn to BITE YOUR TONGUE. Not always saying what you feel at the exact time you feel it is a holy task.
5. Learn to WALK AWAY. You don't always have to have the last word or always win, enough said!
6. Learn to ASK FOR OUTSIDE ADVICE. Make time to talk to neutral friends, relatives or professionals.
7. Learn to GIVE IT A REST. Create fun, upbeat moments together where you DON'T talk about what bothers you.
8. Learn NOT TO BRING UP PAST PROBLEMS that have already been put to sleep. Everything eventually deserves to rest-in-peace.
9. Learn to USE HUMOR AND WIT: "I love you best when ...," "I feel like eating the dog when ..." and so on.
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It's Brits versus Yanks

Sez Interplayers: Lettuce entertain you with saucy *Tomatoes*

by Paul Scott

Dan Quayle should stay away from this one. The man had enough trouble spelling potato. The peculiar pronunciation of tomatoes would just confuse him all the more.

You Say Tomatoes is a tossed salad of wordplay involving linguistics, logistics and literal translations, with generous dollops of laughter to add at will. It's the season finale at Interplayers, so, as they say in show-biz, "Lettuce entertain you."

Tomatoes explores the differences in British and American attitudes and manners that surface during an unlikely romantic liaison that pits filmmaker Libby Daniels, a New Yorker, against a reclusive and eccentric writer of British mysteries, Giles St. James. Despite his loathing of Americans — as intense as her disdain for the British — romance begins to blossom. Daisy, Libby's assistant, however, causes a shattering misunderstanding that sends them back to the States.

Not only are the sets divided between England and the U.S., the play is co-directed by Interplayers Artistic Director Niké Imoru, a Brit, and American Stan Brown. "I love the dialog," said Imoru, explaining her hands-on involvement in the Bernard Slade play (he also wrote *Same Time, Next*



staff photo

They're melons, you boob. Captured during rehearsals of the comic *You Say Tomatoes* are Erica Chiles-Curnutte and Jamie Flanery.

Year). Incidentally, while we may be inclined to pronounce the artistic director's name as we do a brand of a running shoe, she says it's: Nee-kay.

You Say Tomatoes features local actors Jamie Flanery as Giles and Stephanie Brush as Libby. Supporting them are Coeur d'Alene's Barrie MacConnell and Erica Chiles-Curnutte of Moscow. Set design and construction are by Angela Bengford and

Alfredo Herrera, respectively. Lighting is to the credit of Jason Laws.

The play opened the last weekend in May and is slated on a Tuesday through Saturday performance schedule through June 18. Tickets are \$14 to \$20, with discounts for seniors and students, and may be purchased by telephoning 455-PLAY, on the Internet at www.interplayers.com or at the box office at 174 S. Howard St.

McManus tales 'bear' retelling at CenterStage

The artistic director in residence at CenterStage steps on stage to introduce the wide gamut of artists and artistic productions that entertain at the new theater on First Avenue. He also runs the projector for *Pride and Joy Movie Night* and *The Worst Midnight Movie Series Ever*.

Whether he's in front of the footlights or behind the scenes, Tim Behrens always seems to be in character, a role that is forever, and uniquely, Tim Behrens. He's a man of many expressions, a man of quirky body movement and a man who can, at a blink, transform his presence into that of gracious and charming host. But underlying any facade of serenity and aplomb, there's an actor struggling to break free.

In mid-month, you can catch him in the zany zone he loves most. The rubber-faced Behrens will be performing *Tim's Favorite Pat McManus Stories*, a whatchagot stew of tales from best-selling humor author Pat McManus that will run at CenterStage on the evenings of June 16-18, with a special matinee on Father's Day.

Behrens has been playing the wonderful McManus humor for many, many years, and it's a delightful cacophony of characters and wacky adventures that endures the test of time. "That's because these are classic tales that 'bear' retelling generation after generation, to 'kids' from nine to 99," declares a grinning Bear-unz.

Some of the stories he'll perform include *The Night the Bear Ate Goombaw*, *First Date*, *Deer on a Bicycle* and *The Airplane Story*. And, there will be a special appearance by the lovable 100-year-old Old Ed.

Dinner and show tickets are \$35. Show-only tickets are \$17, \$13 for students. For evening performances, cocktail service begins at 5:30, dinner at 6, and the show starts at 7:30. Lunch service for the matinee is at 12:30 p.m. The show starts at 2.

Tickets may be purchased by telephoning 747-8243 or in person at the box office at 1017 W. 1st Ave. Tickets also are available, with applicable fees and charges, at all TicketsWest locations.

Art outshines movies at Rainbow digs

Spokane's First Friday artist spotlight will fall on the Rainbow Center this month for its exhibition that features a juried show of artists from across the nation. Their works are said to illustrate the vast possibilities of the human race.

The show is entitled *Spectrum: The Human Possibilities*. In addition to Friday, June 3, from 5 to 9 p.m., the exhibit will be available for viewing through July 29, said center Gallery Director Timothy Phillips.

Artists included are Laurie Blakeslee, Phillip Chan, Connie Diring, Marie C. Green, Morgan Johnson, Richard Lee and Gary Miller.

Charlotte's Desperation by Richard Lee is one of two Jurors' Choice award winners at the Rainbow Center.



While the art exhibit continues, the Rainbow Center's *Movie Night* schedule was shortened to prevent conflicting with Pride Week and Gay Spokane activities

and events. Phillips said the abbreviated slate for Friday evening movies at 6 lists the historic *Stonewall* on June 17 and *Far From Heaven* on June 24.

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Suds overflows with laughter, songs too long in the hamper

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Suds is a hysterical romp through 50 memorable songs of the '60s and '70s, a rad selection of 45s that once were jukebox punch-button favorites.

The plot – and there is one – focuses on 24 hours in the life of Cindy. Her day starts out sunny, but dark clouds roll in when her cat dies, her parents disappear and her boyfriend leaves her. Distraught, Cindy attempts to wash away her sorrows by drowning herself in the wash cycle at the neighborhood Laundromat. Fortunately, three guardian angels arrive in time to help remove the stains on her day.

Suds bubbles with *Chapel of Love*, *Are You Lonesome Tonight?*, *Please Mr. Postman*, *Locomotion* and *Respect*. Cue up the big finale, for Cindy's future looks spotless once again.

Dinner and show tickets are \$35. Show-only tickets are \$17, \$13 for students. Seats may be reserved by telephoning CenterStage at 747-8243 or in person at the box office any Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Tickets also are available, with fees added, at all TicketsWest locations.

Rufus Wainwright, Elton John concert to draw 1.5 million

PHILADELPHIA – Singer/songwriter Rufus Wainwright has announced he will join Sir Elton John here on July 4, when the superstar and humanitarian headlines the landmark Philadelphia Freedom Concert and Ball to raise awareness and funds for HIV/AIDS.

With an audience expected to exceed 1.5 million, the concert is slated to be the largest, free outdoor HIV/AIDS awareness event ever held. The goal is to raise \$2 million dollars, with proceeds to be split between the Elton John AIDS Foundation, which raises global awareness and resources for HIV/AIDS prevention and care services, and the Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld Fund, which will allocate funds to Philadelphia region HIV/AIDS service provider organizations.

Wainwright came out while still a teenager, discovering comfort in the world of opera, and becoming a fan of

Old stage play gets Rush of fresh flesh

BALTIMORE – Most gay porn stars seem larger than life, occupying a world that involves beautiful men, sun-drenched pools and amazing sex. Since debuting in 1995, the play *Making Porn* has challenged perceptions about how blue movies are made and it's brought the biggest porn stars to theaters across the country in nonsexual roles.

For the local production of *Making Porn*, which runs through June 5 at the Baltimore Theater Project, porn idol Matthew Rush stars as the struggling, straight, married actor who gets into the business to make ends meet. Surprisingly funny and poignant, *Making Porn* deals with the star's farcical experiences with other actors, directors, producers and, of course, keeping his secret life from his wife.

The New York Times called the play "Uninhibited comedy ... Street-level exuberance!"

The generously-endowed Rush, 32, whose real name is Greg Grove, got his start in skin flicks in 2001 and won gay porn's equivalent of Oscar the next year. Now residing in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., near Jacksonville, the Pennsylvania native and former personal trainer got his degree in exercise physiology from Pennsylvania State University and has a lifetime exclusive contract with Falcon Studios.

Inland Northwesterners planning a trip east can make ticket reservations,

legends Edith Piaf, Al Jolson and Judy Garland. After studying music at McGill University, he turned to pop and rock, making a name on the Montreal club circuit and cutting a series of



Rufus Wainwright

also features Canadian rock icon Bryan Adams, R&B diva Patti LaBelle, broadcasting legend Walter Cronkite, Peter Nero and the Philly Pops.

The concert begins at 8:30 p.m. in front of the renowned Philadelphia Museum of Art, capped off by a monumental fireworks display. It is free to the public. Tickets to the ball, on the other hand, range from \$500 to \$2,500 per person. Tickets may be purchased and donations made by calling (800) 917-4389 or by going on the Internet to www.phillyfreedom.net.

\$25-\$35, by calling (800) 965-4827. Tickets are not available online.



Matthew Rush

Big wigs gig is East Village tease for NY in August

NEW YORK – The legendary drag festival which refuses to "curl up and dye" once again will rock its original '80s location. For its 20th anniversary, Wigstock will return to the East Village's Tompkins Square Park – a throwback to the area's glory days, when the East Village was much grittier and freaks could still afford to live in Manhattan.

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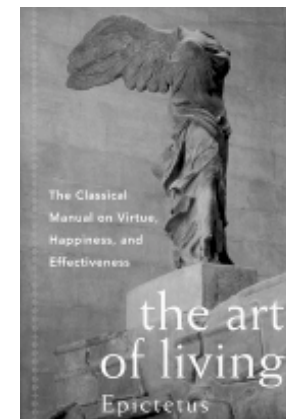
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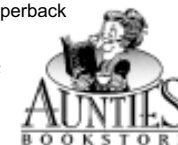
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Nancy Wilson advanced for MCC leadership post

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Rev. Nancy Wilson

Wilson in 1976 became the youngest person ever elected to the MCC Board of Elders. In 1979, during the Carter Administration, she participated in the first-ever meeting of gay religious

leaders at the White House.

Wilson has a long commitment to ecumenical work and human rights issues, including HIV programs, concerns for prisoner treatment and the advancement of women's rights. She has pastored MCC congregations in Massachusetts, Michigan and California and currently serves as senior pastor at Church of the Trinity MCC in Sarasota, Fla., where she makes her home with her partner of 27 years, Dr. Paula Schoenwether.

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PERSONALS

78-Pen Pals:

42-YR-OLD NATIVE/French male. Interests include drawing, poetry, reading. Seeks correspondence w/individuals to ease the loneliness. Reply to: Merle LaMere #22414, IMSI J-75, PO Box 51, Boise, ID 83707.

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Weekly Calendar of Events

SUNDAYS

9 and 11 am: Worship services at **UNITY CHURCH** at 29th and Bernard.

5 pm: **EMMANUEL METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH** worship service in sanctuary of Bethany Presbyterian Church, 301 S. Freya.

2-6 pm: **RAINBOW REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER**.

WEDNESDAYS

6-8:30 pm: **RAINBOW REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER**.

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

2-8 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.)

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Wednesday

Spokane's **GLBT Book Group** meets at **Auntie's Bookstore** at 7 pm to focus on *Dancing Naked at the Edge of Dawn*.

The comic *You Say Tomatoes* continues tonight at **Interplayers** at 7:30 pm and continues Tue-Sat through June 18. \$14-\$20/S/s

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Thursday

Hello Dolly! begins its final two week's run at **Spokane Civic Theatre**. \$19/S/s

At **Showalter Hall** on the campus of **Eastern Washington University**, the **EWU Symphony Orchestra's Spring Concert** at 7:30 pm will feature the world premiere of the *Redwoods Symphony*. \$5/S/s

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Friday

Pride Week kicks off with the 30-minute documentary *Gay Pioneers* at the **EWU Riverpoint Auditorium** at 7 pm, presented by the **Spokane GLBT Film Festival**, with honored pioneer personality **Barbara Gittings** as special guest. \$5

For the balance of the community, Gallery Director **Tim Phillips** will host the city's monthly **First Friday** art tour at the **Rainbow Center** from 5 to 9 pm. *Spectrum: The Human Possibilities* is a juried show of national artists and will continue through July 29. Free

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Saturday

Gay pioneer and activist – beginning even before the historic Stonewall Rebellion – **Barbara Gittings** will be the featured guest and speaker at a **Brunch With Barbara** at **Unitarian Universalist Church** from 10 am to noon presented by the **Rainbow Center**. \$10/S/s

A **pre-Pride Cruise Lakeside Bar-BQ**, fronting 2201 Coeur d'Alene St in the Lake City, will be held from noon to 5 pm, with **Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church** providing hamburgers, hot dogs and music to accompany the dishes and beverages picnickers bring along. Free

The fun begins with boarding at 5:30 pm for an entertaining and enjoyable 2-hour **Pride Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene**. Those who have attended this popular event sponsored by **Emmanuel MCC** know that the boat pulls

Spokane's entertainment and meeting calendar for June 2005

Pride Month

Birthstone: Agate and Pearl

Flower: Rose

Astrological Guide: Gemini through June 20; Cancer from June 21

away from the dock at the **CdA Resort Marina** precisely at 6. Drag show, music and dancing included. \$18

Slated for 8 pm, entertainers with the **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** will troop the stage at **Dempseys** with a raucous look at *The Old and The New*. No cover

5

Sunday

Need wheels? The **Market Street Market Public Auto Auction** of some 200 cars, trucks and SUVs begins at 11 am at **Cliff's QualityAuto**, 5906 N. Market St.

At 4 pm, **Gay Bingo** gets under way at **Dempseys**, a fundraiser for **Spokane AIDS Network** sponsored by **Friends of SAN**.

Members of the board of the **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** will meet at **Dempseys** at 6 pm, to be followed by a general court meeting at 7.

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Monday

Spokane-Kootenai Pride will host a dessert-reception with entertainment by the **Giant Ass Drum Corps** at its **Rainbow Awards** ceremony at **CenterStage** at 7 pm. Free

Joanne Warfield is the featured artist in the **Huneker Gallery** at **Spokane Art School** for an exhibition that continues through July 7. Free

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Tuesday

The **Pride and Joy Film Festival** celebrates **Pride Week** with the screening of the lightly comic *Prom Queen* at **CenterStage** at 7:30 pm. \$5/s

The **Interfaith Council's** annual meeting at **St. Ann's Parish Hall** at 6 pm will feature ethnic foods, music and crafts in addition to a planned program.

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Wednesday

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the **Inland Northwest Business Alliance** at **Europa Restaurant** begins with networking and socializing at 11:30 am. \$15 and \$18

At 7 pm, the documentary film *A Love Story – In the Face of Hate* will be followed by a panel discussion featuring **George Cheung**, executive director of **Equal Rights Washington**. This **Pride Week** special event at the **Community Building**, 35 W Main, is sponsored by **Inland Northwest Equality**, **Spokane PFLAG** (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and **Queer Sounds** on **KYRS Thin Air Community Radio**. Free

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Thursday

Nationally-acclaimed female impersonator **Christopher Peterson** entertains with **Eyecons** in the **Pend Oreille Pavilion** at **Northern Quest Casino** at 7 pm. \$25

A **GLBT Community Dance** at the casino is to follow the **Eyecons** show.

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane's** annual **Gay Spokane Pageant** –

Classical Hollywood Stars and Starlets – begins tonight at 7 with an **Awards Dinner** at **Dempseys**. \$7.95

The 11th annual **Spokane Dixieland Jazz Festival** begins a 4-day run at the **Masonic Temple** tonight at 7. \$8-\$30

10

Friday

(In deference to Pride Week and Gay Spokane activities, *Movie Night* at the **Rainbow Center** is canceled.)

Comic **Kathy Griffin** stars in a special fundraiser for Spokane's **Pride Week (OutSpokane)** at the **Big Easy** at 8 pm. \$75-\$25

ISCS's Gay Spokane Pageant gathers steam with a **Celebrity Show** at **Dempseys** at 8 pm that features in-town and out-of-town dignitaries and guest performers. No cover.

At midnight, the **Garland Theater** salutes **Pride Week** with the screening of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*. \$2.50

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Saturday

Pride Day.

(With this year's rescheduling of Pride Day, **Integrity** will skip its regularly scheduled meeting so that members may participate in Pride events.)

Pancake Breakfast: As a hearty warm-up to Pride Day, Spokane PFLAG moms and dads will prepare and serve a mix-and-mingle morning meal at the Merq between 9 and 11 am. Donations accepted

Pride Parade: Units and participants begin forming on Wall Street between Spokane Falls Blvd and Main at 11 am. Parade through downtown starts at noon, ending at the Rainbow Festival in Riverfront Park.

Rainbow Festival: Noon to 4 pm in Gondola Meadows of Riverfront Park, corner of Post Street and Spokane Falls Blvd.

Gay Spokane Pageant: The Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane hosts *Hospitality and Protocol* at **Dempseys** from 2-4 pm. The social serves as a preliminary to its **Gay Spokane Pageant – Classical Hollywood Stars and Starlets** – at 5 pm, also at **Dempseys**. \$10

Pride Concert: The Seattle Men's Chorus and, in their Spokane debut, the Seattle Women's Chorus with special ensemble groups will address civil rights and marriage rights in song with *The Courage to Love* at the Spokane Falls Community College Auditorium at 8 pm. \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door

Rainbow Movie: The Garland Theater salutes **Pride Week** with the screening of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* at midnight. \$2.50

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Sunday

Seattle Men's Chorus' wacky vocal group **Captain Smartypants** entertains at the 9:15 and 11 am services at **Unitarian Universalist Church**. Free

The 4-day celebration of **ISCS's Gay Spokane Pageant** concludes with a **Victory**

Brunch at Dempseys. Eye-openers at 11 am, brunch at noon. \$9.95

In **Mission Park** at 12:30 pm, members and friends of **OWLS**, Older and Wiser Lesbian Sensations, will gather at a large pink triangle for a **Potluck Picnic**.

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Tuesday

On public television stations tonight at 10 – but check local listings to verify time – the award-winning feature *Brother to Brother* will be broadcast on the series **Independent Lens**.

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Thursday

The 22nd annual **Playwrights Forum Festival** series of exciting new plays is featured at the **Studio Theatre of Spokane Civic Theatre** through June 25.

Comic and rubber-faced **Tim Behrens** presents *Tim's Favorite Pat McManus Stories* at the **CenterStage** dinner-theatre tonight, Friday and Saturday, with a Sunday Father's Day matinee. \$35; Show-only \$17/s

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Friday

Spokane AIDS Network will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a **Stem and Stein** wine and beer tasting event at **Northern Quest Casino** from 6-10 pm. \$35

Stonewall is the feature selection for *Movie Night* at the **Rainbow Center** at 6 pm. Free

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Saturday

A **Summer Festival** at Granite Point on **Loon Lake**, with crafts, music, food and water activities, from 10 am to 6 pm, benefits **Wishing Star Foundation**.

At 8 pm, the **Imperial Prince and Princess of ISCS** will present a special show at **Dempseys** to raise money for the court's **Disaster Fund**. No cover

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Sunday

Father's Day.

The public is invited to participate in activities scheduled by the **Spokane Lesbian Association** at the **Rainbow Center** between 11 am and 3 pm.

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Friday

For *Movie Night* at the **Rainbow Center**, the film *Far From Heaven* will be shown at 6 pm. Free

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Saturday

Hoopfest reigns supreme in downtown Spokane today and Sunday.

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Wednesday

The 36th anniversary of the **Stonewall Rebellion**, marking the start of the modern-era gay rights movement.

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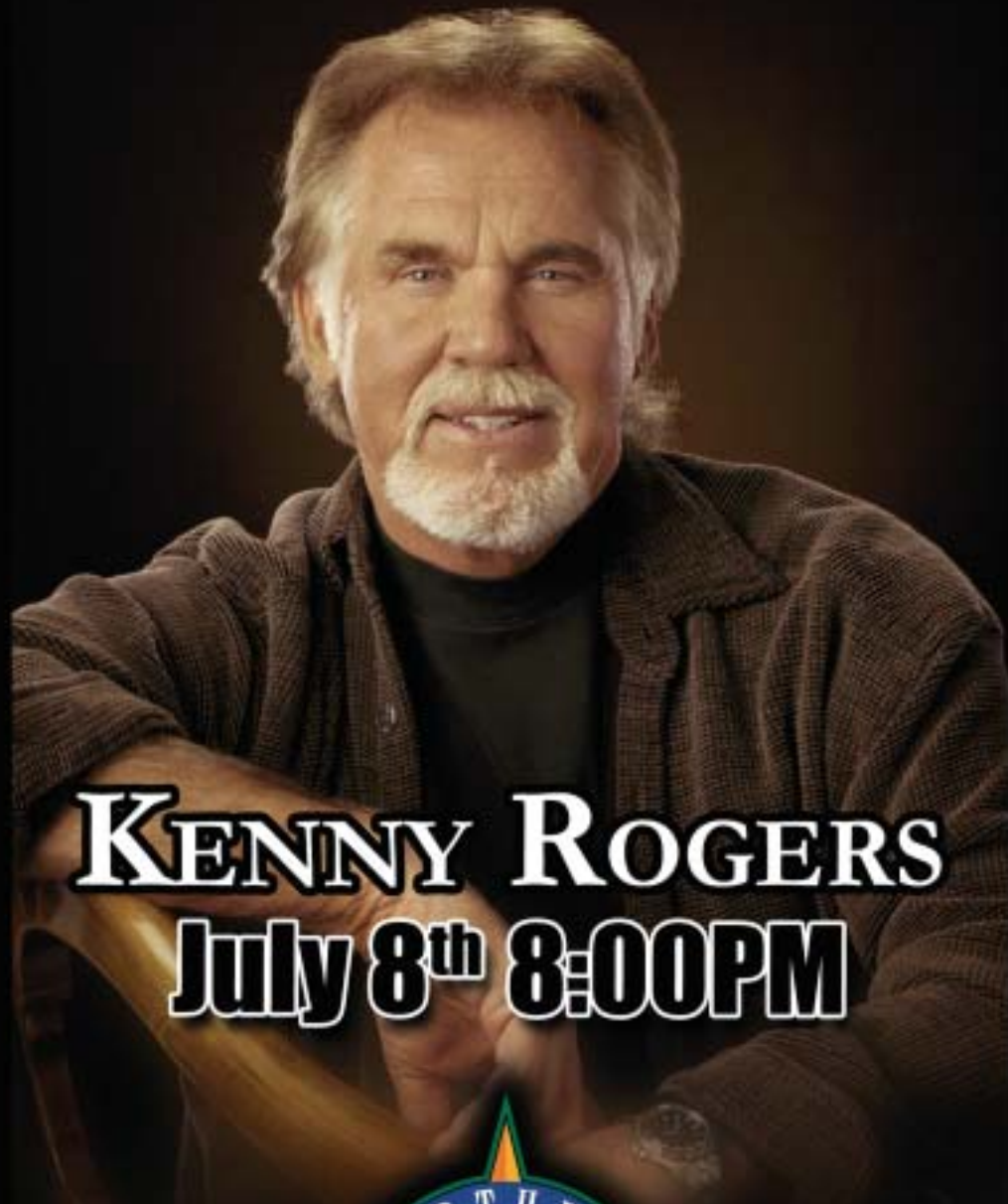
Thursday

Suds, The Musical, an hysterical musical romp through 50 songs of the '60s and '70s, opens tonight at **CenterStage** for dinner-theatre performances Thursdays and Fridays through Aug. 26. \$35; Show-only \$17/s

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