

Diversity comes in all colors ... even those of the rainbow

by Bonnie Aspen
Special to SNN

The 11th annual Unity in the Community celebration took place Aug. 6 in Spokane's Liberty Park. An estimated 4,000 people attended the family friendly salute to the city's many diverse communities, which also provided an unparalleled networking opportunity.

"I was able to find more community resources here in one day than I have found in two years living in Spokane," remarked one attendee.

There were 130 information booths this year. Spokane's GLBTQ community was well represented. OutSpokane and Inland Northwest Business Alliance hosted booths; Inland Northwest Equality shared space with its non-

profit partner, the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane. Allies were there as well, most notably the Hate Response Team of Spokane and Spokane AIDS Network.

Organizers and attendees acknowledged the GLBTQ presence throughout the day. Not only did we hear many expressions of appreciation but we were offered immediate assistance if anyone objected to our being there. No one did, at least not within earshot. Said one woman as she approached the OutSpokane booth, "It's about time you started being here!" Clearly the "welcome mat" was out.

The event gave us a chance to educate those who don't know much about homosexuality and the GLBTQ reality. They have heard the ignorant and hateful rhetoric of Penny Lancaster's Citizens for Community Values, but they haven't had many opportunities to ask questions and get honest, accurate information.

Unity in the Community was born of a desire to create more visibility for Spokane's multicultural communities.

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Getting visible in the community



photo by Pat Devine

Bonnie Aspen, left (facing away), Denise Thomas and Christopher Lawrence answered questions at the OutSpokane booth during the 11th annual Unity in the Community celebration. Inland Northwest Business Alliance, Inland Northwest Equality, the Peace and Justice Action League, Hate Response Team of Spokane and Spokane AIDS Network were also represented among the 140 information booths at the event.

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ERW leader to GLBTQ community:

'We're years behind'

by Catherine D. Willis

Inland Northwest Equality (INWE) welcomed Fran Dunaway, recently named executive director of Equal Rights Washington (ERW), at a potluck and information exchange Monday, Aug. 15, at the North Spokane home of INWE member and Odyssey Youth Center community organizer Ramon Alvarez.

"All eyes are on Washington," Dunaway told the audience of about 20 GLBTQA activists, including representatives of Inland Northwest Business Alliance, Odyssey Youth Center, OutSpokane, PFLAG, Rainbow Regional Community Center and the Radical Cheerleaders. "We stand a better chance than any other state faced with the marriage equality issue to win."

Acknowledging the possibility that the state Supreme Court may invalidate Washington's Defense of Marriage Act, Dunaway said, "We may be the next Massachusetts. We may have legal marriage. It could be." She hedged her optimism with realism. "More likely, [the court] will punt to the legislature."

Either way, she said, the greatest challenge for ERW, INWE and like-

minded organizations in the coming year will be an all-out attempt by equal rights opponents to pass a constitutional amendment similar to those that won majorities in 11 states last November.



Fran Dunaway

that battling a constitutional amendment will be a million-dollar campaign. I can guarantee you that there is a lot of fundamentalist Christian right money coming into this state, and the ads that will be out there will not be pretty. The forces that we are going to be contending with are going to be really rough. It's not going to be fun. It's going to be very difficult work and it's going to be really expensive."

Dunaway knows about fund-raising and community organizing. She was a

founding member of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) in Western Washington, a volunteer effort that started with five people and now boasts more than 100 active volunteers. She was on the HRC's board of governors for four years and co-chairwoman of their annual dinner in Seattle for two years.

An accomplished film and video producer, Dunaway created television ads for the 2004 repeal of the city of Cincinnati's anti-gay ordinance. Ten years earlier, she served on the steering committee for Hands Off Washington in Bellingham.

Urged to apply for the first permanent paid position at ERW, Dunaway admitted initial reluctance. "Why would I do that?" she asked. "I love my life." She relented, however, when she considered the reality of what she terms "Rovian politics." The GLBTQ community has "become a scapegoat. We're being used as a wedge issue – and very effectively."

In accepting the post, she declared her terms: "If we're going to [battle for equality], we're going to do it right. It's the implementation and doing it right that I'm faced with now."

Time is her principal concern. "I think we're years behind and everything needs to be done yesterday. And that's the way I'm working."

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Voices

Your vote is your voice

by SNN staff

As the area's only GLBTQA newspaper, Stonewall News Northwest exercises a sacred obligation to inform readers about issues and events affecting our community. Beyond simple news gathering and reporting is the subjective, sometimes messy, business of news analysis and, yes, opinion. From time to time, SNN will take a stand on a particular matter. We are choosing not to endorse candidates in the Sept. 20 primary election.

The outcome of balloting in Spokane city council races concerns us, however, because the GLBTQA community favored, and fought for, the domestic partner benefits ordinance passed in April. We asked candidates in the contested nonpartisan races to answer one question: "What

is your position on the domestic partner benefits ordinance?"

Spokane City Council District No. 2, Position 2:

Jeffrey D. Bierman: "I am in favor of offering domestic partnership benefits in conjunction with a compensating reduction in the existing package for city employees."

Dallas Hawkins: "It has passed. It's law. I'm supportive in general. ...I have concerns regarding financing with respect to dependents' costs of medical benefits. [The city] may have to ask employees to pay a greater portion of coverage costs."

Mary Verner: The incumbent voted for the DPBO.

Spokane City Council District No. 3, Position 2:

Steve Corker: "I would've voted for it. ...It's a matter of law now and I support it."

Daniel Day: "I believe it's wrong. It's a drain on an already strained city budget. ...Non-employees should pay their own way. There can be an option for domestic partners to buy into the city's system. I have no problem with that."

Judith Gilmore: "Absolutely, it is a fair thing to do. I support the ordinance. It has to be negotiated with city unions, of course."

Barbara Lampert: "I support the ordinance and cannot wait until all city union contracts include domestic partner benefits."

Nancy McLaughlin: The candidate did not respond to phone calls or e-mail.

Joyce McNamee: believes in equal rights but does NOT support this ordinance for the economic

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Letters

With a little help from my friends

Dear Friends:

Filmmaking is a huge industry, both in terms of economics and personal investment. A documentary film enlightens the public to issues in a graphic fashion that otherwise may go unnoticed. My first film, "The Lyons: A Real Family," explored the traditional definitions of family and asked the audience to visit the Lyons family and consider how they fit the mold. It was shown at the Spokane Gay/Lesbian Film Festival, Wingspan Filmfest in Tucson, Ariz., and Utah State University Pridefest 2005, and was widely praised.

This summer, my next film, "Journey of Love: Learning to Forgive," has just been completed. It is a powerful, emotional documentary about Christopher Lawrence and his committed relationship. Christopher's role changed from a lover to care giver, altering the course of his relationship forever. This film is an honest account of human emotion associated with the deadly disease called AIDS. To ensure that this film reaches an audience, I am writing to ask for your help.

To cover post-production costs, it is necessary for me to raise \$1000. Would you consider a small contribution to meet this goal? The over-

whelming cost of production makes it impossible to get this message out without the help of generous contributions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. With the support of friends like yourself, I know that "Journey of Love: Learning to Forgive" will reach a wide audience.

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Community

The community of Pride

by Susan Rydeen

COMMUNITY. When I think of this year's Palouse Pride Parade and Festival, "community" will forever be the word that comes to mind. This year's festival and parade planning had its fair share of bumps (not to mention construction) in the road, but the end result was the greatest example I have ever seen of a group of casual acquaintances pulling together for a common cause and building a wonderful team along the way. And all of us started out with six simple words, "What can I do to help?"

As a loosely affiliated, informal committee and wonderful, dedicated volunteers found out, the answer to that question is "A lot!"

Our first bump in the road came when we discovered that many of the people who have worked on the planning committee in the past were unavailable this year, so those of us who had time to put in simply stepped up to the plate – or maybe "jumped in with both feet" is a better metaphor – and took up the challenge. With the help and advice of those who have worked on previous years and some dedicated volunteers, we were off and running. And we promptly ran into a roadblock – literally.

Construction on the parade route. Did I say "on"? Try "blocking." Everyone from the Palouse Pride planning committee to the good folks at Moscow City Hall, the City Engineer's Office and the Moscow Police Department worked together to set a new parade route and get everything in place in record time, once the alternate route was chosen. In spite of the challenges

Odyssey is making changes

by Laurel Kelly, executive director

As many of you know Odyssey has been serving GLBTQ youth in the Inland Northwest for more than 10 years by providing a safe place, education and advocacy to promote positive growth and self-empowerment.

This summer our board, staff, volunteers and youth have created a new strategic plan for the agency and will be making some changes to our services starting Sept. 12. Our mission will remain the same as we expand the goals of the agency by adopting a holistic youth development philosophy that will address GLBTQ youth's physical and emotional health care needs.

Our drop-in center will now service youth, ages 14-21 years, and our cen-

ter will open at 3:30 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m.

that we faced due to the street construction and the delays that it caused while we tried to sort it out, this year's parade and festival were a huge success, with more than double the number of marchers in the parade this year versus last year – and there were many groups and organizations that could not make it this year due to the late confirmation. (They plan to participate next year, so we can look forward to even better numbers in 2006!)

The most amazing thing about this year's festival and parade planning was that we did most of the planning and organization by phone and internet because of myriad scheduling conflicts – and somehow had no major miscommunications.

Even more amazing is that our core group of volunteers, many of whom had never even met in person, not only came together and worked in synch like a well-trained team, but by the time all of us finally did meet in person, when we were setting up at the festival site, we felt like old friends. Everyone has volunteered to work on the parade and festival again next year, along with those "old hands" who could not work on this year's.

Somehow a group of people who didn't even know each other, and live as far as 60 miles apart, all came together to not just organize an event but extend a real and lasting sense of community far beyond the Moscow-Pullman area, out into the greater Palouse. And for the people like me who live out in rural areas, that feeling of really being a part of the GLBTQ community, in spite of geographical distance, feels like coming home.

ter will open at 3:30 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m.

In addition to our drop-in center and life skills programs, we will also be promoting tolerance and an inclusive environment in the greater Spokane community through improving our youth speaker's bureau. Our hope is to reduce the isolation, fear and violence that GLBTQ youth encounter by putting a personal face to the issue of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Odyssey will also be strengthening its leadership and social justice advocacy programs. We will be training our youth in community organizing tactics, implementing a mentorship program and providing internship opportunities at the center.

To learn more about our center and how you can become a part of the exciting work we are doing please contact us at 509-325-3637 or visit our website at www.odysseyyouth.org.

Changing community: newcomers versus old-timers

by Ramon Alvarez

The Community articles on what has changed in Spokane made me think. I graduated from Gonzaga and left Spokane in 1993. I can't exactly speak about the "community" as it was back then because I was too engrossed in school and pretty much in the fishbowl that is Gonzaga. What I can tell you as someone that has been back in Spokane for a year now is that I see a difference in thinking when it comes to those of us in the community that have been here in Spokane for most or all of our lives versus those that have come into the area only in the last couple of years.

Jim and I moved here from Connecticut (via Seattle prior to that). Connecticut was quite an eye-opener for us in that it was pretty accepting of diversity and in particular of gay people. It just became the first state to proactively pass a civil union bill – but don't take that to mean that it is perfect when it comes to GLBT people.

So here's what I mean by a difference in thought between those that are long-term residents versus the newcomers: More often than not, the "locals" tell me too often that things aren't possible. They tell me that the area is too conservative for this or that. I think for the most part everyone in this community expected that the signature gatherers were going to get enough signatures to repeal the recently passed city domestic partnership benefits. I certainly thought so. Yet, as conservative and anti-gay as people tell me

this city supposedly is, they were not able to get enough valid signatures. I was very surprised, especially since they seemed to be collecting from everyone in town!

When we moved into our home just north of the city, people told us that South Hill would have been better for us because it was more accepting of gay people and yet our neighbors have been wonderful and they even came to an Odyssey fundraiser that Jim and I hosted – and gave money! Here's another example: Odyssey does not advertise its location due to safety concerns and confidentiality issues; when one of our youth revealed our identity to one of Odyssey's neighbors, however, she came over and offered us the use of their conference room for large meetings if we ever needed it because she said she believed in our work. There are other examples but you get the picture.

That is not to say that there is not a vocal group of citizenry in this city that is blatantly homophobic. I've seen them and heard them. They get pretty nasty. And it is good that my friends who've been here much longer give me information about the history of our city. It helps to understand where people have been in order to understand where we can and must go. But too much emphasis on the past leaves us bogged down in it and diverts our focus and energy on what is possible tomorrow. We must continue to fight to keep what we've gained but we must also focus energy on the possibilities for a better tomorrow; identify those possibilities and put some action into them.

YOUR VOICE COUNTS

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reason that the breadth of coverage will allow anyone in the household to have the benefits, even if they are a temporary resident.

Keith Springer: ... believes one wage earner and one homekeeper

(unemployed) is the only justification for domestic partner benefits. ...[If there is a need for benefits, then] yes, no one should be without benefits.

Now the question is, "What do you, the voters, think?" Your vote is your voice.

Correction

A contribution by Notti, an Odyssey member, titled "**12 reasons why gay people should not be allowed to get married,**" printed in the July issue, was erroneously attributed to her.

The original article is titled "**12 reasons same-sex marriage will ruin**

society" and was submitted to University of Florida's Gator Gay-Straight Alliance in 2004.

Stonewall apologizes for any misunderstanding.

The original document can be viewed at www.grove.ufl.edu/~ggasa/.

Spokane

Another coronation for Spokane Court

The Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane will present Coronation 2005, "It's Our Party: A Night of Money, Success, Fame and Glamour" Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Valley.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the coronation ceremony commencing at 6:30 p.m. Attire is formal. Tickets are \$30.

Their Most Imperial Majesties Emperor 29 Robert Surreal, Emperor 29 LaDonna and Empress 33 Courtney Cocks and their Most Imperial Highnesses Imperial Crown Prince 29 Dietrich DeVoe and Imperial Crown Princess 33 BlowMe Bubbles congratulate Emperor 20 Reed Kennady Smith & Empress 24 Tina Louise Sapphire Dior on their 10-year anniversary.

They honor Emperor 10 Mel Evans and congratulate Empress 14 Constance "Connie" Colville as they celebrate their 20-year anniversary. And they congratulate Empress 3 Dahl Leigh Divine as she celebrates her 30-year anniversary.

Campaign to End AIDS caravan to make Spokane stop

Ten caravans of people with HIV/AIDS, family members, friends and allies, will set out on a month-long march across America Sept. 10, heading for Washington, D.C. The Campaign to End AIDS caravans will stop in more than 100 cities along the way. Spokane welcomes the trekkers the weekend of Sept. 24-25.

Departing from Seattle on Saturday morning, the caravan is expected to arrive in the Lilac City around 5:15 p.m. A rally is scheduled at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane.

A spaghetti feed, also at the UUCS, will follow from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Members of Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church have tentatively signed on to host the fund-raiser, the proceeds of which will help offset caravan travel costs and benefit local HIV/AIDS programs.

A movie marathon featuring "It's My Party," "The Cure" and "Bloodlines" is planned from 7:30 p.m.-11 p.m. Speakers from the campaign will be on hand to discuss HIV/AIDS-re-

lated advocacy. Admission for dinner and the movies is \$5 for children, students and seniors, \$7 for all others.

The Spokane host committee for the traveling Campaign to End AIDS has arranged to house the caravanners at Spokane Falls Community College Saturday night. An interfaith vigil honoring HIV/AIDS-affected individuals and families and those who have died of AIDS will be held in one of the sublounges of Building 17, the Student Union, SFCC, from noon to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25. The college's gay and straight alliance is hosting. All are invited. There will be no charge, although donations will be accepted.

Adam Cogswell, a host committee principal, said he would consider the event successful "if we can get the media to clue in, at least some." He spoke at length about the new AIDS crisis in America, citing troubling statistics on rising HIV infection rates across all population groups in all parts of the country. "What needs to happen," he said, acknowledging widespread apathy and complacency around the issue – and draconian funding cuts at all levels – is "we need to rebuild everything from the ground up."

The caravan will continue eastward on Sunday afternoon. "Getting five people [from the Inland Northwest] in the caravan would be amazing. To get one person from Spokane to go all the way to D.C. would be ... wow!" Cogswell concluded. And his fellow committee members, Jill Gersh and Joe Lockridge, agreed.

To get involved in the local effort, call Adam Cogswell at (509) 217-6347. To learn more about The Campaign to End AIDS, go to www.c2ea.org.

Wedding bells for EMCC couple at international conference

Spokane's Terri Abernathey and Pamela Powell were legally married July 23 while attending the International Conference of Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church in Calgary, Alberta. The couple have been in a committed relationship for more than 12 years and are members of Emmanuel MCC in Spokane.

They were among four delegates from the local church at the July 21-26 general conference. Lay Pastor Len Mace and elected lay delegate Richard Chuvala also attended the bi-annual gathering of MCC elders, clergy and lay ministry from some 245 churches in 22 countries.

This year's theme was "A Future and a Hope." The retiring Rev. Troy Perry delivered his last sermon as UFMCC founder and moderator at the conference and the Rev. Nancy Wilson was elected to succeed him.

Sheriff Lupe Valdez was given the Human Rights Award for her breakthrough role as the first woman, first Latina and first lesbian to serve as sheriff of Dallas County, Texas.

"This conference had a clear message about support of our emerging leadership, both lay and clergy, through representation of Pacific School of Religion, Chicago Theological Seminary and Episcopal Divinity School," declared the Rev. Dr. Cindi Love, executive director, in her MCC General Conference Review.

The conference also adopted the MCC's Statement of Purpose: *As God's liberated people, we boldly reclaim our holy identity, advance our call to social justice, tell the story of God's transforming grace, nurture the value of community, and build bridges that liberate and unite.*

Ryan White CARE consortium stages town hall meeting

Spokane County Ryan White CARE Consortium will hold a town hall open forum meeting Sept. 29 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Deaconess Health and Education Building, 910 W. 5th Ave., just west of Deaconess Hospital. Dinner will be provided. RSVP to Mark Garrett at Spokane AIDS Network (509) 455-8993 ext. 221 or e-mail markg@san-nw.org.

The consortium conducts a yearly needs assessment to determine how the region's allotted funding for HIV Care Services will be spent. Various information-gathering methods have been

employed in past years. This is the first time input has been sought through the town hall format. "We are excited about this interactive approach," said Mark Garrett, consortium co-chairman.

Noting that more than 1 million persons now live with HIV/AIDS in the United States, with 40,000 new infections each year, two each day in Washington (half being youth under the age of 25), Garrett deplored the inadequacy of federal funding for HIV/AIDS care and prevention over the past five years.



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City's bridge party gets us visible again

Everyone in the Inland Northwest will be singing praises of one form or another this month as the Monroe Street Bridge reopens after its very long renovation. The city is celebrating with a three-day party, Sept. 16-18, and the GLBTQA community will be there.

Organizers have named the event "Bridging the Past to the Future." Area nonprofits will be right in the thick of it on Saturday, Sept. 17, distributing information and resources about their activities, but also sharing interesting tales of Spokane's colorful history.

The Inland Northwest Business Alliance will be spotlighting the contributions of the Olmstead Brothers, John Charles and Frederick Law, the land-

scape architects responsible for New York City's famed Central Park – and the creative powerhouses behind Spokane's magnificent park system. At press time no other GLBTQ groups had requested free booth space. Call Marlene Feist at (509) 625-6740 to inquire about availability.

Saturday's street fair begins with the obligatory ceremonials, but then there will be live entertainment, games, even dancing in the street.

A dinner gala is set for Friday night, Sept. 16, to benefit the Spokane Preservation Society's Heritage Fund. Sunday's activities include an interdenominational church service and many family-friendly attractions.

Quest takes charge with leaders

The Quest Youth Group hosted their first ever "Take Charge!" leadership retreat at a resort in Blanchard, Idaho, in August. The 10 youth attending participated in workshops focused on leadership skills and team building, competed in a photo scavenger hunt in the town of Spirit Lake, and kayaked and swam on Lake San Souci.

"We want to equip our members with the tools they need to succeed and take charge as leaders and as role models for their friends and communities," said Quest's executive director, Ryan Oelrich. "By cultivating leaders we're ensuring our guys will be healthy and productive members of society. That's what this retreat was all about."

Participating Quest members ranged in age from 18 to 24 and came from both Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. Feedback from the youth was very positive. Quest hopes to host the three-day leadership retreat annually.

"I really learned a lot," said Quest member Tyler Whitesides. "I'm ex-

cited to take what I've learned and apply it to service opportunities both within Quest and within the Spokane community."

Whitesides has been a Quest member for more than a year and also serves on the group's leadership team. He recently received an award from Quest for outstanding service. Quest works to inspire, encourage and support gay, bisexual and questioning young men like Whitesides.

Casey Jackson, a licensed clinical independent social worker and Quest board member, led the workshops. A presenter at many national conferences, he emphasized the importance of developing self-confidence and a sense of responsibility.

"My goal was to help these young men gain insight into who they are so they can better understand and support their peers," Jackson said.

For more information on the Quest Youth Group, go to www.QuestYouthGroup.org.

"The sites under consideration are those that have already been identified in the city's Master Plan to be revitalized. We want to be smart and take advantage of what the city already has in place," said Reguindin.

"We really want to focus our attention on the primary benefits our plan offers: economic vitality and inclusiveness," noted Aspen. "The gay community has a proven track record of revitalizing and gentrifying economically depressed neighborhoods. And that starts with a place where all of our community's citizens are free to be themselves."

Nothing has been finalized. Planning remains fluid; if developers interested in the INBA project favor one site over another, attention will shift accordingly. In the meantime, Vision Committee members will be touring the named areas and meeting with respective neighborhood councils.

Monroe/West Central tops the list among neighborhood choices

Bonnie Aspen and Marvin Reguindin, leaders of the INBA's Vision Committee, gave an update on the group's research into possible sites for a gay-friendly business/residential district at the Inland Northwest Business Alliance's monthly lunch meeting Aug. 10.

The graphics-heavy presentation overviewed committee goals, explored diversity from a minority population versus racial subgroup perspective, and identified the three neighborhoods deemed best suited to prospective GLBTQ redevelopment.

Monroe/West Central, East Sprague and Browne's Addition came out on top based on city criteria matched against 2004 Pride survey results.

DUNAWAY: 'WE'RE YEARS BEHIND'

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Dunaway called her journey east of the Cascades "an exploratory visit," noting, "I certainly don't want to come to Eastern Washington saying, 'This is how it works in Seattle and so, of course, it's going to work here.' I want to know what works for you."

She outlined her strategic plan, still unfolding, that includes both legislative advocacy and grassroots alliance building. She emphasized the importance of outreach and education in achieving GLBTQ goals statewide.

"We've got the movable middle. If we are creating dialogue, talking to our neighbors and our friends," she said, "they're going to come around. But there are these people who are sitting out there on the end – you know, the fundamentalist Christian right – we're never going to bring them around."

She credited the efforts of INWE members in promoting the antidiscrimination bill, HB 1515, which lost by a single vote in April. Another attempt at passage is expected in the next legislative session.

ERW and INWE will co-sponsor with Pride Foundation a day-and-a-half conference, informally dubbed "the Power Summit," October 8-9 in Spokane. Tentatively scheduled to take place on the campus of Gonzaga University, the summit will be promoted

as "United We Win: Organizing for Equality."

Summit features include skill-building workshops as well as general information panels and sessions designed to engage the apathetic and the skeptical. Documentaries like "Out in the Heartland," a 19-minute hot-off-the-burner DVD previewed by INWE potluck participants, may be screened as well.

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Equal Rights Washington in presenting the Power Summit," said INWE organizer Brooke Powers, whose service to the GLBTQA community is made possible through the good will and financial support of the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane.

"The recent passage of a domestic partner benefits ordinance and the subsequent immediate efforts to repeal it only further illuminated the need for local cohesion and solidarity as we prepare for likely future challenges to GLBT equality and justice."

For more information about the Power Summit, visit www.icehouse.net/pjals/issues/inwe.html.



Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church

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Victors in training, victories remembered

The Victory Fund, a Washington, D.C.-based political group which funnels money and technical support to GLBT community members seeking public office, is offering a basic training session for prospective candidates and campaign leaders in Seattle Nov. 16-20. The program coincides with the national organization's 21st annual conference, also set in Seattle. Gov. Christine Gregoire will be a featured speaker. Go to www.victoryfund.org for more information.

The organization's educational arm, the Victory Institute, houses a collection of 60 16x20-inch framed pieces (portraits and essays) chronicling the first 30 years of openly GLBT elected officials in the nation. These formed the substance of a documentary photo/text exhibit, "Out & Elected in the U.S.A.," produced by PFLAG Deputy Director Ron Schlittler under the pseudonym, R.S. Lee.

The collection is available as a traveling exhibit. The Victory Institute ordinarily charges a rental fee for the use of the materials, but the collection is displayed free of such fees in venues where trainings are scheduled. "Out & Elected" will have its first Washington state exhibition at the Seattle conference in November. Other display venues around the state may be assigned dates before and after that event. Site sponsors are being sought.

Schools, libraries, community centers, government buildings and churches have displayed all or part of the collection. Contact Lucy Bartlett, vice president of education and training, at lucy.bartlett@victoryinstitute.org to arrange a showing.

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Palouse Pride: a day of fun, inclusiveness and inspiration

Palouse Pride 2005 was held Saturday, July 30, in Moscow, Idaho. The Palouse Pride Parade got under way at 11 a.m., starting at the intersection of 3rd and Jefferson Street and traveling six blocks to the East Side Park, where the Pride Festival followed from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Local businesses and nonprofit organizations staffed product-oriented and information booths. There was live music and dancing as well as thought-provoking and inspirational speakers.

Afternoon entertainment included numbers by local talents Kami Miller and Milo Duke and drag performers Reno and Rizzelle. Previewing the show they would put on later in the evening, Rhinestone and Stubble's Aquasha Absolut, Tia Rachelle and Nikolai Morgan offered up several sparkling song and dance routines.

Speakers articulated messages of inclusiveness and tolerance, welcoming and acceptance. Among the church leaders who addressed the crowd were Chip Baird, assistant pastor at Community Congregationalist United Church of Christ in Pullman, Wash.; Kurt Queller, Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Moscow; the Rev. John Day, St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mos-

cow; and Rebecca Rodd from the Unitarian Church of the Palouse.

Radio personality (and Stonewall News Northwest columnist) Joan Opyr amused the crowd. PFLAG's Gayle



photo by Ellie Henderson
Rhinestone and Stubble's members, from left: Ophelia, Claudia, Nikolai, Aquasha and Tia.

Schumacher shared her vision of the world. And Jeremy Lacy, who was dismissed from the U.S. Air Force for being gay, gave an impassioned talk about homosexuality and the military.

Lacy narrated a slide presentation about the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a national watchdog, advocacy and legal services group dedicated to ending discrimination against and harassment of military personnel affected by the nation's ill-conceived "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Cathy Green represented Inland Oasis in Moscow, a year-old nonprofit corporation which plans to open a GLBTQ community center in the greater Palouse area. A Web site in under construction; for more information, check inlandoasis.org in a few weeks. Green is reachable at clg83843@yahoo.com.

Closet closed for Seattle bookseller

Beyond the Closet, Seattle's first GLBTQ bookstore, closed July 31, a financial victim of chain-store and online discounting, said owner Ron Whiteaker.

Established in 1988, the store at the corner of Pike Street and Belmont Avenue for years served a unique and vital purpose, stocking a variety of new and used books, magazines and erotica unavailable through traditional book retailers.

Before the city's GLBTQ community center opened, Beyond the Closet was the community's ad hoc gathering place.

"I think the print culture is dying," lamented Whiteaker, who does not plan to return to bookselling.

He can take some comfort in the fact that his was not the only independent bookshop to close this summer. Madison Park Books shut down as well. Bailey/Coy Books on East Broadway continues to serve the GLBTQ and greater Seattle community.

Regional Calendar

September events:

▼ Sept. 10 – 18th annual **Children With AIDS** fundraiser, Out and About, 327 W. Lewis, **Pasco**, 9:30 pm. \$10 cover.

▼ Sept. 11 – PFLAG-Sandpoint meets at United Methodist Church, **Sandpoint**, 2 pm.

▼ Sept. 11 – **GLAAD Cocktail Party – ABSOLUT BELLEVUE** fundraiser at the home of Robert M. Eichler, 3455 Hunts Point Road, **Hunts Point**, Wash., 2-5 pm, \$50, \$75, \$150, (323) 634-2026.

▼ Sept. 17 – **Soirée**, Pacific Northwest Ballet's Opening Gala, **Seattle**, 7 pm, \$60, (206) 441-2424 or <http://www.pnb.org>.

▼ Sept. 25 – PFLAG-Tri-Cities meets at Mid-Columbia Library, 1620 S. Union, **Kennewick**, (509) 628-9721.

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Lutherans keep restrictions

A proposal that would have permitted bishops and synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to exempt particular candidates from the church's ban against the ordination of sexually active gays was rejected Aug. 12 at a national gathering of delegates in Orlando, Fla.

The meeting, intended to fortify church unity despite contentious debate over homosexuality, failed to satisfy any of the factions. Compromises hammered out over three years by a special task force were all defeated.

"This church is not ready to make major changes in its ordination practices," said New Jersey Synod Bishop Roy Riley, president of the ELCA's Council of Bishops.

Psychiatrists stand for same-sex marriage

The American Psychiatric Association's board of trustees voted July 31 to approve the position statement on gay marriage endorsed by the APA Assembly at its annual meeting in May.

The now official statement reads: "In the interests of maintaining and promoting mental health, the APA supports the legal recognition of same-sex civil marriage with all rights, benefits and responsibilities conferred by civil marriage, and opposes restrictions to those same rights, benefits and responsibilities."

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On the road to equality, California leads the way

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Supreme Court extended full parental rights to both members of same-sex couples Aug. 22, ruling in three cases (6-0, 6-0 and 4-2) that homosexuals who plan for and assume the rigors of parenthood are entitled to the same privileges and responsibilities shared by heterosexual parents.

At issue in these groundbreaking decisions were common family law questions – custody, visitation rights and child support obligations.

The litigants in all three cases were lesbians, but the court's determinations will affect both gay men and unmarried heterosexual couples who raise children together.

Courts have historically favored biological connections. Some judges have granted rights to individual, un-

Oregon Bar bars Guard advocate ads

The Oregon National Guard will not be allowed a policy exemption in order to advertise in the bulletin of the Oregon State Bar, the legal group's board of directors voted Aug. 19.

The publication does not accept ads from employers who discriminate in hiring. Because of the military position on homosexuality, the Oregon National Guard has not been permitted to recruit judge advocates through this professional venue.

An advisory committee recommended that the board override this rule.

related adults serving in the role of "psychological parent." This is the first time a U.S. court has defined parental status separate from marriage and without regard for gender or sexual orientation.

Child advocates have hailed the decision for the broader protections it offers all children when their parents break up. Inheritance rights and access to health insurance coverage are included in full parental status.

Earlier in the month, the same court held that California businesses cannot distinguish between married couples and registered domestic partners when granting discounts, special membership rates and similar commercial bonuses.

California's top court in August skirted the marriage debate, refusing to fast-track a case ruled on in March by San Francisco Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer, who wrote, "It appears that no rational purpose exists for limiting marriage in this state to opposite-sex partners."

Attorney General Bill Lockyer filed the petition for an accelerated hearing in July. Attorneys for the same-sex couples challenging the California law that defines marriage as a bond between a man and a woman also sought speedy high-court action.

The 5-0 vote to reject the request does not mean the Supreme Court will not rule on the matter. Court watchers expect the case to make its way through the intermediate appellate system within a year.

Ram study shows homosexuality may be biologically driven

CORVALLIS, Ore. – New studies showing that about eight percent of rams are "male-oriented" have the potential to help explain sexuality in other mammals, including humans, say researchers at Oregon State University, Oregon Health and Science University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Sheep Experiment Station. Their findings suggest that homosexuality may be biologically driven.

The study began in 1995, when researchers at the federal Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho, noticed that some rams refused to mate with female sheep. Of these animals, some showed no interest in males or females, and a fraction preferred to mount other rams.

Oregon State gets its homosexual rams from Dubois. The rams are raised and studied on campus, and their brain tissue and blood samples are analyzed at OHSU.

The researchers found marked differences in the brain anatomy and hormones between male-oriented and female-oriented rams, said Fred Stormshak, professor of animal science at Oregon State and an investigator on the project.

In rams that like other rams, he reported, the anterior preoptic area of the hypothalamus was about half the size of this part of the brain in heterosexual rams. In many species, this is the area of the brain where sexual behavior is regulated.

Third try for Maine antidiscrimination bill

Maine is poised to become the last of the New England states, the 16th among all states, to pass an antidiscrimination law extending broad civil rights protections to gays.

A referendum campaign, the third in eight years, was launched after Gov. John Baldacci signed a bill in March making it illegal to discriminate in credit, education, employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual orientation.

The measure, an expansion of the state's Human Rights Act of 1971, has been argued vigorously for decades. Opponents led by a coalition of conservative Christian churches have reframed the political debate this year, shifting attention from the specific rights addressed in the law to the hot-button issue of same-sex marriage, which is not mentioned anywhere in the bill.

The question will go before Maine voters in November.

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Service members forced from duty despite low recruitment

The military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy continues to be enforced despite serious recruitment shortfalls, the advocacy group, Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), reports. The push to discharge GLBT service personnel extends to the Internet, where since January at least 10 people have been outed by profiles posted online at such sites as Gay.com and Connexion.org.

"I didn't realize my personal ad was a violation of the policy," said ex-artilleryman Jeff Howe, who served two tours of duty in Iraq before his forced separation from the Army.

Two others with combat service in Afghanistan and Iraq are being booted

from the ranks for online postings this year. Also facing discharge are a Farsi linguist, a doctor, an intelligence analyst and a communications officer.

Among those fired since 1993, when the "don't ask, don't tell" policy went into effect, are more than 800 specialists with Department of Defense-defined "critical" skills, noted a recent Government Accounting Office report.

"Qualification, and not orientation, should always be paramount in our nation's fighting forces," said C. Dixon Osburn, executive director of SLDN. He cited new statistics that suggest a repeal of the GLBT-unfriendly policy could put 41,000 service-ready recruits into uniform starting now.

Low recruitment and re-enlistment numbers have pressured the Army and, to a lesser extent, the Marine Corps, posing a threat to force strength and quality, armed forces retirees have told news outlets. A former director of the Army War College, retired Maj. Bob Scales, voiced concerns about the prospect of soldiers facing three and four tours of duty in Iraq because of the lack of troops to replace them.

Others have questioned recent policy changes designed to increase enlistments. Raising the age limit for new enlistees to 42 is one; relaxing restrictions on recruits with criminal records is another.

"The American people are underwriting bonuses for those who sign up and extend tours," said Osburn. "All the while, the military is firing, and refusing to enlist, Americans who want to serve to do so. Those who care about military readiness should be first in line to demand an end to "don't ask, don't tell."

Spain allows gays to wed foreigners

Spain's justice ministry ruled last month that citizens can marry a same-sex partner who is not a Spanish citizen, even if that person's home country would not legally recognize the marriage.

The ruling, published Aug. 8 in the Official State Bulletin, resolved the first snag in Spain's new law allowing same-sex couples to marry. In July a gay Spaniard was denied the right to marry his Indian partner when a court in the northeastern Catalonia region ruled that the union would not be acceptable because India does not permit same-sex marriages.

Spain's justice ministry overruled, however, saying, "a marriage between a Spaniard and a foreigner, or between foreigners of the same sex resident in Spain, shall be valid as a result of applying Spanish material law, even if the foreigner's national legislation does not allow or recognize the validity of such marriages."

Spain passed its same-sex marriage law June 30, making it the fourth country to grant full marriage rights to same-sex couples. The others are Belgium, Canada and the Netherlands.

'Naked Boys Singing!' silenced in Milwaukee

A production of "Naked Boys Singing!" opened in Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 11 and was shut down a week later by the vice squad of the Milwaukee Police Department, acting on a complaint alleging a lack of proper license and public nuisance. The show's producers, the Uncommon Theater in association with the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center (MGAC), subsequently applied for a "small theatre license," but were told it would not be issued, and thus the show could not be staged, until city officials reconvene in September.

MGAC Director Don Hoffman retained counsel and filed notices of injury and claim against the City of Milwaukee seeking damages of at least \$650,000.

According to MGAC legal papers, police action in the matter was influenced by a complainant known to be homophobic. The license ordinance used to close down the production is only held by three of the 28 theaters currently operating in the city, suggesting selective enforcement. Moreover,

organizations engaged in charitable work – and MGAC's GLBT issues and AIDS-related service would qualify it as such – are not subject to license requirements.

Three other productions of "Naked Boys Singing!" have been halted by civil authorities. The Atlanta Police Department moved against local producers in 2004, but the mayor of the city intervened and all charges were dismissed.

Puerto Rico's Department of Culture closed the show in August 2003. A judge lifted the ban and the program went on. Earlier this year, producers won a judgment of \$1.2 million for damages related to that shutdown.

Declaring the show "adult entertainment," officials in Provincetown, Mass., stopped production in August 2001. Two years later, the court ruled against the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the ensuing lawsuit. "Naked Boys Singing!" was performed without incident in the summer of 2004.

"Naked Boys Singing!" is currently playing in New York City and Chicago, with upcoming productions scheduled in Denver, Colo., and Key West, Fla. A European tour is under way and producers are planning a show in Wales in 2006. The script has been translated into five languages and performed in 27 cities worldwide.

The show features 15 feel-good songs celebrating the trials and tribulations of being naked. There have been more than 2,100 Off-Broadway performances. Benefit stagings have raised over \$500,000 for diverse charities.

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Flying high with Karrin

The Spokane Jazz Orchestra will open its 31st concert season, "Another High Flying Season," with jazz singing sensation and two-time Grammy nominee Karrin Allyson on Friday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. at the Met.

Allyson may be the most current and hottest name in vocal jazz to come to Spokane in 30 years. Her sweet voice and tonal clarity bring the music to life wherever she plays – and she performs to sold-out venues worldwide.

Allyson has been gathering fans everywhere jazz can be heard or seen since 1992. That was the year she assembled her Kansas City-based rhythm section, borrowed funds from her family and headed into the studio to make *I Didn't Know About You*.

"Stunning debut! Irresistible twists of melody and inflection," wrote veteran jazz critic Neil Tesser in *Playboy Magazine*, placing the young singer in the company of legends Ella Fitzgerald and Shirley Horn. Critics and jazz lovers from coast to coast echoed the news.

With the release of her ninth Concord Records CD, *Wild for You*, Allyson serves notice to all who were

previously unaware that she is a major talent.

Each of her CDs has showcased her astonishing breadth of repertoire, from standards by Gershwin and Porter to Brazilian bossa nova to samba and Thelonious Monk. Most recently, the vocalist has sharpened her focus, taking on in turn French and Brazilian music (*From Paris to Rio*), the genius of John Coltrane (*Ballads: Remembering John Coltrane*) and the blues (*In Blue*).

Her many eclectic and steadfast recordings, however, are only the tip of the iceberg. Allyson spends two days out of three on the road, playing the major jazz festivals and clubs of the U.S. and making repeated tours overseas.

Allyson appeared at Carnegie Hall as part of a special tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall and at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. The singer has been a popular and welcomed guest of Garrison Keillor on Public Radio International's "A Prairie Home Companion," and Allyson and her band have performed with symphony orchestras around the country, including



Karrin Allyson

the new Carnegie Hall concert series at Zankel Hall.

"If there's a choir in heaven, someday the exquisite vocalist Karrin Allyson will lead it," gushed *The Houston Press*. "She's such an otherworldly talent that the creator probably already has her on heavy rotation."

When one listens to Allyson, one hears heart, intelligence and musical sophistication. Her emotional range, from heartfelt to sassy, is beyond her musical peers. And there is a literate and engaging connection that honors the great traditions of blues, jazz and roots, expands to the Great American Songbook and embraces French and Brazilian rhythms.

Allyson will be singing jazz standards as well as some of the popular songs from *Wild for You*, all backed up by the fabulous 17-piece Spokane Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Dan Keberle.

Tickets are on sale at TicketsWest locations throughout the West, by phone at (1-800) 325 SEAT or online at www.ticketwest.com.

SUDS cleans up for renewal at CenterStage

by Christopher Lawrence

Spokane's arts lovers breathed a sigh of relief when we learned late last month that CenterStage will continue to bring us live performances of plays, musicals, world music, jazz, Pride and Joy Movie Night (fourth Tuesday of each month) and many other creative offerings that make it such a valued commodity in the Lilac City.

In the last two years, the theater company has employed more than 215 local performing artists whose earnings have exceeded \$300,000 – money that circulates about our fair town, strengthening our often maligned economy. Only Spokane Symphony claims higher numbers.

CenterStage had announced earlier in the month that it would close its doors for the final time, but it was rescued by a few major and many minor individual donations to keep the non-profit endeavor running. With the ensuing reorganization, there are two new changes to report: First, the theater will be run by an individual company that



photo courtesy CenterStage Theatre

Cast members, from left, Beth Black as DeeDee, Dana Lowman as Cindy, Angela Snyder as Marge and Buddy Todd as Mrs. Haig.

will also tour many of the productions to increase income in this most expensive area of CenterStage. Second, the company has tapped Tina Luerssen to be executive director, the person responsible for all business aspects. Tim Behrens will continue as artistic director and Leslie Ann Grove will continue as musical director.

Perhaps we will see more of our GLBTQ community gathering at this wonderful venue, whether watching live performances in the theater or listening to incredible live jazz while dining at ella's supperclub? Few small cities have such a rare treasure as this.

To celebrate this new-found and continued existence, I attended an evening of *Suds*.

Original comedy is hard to find these days. From the opening number of this low-budget, high-octane '50s musical review, I

was hooked. Set in a laundromat, burgeoning with slang and idioms mixed with TV references and song titles of the "You Don't Own Me" era, the humor underlying even the most poignant moments is painted with broad strokes. The cast of four wield their paintbrushes with rowdy fun and the syrupy lyrics of sappy melodrama.

Two guardian angels, DeeDee (Beth Black) and Marge (Angela Snyder) try to sort out Cindy's (Danae Lowman) broken heart and unhappiness with her failed pen-pal relationship. Nostalgia and teen angst abound. **WARNING: Watching someone try to agitate herself to death in a washing machine can be very disturbing, even to angels.**

Buddy Todd is the foil for the female cast members, playing five separate parts – enthusiastically. Comically and equally unbelievable in the woman's wig as he is in the plumber's pants, he is an obvious favorite with the crowd.

Although the acoustics are less than stellar for this particular musical, the entire cast does a good job and the voices of Angela and Danae have moments of greatness that are thrilling during their side-splittingly funny presentations.

Kudos to the musicians, direction (Jessica McLaughlin) and musical direction of this fast-paced, vintage, saddle-shoed romp down memory lane!

Don't miss it! Performances are Sept. 8, 9 and 23. Call (509) 747-8243 for tickets.

I want my Queer TV!

by Christopher Lawrence

With the advent of the two new GLBT television channels, here! TV and Logo TV, Stonewall readers can enjoy an occasional sample of what 'queerly aware fare' is available by adding these channels to their subscriptions.

The first of the features is *Third Man Out*, A Donald Strachey mystery starring Chad Allen (remember the hunk from *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman?*), which premieres on here!, Friday, Sept. 2.

Gay detective Donald Strachey delves into the seedy world of urban corruption, making enemies as he solves crimes in the tradition of the greatest hard-boiled detectives. This episode is directed by Ron Oliver (*Queer As Folk*) and written by Mark Saltzman. here! TV will be producing multiple episodes of this original series of 90-minute films.

"The gay and lesbian community has been shut out of playing roles on television that we occupy in real life. Detectives, teachers and policeman are just some of the roles you'll see as gay and lesbian," said Paul Colichman co-founder and CEO of here! Networks.

More than 42 million households are currently receiving a wide variety of groundbreaking original movies and series plus the world's largest gay and lesbian film library targeted to a broad-based GLBTQ audience. here! is available across the U.S. via satellite and carried by major cable providers nationwide. For more information about here!, please visit www.heretv.com/APromoSignUpPage.php?promoKey=2 and try it for free!

This month on Logo, you can tune into various musical specials and con-

Triple Diva Deluxe set for Sept. 17

Divas don't take the summer off. Abbey Crawford has been performing in Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre's musical revue and *Footloose* productions. Auntie Bijou has been busy celebrating at Pride festivals near and far. And Miss Carla Louise has been officiating lesbian weddings around the Pacific Northwest.

The seeds that were planted last spring have been nourished all summer. They have now blossomed and the fruition will take place when all three of Spokane's most talented performers perform in the "Triple Diva Deluxe" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 students and seniors. For more information call Carla Brannan at (509) 325-6383.

certs, such as Kylie Minogue's *Kylie Fever*, Morrissey's *Who Put the M in Manchester?* and Sarah McLachlan's *Afterglow - Live*, as well as an exhaustive list of alternative queer videos, creative, interesting films, regular series shows and great documentaries aimed at the GLBTQ and allied audience. Look for the excellent line-up of comedy specials, including *Margaret Cho - Notorious C.H.O.* and *Ant: America is Ready!*

Is it time for us to have access to these fabulously bent shows? If you think so, then take the time to throw your voices and money behind these two new enterprises. Your support will keep this groundbreaking programming on the air and buzzing through the wires. Let your influence be manifest and your pocketbooks be heard!

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Pacific Northwest Ballet's Opening Gala, 7 p.m. on Sept. 17, will be a treat for those who love to be transported into the ephemeral, yet primal world of great dance. Artistic director Peter Boal will be introduced and present a preview of the 2005-2006 season with excerpts from several of this season's eight PNB premieres, including: *Diamonds pas de deux* (Tchaikovsky/Balanchine), *Red Angels* (Einhorn/Dove), *Duo Concertant* (Stravinsky/Balanchine) and *Symphony in Three Movements* (Stravinsky/Balanchine).

Gala preview tickets are \$60 per guest with a champagne reception at intermission. Performance tickets, paired with a post-performance party, are \$120 per guest. Gala tickets with cocktails, post-performance black-tie dinner backstage, dancing and party range from \$325-\$2,500.

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Saturday the 17th – Join friends and families at **Emmanuel MCC's community barbecue, picnic and potluck** at **Coeur d'Alene Park** in Browne's Addition from 1 to 4 p.m.

Later that evening, the extravaganza **Triple Diva Deluxe** will be held at the **Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane** at 8 p.m.

Sunday the 18th – Have fun for a good cause at **Friends of SAN's Gay Bingo!** at **Dempseys** starting at 5 p.m.

Tuesday the 20th – Be sure to vote at today's **Primary Elections**.

Tuesday the 27th – Laugh and reminisce at **CenterStage's** presentation of *The Incredibly True Adventure of 2 Girls in Love* at **Pride & Joy Movie Night**. Social at 6 p.m., film at 7:30 p.m.

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REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

BOOKS & VIDEOS

Book and video reviews by Christopher Lawrence

Everything I Have is Blue: Short Fiction by Working Class Men about More or Less Gay Life

Edited by Wendell Ricketts

Suspect Thoughts Press, 249 pages

Finding alternative voices that prove how much diversity truly exists in our same-sex oriented "community" is problematic to begin with because so many men and women, our sisters and brothers, do not relate to what has become the accepted view of the "gay community."

One of the authors in this collection is Tim Anderson, who will be writing an ongoing column for SNN from an alternative perspective. Read Tim's first Out! In the Middle of Nowhere entry in this issue to get a feeling for his viewpoints, and those of the other writers presented in this fairly new and interesting genre.

Nothing like many of the novels and short stories I usually review, these accounts are somewhat rough, sometimes grim, but a feast worth devouring. This literature has the power to pull us out of the cocoons, where we live in partly resistant agreement, conforming to the conventional image of the GLBT "lifestyle."

Many of us realize this illusion is an insignificant part of who we really are. If you are questioning, challenge yourself with some of these narratives born of a divergent queer sensibility.

Ricketts' contribution at the very end, "Passing Notes," offers the following: "what better project, one that involves both interior decorating and power tools, for a collaboration between the myth of the modern homosexual and the archetype of the working class. Not matter and antimatter, but iron and carbon. I can't think of anything queerer than that."

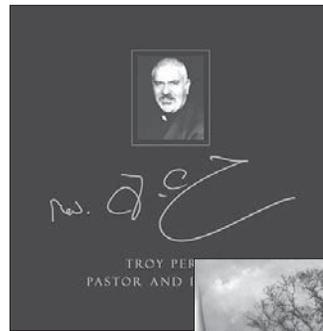
I agree. This intrepid group of stories kindles a deeper reflection about who we really are. - C.L.

Troy Perry - Pastor and Prophet

Edited by Chris Glaser

Published by Metropolitan Community Churches

Troy Perry is a legend in his own lifetime. This book is a beautifully



bound homage to the difference he has made during 40 years of activism in the name of equal rights for the GLBTQ community, women, people of color and people both in and out of prisons.

Fearless in his approach and always evoking his vision from the word of God that we are ALL children of the same family, he has personally changed the lives of many tens of thousands of people in spiritual and political arenas.

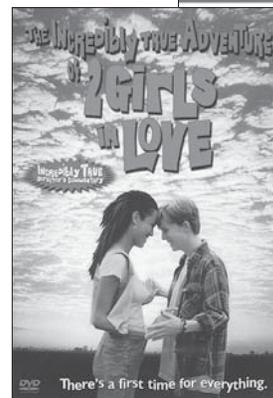
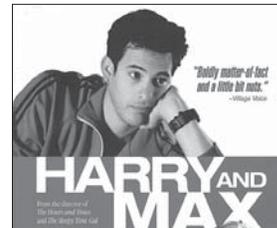
Senator Allan Cranston once said: "The bright sunshine of human rights is trapped behind the clouds of ignorance, intolerance, bigotry and fear."

Besides founding more than 350 churches worldwide, Troy has done more to release our brothers and sisters from the darkness of the closet and bring our world into the light than any other single human being.

This book is a tribute from many religious and political leaders, to whom he has brought an understanding of the need for inclusion and support in the spiritual community at large.

More than a coffee table edition, this is an inspirational book to display, knowing it will draw people by its elegant presentation to find an enlightening alternative to the fire-and-brimstone hate-mongering so many of us have come to expect from religious organizations.

The back cover also holds a CD with a PowerPoint presentation of the complete work with all 176 colorful pages. Buy it. Read it. Share this encouraging reminder that we are not alone. - C.L.



The Incredibly True Adventure of 2 Girls in Love

Written and Directed by Maria Maggenti

New Line Cinema, 94 minutes

Full of humor and the nostalgia of first love, this is a treat that surpasses the boundaries of gay, straight, lesbian or bisexual. Two teenagers show us a light and refreshing look at halting and self-conscious new emotions and the social experiences that inevitably ensue. Both of our protagonists come from extremely different backgrounds that seem very normal and yet work against typical stereotypes (even though butch little Randy is working at a gas station). What a pleasure it is to see the bonds that often help young gay people support each other in the social surroundings of high school life.

Randy Dean and Evie Roy, who are sweetly portrayed by Laurel Holloman and Nicole Parker, offer us more than a mere coming-out story, as Randy is completely out and the object of ridicule by many of the other students. Evie has had no experience at all in the arena of same-sex romance, but she gently and thoughtfully embraces her growing feelings for her more masculine and boyish new counterpart.

Some of the acting is a bit uneven, easily forgiven, with the right amount of style and flourish. A few characters do not seem three-dimensional, but hardly detract from the emotional thread of the story and, in the end, most of them are wiser for the journey.

Rich in imagery and a clear style, developed by Maggenti, this film oozes with character. Look for many GLBT positive images that decorate the background and give richer color to the players. Definitely a "feel-good" movie that I would recommend to all audiences qualified to view the R-rated scenes.

For a great preview in a superb gay-friendly location, see 2 Girls in Love presented at CenterStage on September 27 for their next Pride and Joy Movie Night. - C.L.

Harry and Max

Written/Directed by Christopher Münch

TLA Releasing, 74 minutes

What happens when the dynamic between two loving brothers begins to develop into intimacy and obsession? In this tale of emotional development, the balance of power between the handsome older brother and former boy-band star, Harry (Bryce Johnson), and his 16-year-old sibling and teen musician newcomer, Max (Cole Williams), shifts and sways because of inner conflicts about the disturbing direction of their emotional and physical feelings for one another.

Taking a break from their separate musical careers, much of the action takes place on the long overdue camping trip that Harry has promised to Max. The dialogue is a bit stilted in the beginning, but soon begins to flow and progressively impart an understanding to the viewer about the dysfunction they have inherited from family issues. Further complications come from the alcohol and addiction problems of the older brother, his anger and resistance to, and gradual acceptance of, his own sexual nature.

This is not merely a tale about the forbidden fruits of incest, but rather, an example of the painful process of individuation when sexuality becomes enmeshed with emotions in a codependent relationship. As is often the case, boundaries fail until Max becomes clear about what he needs to do to in order to take care of himself. Challenging and original, nothing comes easily here, but the reward is knowing that love can evolve.

This intriguing film was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival. Well acted and directed, I found it to be well worth viewing more than once. - C.L.

REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

MUSIC

Music reviews by Graham Ames

Judge A Book

Skott Freedman

Violent Yodel Records

The clever title gives it away: this is a covers album. Out piano/singer Skott selected a group of songs and then allowed his fans to choose the final track list by voting at his web site. It's not a bad concept, and the 12 winning tracks yield some true gems. Cyndi Lauper's intense *Money Changes Everything* morphs into a quiet, resigned conversation. The Verve Pipe's *The Freshmen* takes on new meaning when sung by a queer artist. Green Day's *Basket Case* is rendered as a vibraphone jazz number. There's a few non-hit covers here which I didn't know beforehand, but Skott brings all the songs to life with his gently beautiful voice and melodic piano.

This is less a cohesive album – more a sort of audience request night at the coffeehouse. It might be a stronger unified piece if the songs had been selected more deliberately, but that's nit-picking. Pick up *Judge A Book* and decide for yourself. Skott's a talent to watch, and this newest album will continue to expand his popularity outside the queer contingent. – G.A.

Knuckle Down

Ani DiFranco

Righteous Babe Music

I should admit from the start, I am much more an Indigo Girls person than an Ani fan. The sing-along nature of IG's work has more appeal for me than Ani's complicated poetry. Indeed, *Knuckle Down* marks the first time in more than a decade I have actually sat down and given a new Ani album the kind of intense listen they deserve. Honestly, I was thrilled, challenged and blown away.

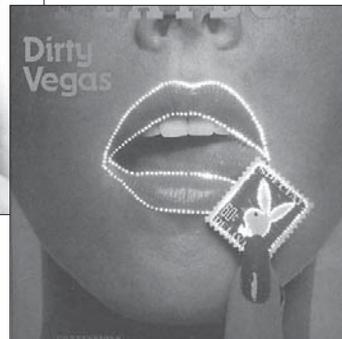
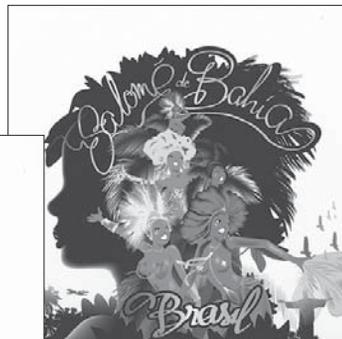
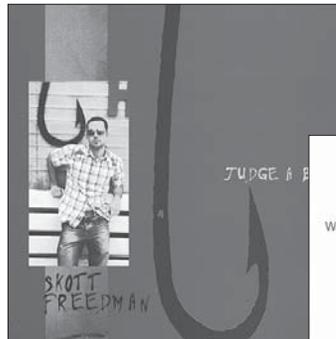
GLBT Book Group

Spokane's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Book Group meets the first Wednesday monthly in the second floor conference room of Auntie's Bookstore. Facilitator Julie Smith says review sessions begin at 7 p.m. and visitors are welcome.

Upcoming reviews include:

Sept. 7: Karen Joy Fowler's *Jane Austen Book Club*.

Oct. 5: *Almost Like Being in Love* by Steve Kluger.



Moving away from the overt political content of her past offerings, Ani presents 12 tracks outlining a woman realizing her inner adult. Melding her expert fingerpicking guitar with gentle backing instruments and strings, she releases a torrent of ideas and images that speak of making difficult emotional decisions. Personal favorites are *Sunday Morning*, *Seeing Eye Dog*, *Lag Time* and the spoken word piece *Parameters*, which helped underscore the poetry slam aspects of Ani's music for me.

In all, *Knuckle Down* is not a casual listen. It requires work to dig through the dense lyrics, but the beauty and thoughtfulness of Ani's craft make it pleasing. This is literature for your CD player. Take the time to give *Knuckle Down* a listen. – G.A.

The Sound Of White

Missy Higgins

Reprise Records

Missy is absolutely huge in her native Australia, bigger even than ABBA. *Scar* spent 10 weeks at number one on Aussie airplay charts and was the most-played song of 2004 on radio Down Under. Included on this U.S. album, along with selections from her hugely successful debut EP and select tracks from the domestic release, Missy seems to be Avril Lavigne or Fiona Apple without the angry edges. These are 12 songs asking for reconciliation,

nakedly and without shame, sometimes with a lover, sometimes with the world at large.

Along with *Scar*, *Ten Days*, *All For Believing* and *The Special Two* have been monster hits in her homeland, and for good reason. Impeccably produced, beautifully written, with the rough edges of youth but the insight of blossoming wisdom, these are gorgeous tracks. Listening to these poetic lyrics and simple instrumentations, I found myself longing for gray rainy weather and a broken heart to nurse back together. Any music which can generate that feeling is powerful indeed. – G.A.

Brasil

Salomé de Bahia

Yellow Productions / Tommyboy Productions

Okay, all you dance music mavens out there. It's time to put away your beat-mixed, synth-laced, loop-enhanced albums and turn on to a new groove. Well, OK, it's not exactly *new*. Salomé has been recording in her native Brazil and in Europe since 1958, and from the sound of this 2005 recording (her North American debut), she's still loving every single minute of it.

Yellow / Tommyboy have become known for bringing World Music into the dance music scene, and they've scored a hit with *Brasil*. These 15 tracks condense an evening at a Parisian cabaret review into an exuberant CD. Included here are familiar songs

(*Mas Que Nada*, *Copacabana*, *Outro Lugar* ["Little Star"]) and many other songs obviously beloved and classic for genre fans. All of them exude diva magnetism and contagious rhythms, perfect for a night on the floor or for doing naked housecleaning.

This not-off-the-press release is a fantastic break from familiar feet-moving beats, and with remixes of *Outro Lugar* and *Copacabana* already making the DJ rounds, it may change those beats forever. – G.A.

One

Dirty Vegas

Capitol Records

A few years ago, a car commercial created a lot of buzz, featuring a woman "pop" dancing to *Days Go By*, the Dirty Vegas song which went on to win a Grammy and launch the North American career of this trio from England. After touring with Moby, playing at Kid Rock's bachelor party and selling 750,000 copies of their first album, the lads retreated to Mother England. Moving beyond samples-only production, they incorporated live instruments and a rock edge into their dance tracks, and the result is the completely enchanting *One*.

Loops and dance beats are still at the core of their sound, but this genre-busting new album moves immediately beyond expectations. Imagine The Chemical Brothers working with Moby on a guitar pop album. The 10 tracks speak about discovering the magic of love, both new and time-worn. Standouts *Home Again*, *Walk Into the Sun*, and *Given You Everything* breathe an integrity into the deceptively simple lyrics which had me singing along by the end of each song. Fans of *Days Go By* will appreciate *A Million Ways* and its slow build to dance frenzy. Whether you lean toward rock, pop, or dance tracks, pick up *One*. It will grab you and not let go. – G.A.

Kiki & Herb will 'Die For You' at Carnegie Hall

Kiki & Herb

Evolver Entertainment

This two-CD album has been released to document this enormously talented, genre-busting lounge duo's stint at the historic music venue. Get the full review on this tragic, imaginative, funny creation at www.stonewallnews.net.

Out! in the Middle of Nowhere

Individualism vs. community

By Tim Anderson

A few weeks ago I met up with a friend that I rarely get to see.

Enjoying conversation without obligation, my buddy and I dared venture into that hornet's nest known as "what does it mean to be a part of 'the gay community.'" Tell me you don't already know where this is going. I dare you.

When any representation of "community" is thrown my way, I choke. Affirming individualism is far more suitable to me than an embrace of group identity.



Tim Anderson

On a micro scale, I am not part of the local "gay community." Spokane is an hour and a half away. Three hours in winter. So, I mean, uh, what community? There are two or three or, maybe on a good day, five of "us" up here, and frankly we just aren't "organizing" or "political" or even "bar" people. I've attended Pride in Spokane exactly once and only because it happened to coincide with the Combine Demolition Derby in Lind. So, as I sat there eating fast-food Chinese, arguing about the need for the gay community, I began second-guessing my pride.

Why is my give-a-damn busted when the subject comes up? How could I be proudly gay and not a flag-waving member of the gay community? How could one not live for Pride, putting it on the calendar with as much excitement as Christmas, birthdays and piercing appointments?

In a heartbeat, I began an impromptu mental journey, visualizing Selkirk Pride, an inspiring event that would be

held every other leap year in June, organized by the Selkirk Pride Committee. All five of us would march from one end of the ranch to the other, holding banners and representing our various organizations. Of course, we'd have really nasty infighting before the march trying to decide if our one member who was pro-life and pro-Elvis should be allowed to participate.

There was one problem with my fantasy. We didn't have a single lesbian in our parade. Mainly because we didn't know a single local lesbian. Damn. Now we were the Selkirk Misogynist Pride Parade. So much for Pride in the Selkirks.

I have no desire to identify my place of being by my sexual orientation. How easy it is to come out and live in homo-gentrified neighborhoods. Being out in the middle of nowhere can be challenging because here truly does represent a frontier of diversity. Yet we live here, because "here" is where best affirms who we are.

Yet, on a macro scale, I understand the role of the larger universal gay community as much as I'm part of the larger Christian community or trucking community or whatever community. That doesn't mean I don't do my fair share of scowling, especially every time some self-proclaimed national leader gets up on a soapbox, spouting off how traditional heterosexual marriage is a failed concept or that our movement would be far more successful if more Hollywood types would just be a bit more political on our behalf or how we must honor diversity, even if that means allowing pedophiles to march in gay parades. I cringe every time someone claims to speak for all of us and that voice is equated with mine.

But let's be honest. The "honor diversity" crowd isn't really about "honoring" all diversity: They aren't likely to give a group hug to an NRA'd, SUV-driving, born-again, ex-gay Christian

Republican anymore than the "family values" crowd is going to embrace a vegan, lesbian calf-roper with six kids by seven different turkey basters. Communities exist in a vacuum and are usually more about convenience than one definition. In its truest form, "community" rarely qualifies as one-size-fits-all.

The one definition of community that truly matters, I thought we'd all agreed on over 200 years ago – Freedom of religion, the right to state your beliefs and the pursuit of happiness. ALL humans accepted as being created equal. No matter what their persuasion, identity or orientation. It's a uniquely

American but increasingly threatened concept. As long as anyone would challenge any part of these basic tenets, there will be a need for the universal gay community.

A community I proudly claim membership in.

A writer, horseman, truck driver, and graduate of Seattle Pacific University and Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle, Tim has been published in Guide, Frontier, Second Essence and Bend, Don't Shatter. He is also the president of the Gay Truckers Association. For more in-depth information about his bio, visit www.highmountainranch.com which won Website of the Year from www.roadstaronline.com.

It's Your Life

Are you or aren't you?

by Paul A. Gilmore

Are you physically fit? What does it mean to be "physically fit"? If the term makes you think "hard body" – bulging and buff muscles, a six-pack of abs, rippling pecs, thunderous thighs – then you may be in for a surprise.



Paul A. Gilmore

Scott Totten, a professional personal trainer certified by the American College of Sports Medicine, works for 24-Hour Fitness on Spokane's South Hill. I asked him how he defines "physically fit," and he answered with a smile and a deep sigh, "Not fat."

Those two words say a lot. The nation's leading health concern is the growing number of Americans who are, well, growing ... Too many of us are overweight or obese. Simple test: Look down. Can you see your belt buckle?

Totten's idea of physical fitness includes having a cardiovascular system

that is capable of sustaining a high activity level. He also says it's good to be lean within your body category.

Consider this: Being fit will help you feel better, strengthen your heart, enhance the quality of your sleep, relieve stress, perk up the libido, slow the aging process, fortify the immune system and improve your self-image and attitude. Fitness, Totten notes, is a gift you give yourself everyday – for life, literally.

What is the one activity you could add to your life that would promote fitness? Look down again. If you've got two feet that will move when you ask them to, you can walk. And walking is, hands down, the number one aid to fitness. Everyone knows how to walk. You can do it just about anytime, anywhere. It doesn't require special equipment, gym membership or a license, and it is tax-free. Any activity is beneficial, says Totten, but walking is the easiest fitness-building activity you can undertake. Every step is a healthy step.

Add to any activity the best liquid refresher on the planet, water. Your body needs it to flush out toxins, distribute nutrients and maintain its vital

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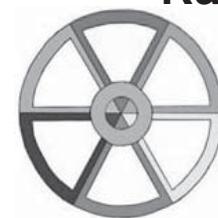
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No Rest for the Wicked

Oafs and Fishes

by Joan Opyr

Has anyone ever been converted by a religious bumper sticker? Or by one of those gold plastic "Truth" or "Jesus" or "IXOYE" fishes eating a four-legged Darwin fish? I've seen countless sticker versions of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descending on the back win-



Joan Opyr

dows of pickup trucks and SUVs, and I've wondered, does God really want to be riding along on a gas-guzzling monster wagon, covered in mud and bug guts? Wouldn't she rather be fishing?

Don't get me wrong. I'm a great fan of the bumper sticker, both as a political statement and as an expression of my (admittedly juvenile) humor. My car informs those driving behind me that my border collie is smarter than their honor student, that I oppose the war in Iraq and that I favor equal marriage rights for same-sex couples. It also asks the burning question, "What would Scooby do?" My car tells people that I'm a graduate of North Carolina State University. Go Wolfpack. My bumper stickers are, to some extent, a reflection of bits and pieces of who I am. They also help me find my car in crowded parking lots.

But that's it. Even if I knew where to find them, I wouldn't buy stickers that said "Proud to be a Reform Jew"

or "Torah! Torah! Torah!" I don't know why I should be puzzled that others choose to proclaim doctrines of their faith bumper stickers except ... OK, I'm a snob. I'm a stick-in-the-mud. I think religious bumper stickers are tacky. And so, too, are buttons, T-shirts, billboards, and special cell phone ringtones. It is my strongly held and insupportable opinion that some forms of religious expression, like a Jack Chick comic book or any tune on "Songs 4 Worship," only serve to cheapen the divine. The infinite cannot and should not be reduced to a slogan. Go Wolfpack! Go God! Shine, Jesus, Shine! Good grief.

"God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve," says that glib, oppressive, know-it-all Jerry Falwell, and each and every time I hear it, I want to reach through the TV screen and slap him into next week. How does Jerry know that God didn't make Adam and Steve, or Eve and Portia di Rossi? He knows he's right because he believes that absolute truth can be summed up in a cheesy rhyme and then printed on a three-by-eleven-inch strip of vinyl that can be glued onto the back of the Falwell family car.

Life is so simple for the Falwells of the world. It's so neat and tidy. Those parts of Old Testament law that are still relevant are clearly the anti-gay parts. Jerry Falwell and his ilk cherry-pick the sexual abominations while conveniently ignoring the dietary laws. Why? Because everyone, but everyone, knows that God is much more upset by non-procreative sex than by the All-You-Can-Eat Shrimp Fest at Red Lobster. Also, no one likes being

told what not to eat. I think of this as the Atkins effect. As soon as the Atkins folk say "no fruit, no bread, no pasta," I begin craving a banana and spaghetti sandwich.

Life, it seems to me, is far more complicated than religious bumper stickers suggest. For me, life is like an ill-fitting, off-the-rack, seersucker suit. It's roomy enough in the seat, but it gaps at the waist and it's too tight in the thighs. Also, when I stretch out my arms, one sleeve seems to be shorter than the other; either that, or I have one normal arm and one I've borrowed from a gorilla. And seersucker? It's a great fabric in the spring and summer, but it's not so hot in the winter and fall. Things don't always fit quite right; sometimes, you just make do.

There are many things that frighten me about the world. The Big Bang. The Origins of the Universe. Thong underwear. I appreciate the search for certainty. I understand it. It's one of the many reasons why I'm a practicing Jew. Judaism is an orderly religion and an intellectual, ethnic and cultural tradition. Its history and its message of a God who takes an ongoing interest in human affairs strongly appeals to me. What I don't get is the need to impose my particular certainty on others, to ram it down reluctant throats or to pretend that I can somehow squelch the threat the Theory of Evolution poses to the Genesis story of creation by making a Jesus fish eat a Darwin fish on the back of a Buick.

The Jesus fish would never eat the Darwin fish. Those legs are definitely not kosher.

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IT'S YOUR LIFE: ARE YOU?

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functions. Drink at least two liters every day. Carry a refillable bottle if that'll help you get your fill. Coffee, soda and alcoholic beverages do not count.

My leading excuse for putting off "getting fit" is motivation. I get bored during exercise and lose sight of the noble goal. Totten suggests you seek exterior motivation. Select a reference point in the future, perhaps a wedding, a New Year's party, a class reunion — anything that will tip you toward increased activity. For most of Totten's clients, motivation manifests when they realize that they're tired of being tired. His clients tend to want more energy and a positive self-image, not just a hard body.

OK, so now that you're ready to get fit, do you go to a gym or do home-based exercises? There are pros and cons for both.

The home-based "gym" is low- or no-cost, always convenient and distraction-free. Disadvantages include little equipment variety, difficulty maintaining motivation and the lack of camaraderie.

Fitness centers boast a wide range of equipment choices as well as pools or saunas, and they offer interpersonal advantages. Staff and members can provide advice and assistance you won't get at home alone. And the group setting tends to sustain motivation.

Professional personal trainers can jumpstart your fitness program, adapting your specific exercise needs to your body and your goals. For a moderate price, a trainer may assess your present condition, provide nutritional advice, focus your goals and demand the accountability you might not be able to give yourself working on your own.

There are many excellent books on fitness. Two of my favorites are "Basic Training" by Jon Giswold and "Getting in Shape" by stretching guru Bob Anderson. Spokane AIDS Network stocks great publications on exercise and nutrition. Check out this summer's "Thrive." Our friends at

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IT'S YOUR LIFE: ARE YOU?

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Spokane County Health also have a wealth of resources for you.

Before you get started, talk to your physician. Your medical history, surgeries, drugs, habits, age and current body condition should be considered when you're undertaking new or increased activity.

Totten and I chuckled about the number of times we have heard people say they need to get in shape *before* they go to the gym. Vanity, vanity, vanity, my friends – men and women! It is to the gym we go to get fit; the shape follows. Nobody was born looking like The Hulk. Getting fit is a process with a starting point and a continuum. So get off your seat and on your feet and get active.

A word (or three) about nutrition: You cannot build a healthy body on empty calories. Want fitness? Then consider the fuel you ask your body to build on. Totten recommends you "eat clean"; that means you eat whole multigrain foods, deep green vegetables, clean protein (low-fat white meats versus brown or red meats) and little or no processed foods. Say bye-bye to mayonnaise. And remember water, water and more water.

At 5-foot, 10 inches, weighing in at 160 pounds, I am heading off to my local gym. While I walk daily to and from my place of work (about two miles) and get out on some aggressive hikes every other weekend, I have a goal: to lose that little jiggle around my waistline, to add about five pounds of lean muscle and to improve my overall muscle tone. What is my future reference point? I want to return to you in six months or less and tell you that I have met my goal. Care to join me at the gym?

Paul Gilmore is a certified phlebotomist and lab assistant with the nation's largest reference laboratory. He makes his home in Spokane, Wash. You may reach him in care of Stonewall News Northwest.

DIVERSITY COMES IN COLORS

Continued from front page

In 1995 it was becoming clear to leaders of the area's minority communities that racial and cultural barriers hinder growth and development in Spokane.

"What is Unity in the Community all about?" asked Bethel AME Church pastor Lonnie Mitchell, one of the event founders, in a guest column published in The Spokesman-Review. He then explained, "It is trying to challenge all people to value differences and use the strength of diversity to build true community in our city."

Spokane wins when all of its citizens are seen as valuable members of the greater community. That's why Spokane will benefit from "Let's Get Visible."



Tell Trinity

My ex, his boyfriend and World War Three

Dear Trinity,

A month ago I became friends with my ex's new boyfriend. It was just coincidental. But my ex has gotten really stirred up and is trying to destroy the friendship. His boyfriend still wants to be friends but I'm stuck in World War Three. Help?

Sincerely, Stuck
Albany, NY

Dear Stuck,

"Just coincidental", come on, who wants an ex boyfriend becoming friends with a new boyfriend ... Satan? Honey, it's time to spend your time dating and meeting new men not being involved in your ex's new relationship. It's called boundaries. Just put your friendship on hold for a bit, that's all, and leave them alone for a while. (And that's a period at the end of that sentence!)

Hugs, Trinity

Dear Trinity,

My boyfriend just broke up with me. Is there anything I can do to get him back?

Return To Sender
Omaha, NE

Dear Return To Sender,

I wish men weren't such stubborn creatures ... but they are. You could try to spend time as friends, get him to talk about your relationship problems and see if you both can work it out. With time he may or may not come back and you may or may not want him back. Yet if you did something bad try Plan B: flowers, apology letter and a car (just kidding about the car.)

Give it time, yet don't waste time.

Also start dating right away and live!

Love, Trinity

Hello Trinity,

What do I have to do to get someone to go out with me? I have a good job, my own home and I'm very nice. What more should someone want?

Yours truly, Is There More
St. Louis, MO

Trinity's Bachelor Rule

Without a groomed face, hairstyle, a set of contacts and clean clothes you'll always be... just a bachelor!

Dating Dilemma No. 135

Hello Is There More,

Sorry, but two hundred years ago you could have a job, be nice and find a mate ... today you need a little something called sex appeal. So check your hair, teeth, clothes, breath, body odor and body to see if it's appealing enough for someone special to want to yank you out of bachelorhood. Pumpkin, if animals, plants and Paris Hilton need to use sex appeal ... so do you!

Hey Trinity,

My other half wants to try an open relationship. I'm confused. Is

there anything good that can come out of such an agreement?

Thanks, Trying To Be Open
San Jose, CA

Hey Trying,

Since open relationships are about agreements, you can agree or disagree on any part of it. Some open couples don't talk about it, some only have threeways, some do it a lot, some hardly do it at all yet most ... just want the option. Still confused? Then try reading:

Trinity's Positive Arguments FOR Agreeing To Have An Open Relationship

1. THE FREQUENCY: You don't have to do it every week. You can agree on it just once or just once a year.

2. THE DISCUSSION: You don't have to talk about it every time you do it, if you agree not to.

3. THE CHEATING: You'll never get caught cheating or being cheated on because of your new agreement.

4. THE GUILT: You never have to feel (that) guilty about it because you agreed it's now OK.

5. THE TOGETHERNESS: You can agree to practice it strictly with your partner or separately.

6. THE THREEWAYS OR THREESOMES: You can agree to invite a third person home for one night or for one (happy) year.

7. THE SMARTER SEX: Once you've agreed to be open, you're both more likely to practice safer sex because the situation feels less criminal.

8. THE STIMULATION: If your relationship isn't very sexual or adventurous this agreement may put the flame back into everything.

9. THE OFF BUTTON: It's not a jail sentence. You can agree to try it or end it at any time.

10. Lastly, THE RESPECT: You no longer have to sneak around. You can respect each other, your trysts and your agreements.

With a Masters of Divinity, Reverend Trinity hosted Spiritually Speaking a weekly radio drama and now performs globally. Send e-mails to: Trinity@telltrinity.com or write: Tell Trinity, PO Box 1362, P-town, MA 02657-5362.

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Community Service Announcements

Make a difference

Want to make a difference in a GLBTQ young person's life? Contact Odyssey Youth Center at (509) 323-2306 for more information on how you can volunteer or visit www.odysseyyouth.org.

Help someone in crisis

The Victim Rights Response Team, a program of Lutheran Community Services is seeking dedicated, compassionate individuals to become volun-

teer sexual assault advocates. Training begins Sept. 21. Call Leslie Larsen at 343-5060.

Town hall meeting

Spokane County Ryan White CARE Consortium will hold a *Town Hall Open Forum* meeting at the Deaconess Health and Education Building, 910 W. 5th Ave., located just west of Deaconess Hospital from 4-6:30 pm. RSVP to Mark Garrett at Spokane AIDS Network at (509) 455-8993 ext. 221 or e-mail: markg@san-nw.org.

Volunteers needed for Campaign to End AIDS

The local organizers of the Campaign to End AIDS want a good showing of issue-friendly folks at the UUCS rally and the interfaith vigil at SFCC to communicate to media and policy makers and legislators at all levels that HIV/AIDS research, prevention and treatment services are community priorities. Volunteers to staff segments of the event would be welcome too. Contact Adam Cogswell at (509) 217-6347.

Words of Resistance

ACTION Northwest holds its first *Spokane Words of Resistance Poetry Slam* at the Rainbow Community Center Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

ACTION Northwest is looking for poets and writers to share their work: poems, spoken words, short stories and essays surrounding issues of peace, social justice, anti-war, democracy, humanity, women's issues and activism.

Afterward there will be a showing of the documentary *Oil Factor* and a potluck. The event is free. E-mail spokane@actionnw.net, or visit www.actionnw.net to sign up or call (509) 489-1914 for more information.

Resource Directory

SPOKANE AREA

BiNet Spokane

A social support group for bisexual men and women.
Call: (509) 217-1271

Eastern Washington University SAFE Students' Alliance for Equality

Weekly meetings for students, faculty and staff.
Call: Kat Olson: (509) 359-4253
<http://iceberg.ewu.edu/safe/safe.htm>

EMCC – Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church

Christian church with an outreach to the GLBT community.
Call: (509) 838-0085
[Web site: www.emmanuelmcc.com](http://www.emmanuelmcc.com)

Friends of SAN

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

Gay/Lesbian Info Line

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

GLBT Book Group

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

Gonzaga University GLBT Resource Center

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

HERO (Helping Educate Regarding Orientation) gay-straight alliance.

SODA (Sexual Orientation Diversity Alliance) law school support group.
Direct line: Bryce: 323-5847

Hospice of Spokane

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

ISCS –

Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane
Call: (509) 251-1242.
[Web site: www.iscspokane.com](http://www.iscspokane.com)

INBA –

Inland Northwest Business Alliance
A Professional GLBTQ/Allied Business Alliance. Guests are welcome to our monthly luncheon meetings, non-members are welcome to advertise in our annual community resource directory. Visit our website for information.
Write: PO Box 20163,
Spokane, WA 99204

Voice mail: 509-455-3699

E-mail: info@inbaspokane.org

[Web site: www.inbaspokane.org](http://www.inbaspokane.org)

Inland Northwest Equality

A coalition of local individuals and organizations committed to progressing GLBT equality and justice.

Call: Brooke Powers: 838-7870

[Web site: www.icehouse.net/pjals/issues/inwe.html](http://www.icehouse.net/pjals/issues/inwe.html)

Integrity

Gay and lesbian Episcopalians meet monthly for communion and simple meal.

Call: Chuck: (509) 326-7707 or
Ann: (509) 624-6671

Landlord Tenant Information Hotline

Volunteers provide information and referrals to landlords and tenants. Free resource materials. Does not provide legal advice, but may refer.

Call: (509) 325-3037

Northwest Fair Housing Alliance

Private, nonprofit organization provides education, outreach and enforcement assistance for those who have experienced discrimination and the general public.

Call: (509) 325-2665 or
(800)-200-3247

Odyssey Youth Center

Discussion/support group and social drop-in center for GLBT and questioning youth.

Call: Laurel: (509) 325-3637

Outreach Center

Condoms, needle exchange, AIDS information. Open M-F, 3-5 p.m. at 1103 W. First Ave.

Call: (509) 838-6859

OutSpokane

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

[Web site: www.OutSpokane.com](http://www.OutSpokane.com)

Papillon

A social support group for the transgendered community.

Call: (509) 292-8852

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

Support group for parents, family, friends and members of the GLBT community.

Call: (509) 624-6671

[Web site: www.pflagspokane.org](http://www.pflagspokane.org)

PJALS –

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane

Independent, membership organization building foundations for a just and nonviolent world.

Call: (509) 838-7870

Planned Parenthood of Spokane & Whitman Counties

HIV antibody testing and counseling.

Call: Clinic for Appt.: (509) 326-2142

Administration: (509) 326-6292

Quest Youth Group

To "inspire, encourage and support" gay and bisexual guys, 18-25, in the Inland Northwest through free monthly recreational activities, discussions, service projects and movie nights.

Call: Ryan: (509) 290-3519

[Web site: www.QuestYouthGroup.org](http://www.QuestYouthGroup.org)

Spokane-Kootenai Pride

A program of the Pride Foundation to involve Washingtonians outside of King County in activities beneficial to the GLBT community.

Call: Spokane office: (509) 327-8377

Rainbow Regional Community Center

Support services for GLBT community and individuals exploring their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

Call: (509) 489-1914

[Web site: www.spokanerainbowcenter.org](http://www.spokanerainbowcenter.org)

SAN –

Spokane AIDS Network

Call: (509) 455-8993 or
1-888-353-2130

[Web site: www.spokaneAIDSnetwork.org](http://www.spokaneAIDSnetwork.org)

Spokane County Domestic Violence Consortium

A private, nonprofit organization with members from a variety of professions who have come together to end intimate partner violence.

Call: (509) 487-6783

Spokane Falls Community College – The Alliance

GLBT and allies group to provide a safe space; to educate our community.

Call: (509) 533-4507

Spokane Human Rights Commission

Call: Equity Office: (509) 625-6263

Spokane Regional Health District

Providing health services and referrals for the public. HIV testing.

Call: (509) 324-1542 or
1-800-456-3236

[Web site: www.spokanecounty.org.health](http://www.spokanecounty.org.health)

Stonewall News Northwest

Flagship publication for the gay and lesbian community and the Inland Northwest.

Call: (509) 456-8011

Fax: (509) 455-7013

[Web site: www.stonewallnews.net](http://www.stonewallnews.net)

Spokane Gender Center

Resources and support for transgendered people.

[Web site: www.gendercenter.com](http://www.gendercenter.com)

Unitarian Universalist Church

Gay, lesbian resource committee.

Call: (509) 325-6383

[Web site: www.uuchurchofspokane.org](http://www.uuchurchofspokane.org)

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery

Call: 535-3155

[Web site: www.vanessabehan.org](http://www.vanessabehan.org)

Women and Friends

Women-only activities and events in the Spokane area.

Call: (509) 458-4709

Women's Cultural Exchange

Promoting arts and entertainment events by women, for women.

Write: P.O. Box 4795,
Spokane, WA 99202

IDAHO

Idaho for Basic Rights

Citizen action group to work for civil and legal equality on basis of sexual orientation.

Call: (208) 343-7402

NIAC –

North Idaho AIDS Coalition

HIV/AIDS prevention, education and assistance for people infected/affected with HIV.

Call: (208) 665-1448

[Web site: www.nicon.org/niac](http://www.nicon.org/niac)

North Idaho College

Gay-Straight Alliance

Email: BCHARDISON@icehouse.net

Panhandle Health District

STD/HIV testing, condoms, and other methods of birth control, physical exams, shots, cancer screening, resource nurse voucher program, referrals to area resources and education. All services are confidential.

- Kootenai County

Call: (208) 667-3481

- Boundary County

Call: (208) 267-5558

- Shoshone County

Call: (208) 786-7474

- Bonner County

Call: (208) 263-5159

- Benewah County

Call: (208) 245-4556

[Web site: www2.stateid.us/phd1](http://www2.stateid.us/phd1)

PFLAG - Sandpoint – Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Support, education and advocacy group for Sandpoint gay people, parents, family and friends.

Call: (208) 263-6699

LEWISTON/CLARKSTON

PFLAG - Lewis-Clark – Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Support, education and advocacy group for Lewis-Clark gay people, parents, family and friends. Meets in Lewiston.

Call: (509) 758-6437

Stonewall Health Project

Great times and group discussions relating to men's issues.

Call: (800) 493-8367

MOSES LAKE

AACW – Alternative Alliance of Central Washington

A social and support group to help bring together people in the GLBT community.

Write: P.O. Box 1282,
Moses Lake, WA 98837

PULLMAN / MOSCOW

Washington State University GLBA Program

Fun, fellowship and socializing.

Call: (509) 335-6428

[Web site: http://cubwsu.edu/GLBAP](http://cubwsu.edu/GLBAP)

Out There

Safer-sex information and supportive programs for young men who have sex with men.

Call: Melinda: (509) 335-6428

University of Idaho Gay-Straight Alliance

Promoting a fabulous, positive and inclusive environment for all people on campus and encouraging individual growth and understanding by developing outreach programs, improving visibility and recognition of queer issues and history.

Call: (208) 885-2691

TRI-CITIES

Benton-Franklin District Health Department

Confidential and anonymous HIV testing, case management, educational and referral services.

Call: (Pasco) (509) 547-9737, ext. 234
Confidential voice mail also.

River of Life

Christian church celebrating diversity and affirming GLBT people. Sunday services at 11:30 a.m.

Call: (509) 542-8860

Tri-Cities Chaplaincy / Tri-Cities CARES

Columbia AIDS relief, education and support. Survivor support group and HIV/PWA support group.

Call: (509) 783-7416

WALLA WALLA

Blue Mountain Heart to Heart

AIDS prevention education, support and services.

Call: (509) 529-4744

Toll Free: (888) 875-2233 (pin #4744)

Spanish: (509) 529-2174

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship

Call: (509) 525-0202

YAKIMA

PFLAG - Yakima/Yakima Valley Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Promotes the health and well-being of GLBT individuals, their families and friends.

Call: (509) 576-9625

Rainbow Cathedral

Metropolitan Community Church

An MCC Seattle parish extension.

Call: (509) 457-6454

MONTANA

Flathead Valley Alliance

Northwest Montana information and referral services.

Call: (406) 758-6707

Gay Helena

Web site features gay social life in Montana: www.gayinhelena.com.

Lesbian Avengers

A direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival and visibility.

Call: (406) 523-6608

Our Montana Family

Supporting Montana's GLBT parents and their children.

E-mail: barbatpride@aol.com

PRIDE!

Statewide lesbian/gay/trans civil rights advocacy group.

Call: (406) 442-9322

or, in Montana: (800) 610-9322

PRIDE Celebration

Group in charge of annual Montana June PRIDE celebrations.

Call: (406) 442-9322

The Rainbow Connection

Gay group for Billings and Eastern Montana meets monthly.

[Web site: www.rainbowconnection-montana.com](http://www.rainbowconnection-montana.com).

WASHINGTON

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.**

5:30 pm: **PEER TO PEER SUPPORT GROUP** meets at **Rainbow 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.)

1

Thursday

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane's Emperor and Empress candidate open forum** will be held at **Dempseys** at 7:30 pm.

2

Friday

The **Rainbow Center** features local gay artist **Richard Craven** at its **First Fridays** reception at 5 pm.

Quest Youth Group meets at **River Park Square** for **Food & Flicks!** at 6 pm. Open to all GLBTQ youth 18-25 and their allied friends.

The **Legal Marriage Alliance** meets at the **Rainbow Center** at 7 pm.

3

Saturday

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane's Empress and Emperors** will present a show to benefit its general fund at **Dempseys** at 8 pm; lineup at 7 pm.

Comedian **Richard Jeni** appears at **Northern Quest Casino** in Airway Heights at 8 pm.

5

Monday

Labor Day

6

Tuesday

INWE (Inland Northwest Equality) meets at the **Rainbow Center** at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

7

Wednesday

The **Gay and Lesbian Book Group** meets at **Auntie's Bookstore** at 7 pm.

Spokane's entertainment and meeting calendar for September

September 2005

Birthstone: Sapphire

Flower: Aster

Astrological Guide: Virgo to the 22nd; Libra from Sept. 23.

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Friday

The **Rainbow Center's** featured film for its **Movie Night** will be **The Hanging Garden** at 6 pm. Free

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane's** Empress and Emperors will hold a **scholarship fundraiser show** at **Dempseys** at 8 pm; lineup at 7 pm.

10

Saturday

Integrity, an association of gay and lesbian Christians meets at **St. Johns Cathedral** at noon.

Rock 'n Roll band **38 Special** appears at **Northern Quest Casino** in Airway Heights at 8 pm.

17

Saturday

The **Monroe St. Bridge** opens this weekend with two days of celebration on the bridge starting at 11 am. Free

Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church invites the GLBTQ community and supportive friends and family to a **community barbecue, picnic and potluck** at **Coeur d'Alene Park** in Browne's Addition from 1-4 pm.

The **Rainbow Center** hosts **Spokane Words of Resistance Poetry Slam**. Individuals will share written words, poetry and thoughts on the continued occupation of the Middle East. Potluck provided. Brought to you by **Action Northwest**. 7 pm. Free

The **Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane** presents **Triple Diva Deluxe** at the church at 8 pm. \$10, \$8 S/s



Perchance to Dream is one of several works by local gay artist Richard Craven on exhibit at the Rainbow Center.

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Sunday

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** will hold a **board meeting** at **Dempseys** at 6:30 pm followed by a **general court meeting** at 7:30 pm.

14

Wednesday

The **Inland Northwest Business Alliance's** monthly luncheon will feature **Margaret Mount**, Planned Parenthood's new Education Director at **Europa Pizzeria & Bakery** at 11:30 am. \$15 and \$18

16

Friday

The **Rainbow Center's** featured film for its **Movie Night** will be **Lesbionage** at 6 pm. Free

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Sunday

The **Spokane Lesbian Association** meets at the **Rainbow Center** at 11 am for games, movies, activities and social time. Public is invited.

Friends of SAN presents **Gay Bingo!** at **Dempseys** starting at 5 pm.

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Tuesday

Primary Elections
The **Rainbow Center** presents **Anime Night**. **Princess Tutu** and **Revolutionary Girl** are the featured films starting at 6 pm. Free

PFLAG-Spokane (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will hold its **monthly meeting** at **Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane** at 7 pm.

22

Thursday

First day of Autumn

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane's** Gay Spokane's will host a **jello wrestling contest** for its scholarship fund on the upper floor of **Dempseys** at 7 pm.

23

Friday

The **Rainbow Center's** featured film for its **Movie Night** will be **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** at 6 pm. Free

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Saturday

The **Campaign to End AIDS** caravan will be in Spokane this weekend. Rally participants will gather at **Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane** at 5:15 p.m.

Voting for **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane's** Emperor and Empress candidates will be held from noon to midnight. Location will be announced after the board meeting on Sept. 11.

A **candidate show** will be held at **Dempseys** at 8 pm.

Country singer **Sammy Kershaw** appears at **Northern Quest Casino** in Airway Heights at 8 pm.

27

Tuesday

CenterStage Theatre will feature **2 Girls in Love** at its **Pride & Joy Movie Night**. Social at 6 pm; film at 7:30. \$5

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Thursday

Spokane County Ryan White CARE Consortium will hold a **Town Hall and Open Forum** meeting at the **Deaconess Health and Education Building**, 910 W. 5th Ave., located just west of Deaconess Hospital from 4-6:30 pm. RSVP to Mark Garrett at Spokane AIDS Network (509) 455-8993 ext. 221 or e-mail: markg@san-nw.org.

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** will hold its **Awards Dinner** and **In-Town Show** at **Dempseys** starting at 7 pm.

30

Friday

The **Rainbow Center's** featured film for its **Movie Night** will be **Man of the Year** at 6 pm. Free

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** will hold its **Out-of-Town Show** at the **Mirabeau Park Hotel** at 9 pm. \$10 at the door.

October 1

Saturday

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** presents **Coronation 2005** at the **Mirabeau Park Hotel**. **Hospitality** from noon to 3 pm; **Protocol** from noon to 2 pm; **Coronation** at 6:30 pm; doors open at 5:30 pm. \$30

October 2

Sunday

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** will hold a **Victory Brunch** at the **Mirabeau Park Hotel** at noon. \$15

We'd love to include your organization's events in this Calendar!

Please visit the GLBTQA Calendar at www.stonewallnews.net. Your organization can request its own username and password to post your events!

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All events are 18 years and older unless specified.

(COMEDIAN)



RICHARD JENI
September 3rd 8:00PM

September 10th
8:00PM

(ROCK "N" ROLL)



38 SPECIAL



Sammy Kershaw
September 24th 8:00PM

(COUNTRY)

**MADAME
& Jerry Halliday**
October 7th 8:00PM



(ADULT
COMEDY)



KANSAS
October 8th 8:00PM
(ROCK "N" ROLL)

Air Supply

October 21st 8:00PM

(CONTEMPORARY)



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GLENN MILLER
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October 27th & 28th 7:00PM

BB KING

October 29th 8:00PM

(KING OF BLUES)



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