

Where the Journey Began...

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Fly your Flags on Fridays!

Next Quarterly Forum takes shape

"GLBTQ Youth: Choices and Challenges in 2006 and Beyond" is the topic for the third quarterly GLBTQA Community Forum, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 4, at CenterStage, 1017 W. First Ave. in downtown Spokane.

The program, co-sponsored by Stonewall News Northwest and Odyssey Youth Center, will be formatted like previous Community Forums, opening with a panel discussion followed by a question-and-answer session.

Prospective panelists include representatives from Odyssey Youth Center and Quest Youth Group, educators, a youth advocate and a mental health professional. Ramon Alvarez, OYC's executive director, will moderate the event.

Should a date or site change be necessary, full details will be available on the Stonewall Web site, www.stonewallnews.net.

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Washington & N.J. Gay Couples Enduring 'Excruciating' Wait For Marriage Rulings

by Doreen Brandt, 365gay.com

As the nation waits to see which state becomes the second to legalize same-sex marriage for gay and lesbian couples in the states of New Jersey and Washington the wait is unbearable.

"The tuxes are in the closet and our wedding bands are in a box in the bureau," said Jeff Smyth. "They've been there for more than a year and we have no idea when we can have our wedding."

For Smyth and his partner Bob the garment bags holding the white tuxedos have become a symbol of the thirteen months since arguments for marriage equality were made before the Washington State Supreme Court.

Arguments challenging the state's ban on same-sex marriage were made before the Washington Supreme Court last March.

The case involves eight same-sex couples who were denied marriage licenses in King County in 2004.

That August, King County Superior Court Judge William Downing said that the Washington State Constitution guarantees basic rights to lesbian and gay people - and that those rights are violated by a state law prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying.

Downing's ruling went on to say that the couples must be given marriage licenses.

One month later, a court in Thurston County ruled similarly.

Legal experts say the court could rule in any of three ways: It could declare DOMA unconstitutional and grant same-sex couples the same rights as heterosexuals, uphold DOMA, or ask the Legislature to resolve the issue.

Equal Rights Washington, the state's largest LGBT rights group, says it expects if the suit is successful gay and lesbian couples could immediately apply for licenses.

Speculation is rife as to why the court is taking so long to rule. Some point to November when two justices are up for re-election. Others suggest the court doesn't want to make Washington only the second state to legalize gay marriage. Still others believe the court is deeply divided between the three possibilities.

But recent rulings by the court indicate that a year-long wait is not uncommon for the court. Over the past month it has handed down several rulings in which arguments were heard last year.

The Supreme Court of New Jersey is likely not to take so long. It has a history of ruling within several months of hearing arguments. In addition the Chief Justice is slated to retire this fall and it is widely believed she wants to be involved in the ruling.

Arguments in New Jersey were heard in February.

The justices peppered attorneys on both sides of the argument about the

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DOMA WATCH!

No one knows when the State Supreme Court will rule in the case that could make Washington the next Massachusetts. Regardless of outcome, Inland Northwest Equality and affiliated organizations will rally in front of the Federal Courthouse, 920 W. Riverside Ave., Spokane, at 5 p.m. that day. Contact Krista Benson, PJALS/INWE coordinator, if you have a compelling desire to speak at the event.

To check the status of *Castle & Anderson vs. the State of Washington*, go to: www.courts.wa.gov/opinions/?fa=opinions.notice.

Pride 2006 is heating up!

A community service announcement:

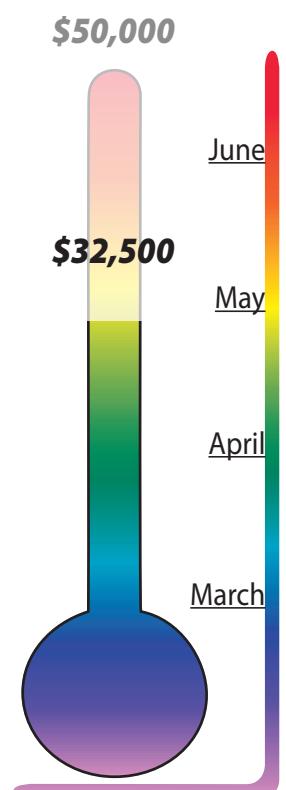
So many interesting and fun ideas have come to fruition that we had to cram some of them into the last two weeks of May! As you can see from the OutSpokane graph on the right, the goal is getting closer, making Pride 2006, our 15th anniversary, the biggest and most exciting array of events we have ever had.

"Will & Grace" are leaving the airwaves and, love 'em or hate 'em, this is our chance to party while they give us their farewell performance. OutSpokane is holding a fundraiser 'Farewell to Will & Grace party' at Dempsey's where three dollars will get you some appetizers and an evening of nostalgia and hilarity with Jack and Karen - C'mon we all know they are the REAL stars of the show. They represent the worst and funniest GLBTQ traits with style and panache.

Party with Pride will be happening on May 20. Our famed Giant Ass Drum Corps and OutSpokane are throwing a dance for ALL GLBTQA at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane. Tickets are only \$10 and the DJ will be playing the hottest tunes.

For the campiest of camp and a chance to renew your cache of plastic containers, don't miss Dixie's Tupperware™ Party! at UUCS on May 30, 2006. This gal has a gimmick and she knows how to work it! Tickets are \$15 dollars for the premiere of her new off-Broadway show. Bring your friends and family, but remember, "This is NOT your grandma's Tupperware™ lady!" You will never see plastic kitchen utensils quite the same way again. Proceeds go to OutSpokane.

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Voices

An Open Letter to Our GLBTQ Community From the Rainbow Regional Community Center Board of Directors

On April 17, the newly-elected board of directors of the Rainbow Regional Community Center tabled the vote which would have suspended the operations of the Center at its West 2nd Avenue location. Because a community advisory committee had recommended suspension, and because the previous board had agreed to abide by the committee's recommendations, it seemed as if the fate of the Center was written in stone. So why table the vote? Especially when the building is for sale and it is inevitable that we will be forced to move in the near future?

Well, thanks to our passionate volunteers, services have continued even through these dire financial straits and board transitions. Through their efforts, by holding garage sales, selling merchandise, and holding benefits, the doors have remained open for those in need of GLBTQ resources and meeting space. And, several donors have come forward to pay the bills as long as we are in the 2nd Ave. location. So we are basically living there for free, thanks to those of you who have taken on some of the financial responsibility to keep the doors open. All this, in combination with some income from other sources, has helped us to pause and take a breath.

That night, as the board members went around the room and shared how we were feeling, all of us had one common thought: we are not ready to shut the doors based on what has been written up to this point. We all feel we need to get in there and get our hands dirty. We realize the challenge is great, and there are many obstacles to overcome, namely, the lack of a good cushion (6-8 months) of operating income.

So for now, we are looking at our immediate future—devising an exit strategy, continuing to raise money through donations and fundraisers, exploring grant opportunities, and working on a strategic business plan. There is still the chance that the Center may go dark for some time when we are forced to move. But the Center itself is not tied to this present address; it will survive long after someone converts that old building into upscale condos and retail space.

We hope you will be patient with us through this yet to be written chapter of the Center. Where will we end up? Take our hand and join us on this exciting journey!

Sincerely,

Cat, Edbera, Ginny, John and Kim

For more information, contact Cat at catcarrel@spokanerainbowcenter.org.

Letters

Editorial by Pride Foundation Executive Director Audrey Haberman

In this time of intense fear-mongering about people who seem different, I was inspired to see thousands of people take to the streets demanding to be treated fairly during the Northwest's recent immigrants right marches. The signs carried by the marchers, "We are not criminals" "Equality for my family" "I am a taxpayer" are similar to those carried every year in marches for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality.

The similarities between our struggles as LGBT people and immigrants abound. We know what it is like to be afraid for the security of our families because we are treated unequally under the law. We suffer from misperceptions about who we are and how we contribute to our society. And both immigrants and LGBT folks know what it feels like to be used as a scapegoat for our country's problems and as a means to turn out ultra-conservative voters.

Immigrant rights and LGBT rights are not separate issues. In fact, the LGBT movement needs to recognize immigration policies as an LGBT issue, not least because there are, of course, LGBT immigrants and their loved ones. The 2000 census revealed that there are over 100,000 Latino/a same-sex couples in the United States. In these couples, as many as 50,000 were born outside the US. And many US-born LGBT people

are needlessly separated from their life partners due to discriminatory visa policies that don't recognize their relationships.

As I celebrated Passover, the Jewish celebration of freedom and liberation, I was again reminded of the pertinence of seeing similarities in movements, and the necessity of being an ally. Every movement in our history has a story to tell of the desire to live in a land where people are treated fairly, and the many allies who stood up to make that possible. I am reminded how only together will we overcome hatred and bigotry.

I encourage all of those who believe in equality to join with immigrants as they publicly stand up for their inclusion in our country. Those of us who know what it is like to be excluded due to fear and ignorance have an obligation to stand up for each other, and speak out for justice everywhere. Together we can transform our neighbors' fears into voices of compassion and respect.



Audrey Haberman is the Executive Director of the Pride Foundation. Pride Foundation funds organizations working in pursuit of equality for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. More information on Pride Foundation can be found at PrideFoundation.org.

Stand up and be heard!

by Rob Chandler

DAVENPORT - We were able to change a political campaign speech just by showing up and being noticed.

My partner Gerry and I live in Harrington, Wash., an hour west of Spokane in very conservative Republican territory.

We attempted to influence our three state legislators about the need for passage of the Anderson-Murray Anti-Discrimination Bill, HB 2661.

After attending the Jan. 23 Equality Day Rally on the steps of the State Capitol, we visited our three Republican legislators to personally voice our concern for the legislation.

We met and talked with the two state representatives, but when we attempted to meet State Senator Bob Morton (R-Orient), we were ushered into a small office for a conference with his legislative assistant. We received no more than hollow pleasantries on a commitment for our civil rights. We suspected Morton was working in the adjoining office, but he never greeted us.

When we returned home, we continued our mission by sending several e-mails to each of the legislators.

Morton wrote back and stated he was simply opposed to any "special rights" for gays.

We responded and invited Morton to our home for a "gourmet meal" so that he could meet and become acquainted with a gay couple. We would extend our hospitality to him and politely share our insights on gay issues. I also pointed out that his alma mater, tiny Alfred University in upstate New York, prided itself on its commitment to diversity. Hadn't any of that rubbed off on him?

Morton e-mailed and said any meal with us was pointless. He would not meet with us; he would never change his mind; he would never support gay rights.

State Rep. Joel Kretz (R-Wauconda) was scheduled for a Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Davenport on April 12. Gerry and I decided to attend and renew our acquaintance with him. We had a pleasant talk with Kretz when we had met in his offices on Equality Day.

Just four of us sat down at a table at the luncheon: Kretz, Gerry, me, and to our surprise, Sen. Morton. Morton had decided to appear only at the last minute.

After we had started our meal, Morton gradually realized we were the gay couple from Harrington. We

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PRIDE IS HEATING UP!

continued from the front page.

Then there is the year's 'must-see' Rainbow Awards presentation, 7 p.m. at CenterStage Theater on June 5. The Inland Northwest's finest GLBTQA citizens will get some recognition. No charge and Auntie Bijou always makes the event rock!

Friday, June 9, will be 'Patricia Nell Warren Day' with media interviews, a youth forum for the Alliance, sponsored by Itron, and a fund-raising dinner with the author at CenterStage Theater followed by an informal community forum on Pride and other GLBTQA issues next door at the Montvale Hotel. Ms. Warren will share some enlightening insights into the workings of politics for our community.

You can expect Spokane's 2006 Pride Parade to be bigger and better than ever with more floats, interesting costumes and many more groups joining us on the slightly longer route that finishes at Riverfront Park.

The Rainbow Festival is adding a second stage for entertainment geared toward children along with the Giant Bouncy Toys everyone enjoyed last year, courtesy of Quest Youth Group. New faces and live entertainment will abound, with hours extended from noon to 6 p.m. The 'Karaoke Battle of the Bars' finalists from The Merq and Dempsey's have their

final 'sing-off' on the main stage for a thumbs up or thumbs down from the festival audience and we can all find out what the final winner will receive.

A mass marriage ceremony will be held as well, the third consecutive year for this popular festival feature. Live music and entertainers and dignitaries' speeches will be interspersed with a DJ spinning tunes to round out our day of celebrating Pride.

After the day's festivities, you can plan on a hot night with the 8:30 p.m. appearance of the always funny Margaret Cho at Northern Quest Casino, presented by OutSpokane, and lots of sizzling excitement planned at both bars. For those who do not go to bars, there will be a Midnight Movie especially for you at the Garland Theater on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Three weeks of festivities will culminate on June 17 with the second of the Double Fruit Floats - The Dinner Cruise, which will embark from Templin's Resort in Post Falls at 6 p.m.

More detailed information is available and many more events are planned, so check for the latest updates on the ever-changing schedule at www.OutSpokane.com.

Pride 2006

Join the Journey-Come Out Spokane!

May 18 • Will & Grace Farewell

Pride Fundraiser, Dempsey's, 7:30 pm

May 20 • Party with Pride Dance, UUCS, 8 pm
OutSpokane & Giant Ass Drum Corps

May 30 • Dixie Longate previews her off-Broadway show, **Dixie's Tupperware Party** at Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane, 7 pm



June 1

- Juried art show: **Visualization of Equality**, RRCC
- **Gay Spokane Awards Dinner**, ISCS, 7 pm

June 2

- **Gay Spokane In Town/Out of Town Show**, ISCS, 7 pm



June 3

- **Double Fruit Float Cruise #1**
5:30 boarding, cruise 6-8 pm

June 4

- **Gay Spokane Victory Brunch**: ISCS, 12 noon

- **Gay Spokane Pageant**, ISCS, 5 pm

June 5

- **Rainbow Awards**, Centerstage, Pride Foundation/Inland Northwest, 7 pm

June 6

- **Transgender S. Bear Bergman Community Forum**, the Alliance, 7 pm

June 7

- **Transgender S. Bear Bergman Performance**, the Alliance, 7 pm

June 9

- **Patricia Nell Warren Youth Forum** (lunch)
- **Patricia Nell Warren Fundraising Dinner & Community Forum**
- **One Night Stand (for Pride) GLBTQ Film Festival**
- **Garland Midnight Movie - To Be Announced**

June 10

- **PFLAG Mom & Pop b'kfst** 9 am
- **Pride Parade at 12 noon**
- **Rainbow Festival 12-6 pm**
- OutSpokane presents **Margaret Cho at Northern Quest Casino, 8:30 pm**
- **Garland Midnight Movie**

- **Kid's Stage Entertainment Games, Bouncy Toys!**
- **Business, Service & Educational booths**
- **Live Entertainment**
- **Beer & Wine Garden**
- **Contests & Give-aways**
- **Silent Auction**



June 11

- **UUSC Pride Service**
- **Patricia Nell Warren Book Signing** at Aunties

June 17

- **OWLS Picnic/BBQ**, Mission Park, 12 noon
- **Double Fruit Float Dinner Cruise**, EMCC, leaving from Templin's Resort in Post Falls, 6 pm



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Spokane's Dempsey's Stands Up Again!

by Randy Rodriguez

On April 23, Dempsey's Brass Rail opened up their stage to a new venue for the GLBTQ in the Inland North-

west. On Sunday, Skyler Chance hosted an hysterical evening with comedians Nate Jackson, Vaughn Eaglebear, and Ken Comb headlining in the first Stand Up Comedy Night. These comedians wrote the entire performance directed specifically towards the GLBTQ audience and only used so-called 'straight' comedy as a reference

to make the GLBTQ comedy more humorous. Unlike most comedians who play to everyone present and a few individuals, these comics singled out and entertained each individual group within the community, as well



Skyler Chance, Master of Ceremony

as the entire GLBTQ community as a whole. At one point during the laugh-a-minute evening, a straight comedian began taking off his clothes and the audience proffered dollar bills as a reward.

Dempsey's Brass Rail has invited other comedians for a performance on May 21 at 8:30 p.m. On a scale of one to five, the comedians and Dempsey's staff easily earned a five, so get there early and join in on another night of fun, laughter, friendship and maybe even make some new acquaintances.

Please note Dempsey's new website address:

www.dempseysbrassrail.net

INBA "Outs" 2006-2007 Gay Community Resource Directory

The Inland Northwest Business Alliance (INBA) has published its 11th annual Community Resource Directory. The guide to Spokane area gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied (GLBTA) businesses and professionals will be released at a celebratory "outing" event to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, hosted by Northern Quest Casino in Airway Heights.

The 2006-2007 edition features 100 listings in 49 categories from Accountants to Web Site services. A list of other GLBTA business organizations nationwide is also included.

"Each year I'm glad to see more and more advertising support from

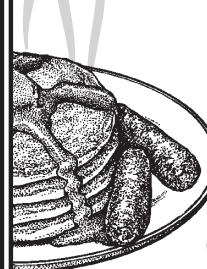
our straight ally businesses," said INBA board member and directory manager Marvin Reguindin.

Used by the local gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied community, the guide is also requested by visitors and those planning to relocate to Spokane and surrounding areas. The publication is distributed throughout the Northwest and to other West Coast organizations affiliated with the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about the directory, contact Reguindin at (509) 747-4930. To learn more about INBA, go to www.inbaspokane.org.

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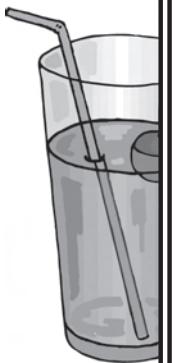
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New Odyssey Youth Kitchen Facilities

- Please stay tuned for a community open house this summer.
- Odyssey Youth will now enjoy more space, updated amenities and a safer, healthier environment in which to gather.
- The new facility is located at 1121 S. Perry, Spokane, WA.
- Odyssey Youth Center and its programs are open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied youth from age 14 to 21.

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Garage Sale nets \$638 for Rainbow Center

A good time was had by all at the Rainbow Center's garage sale on April 22. Kudos to adult volunteers April and Barb, Barb, Donna, Drew, Joe, Kris, Michelle, Paige, Sharon, Timothy, Tom, and Tracey, junior volunteers Jessica, Amanda and Michelle, and board members Cat, Edbera, Ginny, and Kim, who all helped make this fundraiser a success.

"The final tally was \$637.99!" exclaimed Cat Carrel, "Thanks to everyone who planned, moved, executed, staffed, purchased, and helped clean up. Additional thanks to the Bethany Presbyterian Church for the location, and finally, thank you to our generous donors who brought us such great stuff to sell! Thank you -- you're awesome!"

Additional fundraisers to benefit the Rainbow Center are planned. Please consult the Rainbow Center website at www.spokanerainbowcenter.org or Stonewall News Northwest website Calendar at www.stonewallnews.net for details.



Reindeer antlers adorn Rainbow Center Board Member, Cat Carrel, as she gestures to a wide array of donated items for sale.

Friends of SAN Palm Sunday Brunch raises over \$1,000 for SAN

by C. Moss, Friends of SAN

"The Bomb" was one diners comment about the Friends of the Spokane AIDS Networks annual Palm Sunday Brunch held at Dempsey's Brass Rail. The 75lb chocolate basket raffle, live entertainment from Ken Paige, and the wide array of food like; eggs benedict, breakfast meats, rare top sirloin, waffles, biscuits and sausage gravy, duck breasts, 7 different kinds of salads, fresh fruits and so much more made for the best brunch in town.

This event raised over \$1000.00 and helps the Friends of SAN fulfill their mission "To support the Spokane AIDS Network and other HIV/AIDS related causes with contributions of funding and services." Friends of SAN this year alone have contributed a new freezer for SAN's Supplemental Food Program and a portable printer to the Treatment Adherence program.

This event would not have been possible without the generous contributions from: Sonnenberg's Market and Deli, URM Cash and Carry, Dempsey's Brass Rail and the board members of the Friends of SAN.

The Friends of SAN would like to

invite you to keep a look out for upcoming events like Bingo 4 x per year and the "Two-Bit Auction" in November. Thanks to all!

Friday Night OUT! Changes Venue

Friday Night OUT! (FNO) will be taking a break for the month of May, but will kick off Pride Week with a patio party at the Merq on June 2nd from 8 to 10 PM.

"At 9:30 DJ Vik Vegas will spin some dance tunes for us so come to the all inclusive GLBTQA social hour!" states Jim Jones, FNO founder.

The Merq is on North Monroe just past the Monroe Street Bridge.

FNO is a mixer for GLBTQ and allies in our community to socialize and build the community.

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A Change Is As Good As A Breast

by Joan Opyr

What's less fun than a mammogram? A poke in the eye with a sharp stick, of course, but try thinking breast. Fix a D-cup firmly in your mind and fill it with a handful of something firm and fleshy, something you've come to think of as, if not your friend, then as one of the many means by which you might make friends. Lots of friends. Happy friends, satisfied friends, grateful friends.

I'm a lesbian. I like breasts. I always have. Breasts are like the folks you meet in a bar in Butte on St. Patrick's Day, singing Irish songs and drinking green beer – they're a lot of fun once you get to know them.

Boobs, knockers, tits, and headlights – I'm certainly a feminist, but I've never insisted upon clinical terms for body parts, not in a non-clinical setting. If I wanted to use words like "vulva," I'd buy a Swedish car or date a gynecologist. In an intimate setting, I prefer euphemism. It feels more . . . friendly.

There is nothing friendly about a mammogram. There is nothing nice about snuggling up to a cold hard machine and having your breast flattened like a pancake and x-rayed or whatever it is that they do to the poor thing – press it into chicken picatta and pop into a radioactive toaster. And then there's the dreaded "inconclusive" mammogram. I just had one of those, followed by an inconclusive ultrasound, then an iffy Breast Specific Gamma Imaging (BSGI), and, last but not least, an ultrasound-guided needle biopsy.

It all turned out to be nothing: a fibroid adenoma. A benign (but rather painful) lump. It's hard to like breasts when they start acting up. It's hard not to find yourself thinking, "Okay, they're just bags of milk ducts and fat – milk ducts and fat that might kill you." And then you remember all of the things that you don't like about your breasts. In my case, they get in the way of my softball swing. Once upon a time, I was a power hitter who batted clean up, but things were never the same after 1983, when puberty finally hit. I was sixteen, nearly seventeen, and fancied I'd be an A-cup for the rest of my life. I was resigned to my fate. In fact, I was happy. Even today, given my druthers, I'd rather be an A-cup and knock the ball out of the park, than a D-cup who only hits line drives.

And now, at 39, I learn that these

things, these breasts, are dangerous. I knew the statistics. One in seven women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. I also knew that there was a slightly higher incidence of breast cancer among lesbians than straight women, but as there's also a higher incidence among regular churchgoers, it seemed to me that, karma-wise, it all evened out. I'm a lesbian, but I don't go to church. Make of that what you will.

Early detection is the key to surviving breast cancer. Regular annual mammograms are essential, beginning at age 40 – earlier if you have a family history of the disease. I won't lie and say that a mammogram is easy; it isn't. It's miserably uncomfortable. It's cold, and it's frightening. So is the bathroom on a cold winter's night. Go anyway.

Even worse than a mammogram is a BSGI. The BSGI is a good thing because it can detect much smaller tumors than a mammogram, but it's damned uncomfortable. Oh, the BSGI brochure will lie and tell you that this is a "non-compression procedure," and that it's actually more comfortable than a mammogram because the patient is seated during the entire process. You're seated all right. You know why? Because Homer Simpson, the radiology technician, injects you with a radioactive isotope. Then Marge, another tech, clamps your boob into a vice. You sit for five minutes per imaging – in my case a grand total of twenty-five minutes – while the BSGI machine tracks the progress of the radioactive isotope through your breast tissue. What are Homer and Marge and the isotope looking for? Not Waylon Smithers and Mr. Burns; they're looking for an excess of mitochondrial activity, which might or might not indicate a carcinoma. If they find this excess in some particular lump or another, then it's off for a biopsy.

I won't describe the biopsy. I'll just say needle plus breast plus six plugs of



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OUT! In the Middle of Nowhere

Family Values OUT on the Prairie

by Tim Anderson

The accident was any rancher's worst nightmare-A disabling fall. On December 18, as Saskatchewan gay cattle rancher Clayton Kormos repaired an auger under icy conditions, he slipped off a ladder.

Crashing to the ground, he lay screaming until his partner Larry heard his calls for help and came running to assist. Visiting from Regina, Larry was loading up his kids to head home when the accident happened.

After stabilizing Clayton, Larry drove several hours back to Regina, dropped the kids off with their mother, and returned to the ranch. Arriving back at Clayton's house, Larry found his partner in bed unable to move. As Clayton laid in agony, the pair attempted numerous times to get Clayton up. Finally, Larry managed to transport an exhausted Clayton to the hospital. The diagnosis: Clayton had broken both the first and third vertebrae in his fall. The rancher was in for a long, painful period of recovery.

Western lore recounts continual tales of farmers who've experienced horrific farming accidents. Usually in these circumstances, extended family steps up to keep things on the farm operational. In Clayton's case, with his partner living over a hundred miles away in Regina, Clayton residing alone on his cow-calf operation, and living twenty miles from the nearest town (Yorkton, Sask), the complications he faced resulting from his fall seemed overwhelming. Clayton was still regaining ground from one of the most devastating events in Canadian agricultural history-the mad cow scare and the resulting plunge in beef prices. The accident couldn't have come at a worse time.

"You've got all these dependents that still need to be cared for- no matter how you feel", offered Clayton. "After the accident I felt pretty bad. Plus I was worried- I mean really scared and I felt totally helpless."

By dependents Clayton referred to 90 cow-calf pairs, 16 heifers, 13 horses, 3 bulls, 3 dogs, and a goat. The numerous cats populating the ranch don't count because as Clayton adds, "They're barn cats. They take care of themselves."

The amount of chores and experience required to work with livestock wasn't lost on Clayton as he began mending. Much to his surprise, his brother and a neighbor arrived daily and took care of everything. Numerous other neighbors stood in the background, volunteering their help to ensure that life on Clayton's

ranch didn't suffer.

After attempting a premature return to work in January, working half days as a provincial Livestock/Brand Inspector,



Clayton learned another lesson in patience: His doctor, after learning of Clayton's premature return to work, put an end to his half day status- Clayton was sidelined for several additional weeks of rest, recuperation and rehabilitation.

Clayton's cows began calving on February 1st, just six weeks after his accident. The potential physical challenges calving presented, especially considering notorious Saskatchewan winter weather conditions, concerned Clayton. Luckily Mother Nature provided one of the mildest February's on record. "Calving went well for the most part. Thank God I didn't have to pull but two of them. Larry was here weekends and really came through the first week I went back to work full time. Larry spent that whole week here. I'd come home sore and exhausted and everything would be done-The chores, cleaning, feeding, everything. Larry did a lot of the night cow checks as well."

Although Clayton says it felt better to move around than lay in bed doing nothing, the independent rancher had an awakening: The length to which he was dependent on others-his partner, family, and neighbors. Through the entire experience Larry was treated like a family member and their relationship was a non-issue. "The biggest surprise was knowing that when you can't do it on your own- everyone comes together and gets it done."

Now spring is blooming on the prairie and the last of the winter squalls are moving through the area. Life is getting back to normal on the ranch. Calving is almost done, Clayton is almost healed, and recently bought a new quad four wheeler. "It's good around the farm and the boys really like it. Plus, it gives them something to do-rather than watching TV all the time."

A writer, horseman, truck driver, and graduate of Seattle Pacific University and Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle, Tim is the president of the Gay Truckers Association. For more in-depth information about him, visit www.highmountainranch.com, which won Web site of the Year from www.roadstaronline.com.

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Where the Journey Began

There is more to Gay Pride than just an annual celebration.
Pride is a time of activism, coming out, and the creation of a place for GLBTQ community in society.

Part 1 of a 2 part series

by Jim Jones

Gays have existed since the beginning of recorded history (and presumably before). Roughly four thousand years ago, ancient Egyptians recorded the first intimate embrace between two men, Niankhkhnun and Khnumhotep who, coincidentally, were ancient Egyptian hairdressers.¹ Fast forward four thousand years to the near future and the OutSpokane "Join the Journey – Come OUT Spokane" pride parade and festival scheduled for June 10th. Why should we celebrate a "pride" festival? Is it just because once a year we all like to get together and throw a spectacular party in downtown Spokane? Why should we have pride in our community at all, much less celebrate it?

For the answer, we have to go back in time to the year 1948, just a few years after the end of World War II. There is a myth that the Stonewall riots of 1969 are what sparked the gay revolution, this is not true; the riots were a significant point in gay liberation, however, it is important to understand the groundwork that was laid prior to 1969. Gay rights did not just spontaneously come about as a result of the Stonewall Rebellion. There were pioneers such as Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, Harry Hay and Rudi Gernreich, who, with their courage and vision, laid the ground work for future generations. These are the individuals whose contributions have led to the rights and freedoms that we, as gays and lesbians, experience today. We celebrate pride in June in honor of our brothers and sisters in New York who died for our civil rights in June of 1969 at The Stonewall Inn and to remind us that their sacrifice, their deaths, have helped to bring about social and cultural change that empowers us to be out and proud of our orientation, be that homosexual, bisexual, transgender, or heterosexual. We celebrate pride in remembrance of all who have fought the battle in the past and as a reminder that our journey to freedom and acceptance is far from over.

In order for us to understand the Stonewall riots, it is important to understand the atmosphere and events that lead up to June 1969. While the gay rights movement began long before America became a nation, the most significant progress was made during the period after World War II. This period was a difficult time for our nation, women, who worked in factories across the land building tanks, airplanes, and war ammunitions, were suddenly expected to go back to being housewives and mothers. In order to slow down, lose their independence, and return to the daily tasks of home making, many women turned to drugs to dull their senses, Valium and Alcohol use was typical for the housewife of the late 1940's and early '50s.²

Home life during this time was brutally homogenous; the US Government was aggressively seeking out Communist and Homosexual subversives as risks to national security. The 1950's and Joseph McCarthy's persecution of subversives gave rise to the persecution of "perversion" in all its amorphous forms, sexual expression and gender roles were severely oppressed. Women were expected to be housewives and mothers

the idea that sexuality should be something that is regulated by the government and put forth "scientific foundations" for homosexuality as a mental disorder that aids and abets enemy efforts to infiltrate society, governments, and that homosexuals are prone to bribery, espionage, and treason. Surprisingly, in 1957 the "Wolfenden Report" from the U.K. Parliamentary Committee on Homosexuality and Prostitution refuted

the claims that homosexuality was a security risk and was the founding report for the decriminalization of homosexuality.⁴

Put yourself in this post WWII era of hatred and fear. You have deep seated attractions to a person of the same sex. You discover the word "homosexual" in the dictionary, the definition at that time was "a person who engages in sex acts with a person of the same sex, see also pervert, sodomy". If convicted of "suspicion of homosexual perversion" you would be jailed or placed in a mental institution for twenty years or the end of your life whichever came first. In the institution, you would be treated with reversion therapies such as electro shock, electrodes would be attached to your head and genitals then shocks would be administered until you were left burnt and smoldering. To cure you of homosexual perversion, you may have undergone a lobotomy, a half inch hole drilled into your skull into which a scalpel is inserted and a portion of the frontal lobe of your brain removed. There were no gay TV stars, no role models, no books, newspapers, magazines or literature on gays and lesbians, there was no place to meet people, no place to go, no support groups, and no gay bars or dance clubs. You would live your life in loneliness, isolation, and depression. You would

likely be forced to marry someone you didn't love in order to fit into the 'norms' of 1950s society and feel a false sense of social acceptance.⁵

This is why the pioneers in the homophile movement of the late '40s early '50s are that much more heroic. The first openly gay organization of the post WWII era was the Mattachine Society founded in Los Angeles by Harry Hay and Rudi Gernreich. The mission of the society was to unify, educate, and lead in order to stop the oppression of homosexuals.⁶ In an effort to reframe the language, the Mattachine Society coined the term "homophile" from the Greek "to love". Thus began the homophile movement in the history of gay liberation. The Mattachine Society published the first 'homophile' publications in order to get the message out, The Mattachine Review, and ONE Magazine.⁷ The Mattachine Society fulfilled their mission well;



Mattachine Activists circa 1958

while men were expected to work and provide for the family, these were the societal 'norms'. To appear different from the "norm" meant to be scrutinized as a potential threat to public safety and an enemy to the nation. Fear and domestic spying were used by our government to seek out any individual who was perceived as being a pervert or communist or merely outside of the 'norms'. "To be accused is to be guilty" was the common statement among a society living in fear of being accused of communism or homosexuality. The US laws against homosexuality were the worst in the world, even as we criticized East Germany for harsh laws against human rights.³ The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) stated that homosexuality was a threat to public health and morals rather than a question of personal freedom and privacy. A report from the United States Senate titled "Employment of Homosexuals and Other Sex Perverts in the U.S. Government" established

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WHERE THE JOURNEY BEGAN - PART 1
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gay organizations started forming in New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. This era of the homophile movement was the beginning of the shift in cultural attitudes towards gays and lesbians. The outspoken, often arrested members generated sympathy for the cause among liberal minded people on both coasts. The Post WWII era of the 1950s also saw a rise in lesbian-feminism and the beginning of the feminist movement in America. As a result of women and gays being outspoken and demanding equality and civil rights the social conservatives also began an opposition movement. Social conservatives, primarily made up of conservative Christian women began to organize and fight back in an effort to maintain the 1950s societal 'norms' and later gave birth to the "religious right" movement. The premise of their position was that a woman's place is in the home raising children and caring for her husband and this is the only place for women.⁸ The feminist and homophile movements of the time threatened the very foundation of their vision of America and American families.

While the Mattachine Society was primarily created and populated by gay men, lesbians were not to be left out of the equation. In September of 1955 in San Francisco the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) was founded by Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon to address the special needs of lesbians.⁹ (On a side note, after 51 years of activism, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon were the first same sex couple to obtain a marriage license and wed in the United States. They have been a couple for 52 years). The DOB, with the assistance of the Mattachine Society and ONE Magazine, created the magazine "The Ladder" to organize, educate, and address the needs of the lesbian community in San Francisco and quickly became the first national social and political

organization for lesbians. The Ladder was the first place that identified two types of lesbians, the butch and the femme and offered articles and commentary in support of all lesbians.

The 1960s saw the war in Vietnam and the rise of "The Beat Generation". Attributed to the poetry of Paul Bowles, Allen Ginsberg, William Burrows, and Jack Kerouac, the Beat Generation or Beats, were the rebellious leaders whose poetry and literature began the sexual revolution of the 1960's and early 70s. The leaders of this movement were made up of heterosexuals, bisexuals, and homosexuals and played a significant role in bringing about the acceptance of homosexuality as a normal condition of human beings.¹⁰ The increase in sexual freedoms also brought an increase in violence and oppression of gays and lesbians. The atmosphere generated by the Beat Generation, feminism, and the homophile movement encouraged the religious right to become more organized and fight that much harder to legislate against sexual freedoms.

In 1969 Carl Wittman authored "The Gay Manifesto" which outlined the imperatives for Gay Liberation. Wittman was the first to argue against the formation of the "Gay Ghetto". He suggests that gay ghettos may be comfortable but the segregation of gays from the rest of society creates a community that

is marginalized and ineffective. The Gay Manifesto instigated a culture change in the gay community that brought gays out of the closet in numbers and essentially changed the 'homophile' movement to the "Gay Liberation" movement. In 1969, shortly after the Stonewall riots the gay liberation movement was formally organized into the Gay Liberation Front or GLF.

Out Gays and lesbians were routinely jailed, beaten, and subjected to any number of atrocities during the period leading up to the Stonewall riots. The gay community lived in fear and isolation in an effort to stay out of view and the scrutiny of society. The atmosphere of oppression and abuse had grown to a critical mass. In New York's Greenwich Village at an inn owned by Tony Lauria, also known as "Fat Tony", the perpetual persecution, violence, hatred, and oppression of gays came to a climax that cost the lives of many in our community.¹¹ The scene was the Stonewall Inn...

Please see Where the Journey Began - Part 2 in the June issue of Stonewall News Northwest.

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National & International

News in a nutshell

Iran leads Mideast in fighting AIDS

TEHRAN, Iran (by HANNAH ALLAM, Knight Ridder Newspapers) — It took 30 meetings just to create a slim AIDS awareness handbook for Iran's conservative high schools.

A drawing of a condom disappeared early on; a photo of a syringe survived.

A mention of sexual transmission was approved, but only with a reminder that sex before marriage is forbidden.

Even after the government's wordsmiths were satisfied, AIDS workers in Tehran had to take the book south to the holy city of Qom, the spiritual center of Iran's all-powerful clergy. To everyone's surprise, the clerics endorsed it.

Iran's fight against the spread of HIV hinges on a delicate give-and-take between activists who talk frankly about sex and drugs, and the ruling ayatollahs, who fiercely protect the Islamic republic's puritan image. The combination has made Iran the Middle East leader in preventing HIV and AIDS.

<http://www.kansascity.com/mld/kansascity/news/world/14352264.htm>

Federal judge dismisses SLDN suit against U.S. military's gay ban

MASSACHUSETTS (Staff Reports, Wasington Blade) — A federal judge in Massachusetts dismissed today a constitutional challenge to the U.S. military's ban on service by men and women who are openly gay. The decision by District Judge George A. O'Toole, Jr., is the second in a month throwing out suits attacking the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy enacted by Congress and signed by President Clinton in 1993.

http://washingtonblade.com/thelatest/thelatest.cfm?blog_id=6376

Administration Agrees To Turn Over All Documents On Gay Spy Operation

WASHINGTON (by Paul Johnson, 365Gay.com Washington Bureau Chief) — Faced with a federal lawsuit after refusing to turn over a number of documents related to spying on LGBT organizations the Pentagon and the Justice Department have agreed to comply with freedom of information requests about the operation.

Last December media reports said that the Pentagon has been spying on "suspicious" meetings by civilian groups, including student groups opposed to the military's "don't ask, don't tell". (story)

The reports said that the Pentagon had spied on New York University law school's LGBT advocacy group OUTlaw and gay groups at the State University of New York at Albany and William Patterson College in New Jersey.

<http://www.365gay.com/Newscon06/04/042106military.htm>

Poll shows coming out wouldn't hurt most politicians

By DYANA BAGBY

A poll released late last month by the Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute shows that a majority of Americans would continue to vote for a politician who shares their policy views even if they later found out he or she was gay.

Conducted by Zogby International, the Victory Poll surveyed 1,007 people this spring and found that 72 percent of Americans do not believe a politician's sexual orientation is important as long as the candidate has a record of "getting things done for everyone in the community," according to a press release.

These numbers show a decrease in concern about candidates' sexual orientation over the last two decades when compared with poll numbers quoted by openly gay U.S. Sen. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) at a Utah Stonewall Democrats fundraiser April 21.

Frank, who came out as gay in 1987 when he was 47, had already served in Congress for three terms. He said a poll conducted at the time that asked if voters "were disappointed that he was gay" showed 42 percent thought his open homosexuality would hinder him and 21 percent said they would stop voting for him, according to an April 22 article in the Salt Lake Tribune.

Robin Brand, senior vice president for politics and strategy for the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, said Monday she was unfamiliar with Frank's comments, but noted that there is a difference when asking solely about politicians' sexual orientation versus asking about their sexual orientation in conjunction with their political views.

"If you only ask about their sexual orientation, it's different than putting this in context of issues they are fighting for," Brand said. "If you ask that question in a vacuum, answers will be different."

The Leadership Institute, which works to ensure gay inclusion in the electoral process and educate Americans about the contributions of gay elected officials, is a separate non-profit group affiliated with the Victory Fund, which supports openly gay candidates for public office.

Times were also different when Frank came out and people's attitudes toward lesbian and gay politicians are changing, Brand added. And the fact that Frank, who has served in Congress since 1981, continues to be reelected is proof his sexual orientation was not a major factor, she said.

Other findings of the Victory Fund poll:

- 60 percent of Republicans agree that sexual orientation is not important if a gay candidate has a strong record of getting things done for everyone;
- 80 percent of independent voters would "definitely" or "probably" still vote for an elected leader who shares his or her views if the official came out as gay or lesbian; as would 80 percent of Democrats and 65 percent of Republicans; and
- 72 percent of voters in small cities and 70 percent of voters in rural areas say they would "definitely" or "probably" still vote for an elected leader who shares his or her views if the official came out as gay or lesbian.

"This poll is extremely positive," Brand said. "It's not surprising, although the numbers were higher than I expected. But these are the kinds of results we are seeing on Election Day — our candidates are well-qualified and working on issues important to voters in their districts."



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News in a nutshell

Parents rip school over gay storybook

LEXINGTON (by Tracy Jan, Boston Globe) — In a controversy with a familiar ring, parents of a Lexington second-grader are protesting that their son's teacher read a fairy tale about gay marriage to the class without warning parents first.

The teacher at Joseph Estabrook Elementary School used the children's book, "King & King," as part of a lesson about different types of weddings. A prince marries another prince instead of a princess in the book, which was on the American Library Association's list of the 10 most challenged books in 2004 because of its homosexual theme.

"My son is only 7 years old," said Lexington parent Robin Wirthlin, who complained to the school system last month and will meet with the superintendent next week. "By presenting this kind of issue at such a young age, they're trying to indoctrinate our children. They're intentionally presenting this as a norm, and it's not a value that our family supports."

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/04/20/parents_rip_school_over_gay_storybook/

Gay Iraqis fear for their lives

IRAQ (by Michael McDonough, BBC News website) — "I don't want to be gay anymore. When I go out to buy bread, I'm afraid. When the doorbell rings, I think that they have come for me."

That is the fear that haunts Hussein, and other gay men in Iraq.

They say that since the US-led invasion, gay people are being killed because of their sexual orientation.

They blame the increase in violence on the growing influence of religious figures and militia groups in Iraq since Saddam Hussein was ousted.

Islam considers homosexuality sinful. A website published in the Iranian city of Qom in the name of Ayatollah Sistani, Iraq's most revered Shia cleric, says: "Those who commit sodomy must be killed in the harshest way".

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/4915172.stm

Gay-Wedding Windfall? Not At Tax Time

NEW YORK (By Aude Lagorce, Forbes) — Gay marriage will become legal in Massachusetts next month—at least until 2006, when the traditional ban on same-sex weddings may be restored by a proposed amendment to the state constitution. But gay and lesbian couples who tie the knot in the Bay State will find themselves still single when it comes time to pay their federal taxes.

"Even though it is a state decision as to whom will receive a marriage license, the federal government decides who gets the tax benefits," says Lisa Padilla, a trusts and estates attorney in New York

http://www.forbes.com/estate_planning/2004/04/08/cx_al_0408gaymarriage.html?partner=rss

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

by Christopher Lawrence

They should have danced all night...

...And the audience would still have begged for more. As far as I was concerned, everyone who loves dance and theater should have been there!

Several years ago, I stopped attending ballet performances in Spokane because I found the experience to be excruciating. As an ex-dancer, when I watched every pronated foot, every sloppy pirouette, classical lines from ballet being massacred by unsuspecting and poorly trained nonprofessionals, I always left with a hopeless feeling that Spokane was never to know the unfailing beauty that truly inspired choreography could portray unless it came from some touring group from elsewhere in the United States or a foreign country.

I sit here at my computer still amazed at the wonderful evening that blessed me and my theater partner last night when we attended the program presented by Ballet Spokane at the Valley Performing Arts Center.

I begrudgingly accompanied my friend to see what I thought would be



Resident Ballet Spokane Artists, L-R, Marcy Ray, Ryan Callan, Jaimi McGuire, Patrick DesRosiers and Phaedra Jarret



an evening of travesty and came away beaming and floating on the high that only really good dancing can stimulate.

Last month I commented on some of our local actors (mostly male) who have not availed themselves of the proper training in theater movement and dance to carry the posture necessary for some of the most basic type of dance to be seen in musical theater. What I saw last night proved that, indeed males from Spokane have a place to polish such details of their craft and I believe they owe it to their theater community.

Ballet Spokane gave us a varied program of classical ballet, modern dance

and jazz dance and nearly every performer gave a strong showing.

Some of them were young and obviously less experienced than the core group of company artists who are clearly dedicated to their art and completely involved in giving the best performance of their lives each and every time they came on stage.

Elements, choreographed by Janet Wilder, artistic director of Ballet Spokane and director of The Academy of Dance, was first on the program with movements for Water, Wind and Fire. The female dancers were allowed to shine in individual and group choreography that was sweet, innovative and finely executed.

Artificial Flowers was a whimsical presentation by choreographer Marcy Ray and showed the versatility of the dancers in a manner of classical, musical theater and jazz dance which told a charming romantic story of two of a group of people who met at a bus stop each day. Music from Nilson, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Bobby Darin and Glenn Campbell supported the 'Our Town flavor' of the visual composition.

Lithium Dream, choreographed by guest artist Amy Seiwart, was a vividly wondrous and stark reminder of the best days of Joffrey and Balanchine. Truly worthy of something to be expected of a company as advanced as Pacific Northwest Ballet!

Of particular note were the performances by two of the male artists. It is so seldom we are privy to the excellent caliber of professionalism displayed by Patrick DesRosiers and Ryan Callan.

Patrick is so close to being ready for the larger world of theater that we are most UNfortunate to be losing him to a summer dance program at the University of Pittsburgh. If he never returns in performance to Spokane, it will be our loss. His presence is masculine and athletic but he has great versatility. His characterizations and dance style in the various roles such as 'Sam' in *Artificial Flowers* and 'the White Rabbit' in *Alice in Wonderland* (engagingly choreographed by Janet Wilder) were striking. His physical

bearing suggests that he comes from a gymnastics background which is common for male dancers in this country, but he has polished his craft well.

Ryan projects the soul of a classical danseur. His carriage and physical articulation demonstrate that he belongs on the classical stage. I hope we get to see more of this talented lad of 19 before he leaps to a career in some larger city.

I suspect he is destined for (dare I say it?) FABULOUS character roles! His shining moments of the evening came with his zany and energetic portrayal of the Mad Hatter. Wearing a HUGE purple sequined top hat, with carnival-like multicolored trousers and waistcoat, he danced like a whirling dervish and spun perspiration for several feet with each snappy turn. Ryan's Tweedle Dum played against Marcy Ray's Tweedle Dee was a silently boisterous 'two stooges' bout of hilarity as they confused Alice, played by the very talented Jaimi McGuire.

Jaimi has a great, yet understated presence and seems to have more maturity than a few of the other dancers. I look forward to seeing this talented young dancer have more roles that challenge her to unwrap the bright star she promises to be. Her footwork is singularly articulate and her lines are classical in every respect.

Nearly everyone gave memorable performances. With limited space, special mention should go to Amanda Lochmiller for her 'Bette Davis-stars-in-Baby-Jane' portrayal of The Queen of Hearts.

The costumes were so delightful that I hope we see them take part in Spokane's 2006 Pride Parade. The sets were outstanding even though I understand they operate on a 'shoe-string budget.'

The entire evening was bright and charming. I live in great anticipation of their next program and I recommend that you consider checking out this bright new star in Spokane's growing cultural scene. It does a body and mind good to enjoy high quality entertainment.

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Life is a race worth running.

Last month in preparation for Patricia Neil Warren's arrival for Spokane's 2006 Pride, I reviewed her internationally acclaimed novel **The Front Runner**. It took her 10 years to write the next book in the series.

She relates that her publishers and public were clamoring for the story of the son who was born after Billy's death. Although she struggled to write it, she finally realized that there must be a book to bridge the 12-year gap and create the natural platform from which she could develop the finale of this great saga.

The sequel, **Harlan's Race** is compelling, the characters are uniquely and individually drawn and the plot thrusts the reader into the politically charged environment of the times.

The story takes up after the dramatic death of Harlan's young lover and running champion, Billy, who was murdered during his final race at the Olympics.

Harlan and his 'family' of friends must go on after the tragedy in the knowledge that the shooter's partner is still at large and carries the obsessive intention to punish them for their OUT and proud 'lifestyles.' The unseen assassin becomes

a sinister, looming shadow, self-identified as 'LEV,' who continues to threaten our emotionally shattered heroes. Their highly charged anxieties and fears cause struggles that keep them from healing and many of them choose different methods of coping.

Billy's best lesbian friend approaches Harlan about becoming the mother of Billy's child by artificial insemination from the sperm he and Harlan agreed to store in case anything happened to one of them. As the tension increases and the threats of violence escalate, she takes the child and moves to the West Coast, while Harlan and some of the others plan a strategy based on Viet Nam military training

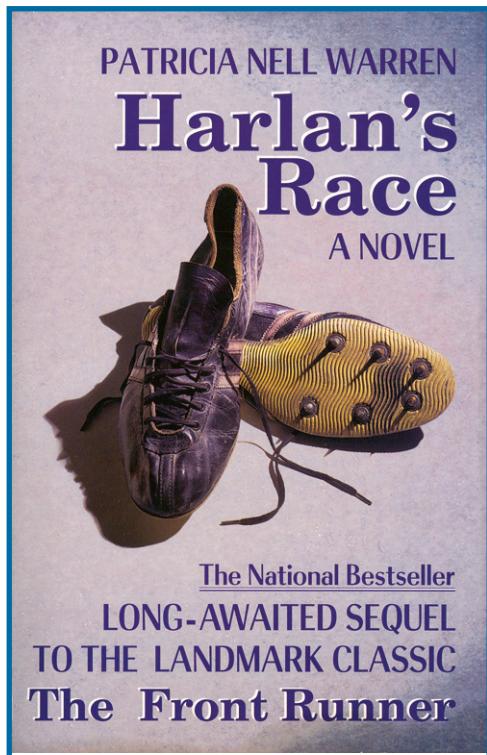
to protect themselves and eventually bring LEV to justice.

Another villain enters the fray, a new and unknown disease is killing many of their gay friends and the Religious Wrong are using it as ammunition to further their cause of repression and elimination of same-sex orientation.

When Billy's best male buddy Vince becomes more deeply involved with Harlan, they become the object of stalking and terrorism by LEV.

Finally, Harlan rallies and with the help of his friends (some ex-SEAL military) enters the world of racing with visibility and determination to entice LEV to make his move. Be prepared for non-stop action in the last third of the book.

Next month: What happens to Billy's Boy? These books are a 'must read' for any GLBTQA person who wants to understand our heritage.



Civic plays with Sexual Perversity

Provocative, controversial and absolutely hilarious, David Mamet's contemporary play, **Sexual Perversity in Chicago**, follows the lives of four young people looking for love.

The Chicago singles scene is an endless realm of opportunity for Danny



Smiling from the bed are (L-R), actors Shalya Keating, Joelene Smith, Damon Mentzer and Paul Villabrilie

and his friend Bernie. They are two hot-blooded males who will go anywhere the women are including bars, libraries and beaches ...and then they meet Joan and Deborah.

Director Wes Deitrick says this show should push the limits and will run through May 19. Over 18 please. Tickets available by calling 509-325-2507 or through TicketsWest.

Pride & Joy Movie Night

...is offered as an alternative social venue for the GLBTQA community on the second Tuesday of each month.

Join us on April 11 for the 6 p.m. social and 7:15 p.m. showing of **Beverly Kills**, about a whacked-out, muscle-bound, cross-dressing actor Beverly Jackson has been rejected for a role in Pride Playhouses nude theatrical production of "Balls Out." Furious, Beverly decides to form a diabolical cult of revenge!

Ticket holders for Pride & Joy Movie Night are offered drink specials, a 20 percent discount on all food from ella's *Supper Club* and drawings for free prizes.

The privilege of watching a primarily gay film with an amiable group of diverse types from the gay community is gratifying, so bring some friends and join us at the 'family-friendly,' CenterStage Theater for a great evening of entertainment and camaraderie.

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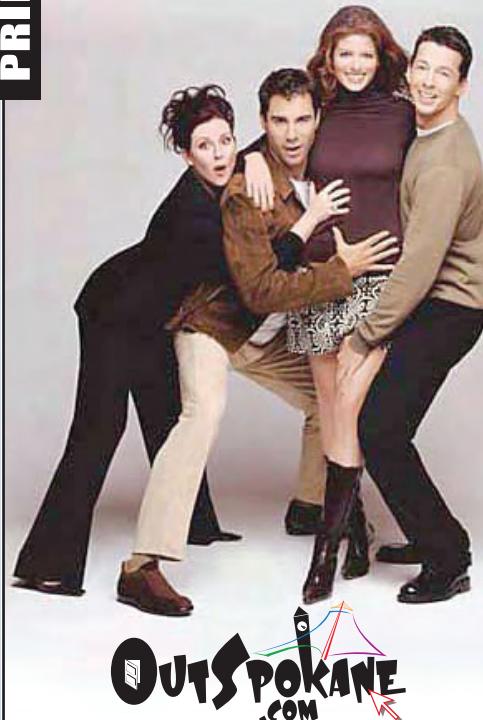
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GLBT Book Group

Spokane's GLBT 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 pm.

Upcoming review sessions include: **Songs of the Gorilla Nation: My Journey Through Autism** by Dawn Prince-Hughes, PhD. on May 3 and **The Front Runner** by Patricia Nell Warren on June 7 for **Pride 2006**.

REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

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Christopher Lawrence, A & E Editor

the Ape

Writer/Director James Franco
TLA Releasing, minutes

Before viewing this movie, I would recommend that you watch the interview of first-time director Franco to get the history and context of the film. Originally written as a stage play inspired by several works of Edward Albee, this adaptation continues in the vein of Theater of the Absurd.

I found **The Ape** to be less confusing than some of Eugene Ionesco's one-act plays that came to mind as I was viewing it.

The main character, played by James Franco, is a self-identified great artist (or hack writer) in search of his muse who leaves his wife and child, moving out of his unremarkable home to write his great novel.

Unfortunately, the flat he rents in order to have peace and quiet for his writing is already occupied... by an ape.

Hidden in the fine print of his lease, he soon discovers, is the provision that the renter take responsibility for the care of said ape.

What follows is mostly good-natured delving into the psyche of our hero by this apish manifestation of his unconscious to shed light on the secrets and shadows that lurk in the dark mental and emotional recesses of this handsome young writer wannabe. Where are his ethical values? Is he truly honest with himself or anyone else?

Is he homosexual and trying to find a way out of his mundane life? He and the ape begin to write together, sure of their combined talents.

As the story unfolds, Harry's hair begins to take on the aspects of the ape, as does his face and personality. Long before the film ends, it becomes that we are watching a man destroy himself in search of his destiny.

I give Franco credit for an excellent first time out in this tour de force. The fact that he is adorable helps to maintain interest too. He was equally handsome in **Tristan & Isolde** and **Spiderman**.

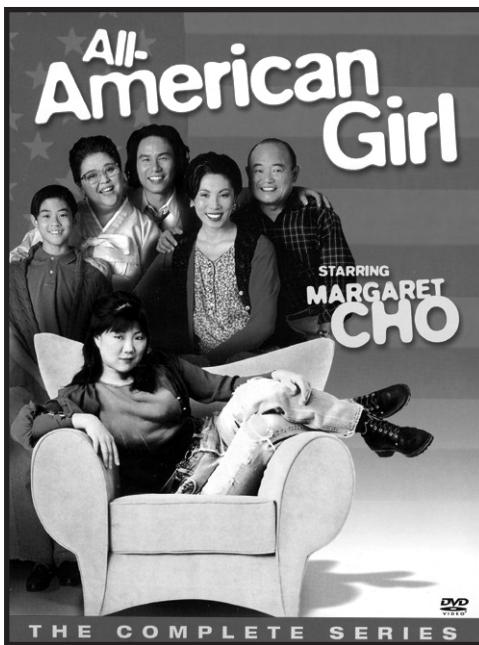
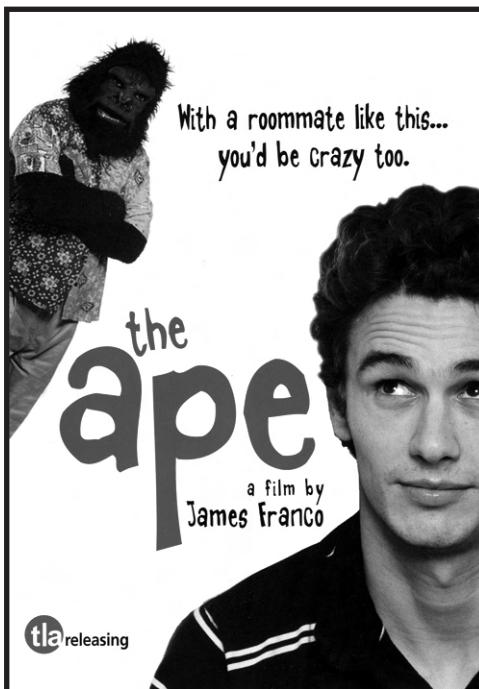
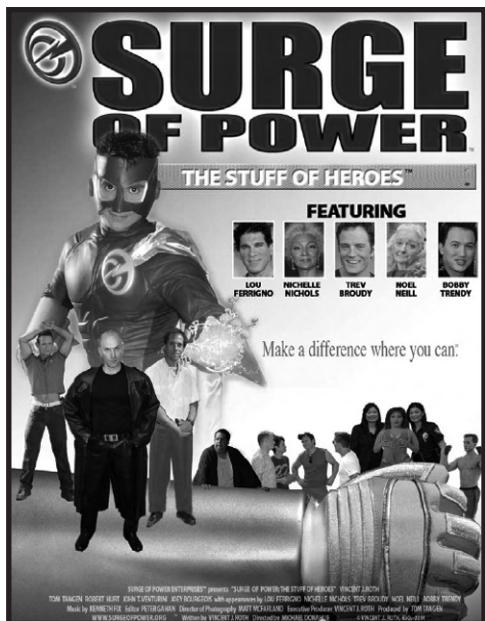
Better watched at a time when one is feeling experimental and inquisitive rather than when looking for light entertainment. I can recommend it for rental but urge would-be viewers to examine the interview first.

Surge of Power

Director, Michael Donahue
Ariztical Entertainment, 98 minutes

Superhero kitsch is served up on large platters that will appeal to closet comic book aficionados, sci-fi geeks and those who love them. Goofy and campy times three.

It would be difficult to find a genre that is more saturated with such homoerotic imagery and the screenplay, written by the producer Michael J. Roth, is chock full of innuendo and comments designed to make us laugh, but delivered in total deadpan. Teenagers and ganja lovers will most likely be overcome with the giggles.



Some shirtless muscular gym bunnies make up most of the cast but there is little grist here so be ready to leave your judgments behind and give yourself up to the mindless and contrived humor and allow yourself to be delighted by the camp and clichés. The acting of most of the cast is nearly equal to guest star Lou Ferrigno on a good day.

Cameo's in this film include: Rose Marie ("Dick Van Dyke Show"), Noel Neil (Lois Lane from the old "Adventures of Superman" series, Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhuru from the original "Star Trek" series), Bernard Fox (Dr. Bombay along with Adam and Tabitha from "Bewitched"), Butch Patrick (Eddie Munster) and Lisa Loring (Wednesday from the "Addams Family").

Perhaps not a 'must have' for your library, but it could be a hoot with the right friends. Hmm... break out the ice cream and brownies. Perhaps not a 'must have' for your library, but it could be a hoot with the right friends. Hmm... break out the ice cream and brownies.

Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang

Writer/Director, Shane Black

Parasol Peadillo
TLA Releasing, 90 minutes

Robert Downey, a third-rate thief, poses as an actor and is brought to Los Angeles to audition for the part of a detective. He



finds himself in the middle of a murder investigation when he is teamed up with gay but very butch Val Kilmer as a gumshoe who is supposed to be training him for his upcoming role.

The action is swift and the witty lines between the two come just as swiftly, peppering the audience with some rowdy and dry humor infused with West Hollywood slang.

Downey plays insecure and slightly batty to a 'T' as he finds that real detective work can be painful.

Kiss will be released in June and it is worth a watch. A satisfying gay film it is not, but there is nonetheless plenty to enjoy throughout this murder mystery.

All American Girl: The Complete Series

Starring Margaret Cho
Shout, 4 disc set, 7.5 hours

In the fall of 1994 "All-American Girl," starring Margaret Cho, debuted as the first prime time series about an Asian-American family. When the show hit the airwaves, Cho had already been on the stand-up comedy circuit since the late 1980's.

This was the first time a sitcom primarily featured the female characters and their relationships. Cho played Margaret Kim, who lived at home with her not atypical zany sitcom family. Her mother was the heavy who tried to control her daughter and make her follow Korean customs and date Korean men. The grandmother was her solace and sometimes hilarious bridge to finding her way through life.

The boxed-set DVD certainly brings back memories, but the fascinating backstory told in the DVD feature about the controversies that surrounded this brand new ethnic genre is the real gold. When viewed in this context, it enhances the series story lines. Cho discloses many strife's that occurred with the production and even details about how world politics crept into

conversations when it came to the series. The feature illuminates much about AAG and the scene-stealing Amy Hill dons her old grandma disguise at the end!

Women and Asian Americans have come some distance since those days but it will always be people like Cho who are willing to force people out of their comfort zones and help transform attitudes in our society.

If you have never seen AAG, be aware that this is NOT the Margaret Cho of the **Assassin, Revolution** or **State of Emergency** tours. The series, although humorous, was very vanilla compared to the painful and angry humor of her stand-up comedy. She can still make us laugh and often it can sting. A little pain with our humor is good for the brain and good for the soul. Don't miss her at Northern Quest Casino June 10, hosted by OutSpokane for Pride 2006. This lady knows how to CELEBRATE!

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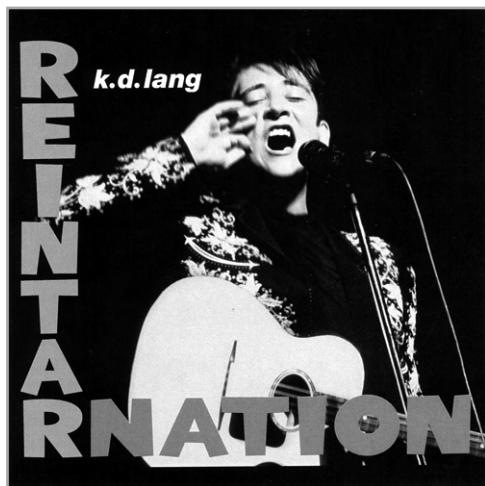
Reviews by Graham Ames

Reintarnation

k.d. lang

Rhino Records

Rhino Records, the king of the reissue and the compilation CD, turn their eye toward the queen of alternative country. This should thrill any lang completist, alt-country fan, lesbian two-stepper, or fan of good music anywhere. In recent years, lang has received such mighty ac-



colades from critics and fellow performers alike, it can be difficult to remember that she began her career as an upstart country singer who both challenged and honored the conventions and history of country western music.

The original "cowpunk," lang's earliest recordings are here, including "Friday Dance Promenade," which originally only had 500 copies pressed for concert-only "guitar case" sales. Other rare tracks include three songs from lang's full-length minor-label release, *A Truly Western Experience*. Her first big label release, *Angel With A Lariat*, contributes several songs. A full third of the album's 20 tracks are devoted to songs from *Absolute Torch and Twang*, lang's Grammy-winning breakthrough album. Also included are songs from the *Even Cowgirls Get The Blues* soundtrack and one newly finished (yet 20-year-old) track, "Changed My Mind."

Do you like lang's later recordings and think you don't like country? Do you like country but don't like k.d. lang? Are you a rocker who thinks that country is too simple and predictable to be interesting? Nothing is a good enough reason to put off your adding this CD to your music library. Believe me, I am a new convert myself. I seldom, if ever, add anything to the "country" genre on my iPod, but I just included this album. Join me in (re)discovering the early k.d. lang, an adventure I'm sure we will all love, thanks to Rhino Records.

Glovebox

Glovebox

Barria Records

Mishka and Grainger are Glovebox, an "electroorganic" group from Australia, and apparently they are one of the hottest indie bands Down Under. Just what is electroorganic? Take Moby's mix of samples and live instruments, Madonna's pop/dance sensibilities, toss in a little of The Chemical Brothers and a dash of Dirty Vegas. Top it all off with emotive vocals that can veer a bit toward Macy Gray at times, and what it all adds up to is fresh, genre-busting, and quite a bit of fun.

"Superstar" sets the tone, with darkly sassy lyrics and ELO-style vocorders on top of a driving beat backed with horns and strings. "Never Be The Same" builds to a lush fury out of electronic whisperings. So many ideas to explore: the irresistible come-on of "\$10 Where," the discotronic of "Warmin' Up," quasi-Prince vocals on



"Flying Free." These tracks are so deeply layered, so full of cross-references and evocative moments, perhaps this is what postmodern pop music sounds like.

The artistic miracle is, it all just works. Glovebox the album is at once disturbing, funny, dark, joyous, hip, square, ultramodern and way-too-retro. It is a sonic slap in the face to anyone "bored with their music." Best of all, it is an album that stands up to repeated listening, even invites it.

Glovebox has added two more members since recording these 12 tracks (plus one remix). Assisting Mishka's vocals and Grainger's programming (and vocals) are Morris on guitars and Peter on drums. This may tip them more toward "organic" than "electro," but that wouldn't be a bad thing. This debut album is startling and alive, the perfect soundtrack as summer weather arrives. If these tracks don't inspire you, nothing will.

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the Lady with the Torch

Patti LaPone

Ghostlight Records

Spring is the perfect season for this collection of 14 songs about love lost, love unrequited, love not found, and love happily left behind. "Torch songs" are such a delicate balance between emotional nakedness and hyperbole, it takes quite an experienced talent to bring even one off successfully, let alone an entire album's worth. Happily, Patti LuPone is the perfect artist to attempt it, and she's brilliantly equal to the task and then some.

Patti's name may not seem familiar, but you have probably seen or heard of her. She not only starred in TV's "Life Goes On," she played the role of *Evita* on Broadway, as well as originating Fantine in *Les Miserables* and Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*. She has made numerous PBS appearances, and is known for interpreting Stephen Sondheim roles; she is currently appearing in the dramatic restaging of *Sweeney Todd* on Broadway.

LuPone puts all her experience into this new studio recording, baring the core of each song and layering nuance to make every track a miniature movie, full of drama, contradiction and resolution. Some of the composers represented are George and Ira Gershwin, Johnny Mercer, Woody Herman and Cole Porter. Perfect arrangements and production allows their talents to shine through in fresh ways. LuPone communicates each song so clearly that, in a dark room with



Patti LuPone
the lady with the torch

a willing ear and mind, one can easily get so caught up that tissues become necessary.

If the new leaves and flowers and sudden pulse of life have you wishing you had someone next to you, or start you remembering loves from your past (fondly or not), pick up *The Lady With The Torch*. It is the cheapest therapy for the springtime blues, and it will be there anytime you need it, in any season.

Vintage Pop and the Jazz Sides

Andrew Suvalsky

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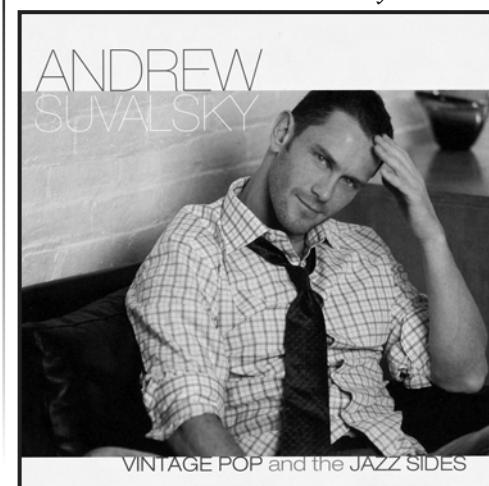
Hunky, stubbly Andrew Suvalsky has been performing his mix of pop, rock and jazz tunes at cabarets in New York for several years now. His sets routinely level the field between musical genres, with the common threads of well-crafted songs and Andrew's "white chocolate" voice pulling everything together. He brings this sensibility to his debut CD, with mixed results.

Suvalsky's voice is rich and mellow, capable of great range and depth. He moves effortlessly from soul to rock to jazz. Some of the song choices are a bit awkward, as in "Do You Want To Dance," where the heavily repeated refrain seems to quickly lose meaning and become mechanical. Andrew's blue-eyed soul shines on tracks like the David/Bacharach tune "We're In This Love Together" and Roy Orbison's "Crying."

Laid out as a loose song cycle, the mood shifts to classic rock with Gary Wright's "Love Is Alive," Steven Stills' "Love The One You're With," and then pivots on David Gray's "This Year's Love" into the jazz set. Cole Porter ("You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To") Rodgers & Hart ("Everything I've Got") and Cy Coleman ("Best Is Yet To Come") are among those represented, all classy, respectful interpretations of old favorites.

This is a fun album with a bold ambition to prove that a quality song is worthy of attention, regardless of genre. Weakening its core argument are the sudden shifts in tone; rather than working to bring these disparate sources together under a single umbrella, Andrew allows each style its own segment of the album, creating three "mini albums" instead of a unified whole. The production also feels a bit dated at times, with obvious keyboard subbing for bass and drums and feeling a bit flat. Still, Suvalsky is a vocal talent to be reckoned with, and if this debut album is any indication, he will create ripples which reach far and wide.

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VINTAGE POP and the JAZZ SIDES

Letters of the Law

Taking a risk by taking it off

by Jerry J. Davis

Spring is right around the corner, folks. With the warm weather comes the need for many of us to take to the water and work on our tans. Keep this in mind, wearing swim trunks or other apparel will not only keep your important parts from burning, but could well keep you out of the clink and out of the gossip columns!

There are many people who honestly believe that there are nude beaches located in the city of Spokane, but alas, this is not true. For example, People's Park is not clothing optional, and if you make it that way be prepared to face a stepped-up police force intent on "cleaning up" the area where the new dog park, recreational trail and frisbee-golf fans are flocking. A person laying or frolicking in only what God gave them can be ticketed for indecent exposure or lewd conduct.



Lewd conduct is worse than indecent exposure, and therefore carries stiffer penalties. The key here is conduct, so moral indecencies count here, i.e. masturbating or sexual acts. One important thing to note here is urinating in public is automatically lewd conduct. Indecent exposure is when one intentionally makes any open and obscene exposure of his or her person or the person of another knowing that such conduct is likely to cause reasonable affront or alarm.

Last summer I represented clients ticketed for lewd conduct and at most should have been cited for indecent exposure. The city attorneys I worked with were aware of this, and in every case I represented they mitigated the charge down to the proper one. This may seem trivial, but many states around our country are instituting harsh repercussions for those found guilty of lewd conduct, most notably a mug shot in the local paper.

As for indecent exposure, even an innocent act can get you in deep trouble. If you choose to sunbathe or stroll naked and you accidentally expose yourself to a person fourteen-years-old or younger, the charge becomes a gross misdemeanor.

Now let's talk about when simple outdoor nudity goes a little further. Inevitably, areas with naked bodies enjoying the outdoors become, at least in part, "cruisy." While many turn their noses up to this behavior, it does exist and needs to be addressed.

When someone is ticketed for soliciting or engaging in sexual acts outdoors by an undercover cop, I here, "This is entrapment!" Well, my fun in the sun friends, here is the law.

It is becoming harder and harder to prove entrapment. Entrapment is defined legally as the act of inducing a person to commit a crime so that a criminal charge will be brought against him. The

key word here is induce. The courts have basically held in cases like this that the officer would have to put the idea into the ticketed person's head. Simply put, having a buff hot guy or gal wink and nod at you, smile pretty, rub their private parts and wave you into the bushes is not entrapment. The explanation for this is that the thought to solicit or engage in the sexual activity was already in the perpetrator's mind, and the acts of the undercover cop did not induce the thought, just gave an opportunity to carry it out. Trust me on this one, the courts will err on the side of the officer as to what thought came first!

So to tie this up, if you still insist on taking in the rays while naked, do it on your own property, in a friend's hot tub (with permission) or in a truly designated clothing optional park, or be prepared to face some stiff punishment and potential laughter from others at your expense.

If you have a legal question or questions of a general nature that you wish to see addressed in this column, please send them to: mail@stonewallnews.net or write to: Stonewall News Northwest, P.O. Box 2704, Spokane, WA 99220

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Kansas City, MO

Dear Girl/Gay Boundaries,

Yes gay men do get carried away when it comes to beauty, a good pair of heels and female friendships but when any two people form a friendship there's a definite "line" not to be crossed and a need for boundaries that honors everyone's needs. Gay men make great girlfriends but Honey if you're feeling used then "use" this gay man and your relationship to learn how to "not get used" with other men, by creating good boundaries!

XOXO, Trinity

Hey Trinity,

Dating is so much work and so disappointing. I hate being single but I also really hate dating? What's wrong with giving up?

Death By Dating Miami, FL

Hey Death By Dating,

It's easy to give up especially with something as tough, time consuming and unpredictable as dating but Pumpkin, the alternative of being old, alone or bored for the rest of your life is really not easier. So get up, get dressed and get to the front lines of dating already. Just think of all the cute soldiers you'll get to share war stories with.

Hugs, Trinity

DATING DILEMMA #143

Hello Trinity,

I've started chatting on the internet. Do you think the internet is time better or worse spent than go-

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Because dating is one day at a time Honey!

Trinity's Upbeat Tips For A Winning First Impression

1. DRESSING: Beg, borrow or steal something that says, "Wow". And if you don't know, ask! Torn, outstretched or bright patterns are a no-no!
2. GROOMING: Besides clean teeth, breath, hair and smell, a man's best weapon is a clean shave or groomed beard. A woman's is mascara.
3. ACTING: Be willing to change a bad subject to keep the mood flowing upwards. If you're having a bad day take two aspirins and shut up about it.

4. COMMUNICATING: Be aware of the speed you talk, ask and answer questions. Plus always look and listen like you're interested!

5. CHARMING: It's always right to be sweet, attentive and charming. If you have "it" use it, if you don't, learn how to get "it!"

6. GREETING: Start with good eye contact and men firm (not overbearing) handshake, women extend the elbow while shaking hands.

7. OPENING LINES: "Nice to see you", "It's a pleasure" or "You look great" are all better than, "What's up", "How you doin'" or "I like your hair."

8. CONVERSING: "Life's good", "I'm well" and "It's all coming together" are much smarter phrases than, "Life sucks", "I'm surviving" or "I'm falling apart." Fake it if you must!

9. CONFRONTING: If you're late or do something inappropriate say, "Forgive me. It will never happen again (period)." Never ignore your mistakes!

10. Lastly, DEPARTING: Never leave abruptly or on a downbeat. Always end with, "I had a great time", "Can't wait to do it again" or "Let's talk in a few years."

ing out to bars to meet people?

Chat Rooms vs. Bar Rooms
Phoenix, AZ

Hello Chat Rooms,

When it comes to time better spent; introverts, suburbanites and not so obviously attractive people would make better use of their time internet chatting, simply because it's easier for them than going out. Extroverts, city dwellers and obviously attractive people should do the opposite, simply because going out guarantees you'll meet people, live, where as chat rooms guarantee nothing.

Good Luck,
Trinity

Hey Trinity,

I'm going on a first date and I want to make a great impression. Any suggestions?

First Impressions Dayton, OH

Hey First Impressions,

Just wanting to make a great first impression means you're on the right track. But besides not being all about yourself, your problems or your political/religious beliefs remember:

'EXCRUCIATING' WAIT

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legal implications of opening up gay marriage, and whether the court or the legislature was the best venue to decide the issue.

The lawsuit began in 2002 when seven same-sex couples represented by Lambda filed a lawsuit seeking the right to marry.

Last June, a New Jersey appeals court ruled that the state constitution does not require the recognition of same-sex marriage. The court, in a split decision, said that it is up to the legislature to change marriage laws if same-sex couples are to wed in the Garden State.

Lambda immediately appealed to the state Supreme Court.

"If the court rules for us we intend to get married at midnight," Steven Goldstein, the Chair of Garden State Equality said. "The wait has been excruciating."

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spent about 40 minutes alone with them during the meal. Despite that, we mostly talked about economic pressures facing rural counties.

After eating, Kretz and Morton each talked to the 10 people gathered about the past state legislative session.

Kretz and Morton represent the 7th Legislative District which includes parts of Spokane County (Airway Heights and Deer Park), and all of Lincoln (Davenport), Pend Oreille (Newport), Stevens (Colville and Chewelah), Ferry (Republic) and Okanogan (Omak) Counties.

Morton started his talk by going down a laundry list of legislative issues, including "demonstrations at funerals." When he got to the end of the list, his eyes shifted to Gerry and me, and he said there might be "other issues" people were interested in. But he never mentioned same-sex marriage or gay

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Spokane	Tri-Cities, Yakima, Walla Walla, Pullman/Moscow
Monday, May 1st 7:30-8:30pm	Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings (Tri-Cities)
Tuesday, May 2nd 5:30-7:00pm	Inland Northwest Equality (at RRCC)
Wednesday, May 3rd 5:30-7:30pm 7:00-8:30pm 7:00-8:30pm 7:30-9:00pm 9:00pm-12:00am	Vision Committee Meeting GLBT AA meets (at EMCC) 6-Week Wellness Group for Bi/Gay Men NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow) Karaoke Battle of the Bars! Dempsey's -v- The Merq
Thursday, May 4th 6:00-7:00pm 7:15-8:45pm	LCMP (Lilac City Mens Project) OutSpokane Meeting
Friday, May 5th 7:00pm	Legal Marriage Alliance (at RRCC) First Fridays (Yakima)
Saturday, May 6th 1:00pm 5:00-8:00pm	ACLU (Tri-Cities) Bingo Fundraiser for RRCC! (at Dempseys)
Sunday, May 7th [Spokane Bloomsday Race] 2:00-3:00pm 3:00-4:00pm 5:00-6:00pm 6:00-7:00pm 6:30-7:30pm 7:30pm	Radical Cheerleaders (at RRCC) Counter Crisis (at RRCC) EMCC Worship River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities) Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima) ISCS Board Meeting (at Dempseys) ISCS Court Meeting (at Dempseys)
Monday, May 8th 7:30-8:30pm	Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings (Tri-Cities)
Tuesday, May 9th 7:00-8:30pm 7:15-10pm	Equal Marriage Movement Debate (at SFCC) Pride & Joy Movie Night: "Beverly Kills" (at CenterStage)
Wednesday, May 10th 11:30am-1:00pm 7:00-8:30pm 7:00-8:00pm 7:00-8:30pm 7:30-9:00pm 9:00pm-12:00am	INBA Luncheon: Dragon Boat Festival (at Europa) GLBT AA meets (at EMCC) ISCS Open Forum for Gay Spokane (at Dempseys) 6-Week Wellness Group for Bi/Gay Men NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow) Karaoke Battle of the Bars! Dempsey's -v- The Merq
Friday, May 12th 7:00pm	PFLAG Monthly Meeting (Walla Walla)
Saturday, May 13th 12:00-2:00pm 7:00-9:00pm	Integrity Episcopal Sprrt Grp (at St John's) ISCS Education Fund Fundraiser (at Dempseys)
Sunday, May 14th [Mother's Day] 11:00am-1:00pm 2:00-3:00pm 3:00-4:00pm 5:00-6:00pm 6:00-7:00pm 6:30pm	NIGMA Second Sunday Brunch (Pullman/Moscow) Radical Cheerleaders (RRCC) Counter Crisis (at RRCC) EMCC Worship River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities) Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima)
Monday, May 15th 5:30-7:30pm 7:30-8:30pm	Vision Committee Meeting Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings (Tri-Cities)
Tuesday, May 16th 7:00-9:00pm	PFLAG Monthly Mtg (at Unitarian Church)
Wednesday, May 17th 7:00-8:30pm 7:00-8:30pm 7:30-9:00pm 9:00pm-12:00am	GLBT AA Meets (at EMCC) LCMP 6 Weeks Wellness Group NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow) Karaoke Battle of the Bars! Dempsey's -v- The Merq
Thursday, May 18th 6:00-7:00pm 7:15-8:45pm 7:30pm	LCMP (Lilac City Mens Project) OutSpokane Meeting Will & Grace Farewell Pride Fundraiser (at Dempseys)
Saturday, May 20th 10:30am-12:00pm 8:00pm	OWLS Brunch (at Franklin Park Old Country Buffet) Party with Pride Dance! (at Unitarian Church)
Sunday, May 21st 11:00am-3:00pm 2:00-3:00pm 3:00-4:00pm 5:00-6:00pm 6:00-7:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Spokane Area Lesbians (at RRCC) Radical Cheerleaders (at RRCC) Counter Crisis (at RRCC) EMCC Worship River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities) Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima) PFLAG Monthly Meeting (Yakima)
Monday, May 22nd 7:30-8:30pm	Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings (Tri-Cities)
Tuesday, May 23rd 7:00-8:30pm	Sexuality and Sexual Freedom discussion (at SFCC)
Wednesday, May 24th 7:00-8:30pm 7:00-8:30pm 7:30-9:00pm 9:00pm-12:00am	GLBT AA meets (at EMCC) 6-Week Wellness Group for Bi/Gay Men NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow) Karaoke Battle of the Bars! Dempsey's -v- The Merq
Thursday, May 25th 7:00-9:00pm	Bowling Night with LCMP! (at North Bowl) PFLAG Monthly Meeting (Tri-Cities)
Friday, May 26th 7:00-9:00pm	NIGMA 4th Friday Wine Tasting (Pullman/Moscow)
Saturday, May 27th 7:00-9:00pm	Marty 5 CWA Fundraiser (at Dempseys)
Sunday, May 28th 2:00-3:00pm 3:00-4:00pm 5:00-6:00pm 6:00-7:00pm 6:30pm	Radical Cheerleaders (at RRCC) Counter Crisis (at RRCC) EMCC Worship River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities) Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima)
Monday, May 29th [Memorial Day] 7:30-8:30pm	Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings (Tri-Cities)
Tuesday, May 30th 7:00-9:00pm	Dixie's Tupperware Party !! (at Unitarian Church)
Wednesday, May 31st 7:00-8:30pm 7:30-9:00pm 9:00pm-12:00am	GLBT AA Meets (at EMCC) NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow) Karaoke Battle of the Bars! Dempsey's -v- The Merq *SEMI FINALS*

MAY 2006

Spokane & the Inland Northwest's Entertainment and Meeting Calendar!

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(509) 74-STAGE
www.spokanecenterstage.com
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909 W 1st Ave, Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 747-5362
www.dempseysbrassrail.net
- (EMCC)** Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church
301 S Freya Avenue, Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 838-0085
www.emmanuelmcc.com
- (Europa)** Europa Pizzeria
125 S Wall St, Spo, WA 99201
(509) 455-4051
- (INBA)** Inland Northwest Business Alliance
Please see Resource Directory
- (ISCS)** Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane
Please see Resource Directory
- (LCMP)** Lilac City Men's Project
Please see Resource Directory
- (MCC)** Metropolitan Community Church
- (NIGMA)** North Idaho Gay Men's Association
Please see Resource Directory
- (PFLAG)** Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
Please see Resource Directory
- (RRCC)** Rainbow Regional Community Center
508 W 2nd Ave, Spokane, WA
(509) 489-1914
www.spokanerainbowcenter.org
- (SFCC)** Spokane Falls Community College
3410 W Fort George Wright Dr, Spo, WA 99224
(509) 533-3500
www.sfcc.spokane.cc.wa.us/
- (St John's)** St John's Cathedral
127 E 12th (& Grand), Spokane, WA 99202
(509) 838-4277
www.stjohns-cathedral.org/
- (Unitarian Church)** Unitarian Universalist Church
4340 W Fort George Wright Dr, Spo, WA 99224
(509) 325-6383

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15 InterPlayers
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16 Spokane Civic Theatre
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1 Dempsey's Brass Rail
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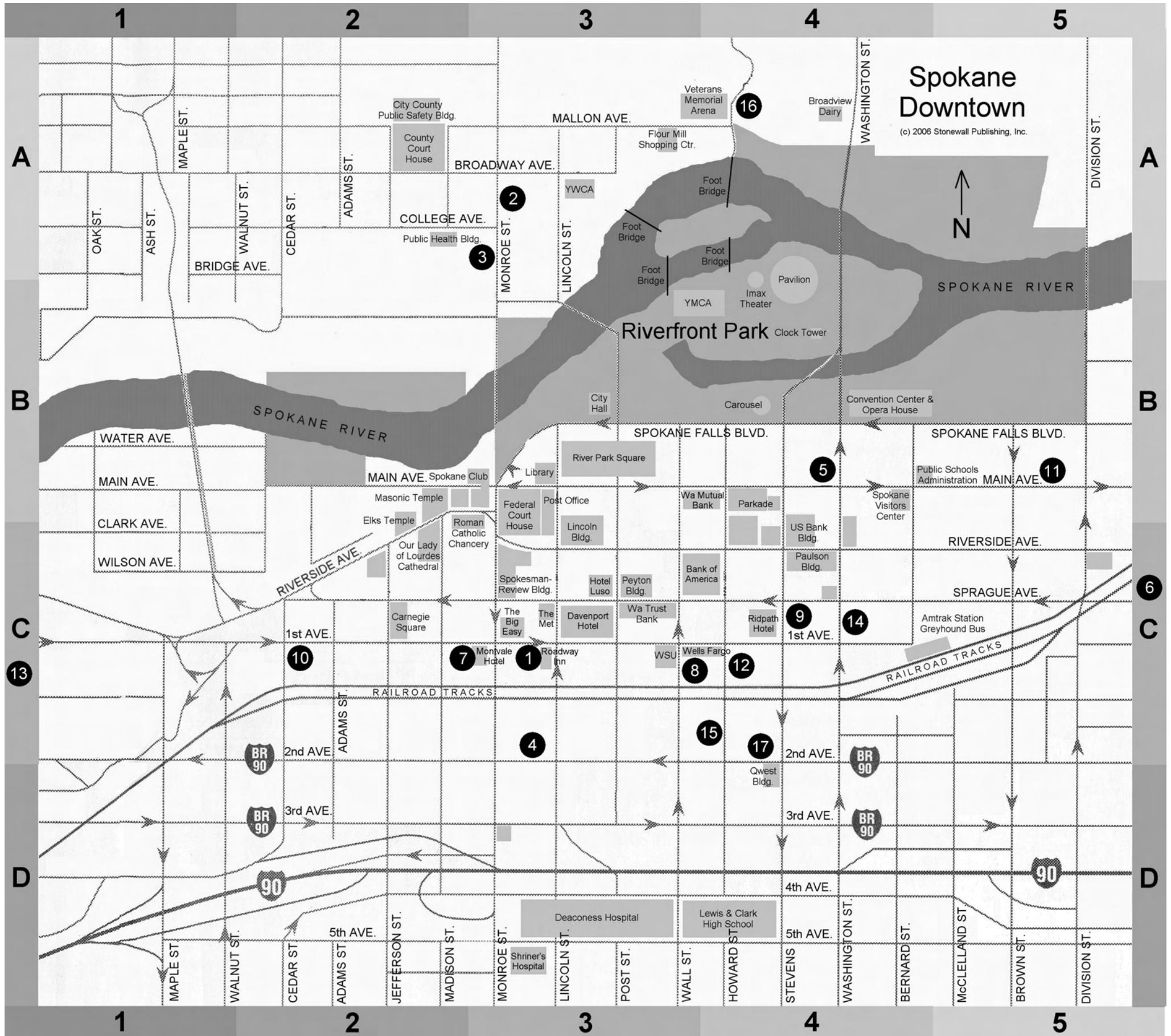
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14 7 S Washington St (509) 624-8075

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1017 W 1st Ave (509) 74-STAGE
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Interplayers 174 W. Howard St.
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Satellite Diner 425 W. Sprague Ave.
Spokane City Hall 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

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Classifieds

12 - Announcements & Notices

National GLBTQ Youth 'Talk Line'

Gay or Questioning and in need a sympathetic ear? Call the **FREE** and confidential staff composed of young peer counselors familiar with the issues of coming out, HIV, bullying and parental and relationship problems. Over 18,000 listings of social/support groups, gay-friendly religious organizations and student groups. Call 800/246-PRIDE or e-mail to: youth@GLBTNationalHelpCenter.org

Items Wanted. Odyssey Youth Center has an ongoing need for bus token donations. There is also a need for a soda dispensary machine, gift cards/certificates to use as youth rewards and incentives, and an X-Box 360 video game console. To donate these or other items please call Odyssey Youth Center, 509/325-2627.

13 - Volunteers

Spokane AIDS Network Needs Volunteers
 Contact Cherie at 509/455-8993

QUEST YOUTH GROUP SEEKS QUALIFIED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH YOUTH.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Bryce Hughes at Bhughes2@gonzaga.edu

OUTSPOKANE IS LOOKING for community-minded people to help with the 2006 Pride

Call Christopher at 509/624-9639 for details on meeting the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.

Construction, Volunteers/Materials Needed

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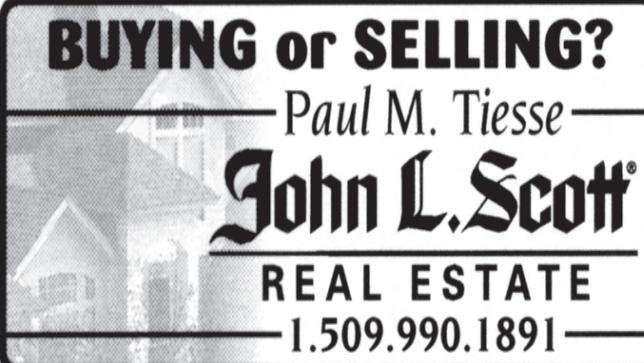

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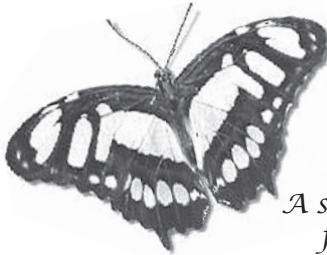


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 Phone: 251-1242 Email: iscs@icehouse.net

Lesbian and Gay Christians
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 NEXT MEETING:
 Sat., May 13th at Noon
 All Saints Chapel
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Drag Show 10PM & Midnight

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Monday

Karaoke with Diana 8PM to 1AM

Tuesday

New Release Movie Night 4PM to 7PM

Wednesday

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Thursday

Happy Hour 3PM to 7PM



DEMPSEYS

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rights.

I asked for Morton's insights on "demonstrations at funerals" since it was part of his list.

Morton said some people were "impolitely" demonstrating at funerals, and he was in favor of legislation against it. He never mentioned the Rev. Fred Phelps until we did. He didn't comment on the tactics used by Phelps.

Morton said he was against using ethanol as an additive to gasoline, even though growing and processing canola will provide a major economic boost to our rural county's economy. "I'm in favor of real petroleum products in my gasoline," Morton said.

In response to a question from an 80-year old woman about health insurance and Medicaid, Morton said, "There might be Medicaid for elderly people like you, if the other side (the majority-party Democrats) hadn't decided to fund sex-change operations."

With his neck muscles throbbing and skin turning red, Morton assumed a "preacher's tone" in describing the moral depravity of the Democrats in preserving state funding for sex-change operations despite more pressing needs. You could just feel his moral indignation!

Morton implied that the sex-change surgeries were all elective without a pressing medical need.

It was clear that this issue was a main point in his stock campaign speech.

After the luncheon, Gerry and I researched the need for sex-change operations. The state legislature had been embroiled in the issue during the last legislative session.

As many as one-in-2,000 infants is born with "ambiguous" sex organs, often with both a penis and vagina. In years past, parents would decide which sex they preferred for their infant. They would order surgery to have the unwanted sex organs removed and hormone treatment commenced.

However, a good percentage of the affected children would reach puberty and decide that they should have been the other sex, despite hormone treatment or how they were raised.

Recent studies have shown that sexual identity is more than hormones and physical attributes. Stem cell research indicates that sexual identity is

somehow inscribed into the brain, even before sex organs develop.

Instead of the elective, cosmetic surgery described by Morton, it is an issue deserving of compassion and understanding for children coping to find their true identity. It is a problem placed on these children without their consent.

Morton misrepresented the issue and pandered to the local crowd for his own political gain.

Gerry and I still feel we were able to influence Morton's speech at this small luncheon. We suspect Morton would have extended his moral tirade to include comments against gay marriage and civil rights had we not been there.

We urge other members of the GLBTQ community to attend political talks and gatherings. Politicians are now just starting their fall campaigns for re-election. They often meet the voters at small luncheons or teas.

Make your presence felt, and you can influence how these politicians present the issues.

Since the luncheon, Gerry and I have decided to send numerous Letters to the Editor to our local newspapers. We think voters in our county will be interested in the positions of these two politicians on important local economic issues, like raising canola as a bio-fuel additive to gasoline.

Most of the current political incumbents are in deep trouble this year due to the poor state of the economy.

Attend political teas for incumbent U.S. Representative Cathy McMorris, and ask her why she is opposed to including gays serving openly in the military. McMorris is on a House subcommittee studying this issue. Every US ally allows gays to openly serve without problems. Why is she so adamantly opposed to this policy?

Also ask her why she was surprised at the extent of unemployment in Iraq. When McMorris recently returned from Iraq, she commented that there is an unemployment rate in excess of 50 percent. Ask her why she voted for policies that allowed Halliburton and other US corporations to out-source all the jobs in Iraq to cheap, foreign workers.

Send Letters to the Editor and attend political rallies.

If we all make our voices heard, there is a chance for positive political change this coming November.

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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

Web site: <http://Iceberg.ewu.edu/safe/safe.htm>

EMCC – Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church

Christian church with outreach to the GLBT community.

Call: (509) 838-0085

Web site: 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

INBA –

Inland Northwest Business Alliance

A Professional GLBTQ/Allied Business Alliance. Monthly luncheon meetings and annual community resource directory.

Write: PO Box 20163, Spokane, WA 99204

Voice mail: 509-455-3699

E-mail: info@inbaspokane.org

Web site: www.inbaspokane.org

Inland Northwest Equality

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

Call: Krista Benson: 838-7870

Web site: 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

Lutheran Community Services-SafeT Response Center

Call: (509) 747-8224

Crisis line (509) 624-7273

Lilac City Men's Project

For gay and bisexual men; a frank and open forum about sex, self, safety and socializing. For more information about upcoming meetings and events:

Web site: www.lilaccitymensproject.org

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: Ramon or Bonnie: (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

Papillon

Social support group for the transgender 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

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

Ryan White CARE Consortium

HIV care education and planning group.

Call: Tarena Coleman: (509) 444-8200

Email: tcoleman@chas.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

SAN –

Spokane AIDS Network

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

Web site: 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

Stonewall News Northwest

Flagship publication for the gay and lesbian

community and the Inland Northwest.

Call: (509) 570-3750

Fax: (509) 267-6309

Web site: www.stonewallnews.net

Spokane Gender Center

Resources and support for transgender people.

Web site: www.gendercenter.com

Unitarian Universalist Church

Gay, lesbian resource committee.

Call: (509) 325-6383

Web site: www.uuchurchofspokane.org

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery

Call: 535-3155

Web site: www.vanessabehan.org

Women and Friends

Women-only activities and events in the Spokane area.

Call: (509) 458-4709

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 with, affected by HIV.

Call: (208) 665-1448

Web site: www.nicon.org/niac

North Idaho College Gay-Straight Alliance

Email: [BCHARDISON@icehouse.net](mailto: BCHARDISON@icehouse.net)

NIGMA -

North Idaho Gay Men's Association

Creating community by providing real time social activities for gay men in the Moscow/Pullman area, visitors, and allies.

E-mail: NIGMA@yahoogroups.com

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

PFLAG - Sandpoint

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

Call: (208) 263-6699

LEWISTON/CLARKSTON

PFLAG - Lewis-Clark

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

Call: (509) 758-6437

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>

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

Metropolitan Community Church

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

PFLAG – Walla Walla

Support, education and advocacy group for parents, family, friends and members of the GLBT community. Promoting the health and well-being of GLBT individuals, their families and friends.

Call: (509) 529-5320

Write: 527 E. Oak

Walla Walla, WA 99362-1248

E-mail: pflag_walla2wash@hotmail.com

Web site: www.wwpflag.0catch.com/

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship

Call: (509) 525-0202

WENATCHEE

SHINE

An organization that strives to eliminate all forms of prejudice and discrimination by promoting awareness, education, and self-empowerment through the use of the arts.

Call: (509) 860-7394

E-mail: shine_org@yahoo.com

YAKIMA

PFLAG - Yakima/Yakima Valley

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

Web site: www.flatheadvalleyalliance.org/index.html

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

PFLAG Billings

Meets monthly Sept. - May.

Call: (406) 255-7609

PRIDE!

Statewide lesbian/trans civil rights advocacy group.

Call: (406) 442-9322

or, in Montana: (800) 610-9322

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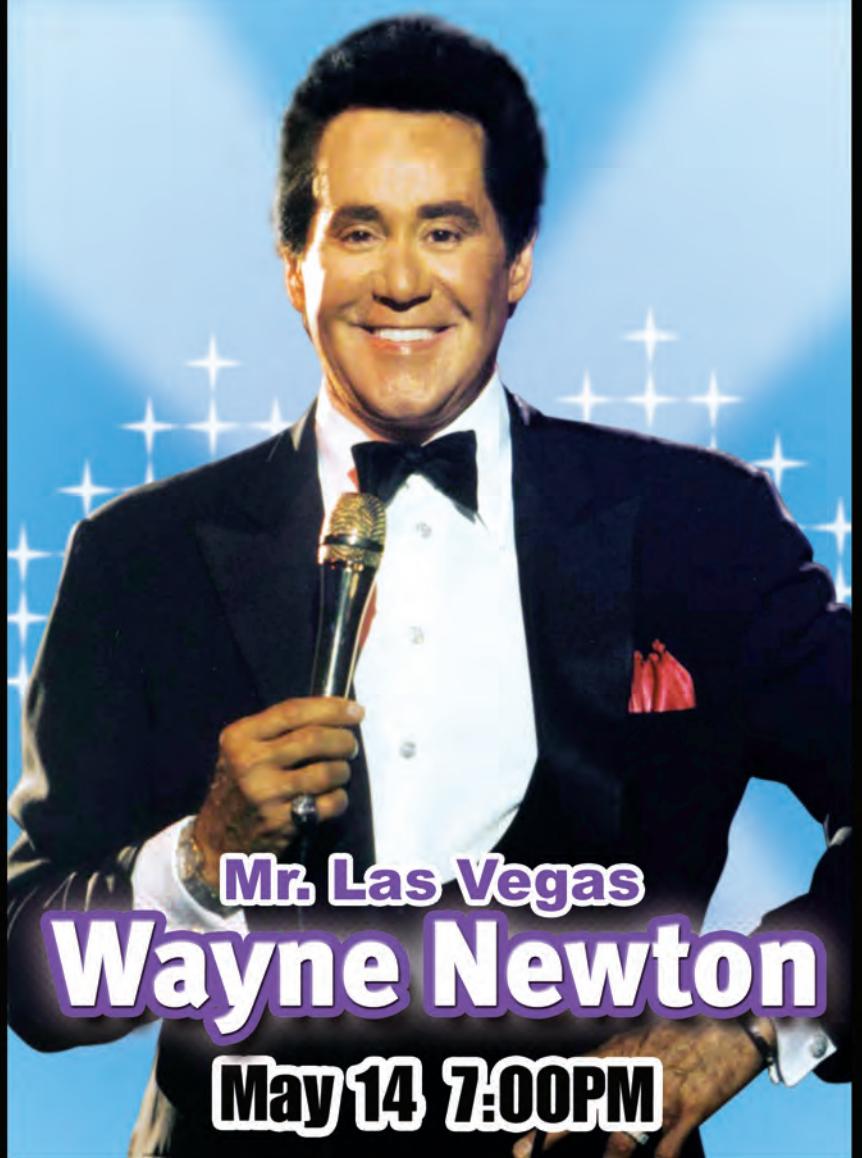
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