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Bigotry & ignorance rampant in U.S. Border Patrol

Referred to as "Fag", "Abomination", "Transvestite", "Thing", and "Freak"; U.S. Border Patrol seeks to fire local decorated transsexual employee in shoddy investigation

By Joyce Crosby Special to Stonewall News Northwest

SPOKANE, WA - "It doesn't matter whether they are gay or straight," Tracy Sturchio proclaims, referring to being

transgender, "people just don't understand the drive to change vour sex." People understand do what it is like to be different though. Gaining acceptance is a matter of overcoming fear through education and activism. is not Sturchio alone in being tired of bigotry, hatred, ignorance, corruption and cover-ups. It appears that bias and harassment are flourishing here in Eastern Washington

"As you can see by the investigation, Tracy is still referred to in derogatory terms by former co-workers at the **Border Patrol. And that** attitude appears to have made its way to the top with the former Chief of the Spokane Sector using derogatory terms to refer to Tracy as well."

> --Larry Kuznetz Attorney for Tracy Sturchio

Tracy Sturchio, highly decorated firefighter and EMT, longtime EMCC member, co-facilitator of Papillion a social/support group for transgender individuals and a transsexual woman herself is fighting for her job as a

Telecommunications Officer with Customs and Border Protection under the Department of Homeland Security. Sturchio, 58, has worked for the Border Patrol since 1991, and has worked at the Spokane office since 1998. The friendly and engaging

Sturchio describes relationship her with coworkers at Border Patrol as "great" until she began to transition from the macho Ron Sturchio to the now female Tracey Sturchio. In 2002 Sturchio changed her name to Tracy and began living her life as a woman in preparation for sex reassignment surgery. During this period Sturchio was the object of many jokes and often

subjected to defamatory remarks at work. With the support of her wife of nearly 30 years, Sturchio underwent sex reassignment surgery in August 2004. Eight months later she lost a federal lawsuit alleging discrimination by coworkers because under the Civil



Photo by Mike Schultz

Tracy Sturchio talks with Stonewall News Northwest on November 2, 2006. Sturchio explains what she wants most is a thorough investigation.

Rights Act of 1964 transsexuals are not members of a protected class.

Under reorganization by the Department of Homeland Security, and due to her expertise and technical skills in her field Ms. Sturchio earned a temporary supervisory position with Customs and Border Patrol (CPB). However, because of her previous

lawsuit, Sturchio contends that there was so much animosity directed at her by CBP staff that it precluded a working relationship with several of her coworkers. Tracy was subjected to derogatory remarks, sometimes daily,

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Fly your Flags on Fridays!

Victory Fund, an organization that helps LGBT candidates gain office, were elected in national, state and local races

(Washington) The wave that swept Democrats to victory on election day led to unprecedented success in electing openly gay candidates.

Sixty-seven candidates endorsed by the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, an organization that helps LGBT candidates gain office, were elected in national, state and local races.

Some of the victories were historic said Victory Fund president Chuck Wolfe. "This is the tipping point election for openly gay candidates," said Wolfe. "We're proving that qualified, well-prepared candidates matched with committed donors means gays and lesbians can move from having a stake in policy to actually making policy. There's no reason to sit on the sidelines with our fingers crossed anymore."

The 67 winners were among 88

Victory Fund endorsed candidates - the most the organization has ever fielded. Thirty-seven of them were running as openly LGBT for the first time.

Among the winners was **Patricia** Todd, who will represent District 54 in the Alabama State House. Todd is the first openly gay person ever elected to any office in the state.

Kathy Webb will represent District 37 in the Arkansas State House. She is the first openly gay person ever elected to any office in the state.

Al McAffrey, who will represent District 88 in the Oklahoma State House, is the first openly gay person ever elected to the Oklahoma state legislature.

Jamie Pedersen became the third consecutive openly gay person to be elected to represent District 43 in the Washington State House

Ed Murray, who will represent District 43 in the Washington State Senate, is a former state representative and becomes the first openly gay state senator in Washington history.

Jolie Justus becomes the first openly gay state senator in Missouri history.

Matt McCoy, who becomes the first openly gay candidate ever elected to the Iowa legislature. McCoy, a sitting state senator, came out during his last term.

Henry Fernandez won a seat on the Lawrence Township School Board, making him the first openly gay person ever elected to any office in Indiana.

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Voices

Letters to the Editor

Frontline's narrow Jim West story disappointing

For anyone who missed Jill Wagner's column "Out on the Town" (Spokesman-Review, Friday, November 10, 2006) you should really go back and read it. The article was about the upcoming Frontline episode "A hidden life" which details the Mayor Jim West sex scandal. In her column, Wagner describes the original story line that Frontline had in the works which covered the lives and workings of the Spokane area's GBLT community in a slice of rural Americana. In reading Wagner's article I could feel the excitement she felt about the idea of telling our real and positive story.

My first experience with the GBLT community of Spokane was the Pride Celebration of June 2006 while manning the Stonewall News Northwest booth conducting surveys. In that experience, I became so moved with the receptiveness and warmth of the Spokane community that I wrote a letter to the editor thanking Spokane for welcoming me into your city and community.

It was on that same June afternoon when a small camera crew filmed just outside the Stonewall booth. It was Frontline documenting a story. I have since attended a number of community events; a GLBTQA community softball game, a fall community festival in Spokane Valley, and various fund raisers. So, I was

equally anticipating a documentary about the GBLT community of Spokane which would show the world just how "normal" our lives really are. What a wonderful thing to happen, I could remember thinking.

However, just as Wagner mentioned in her article, disappointment would come once it was learned that the story line had moved in favor of sensationalism. Once again what could have been a great story about a somewhat closeted yet thriving GLBT community whose members are just average citizens and humans who work, buy homes, raise children, and live productive lives would give way to a story about the lies and deceit of one man who happened to be a public figure. Once again the focus would shift from what was a healthy story to narrow sensationalism you would read in a local tabloid on the rack of your local grocery store. I share Wagner's pain and disappointment.

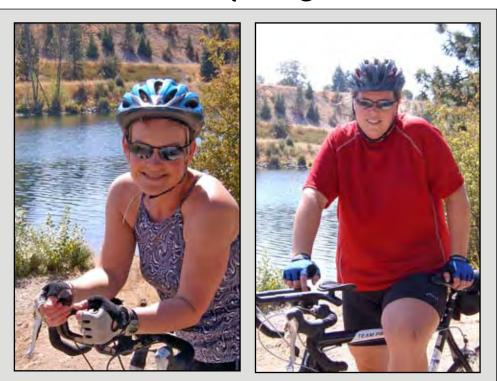
Thank you, Jill Wagner, for taking the time to write such a thoughtful commentary about the event and standing up for the dream of equality and dignity we are all working for. There are many people who feel as we do, sometimes they are just difficult to find. What's unfortunate is that once Frontline's narrow sensationalistic story is over it will be forgotten and end up as garbage on the floor just like the tabloids do.

> Steven Sanford Spokane, WA



Biking for dollars; two locals join national AIDS cycling fund-raiser

<u>Spokane</u>



Amy Backer

Jennifer Hamlin and her partner Amy Backer, from Otis Orchards, WA are planning to participate in AIDS/Lifecycle 2007, a 7-day 545mile bike ride from San Francisco to L.A. to raise money for AIDS. After watching a television program about the annual event, Hamlin and Backer decided they needed to participate in the fundraiser sponsored by San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center. The women, who make up team Better Than Chocolate, are committed to training hard and plan to complete the ride. "The ride" that will take place from June 3-9, 2007, "will not only challenge us, it will help those who desperately need it" said Hamlin.

Jennifer Hamlin

Team Better Than Chocolate is required to raise \$5000 in order to participate in AIDS/Lifecycle 2007. A nominal amount of the total donations will be used for expenses during the ride. However, Hamlin, a professional sports photographer, reports that she and Backer, a local physician, have "contributed enough money to cover those costs thus making each dollar donated to AIDS/ Lifecycle/603 going to those living with the disease. Currently they have raised \$500 toward their initial goal of \$5000. Donations are tax deductible and can be made online at www. aidslifecycle.org/603.



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STURCHIO continued from Front Page

Tracy

she

her

and let it be known that they wanted

noticed "Git R Dunn" written on the

back of one of the trucks at the CBP

shop in Spokane. A few days later "I

(heart symbol) Brokeback" was written

on the back the agency truck. Sturchio

complained to her supervisor and the

graffiti was removed. Then on Sunday

January 30th Sturchio found Significant

Incident Report (SIR) Fax that had

been sent from the Spokane Border

Protection office to union offices as

well as Sturchio's office across town.

The fax contained appalling derogatory remarks such as "Fag Transvestite removed as supervisor," "Abomination still working at sector," and indicated

that Sturchio caused technical problems

on the job and should be charged as a

terrorist. The fax goes on to state that

"understand this abomination is going

to rallies to support its kind. Maybe

can get rid of it for being involved in

anti-government activity." Sturchio

now believes that "Git R Dunn" was

a reference to wanting her fired and

the fax was written by someone who

was "under the impression I was to be

CBP were fearful because with

sexual orientation being added to

the Washington State Law Against

Discrimination (effective June 8, 2006)

it is possible that they would finally be

heldaccountableforharassingTracyand

creating a hostile work environment.

Did Ms. Sturchio's antagonists send

the SIR fax and then point their

fingers at her in order to terminate her employment? Not according to the

Department of Homeland Security.

Their Federal Investigators contend

Tracy Sturchio "was complicit in

the preparation and or sending of a

derogatory fax which helped form the

basis for her formal EEO Complaint."

However, the investigators failed

Officer

Telecommunication

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Perhaps Tracy's coworkers at

totally removed, and I wasn't."

Then in late January Sturchio

she is a woman.

In early January

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removed from

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including "fag" and being repeatedly referred to as a "transvestite" by a female supervisor. Sturchio is not a transvestite,

> "FTO Sturchio lied to investigators during this inquiry as well as the EEO staff about the facts concerning her initial discovery of the SIR fax."

> > --Anita Terry-McDonald Official Disciplinary Review Board U.S. Customs and Border Protection

> > > disabling

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not interested in researching evidence that could exonerate Ms. Sturchio in this case.

Because she initially reported that she discovered the fax on Monday,

Homeland Security's investigators also accuse Ms. Sturchio of blatantly lying about the date she discovered the fax, and reporting а false date in her EEO complaint as well. The incident happenedthree

"This investigation lacked

specificity on the real issues.

Pertinent follow through did

not occur on critical facts.

Exculpatory evidence was

ignored and relevant leads

were not addressed. Under

expect an investigation far

occurred."

more diligent than what has

--Larry Kuznetz

Attorney for Tracy Sturchio

these circumstances, I would

monthsbeforeSturchiowasinterviewed and it is common knowledge at the Border Patrol that Tracy suffers from

Post

Traumatic Stress Disorder. Sturchio asserts that she did not intentionally deceive anyone. She had written the correct day, Sunday, in her notes but had not referred back to her notes until her wife, Kim pointed out the discrepancy to her. The next Sturchio day attempted to tell the investigator about her

mistake but the investigator refused to listen to anything until she was under oath. After re-swearing her in, the investigator brought up that Tracy had first seen the fax on Monday. When Tracy indicated that she had made an honest mistake, the investigator accused her of lying and according to Tracy's attorney, Larry Kuznetz, "the interview deteriorated into a one and one-half hour screaming and intimidation session where the investigators attempted to extract form Tracy that she was lying and had sent the fax." One of the investigators described Tracy as "extremely nervous," had deficient eye contact, and had "labored breathing." Her PTSD causes Tracy to present all of these symptoms.

After concluding their biased and cursory examination of the incident, in a letter dated August 7th, 2006 the Federal Investigators proposed that Sturchio be dismissed from her position with Customs and Border protection and removed from Federal Service. The charges against Sturchio are "improper conduct during an official agency investigation" as well as "improper conduct during an EEO process" and of course sending the fax degrading herself. Tracy wants people to know that, "I didn't do this!" and all Tracy is asking for is a fair and honest investigation of the facts. On November

> 16th an oral reply hearing will be held in Sturchio's Tracy case. expects to be fired. She reports that, "DHS/CBP won't change its mind unless she gets lots of support from people writing their congressmen and senators nationwide to let them know that

> them know that violations of civil rights won't be tolerated." Tracy knows that if she is fired she will

take her skills as a Telecommunications Technician with her; still she is afraid of losing her house to foreclosure. When asked where she finds peace through all of this, Tracy Sturchio replied, "When I am with my wife and one hour on Sunday...When all is said and done I will have peace."

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to thoroughly examine all potential suspects. Instead the investigation was focused on Tracy from its inception. There is compelling evidence that one of Sturchio's peers had both motive to send the fax- he detested Tracy- and access to the SIR form and fax machine. This employee was also in charge of the video recorder and the security cameras which would have captured video of anyone who came to the office to send a fax had he hooked them up before leaving the Border Patrol Compound on January 27, 2006, the day before the disparaging fax was sent. Adamant in his accusation that Tracy sent the fax, this employee hastily declined to take a polygraph test himself. Yet the investigators did not interview this Telecommunications Officer in person to assess his demeanor, nor did they obtain sworn statements from him. Even after Tracy passed an expertly conducted polygraph investigation, the investigators still did not scrutinize everyone who had access to the fax machine to find out who sent the fax. It seems as though the investigators were

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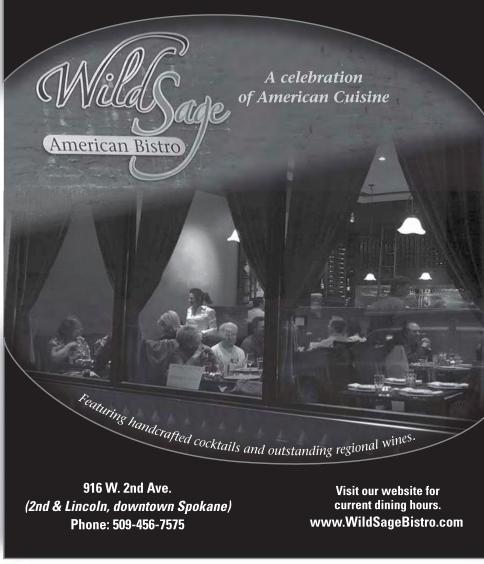
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No Rest for the Wicked A Whole Lotta Lesbians

By Joan Opyr

October 27th, 2006. Two thousand lesbians have gathered in the ancient walled city of York, England. What were they doing, and why were they there? Ten points if you guessed over-throwing the patriarchy. Zero if you said watching a women's basketball game. The former suggests an appealing if hopeless naivety. The latter is just too easy.

In any case, both answers are wrong. Those two thousand lesbian, women transgendered bisexual, and transsexual - were assembled to attend the York Lesbian Arts Festival, a three-day singing, dancing, literary hootnanny. Two thousand women, two thousand readers - for a

writer, especially a lesbian writer, this is the earthly embodiment of bliss. Take me now, Big Guy in the Sky: I have seen paradise.

No, wait – don't take me just yet. (Unless, of course, you're a Big Girl in the Sky.) I want to go back to York next year, and I want to go back the year after that. Actually, I want to go to the York Lesbian Arts Festival until I'm 103. I want to kick the bucket while signing copies of my geriatric masterpiece, Still Here, Still Queer, in the year 2069. I want to leave this world surrounded by women, by lesbians, and by satisfied readers. Then, if the British don't mind, I'd like to have my remains encased in wax or plastic or cryogenically frozen and put on display at the Viking museum at Jorvik, an archaeological excavation inside the medieval city walls. If that's too much to ask, perhaps I might be cremated and scattered over the Libertas book stalls? Libertas (www.libertas.co.uk) is a well-stocked, smartly-staffed GLBT book store and a major sponsor of the festival.

Have I mentioned that I'm an unrepentant Anglophile? I am. I love the literature, I love the television, and I love the food. No – don't laugh. Until you've had a Cumberland sausage with mashed potatoes and onion gravy, you don't know the genius of British cuisine. At its best, British cooking is a perfection of simplicity. I had my first cream tea in York - two fruit scones with strawberry jam and heavy cream washed down with buckets of hot sweet tea. Coffee in England is still largely dreadful – often it's instant, and there's no such thing as a bottomless cup – but tea is a delight. It's Prozac and penicillin, a homely comfort and a

kick in the ass. It's raining? Drink your nice cuppa. Global warming? Have a scone. George Bush? More tea, please, and let's pretend I'm Canadian.

Another great thing about Great Britain? It's a nation of readers. People read on the bus, on the train, in cafés, in queues and in taxicabs. They

read everywhere and every chance they get, and they buy books - lots of books. Sure, the British blah-blah-blah on their cell phones just like Americans do, and their wastrel youth are just as plugged in to their iPods as are their Yank counterparts. Nevertheless, British people read. They read newspapers and magazines, books, poetry, and graphic novels. I have no facts or figures about British reading habits – and I'm not going to look any up for fear of spoiling my cherished illusions - but I notice far more readers in Britain than I do here, and that warms the cockles of my crusty writer's heart.

Enthusiastic readers, a great book store, a lot of books sold and a lot of books signed. I sat on three writers' panels at York and played Calamity Jane (my lifelong dream) in a play called "From Dinosaurs to Dykes" by Fiona Cooper. I've never had so much fun in my life. Whatever York is doing, it's doing right. I can't help thinking that the Inland Northwest could do with something similar to YLAF (www. ylaf.co.uk). Perhaps we could expand our purview to include gay men as well.

Anyone interested in joining this ink-stained, Brit-happy, wandering writer in launching an Out in the Middle of Nowhere Festival? Drop me an email in care of this newspaper. Let's get started!

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OUT! In the Middle of Nowhere **Striking Gold**

by Tim Anderson

That we, in our community, know so many "gay walking wounded" seems to be our legacy. Familial banishment, isolation, rejection and abandonment have all taken their toll. But what about the other wounded people? Those straight folk who've been unintentionally estranged from their gay relatives? What about the family members who never knew why a favorite relative was suddenly not so welcome at family events or why they were prohibited from maintaining contact with a certain someone? That this pain can go both ways, rippling toward the outer boundaries of extended family, became unexpectedly quite obvious last July.

While attending a Fourth of July Cajun Pig Roast/campout hosted by one of the larger ranches in Pend Oreille County, a sixty five year old woman l've known for several years approached me. She was in tears.

Born and raised in Pend Oreille County, Phyllis is a deeply religious woman. A cancer survivor, a self taught musician, and 100% legit cowgirl, Phyllis was

married at 15, and by the age of 20 she'd had four kids in three years. Enduring a dance with both hardship and hard luck, she still considers herself blessed to have lived a rural life. Throughout the years, she's found her stride and joy working tough jobs in local ski resorts, orchards, and on several farms. Her husband is just as "horsey" as she is, as is her father, who still shoes horses even into his late 80's.

On more than one occasion, Phyllis has turned my scowl into a beaming smile. On any summer Saturday she can be found treasure hunting at various Pend Oreille County yard sales. More than one old heap avoided the wrecking yard through her direct intervention. If Phyllis has a signature fashion accessory, it's her big, oxidized four-door sedans from the 70's. Using only Lemon Pledge on those huge cars, she'll tell you with a gleam in her eye that, "Lemon Pledge brings the Shine right out!"

Yet on that hot summer day, I'd misread Phyllis' tears as sadness. Asking if she was ok, Phyllis surprised me by explaining that she was overjoyed! She'd just returned from a large family reunion at Blue Slide, Washington. While walking around the reunion, she noticed that among the 85 people in attendance was a man she didn't recognize. After approaching him and introducing herself, Phyllis learned that the stranger was a relative she'd not seen in years. His name was Allen.

Phyllis related what had just happened. "Allen just disappeared after he got out of school up in the North County. Nobody knew where he went. Down the line some of his brothers caught up with him and discovered he was gay. They disowned Allen. After that, no one knew what happened to him or where he went. So today I was walking around the campground and I saw this pick up truck just filled with camping stuff. I told the man, "Boy you sure been camp-



ing, Where you been camping at? I thought you were part of our reunion".

""Well Lam! I'm Allen!" he says."

"He'd just returned from prospecting up in the Okanogan Country and down on the river. He showed me all this gold. I mean a lot, especially, with gold being worth \$800 an ounce. Allen had this one

big nugget and told me he'd found it on his birthday and he figured it was his birthday present. It's a real shock that he's finally came home after so long. I think as life goes on and more people talk about gays, people are more understanding. I saw a lot of smiles and firm handshakes from the men. They were saying "Gosh it's good to see you!""

"In the past, I know some of them would have said "Get that sucker out of here! We don't want him around!" But, not now. Everyone was so happy to see him and I'm so glad he's back. People have changed their way of thinking. Just about every family has discovered that they have two or three down the line that are gay. Every family has something they don't like about someone. I just say God doesn't make mistakes, He knows what He's doing in my book. You have to live like there is a purpose in life. I think that purpose is to please God."

Phyllis continued that she tries to follow the Ten Commandments, which she acknowledged with a humble smile- that if she could, that would make her a pretty perfect person. "I try to remember why I'm on earth every day. I remember that love is the most important of God's commandments. If you can love, you can forgive and you won't hate your neighbor. Love is the most important answer to everything. Love pleases God and I will always love Allen."

As Thanksgiving approaches, I can't forget Phyllis as I recall the tears of joy that streamed down her cheeks that hot July day. And I can't help but think that God had to be pretty darn pleased.

A writer, horseman, truck driver, and graduate of Seattle Pacific University and Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle, Tim is the president 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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Ken Mehlman, political advocate against the "pro-homosexual agenda" resigned as Repubican Committee Chairman following an 'outing' by Bill Maher on the *Larry King Show* on Nov 8th. The 'outing' was later deleted from the CNN broadcast as well as a transcript of the show. Washington, D.C. - Mike Rogers, a leading gay activist blogger, two weeks ago took his campaign against hypocrisy by anti-gay Republicans and evangelicals who are gay themselves to the U.S. Capitol steps.

Under a full moon in front of the Capitol dome, at a prayer vigil organized by the Christian Defense Coalition "to put men and women in office that will honor God and the principles of this nation," Rogers handed out flyers with a list of 27 "known homosexuals in the Bush administration and Republican party."

On the leaflets was a version of an open letter that Rogers sent over 900 conservative Christian pastors on Friday, bearing a picture of Republican National Committee Ken Mehlman and saying that "a staggering number of leaders claim to support 'family values' in public, but secretly lead what many social conservatives call the 'homosexual lifestyle."

Rev. Patrick J. Mahoney first told Rogers to stop leafleting, and when he did not, took the microphone to tell the Rogers said, "I think that social conservative voters should be told by someone just how gay the Republican leadership is. I know I'm an unlikely messenger, but I think that upon reflection, social conservative leaders will at least agree that closeted gay politicians should be straight with the public about who they are, and let the political chips fall where they may."

The event was covered by WTTG-TV, the Fox affiliate in Washington, D.C., which led its 11 p.m. news broadcast with a report on the confrontation between Rogers and Mahoney. A link to the report appears on Rogers' blog at www.blogActive.com.

Two weeks ago, Rogers released what became one of the most-watched videos on YouTube, an ad parody about Mehlman's hypocrisy. Mehlman marshalled social conservatives in the GOP's vaunted "72-hour strategy" to drive conservative voter turnout against the "pro-homosexual agenda" in the midterm elections this past Tuesday. However, Mehlman deflected a question about his own sexual identity as recently as three weeks ago on camera.

Mahoney put out a news release the Wednesday before the election saying, "If Republicans lose the House or Senate, they only have themselves to blame. They have failed to energize and empower faith and value voters which provide a critical base of support... Many evangelicals I have talked with feel used and taken for granted."

Rogers in the open letter on his leaflets said, "At the top of the Republican party, Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman still refuses to answer reports that he leads a 'homosexual lifestyle'. Because of my work on this subject, I can provide you the truth that no one else will tell you."

For details, video links and a copy of Rogers' letter to the pastors, see www.blogActive.com and www. proudofwhoweare.org, or call (202) 667-1639

Clinton drops in on gay group's gala in SoBe



Former President Bill Clinton, in South Florida to campaign for Democratic candidates, made a surprise appearance recently at

the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's 10th annual Recognition Dinner in South Beach.

Clinton arrived at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel about 8 p.m. and greeted NAACP Board Chairman Julian Bond, who received the evening's National Leadership award. Local honorees: philanthropist Bob Cole (The Miami Herald Humanitarian Award) and TWN (The Weekly News), South Florida's gay newspaper that closed in March after 29 years.

Clinton, 60, and Bond, 66, exchanged a few words, then the former president shook hands with dozens of the dinner's 600 attendees. He gave no speeches.

Soon, Secret Service agents whisked Clinton down a winding staircase and out of the hotel.

"President Clinton made a very nice gesture to stop in for 15 minutes on the way to the airport," said onetime Amazing Race winner Chip Arndt, now president of the Miami-Dade LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender) Democratic Caucus. "It's always encouraging when you have the proverbial rock stars, and President Clinton is a political rock star."

Thousands rally at Jerusalem Gay Pride event; No violence reported

By Troy Espera (GayWired.com)

The gay community in Israel faced vehement opposition from religious fundamentalists and as it held a large rally Friday in Jerusalem, complete with live rock music, dancing and declarations of pride. According to BBC News, about 4,000 gay men, lesbians and civil rights supporters gathered at the Hebrew University stadium.

Security was tight in the city with 3,000 Israeli police drafted in to stop clashes between the demonstrators and orthodox Jews. Police arrested 30 gay protesters who tried to march illegally through the city, reports BBC. Police security worries intensified after an errant Israeli artillery shells killed 19 civilians in Gaza on Wednesday and Palestinian militants vowed to carry out suicide bombings in Israel in retaliation.

At the stadium Friday, a group of observant Jews from the Reform and Conservative streams of Judaism held placards pleading for peaceful coexistence.

"We want to pass on a message of tolerance and rejection of violence," said one of them, Gershon Bar-Yaakov, to the Associated Press. Some religious leaders proposed holding the event in Tel Aviv, but in an interview published Friday in the Haaretz daily, Orthodox Jewish Lesbian Avigail Sperber said that to move the venue would be to miss the point.

Elton John: religion encourages gay hate

The event, originally planned as a march through the city, was held behind fences at the university sports stadium on the Holy City's outskirts after organizers bowed to police fears of violent protests by ultra-Orthodox Jews.

The Associated Press reports that participants were mainly dressed in regular street clothes, making it a far more staid affair than gay pride events in the more permissive city of Tel Aviv.

Last year's march was marred by bloodshed when an ultra-Orthodox man stabbed and wounded three participants.

In the past week, hundreds of ultra-Orthodox Jews battled police and torched vehicles and trash bins in the streets to protest the planned march, and threatened further violence if the parade went ahead. "Despite the caustic reactions, the religious community is finally talking about the subject and is beginning to realize it has homosexual and lesbian members," she said. "It's more important to hold a gay pride parade in Jerusalem than in Tel Aviv because being gay in Tel Aviv is not much of a problem."

As the event got under way, thousands of gay people poured into the stadium to hear a series of speeches, reports BBC.

Many wore T-shirts celebrating their sexuality while others held banners and flags. One banner read: "There are different ways to be a Jew."

The four-hour event passed off without any reports of violence.



Sir Elton John

AP - Organised religion fuels antigay discrimination and other forms of bias, pop star Elton John said in an interview.

"I think religion has always tried to turn hatred towards gay people," Elton said in the Observer newspaper's Music Monthly Magazine. "Religion promotes the hatred and spite against gays."

"But there are so many people I know who are gay and love their religion," he said. "From my point of view, I would ban religion completely. Organised religion doesn't seem to work. It turns people into really hateful lemmings and it's not really compassionate."

Religious leaders had also failed to do anything about tensions and conflicts around the world, he said.

"Why aren't they having a conclave? Why aren't they coming together?" he asked.

Elton said those in his own field have been similarly lax.

"It's like the peace movement in the '60s. Musicians got through to people by getting out there and doing peace concerts, but we don't seem to do them any more," he said. "If John Lennon were alive today, he'd be leading it with a vengeance."

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Christopher Lawrence, A & E Editor

Spokane's GLBT Film Festival 8th season wins audience

Barb Lee and her partners in crime always have a daunting task in order to preview all the submissions for the annual Spokane GLBT Film Festival. This eighth year was no exception as they expanded into four showings. For the first time we had the chance to immerse ourselves in festival offerings once on Friday, twice on Saturday, finishing with a Sunday matinee.

It was a wonderful finale to the **Fall Into Pride** events that take place around National Coming OUT Day (Oct. 11), founded by Dr. Robert Eichberg and Jean O'Leary in 1988 to celebrate the Second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Spokane is the only city so far that is choosing to have a second set of pride events to commemorate this landmark day.

Many local groups and sponsors had tables, held raffles, drawings, served popcorn, candy and drinks while they interacted with film festival attendees.

Spokane's own veteran celebrity Auntie Bijou opened the events wearing a smart metallic copper outfit and short, startling red curls and a sunny attitude. The audience was assailed with hot magenta Film Festival frisbees to start the excitement and the room was full of camaraderie by the time the first entry was played.

Howdy Partner was a short film that examined all the meanings and the ambiguity of meaning that the word "partner" holds for different people. What is descriptive to some may be a disguise or not specific enough to have a universal meaning. Interesting and humorous comments made up the majority of the few minutes it lasted. Slightly thoughtprovoking. Definitely not earth-shaking in its message.

Dani and Alice was the most disturbing offering of the weekend. Domestic violence seldom ends well. Without being too graphic, this sobering story of what happens in abusive relationships was gritty enough to make an impact.

Wrong Bathroom brought into focus the many people in our community who must carefully plan when and where they use a public bathroom because they may not appear to match their gender identity. Civil rights are being ignored for many thousands of citizens, creating mental, emotional and physical discomfort.

In Memory of Me followed a young oman to her home town for the wed ding of a friend and soon turned into the reliving of the angst she experienced and the painful choices she made when hiding the truth about a relationship in her past. The acting was less that stellar, but the plot twists were nicely done, if slightly predictable. Overdue Conversation was exactly that. Two men filmed each other simultaneously, the result displayed on a split screen so that you could see each of them from the other's viewpoint. Having had past sexual experiences with each other, they examined the dynamics of what was unsaid about their HIV status and the mixed feelings they each had about disclosure and intimacy. Perhaps thoughtful, insightful and non-judgemental discussions like this would be a good start in healing our male community.

marked their 10th Anniversary. The weeklong celebration was filled with workshops, counseling, peer support, fun events and sports for 'families' to enjoy.

The conversations with the kids were enlightening and endearing. Because of its popularity and wonderful uplifting message, this film is available for sale on the Spokane GLBT Film Festival Web site.

I highly recommend this film. Show it to your families and friends. Show it at your church to promote understanding. Many minds might be swayed if people could see the price homophobia exacts on our society.

Jaywalking. Nine minutes of learning what the transformation means to a drag king. This is an important and often overlooked subject within our community. It was fairly well done, but lacked enough breadth to grant the full impact of gender identification and its meanings.

Modern Day Arranged Marriage was short and uninspired, although quirky. The convenience of finding a partner/beard through the Internet does not advance equality by any stretch of the imagination.

Worst Case Scenario: Butch Edition was campy and humorous, giving hilarious tips on being the butch (gentleman) in a relationship. Straight men should be so politically correct.

Begging for Change was disturbingly preachy and its rape scene more than disquieting. Suggesting that a flip of the coin can bring two very different results could and *should* have been expanded. It lacked depth. I think the message reeks of judgement and would be ignored by most youth.

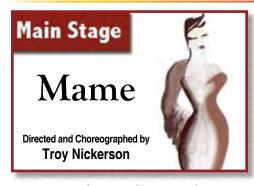
Attack of the Bride Monster was a great takeoff about the complications that can come with the marriage band wagon. (Marriage can be the death of a relationship.) Many in our community do not see this formal commitment as something they wish to embrace. Campy, creepy and fun.

and a performer considering working together each mistakenly meet one of the two men looking for their blind dates instead of each other. Great ending.

Mom can live in a child's brain until long after they are out in the world trying to be successful. Both characters are interesting in this film but Julie Goldman steals the show as an overly chatty camera person who wants to be a tattoo artist, but is stuck with her less-than enthusiastic interviewer partner at a youth hostel. While conducting marketing research, Goldman's character runs into an old flame who is now married to a man.

She is one of the funniest women I have seen in years. Her part in this well-written and well-acted film is delightful.

Her partner in the research project realizes that sometimes the thing she wants is not what **she** wants at all. Why is her Mom's voice in her mind telling her what to do? This is an issue that many of us have had to face. Just like her, when we have that epiphany, there is choice



I remember reading **Auntie Mame** as a pre-teen and longing to trade places with 10-year-old Patrick who is forced to move in with his eccentric aunt. He mingles with the eccentric theater and social elite of New York. Enjoy the crazy antics as the two learn to live together.

Mame is being presented at Civic Theatre from Nov. 17–Dec. 17. Tickets are available at TicketsWest online or by calling (800) 325-7328.



Hollywood movie mogul David O. Selznick has shut down production on **Gone with the Wind** in 1939 and locked himself in his office with screenwriter Ben Hecht and director Victor Fleming, whom he dragged off **The Wizard of Oz** set to rewrite the script. The three of them frantically work for seven sleepless days re-tooling – and at times rewriting – the celebrated novel and the creation of one of greatest movies of all time. This Actors Repertory Theater production runs from Nov. 24–Dec. 9. about whether to wither away or get up and get on with our own life

Unfortunately, I missed the Sunday matinee. Audience comments were mixed on **Colin** while most of them seemed to appreciate **Mormors's Visit.**

Creatures From the Pink Lagoon also received mixed responses. I am planning to review it in a future issue.

This was a great season for Spokane's GLBT Film Festival. When I contacted Barb Lee for comments, she had this to say:

"Thank you, everyone, for the most successful film festival ever. We had our largest attendance ever, more organizations involved then ever and attendees from Seattle to Helena, from Malo to Kettle Falls to Pullman. Spokane is quickly creating an event that is bigger and better than what we generally think ourselves capable of."

For audience comments, further details about present/past entries and links to the filmmakers' Web sites, please visit: *http://www.spokanefilmfest.org.*

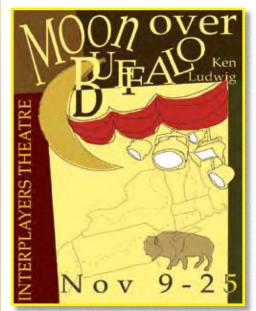
Out gay TV character has depth, complexity

If you haven't been watching the excellent new ABC drama "Brothers and Sisters," I recommend you Tivo it to make sure you don't miss another episode. It can also be viewed online for those who wish to catch up.

One of the brothers is openly gay and played by Matthew Rhys, an export of South Wales. The character is well written, well played and easy on the eyes.

Callista Flockhart and Sally Field as the eye-lash batting, battling mother and daughter also share delicious scenes.

Could this be the new "Dynasty?"



Queer Spawn was my favorite entry; it also won the **Audience Award for 2006.** What kind of support systems are out there for the 10 million children of GLBTQ parents? Apparently the Annual Family Reunion this year in Provincetown **Collision** was a redolent and strange fantasy bordering on supernatural that presented astounding realizations to two men who met in a bathroom at a party. One was ill, the other uncomfortable about being there. They discovered during a trance-like exercise that their pasts were bound together, yielding important discoveries about themselves and each other. Original concept, interesting effects, plot twists and excellent use of original music made this film stand out.

The Saturday night showings opened with Joan Opyr of Stonewall News Northwest and *Idaho Code* fame reading a few pages from her new novel. Joan is a writer for whom I have great admiration. I look forward to reading her upcoming sequel. The audience response proved that if she ever stops writing she could easily be successful as a stand-up comic.

Available Men had the audience roaring with laughter as the misunderstandings developed during meeting mix-ups at a hotel bar. The results are packed with irony and humor as an agent Tickets and more information are available by calling (509) 838-4013.

GLBT Book Group

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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 P.M. Upcoming review sessions include: *Highsmith: A Romance of the 1950's* by Marijane Meaker on Dec. 6

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At interPLAYERS, **Moon Over Buffalo** focuses on an acting couple, not exactly the Lunts, who are on tour in Buffalo. Fate has given these thespians one more shot at starring roles and director Frank Capra himself is en route to Buffalo to catch their matinee performance.

Hilarious misunderstandings pile on madcap misadventures, all of which are magnified by Charlotte's deaf mother who manages the theatre.

I have it on good authority that we can look forward to a 'restrained' performance from Gary Pierce who was such a screwball-with-high-blood-pressure in *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* and whose performance was so touching in *Of Mice and Men*. Gary is but one of what looks to be a really great cast for this play that brought Carol Burnett back to Broadway.

Moon Over Buffalo runs from Nov. 9 –Nov. 25. Tickets are available by calling (800) 325-7328.



Christopher Lawrence & Graham Ames

The elections are over but the political machine grinds on... The first two selections in this issue can inspire hope and remind us to focus on our civil rights while entertaining us and powering our resolve to make a difference. Selection three on the other hand ... really mindless fun to soften the cold reality of how far we still have to go.

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Dare to Hope

Jason West

Avalon Publishing, 360 pages

In a nation where the two-party system manages to keep common citizens from controlling their own lives because

of corrupt major corporations who control their purse-strings, Jason West has managed to beat the odds. He shines light on a path that could free us from this system and afford us a true democracy where the people actually rule.

If his name sounds familiar, he is the mayor of New Paltz, NY, who followed the constitution of New York state and allowed for the marriage of same-sex couples.

West is also an intelligent supporter of creating independence in communities from outside utilities and projects such as waste management that can support itself. Why not bring in revenue for that same community instead of spending it on out-sourcing?

This is a book worth reading that may rekindle your faith in a democracy that represents

all of its people equally.

Poster Boy Zak Tucker, director Here! Films, 98 minutes

What would it be like living under the oppressive thumb of a three-term consersenator vative-values who bullies everyone

around him? For Henry Kray (played by Matt Newton) the closeted, sexually active gay son, life boils over when his bigot father demands he become a visible part of his campaign.

He meets handsome former activist Anthony (Jack Noseworthy) and for the first time begins to trust his feelings about another guy. He develops feelings for Anthony just before Henry's dad makes a speech on campus.

gender or abandoning someone of your own flesh and blood because of it?"

Veteran character actor Michael Lerner as the senator and his wife who is played by Karen Allen (Raiders of the Lost Ark) are both veterans of TV and film. Ms. Allen turns in a fine and restrained

> performance as the wife who has become numbed to the empty lives they lead.

Production values are excellent in all areas. This film is timely and significant. See it.

Another Gay Movie Todd Stevens, director TlA Releasing, 92 min.

the-top send up of American Pie should include the words, "raunchy" and "outrageous." Those of you who line up tightly on the politically correct side of the room may not enjoy it as much as those of us who can appreciate the subversive

> Make no mistake, I would never infer that this movie is tasteful. There are parts that will make any audience member groan in shock, but close on the heels of that reaction is often a rollicking laugh whether you approve or not.

Good satire is often hardtofindandharderfor some to stomach. Most of the audience at the Fall Into Pride showing reacted favorably. Many remarked that it was even funnier later when recalling certain

moments all over again.

The lead character, played by Michael Carbonaro, received the "Best Actor Award" at the OUTFEST LGBTQ film festival in Philadelphia where Another

Christmas music is such a difficult genre to get just right. Sometimes the most earnest efforts come across as smarmy, hackneyed performances, or conversely, an off-the-cuff thrown together take can bring the deep magic that adds sparkle to the holiday season. These three holiday discs are full of joy and celebration, and are excellent additions to any seasonal collection.

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The Glorious Sound Of Christmas The Philadelphia Orchestra/Eugene Ormandy

CBS Records/Sony

An Acapella Christmas Manhattan Transfer Rhino Records

The Painter John Michael Talbot and Terry Talbot Sparrow Records

Forty-five years ago, holiday music was a dead genre in American record stores. Nobody was buying it, nobody cared about recording it. Then, one record came along and changed everything, revitalizing the market for nearly two decades. The Glori-

ous Sound Of Christmas creates much of its magic through the amazing arrangements of Arthur Harris, whose symphonic settings of traditional sacred carols are full of the majesty and awe associated

with Christmas as a religious holiday. Eugene Ormandy and The Philadelphia Orchestra, with support from The Temple University Concert Choir, surprise and delight the listener across 14 tracks which flow smoothly across the CD, an old-fashioned "album experience" which eludes many modern

releases. Opening with a trumpet fanfare and ringing chimes, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" is a symphony in miniature, three movements in one, complete with a Beethoven-esque choral closing. The dark and mysterious "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" gives way

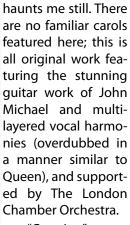
to a whimsical "God

ed, furthering the case for their inclusion in the modern canon. Sometimes jazzy, sometimes very straight, this album is full of surprises without ever alienating the listener. The most surprising track is the intricate "Toyland." This simple lullaby is transformed into a series of shifting textures, drawing the listener into a dreamscape of harmony and shading which seems as if it cannot be created only with human voices. But it is, and the

> wonder of hearing this talented group weave their vocal wizardry unobstructed by instrumental support makes this a prime choice for your next trip to the record store.

The last album reviewed here, The Painter, should perhaps be more properly filed under "Advent"

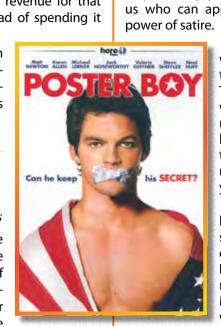
than "Christmas." John Michael Talbot is a well known voice within contemporary Christian music, as is his brother Terry Talbot. When they teamed up for this 1980 release, they created a nine-part song cycle of outstanding majesty which



"Greeting" opens

the album, an invocation setting the mood by asking that "the Master Painter touch His brush to your life." "Advent Suite" is a masterpiece, an enormous work for guitar and orchestra and layered voices, looking forward to the miracle of the Messiah's birth and invoking his

Spirit into our lives today. Quieter songs such as "Behold Now The Kingdom" and "Create In Me A Clean Heart" allow ample time for reflection on the life and teachings of Jesus. The energy ramps up again with "The Mystery" and finally builds into the second climax of the album, "Jesus Has



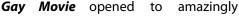
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The story is played out during an interview with the senator's son for a national magazine after the fabled "incident" that happens during the televised speech.

The two male leads give each other sol-

ace from their respective unhappy and complex lives while learning the cost of abandoning their individual values. Both actors are clearly mastering their craft and their scenes are compelling.

Best quote: "How can a cause be just if it pits citizens against each other? What is more unnatural; sex with the same



positive reviews and audience response. We will certainly be seeing more of him and many of the other actors. The abundance of talent and energy is delightful and many of them have long lists of credits to their names already.

Add Scott Thompson from "Kids in the Hall," Darrel Stephens from "Noah's Ark," Richard Hatch and the infamous Graham Norton and you have a good set of seasoned come-

dic actors. Production values are above average in the film. The same team who created Another Scary Movie have done their best (and worst) once again.

This movie is not for showing in sensitive company, but it is funnier each time it is watched. Rent it or buy it if only to see how your friends will react.

Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen." Schubert's "Ave Maria" glows with reverence. From start to finish, this is a true classic of the genre, and simply must be part of any library.

The only new release out of these three, An Acapella **Christmas** from The Manhattan Transfer,

features the familiar tight harmonies of the long-lived jazz vocal quartet, without any pesky instruments getting in the way of the listening ear. The 10 secular carols selected include jazzy interpretations of "White Christmas," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," and "Jingle Bells." The Vince Guaraldi composition "Christmas Time Is Here" is rendered with melancholy and mystery, with nary an easy or expected harmonic turn. Contemporary classics "My Grown-up Christmas List" and "Merry Christmas Baby" are excellently present-



Come." Wrapping up with a guiet meditative track, this CD truly looks to the birth of Christ as a holiday, and as an individual experience.

Record stores should carry at least two of these wonderful Christmas albums, and all three of them are available through familiar online retailers, although The Painter may be only available used. All of them are excellent and worth seeking out.

Start your holiday season early with music you will enjoy for years to come.

Monday, November 13, 2006

Further coverage from Front Page

In addition to scores of honors and awards blanketing a wall in Sturchio's home for exemplary and heroic service spanning decades (photo right), Sturchio's performance at the Border Patrol in recent years reveals the following:

April2002:LetterofCommendation from the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Border Patrol for designating and overseeing the construction of a LORIS Scope Truck that was used during the 2002 Winteer Olympics.

2003: Was one of six technicians in the country sent to Washington, D.C. for development of the Request For Concept documents and the design of new intrusion detection.

Juy 2004: Temporarily stationed in Deming, New Mexico working with ICAD and the sensor manufacturer in testing and troubleshooting one of the systems.

2004 & 2005: Worked with the new CBP/OIT/EMD at the Orlando headquarters to coordinate the use of their digital radio system for encrypting the Spokane Sector Border Patro's mobile and portable communications equipment. Proving very successful, it is now currently being done by Over the Air Re-keying (OTAR).



Tracy Sturchio, above, at home in north Spokane. Sturchio believes she will loose her home to cover the finan- Photo by Mike Schultz cial burden of defending herself.

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By Mike Schultz

The Significant Incident Report (SIR) fax (left) is at the core of the charges against Tracy Sturchio by the Border Patrol.

This SIR fax, marked as a "Terrorist Related" incident by the sender, was mysteriously sent on January 28, 2006, to the Department of Homeland Security Commissioner's situation room in Washington, D.C. and to a fax machine in Sturchio's office in north Spokane.

TheBorder Patrol'sinternalinvestigation that followed concluded Sturchio was "... complicit in either the preparation and/or sending of the SIR fax.". and that she sent it as a hoax and serves as a basis for her dismissal.

Exonerating information and leads revealed during the investigation, however, were ignored, according to Larry Kuznetz, Sturchio's attorney. According to Kuznetz, *"The investigators made the broad leap of faith"* from shallow unsworn statements from others who had motive to send the fax.

curchio passed a polygraph test yet thers were asked to take one. The orker believed by Sturchio and her ney most likely to have been complicit ding the SIR fax stated in the beginning e investigation he would not take a raph. His unsworn statement was ted by the investigator at face value the telephone. "One would think a face to face interview would be appropriate," notes Kuznetz, "to observing and assessing demeanor of an individual refusing to take a polygraph", and focal in the investigation. Also at odds with the conclusion of the investigation is an explanation for the mysterious circumstances surrounding the four cameras in this Dept. of Homeland Security *secure compound* from where the investigator believes the fax was sent. The same co-worker who refused to take a polygraph also had access to the video equipment and was the last person working on it. Why was the video recorder disconnected from these cameras in a *secure compound* that would have identified an individual coming on site to use the fax machine? The investigator never bothered to ask. Nor does the investigation explain discrepancies and contradictions in statements from others. And it certainly doesn't square away the alarming documented culture of abhorrent discrimination and harassment in an organization insisting it enforces a zero tolerance policy on discriminatory or harassing behavior.

are now at end of January Radios still don't work all the time and are quitting more and more. We were lead to believe that if we added to complaints chief would be happy and radios would work. Those of us who do not want to be around this thing of a person did what was asked. Was told that chief had meeting with staff week of 25 December 2005 to find out who would support the supervisor and how the supervisor was going to be removed. Was told first of January that supervisor radio repair technician was removed after deal made with upper supervisor. Deal was that chief Harris would quit writing memos to Headquarters about radios and sensors we would be relieved of having to deal with a fag. New supervisor now Rick. Radios still not working sensors not working. Found that the Abomination still working at sector. Staff needs to quit messing around with us and get radios and sensors working. Also quit with small stuff trying to charge her with damage agents did years ago and nail all for being Terrorist for messing radios up. Understand that this abomination is going to rallies to support its kind. Maybe can get rid of it for being involved in anti government activity. Staff needs to guit dancing around if chief Harris wants to go back to DC to be Chief he needs to stand up for us and not the thing. Chiefs agenda was supported we were lied to. If radios are not fixed in 10 days and the Abomination removed from office the union will go public with radio and sensor problems as well as accuse radio technicians of terrorism with staffs support.

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Call: (406) 442-9322

or, in Montana: (800) 610-9322

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Call: (406) 442-9322

Missoula, MT 59802

(406) 543-2224

Bi MEN Group

gender equality.

Call: (206) 324-2570

Community Center

127 North Higgins, Suite 202

E-mail: wmglcc@gaymontana.org

and support bisexual men.

Equal Rights Washington

Web site: www.equalrightswashington.org

GLSEN Washington State

gender identity/expression.

Legal Marriage Alliance

Lesbian Resource Center

Lifelong AIDS Alliance

for people with HIV/AIDS.

PositiveVoice Washington

E-mail: mail@ggIsenwa.org

Web site: www.glsenwa.org

Web site: www.lmaw.org

Monthly newspaper.

Call: (206) 322-3953

Call: (206) 329-6923

Web: www.gaymontana.org/wmglcc

PRIDE!

group.

PFLAG Billings Meets monthly Sept. - May.

to lesbian survival and visibility.

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 <u>Web site</u>: 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

<u>E-mail</u>: *info@inbaspokane.org* <u>Web site</u>: *www.inbaspokane.ora*

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 Communtiy Services-SafeT Response Center Call: (509) 747-8224 Crisis line (509) 624-7273 Lilac City Men's Project 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 The Inland Northwest

HIV antibody testing and counseling. Call: Clinic for Appt.: (800) 788-9128 Administration: (509) 326-6292

Pride Foundation/Inland Northwest

The Pride Foundation connects, inspires and strengthens the Pacific Northwest GLBTQ community in pursuit of equality by awarding grants and scholarships and cultivating leaders. Call: Spokane office (509) 327-8377 or (888) 575-7717 E-mail: *autreach@pridefoundation.org* Website: *www.pridefoundation.org*

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: Rvan: (509) 290-3519

Web site: www.QuestYouthGroup.org

Ryan White CARE Consortium

HIV care education and planning group. Call: Tarena Coleman: (509) 444-8200 E-mail: tcoleman@chas.org

Rainbow Regional Community Center

Support services for GLBTQ 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

Fax: (509) 267-6309 <u>Web site</u>: **www.stonewallnews.net**

Spokane Gender Center Resources and support for transgender people. <u>Web site</u>: 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 E-mail: 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. <u>E-mail:</u> 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 Planned Parenthood of

The Inland Northwest

HIV antibody testing and counseling. Call: Clinic for Appt.: (800) 788-9128 Administration: (509) 326-6292

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 Washington State University Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Orientation Resource Center Call: Heidi Stanton (509)335-8841 E-mail: hstanton@wsu.edu Web site: www.thecenter.wsu.edu

Washington State University GLBA Student Group

Fun, fellowship and socializing. Call: (509) 335-6428 <u>Web site</u>: http://cubwsu.edu/GLBAP

Call Melinda: (509) 335-6428

Gay-Straight Alliance

University of Idaho

issues and history.

Call: (208) 885-2691

Benton-Franklin

Confidential voice mail also.

services.

River of Life

Call: (509) 542-8860

Call: (509) 783-7416

Call: (509) 529-4744

Spanish: (509) 529-2174

PFLAG - Walla Walla

11:30 a.m.

port group.

services.

and friends.

Call: (509) 529-5320

Call: (509) 525-0202

SHINE

Walla Walla, WA 99362-1248

E-mail: pflag walla2wash@hotmail.com

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship

WENATCHEE

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promoting awareness, education, and self-

empowerment through the use of the arts.

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

Write: 527 E. Oak

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Tri-Cities Chaplaincy/Tri-Cities CARES

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Survivor support group and HIV/PWA sup-

WALLA WALLA

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Support, education and advocacy group for

parents, family, friends and members of the

GLBTQ community. Promoting the health and

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District Health Department

Call: (Pasco) (509) 547-9737, ext. 234

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Northwest Fair Housing Alliance

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Odyssey Youth Center

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to educate our community.

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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 together people in the GLBT community. Write: P.O. Box 1282, Moses Lake, WA 98837

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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 Advocates for programs and services needed by people with HIV. Offers self-advocacy training.

Call: (888) 704-0099

Washington State GSA Network

The Washington State Gay-Straight Alliance Network is a youth-led organization created to help connect public and private GSA-based clubs and other community groups throughout Washington State.

Call: (206) 330-2099 Web site: www.wagsa.org

To have your group listed in this directory, e-mail your organization's information to Stonewall News Northwest at news@stonewallnews.net.



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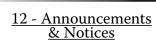
Ken Keechl won a seat on the Broward County Commission in Florida, beating an appointee of Gov. Jeb Bush.

In Hawaii, Kim Coco Iwamoto won a seat on Hawaii's statewide Board of Education making her the country's highest-elected transgender official.

And, Judge Virginia Linder will join Rives Kistler on the Oregon Supreme Court, making it the first state ever to have two openly gay Supreme Court Justices.

In Minnesota, state Sen. Paul Koering, who did not seek Victory endorsement, Fund won reelection. Koering announced he is gay after voting against a proposed constitutional amendment to prevent gay marriage in the state.

Thirteen states, however, still have no openly LGBT state legislators: Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wyoming.



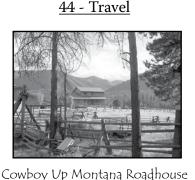
Items Wanted. Odyssey Youth Center has an ongoing need for bus token donations. There is also a need for a soda dispensary machine, gift cards/certificates to use as youth rewards and incentives, and an X-Box 360 video game console. To donate these or other items please call Ödyssey Youth Center, 509/325-2627.

<u>13 - Volunteers</u>

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

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Website: www.stonewallnews.net E-mail: mail@stonewallnews.net

"And we also know this," said Ralls. " Support for lifting the ban did not cause voters to reject any candidate. According to Gallup, nearly 4 out of 5 Americans support gays serving openly in the military. America is ready for change.

But he warned "The new doors that have opened, however, do not necessarily translate into certain, or fast, victory. Much work remains to be done, to educate both new and returning lawmakers."



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National Stonewall Democrats hailed the party sweep of the House.

"Americans have rejected the failed politics that divided our families in the past in favor of new leaders with new priorities," said executive director Jo Wyrick.

"Our members labored with Democrats in precincts across the country to achieve success tonight at the ballot box. We must now use the political victories won today to secure concrete results."

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network which is working to overturn the ban on gays serving openly in the military also heralded the election results.

"We now know that every cosponsor of legislation to repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' who sought re-election appears to have been successful, with just one outstanding race in Connecticut yet to be decided," said SLDN spokesperson Steve Ralls.



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NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2006 C A L E N D A R

Covering Spokane, Tri-Cities, Pullman, Moscow, Walla Walla, and Yakima

	Spokane, WA
Wednesday, November On Hold	r 1st L <u>CMP Core Group</u> (at SAN) "Core Group" meetings are on hold temporarily. Future meetings TBA.
Thursday, November 2 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm	
7. 13 pm - 7.00 pm	OutSpokane Meeting (at Kress Gallery) Meetings are the Kress Gallery on the 3rd floor of RiverPark Square. Located next to and behind the food gallery near the theater ticket outlets.
Friday, November 3rd 7:00 pm	Spokane GLBT Film Fest (at Riverpoint EWU Auditorium)
Following Film Fest	Friday Night OUT! (at CenterStage) FNO is a social hour for LGBTQ and allied individuals to get together for fun and friendship. There will be no politics, no fund raising. So come and meet some people and have some fun!
Saturday, November 4 3:00 pm	
7:00 pm	Spokane GLBT Film Fest (at Riverpoint EWU Auditorium)
Sunday, November 5th	
1:00 - 3:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<u>Gay/Bi Men's Bowling Broup</u> (at North Bowl) Come hang out with the guys and bowl. Ten bucks gets you two hours of bowling and shoes. Space is limited, so reserve your spot early by calling 267-9444 and leave a message for Mark or just mention Bowling Group. Spokane GLBT Film Fest (at Riverpoint EWU Auditorium) EMCC Evening Service (at Bethany Presbyterian)
Monday, November 6th 5:30 pm	
5.50 pm	Building) Bring a friend, bring a dish!
Tuesday, October 10th	Be Sure to Vote!
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	INWE Meeting (at Community Building)
Wednesday, November 11:30 am - 1:00 pm	r 8th <u>INBA Luncheon</u> (at Europa) Guest Speaker: Jennifer Ferrero, Spokane Web Communications
Friday, November 10th 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	HIV/AIDS Support Group (at Maple Street CHAS Clinic)
	Community Health Association of Spokane (CHAS), in conjunction with Ryan White Title 3 Community Advisory Board, is offering monthly educational/support groups for people living with HIV/AIDS and their friends and families. Topics will vary by month and time will be provided for discussion and support. Snacks provided. This month: Grief & Survivor's Guilt
Saturday, November 1 9:30 – 10:30 am	1th <u>PFLAG Mom's Group</u> (at Conley's Restaurant)
	The MOM'S Group, an informal support group welcomes and supports mothers (and occasionally grandmothers!) of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered children. It meets monthly, on the second Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast at Conely's Restaurant on east Sprague. Call the PFLAG help line 509.624.6671 for more information.
Sunday, November 121 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ence Evening Service (at Bethany Presbyterian)
Tuesday, November 14	
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	RRCC Board Meeting (at SAN until further notice) Board meetings are open to the public, but please contact at least one week in advance with requests to be on the agenda.
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Tuesday, November 21	
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PFLAG Monthly Meeting (at Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane) Our mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for GLBTQ family and friends.
Wednesday, November 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	
Thursday, November 2	
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	EMCC Thanksgiving Potluck (at Bethany Presbyterian) This is a potluck celebration, giving thanks to all that we have. All are welcome. If you would like to be part of this celebration please let us know.
Sunday, November 261 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	t h EMCC Evening Service (at Bethany Presbyterian)
6:30 pm	ISCS Court Meeting (at Dempsey's)
Thursday, November 3	Oth
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ryan White CARE Consortium Meeting (at Spokane Regional Health District, Room 310/311) Regular bi-monthly meeting of the Spokane County Ryan White CARE Consortium (SCRWCC) meeting. The SCRWCC

Tri-Cities, Pullman/Moscow, Walla Walla, Yakima, WA Wednesday, November 1st 7:30–9:00 pm NIGM NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow) NIGMA's Coffee Social is a weekly event and is held on alternating weeks in Moscow or Pullman. When in Moscow the Coffee group meets at the One World Cafe on the corner of Main and 6th streets. When in Pullman we meet at the Daily Cup near the corner of Main St. and Grande Ave. For information on location please visit us online at http://groups.vahoo.com/group/MIGMA http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA Friday, November 3rd 7:00–9:00 pm First Fridays (Yakima, 1st Street Conference Center) Yakima's gay social group welcomes you and your friends to our monthly NIGMA First Friday (Moscow, University Inn Quiet Bar 7:00-9:00 pm Visit us on the web at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA for more information Sunday, November 5th 10:30–11:30 am Ri River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities, 1105 N Conway, Kennewick) 6:30 pm Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St) Monday, November 6th 7:30–8:30 pm R Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church) Wednesday, November 8th 7:30–9:00 pm NIGM NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow) NIGMA's Coffee Social is a weekly event and is held on alternating weeks in Moscow or Pullman. 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The Brunch location is changed monthly for information on the brunch please visit us online at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA 6:30 pm Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St) Monday, November 13th 10:30am-12:00pm <u>Rev Elder Troy Perry CBC Presentation</u> (Tri-Cities, PFLAG Monthly Meeting (Walla Walla, First Congregational Church) 7:00 pm 7:30-8:30 pm Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church) Wednesday, November 15th 7:30–9:00 pm NIGMA NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow) NIGMA's Coffee Social is a weekly event and is held on alternating weeks in Moscow or Pullman. When in Moscow the Coffee group meets at the One World Cafe on the corner of Main and 6th streets. 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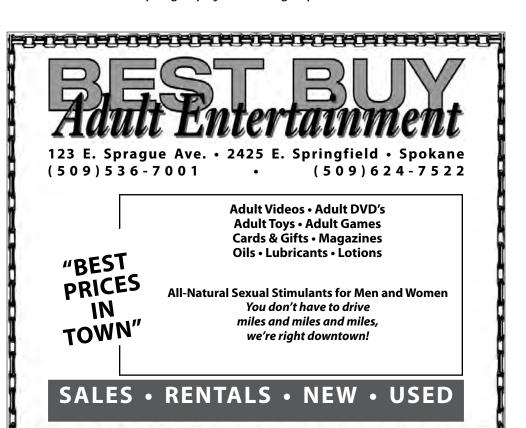
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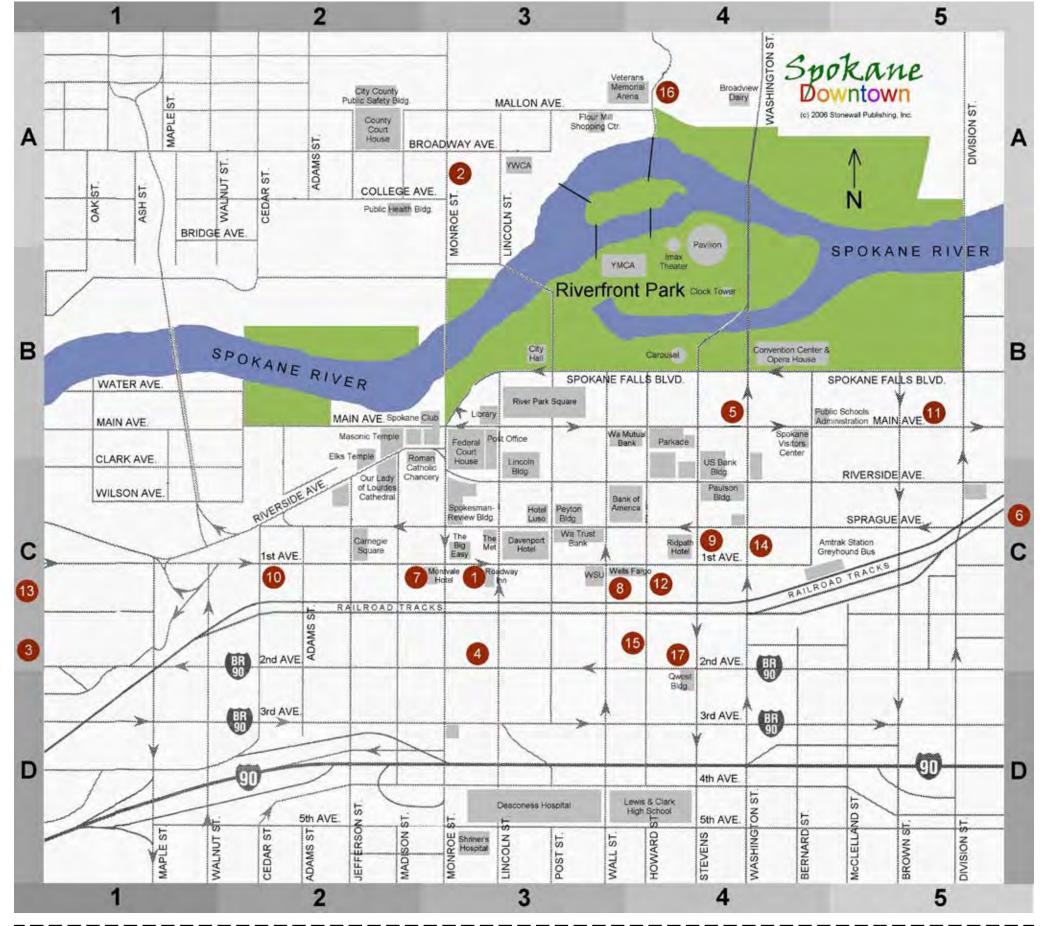
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