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New reigns of Royalty

Annual ISCS Coronation crowns Emperor Leonard and Empress Blow Me Bubbles.



Photo above: The newly elected monarchs Empress 35 Blow Me Bubbles and Emperor 31 Leonard are greeted by their public, including Jenu Wine Beaute, former Empress of Tacoma, WA.

The ISCS pageant was attended by over 150, including representatives from the Courts of Seattle, Montana, Idaho, Portland, Alaska, Tacoma, Surrey, BC, Las Vegas, Reno, Denver, Ogden, Sacramento, San Diego, Salem, Eugene, Vancouver, WA, Everett, Bellingham and Alameda. The audience was greatly entertained .

(Spokane, WA) - Steeped in an air of elegant pageantry, TMISM, Emperor 30 Mark Allen Surreal and Empress 34 Selena Surreal Blaque with TMIH Imperial Crown Prince 30 Gordon and Imperial Crown Princess 34 Sierra of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane (ISCS) ended their reign by hosting the annual ISCS Coronation events in Spokane, WA. Spanning October 5th - 8th, ISCS pampered guests with food, camaraderie and entertainment.

The awards dinner and show at Dempsey's Brass Rail on Thursday

ushered in the flurry of festivities. The gala then moved to Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center in Spokane Valley.

Friday night, More than 100 guests were treated to performances by members of out of town Courts visiting for the weekend.

Performances included those of Empress 25 Marsha (celebrating her 10-year anniversary); Emperor 11 Shelley and Empress 15 Lucy Ball (celebrating their 20-year anniversary) and a memorial tribute to Emperor 1 Ken

Mealer and Empress 4 April Shauers on their 30-year anniversary.

The crowning of newly elected Emperor 31 Leonard Surreal Montgomery Ford Kennady Smith and Empress 35 BlowMe Bubbles Beauté Surreal Blaque of Stollengoodz highlighted the evening

The festivities concluded on Sunday with a victory brunch, presentation of additional awards and introduction of the new monarchs.

More Coronation photos on page 23.

Voices

Letters to the Editor

Foley-Hastert scandal

The Foley-Hastert scandal rips the mask off of the Republican claim to represent Christian family values. The House GOP leadership, Speaker Hastert (and Boehner, Blount, McMorris?), was faced with a dilemma in 2005. They were getting very concerned about keeping their majority control of Congress. They could keep Foley's inappropriate behavior quiet in order to protect his seat (2 GOP aides have confirmed that almost a year before Hastert claims he "knew", Scott Palmer, Hastert's chief of staff, quietly talked to

Foley about his behavior). Or they could act to protect 16 year old pages. They could have done an actual investigation which would have turned up Foley's text messaging, dating back at least to 2003, in which he was sexually grooming young boys

What did they do? For 3 years, they chose power over protecting children. Aren't these the same people who claimed that Pres. Clinton's behavior (adultery with a 23 yr. old woman and lying) was so abominable they spent \$40+ million of taxpayers' money on Starr's investigation?

They publicized every sordid detail in their attempt to impeach and remove Clinton from office.

What did they do in this case? No investigation. They only told Foley to stop emailing one boy, since they needed to protect his seat. They control Congress. For what? And so far Rep. McMorris has her finger up, testing the political winds. She has not called for Hastert's resignation.

Steve Gigliotti
Davenport, Wa.

Thank you District 81

When I heard that the local Spokane school district wanted to be a part of the Stonewall News Northwest circulation, I was impressed. Impressed that finally, someone in the world of education would stand up and ask to be a part of the ongoing need for inclusiveness.

Those of us who spent our early years within the walls of the public education system some twenty years ago had little knowledge, if any, that there were other gay and lesbian people within our own communities. Until the late 70's and early 80's there was almost nothing on television - and when there was, the role models weren't true and accurate. They were more about the general stereotypical perception of who gay people were and how they acted.

Youth today have more of an opportunity to access a wide variety of information through use of the internet. Even still, they must struggle to understand what is accurate and what is not. In the face of bullying and harassment at school, youth look up to educators for guidance as part of their personal growth. It's vital that these young adults have the chance to be a part of their own family and community that is still quite often unknown, unseen, hidden and misunderstood.

I applaud Vickie Countryman, the Equity Dept, and everyone else in the school system who supports and made this happen. I thank you for being courageous leaders in the community for the sake of our children. This courage and foresight is desperately needed and guides today's youth to needed resources of diversity and knowledge.

Steven Sanford
Spokane, WA

Is Sterling Savings gay-unfriendly?

There has been a lot of discussion of gay marriage. At this point we are losing that battle. But what about Domestic partner benefits in the meantime. One of your local employers-Sterling Savings Bank, based in Spokane, has no hiring policy on sexual orientation nor offers domestic partner benefits to its gay employees. Maybe someone should be asking why? They have expanded into four states and soon Sonoma County in Northern California. Maybe you should urge your readers to contact them. Washington Mutual, Bank of America and Wells Fargo are gay friendly. What's their [Sterling Savings] problem?

Also, the Religious Right seeks to reorder society by insisting that the country embrace a rigid set of rules based on a narrow definition of Christianity. The movement's leaders would use the power of government to force all of us to follow its dictates. Remember at election time which candidates they endorse!!

Mike
Portland, OR

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2006: Gay/Straight Alliance Advisors

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Voter Information Project '06

Our process...

As this election year got under way, Inland Northwest Equality (INWE) members explored the possibility of producing a Voter's Guide based on questions similar to those used in past information-gathering efforts by the *Seattle Metropolitan Elections Committee for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered People* and Spokane's currently mothballed *Outside the Lines*. A draft questionnaire was readied just about the time INWE was facing a leadership change.

Stonewall News Northwest opted to carry the project forward by disseminating INWE's questionnaire (Q1) and reporting results. A secondary questionnaire (Q2) was prepared for judicial candidates who, by law and code of ethics, cannot comment on issues that may be brought before them for judgment. (Some of the questions on the judicial survey may seem better suited to a race for grade school class president; please bear in mind, however, that it is possible to gain some measure of a person by the entertainment pursuits that s/he favors and the person(s) s/he admires.)

Q1 went out by e-mail to candidates for state legislative and some county administrative offices on Thursday, Sept. 21. The first reply—from Democrat Ed Foote, challenge to Republican Representative Lynn Schindler (4th District, Spokane Valley)—came back on Friday, Sept. 29.

Hard copy versions of Q1 were mailed to the same candidates on Sept. 29 and to additional officeholders and opponents on Sept. 30. Q2 was mailed out on Monday, Oct. 2.

Of 36 candidates queried, seven completed and returned survey forms as of Wednesday, Oct. 11. Responses are recorded as received (here and on the next two pages).

Idaho voters consider severe restriction on legal unions

HJR 2, a proposed amendment to Idaho's state Constitution, goes beyond defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman. The measure on the Gem State's Nov. 7 ballot would prohibit state recognition of civil unions, domestic partnerships or any other relationship that attempts to approximate marriage. The language of the pending legislative referendum would make it illegal for the state and all of its political subdivisions to grant any of the legal benefits of marriage to civil unions, domestic partnerships or any other relationship that attempts to approximate marriage.

For information on organized opposition to this GLBTQA-unfriendly measure, go to: *www.idahovotesno.org*

Candidate Responses 2006

Four legislative office seekers, all Democrats, responded: **Don Barlow**, candidate for State Representative, 6th District, position 1 (**DB**); **Barbara Lampert**, candidate for State Representative, 6th District, position 2 (**BL**); **Chris Marr**, candidate for State Senate, 6th District (**CM**); and **Ed Foote**, candidate for State Representative, 4th District (**EF**).

What do you regard as your three most important campaign issues?

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| Barlow: | 1) Education
2) Health care
3) Working family values |
| Lampert: | 1) Crime prevention improves quality of life
2) Education creates our future
3) Health care for all means better health for all |
| Marr: | 1) Availability of affordable, quality health care
2) Good educational opportunities
3) Balanced, sustainable, cost-efficient growth that creates living wage jobs while maintaining our quality of life in Spokane |
| Foote: | 1) Economy/jobs
2) Health care and health insurance
3) Education |

If equal rights legislation/practices are not on the above list, where do they rank on your priorities list? (Top third, middle third, bottom third or not among my priorities)

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| DB: | Top third |
| BL: | Top third |
| CM: | Middle third |
| EF: | Top third |

Is there a particular person or group to whom you turn when you want insights into the needs/concerns of the GLBTQ community?

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| DB: | Yes |
| BL: | Yes |
| CM: | Yes |
| EF: | Yes |

Had you had the chance to vote on HB 2661, the Anti-Discrimination bill passed in January, would you have supported the measure? (Yes, no or not sure)

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| DB: | Yes |
| BL: | Yes |
| CM: | Yes |
| EF: | Yes |

Do you support equal marriage rights for GLBTQ couples? (Yes, no or not sure)

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| DB: | Yes |
| BL: | Yes |
| CM: | Not sure |
| EF: | Yes |

Would you support legislation creating civil unions equal to marriage in all but the name? (Yes, no or not sure)

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| DB: | Yes |
| BL: | Yes |
| CM: | Not sure |
| EF: | Yes |

Would you support the repeal of Washington's Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)? (Yes, no or not sure)

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| DB: | Yes |
| BL: | Yes |
| CM: | Not sure |
| EF: | Yes |

Would you support an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman? (Yes, no or not sure)

- | | |
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| DB: | No |
| BL: | No |
| CM: | No |
| EF: | No |

Do you support foster parenting and adoption rights for GLBT persons/same-sex couples? (Yes, no or not sure)

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| DB: | Yes |
| BL: | Yes |
| CM: | Yes |
| EF: | Yes |

Do you support a comprehensive sex education curriculum that includes sexual identity/orientation information and medically accurate information regarding condom usage and prevention of STDs and HIV/AIDS? (Yes, no or not sure)

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| DB: | Yes |
| BL: | Yes |
| CM: | Yes |
| EF: | Yes |

Would you support the repeal of the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy that currently prevents GLBT Americans from serving openly in the U.S. military? (Yes, no or not sure)

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| DB: | Yes |
| BL: | Yes |
| CM: | Yes |
| EF: | Yes |

Is there any special message or messages you would like to convey to the GLBTQA community? Or, simply put, why should Stonewall readers vote for you?

Answers boxed on pages 4 and 5.

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6TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT: Races draw diverse contestants



I believe in equal rights for all.

—Don Barlow

An educator/mental health professional vs. a one-term incumbent/financial services account executive, a retired nursing assistant vs. a three-term incumbent/business owner, and a community leader/businessman vs. a political and military veteran – these are the major party pairings in the area's meandering 6th Legislative District this year. Though the Democrats have not won a seat in the district in decades, they have come close in the last two elections, and 2006 holds much promise, according to various prognosticators.

Dr. Don Barlow is no fledgling activist. The Native American, single parent and two-time president of the Spokane School District 81 board of directors (a post he currently holds) has firsthand knowledge of many of the systems the Legislature regulates, finances and oversees,

including public education, corrections and state employment service.

In an open race two years ago, Barlow won 48 percent of the vote against the political newcomer, now-incumbent, **John Serben**.

Representative Serben did not participate in the Stonewall/INWE survey. Extensive information on his voting record and key supporters is available at the Vote Smart Web site: www.vote-smart.org.

Of note to GLBTQA readers is the fact that Serben opposed HB 2661, the Anti-Discrimination bill, along with his 6th District Republican colleagues **Brad Benson** and **John Ahern**.

Ahern and Serben won a rating of 100 percent from the Washington Conservative Union this year; the same organization rated Benson 85 percent. When young people from Odyssey Youth Center journeyed to Olympia to lobby for comprehensive sex education bills in 2005 and 2006, they got hostile

Elect [me] ... and receive representation for 6th Legislative District according to the dictionary definition.

—Barbara Lampert

or no reception at all from the 6th's contingency.

Brad Benson boasts an impressive résumé: bank executive, small business owner, Air Force veteran, 10 years in the Legislature. His voting record on child and family issues, civil rights and schools, however, is less than stellar. More telling perhaps is his starred position among "Penny's Picks" – Penny being Penny Lancaster, director of Community Impact Spokane, a coalition of conservative Christians hellbent on stopping the GLBTQA community's steady movement toward full equality.

Democrat **Chris Marr**, a successful businessman, a Washington State University regent and former chairman



As a civilized society, we should abide by the belief that dignity and respect is something due everyone. Efforts to divide us with issues of equality prey on fear and ignorance and serve the special interests that operate in a toxic, fear-based political environment. We need leadership that understands that we need a growing, sustainable economy – and recognition of the right of every citizen to participate in it.

—Chris Marr

U.S. SENATE, HOUSE, STATE OFFICES: There are many seats to fill Nov. 7

Citizen dissatisfaction with congressional incumbents is considered dangerously high this year. Whether this will translate into voter-made change depends on voter turnout and a mix of other variables.

Democrat **Maria Cantwell's** campaign for a second six-year term in the U.S. Senate has been energized by the well-funded challenge of Republican **Mike McGavick**. The former Safeco executive is running as a moderate and an "outsider," though he is no political neophyte.

A bullet point on his Web site begins, "Preserve the traditional definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman." He continues, "I support the traditional institution of marriage. At the same time, I oppose economic discrimination and believe that particular attention should be paid to the laws affecting nontraditional couples who have children. Changes must be made in the benefits laws of our state and nation to make sure that our laws recognize these children."

When the Senate considered the Bush Administration-backed Federal Marriage Amendment this summer, Sen. Cantwell voted against it.

The incumbent is ranked high on civil rights, education, health, labor, environment and child and family issues, according to data collected by the nonpartisan Project Vote Smart.

House member **Cathy McMorris** is completing her first term as the 5th District's congressional representative. The Colville Republican gets her highest marks from agricultural and business groups, gun enthusiasts and immigration reformers. She is a starred choice among "Penny's Picks."

Opposing McMorris is Democrat **Peter Goldmark**, an Okanogan rancher. Energy independence, fiscal responsibility, veterans affairs, and insurance and health care reforms are some of the issues he has championed.

None of the candidates for federal office responded to the Stonewall/INWE questionnaire. Even several respected GLBTQA friendlies at the state level ignored the inquiry.

Teacher **Ed Foote**, a Democrat making his second bid for the 4th Legislative District house seat now held by Rep. **Lynn Schindler**, did reply. He is an ally. Schindler is one of Penny's favorites, a starred name on the "picks" list.

of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, the Washington State Transportation Commission and the Spokane Community Development Board, holds up well against Benson's résumé.

Access to affordable health care, good jobs and quality education are among the family values Marr espouses. The 52-year-old has been married for more than 30 years and is the father of two college-age Washingtonians.

Running for the 11th time in as many election cycles, Democrat **Barbara Lampert**, an out member of Stonewall's GLBTQA 'family,' takes on Ahern, who is seeking a third term.

The prosecutor's contest pits a respected if lackluster legal professional against a political newcomer with no prosecuting experience. Slow or no decisions in controversial, high-profile cases have angered many voters, jeopardizing what should be an effortless re-election bid for Republican **Steve Tucker**. Though he bested another candidate in the Democratic primary, challenger **Bob Caruso** failed to win an endorsement from the Spokane County Democrats.

The race for Spokane County treasurer typifies the fluidity of party loyalty in local politics. Former treasurer **Skip Chilberg**, a Democrat, goes up against Republican **Bob Wrigley**, deputy to the retiring treasurer, Democrat Linda Wolverton, who has endorsed the Republican.

Want more – a lot more – information?
Check out **Project Vote Smart**
www.vote-smart.org

SPOKANE COUNTY: Will politics as usual prevail?

Republican **Phil Harris** is going for a fourth term on the powerful – some say *too powerful* – three-member Spokane County Commission. He handily defeated his last two female opponents and seems confident he will dispatch the current one, community activist **Bonnie Mager**, a soft-spoken grandmother of two.

Democrat Mager has other plans. In a closing statement to the Spokesman-Review's editorial board Oct. 11, she suggested Harris get an RV and enjoy his retirement exploring the natural wonders of our beautiful area while it still has clean air and potable water. This, of course, referred to what some say is the heart of the 2006 campaign, the unglamorous issue of urban growth.

Mager's obvious shot at her opponent challenges the notion, assumed by the GOP and whispered among Democrats, that she is a lightweight, a well-meaning 1950s-style mom who, if elected, could not stand up to the commission's incumbent members. It's worth reporting, however, that before the campaign Mager was the director of the Neighborhood Alliance of Spokane County, an organization she co-founded, and has been a leader of the Washington Environmental Council, Citizens for Clean Air and an active member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Harris has history and strong financial resources behind him, as well as a folksy charm that appeals to even those who disagree with him on every count

Law-and-order hardliners applaud the "chain-gang" approach to corrections he has floated time and again since he came to office. His current "get tough" answer to jail overcrowding is a tent compound modeled after one that was implemented with some success in Arizona. Climate differences undercut the viability of such a facility here, Mager and others have noted.

Neither candidate chose to participate in the Stonewall survey. Mager did express commitment to equality issues when she spoke alongside her primary opponents at an Inland Northwest Business Alliance luncheon in August.

Other county-wide campaigns have developed little momentum. Interest in the race for Spokane County assessor waned rapidly once the primary vote ended all that Republican wrangling for the nomination. Democrat **Judy Personett**, a labor leader with a background in health care, takes on the unelected incumbent **Ralph Baker**. Some have blamed him, specifically his aggressive upgrading of county assessment records, for high tax bills. Market forces are bigger than that; nevertheless, voters may decide Baker's less-than-warm approach to customer service merits a "pink slip."

The sheriff's race is essentially over. No one expects appointed incumbent **Ozzie Knezovich**, who routed rival Cal Walker in the Republican primary, to lose to the virtually unknown Democrat **James Flavel**.

Stonewall readers should vote for me because I do believe in true civil rights... equal rights for all Washingtonians, and I will fight for it in office, just as I do as a citizen in the community and as a teacher. I look at the individual for what's on the inside, not outer features or affiliations.

—Ed Foote



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I bring to the bench a well-balanced background not only due to the various positions I have held, including private civil, public entity/municipal and criminal defense of the indigent, but also because of my varied personal/social experience.

I have lived with great wealth, I have suffered great loss and lived quite poor. I have worked for nine years with the disenfranchised and previously with unemotional public entities.

I was raised in a loving family where I learned nonjudgmental acceptance of people for who they are regardless of personal lifestyle choices. I have also learned that with choices, be they good or harmful, come consequences. I carry with me honor, integrity and respectfulness as my everyday wear – not just a cloak I may visit.

–Mary Logan

I would ask the readers to review my previous answers, especially the first two... [which form] the basis of a judicial philosophy.

It has been my honor to serve as a District Court judge for nearly 10 years. Prior to that time I was a practicing attorney for 22 years after serving as a deputy prosecutor for two years. During my years of practice I represented some members of the GLBTQA community.

–Gregory J. Tripp



JUDGING THE JUDGES: In whose hands do you want to place that gavel?

Campaigns for the courthouse tend to be dry as sand and about as palatable. Voters know they should research these races carefully, but legitimate restrictions on discussion of any and all matters that could impact a judge’s ruling make it next to impossible to learn more than where a candidate went

to school and which special interest groups favor him or her.

The endorsement dance can be helpful; sometimes it’s utterly confusing, especially when typically opposed factions line up behind one, often the incumbent, contestant. One can never really know whether supporters are

motivated by genuine respect for the judge/judge wannabe or if some other force is at play.

In the Internet Age, conscientious voters can learn more than ever before. Every candidate has a Web site. See the county bar’s evaluation tool at www.spokanecountybar.org



It is difficult to know the heart of someone running for judge. I have spent my entire career helping people with their problems. As a judge, I will continue to serve our community with respect and humility toward others.

–Jeff Leslie

Judicial Responses 2006

Two challengers and an incumbent responded to our judicial survey: the contenders for Position 5 on the Spokane County District Court, Jeffrey Leslie (JL) and Judge Gregory Tripp (GT), and Mary Logan, candidate for Spokane County District Court, Position 4 (ML).

What do you regard as the three most important qualities in a judge?

Leslie:

1) Humility; 2) patience; 3) thorough understanding of the law

Tripp:

1) The ability to be fair and appear to be fair in the administration of justice; 2) the ability to treat all cases and persons individually, with respect and without assumption; 3) the ability to listen, think and communicate logically and critically

Logan:

1) Common sense honed by experience; 2) integrity; 3) respectfulness

Name five qualities you bring to the bench.

Leslie:

1) 12 years of trial experience in both District and Superior Court; 2) strong work ethic; 3) work well with others; 4) strong understanding of the rules of evidence and other courtroom procedures; 5) intuitive ability to mediate and resolve conflicts

Tripp:

1) the 3 listed above (first question); 2) from my 33 years of experience, including nearly 10 as a judge, knowledge of the law, in a high volume court the ability to access it quickly, and ability to apply it; 3) patience, empathy and compassion; 4) courage to make appropriate decisions

Logan:

1) Patience; 2-4) the first 3 listed above; 5) sense of humor

What distinguishes a good judge from a good lawyer?

Leslie:

A good lawyer advocates zealously for their clients; a good judge is able to put aside personal feelings or beliefs regarding the merits of the case and decides cases based upon the law.

Tripp:

A good judge is a good listener and a good lawyer a good talker. ...The lawyer’s duty to the client is to provide factual evidence and the law to a judge in a manner which is in the best interests of the client. The judge must enter a case with a blank slate. The judge must listen carefully to the words of the lawyers, determine which facts have the greatest credibility and apply the appropriate. By being a good listener, the judge responds to the work of the lawyers and renders an appropriate decision.

Logan:

True neutrality: While a good lawyer should consider what opposing counsel will bring to a case – from opposing witnesses to contrary evidence – a good judge absolutely considers all positions with the neutrality in balance with the law and not advocacy.

On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being “it’s a disaster” and 10 being “it’s perfect,” how would you rate the condition of our judicial system at this time?

Leslie: 3
Tripp: 7
Logan: 5

Which jurist, past or present, do you most admire?

JL: Retired Spokane Superior Court Judge Richard Schroeder
GT: John Marshall, the first Chief Justice of the United States
ML: Oliver Wendell Holmes

What is your favorite television show?

JL: “The Office”
GT: “Friends” (in reruns)
ML: “Boston Legal”

Of all the movies or DVDs you saw last year, which did you most enjoy?

JL: “Crash”
GT: “Master and Commander”
ML: “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”

Favorite author/poet/artist?

JL: John Grisham, musical artist Rush
GT: Patrick O’Brian, Browning, Ken Spiering
ML: James Lee Burke, Tom Robbins, Vincent Van Gogh

If you could spend a day with any historical figure, who would it be?

JL: Franklin D. Roosevelt
GT: Albert Einstein
ML: Albert Einstein

To your knowledge, is there anyone from the GLBTQ community within your circle of campaign/court staff/advisors? Is there a particular person or group to whom you turn when you want insights into the needs/concerns of the GLBTQ community?

All three replied affirmatively to these questions.

District Court choices

Because judicial races are – at least in theory – nonpartisan, outcomes are often predetermined at filing (many positions go unchallenged) or at the primary phase, where 50 percent plus one vote constitutes election. Four Spokane County District Court match-ups require a vote Nov. 7.

Position 3 (open seat):

John O. Cooney vs. Mark A. Laiminger

Both have excellent résumés and an army of endorsers. Laiminger gets a nod, not a star, from Penny Lancaster and is rated “very good” by the Judicial Forum, whose motto is “setting the standard for attorneys and judges according to Biblical definitions of Law and civil government.”

Position 4:

Judge Patti Connolly Walker vs. Mary Logan

The incumbent is rated “very good” by the Judicial Forum and is starred among “Penny’s Picks.” Logan has the support of the probation officers who daily serve many of those who have dealings with the District Court.

Position 5:

Judge Gregory J. Tripp vs. Jeffrey Leslie

The judge has impressive credentials that should trump Leslie’s lesser experience, but he is also ranked “good” by the Judicial Forum and is on Lancaster’s “picks” list, though unstarred.

Position 6 (appointed judge ousted in primary):

Debra R. Hayes vs. Mike Nelson

Dueling résumés and credible endorsers make choosing in this race problematic. Hayes is ranked “OK” by the Judicial Forum.

VOTE: IT’S YOUR RIGHT, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Spokane

Community Center receives 30-day notice to vacate, board elects four new directors

(Spokane, WA) On October 1, the Rainbow Regional Community Center (RRCC) received a 30-day notice to vacate the space at 508 W. 2nd Ave. Due to flooding and other issues, the Center had already ceased operations at the location but was housing its inventory there while the board reorganized. Most everything has already been packed up. After the surplus sale in August, and after listing some of the larger items that weren't sold on Craigslist, much of the remaining surplus inventory will be donated to other non-profits and Valu Village. Over the next two weeks, the board and volunteers will move the remaining inventory into storage while continuing to raise funds to open in a new space. The target date for reopening is April 1, 2007 if fundraising goals are met.

The Center recently launched its "15X3" campaign to raise \$15,000 by March 31, 2007. Community donations, such as individual donations or proceeds from community events, will be matched up to \$3000 by the RRCC board. Donations can be made online, at www.spokanerainbowcenter.org, or at P.O. Box 986, Spokane, WA, 99210.

On October 10th, the RRCC elected four new directors as part of its movement toward building a strong board and opening a new facility by April 2007. One board member resigned, bringing the total number of directors to eight.

The four new directors include Joni Brown, Donna LaJoie, Melinda "bob" Maureen, and Joe Reilly.

Joni Brown is a Masters of Social Work student at Eastern Washington University. She has worked exclusively in the non-profit sector for seven years and

is currently employed as a coordinator/organizer for a legislative campaign. Her experience includes fundraising, events planning, grant writing and program development.

Donna LaJoie is a mortgage lender who has lived in Spokane for 16 years. She worked as a volunteer with the Inland Northwest Business Alliance and brings a wealth of business knowledge and a wide network to the table. She is interested in pursuing corporate donations and fund development for the RRCC.

Melinda "bob" Maureen is a relative newcomer to Spokane, but has worked with GLBTQ and other organizations in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the Director of Youth Programs at the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center of Utah for three years. She has extensive board experience and wants to focus on program development and grant writing.

Joe Reilly is an active stakeholder in the community. He previously has worked with Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs (SNAP), Stonewall Democrats, Seattle's Bunny Brigade, voter registration drives, and the Hands Off Washington Youth Coalition. Joe is a business manager and is interested in fund development for the Center.

The Board also reelected Cat Carrel as Chair, John Brindle as Treasurer, and elected Melinda "bob" Maureen as Secretary. Ginny Foote and Kim Stankovich remained on the board. The Board lost one director with the resignation of Edbera Wood, who joined the Board in March. For more information, please call 489-1914 or e-mail info@spokanerainbowcenter.org.

Through dragshows and fundraisers, ISCS benefits the community

The Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane, or ISCS as it is known, began in Spokane in 1972 and provides support for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning communities of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho.

A variety of Drag Shows, Fundraisers, Outings, Camping Trips, Raffles and Auctions are used to promote unity and raise funds. The ISCS goal is to seek out needs and provide for those needs as humanely, efficiently and as readily as possible.

With a Board of Directors in place and regulated by Articles of Incorporation with By-Laws, ISCS is a registered non profit business entity.

ISCS does not discriminate on any basis and works toward the goal of providing services for as wide a range of needs as they are able. To do this, ISCS uses funds set aside in special accounts, all raised voluntarily by the community. The following are ways (not exclusive) in which funds are collected and distributed.

GENERAL FUND

This Fund provides for the operating costs of the ISCS. It is the responsibility of the Emperor and Empress titleholders to ensure that costs are within budget.. This fund is used for advertising, promotion, and carrying out fundraising events. Under NO circumstances is this fund used for personal use. Contrary to some public perception, this fund is not used for dresses, makeup and beads for the "Drag Queens".

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

The ISCS works with several different organizations as well as the community itself in providing funds and food to those in need. Each holiday season, ISCS Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives provide for as many families and individuals as possible, regardless of sexual orientation. The entire budget in this account is provided to those proven to be in need.

ISCS EDUCATIONAL GIFT FUND

This Fund is provided to help in the advancement and is not exclusive to the GLBTQ Community. Monies distributed are based on how much is raised throughout the year for this specific account and are awarded at each ISCS Coronation ceremonies in October. A minimum of \$1000 is required to be raised each year, \$750 from the Emperor and Empress, \$250 from the Gay Spokane Titleholders.

TCA E.A.S.E. DISASTER FUND

This fund was established to provide for medical emergencies, acts of god, or any emergency beyond the requester's control. The ISCS Board of Directors are responsible for raising funds for this use. The Disaster Board carries its own Board of Directors appointed by the Emperor and Empress. Help is provided on a one time per year, per person basis to anyone requesting assistance limited to \$100 per incident. The Treasurer of the ISCS is the sole person with the personal details of the incident. Information is held in strictest confidence with only the members of the Disaster Board.

CHILDREN WITH AIDS FUND

This Fund is ISCS's single biggest fundraiser each year with over \$3000 raised each reign. This money is provided to the Camp Star Light foundation, a retreat for Children living with HIV/AIDS to provide for hospice care of patients and to help in granting wishes to HIV/AIDS children. In the past, the ISCS has provided trips to Disneyland, Universal Studios, and even a pony and feed for one child years ago. For over a decade, Empress 16 Eunice Kennady Smith has been managing this event.

KENNY MEALER CANCER AWARENESS FUND

This fund was established in 1997, named after the ISCS 1st and 6th Emperor Ken, who passed away from Cancer. Events connected with this fund raise monies for various Cancer research and awareness causes to help those who may be susceptible, education for self check-ups, research for possible cures and / or manageability, exams and training.

ISCS can be reached at iscs@ice-house.net. Their website can be found at www.iscsspokane.com.

History of the Imperial Court

The History starts in the 1940's as Jose Julio Sarria entered gay history when he began to cover for his then boyfriend Jimmy, a waiter at the Black Cat Bar on Montgomery Street in San Francisco. In Post WW II, an influx of gay and lesbian discharged veterans was swelling in the city's gay communities. While the Castro was still a primarily Hetero, blue collar neighborhood, the Black Cat had already developed an international reputation as a gay meeting place. One Day, while Jose was serving drinks and the pianist was playing Bizet's "Carmen", Sarria began to sing arias to the opera. Soon, he became a big hit and his reputation was born.

In the 1950's Gay men and women were arrested on a number of charges used to keep homosexuals in the closet and hidden. Against this oppression, Jose would change the lyrics of his arias to warn people of the entrapment practices of the police first coining the phrase "There is nothing wrong with being Gay, the crime is getting caught" and "United we stand, Divided they get us one by one".

Police pressures, entrapment schemes, and raids continued in the 50's when the gay bars developed an association to spread warnings about the oppression. In 1961, Jose became the very first openly gay candidate to run for public office, seeking the position as city supervisor, a position held 16 years later by an openly gay Harvey Milk. Although Sarria did not win in 1961, he did garner an impressive 5,600 votes and sparked a change in the voting laws

allowing for votes by ward, not city wide. This allowed for minority candidates to win election, hence the arrival of Harvey Milk in 1977.

In early 1965, Sarria and various gay bar owners put on the first "Drag Ball" of which Sarria was named "Queen of the Ball". At this, "she" exclaimed "Why be a QUEEN when I can be an EMPRESS?". So he proclaimed himself Empress of San Francisco. To further enhance the title, he drew upon the legend of Emperor Norton, the eccentric 19th century San Francisco miner and rice baron. During his lifetime, he dressed finely and proclaimed himself Emperor of the USA and Canada and protector of Mexico. Heir in spirit and not by law, Jose proclaimed himself "The Widow Norton" and began annual pilgrimages to Norton's grave in nearby Colma where he and accompanying drag queens would pay their respects with flowers to Sarria's departed "spouse".

This tradition continues to this day.

Eventually the "Ball", now changed to "Coronation", sparked an annual event marking the election of Empress and Emperor. Jose developed bylaws and functions of the Imperial Court of San Francisco, a group that sought, through drag shows and other functions, to raise monies for gay charities.

By the early 70's, the Court System established by Sarria has been franchised to first Vancouver BC, and then Portland, and eventually Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham, Everett, Vancouver and Spokane.

Over the next 30 years, individual courts, under the guidance of Widow Norton, "Mama" as she is called, have spread to over 70 areas, some cities, some entire states. While the courts avoid, by ruling, partisan politics, they funnel thousands and thousands of dollars into community charities, as a strong grassroots organization interlinked by monarchs attending the annual coronation balls of other courts and now expanding to the Internet. Jose remains active today, attending her "childrens" coronation and still resides in the San Francisco Bay Area. For more information about International Affiliates, please go to WWW.IMPCOURT.ORG

Regional

Increased testing and decreased funding doesn't jibe

By Cat Carrel
Spokane AIDS Network

A convergence is happening inside the D.C. Beltway concerning our nation's policy on HIV/AIDS and if not addressed, someone will surely lose. From one direction, an apparent silver bullet has been fired at a long-time nemesis of the epidemic: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released its revised recommendations for routine HIV testing of adults, adolescents, and pregnant women in healthcare settings. Yet from the other direction, a blade has been drawn in the fight for HIV/AIDS care funding: Congress will once again consider the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act, a bill to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act.

While on the surface these may seem like two good things in the fight against HIV/AIDS, both will wreak havoc in our community by stressing already thin resources and robbing Peter to pay Paul.

In summary, the new guidelines for adults released in mid-September by the CDC include the following major changes:

- HIV screening for patients in all healthcare settings (unless the patient opts-out)
- Annual screening for at-risk populations
- Separate written consent no longer required
- Prevention counseling no longer required in diagnostic or healthcare settings

This is actually really great news in identifying those who are HIV-positive but don't know it, pregnant women who are HIV-positive, and adolescents aged 14-19 who are now in a risk category but who historically remain under-tested. The CDC estimates that of the some 1,000,000 people who are HIV positive in the United States, 250,000 do not know it. That's a quarter of a million people who may be unknowingly spreading the disease to their sex and drug partners. Common HIV screening in healthcare settings will go a long way in getting people into care sooner, and hopefully, reduce transmission.

The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency (CARE) Act is the single largest source of funds (besides Medicaid) to support programs that help people living in poverty who also live with HIV/AIDS. Spokane AIDS Network receives Ryan White funding, as well as the Spokane Regional Health District and other local providers. But while the number of people living with AIDS continues to increase, this bill has not sufficiently kept up, and funding has remained flat over the years. Now, Congress is considering another bill that would "modernize" Ryan White, reducing funds to states like California and New York and diverting them to southern states who have been hit hard in their African-American populations as HIV rates skyrocket out of control.

Again, this is great news for those states that have large populations of people of color, and whose rural healthcare systems are stressed beyond the safety net by higher and higher prevalence of HIV. The bill would base funds allocation on the incidences of HIV and AIDS, instead

of just the incidence of AIDS. Since many of the largest urban areas, such as New York City and San Francisco, are home to larger percentages of people with AIDS, they stand to lose a great amount of funding for people who need it the most, those who are living in the advance stages of AIDS (which, a lot of people now do with better treatment options).

Can you see where I'm going with this? Increased testing means more people will be found to be HIV-positive. More HIV-positive people mean more people using services like case management and housing assistance. Less funding to larger cities means less funding to serve the more people who will be drawing on services. It just doesn't make sense!! If the CDC is to recommend routine testing in healthcare settings, shouldn't there be a plan on how to provide services to all those 250,000 people who will be drawing resources out of the pool? And if Congress is to redistribute Ryan White money, shouldn't they take this into consideration?

It's not surprising that the bureaucrats and the legislators are not communicating with each other. Each has their own agenda in this fight against HIV/AIDS and when put together, we all suffer. One hand holds a gun; the other holds a knife. This is one game I don't want to play.

Major changes in testing recommendations:

- HIV screening is recommended for patients in all healthcare settings unless the patient "opts-out"
- Persons at high risk for HIV should be screened at least annually
- Separate written consent for testing should not be required, general consent for medical care should be considered sufficient consent for HIV testing
- Prevention counseling should not be required with HIV diagnostic testing or as part of HIB screening programs in healthcare settings
- For pregnant women:
 - HIV screening should be included in the routine panel of prenatal screening tests for all pregnant women
 - HIV screening is recommended after the patient is notified that testing will be performed unless the patient declines (opt-out screening)
 - Separate written consent for HIV testing should not be required (see above)
 - Repeat screening in the third trimester is recommended in certain areas with elevated rates of HIV infection among pregnant women

From "Revised Recommendations for HIV Testing of Adults, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women in Healthcare Settings," Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, September 22, 2006, Vol. 55, No. RR-14, pp. 2-15.

Equal Rights Washington Announces Partnership with GLAAD

ERW Works With National Media Advocacy Organization to Build New Generation of Communications Leaders in the LGBT Movement

(Seattle, WA) - Equal Rights Washington, Washington's statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) advocacy group, announced a partnership with the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) to sponsor a 6 month Communications Fellowship.

ERW and GLAAD view the creation of the Communications Fellowship program as an opportunity to mentor a new generation of leaders in the struggle for LGBT equality while strengthening partnerships between national organizations and statewide advocacy groups. Statewide and local organizations like ERW play a crucial role in responding to the needs of their communities, building momentum around local political issues, and improving the visibility of the LGBT community. GLAAD regularly works with ERW and other groups nationwide, providing media and public relations support in the form of media trainings, press contacts, and communications support.

The Communications Fellowship program will help ERW to further increase their visibility and strengthen their media programs at a time when the LGBT community faces a heightened level of political and public scrutiny.

The Communications Fellow will work at ERW and have mentorship support both from ERW staff and from a member of GLAAD's Regional Media team. Each fellow will play a key role in supporting the organization's communications efforts as a way to educate the public and move opinion to support LGBT rights by heightening the visibility of ERW and their mission.

With the recent Washington State Supreme Court decision upholding the State's Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) the court of public opinion matters more than ever before. As voters and legislators learn more about families headed by gay and lesbian couples, support for marriage



equality continues to grow. Lack of exposure to the issues facing LGBT families and lack of familiarity with gay couples and their children is a significant obstacle to the goal of equality. The GLAAD Communications Fellow will help ERW devote additional resources to making sure that there is an appropriate discussion of issues that face

gay families. According to Barbara Green, Interim Executive Director at ERW, "The GLAAD communications fellow will help put a human face on the issue of marriage equality throughout Washington State. The public needs to see the hardship gay and lesbian couples and surviving partners face because they do not have marital protections, and the harms faced by children being raised by gays and lesbians because their parents may not marry."

"GLAAD is excited about the great work happening in Washington, and are of proud of the partnership and trainings we have done with Equal Rights Washington," says Rashad Robinson, Director of GLAAD's Media Field Strategy program. "We are confident that through the addition of more resources for communications, Equal Rights Washington will be able to spread their important message of fairness and equality to even more people in the state."

Equal Rights Washington (ERW) ensures and promotes dignity, safety and equality for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Washingtonians.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

Persons wishing to apply for the fellowship should email their cover and resume to mlee@equalrightswashington.org.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Stonewall News Northwest to be available in Spokane Public School District 81, increases publishing cycle

Spokane, WA: Beginning October 2, 2006, Stonewall News Northwest (this publication) will be distributed to administrative staff of Spokane Public School District #81; faculty of Middle Schools and High Schools, and available to students and parents. This direct access to Stonewall is provided to support GLBTQA youth and already established school Gay-Straight Alliances (GSA's). Spokane Public School District #81 employs over 5,000 staff and includes over 29,000 students.

The paper will also move from a semi-monthly to a bi-weekly publication schedule, going to press every other Monday beginning October 2, 2006. This increased publishing cycle will streamline production deadlines and better posture the paper for weekly publication and distribution.

Stonewall News Northwest has served the GLBTQA Community of the Pacific Northwest since 1992. Winner of the 2006 Inland Northwest Business Alliance's Business of the Year Award, Stonewall News Northwest enjoys a wide circulation and a loyal readership. Stonewall print circulation includes paying subscribers and thousands of free issues at 100 distribution locations throughout Montana, Idaho, and Washington in addition to thousands of monthly downloads from Stonewall's website, www.stonewallnews.net.

OUT! In the Middle of Nowhere

Send Out the Clowns

by Tim Anderson

It's tradition. Every Labor Day weekend, we fuel up our rigs, stock the campers, and hightail it to Plains, Montana for the Sanders County Fair. This year the troop included three gay guys, a set of near retired parents, one single mother with her three year old son, and one single father-complete with twin four year old boys and his six year old daughter. We might as well have been the non-traditional, family values tour.

The fair boasts something for everyone. Located on the banks of the Clark Fork River, the scenic beauty of the Horse Heaven Plains is the stuff of a movie set. The community throws out the welcome mat to visitors, with the fair boasting numerous friendly vendors, abundant agriculture and livestock exhibitions and a full-on assault of everything vertical and horizontal. Here thrill seekers find one of the more rocking amusement midways in the northwest. First timers quickly learn there's no such thing as a stranger in Sanders County-a rule that applies whether visitors drive a million dollar motor coach or limp in sporting a \$500 Pinto wagon.

By Thursday evening, the fairgrounds were stuffed full of luxurious RV's and thrashed pickup trucks. The trucks, owned by tall hated men from Paradise, Polson and Troy, served as both ride and shelter. With a final sip from that last Coors, their bedrolls thrown under the truck, and their dirty cowboy hats secured on the dash, I overheard more than one man cuss dawn while making peace with familiar Montana earth.

The fair also offers a dirt bike race, two nights of Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) sanctioned rodeos, plus a matinee Bullarama. Don't forget the crowd pleasing climax of the weekend-the standing room only, ruthless demolition derby held on Sunday night.

For two years running, the only negative of the fair weekend stands as the rodeo itself. Contracted out to Powder River Rodeo LLC out of Wright, Wyoming,



and produced by the Sanders County Fair, the fair donates the rodeo proceeds to the Clark Fork Valley Shriner's, with all of the rodeo program sales proceeds dedicated to the Spokane Shriner's Hospital. Spokane's KXLY promotes the whole weekend. So far so good, right?

Last year Senator Hillary Clinton bore the brunt of the rodeo clown's antics during a disrespectful and pointless monologue that had nothing to do with rodeo-Picture an outright swiftboating, courtesy of the Republican National Committee. The clown's act stunk as an embarrassment to the entire community-if not the Shriner's. I'm not exactly a Hillary fan but I do recognize that comparing the Senator from New York with barnyard animals isn't patriotic, especially post 9/11. I'm sure Montanans wouldn't appreciate Montana Senator Conrad Burns subjected to similar portrayals.

This year South Carolina based Punkin Town Clown targeted all things Brokeback Mountain. Claiming that as a result of Brokeback, John Wayne did a full grave roll, Punkin Town Clown whined that Brokeback Cowboys were pure fiction. Never mind that Brokeback Mountain sold out Montana movie theaters everywhere it played. Never mind that one of the top rated bull riders on the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) circuit, Chuck Browning, hails from Wyoming. Never mind the IGRA is the second largest rodeo association in the world and that numerous IGRA competitors have been killed competing. Never

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mind that several former PRCA cowboys are now out of the closet. Never mind that many Montana cowboys are gay, as bartenders from Missoula to Billings can attest.

But the ultimate "say what?" went down as the clown's "grand finale". Not five minutes after dances with Brokeback, our boy with the face paint went footloose to the Village People's "Macho Man. Then "Mr. no brokeback boys in my closet" pranced and flailed around the arena while doing the YMCA. Try making that math work.

Credit the residents of Sanders County. The 5,000 or so spectators in the crowd didn't endorse the routine. Only a few folks laughed. I later overheard one man sheepishly apologize to his visiting friends from back east saying "This ain't Klan land."

In other words, there's hope out in the heartland. It's the rodeo clowns from South Carolina who seem 8 seconds shy of reality.

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.

Qualifications should replace discrimination

By Servicemembers Legal Defense Network

The Associated Press reported October 15th that the U.S. Army met its 2006 recruitment goals. Good news? Well, consider that among the new recruits the Army found:

- 3.8% scored below certain aptitude levels usually considered the minimum for enlistment;
- Half of those accepted under waivers were for "moral" reasons, including misdemeanor arrests; and
- 7% were given waivers for drug and alcohol problems, including those who failed a drug test or admitted they had used drugs.

Yet "test-taking ability," the Army told AP, "does not measure loyalty, duty, honor, integrity or courage." And neither does sexual orientation, but the Pentagon continues to fire two people every day under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

41,000 gay Americans, according to the Urban Institute, are ready to serve when the ban is lifted. We cannot afford to fire qualified gay Americans, like Arabic linguist Bleu Copas, while welcoming other, less qualified recruits.

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Politicklers

Elections matter

by Catherine D. Willis

A year ago at the gathering dubbed the Power Summit by co-sponsors Equal Rights Washington and Inland Northwest Equality, there was a tense, almost snippy, exchange between one of the speakers and a program participant over the exigencies of compromise. The politician wanted the assembled to take equal marriage off the table until an anti-discrimination bill was passed into law. The other party would have none of that. She didn't want to settle for second-class status. Both were right.

I found myself battling both sides of the "Whose side are you/they on?" question as I shepherded the Voter Information Project to print (see pages 3-5). A lot of office seekers did not respond to the survey. And two who did surprised me.

The GLBTQA community cannot afford to play G. W. Bush's "You're either with us or against us" card. As Jill Wagner wisely noted in her "Out on the Town" column Sept. 8, we ought not be single-issue voters.

Access to affordable health care, quality public education, living-wage jobs, an expectation of security in our own homes and on our city streets – all of these are important quality of life issues.

I would – I will – vote for someone who lacks the courage or conviction to stand with me for equality if he or she will fight to the bitter end for the social causes I hold dear. Compromise isn't defeat; it's victory in the making.

We will attain the equal footing we seek. Getting there may take a month or a year or a decade longer. Two steps forward, a step back, another step forward... We're OK as long as we keep moving.

Apathy endangers the democratic process. The politics of fear (and hate and us-versus-them divisiveness) have dominated the national landscape long enough. It's time for us to reclaim the high ground, to be Americans committed to a common good, not a mishmash of interest groups clawing at the downtrodden body politic, hoping to grasp just one more piece of her fast-fading splendor.

Where do we begin? (*Do I need to do it again? You know where I'm headed...*) **We have to vote!** If you aren't registered, you have one last chance: Meander into your local Elections Office (Spokane County's is located at 1033 W. Gardner) and sign up. Then acquaint yourself with the candidates and the issues and cast your ballot. No excuses. There will be a test.

Every day there's a test. Sometimes it consists of a single yes-or-no question. Sometimes it's an essay we write breath-by-breath over 24 hours. And sometimes, rarely, we get to make choices that can alter the course of history.

Elections matter.

In the 6th Legislative District, where I live, State Senator Brad Benson appears to be the ideal neighbor. He's a hardworking man, a loving family man, a professed man of faith with a coterie of admirers and well-wishers. He's a good-looking man as well, I might add. So why would I *not* want to see him re-elected?

His gay-unfriendly predilections notwithstanding, he isn't much of a listener. I don't understand how he, or anyone, can make good decisions without first embracing all available information. Yet he hasn't been willing to discuss viewpoints that differ from his own.

Chris Marr, his opponent, has walked the district and talked to thousands of would-be constituents. We don't agree on every issue. I was in fact deeply disappointed to learn that he doesn't favor the repeal of Washington's DOMA,



but I know he is willing to entertain other perspectives, so I trust he will come around in time – with our help.

As we tell our everyday stories to folks in the public eye, hearts will soften and minds will open as naturally as the petals of a rose... when the time is right.

We look for openness in our judges. At least in their minds. They are expected to make wise and impartial decisions. The trouble is, we know woefully little about the men and women who ask us for the right and the power to uphold our laws.

Résumé comparisons do not serve us well as measures of a would-be jurist's stature. Lacking better resources, we often opt for the status quo, re-electing those already on the bench because they are there and presumably competent.

Don't get me wrong. I am not declaring the Spokane County Courthouse a bastion of ignorance. I am saying we could be more vigilant in the selection of our judges. By rubberstamping incumbents we cultivate an entitlement mentality that could be detrimental to our justice system over time.

Allegations of unbecoming courtroom behavior by a certain judge were featured in newspaper articles during an unusually contentious primary season. The subject was re-elected nevertheless and I suspect she was/is not alone in her occasional incivility.

Four seats on the District Court are up for grabs Nov. 7. Two are held by veteran jurists facing opposition from first-time challengers; two are open positions.

I was introduced to attorney Jeff Leslie by a friend who met him at Pig-Out in the Park. "He's well worth talking to as he represents some of the best and brightest that we will need on our benches," the e-mail gushed. And so I scheduled an appointment.

What a pleasure! I don't know if I'd have had as nice a time chatting with Judge Tripp. By the time I was able to connect with Leslie, I'd done sufficient research on the incumbent to know that he isn't on the A-list among GLBTQA court watchers. When Tripp's name turned up on "Penny's Picks," I decided I didn't need to meet both candidates.

This is a political column; I get to decide where and on whom I will shine light. In this case, I want to spotlight both of the brave attorneys who have chosen to take on sitting judges. Mary Logan is up against Patti Connolly Walker, whose endorsement list is a Who's Who of Spokane jurisprudence. Walker ranks higher than Tripp on Penny's list, which may not bode well for her among Stonewall readers. Logan, like Leslie, has fresh ideas and the energy to implement them.

For what it's worth, I give you **Catherine's Court Choices '06:** John Cooney, Mike Nelson, Jeff Leslie and Mary Logan. Vote for them or not, but please vote!

Catherine Willis, a freelance writer/editor and community advocate, has been a political junkie for 30 years.

No Rest for the Wicked

My Not-So-Secret Love

by Joan Opyr

Fall is upon us. The weather has turned chilly, the days are getting short, and everywhere, Idaho lesbians are defying national stereotypes and loading up to shoot Bambi. And Feline. And Bambi's father, his mother, his grandparents – the whole extended Bambi family. Some of us are shooting for Uncle Buck. We have dreams of tacky antler chandeliers and horned hat racks.

Others – the lesbians with the really big guns – have elk tags. Since moving to Idaho fourteen years ago, I have skinned and gutted three elk. True, I didn't shoot any of them myself, but dear reader, that's only because I caught buck fever and missed. I saw the racks on those Papas, and visions of winning my very own Boone and Crockett danced like a sugarplum in my head.

Is this any way for a dedicated, lifelong, owns-her-own-tool belt, card-carrying lesbian to behave? If she lives in Northern Idaho, it is.

Let me try to explain my hometown of Moscow to you. This is a small, progressive college town – a friendly, liberal oasis in a statewide sea of Republican red. Moscow is home to the University of Idaho. We have an active community theater. We've teamed up with Pullman, just across the border, to create a Washington-Idaho Symphony. We have a Farmer's Market, an Arts Commission, several civic organizations, and a Food Co-Op. The latter is the most important gathering spot in town. It's where Moscow's progressives meet, greet, and eat.

And what do we eat at the Co-Op? Tofu, of course. Marinated tofu. Barbecued tofu. Tofu whipped up with a bit of coconut flavoring and all natural cane syrup, spooned into a wheat-free, gluten-free, flavor-free pie shell, covered in toasted cat hairs and marketed as a substitute for coconut cream pie. It's a little slice of hell.

But Moscow's progressives are not all vegans. We're not all vegetarians. The Food Co-Op sells organic chicken, beef, and elk. They sell fresh eggs and organic milk, and the Co-Op deli serves the best grilled turkey and avocado sandwich, topped with spicy mustard that you could ever hope to find. It's a meat-eaters' paradise. And out in the Food Co-Op parking lot, what will you find? Come hunting season, you'll find Volvos with gun racks.

That, to me, sums up the Moscow, Idaho way of life. We have to be contrary. We have to be different. This is our moral imperative, and I think it goes a long way toward explaining why our lesbians, Idaho Dykeus Specificus, have the requisite number of dogs and cats (thirty-six); drive Volvos and Subarus; listen to Melissa Etheridge and Ani DiFranco; and, in short, do all of the right, just, and expected lesbian things, but blow for one month a year, when deer season opens, we blow the national curve (and also Curve) because we like venison, antlers, and buckskins.

Oh, those buckskins! I want a full set, brain-tanned, soft, and covered with fringe, just like Doris Day wore in Calamity Jane. Northern Idaho is the only place I could wear buckskins with a straight (well, sort of) face, the only place where I wouldn't turn heads, at least not in a bad way. Leather gear and Guatemalan hand-knitted ponchos pass side by side on the streets here, and no one bats an eyelid. If you can't



be yourself in Moscow, you can't be yourself anywhere.

I've visited and lived in what would be lesbian paradises: Yellow Springs, Ohio, for example. Try finding a turkey sandwich there. Try just asking for turkey. You'd better be pretty quick on the draw. "No, I said Tofurkey, honest!" Otherwise, it's the

tar – made from naturally gathered tree sap – and the feathers – gathered from happy, free range birds – for you.

I'm a gun-toting, liberal, progressive, lesbian Democrat and, no, I don't support the NRA. I think they're a bunch of nuts. But I do like to hunt, and that's one of the many reasons I live in Backend, Idaho and not Provincetown, San Francisco, or anywhere near the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival – well, that and the fact that I prefer The Ramones to Cris Williamson.

Ducking and running for cover as the tofu flies!

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Reality Check

Gay divorce - the realities of the right to marry

by Jim Jones

We may not have the right to marry in Washington State yet but we ARE required to go to divorce court if our relationships dissolve. How backwards is that? We have legal divorce before we have legal marriage? In a sick and twisted sort of way the more divorces we have the more legitimacy it gives to our relationships.

The problem with state sanctioned marriage or civil unions, such as those legalized in Massachusetts, California, and Connecticut, is that there is no Federal recognition of these unions. Without federal recognition of our unions (whether it's a civil union, civil marriage or whatever you want to call it) we still have no protections for our Social Security benefits, pensions, and income tax benefits.

Gay unions are creating new legal problems in that arena of legal divorce. In California, civil unions are recognized by the state but held to a much lower standard than legal marriage. Nonetheless, gay divorce is handled at the same standard as legal marriage. This creates problems when alimony is paid – from the San Francisco Chronicle

THE BATTLE OVER SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Divorcing gay couples create new legal issues. Alimony, property questions have even lawyers confused

In California, since January 2000, nearly 39,000 couples have registered with the secretary of state as domestic partnerships, a designation open to gay



and lesbian couples and some seniors. For the first few years, domestic partners who wanted to break up filed a simple notice of termination with the secretary of state.

But that changed in January 2005 when AB205, the Registered Domestic Partners Rights and Responsibilities Act, took effect. Most partnerships now have to go through divorce proceedings,

just like married couples, with a few exceptions.

Many of the problems arise when ex-partners calculate their federal income taxes. For example, a California judge might order one to regularly pay the other a certain amount of money, like alimony. But, because the federal government does not recognize same-sex couples, the Internal Revenue Code treats that income as a gift and taxes it at a higher level than alimony. And, although alimony payments are deductible for straight ex-spouses, someone who has left a same-sex union can't take that deduction.

More disturbing is this:

California courts have recognized a Canadian marriage and a Vermont union in order to dissolve them.

The issue is that they recognize a union in order to dissolve it but not as a full and legal marriage.

These legal issues are costing hundreds of thousands of dollars for courts to interpret these new laws and are certainly precedent setting. This is the new battleground for gay marriage as the courts continue to address gay divorce in the same fashion they address straight divorce the ultimate conclusion is to address gay unions in the same fashion as straight unions.

Of course the opposition weighs in on gay divorce in an attempt to say – "see we told you the gays aren't good enough for marriage".

Same-sex marriage foes say divorces prove their point.

"The separation of Julie and Hillary Goodridge is tragic not only for their daughter," the Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition said in a statement released the day after the couple confirmed the separation. "But ... they have clearly shown just how little they value the institution of marriage and provide a chilling look into what our nation faces if homosexual marriage is legalized elsewhere."

Good ol' Lou – Picks 2 couples out of the 56,000 in MA and CA that have married or civil unioned and ended up in divorce. If the gays valued marriage as much as the straights the number he could throw out would be 28,000 gay divorces, but alas, he can only come up with two. The "chilling look" that Lou is referring to are happily married gay couples who remain married for the rest of their lives while straight marriages still end up in divorce half of the time.

Who values marriage more?

Jim Jones is a community activist living in Spokane, WA. He can be reached through his website: www.choiceofthepeople.blogspot.com

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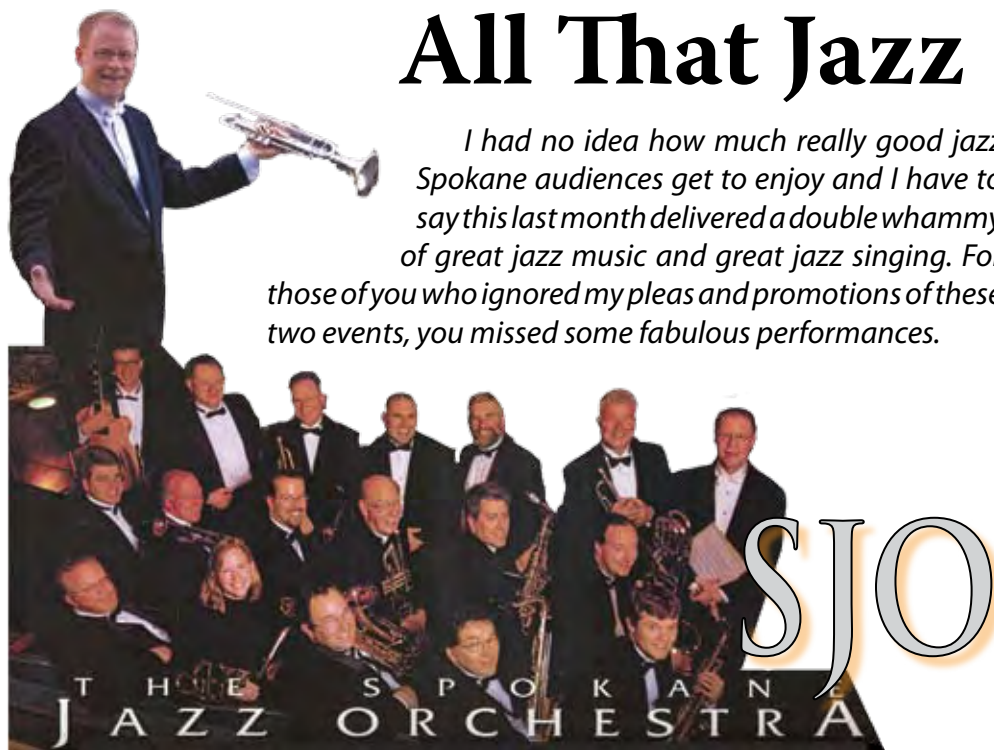
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Christopher Lawrence, A & E Editor

All That Jazz

I had no idea how much really good jazz Spokane audiences get to enjoy and I have to say this last month delivered a double whammy of great jazz music and great jazz singing. For those of you who ignored my pleas and promotions of these two events, you missed some fabulous performances.



Music director and conductor Dan Keberle was elegant, gracious and informational about each of the pieces performed by our own very excellent Spokane Jazz Orchestra.

The history of the music, most of which was either of Count Basie or influenced by same was fascinating and enlightening.

There is something special about the world of jazz with its aura of cool that seems to blend so well with the nerdishness that often accompanies the devotion and discipline needed to immerse oneself in anything that addictive and enervating. When I was a dancer, I know the cliché was true that dance was my life.

How could it be any different for these incredible artists? Watching them jam, tap their toes, snap their fingers, rock their bodies and sway their heads as if only they and their talented compadres exist at all.

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That was only the first half of the incredible night.

Nnenna Freelon was featured for the second half of the evening. Her pro-

motion through the media was laid on heavy. Every report and review seemed over the top and although I was anxious to experience her performance live, I held some reserve of suspicion that it could never be THAT good.

Nnenna, graceful and affable came out in a vintage black cocktail gown from the 30's looking younger and fresher than her publicity photographs.

She demurred to the orchestra, opened her mouth and filled the Met Theater with her resonant voice.

Ms. Freelon's tribute to Billie Holiday gave me goose bumps! She belongs in the halls of the truly great black female singers.

Her notes might be clear as the proverbial bell or raspy and down low with the best. She sings with her whole body. As Dan related, "This woman doesn't just learn the notes and styles of a song, she sings Jazz with her entire being."

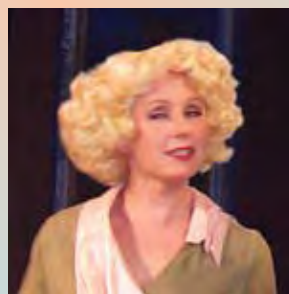
During the following week, I was able to take in the Mike Stern Band Concert at SFCC. I was impressed and nearly deafened but nobody was complaining.

His jazz fusion numbers rocked the house and his acoustic guitar solos were spellbinding.

Our next chance to infuse our souls with great jazz will be Dec. 1 when SJO is featuring vocalist Charlotte Carruthers for their **Holiday In Jazz** Concert. Tickets at (800) 325-SEAT or are available online at www.TicketsWest.com



Rain Floats!



Clockwise from upper left: Corinne Logarbo, Alyssa Calder-Day, Andrew Ware Lewis and Cameron Lewis wanna "make 'em laugh!"

It is nearly impossible not to have high hopes when presented with a musical as silly, stirring and sentimental as **Singin' in the Rain**. Civic Theatre has occasionally attempted to reach farther than they should, but Kathie Doyle-Lipe's production is 'swell.'

Civic's newest production is not perfect and they were having some challenges with their brand new sound board the night after opening. The sound issues will be remedied by the time anyone will read this account and the rest of the imperfections are not serious. All in all I was pleased with the over-all level of talent and go-for-it attitude of the lead actors.

Andrew Ware Lewis as Don Lockwood was vocally superior to Gene Kelly even though his rhythm was a bit rushed. He managed to perform the dance steps with some flourish, but has not yet reached that level of experience that gives the panache and relaxed savoir-faire that marks a master of musical comedy. Sources tell me that Andrew had never tapped a step before succumbing to the tireless instruction of drill sergeant and director/choreographer Doyle-Lipe! Kudos to both of them for their Terpsichorean accomplishment.

Speaking of panache, Cameron Lewis who plays Cosmo (Donald O'Conner's original creation) steals the

show in most of his scenes but was solidly in character no matter what else was happening on stage. Obviously a love child of Pee-Wee Herman and Matthew Broderick, he mugged, cavorted and high-stepped his way into everyone's heart. He deserves a ribbon that reads "Best in Show!"

Alyssa Calder-Day, as the sweet ingenue Kathie Selden (in the Debbie Reynolds role) has a sweet clear voice and held her own very well although her character was at times nearly invisible next to Corinne Logarbo who played Lina Lamont, the platinum blonde bombshell with the egregiously abrasive nasal voice.

The black and white filmed scenes were hilarious and creative additions that helped to create the atmosphere of silent films. The audience loved it!

Note to the Spokane casts in general: Know your craft and be true to your character's period. Scruffy beards and bushy mustaches were non-existent in the '20s and '30's. Pay attention to such details or lose the integrity of the part you play.

Enough said. Thanks to the Civic Theatre for another great show.

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Here!

As homoerotic slasher films go, this was better than most.

Oh wait...

The fact that this film is the team effort of the co-creator of *Halloween* and the executive producer of *A Nightmare on Elm Street* is likely the reason that this first gay slasher film is done so professionally. Still a step or two below the better Indie releases I believe this one is worth viewing.

It is seldom easy to lure and scare our kind, but the colorful, flamboyant and gory are well blended in this hom(o)age to those notorious slasher films of the '80' and '90s.

Four friends prepare for the West Hollywood Halloween Carnival the night after two gay men were slaughtered and left headless in a pool of blood in a car by the park near the site of the Halloween festivities.

Typical of Here and Logo, the casting manages to bring us some of the most enticing men that Hollywood has to offer. The acting is somewhat less than stellar and the obvious and necessary foolish mistakes that are made by the characters to further the murderous plot line are a bit predictable.

Nevertheless, the deliciously horrific story has a few plot twists and plenty of suspense. Compared to many of the films in this genre being produced today, it is nearly, but not completely tame.

The victims (err, I mean friends) are picked off one-by-one by a tall mysterious muscle man in a devil's costume. In place of the pitchfork he wields a razor-like scythe with amazing power and dexterity.

The decapitation scene on the dance floor could only be accomplished by the strobes and lights of a queer disco combined with visual effects lifted right out of Hitchcock's *Psycho*. Cinematic values are strong although dark throughout, as one would expect and there is plenty of humor scattered amongst the disembodied beheadings to keep the mood light in between murders.

The eye-candy and muscles that decorate the screen offer as much sexual heat as needed to overcome holes in the plot.

It is almost worth the view to see the costumes in West Hollywood's Halloween Carnival where you see the best costuming available from the movie capital of the United States. Get the movie. Curl up on the couch with a buddy to watch it by candlelight and I can almost guarantee there will be some heavy breathing.



Overcoming Crystal Meth Addiction-An Essential Guide to Getting Clean

Steven J Lee, MD

Marlowe & Company, Avalon, 335 pp.

Addiction to crystal methedrine (aka *Blue Meth*, *Super Ice*, *Crank*, *Tina* and *Chicken Feed*) more than doubled in this country from 2004 to 2005. The GLBTQA community suffers from it and it has also become an increasingly problematic challenge on campuses across the country.

Many of us are aware that we know someone who is either trapped in this addiction or is flirting with it. Unfortunately, it is even harder to convince a user of the problem until that person is in its grip and unable to relate socially, sexually or in any other way that could be healthy and balanced.

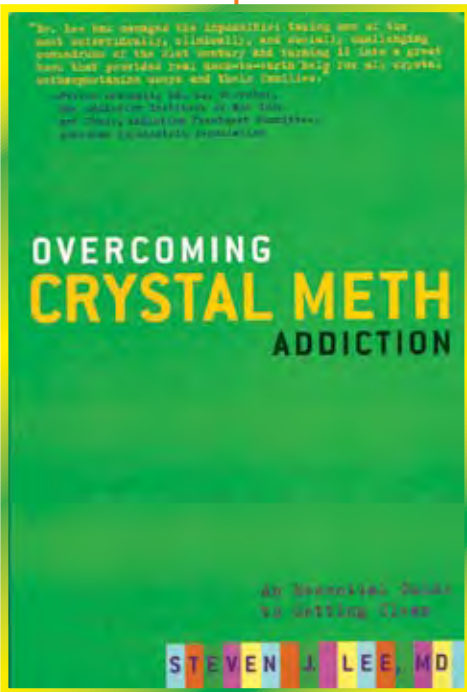
Dr. Lee has written a book that details not only the downfall physically, psychologically and spiritually of using this substance, but also offers hope with a multi-pronged approach to becoming whole and experiencing wellness again.

Dr. Lee is not the first physician with enough insight to document the nutritional and chemical support that is needed to break the cycle of addiction. He also examines and identifies the steps that need to be taken on the path to recovery.

This tome on getting clean is part guide and part workbook. Filled with observations about the roles of stress, depression loneliness, isolation and unhappiness, Dr. Lee leads the reader through the complex process that ultimately sets up a normal human being for becoming a user and then an addict.

Dr. Lee offers insights that help family and friends to understand and lend non-codependent and appropriate behavior as a part of the healing process in a structured educated course of action. No judgements here.

Excellent science and instruction for social and spiritual reconstruction. I recommend it highly.



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 P.M. Upcoming review sessions include: *Never Ending* by Marianne K. Martin on Nov. 1.

Tarzan The Broadway Musical Original Cast Album

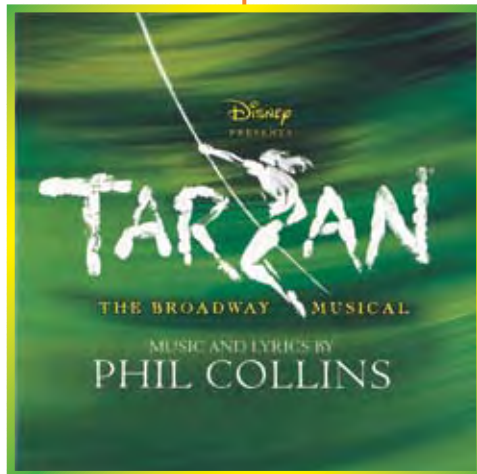
Disney Records

I suppose I have to come out and admit it: I was a progressive rock adolescent. Yes, Rush, Jethro Tull, Marillion, and Genesis filled every waking moment during my teen years. The extended instrumentals, the arcane subject matter, the virtuosic musicality—it all consumed my inner geek, and I felt somehow “cool” for liking music a lot of my classmates didn't.

As the years passed, a lot of these bands moved away from the approach which drew me to them, into a more pop song form. Nowhere was this more obvious than in Genesis' transformation, as they suddenly emerged into world-wide chart-topping stardom with their *Invisible Touch* album. This move coincided with Phil Collins' swiftly rising solo career; he was the global musician-du-jour, contributing his drumming and songwriting skills to wide-ranging projects. But meteors are prone to burn-out, and Phil soon wore out his welcome, with each successive solo and Genesis release finding a smaller audience.

When Disney tapped Collins to compose the music for *Tarzan*, it seemed to be a natural fit. Disney had been turning to AOR artists ever since Howard Ashman died in the midst of working on *Aladdin*. Collins' work as a drummer is legendary, and his interest in African rhythms had influenced at least one of his solo albums. When *Tarzan* was adapted for the Broadway stage, Collins expanded the original five tunes into a full-blown musical theater score. This time, the songs were written for characters to perform as part of dramatic action, and not simply for Phil to sing as background to animated moments.

The 19 tracks featured here seem awfully short for a Broadway soundtrack, just under an hour total running time. All the earlier songs are here, including the Oscar™ winning “You'll Be In My Heart.” Familiar moments appear, such as “I Need To Know,” the young Tarzan's “Little Mermaid song,” where he expresses his yearning to break out of the bonds of his world and discover something new. None of the new songs work, especially dialog songs such as “Sure As Sun Turns To Moon.” Everything feels forced. It is obvious that Collins' pop talent is stretched beyond its familiar grounds. Perhaps the only success on this album is the bonus track, “Everything That I Am,” where Phil himself performs. Even then, the meaning shifts from the Burroughs story to memories of Collins' earlier work, riddled with divorce-laden angst about personal worth. As Bart Simpson recently quipped “I was a great drummer, and now I'm nothing! Just like Phil Collins!” Indeed.



Love, Loss, Hope, Repeat

Carbon Leaf

Vanguard Records

Virginia band Carbon Leaf maintains their reputation for intelligent electro-acoustic pop/rock with their sixth studio release, *Love, Loss, Hope, Repeat*. The eleven tracks found here continue the band's move away from their early Irish-tinged bar band sound, and continue the straightforward rock found on their previous release, *Indian Summer*.

Discovering redemption after tragedy is a familiar theme for Barry Privett to explore in his words. He repeatedly

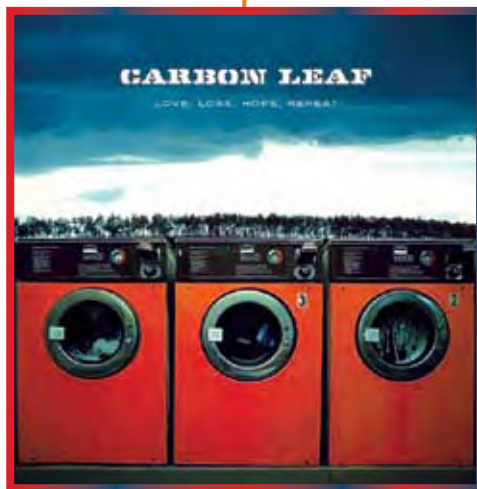
calls out to broken hearts to rise above the urge to wallow in misery, to find healing by choosing to be once again at risk of being hurt. “All the roads to happy years / are paved with the ice from the darkest tears,” he sings in “Royal One,” about how being on tour takes its toll on relationships. In “Texas

Stars,” Privett asks “have you been let down / by a lover, father, or friend?” and then exhorts “Don't wait for heroes and stars / to save your day.” It is indeed a wonderful thing, to find a band who addresses the dark places in the heart, and ultimately urges moving out of darkness into light.

The eclectic musical choices are refreshing: electric guitars merge with mandolins; double bass is swapped for electric. Veteran producer Peter Collins brings the layered performances of the four musicians into perfect balance, letting the ear completely hear each song easily. There is a danger in working with such a refined talent. The overall feeling of this album is a bit flat, something which has plagued Collins' work for some time. While each moment on *LLHR* is excellent,

the overall experience loses momentum well before the end of the album. This is undoubtedly a collection of songs best suited for individual listening.

Carbon Leaf is best experienced live, as was proven by a date at The Met, when they opened for Blues Traveler. Riding the success of a minor hit with “Life Less Ordinary,” they proceeded to charm the crowd with their extraordinary stage presence and musicianship, ultimately winning many new fans who stormed the lobby during the act break to purchase CDs and meet the band, who were happily available. Many of the tracks on this newest release will surely shine brightly when played live. One only hopes that Carbon Leaf will see fit to play Spokane again soon. Until then, their live double CD *5 Alive!* is a great document of their power as a live act. And *LLHR* may not be their strongest album, but its message of hope and redemption makes it shine in our dark times.





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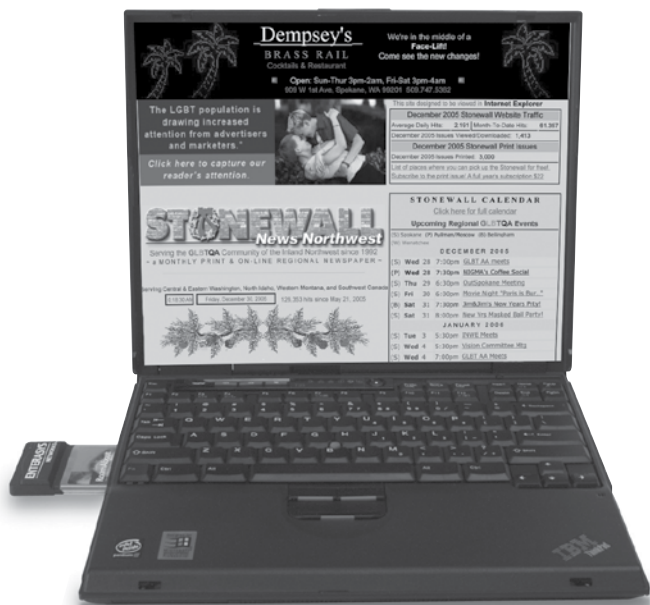
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Leaders in Gay history

In honor of Gay History Month, Jim Jones profiles leaders in gay history...

By Jim Jones, special to Stonewall News Northwest. Posted as a weekly blog each Friday during October on the Stonewall News Northwest website, www.stonewallnews.net

In honor of Gay History Month I will be posting [on the Stonewall website] on leaders in gay history, I will include an interesting tidbit, essay portion, or biography of a historical LGBT figure. Tune in each Friday for the remainder of the month to take a brief glimpse into gay history and the gay and lesbian pioneers who have lead the fight for LGBTQ rights and equality.

week one - Henry Gerber

Today I am posting the first two paragraphs of an essay by Henry Gerber (1892-1972). The essay was in response to "The Riddle of Homosexuality" by W. Beran Wolfe, which appeared in the April 1932 issue of "The Modern Thinker".

The interesting thing about the Gerber essay is that it pre-dates World War II and if you did not know it was from 1932 it could be from any magazine of this day and age.

Henry Gerber was a pioneer in gay civil rights (back in the early 1900's gays referred to themselves as "inverts").



October 16, 1929, the German committee of the Reichstag, discussing the new German legal code, proposed to abolish punishment for homosexual acts per se, between men, and in Russia, of course, the medieval persecution of homosexuals was repudiated with religious

superstitions.

Now, that the inverts [gays] have almost escaped the stake and the prison, the psychoanalysts threaten them with the new danger of the psychiatric torture chamber. It is not to be wondered that a priest, a legislator and a psychoanalyst should be interested only in their dogmas. The priest is as much convinced of his sin theory as the legislator is sure that prison is the cure of crime, and the psychoanalyst, not a bit less, is certain that his therapy will bring back the erring homosexual to the normal fold. But he is strangely silent on the method.

You can read the rest of Henry Gerber's essay in "We Are Everywhere; A historical sourcebook of gay and lesbian politics" compiled by Mark Blasius and Shane Phelan (in my opinion a 'must have' for every library!).

As you can see it appears we have come full circle in the fight for our rights. In 1932, while very week, the Pope was still claiming homosexuality as a sin beyond redemption, today is no different except that he no longer requests that gays should be burned, (although if he thought he could get away with it he probably would).

We have come a long way in the LGBT civil rights movement, we have gained ground in equality in the work place, tolerance and acceptance in schools, and it is certainly easier to be out of the closet today than 100 years ago. All thanks to our gay pioneers like Henry Gerber.

For his efforts to start the first Gay civil rights group in America nearly 90 years ago, Henry Gerber is our Gay Pioneer of the week.

In Defense of Homosexuality (1932) By Henry Gerber

After reading the article by W. Beran Wolfe, M.D., in the April issue of The Modern thinker, one cannot but deeply sympathize with the inverts [gays] for being the world's eternal scapegoats. In the early Middle Ages he Papacy stipulated that "sodomers, heretics and sorcerers be burned." When the legal control of the population slipped from the hands of Mother Church into that of the legislatures and politicians, better times came for the homosexuals in that their sexual "crimes" were considered less heinous. After Napoleon had written his liberal code, homosexuals were no longer molested by the law in Latin countries, but the Anglo-Saxon world, in England and the United States, persecution of them is still in vogue, and as recently as the year 1915 the legislature of the State of California passed a new law, extending the scope of the term of sodomy. Today a more lenient attitude is being shown to homosexuals by the law. On

week two - Gertrude Stein & Alice Toklas

This week we feature perhaps the most famous lesbian couple in history, Gertrude Stein (1874-1946), an American author and poet who shared her life with Alice Toklas (1877 - 1967).

Stein was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Vienna at the age of three. She moved back to the states with her family in 1878 followed by a move to Montparnasse France in 1902. From 1903 to 1912 Stein lived with her brother in Paris and met her life-long partner Alice Toklas. Alice Toklas was born in San Francisco and attended school in Seattle. She studied music at the University of Washington and met Stein in Paris in 1907. Toklas moved in with Stein and her brother in 1909.

Gertrude Stein and Alice Toklas lived their lives forthright and honestly. During World War I Stein and Toklas drove an ambulance and much needed supplies to French Hospitals and were honored by the French government for this volunteer work. They lived their lives for their community in openness and honesty, never hiding who they were. Gertrude and Alice are perhaps the most famous lesbian couple in history.

During WWII Gertrude and Alice were forced to flee to the countryside and live off the land. After the war, Gertrude was diagnosed with stomach cancer and died in surgery at the age of 72. When being wheeled into the operating room it has been recorded that Gertrude asked Alice "What is the answer?" When Alice did not respond, Gertrude said, "In that case, what is the question?"

Gertrude Stein wrote many novels, plays, and poems. She is perhaps most famous for penning "Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose". Some of Steins works include "Three Lives", "The Making of Americans", and "Four Saints in Three Acts". Stein penned her autobiography in 1933 and titled it "The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas". The autobiography became her bestselling book. Below is a poem by Gertrude Stein titled "Love Song of Alice B." from 1921.

I caught sight of a splendid Misses. She had handkerchiefs and kisses. She had eyes and yellow shoes she had everything to choose and she chose me.

In passing through France she wore a Chinese hat and so did I. In looking at the sun she read a map. And so did I. In eating fish and pork she just grew



fat. And so did I. In loving a blue sea she had a pain. And so did I. In loving me she of necessity thought first. And so did I.

How prettily we swim. Not in water. Not on land. But in love.

How often do we need trees and hills. Not often. And how often do we need birds. Not often.

And how often do we need wishes. Not often. And how often do we need glasses not often.

We drink wine and we make well we have not made it yet.

How often do we need a kiss. Very often and we add when tenderness overwhelms us we speedily eat veal.

And what else, ham and a little pork and raw artichokes and ripe olives and chester cheese and cakes and caramels and all the melon. We still have a great deal of it left. I wonder where it is. Conserved melon. Let me offer it to you.

Alice Toklas authored a book as well, titled "The Alice B. Toklas Cookbook" which mixed stories of her history with life-long partner Gertrude Stein with recipes. The most famous of which was titled "Hashisch Fudge", a mixture of nuts, spices, and cannabis. Toklas' second book, "What is Remembered" is her own autobiography which ends abruptly with her lovers death in 1946.

Toklas died at the age of 89 and both Toklas and Stein are interred together in the Pere Lachaise Cemetery in Paris.

Both Gertrude Stein and Alice Toklas lived their lives as they chose. It takes courage and tenacity to live life out of the closet, in plain view as a loving, committed couple. Gertrude Stein and Alice Toklas never hid until they had to flee World War II. They served their country and their community and were honored for it. Two bold lives lived in freedom and honesty make Gertrude Stein and Alice Toklas our gay pioneers this week.

National & International

Seven out of ten heterosexuals know someone gay

Half of gays and lesbians say that concern about being victim of hate crimes affects 'Coming Out'.

New national survey by Harris Interactive and Witeck-Combs Communications examines attitudes about gays, lesbians, bisexuals or transgender persons 'Coming Out'.

Rochester, N.Y. — Seven out of ten (70%) heterosexual adults in the United States say that they know someone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (GLBT). More than half of those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (54%) say that concern about being the victim of a hate crime would be a reason for a person to not come out.[1] Other concerns that GLBT adults cite about why a person might not come out include rejection by their families (39%), rejection by their friends (32%) and losing their jobs (27%).

These are some of the highlights of a nationwide online survey of 2,932 U.S. adults (ages 18 and over) of whom 2,548 indicated they are heterosexual and 324 self-identified as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (this includes an over-sample of gays and lesbians). The survey was conducted between September 7 and 14, 2006, by Harris Interactive®, a worldwide market research and consulting firm, in conjunction with Witeck-Combs Communications, Inc., a strategic public relations and marketing communications firm with special expertise in the GLBT market.

Fully, 83 percent of those who self-identify as gay or lesbian consider themselves out. In general, when all GLBT respondents were asked if they considered themselves open about their sexual orientation, large majorities of them said they are out to their close

friends (92%) and to their parents (78%). Many gays and lesbians also indicated they are out to other relatives such as grandparents or cousins (68%), acquaintances and to casual friends (68%) and to co-workers and colleagues (66%).[2]

"Though attitudes throughout American society toward gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people

have changed tremendously over the past several decades, it's not surprising to learn that there is still a widespread concern among gays and lesbians about becoming a victim of hate if they are open about their sexual orientation," said Wes Combs, President of

Communications. "But the results of this survey are encouraging about the numbers of people who choose to be open in spite of the risks."

"If seven out of 10 heterosexuals know someone who is GLBT, then many gays and lesbians are making their identity apparent as a natural part of their lives — just like their age, height, hair color or personality," said Mark Shields, director of the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Project. "For most people, coming out or opening up to someone starts with a conversation. And for those interested in fostering strong, deep relationships with their friends and family, living openly often allows for closer relationships with the people they care about most."

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--Mark Shields

Despite furor, schools back gay history month

By Susan Snyder, Staff Writer
(Philadelphia) Philadelphia Inquirer - The Philadelphia School District's decision to note Gay and Lesbian History Month on its official calendars drew vocal supporters and critics to yesterday's board meeting. District officials stood by their decision in the end.

The controversial subject at the School Reform Commission meeting led a 17-year-old female student to leave the room in tears as she exchanged words with one of the critics who opposed the history month.

"Why does she have to be so cruel?" cried the Simon Gratz High junior, who asked that her name not be used. "I'm proud to be who I am."

As to the calendar, which is mailed to parents, the district for the first time included Gay and Lesbian History Month, which is in October. Officials said it was an effort to be more inclusive and follow a long-standing district policy requiring equity for all races and minority groups.

Cecilia Cummings, senior vice president for communications and community relations, said the district was not rolling out curriculum or holding celebrations this month, although individual schools with gay-straight alliances may have observances.

Critics panned the move as political, "confusing" for children, and one that has no place in the schools.

"What were you thinking? What were you thinking?" Ann Martin, the grandmother of three students, said, admonishing the commission with her hand and calling for new calendars to be issued.

Others asked what the district would recognize next. "Fornication pride month? Pedophile pride month?" quipped Rashad Faheem Shabazz.

Supporters of the history month - including speakers from the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, the Attic Youth Center, and students and teachers from several high schools who belong to gay-straight alliance clubs - sat quietly as critics spoke. But the critics heckled them when their turn came to speak.

The supporters said the district's move was long overdue, would bolster

the esteem of the district's gay and lesbian students, and could help reduce the bullying and harassment that these students experience.

"We would like to thank the district for having the courage and compassion to include it," said Carrie Jacobs, executive director of the Attic, as students and others waved rainbow signs and cloths.

"Bull! Pure bull!" Robert Gray of the African American Freedom and Reconstruction League said as Jacobs spoke. Others also yelled out.

"Hey," Jacobs said, turning around and facing those who were speaking, "We respected you. I really ask for the same respect."

Jacobs estimated that 10,000 to 12,000 Philadelphia School District students are gay, based on national projections of 5 to 6 percent of the population.

"All of our children have a right to a safe environment," she said, as a chorus of boos and a round of applause competed for attention.

Another woman talked about her daughter's difficult experience in coming out. A former University City High student talked about his "terrifying experience," being called "faggot and fruitcake" and hit with water bottles because he was gay.

Erika Garnett, a Martin Luther King High teacher who leads the gay-straight alliance at the school and who said she is a lesbian, also thanked the commission.

"When I first learned the district would recognize this month, it made me well up with tears," she said. "Finally, this marginalized group was being recognized and decriminalized."

She said as she looked at the students in her group: "I had this incredible sense of hope that their future would not be as difficult, isolated and painful as mine."

Cummings praised students in the gay-straight alliances for attending the meeting even though the district received phone calls that fell just short of "terroristic threats" on the issue.

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Exhibit argues that gay animals are part of nature

Rueters - The birds and the bees may sometimes be gay, according to the world's first museum exhibition about homosexuality among animals. With documentation of gay or lesbian behavior among giraffes, penguins, parrots, beetles, whales, and dozens of other creatures, the University of Oslo Natural History Museum concludes that human homosexuality cannot be viewed as "unnatural."

"We may have opinions on a lot of things, but one thing is clear—homosexuality is found throughout the animal kingdom; it is not against nature," an exhibit statement said.

Geir Soeli, the project leader of the exhibit, titled "Against Nature," told Reuters: "Homosexuality has been observed for more than 1,500 animal species and is well-documented for 500 of them."

The museum said the exhibition, which opened Thursday despite condemnation from some Christians, was the first in the world on the subject. Soeli said a Dutch zoo had once organized tours to view gay couples among the animals. "The sexual urge is strong in all animals.... It's a part of life—it's fun to have sex," Soeli said of the reasons for homosexuality or bisexuality among animals.

One exhibit shows two stuffed female swans on a nest—birds sometimes raise young in same-sex couples, either after a female has forsaken a male mate or donated an egg to a pair of males. One photograph shows two giant erect penises flailing above the water as two male right whales rub together. Another shows a male giraffe mounting another for sex, and another describes homosexuality among beetles.

One radical Christian said organizers of the exhibition, partly funded by the Norwegian government, should "burn in hell," Soeli said. Laws describing homosexuality as a "crime against nature" are still on the statutes in some countries.

Greek philosopher Aristotle noted apparent homosexual behavior among hyenas 2,300 years ago, but evidence

of animal homosexuality has often been ignored by researchers, perhaps because of distaste, lack of interest, or fear or ridicule.

Bonobos, a type of chimpanzee, are among extremes in having sex with

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--Exhibit Statement

either males or females, apparently as part of social bonding.

"Bonobos are bisexuals, all of them," Soeli said.

Still, it is unclear why homosexuality survives, since it seems a genetic

dead-end. Among theories, males can sometimes win greater acceptance in a pack by having homosexual contact. That in turn can help their chances of later mating with females, he said. And a study of gay men in Italy suggested that their mothers and sisters had more offspring. "The same genes that give homosexuality in men could give higher fertility among women," Soeli said.

Pope lectures Prodi on gay unions

by 365Gay.com Newscenter Staff

(Vatican City) Pope Benedict chided Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi Friday on his government's plan to introduce civil partnership legislation.

In their first meeting since Prodi's election the Pope lectured him on the Church's opposition to gay unions some forms of stem cell research and according to people who were in the room warned the Prime Minister that politicians who disobey the teachings of the Church could be denied the sacrament.

Prodi's left of center coalition government had a campaign platform that included greater LGBT civil rights including a hate crime law and recognition of same-sex couples. While the majority of its members support civil unions, similar to Britain's civil partnerships, some are pressing for the

Foley scandal fails to lower public GLBT support, poll shows

By Troy Espera

A nationwide poll released Friday shows that coordinated attempts by anti-gay right-wing leaders and anti-gay groups to brand the Mark Foley scandal as a gay issue failed to impact voters' support of GLBT issues.

Gay advocacy organization, the Human Rights Campaign, says it's been monitoring what it calls a coordinated effort to place blame on the gay community and equate Mark Foley's behavior to the fact that he is gay.

The poll shows that, by a 2-to-1 margin, voters believe that "this type of behavior is typical of politicians" over "this type of behavior is typical of gay men." The poll also showed support for either civil unions or marriage for same-sex couples at 66 percent, which

is consistent with other polls on the same question.

"Some right-wing leaders and politicians have tried to divert attention from the congressional leadership's failure to investigate Mark Foley's abhorrent behavior, and their cover-up in order to hold on to power, by insisting that his being gay was the central issue,"

"American people continue to believe gay and lesbian Americans deserve the same rights and protections as all Americans and their relationships deserve legal recognition."

--Poll Results

said HRC President Joe Solmonese in a media statement issued Friday. "Conservative politicians have tried to promote prejudice against gay Americans,

rather than push for accountability in this scandal. Today's poll shows that Americans reject their outrageous claims."

Since this scandal was made public on Sept. 29, 2006, ultra-conservative leaders such as Tony Perkins, James Dobson and Pat Buchanan have spoken out numerous times to national media outlets pushing the idea that this is a gay issue, in an attempt to shift the public's perception of this inappropriate behavior and subsequent cover-up by the Republican leadership on gays.

On Oct. 6, Pat Buchanan said, "If the Republican House leadership is guilty of anything, it is of being too tolerant, of allowing Political Correctness, a fear of being called homophobic, to trump common sense. Whether we admit it or not, many male homosexuals have a thing for teenage boys, which is why so many of them wind up with black eyes when they try to pick them up."

Peter D. Hart Research Associates Inc. conducted a poll of 806 registered voters nationwide from Oct. 9-11, 2006. The results of the poll show that the attempt to scapegoat gay Americans has been an utter failure, as the American people continue to focus on the lack of leadership displayed by the Republican leadership through this scandal. The poll also finds the American people continue to believe gay and lesbian Americans deserve the same rights and protections as all Americans and their relationships deserve legal recognition.

Study: Gay marriage boon to business

by 365Gay.com Newscenter Staff

(Los Angeles, California) Giving same-sex couples marriage rights will be good for the economy, according to a new study, released Wednesday.

"The Effect of Marriage Equality and Domestic Partnership On Business and the Economy," was prepared by the Williams Institute at the University of California Los Angeles.

The study says that gains to businesses from happier and healthier workers that would outweigh new costs for benefits. The economy would also gain from the positive effect of equality

on state government budgets it says.

"Policymakers and businesspeople have not fully recognized the enormous potential gains to the economy from treating same-sex couples equally," noted Dr. M. V. Lee Badgett, study co-author and research director of the Williams Institute.

"Our study shows that equal treatment of couples in the business world attracts heterosexual employees and creates more productive workplaces for gay, lesbian, and bisexual employees."

The study documents numerous

research findings on different aspects of the economy.

Gay, lesbian, and bisexual (GLB) employees who get domestic partner benefits are more open in the workplace and have better mental health outcomes than employees that do not get such benefits according to the report.

Most importantly, it says, partner benefits increase job satisfaction and job retention, reducing recruitment and training costs for companies. Although businesses will have some one-time administrative costs, ongoing added costs to employee benefit plans will be low, since few employees will have new spouses or partners to cover.

The economy gains in other direct ways, as well the study found.

"Spending on new weddings alone

would generate \$2 billion for businesses in the wedding industry," reported co-author Gary J. Gates, senior research associate at the Williams Institute. "Places that allow same-sex couples to marry have reported noticeable boosts in business for hotels, caterers, florists, and other wedding-related businesses. Our study reports the expected wedding impact for each state."

The study notes that differences across states in policies toward same-sex couples can be confusing and costly for businesses. Complexity and uncertainty make it difficult for employers to know how to treat employees and their partners across jurisdictions. Employers also risk losing employees to jobs in states with more favorable policies.

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

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Call: (509) 838-0085

Web site: www.emmanuelmcc.com

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Write: 1212 E. Front Ave. Spokane, WA 99202

Gay/Lesbian Info Line

Call: (509) 489-2266

Immediate Crisis: (509) 838-4428

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Call: Julie Smith: (509) 838-0206

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

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

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Direct line: Bryce: 323-5847

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Call: (509) 456-0438

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Call: (509) 251-1242.

Web site: www.iscspokane.com

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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

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

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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

E-mail: BCHARDJISON@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

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 together people in the GLBT community.

Write: P.O. Box 1282,

Moses Lake, WA 98837

PULLMAN/MOSCOW

Planned Parenthood of The Inland Northwest

HIV antibody testing and counseling.

Call: Clinic for Appt.: (800) 788-9128

Administration: (509) 326-6292

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

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 GLBTQ 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 GLBTQ community. Promoting the health and well-being of GLBTQ 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) 860-7354

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 lesbigaytrans civil rights advocacy group.

Call: (406) 442-9322

or, in Montana: (800) 610-9322

PRIDE Celebration

Group in charge of annual Montana June PRIDE celebrations.

Call: (406) 442-9322

Western Montana Gay & Lesbian Community Center

127 North Higgins, Suite 202

Missoula, MT 59802

(406) 543-2224

Downtown Spokane offers a variety of alternative places to visit, shop, dine, dance, and stay overnight.

Whether you have cocktails and meet new friends at Europa or party until the wee hours at Dempsey's Brass Rail, you can have fun! Spend the night at The Fotheringham House B&B, have lunch at Wild Sage and dinner & live theater at CenterStage. Check out the wide selection of books including an alternative section at Auntie's Bookstore and be sure to pick up your new 2006 Inland Northwest Business Alliance Directory... everywhere!

CASINOS

18 Northern Quest Casino
N 100 Hayford Rd, Airway Heights
(509) 242-7000 www.northernquest.com

LODGING

3 The Fotheringham House B&B
2128 W 2nd Ave (509) 838-1891
www.FotheringhamHouse.com

LIVE THEATRE

7 CenterStage
1017 W 1st Ave (509) 74-STAGE
www.spokanecenterstage.com
15 InterPlayers
174 S Howard St (509) 455-PLAY
www.interplayers.com
16 Spokane Civic Theatre
1020 N Noward St (509) 325-2507
www.spokanecivictheatre.com

BARS & CLUBS

1 Dempsey's Brass Rail
909 W 1st Ave (509) 747-5362
www.dempseysbrassrail.net
2 Merq Cafe & Liquid Lounge
706 N Monroe St (509) 325-3871
www.themerq.net

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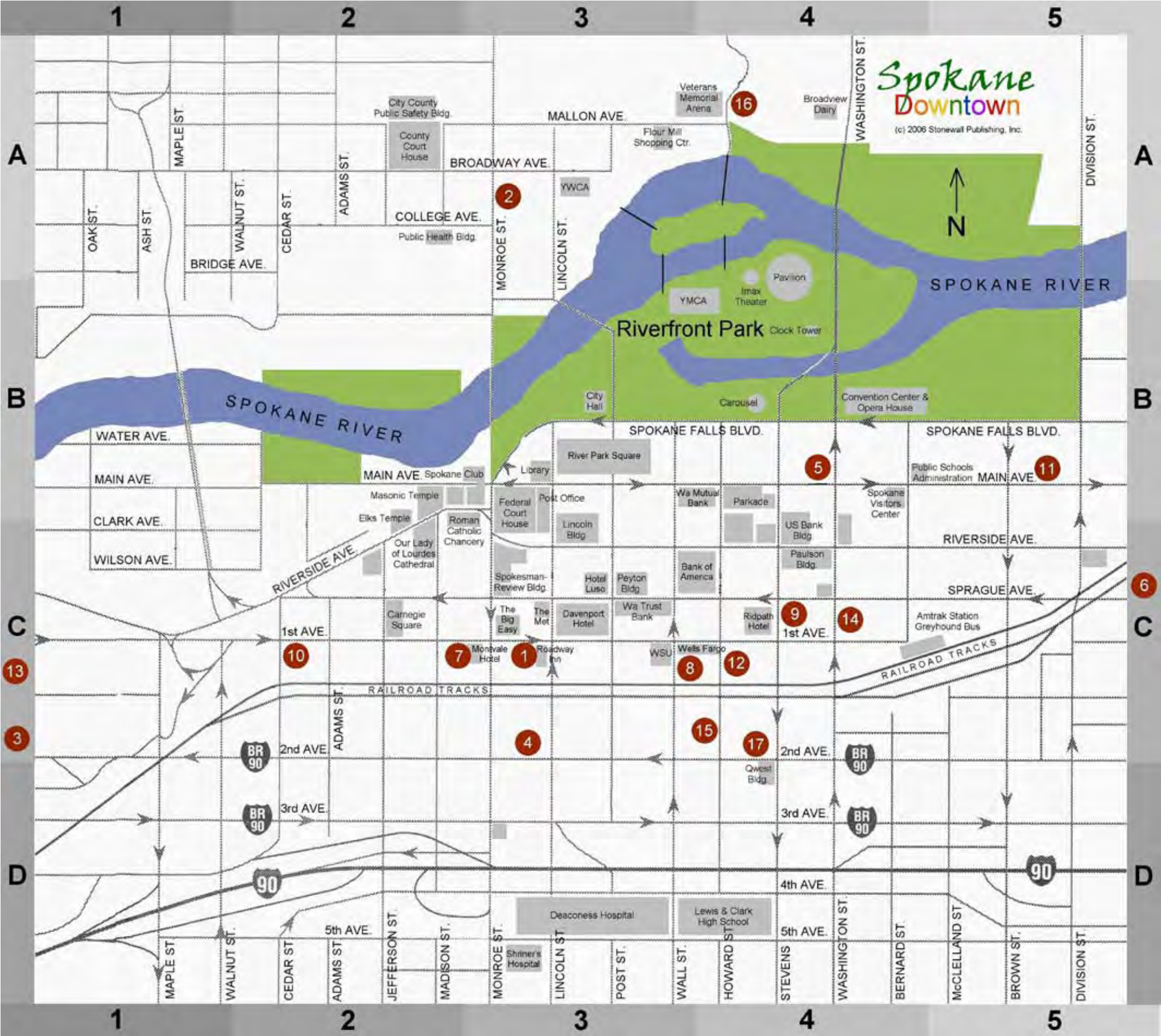
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14 7 S Washington St (509) 624-8075

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www.wildsagebistro.com/
7 CenterStage
1017 W 1st Ave (509) 74-STAGE
www.spokanecenterstage.com
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126 S Wall St (509) 455-4051
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C A L E N D A R

**Covering Spokane, Tri-Cities, Pullman, Moscow, Walla Walla,
Yakima, Missoula, Butte and Kalispell**

Spokane, WA

Sunday, October 1st 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<u>Gay/Bi Men's Bowling Group</u> (at North Bowl) Come hang out with the guys and bowl. Ten bucks gets you two game and shoes. Space is limited, so reserve your spot early by calling 267-9444 and leave a message for Mark or just mention Bowling Night.
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<u>EMCC Evening Service</u> (at Bethany Presbyterian)
6:30 pm	<u>ISCS Board Meeting</u> (at Dempsey's)
7:30 pm	<u>ISCS Court Meeting</u> (at Dempsey's)
Tuesday, October 3rd 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	<u>INWE Meeting</u> (at Community Building)
Wednesday, October 4th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	<u>Vision Committee Meeting</u>
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	<u>LCMP Core Group</u> (at SAN) "Core Group" meeting of the Lilac City Men's Project. The last Wednesday of the month will be a social outing (out of the office) with no planning. SAN is located at the corner of 9th and S. Monroe, in the big blue house across the street from Huckleberrys!
Thursday, October 5th 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<u>SAN Open House & Memorial Garden Fall Planting Party</u> (at SAN) Please join us for SAN's yearly Open House. Enjoy food and hot drink. Then help plant bulbs in our Memorial Gardens! Please call Cherie Moss for more information 455-8993.
6:00 pm	<u>ISCS Coronation: In Town Show & Awards Dinner</u> (at Dempsey's)
7:15 pm - 9:00 pm	<u>OutSpokane Meeting</u> (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, October 6th 8:00 pm	<u>ISCS Coronation: Out Of Town Show</u> (at Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center, Spokane Valley) Line up at 8 pm/Show at 9 pm. \$15.00 Door Charge Performances of Reigning E and Es and P and Ps; all others as time allows.
8:00 pm-10:00 pm	<u>Friday Night OUT!</u> (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, October 7th 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<u>ISCS Coronation: Hospitality & Protocol</u> (at Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center, Spokane Valley)
5:00 pm	<u>ISCS Coronation 2006</u> (at Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center, Spokane Valley) Doors open at 5 pm/Pageant at 6 pm -- \$30 Door Fee
Sunday, October 8th 12:00 pm	<u>ISCS Coronation: Victory Brunch</u> (at Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center, Spokane Valley) \$15.00
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<u>EMCC Evening Service</u> (at Bethany Presbyterian)
7:00 pm - 8:45 pm	<u>"Another Gay Movie"</u> (location TBA) Hosted by OutSpokane
Tuesday, October 10th 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	<u>Rainbow Center Board Meeting/Elections</u> (location TBA) RRCC Board Meeting. Public is welcome, but please e-mail info@spokanerainbowcenter.org at least one week in advance if you wish to be placed on the agenda. Watch www.spokanerainbowcenter.org or call 489-1914 for location.
Wednesday, October 11th 11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<u>NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY!</u> <u>INBA Luncheon</u> (at Europa) Guest Speaker: Ben Cabildo, Executive Director, AHANA
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	<u>LCMP Core Group</u> (at SAN) "Core Group" meeting of the Lilac City Men's Project. For the next few months we will be watching "Queer as Folk" from start to finish, one episode per week. So join us for a little business and a lot of fun! The last Wednesday of the month will be a social outing (out of the office) location TBA. SAN is located at the corner of 9th and S. Monroe, in the big blue house across the street from Huckleberrys! Parking in back.
Friday, October 13th 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<u>HIV/AIDS Support Group</u> (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: "Myth Busters" -- What's Myth & What's Truth about HIV/AIDS?
Saturday, October 14th 9:30 - 10:30 am	<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 Conley's Restaurant on east Sprague. Call the PFLAG help line 509.624.6671 for more information.
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<u>LCMP "QuickDB!"</u> (at the Merq) For guys who like guys, this speed dating event will raise money for the Lilac City Men's Project and OutSpokane. Advance registration required. Space is limited, so reserve your "spot" today! \$20 267-9444
Sunday, October 15th 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<u>Gay/Bi Men's Bowling Group</u> (at North Bowl) Come hang out with the guys and bowl. Ten bucks gets you two game and shoes. Space is limited, so reserve your spot early by calling 267-9444 and leave a message for Mark or just mention Bowling Night.
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Tuesday, October 17th 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<u>PFLAG Monthly Meeting</u> (at Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane) Our mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for GLBTQ family and friends.
Wednesday, October 18th 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	<u>LCMP Core Group</u> (at SAN) "Core Group" meeting of the Lilac City Men's Project. For the next few months we will be watching "Queer as Folk" from start to finish, one episode per week. So join us for a little business and a lot of fun! The last Wednesday of the month will be a social outing (out of the office) location TBA. SAN is located at the corner of 9th and S. Monroe, in the big blue house across the street from Huckleberrys! Parking in back.
Thursday, October 19th 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	<u>La Cage Las Vegas</u> (Fundraiser for Pride 2007 at Northern Quest Casino) Join the Dempsey's Diva Drags at Northern Quest Casino for "La Cage Las Vegas" and then come to the La Cage Cast Party at Dempsey's afterwards for 'Open Mike' and loads of fun! Tickets for La Cage Las Vegas are available from TicketsWest.
Sunday, October 22nd 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	<u>NIAC Wine Stomp</u> (at Lake City Senior Center, Coeur d'Alene, ID) The Wine Taste is NIAC's annual fundraiser. There will be live music, a silent & live auction, wines from local wineries, great food and fun! This fundraiser is one of NIAC's main sources of income and allows us to continue providing services to those affected and infected by HIV/AIDS in northern Idaho. Tickets \$35. Limited attendance, please RSVP by calling (208) 665-1448.
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<u>EMCC Evening Service</u> (at Bethany Presbyterian)
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Saturday, October 28th 8:00 pm - 1:00 am	<u>Odyssey Masquerade Ball</u> (Fundraiser for Odyssey at CenterStage) The elegant and exciting Odyssey Masquerade Ball! For tickets call 509.325.3637. 21 and over. Great live entertainment and a Silent Auction. More information is available at www.odysseymasquerade.com.
Sunday, October 29th 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<u>EMCC Evening Service</u> (at Bethany Presbyterian)

Tri-Cities, Pullman/Moscow, Walla Walla, Yakima, WA

Sunday, October 1st 10:30am-11:30am 6:30 pm	<u>River of Life MCC Sunday Service</u> (Tri-Cities, Center for Positive Living) <u>Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service</u> (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
Monday, October 2nd 7:30-8:30 pm	<u>Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting</u> (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)
Wednesday, October 4th 7:30-9:00 pm	<u>NIGMA Coffee Social</u> (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.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA
Friday, October 6th 7:00-9:00 pm	<u>First Fridays</u> (Yakima, 1st Street Conference Center) Yakima's gay social group welcomes you and your friends to our monthly gathering!
7:00-9:00 pm	<u>NIGMA First Friday</u> (Moscow, University Inn Quiet Bar) Visit us on the web at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA for more information.
Sunday, October 8th 10:30-11:30 am 11:00 am-1:00 pm 6:30 pm	<u>River of Life MCC Sunday Service</u> (Tri-Cities, 1105 N Conway, Kennewick) <u>NIGMA Second Sunday Brunch</u> held in Moscow or Pullman at the homes of NIGMA members. The Brunch location is changed monthly for information on the brunch please visit us online at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA <u>Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service</u> (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
Monday, October 9th 7:00 pm 7:30-8:30 pm	<u>COLUMBUS DAY</u> <u>PFLAG Monthly Meeting</u> (Walla Walla, First Congregational Church) <u>Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting</u> (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)
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Thursday, October 26th 7:00-9:00 pm	<u>PFLAG Monthly Meeting</u> (Tri-Cities, Check website for meeting location) http://www.TCPFLAG.org
Friday, October 27th 7:00-9:00 pm	<u>NIGMA Fourth Friday Wine Tasting</u> (Pullman/Moscow) NIGMA's Wine tasting is held at private residences and is only open to those who are 21 and over. Please visit us online at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA
Sunday, October 29th 10:30am-11:30am 6:30 pm	<u>River of Life MCC Sunday Service</u> (Tri-Cities, Center for Positive Living) <u>Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service</u> (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
Monday, October 30th 7:30-8:30 pm	<u>Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting</u> (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)

Missoula, Butte, Kalispell, MT

Monday, October 2nd
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm WMGLCC: **Gay & Lesbian AA Meeting** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Call Randy at (406) 726-3525. Weekly
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
7:00 pm WMGLCC: **QSA Forum Meeting** (at Strand Student Union Building)
A meeting generally focused around topical conversations pertaining to sexual identity in the Gallatin Valley. Everyone is welcome. 7 p.m., every Monday night, excepting school holidays. SUB Room 106e. Located in the Strand Student Union Building at the bottom/basement level of the north stairwell adjacent to the Centennial Mall.
Contact qsa-msu-owner@googlegroups.com for more information.

Tuesday, October 3rd
7:00 pm FVA: **Flathead Valley Alliance Meeting** (at Flathead County Library basement)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **Lesbian Chat Group** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Call 406-543-2224 for more information. Weekly

Thursday, October 5th
7:00 pm WMGLCC: **Coffee Social** (at International Coffee Traders, Bozeman)
every other Thursday
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **Men's Night** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly

Friday, October 6th
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm WMGLCC: **First Friday Art Walk** (Missoula) For more information: www.missoulaartmuseum.org . 1st Friday

Saturday, October 7th
TBA WMGLCC: **Drag N Hoot 2** (location TBA, Livingston)
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **TG/TS/Intersex Group** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula)

Monday, October 9th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm WMGLCC: **Gay & Lesbian AA Meeting** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Call Randy at (406) 726-3525. Weekly
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Tuesday, October 10th
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Thursday, October 12th
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **Men's Night** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly

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ISCS Coronation

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Above: Emperor 3 Sharon Wilson bearing the crown of Emperor 2 Dennis Welter used for crowning the newly elected Emperors of ISCS.



Above L-R: Empress 35 Blow Me Bubbles, Emperor 31 Leonard, Imperial Crown Princess 35 I Feel Ya Cummings and Imperial Crown Prince 31 Dietrich are presented to the community immediately following their crowning.



Above: Imperial Crown Princess 34 Sierra and Crown Prince 30 Gordon during Sierra's Last Walk performance.



Left: Enchantor 7 Larry Brown and Emperor 31 Leonard waiting to tip during a performance.



Above: Empress 29 Christina Black congratulating Empress 34 Seena.

Missoula, Butte, Kalispell, MT - continued	
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Monday, October 16th	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm WMGLCC: Gay & Lesbian AA Meeting (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Call Randy at (406) 726-3525. Weekly
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Tuesday, October 17th	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: HIV+ Monthly Dinner (at University Congregational Church, Missoula) Call Nancy at 406-543-4770. 3rd Tuesday
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Wednesday, October 18th	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: WMGLCC Board Meeting (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula). 3rd Wed
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Saturday, October 21st	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm WMGLCC: TG/TS/Intersex Group (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula)
	6:00 pm WMGLCC: Families Like Ours Gathering (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula)
	7:00 pm FVA: Bonfire/Weenie Roast (at Shane's home, 580 Conrad Dr) Come roast the night away with a bonfire and weenie roast. This will be a potluck event with the hotdogs being furnished. Call 257-5286 for directions or info.
	6:00 pm WMGLCC: PFLAG Missoula/Five Valleys Meeting (at University Congregational Church, Fireside Room, Missoula) Call 406-721-5013 or 406-541-0163. 3rd Sat
	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: GLBTI Community Potluck (at University Congregational Church, Fireside Room, Missoula) 3rd Sat
Monday, October 23rd	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm WMGLCC: Gay & Lesbian AA Meeting (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Call Randy at (406) 726-3525. Weekly
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Tuesday, October 24th	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: Lesbian Chat Group (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Call 406-543-2224 for more information. Weekly
Thursday, October 26th	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: Men's Night (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
Saturday, October 28th	8:00 pm FVA: Halloween Dance Party (at the Eagle's Club) The Flathead Valley Alliance is inviting everyone to come and enjoy a night of dancing and conversation. Admission \$4 for members, \$5 for non-members. Don't forget to come dressed in your best costume!.
	9:00 pm - 2:00 am WMGLCC: K-Mo Dance (at Red Light Green Room, DT Missoula) Come dressed as your favorite cartoon character! Or just be creative. 18 to party 21+ to drink.
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