

# Spokane gets visible!

by Bonnie Aspen, OutSpokane board member

In the dark days of November 2004, almost six months before The Spokesman Review reported on Mayor Jim West's alleged encounters with barely legal young men, a group of folks came together to begin the planning for Spokane Pride 2005. They quickly reached alignment in several key areas.

If Pride 2005 was to be the best Pride Celebration Spokane had yet experienced, then Spokane's GLBTQ and Allied community would have to be more visible than ever before. Organizers took a bold step toward this goal by changing their name from Spokane Pride to OutSpokane. They then undertook the all-important outreach work to bring the area's related but disparate groups – INBA, SAN, PFLAG, EMCC, Odyssey, to name but a few – into the celebratory fold.

The end result, "Let's Get Visible," can rightly be called a metamorphosis! Ten full days of Pride activities were enjoyed by a large cross-section of the Inland Northwest's GLBTQ and Allied community. One consistent comment heard at almost every event was, "I can't believe how many people are here!"

When the schedule of events was first publicized, some community members voiced concern that Spokane could not support so many Pride func-

## OutSpokane General Board Meeting in July

**Where:** 827 N. Madelia St.

**When:** Monday, July 18

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

tions in such a short amount of time, that events would not be well attended because there were too many choices. We now know that our community is large and diverse enough to handle a full schedule of activities.

Switching the parade day from Sunday to Saturday and upgrading the parade route downtown created unparalleled excitement—and visibility. The parade was colorful, tasteful, exciting and unambiguous. For the first time, there were motorized and beautifully decorated floats.

The Rainbow Festival at Riverfront Park that followed outshone all 13 prior such events. Huge crowds enjoyed entertainment from the stage and took advantage of unprecedented access to a variety of information and merchandise booths. New this year were a family-oriented play area, complete with

## Rainbows cover Spokane



photo by Pat Devine

**Grand Marshall Lucille Ball, a.k.a. Christopher Peterson, led the Pride Parade in Spokane on June 11. Organizers said this year's parade and Pride Festival were the most successful ever. See our Pride Photo Album on pages 10 and 11.**

games and large inflatable toys, and for the hardier partiers in our midst, a beer garden. Both additions were well received by the community.

OutSpokane did encounter a few bumps along the way. Low ticket sales forced the cancellation of the Kathy Griffin comedy performance, scheduled for June 10 at the Big Easy. Although this could have been viewed as a failure, OutSpokane board member John Brindle said, "There is no reason not to dream big. Small, safe goals produce small, safe results. Dreaming big generates the power to move forward and create what might have seemed impossible before the 2005 Pride Celebration."

When asked what is next for OutSpokane, co-chair Denise Thomas said, "We will continue to move forward with that positive, motivated, can-do energy that helped us create Pride 2005, 'Let's Get Visible.'" Planning for next year's 15th Pride Celebration will begin this month. OutSpokane will be promoting many special events in the coming year.

Community members inspired by this year's successes are invited to attend a general board meeting Monday, July 18, at 827 N. Madelia St. in Spokane (next to Northern Exposures Photography Studio). The 2006 OutSpokane Pride Committee will be

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# Voices

## Letter from the Publisher



Mike Schultz

The change of ownership in this publication has ushered forth a myriad of questions. And questions are good. They invite discussion – and that's what a good newspaper should do.

What's going to change? Will there be more of certain content and less of others? What direction is Stonewall going to take? What will be its vision?

Let me begin by explaining a little about myself and how I see my role at Stonewall.

I respect the existence of all races, opinions, orientations, faiths and beliefs – except ignorance and especially intolerance. I celebrate the symphony of multicultural diversity that is the soul of our humanity.

I believe spirituality is blind to whether one kisses a man or a woman. What matters simply is that it is innately natural and sincere.

I experienced joy and a sense of hushed reverence when I recently gleaned through thousands of Stonewall photographs accumulated over a decade. I laughed, I pondered and I welled-up at the sight of so many kindred souls living, celebrating and, yes, sometimes suffering. Some are no longer with us. Each had a story and a presence that wove another thread into the collective heritage of our community. Sometimes faces spoke to the heart of being gay or lesbian with dignity and pride, sometimes through nothing more than a humble smile.

For 13 years, Stonewall has woven itself firmly into the fabric of our community. But Stonewall doesn't belong to me. It belongs to the community.

I am the custodian of Stonewall – its chronicles of courage and pride, pain and perseverance. This custodianship extends to the character and flavor of Stonewall's own history as well as the community it documented and served.

I admire Lawrence Stone, founder of this publication, for his courage in planting the seed and nurturing it into a substantive voice of the community. For three years, Lawrence Stone cultivated Stonewall's image and increased its exposure and acceptance in the region.

We owe a debt of gratitude to John Deen, my predecessor. His diligence, dedication and sacrifice – much of which the community never saw – kept Stonewall on the shelves for 10 more years. Wielding a strong style uniquely his own, John painted pictures of the community around him with his photos and words. Through a probing lens, raw observation found its way onto these pages. And sometimes we saw ourselves. Interesting. Exciting. And, yes, sometimes uncomfortable.

In addition to fair and accurate reporting, I believe a GLBTQ newspaper should embrace and empower the community to support inclusiveness, foster pride of identity, and settle for nothing less than full dignity.

Empowerment is an invitation. Challenge yourself. Reach within. And talk to us.

Engage us in your ideas. Tell us how you feel about issues affecting you or our community. Share your experiences, stories, pictures, leads, items of interest and upcoming events. Your contributions will directly shape and bond the relevance and value of Stonewall to our community. For that purpose, and to that end, the torch truly belongs to all of us.

Mike Schultz  
Publisher  
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## Pride Festival 2005 Stonewall News Northwest Survey Results

by Mike Schultz, Publisher and Executive Editor

From its booth at the 2005 Pride Festival, Stonewall News Northwest garnered the valuable opinions of readers and other respondents through a reader survey. Except for those few respondents who wrote in their names, the survey was anonymous. Within four hours, 156 surveys were completed.

While we recognize this sampling represents only about 5 percent of the readership, it is a beginning.

We feel regular surveys and ongoing reader feedback are mission critical to insure the publications' relevancy and value to its readers. When Stonewall News increases rel-

evancy and value to the community it already serves, then it can grow.

For those who love to paint pictures with data (and I'm one of them), here are the survey results.

### Pride Festival 2005 Survey Results:

Number of Survey Respondents: 156

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Gender:	40%	60%

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# Community

## Dynamics at work - then and now

by Catherine D. Willis

A small segment of the audience gasped when Spokane County Commissioner Phil Harris declared the need to "protect" constituents from "pedophiles, gays and homosexuals" in his opening statement at a candidate's forum in 2002. No one challenged him in that disquieting moment.



Catherine D. Willis

I yearned to speak up. I know I would have had I been there as a voter seeking insight, but I was at the Northeast Community Center that night as campaign manager for Democrat Louise Chadez, Harris' opponent in the race for county commissioner. My role restricted my options. I waited in vain for someone to question the offensive remark. Silence won the night.

Chadez's reticence (later acknowledged to be stunned disbelief that Harris had actually uttered the provocative words) dismayed me. More unsettling was the GLBT community's response: almost a yawn.

The next morning and for the better part of the two weeks remaining before the election, I attempted to rally the community, making phone call after phone call. Several witnesses to the event, one still deeply closeted, contacted me. Everyone decried the Harris statement, but nobody wanted to condemn it openly, or excavate what may or may not have been its underlying premise. Was it bigotry or simple ignorance?

Chadez issued an immediate press release, firmly if belatedly denouncing the incumbent's comment and affirming her position as a GLBT supporter. This forced Harris to say that he "misspoke," a one-size-fits-all explanation the media accepted without appreciable scrutiny.

Fast-forward 32 months. I doubt any candidate could get such a "free pass" today.

For one thing, most people now recognize, and are quick to note, the clear distinction between pedophilia and homosexuality. This educational process has been hastened in the Inland Northwest by two very public scandals, both still in play at press time—the litigation and pending bankruptcy of the Diocese of Spokane resulting from voluminous allegations of sexual abuse by Catholic priests over a period of years and the recent exposé of the troubled double-life of Spokane Mayor Jim West.

But there's another dynamic at work as well. Spokane now has a very different GLBT community. The cast has changed. Many of the old-timers remain, but there's been a healthy infusion of newcomers unjaded by Spokane's vintage parochialism and conservative sociopolitical culture. Those who don't know "you can't do (or say or think) that here" plunge forward blithely, and Spokane follows along in time, sometimes sooner, sometimes later.

The perception that the presidential election of 2004 was tipped a certain way by homophobic Evangelical Christians awakened many who had never been activists in the GLBT world. Though the accuracy of pundit pronouncements about the strength of this voting bloc may have been significantly overstated, a lot of us decided to get off the silent sidelines anyway.

The heretofore nebulous "gay agenda" long castigated by right-wing conservatives has taken shape in our midst. Inland Northwest Equality formed in January to advocate parity in all areas of life—housing access, employee benefits, marriage, military service, taxation ... We seem to be finding a voice, many voices.

What do you think? Has there been a shift in GLBT consciousness? If so, how has it manifested? What

do you think accounts for it? Join the discussion. A synthesis of responses, perhaps a series of standalone commentaries, will follow in these pages in August and in forthcoming issues.

## Building on the momentum

by Lorin Miller, Rainbow Center board member

After a week like Pride, I seem to be experiencing a kind of letdown. The celebration took off with the inspiring stories of GLBT pioneer Barbara Gittings, followed by a fast-paced procession of films, awards, a cruise and some great live performances, capped by the Pride Parade.

For the first time, the parade happened on Saturday and featured motorized floats moving through the primary area of downtown Spokane. There was electricity in the air—from the "We Love Lucy" impersonation of Christopher Peterson in the lead car to the last sign-wielding marchers to the

### Building on the Momentum Potluck & Planning Party

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**When:** Sunday, July 10  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

happy crowd along the parade route. It was heartwarming to see all of the straight allies who cheered and waved from the sidewalks and later joined us in the park!

So now that it's over, do we just go home and wait for next year's program of events?

There's a palpable momentum and energy in the GLBT community now. We have a gay mayor *in conservative, old Spokane!* We have a strong movement afoot to create a family friendly diversity neighborhood. There is a new and powerful sense of coalition among GLBT organizations in our community.

If you don't want to sit around waiting for next year's Pride festivities to unfold, then join us for "Building on the Momentum," a potluck and planning party at the Rainbow Center on Sunday, July 10. We'll look at where we are going and what we want to see happen in coming weeks and months. There are some great things in the works right now!

Bring a delectable dish and your ideas for our future. It'll be a fun and productive evening among friends.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

### SURVEY RESULTS

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#### Orientation:

Straight	Gay	Lesbian	Bisexual	Transgender	Questioning
10%	28%	51%	6%	5%	0%

#### Age Bracket:

14-20 yrs.	21-30 yrs.	31-40 yrs.	41-50 yrs.	51-60 yrs.	61+ yrs.
10%	8%	25%	33%	20%	4%

#### Annual Income:

\$0-10K	\$10-20K	\$20-30K	\$30-40K	\$40-50K	\$50K +
16%	15%	22%	17%	9%	21%

#### Home:

Spokane	East Wash	Idaho	Montana	Outside Region
78%	6%	7%	2%	7%

### READER INTERESTS

#### How Often Read?

Every Month	Every Other Month	Occasionally	Never Read
55%	5%	34%	6%

#### When Read?

First Week	Middle of Month	Last Week	Whenever
32%	20%	0%	48%

### SECTIONS READ

Section	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Relevant	Not Relevant
Spokane	58%	23%	15%	4%	98%	2%
Regional	43%	33%	18%	6%	95%	5%
Regional Cal.	49%	26%	18%	7%	96%	4%
National	33%	26%	33%	8%	82%	18%

Section	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Relevant	Not Relevant
International	28%	23%	35%	14%	69%	31%
Arts & Ent.	56%	19%	20%	5%	91%	9%
Classifieds	27%	19%	38%	16%	70%	30%
Spokane Cal.	58%	22%	14%	6%	97%	1%
Tell Trinity	22%	22%	28%	28%		
Quack City	34%	13%	27%	26%		
Murphy's Manor	32%	14%	26%	28%		

### WHAT SECTIONS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE RETURNED?

Section	Yes	Maybe	No
Resource Directory	70%	26%	4%
Reviews & Previews	53%	35%	11%
Garden Clippings	38%	39%	23%
West Side Stories	35%	44%	21%

### WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ADDED?

Subject	Yes	No
Women's Health	86%	14%
Men's Health	81%	19%
AIDS Awareness	94%	6%
Spirituality	77%	23%
Youth	93%	7%
Politics	83%	17%

### ADVERTISING

#### How Often Do You Read Ads?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
48%	38%	12%	2%

#### Do you patronize Advertisers ?

Whenever I Can	When Convenient	Hardly Ever	Never Think Of It
55%	36%	5%	4%

# Spokane

## Gittings shares her smiles through 55 years of activism

By Sharon O'Brien, Co-chair  
Rainbow Center

Speaking at a Pride Week brunch sponsored by the Rainbow Regional Community Center on Saturday, June 4, veteran gay rights activist Barbara Gittings gave contemporary meaning to philosopher George Santayana's classic observation, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Gittings' lecture, "Gay and Smiling: Tales from Our 55 Years of Activism," featured eloquent personal recollections of the first gay rights demonstrations and the determined pioneers who courageously walked picket lines in front of the White House, the Pentagon and Independence Hall between 1965 and 1969, laying the foundation for the history-making Stonewall riots of June 27, 1969.

A hush fell over the audience as Gittings showed headlines referring to homosexuals as "perverts," "deviants," "criminals" and the mentally ill. She recounted the struggle to produce gay

and lesbian magazines and the legal proceedings that were necessary to secure the right to send such magazines through the U.S. mail. Historical photographs of Wisconsin Senator Joseph



photo courtesy Rainbow Regional Community Center  
Joining Barbara Gittings, center, at the brunch sponsored by the Rainbow Center were board members, from left, Sharon O'Brien, Lorin Miller, John Brindle and Jeff Buckner.

McCarthy flashed across the screen, depicting his investigative committee's relentless search for Communists, liberals and homosexuals (pejoratively labeled "Commies," "Pinkos" and "Queers"). The inquisition was justified as a search for anti-American subversives living in the United States in the early years of the Cold War.

But the lecture was not all about sadness and entrenched discrimination.

Noted Gittings, "Gay love is good for us and good for the rest of the world too." She and her pioneering compatriots found strength in that knowledge and were able to come together because "Something had to be done."

Asked how these early activists were able to work together and get so much accomplished, Gittings replied, "Humor." She then told how the GLBT movement got the best of J. Edgar Hoover, keeping him on their mailing list in spite of his protests, and how they succeeded in getting mental health professionals to remove homosexuality from the official manual of mental health diagnoses.

"You have to keep your sense of humor and work with your allies," Gittings advised. She went on to say that the GLBT community as a whole is made up of individual thinkers who have strong opinions; humor and compromise are necessary to continue to make progress.

Barbara Gittings marveled that 55 years of activism had just flown by. Now it's "55 years of activism and counting." Her continuing gift to the GLBT community is a look into the past to invigorate the present and plan for the future.

Whatever you do, Gittings laughed, "Don't let the bastards grind you down."

### Pride activities kickoff featured Gittings

Barbara Gittings appeared in Spokane by invitation of the Spokane GLBT Film Festival, sponsor of the Pride Week opening event, a Friday, June 3, showing of the documentary "Gay Pioneers." Gittings was featured in the film.

"It was an honor for the Spokane Film Festival to bring Barbara Gittings to Spokane to help celebrate Pride," declared festival producer Barbara Lee. "Everyone who saw and met her was struck by how dynamic, positive and energetic she was despite her age. The community needs heroes and she certainly qualifies. Hearing her story and having her share her experiences with us is something I will never forget."

### Bless you, thank you

Blessed by beautiful weather and an extraordinary turnout of fun-loving revelers, the 9th annual Pride Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene was once again a huge success. Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church, sponsor of the event, heartily thanks the GLBTQ community for their support.

Keep those dancing shoes handy! We're already planning something really special for next year's celebration of 10 years of "cruising."

—Len Mace, Interim Lay Pastor  
EMCC Board of Director's and Membership



Mark Southwick

"This issue is proudly dedicated to Mark Southwick. His grace under fire while fielding innumerable questions, problems, and issues through this transition of ownership serves as testament to his dedication, loyalty and professionalism.

"Thank you, Mark, for staying aboard. It's a pleasure and privilege working with you."

Mike Schultz, Publisher

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## Rainbow Center boasts new logo

"The Rainbow Regional Community Center would like to say 'thank you' to the community for their support and for helping us choose our new logo during Spokane Pride Festival. We were delighted to be a part of the positive energy that filled the park that day, and we are looking forward to what is to come," proclaimed the RRCC board of directors, revealing the winning design by Timothy Phillips, introduced here for first-time publication in Stonewall News Northwest.

"We are the GLBTQA community center for the Inland Northwest, and we want to be there for every person and organization in our community," they further explained. "The logo was designed to reinforce this idea that the Rainbow Regional Community Center is here for the community and because of the community. We need each other not only to survive, but also to thrive."

### Rainbow Regional Community Center Events for July

All events will take place at the Center, 508 W. 2nd Ave.

#### Friday, July 1

"Spectrum: The Human Possibilities," 5-9 p.m. (a First Fridays program)

#### Tuesday, July 5

INWE (Inland Northwest Equality) meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

#### Sunday, July 10

"Building on the Momentum" Potluck, 5:30 p.m. Bring your appetite, a

dish to share and all your inspired ideas.

#### Sunday, July 17

SLA (Spokane Lesbian Association) game day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### Friday Movie Nights in July

July 8: "Violet's Visit"

July 15: "Wigstock, The Movie"

July 22: "Go Fish"

July 29: "Relax, It's Just Sex"

The Community Family Club's campfire meeting, originally planned for July, will be held in August. See next month's Events Calendar for further details.



Rainbow Regional Community Center

### INBA luncheon in July features new publisher

Mike Schultz will be the featured speaker at the Inland Northwest Business Alliance luncheon in July.

Schultz will talk about Stonewall News Northwest – what it was, what it is and what it should be. He'll share his vision of Stonewall, starting with current demographics to community-oriented content to value-driven advertising.

His emphasis will be to engage the INBA business community in open discussion – its frustrations, past and present. objectives and aspirations.

The luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13. Social and networking is from 11:30 a.m. to noon, with lunch at noon and the speaker at 12:30 p.m. It will be held at Europa Pizzeria & Bakery, 125 S. Wall St.

The cost is \$15 for RSVP'd members and first-time guests; \$18 for members at the door and returning guests.

### Spokane's gay district:

## A vision without hate

The group leading the drive to establish a visible gay community in Spokane is the Inland Northwest Business Alliance's *Vision Committee*. The committee is made up of INBA members and non-members from the community who want to be involved with this exciting project. The Vision Committee will present a project update during INBA's Business Lunch Out on August 10, 2005. All are welcome. If you would like to attend this lunch and update, please RSVP at [www.inbaspokane.org](http://www.inbaspokane.org).

Also a part of the Vision Committee's project list is the filming of an hour-long documentary titled, "A Rainbow Vision." It will include the recent controversy over the public outing of Mayor James West and the anti-gay stands he took over the course of his senatorial career; the recent national and international media attention about the INBA's efforts to establish a gay district in Spokane and the opposition from local conservative Christian groups; an insight into the city of Spokane and state of Washington's gay legislation; and the impact these issues have had on the community.

The Vision Committee meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. They welcome participation from GLBTQ and Allied community members that are inspired by the reality of creating a diverse neighborhood where we can all be comfortable. If you would like to be a part of creating the vision, visit [www.letsgetvisible.com](http://www.letsgetvisible.com) for more details.

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## SAN celebrates 20 years with Stem and Stein

by Susan Fabrikant, Executive  
Director, Spokane AIDS Network

The Stem and Stein wine tasting fundraiser in commemoration of SAN's 20 years of serving the community was a big hit! It was a sparkling evening during which we enjoyed incredible wines and excellent beers and malt beverages.

This well-orchestrated event was the brainchild of Drew Smith, volunteer for SAN and wine steward at Huckleberry's. He experienced firsthand the good work that SAN does in the community for people who are living with HIV/AIDS and knew that he wanted to do something to help out. With a group of committed volunteers, SAN staff and board launched the first annual Stem and Stein event on June 17 at Northern Quest Casino in the new Pend Oreille Pavilion.

There were more than 89 wines and 15 beers to be sampled and bought as well as an array of fabulous food. Everyone who attended was amazed at the quality supplied by the vendors and distributors, as well as the exceptional auction items, live wine education tasting and demonstrations.

"If you thought this year was great, wait until next year! This is one event that is only going to get bigger, better and will become one of the events that everyone will go to!" said Drew Smith.

SAN wishes to express their thanks to so many people and businesses that made this event successful. Huckleberry's, Vino! A Wine Shop, Great Micros, Odom, Verhrs, Harvest Vines and all the wineries that were there from across Washington state. Northern Quest Casino did an incredible job of creating an atmosphere that

was simply delightful and very inviting with Travis Mayfield and Lucinda Kay of KXLY-TV as emcees. The evening was beautifully complemented by the fine music provided by Greg Presley and Ken Haugen.

What a wonderful way to spend a Friday evening and support such a worthy cause.

If you want to be a part of something great and help people in the pro-



cess, please contact Cherie Moss at SAN at 455-8993 to join the committee for 2006.

## Court elects new Gay Spokanes

The Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane's Gay Spokane title holders, Mr. Gay Spokane 25 Scott McEvans and Miss Gay Spokane 25 Lexi Sapphire, ended their year of representation with a grand stepdown on the evening of Saturday, June 11, at Dempseys Brass Rail.

"They were honored to have a large contingent of out-of-town guests as



photo by Pat Devine

**Mr. Gay Spokane 25 Scott McEvans and Miss Gay Spokane 25 Lexi Sapphire, relinquished their titles during the Gay Spokane Pageant on June 11.**

well as a strong local presence," said Clyda Carver, ISCS board secretary.

Voting for the new titleholders was held during the pageant.

The new Mr. Gay Spokane 26 is Leonard Jenkins, and Tina MeSoBitche is the new Miss Gay Spokane 26.

"They have already made known some great plans for this coming year," said Carver.



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**Mr. Gay Spokane 26 Leonard Jenkins and Miss Gay Spokane 26 Tina MeSoBitche.**

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Spokane PFLAG would like to thank Dave Lewis and his staff of The Merq Liquid Lounge and Café for their support during our first annual Mom and Pop Pride Pancake Feed. We are grateful to all who attended the breakfast – it was a huge success!



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# Regional

## Educating a 'Will & Grace' Generation:

# Idaho freshmen teach their teachers

by Joan Opyr

My partner, Melynda Huskey, is an administrator at Washington State University. For more than eight years, she has served as the Director of the Gay, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Allies Program. I like to say that she's "gay for pay." She speaks to large groups for a living, works on Safe Zone projects, teaches courses in safe sex and the prevention of HIV and STD transmission, and helps to develop university policy regarding gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and transsexual people. She's also a certified mediator and facilitator, and I admire her in more ways than I can name.

For the past four years, I have been a stay-at-home mom. I've taken care of the everyday needs of our two children - I've fed, clothed and entertained our preschool son, and I've nursed our school-age daughter when she was sick and accompanied her classes on field trips. It's been tiring, unpaid, but gratifying work, and I've loved every minute of it. Well, almost every minute. I'm not a saint; I'm a writer, and sometimes I need quiet to work. QUIET!

In the 10 years since our daughter was born, Melynda and I have regularly joined forces and taken our "This is a lesbian family" show on the road. We never take the children with us; it's always just the two of us. We decided early on that kids are not props, and that they have a right to privacy even as we waive our own. We've spoken to Marriage and the Family classes at Walla Walla Community College, sociology classes at the University of Idaho, and extension classes at WSU in the Tri-Cities. Melynda and I work well together. After 13 years of marriage, we're as smooth as glass. I know her jokes, and she knows mine. I know when to defer to her and vice-versa. We are the George Burns and Gracie Allen of Inland Empire Northwest lesbians.

Last April, we spoke to 192 students, six class sections of The Contemporary American Experience, a Core of Discovery class at the University of Idaho. They had provided us in advance with a list of questions:

What might be some parenting difficulties in a same-sex marriage?

Do you feel it is harder or easier to deal with homosexuality in a smaller community?

When did you first realize you were a lesbian?

This last question is usually our favorite. Melynda didn't know until she was 25, and it came as a surprise to her. Until then, she'd dated men and even been engaged for a couple of years. I knew by seven that I was a lesbian. I told my mother I wanted to marry Lindsay Wagner, TV's "Bionic Woman." My mother politely explained that that wasn't possible; I'd have to marry a man. And so I did some years later, but I wasn't happy about it, and it didn't last for long. I don't give a fig about the nature or nurture research; I firmly believe that I was a lesbian from birth, and I've got the pictures of me in my Little League softball uniform to prove it.

One of the questions we were asked was how we felt discrimination against gays and lesbians had changed over the past few years. It was then that I realized that some of the questions Melynda and I had grown used to answering were missing from the list. Which of you is the man? What about Leviticus 18:22? Don't you know that God has forsaken you?

When we'd finished with the written questions, we invited questions from the audience. One young woman stood up and asked us about our respective religions and whether or not they were respectful of us as a gay couple. Melynda is a Quaker, and I am a Reform Jew. We said yes, that in our experience, our faiths were open and affirming. The young woman seemed pleased.

At the end of the class, the audience clapped enthusiastically, and several students stayed behind to talk. I'd mentioned that I'd just made the switch from PC to Apple, and I was happily swarmed by congratulatory Mac enthusiasts. Melynda chatted with her friends on the U of I faculty. It was a wonderful evening.

In the past, I've often gone home from these events feeling uncertain and drained. My stock answer to the "which of you is the man" question has always been, "Neither. That's why

we're lesbians." It used to get a big laugh, but last night, I didn't need it. The students were open, they were pleasant, and they were receptive. Melynda and I didn't preach, we didn't argue, and we didn't defend ourselves. We didn't have to. It occurred to me on the drive home that this is the "Will and Grace" generation. These are the kids who grew up with out lesbians and gay men in popular culture. For them, we're just a local piece of the national landscape, a couple of mildly interesting rocks along the road to their own futures.

As a nation, we're in the middle of an anti-gay backlash. Same-sex marriage in Massachusetts and civil unions in Vermont have prompted several states to modify their constitutions to ban relationships like Melynda's and mine. The President of the United States has called on Congress to make the same change to the 200 and some year-old document that's supposed to protect the rights of us all. This turn of events has made gay and lesbian people fearful; I am fearful. But last night, I felt hope. Last night, I knew that a group of Western kids in red-state Idaho would someday rise up and put an end to the backlash; that sooner

rather than later, the battles we've lost won't matter because we will have won the greater war.

In the long run, time and the tide are with us. We don't need to wait with bated breath for Lou Sheldon, James Dobson and Jerry Falwell to kick the bucket. They're already just anachronisms on the road to irrelevance. The future is with those 192 students at the University of Idaho, and I trust them completely.

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Joan Opyr

## Regional Calendar

### July events:

- July 7 – **Fresh Aire Concert** with **Mac Community Band**, East City Park, **Moscow**, 6:30 pm.
  - July 8-11 – 5th annual **Lavender Festival**, **Kelowna, B.C.**, accommodations and information: Eagle's Nest B&B, (866) 766-9350.
  - ▼ July 10 – **PFLAG-Sandpoint** meets, United Methodist Church, 2 pm, (208) 263-6699.
  - July 14 – **Fresh Aire Concert** with **Sidhe**, East City Park, **Moscow**, 6:30 pm.
  - ▼ July 23 – **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** presents the **Gay Columbia Basin** show and election at Out and About, **Pasco**, 9:30 pm
  - ▼ July 29 – Singer-songwriter **Amy Bleu**, White Horse Coffee House, **Sutherland, Ore**, 6:30 pm, no cover.
  - July 29-31 – **North Country Artist Trails**, various locations throughout Stevens and Ferry counties; for information see web site: [www.northcountrytrails.com](http://www.northcountrytrails.com).
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# National

## Federal judge in California upholds gay marriage ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Deciding one of the few federal lawsuits arguing the case for gay marriage, a U.S. District Court judge ruled in June that a law passed by Congress in 1996 validating only unions between a man and a woman does not violate the Constitution.

But Judge Gary Taylor of the Central District of California also declined to rule on whether the state's ban on same-sex marriage violates the civil rights of a gay Orange County couple while a separate legal challenge to California's laws works its way through the state courts.

"The question of the constitutionality of California's statutory prohibition on same-sex marriage is novel and of sufficient importance that the California courts ought to address it first," wrote Taylor, who presides in the Central District of California.

Taylor's ruling came in a case brought by Christopher Hammer and Arthur Smelt, a Mission Viejo couple, who filed it last year as an alternative to the case advanced in the state courts by the city of San Francisco and a dozen same-sex couples.

## Buddhist group offers support for gays

By Rich Barlow

Twenty people mill around the room in circles, silent and eyes staring straight ahead. If you didn't know better, you might think you were watching a rehearsal for "Dawn of the Dead."

But the tables covered with candles, water bowls, and photos of Buddhist teachers testify to the spiritual intent. On the command of their leader, Craig Smith, the crowd splits into pairs who stare intently at each other's faces to detect pain, wisdom, anything to like or dislike.

Later, as the group sits on floor cushions in a circle, Smith asks them to describe what they felt during the exercise, meant to demonstrate how our minds clutch perceptions and ideas that separate us from others and our environment. One young man describes his discomfort: "As a gay guy, to make eye contact with another guy means a certain thing. It's a completely sort of different thing that I'm trying to do here."

"Here" is the monthly meeting of the seven-month-old Queer Buddhist Fellowship at the Boston Shambhala Center in Brookline. Smith, who flew overnight from his home in Seattle to teach the class, is an evangelist for the view that Buddhist meditation can help young gay people on the cusp of coming out, by helping them let go of emotional weight and accept themselves as they are.

Next weekend, he and other gay, bisexual and transgender Buddhists will celebrate American independence with a retreat over the first four days of July in Barnet, Vt. Meditation, talks and sensory exercises will explore the Buddhist/gay connection. (Information on the event is available at [queerdharma.org](http://queerdharma.org).)

That connection is best shown by the life examples of some who attended Smith's presentation last weekend.

Linda Monko says she was raised in a fundamentalist Christian family that has ostracized her since she told them she was gay. The Framingham woman discovered Buddhism in California in the 1970s.

"When you're aware of the fact that you're homosexual from an early age,

which I was, you obviously feel different," she says. "Part of that difference was that I was always looking underneath the surface of things. So that in religion also, I wouldn't just look at what was being said or told to me; I was looking at how do people actually live."

Buddhist meditation encourages such searching, with its emphasis on freeing the mind of encumbering constructs.

"As a young lesbian, I felt ... like there was no place for me spiritually, to be a spiritual being, in the religion that I was raised in. Buddhism offered that to me," Monko says.

She says it taught her an empathy that might be beyond her family: When her mother was dying of Alzheimer's disease several years ago, Monko sang Christian hymns to her, because, "I knew that that would comfort her. And yet my siblings will sit in judgment of me simply because I am a lesbian. Now to me, what I did was very Christian ... That is my Buddhist practice is, responding to what is so in the moment."

For all her positive experiences, Buddhism, like other spiritual traditions, has no monolithic position on homosexuality. The world's best-known Buddhist, the Dalai Lama, has called for equal rights for gay people, but he also told Newsweek six years ago that homosexual acts were contrary to Buddhist ethics.

"No matter what community you go to, you're going to find people whose acculturation leads to intolerance," says Karen Schiff, an organizer of the Vermont retreat. "But in a meditation community, the orientation is towards releasing fixation of mind."

Schiff grew up Jewish. But her experience in temple was of "the rote recitation of liturgy without the sense of commitment, energy, engagement." Buddhism, which doesn't worship God in Western culture's sense of the word, has taught her to approach Judaism from a "nontheistic perspective," meaning "what if God is synonymous with everything that is" rather than existing as a separate being.

"I've never taken a Buddhist vow, because Buddhist vows require you to forsake all other paths. But I practice meditation and gain from the contemplative practice and study."

She has since found contemplative Jewish communities with the vitality she craved, and she still considers herself Jewish — "born that way, and I'll die that way."

Questions, comments and story ideas can be sent to [spiritual@globe.com](mailto:spiritual@globe.com).



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# International

## Gays in the Islamic world

by *Deroy Murdock*

Last month's Gay Pride festivities in New York City climaxed with Sunday's 36th annual parade down Fifth Avenue. As usual, the raucous affair thrilled some and rattled others, but everyone walked away intact.

One would have to fantasize about such an occasion, however, in most Muslim nations where homosexuality remains as concealed as a bride beneath a burqa. When it peeks through, it isn't pretty. While many liberals (and President G.W. Bush) call Islam a religion of peace, "celebrating diversity" is hardly on its agenda. Consider these recent examples of the Islamic world's institutional homophobia:

In Saudi Arabia, 105 men were sentenced in April for acts of "deviant sexual behavior" following their March arrests. Al-Wifaq, a government-affiliated newspaper, claimed they illegally danced together and were "behaving like women" at a gay wedding.

"Calling the event a 'gay wedding' has become a lightning rod to justify discrimination against gay people," Widney Brown of Human Rights Watch told Patrick Letellier of gay.com.

Seventy men received one-year prison sentences while 31 got six months to one year, plus 200 lashes each. Four others face two years behind bars plus 2,000 lashes. If these four receive their lashes at once, Brown fears their wounds will prove fatal.

"Anyone caught committing sodomy – kill both the sodomizer and the sodomized," Islamic cleric Tareq Sweidan demanded on Qatar TV last April 22. As the Middle East Media Research Institute reports, Sweidan continued: "The clerics determined how the homosexual should be killed. They said he should be stoned to death. Some clerics said he should be thrown off a mountain."



**Deroy Murdock**

Ogudu Emmanuel and Odjegba Tevin admitted that they were male lovers after their neighbors reported them to Nigerian cops. They were arrested January 15 and charged with "crimes against nature." The pair apparently escaped from jail while awaiting trial and potential 14-year prison sentences. Gay rights activists worried that cops or other inmates may have killed them in custody.

Last November, an Islamic court in Keffi issued an arrest warrant for Michael Ifediora Nwokoma after neighbors accused him of having sex with a man named Mallam Abdullahi Ibrahim. Nwokoma quickly fled. Ibrahim was charged with the "unholy" act of "homosexuality." The court postponed Ibrahim's trial indefinitely

and incarcerated him until Nwokoma surfaces.

In northern Nigeria, where Sharia law governs 12 Muslim states, homosexuality requires capital punishment by stoning.

Egyptian cops have met gay men online and through personal ads, then arrested them, according to a March 2004 Human Rights Watch report. Since 2001, HRW says at least 179 men have been charged with "debauchery," prompting five-year prison sentences for at least 23. As the Associated Press' Nadia Abou El-Magd wrote, HRW "interviewed 63 men who had been arrested for homosexual conduct. It said they spoke of being whipped, bound and suspended in painful positions, splashed with cold water, burned with cigarettes, shocked with electricity to the limbs, genital or tongue. They also said guards encouraged other prisoners to rape them" – thus using coercive gay sex to penalize consensual gay sex.

While he notes that secular nations such as Jordan, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Syria are more relaxed about homosexuality, Robert Spencer, director of JihadWatch.org and editor of *The Myth of Islamic Tolerance*, warns against equating the homophobia of strict Muslim states with, say, American social conservatives' opposition to gay-rights laws.

"Jerry Falwell and others like him do not call for the deaths of homosexuals, while these people do," Spencer tells me. "This demonstrates the bank-

ruptcy and, ultimately, the danger of such moral equivalence arguments, which are nonetheless ubiquitous today in discussions of Islamic terrorism."

Unlike Sunday's marchers, many in the Muslim world literally risk their lives and limbs by merely peering out of the Islamic closet.

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## Spain Legalizes Same-Sex Rights

MADRID – Spain's government legalized same-sex marriage late last month as Stonewall went to press. The measure, which passed by a margin of 187-147, also legalizes the adoption of children by homosexual couples and grants them inheritance rights.

Prime Minister Zapatero, boasted, "We were not the first, but I am sure we will not be the last," according to an AP report. Zapatero, referring to the pending Senate approval of same-sex marriage for Canada expected late in July, added, "After us will come many other countries, driven, ladies and gentlemen, by two unstoppable forces: freedom and equality."

Same-sex marriages will begin as soon as the law is entered in the official government registry – expected July 1, or at latest July 15.

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And there were some great floats, like the Odyssey Youth Group one.

by  
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Pat Devine



Isn't this limo cool? It's from Northern Quest Casino.



The Big Ass Drum Corps set the beat!



Even business people joined in the Parade, like the Inland Northwest Business Alliance.



The Festival had a bunch of booths where you could buy food and stuff - even beer - or just get information about whatever!



Even some college students marched in the Parade, like The Alliance from SFCC.



A whole bunch of people got married at the Festival. The Rev. Dr. Richard Erhardt from the Unitarian Universalist Church conducted the ceremony.

This one below was OutSpokane's float - it was real colorful!



That Quest Youth Group - what great guys - they had a kid's play area during the Festival.



There was a big crowd at the Rainbow Festival!



# PHOTO ALBUM OF THE PARADE & FESTIVAL



Before the Parade started, lots of people lined up to get ready to march. We really liked the rainbow flag on Odyssey's float.



Everybody got in the act of showing their colors!



Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church was there at the Parade, too.



And we had Lucy Ball as a Grand Marshall for the Parade and she talked and sang at the Festival. Isn't that cool!?



And some friends of ours, Quyen and David, came over from Seattle for the day just for the Pride Parade and Festival.



And the Big Ass Drum Corps did some drumming at the Festival, too.



Even some political types joined in the parade.



And a group from the River of Life MCC from the Tri-Cities marched behind the Let's Get Visible float.



And there were some people from Inland Northwest Equality and Equal Rights Washington at the Parade, too.



Those Quest guys - they did some of that drag stuff - only it was historical guy stuff!

That Unitarian Universalist Church bunch had this great big rainbow flag during the parade!



And Odyssey Youth Group had a dunking pool - a lot of kids got wet and a lot of people had a lot of fun!



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## “Do I Love Lucy?” Amen!

by Christopher Lawrence

Northern Quest Casino brought Christopher Peterson to us as part of their commitment to our 2005 Pride Week Celebration, and he slammed a home run with everyone who was fortunate enough to see his dynamic show.

Watching his incredible performances, I realized how much I have missed the quality and standards of female impersonators of the past. In those days, entertainers studied the mannerisms and vocal expressions of the star they impersonated, made an effort to costume themselves appropriately to the material, and staged a production with blocking and choreography for each number.

These days, what often passes as impersonation is simply lip-synching to a song, stomping about the stage, and finding the lowest common denominator with the audience. It denigrates what can be an artful craft to the dregs of the underworld of burlesque. There are a few like Peterson, who rise above that level. I applaud them for their forethought and planning; they actually bring some class to the art of performing.

What a thrill to, once again, see a show with such a professional approach. Peterson's over-the-top interpretations of some of our most famous stars were at once hilarious and biting. He lampooned every character he portrayed until the very end, playing on each star's idiosyncrasies with a sharp wit while drawing in the audience as if it were a naughty confidante. Peterson's material had a tinge of blue, with the occasional “f” word tossed into his running patter for effect, and yet even the elderly and rather demure woman sitting next to me howled with laughter.

He made his changes for each character onstage as he chatted and bantered with the audience, picking an elderly straight couple to tease mercilessly. His repartee was at once charming and needling. The designated “victims” were great sports and played right along. We enjoyed a nonstop performance, 90 minutes of

side-splitting comedy. Making it clear that he wanted the gay members of the audience to feel at home with much ado about Pride, he introduced his partner of 17 years with a sweet homage.



Christopher Peterson as Bette Davis

Peterson writes inspired yet twisted lyrics to many of the songs considered a standard for some of his characters. Marilyn Monroe morphed into Carol Channing, who sang a lovely and slightly disturbing song about safe sex and the use of condoms. Joan Rivers as a rapper and Bette Davis performing “The Time Warp” from “The Rocky Horror Picture

Show” were interspersed with wonderfully creative impersonations of Lucille Ball, Barbra Streisand and many others.

For the final minutes of the show, after Liza Minelli introduced Judy Garland, the lampooning ceased. Peterson's portrayal of Garland was bittersweet, tender and emotional. The older woman sitting next to me actually cried during the obligatory and deeply moving rendition of “Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” and I must admit my vision got a little blurry as well. Over the years I have heard that song performed by countless drag queens and female impersonators, but Peterson was able to dim all those memories and bring back the real memories of Garland herself.

After the show, he signed posters for many audience members, graciously chatting with each person and genu-

inely taking the time to answer questions and pose for pictures. He also autographed some giant posters that were to be auctioned off at Spokane AIDS Network's Stem & Stein wine and beer tasting fund-raiser later in the month.

Peterson stayed in the Lilac City for two extra days so he could bring us “Lucy” as the Grand Marshall of the OutSpokane 2005 Pride Parade and perform briefly at the post-parade Rainbow Festival in Riverfront Park. His original lyrics, set to the tune of “Downtown,” roused the audience to cheers.

We absolutely should invite Christopher Peterson back next year! His show is

the best one-man-several-women show I have seen in decades. You can find out more about him by typing: “Christopher Peterson EYECONS” into Google.



Christopher Peterson as Judy Garland

## “The Courage to Love”: music unites, inspires

by Carla Brannan

Electrifying post-Pride Parade and Festival energy permeated the SFCC Music Auditorium as a crowd of at least 500 awaited the appearance of the night's featured performers: the Seattle Men's Chorus, the Seattle Women's Chorus, Sensible Shoes and Diverse Harmony. Wild anticipation exploded into eager applause and thunderous hollering when the choruses processed onto the stage.

Two hundred-plus voices opened the program with an anthem, “Parade,” calling us to be proud gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or questioning? people every day. Having just experienced Spokane's best parade and festival yet, I felt that this was more of a possibility than ever before, and by the end of the night I was convinced.

The two-hour concert interspersed songs by the men's & women's choruses separately, the small women's group Sensible Shoes, and special guests Diverse Harmony and Captain Smartypants, an ensemble of the Men's Chorus. There were also arrangements



photo by Robin Layton

The Seattle Men's Chorus

combining both choruses. The show was funny, motivating, honoring, heartbreaking and mesmerizing. I was on the edge of my seat all night, but I

can't imagine what might have gotten me to leave it!

The June 11 program marked the first visit to Spokane for the Seattle Women's Chorus. They evoked old memories and infused new life into an assortment of mostly Holly Near tunes.

The nine-member ensemble, Sensible Shoes, offered up several entertaining numbers, including the hilarious “Three Divas,” which had three women each donning one of three beautiful gowns so that all three divas had three heads!

Now in their third season, Diverse Harmony, the first gay/straight youth chorus in the country, delivered diversity in three beautifully sung pieces.

In addition to outstanding choral selections, the Seattle Men's Chorus presented some spine-tingling, heart-warming solos. These lone voices were so solid they projected beyond the back wall of the theater without fail. The entire performance was knockin' on Perfection's door!

What a spectacular evening! I've been letting my inner rainbow shine a bit brighter ever since. If you missed it, I'm so very sorry for you. Please be kinder to yourself in the future . . . and the GLBTQ community (the concert was a Pride Foundation fund-raiser).

# Captain Smartypants regales congregation

by Carla Brannan

Could there have been a better way to end a spectacular Pride Week celebration than with the spirit-filled Gay Pride Service of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane? Captain Smartypants, an ensemble group of the Seattle Men's Chorus, gave two uplifting performances, each to a packed house, on Sunday, June 12.

It was the first time in my 10 years at UUCS that people were phoning friends and family after the first service to tell them to come to the second one.

Captain Smartypants enchanted the crowd, offering six very different songs, each highlighting with heart and humor the complicated mix of emotions that describe our common expe-

rience. There was the thoughtful discord of "Halleluiah," a song about the GLBTQ struggle for acceptance in spiritual venues, and the campy protest of "The Letter Song." Throughout the program, their resplendent voices danced through the air—creamy, crisp and delicious!



photo by Sean Masterton

## Seattle Men's Chorus' Captain Smartypants

Pride Foundation's Kevan Gardner spoke at the service as well. He emphasized the importance of building alliances in securing and advancing GLBTQ issues.

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The works of all participating artists will be on display the weekends of July 29-31 and August 26-28. Check the brochure or the web site, [www.northcountrytrails.com](http://www.northcountrytrails.com), for oper-



ating hours, because tour locations do not maintain uniform hours.

Brochures are available at most chambers of commerce, cities and towns, and more than 168 sites in Spokane, including AAA visitor centers, the Riverfront Park IMAX Building and the Museum of Arts and Culture.

## An Evening Under the Stars

On Thursday, July 21 at Arbor Crest Winery, a dinner buffet by 'Catered For You' will feature the classic sounds of the Riverside Trio and later, the Pamela McGuire Quartet will provide dance music. The event starts at 6 p.m.

Over 50 silent auction packages will be offered, ranging from arts performances and weekend getaways to art items. All proceeds from the auction benefit Spokane Public Radio and a list of auction items is available at <http://www.kpbx.org/events/050721EUS/auction.htm>.

This year's celebration marks their 15th Anniversary and will be a tribute to the event's founder, Katherine Gellhorn, who was known as the "doyenne of Spokane's cultural and charitable life." She was a tireless supporter of the Symphony and Spokane Public Radio. Before she died of cancer in 1997, listeners savored her rich Swiss accent on the air. Anyone involved with the arts encountered Gellhorn. The gallery at

Interplayers Ensemble bears her name and she created and ran Opera Buffs for more than 17 years.

"KPBX treats the arts in a way that is attractive and accessible to the kind of people who never outgrow the fun of learning," she said.

Gellhorn was also known for her hats. She had been a professional hat designer, and was rarely seen without one. Those coming to EUS are encouraged to wear hats, and SPR will hold a contest for the best hat.

Event donors for "An Evening Under the Stars" are Sterling Savings Bank, Express Personnel Services, and D.A. Davidson & Co.

Arbor Crest wines will be available for purchase and tasting. The event is for participants 21 years and older.

Tickets are \$29 for SPR members, \$32 for general admission, by calling 328-5729 or 1-800-328-5729. A map with directions to the winery is available at [http://vintners.net/wawine/arbor\\_crest/directions.html](http://vintners.net/wawine/arbor_crest/directions.html)

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**Thursday the 21st** – Bask under the full moon as you enjoy a buffet dinner, silent auction and great music at *An Evening Under the Stars* tonight from 6 to 10 p.m. at Arbor Crest Winery. The 15th annual event will benefit KPBX Public Radio.

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# REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

## BOOKS & VIDEOS

### ***Bite Club: A West Hollywood Vampire Novel***

By Hal Bodner

Alyson Books, 347 pages

Sinister, darkly humorous and extremely homoerotic, this murder mystery's protagonists are written with affection and respectable insight into the timeless moral question of good versus evil.

It seems that a race of vampires may actually live among us and they may have a better sense of morals than their human neighbors. Not all of us are evil, but perhaps centuries of nonlife can afford the vampire a more transcendent perspective.

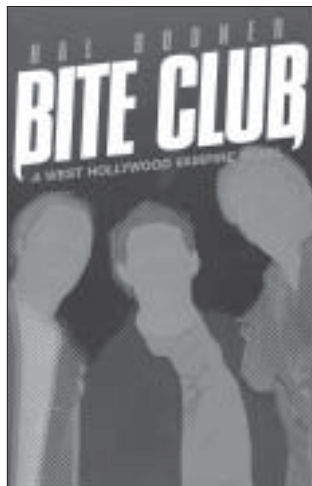
Our heroine, Becky, is the coroner of a West Hollywood that lives only in the author's mind. She is an intelligent, round dumpling of sweetness with a yen for sugar that keeps her fingers and clothes a little sticky.

When she realizes that a grisly yet bloodless series of murders may be the work of someone who believes himself to be a vampire, she contacts her old pre-med school chum and might-have-been sweetheart, Chris. He may possess the expertise to aid her search for the person who is slicing up young muscular hunks, draining their blood and then littering the city with their bloodless bodies in various states of nudity.

The mystery deepens when we learn the shadowy past secrets of our hero and his very flamboyant younger lover. By coming to her aid, will they expose the sophisticated and morally intelligent society that lives invisibly within our own?

This book raises thought-provoking questions about our justification of large-scale human-on-human violence.

"Bite Club" is action-filled, intriguing, deadly, campy, and it gains momentum quickly. Even those who are not fans of the supernatural will find this to be an exhilarating ride. You may want to dig out that heavy turtleneck and hold on tight! – C.L.



### ***One of These Things Is Not Like the Other***

By D. Travers Scott

Suspect Thoughts Press

This Seattle author is an amazingly adept wordsmith. He is one of those writers who can starkly paint every detail against the inside of your eyelids so that the images linger long after you put down his book. His third novel is no exception to the dark, gritty, psychological insight into human development that he demonstrated in *Execution: Texas*.

In this saga, quadruplet brothers ... all named Jake Barnes after their father, Jake Barnes, who raised them in rural seclusion, eventually separate and search for individual identity while establishing very different lives. When the senior Jake commits suicide, they are drawn together from disparate parts of the country to unravel a mystery. It seems that one of them has a different mother and they must find out which one of them is not like the others.

This is a compelling read and experiencing it more than once helps to extricate the deeper existential meanings, which dance primitively at the edge of Travers' gripping style. It was hard to put this book down and I doubt you will forget the experience. I am certain you will never think of family in quite the same way.

Openly and proudly gay, Travers makes no pretense of hiding the homoerotic elements of his narrative. I might actually go so far as to bet that both Walt Whitman and Earnest Hemingway, whom I suspect to be two of his muses, would battle to be in his company.

Explore the societal notions of brotherhood, fatherhood, and the meanings behind masculinity. You will have no regret for taking the journey. – C.L.



### ***Tina: All the Best The Live Collection***

Capitol

Any other woman of Tina's age and slightly spreading stature would never be able to carry off wearing some of the costumes displayed in many of these 24 live performances and one music video. Tina does and makes you love every inch of her. There may be other younger performers that may be able to dance better and with more flexibility but none of them hold a candle to the power this incredible diva projects upon her adoring fans.

Tina moves smoothly from steamy blues to raucous rock and roll without losing a beat and manages to hypnotize her audience into following her with no resistance. Why would we? She reminds us that we are as strong as we need to be. She infuses us with determination and abandon.

"It's Only Love," a duet with Bryan Adams is engaging and dripping with raw sexuality. Their voices mesh elegantly as they sizzle together. She does "Tonight" with David Bowie and the effect is just as elegant, but cooler and bemused. In the music video of "Cose Della Vita" with Eros Ramazzotti, Tina's voice takes on an unusually sweet lyrical quality that contrasts her normally "rough" vocal persona.

Each song is a gem picked from some of her best shows over the last few years and augmented with an abundance of special effects worthy of any Las Vegas show. It is delightful to watch her singing these hits and being backed up on a screen with grainy, black-and-white video of some of the same numbers when she was still with Ike.

Occasionally the editing is too slick; imitating the choppy video of MTV.

Tina's show would be better served, in my not-so-humble opinion, with wider shots that would highlight more of the overall choreography, blocking, and special effects in longer portions. This shortcoming gives us less opportunity to see the very talented and hardworking band members and backup singer/dancers. A couple of those musicians are hunky eye-candy with sweet talent and earthy movements. Keep your finger near the 'pause' and 'slow play' buttons to enjoy every aspect of this great DVD.

If you are a Tina fan, buy it! If you have ever enjoyed her music, this is your chance to really understand her talent. Be sure to watch the interview. – C.L.



### ***Mango Yellow***

Claudio Assis, Director

Global Film Initiative

Thirty minutes after the beginning of this "award winning film," I shut it off out of revulsion. Half an hour of distasteful dialogue between most of the selfish characters was at best, misogynistic and at worst, hateful and without redeeming qualities. I shut off the DVD player when they showed the slaughter of a cow by stabbing it behind the brain three times until it fell with blood running everywhere.

Wrestling with my conscience in an attempt to be an objective reviewer, I forced myself to watch all 100 minutes the next day. I can truly say that this film pushes bound-

aries, takes risks, and may be a realistic portrayal of some of the underbelly of urban communities in Brazil or, for that matter, nearly anywhere. I found no reason for you to buy or even view this depressing and sordid presentation, even though TV Guide and the New York Times deem it to be worthwhile.

I will not stop you, but there will be no crying on my shoulder if you invest even a dollar to see it. – C.L.



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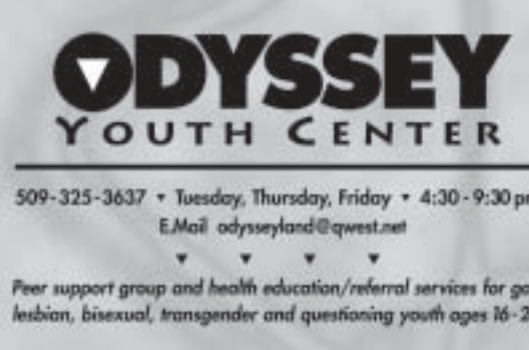
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# Tell Trinity

## Three's company ... or is it?

Now really Trinity,

Aren't threesome relationships a guaranteed scenario for trouble, jealousy and inevitable failure?

Sincerely, Triangular Troubles  
Houston, TX

Now really TT,

Aren't all relationships between two people, at one time or another, experiencing some sort of trouble, jealousy and possible failure? If you talk to many threesome couples – and I have, honey – the troubles are no different. However, the benefits include, and I quote, "Always having someone extra around to spend time with, help with the bills and fool around with!" Yes, it's not for everyone, but it may be worth licking, I mean looking into!

Sincerely, Trinity

Dear Trinity,

Is it wrong to chat online in the chat rooms when my boyfriend is not around? What he doesn't know won't hurt him, right?

Yours, Internet Cheat/Chat  
Hollywood, FL

Dear Internet Cheat/Chat,

Right, if you're just making friends then no problem. But are you really? Chatting almost always leads to sex talk, doesn't it? And if you love your boyfriend then why? He may not be perfect, but online chatting won't make you a better boyfriend either. Plus, if you do "hook up," you'll have the guilt of a thousand Christian-eating lions.

Pumpkin, don't put yourself through it. Dealing with one three-dimensional boyfriend is so much healthier and easier than dealing with a room full of two-dimensional sex addicts.

Love, Trinity

Hello Trinity,

I'm thinking about doing drag. Any ideas?

Drag Thoughts  
Memphis, TN

Hello Gorgeous,

There are many types of drag such as: looking cartoonish, like a famous woman or like a real woman. But no matter what: 1) get assistance, 2) find a dress you can breath in and 3) ALWAYS wear a wig, lashes and (comfortable) painless high heels (add a size and a half).

Good Luck, Trinity



## Dating Dilemma No. 133

Hey Trinity,

Two days ago my boyfriend announced that he wants to break up. But we've been together for over a year and we just moved in together six weeks ago. Was I a fool for moving in? I need help!

Fooled Again  
Cleveland, OH

Hey Fooled Again,

I know you want to feel like a fool but you're really just in a foolish situation. Living with and breaking up with someone could be devastating unless you read:

## Trinity's Fast Acting Tips For Living With A Lover Who Wants To Break Up

1. DON'T MAKE ANY HARSH DECISIONS or sign anything for two weeks. It's impossible to act clearly during the first stage of a breakup.

2. MOVE OUT OF THE BEDROOM to the couch or guest room or have your ex do it. The time to stop yearning for his or her warm body is now!

3. IMMEDIATELY STOP sharing food, clothing, meals, showers and intimate moments together.

4. BEING MAD IS NORMAL, even healthy, so for a while avoid each other as much as possible, which leads to #5.

5. AVOID ARGUING AT ALL COSTS. Say as little as possible for now. It's not about whose right or wrong it's about getting through the next couple of weeks.

6. SEND YOUR LIVE-IN EX AWAY for a few days to a week. According to Delphine Hirsh's book, *A Girl's Guide To Surviving A Break Up*, "When someone you live with wants to break up send them away for a bit!" Then go to #7.

7. IMMEDIATELY START: 1) spending time with people who love you, 2) talking about your feelings and 3) oversleeping. This will help ground you.

8. PROTECT YOUR HOME by telling your ex not to bring in any future dates or mates. You may feel like your home is all you have left, so protect it.

9. DO ALL OF THE ABOVE!

10. Lastly, You may want to MOVE OUT (with lots of help from friends), move your ex out (with no help from you) or stay living together (with even more help from God), which means setting up lots of new boundaries!

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## Garden Clippings

# Keeping up with roses and raccoons

C O L U M N

by Michael Loundagin

Thanks, SNN Readers, for inviting me back.

I'm hearing a lot of grumbling about the weather. I haven't confirmed this, but I've heard from others that we're set up for a cooler, wetter than normal summer. If so, don't cry over tomatoes and basil, beans and peppers, and other heat-



loving crops. Plant summer crops of peas, lettuce, broccoli and other vegetables that like cool weather. What a rare treat fresh-picked sugar snap peas in August would be!

Roses are growing like weeds this year, thanks to the mild winter and good growing conditions this spring. But the dampness has caused some problems too. Black spot seems to be more frequent this year, as well as powdery mildew. A good defense against the latter is a tablespoon of baking soda mixed with a gallon of water, with perhaps a teaspoon each of canola oil and dishwashing liquid. The baking soda is the active ingredient, the other two serving as an adhesive and emulsifier. This is a good formula for those of you who garden organically or for those who, like me, like to eat your roses. Black spot is a bit tougher to manage. Sulfur dust works well; dry, sunny weather works best.

I'm battling raccoons. They've taken up residence under the deck and, from the sounds I'm hearing, are engaged in some pretty extensive remodeling down there. They haven't done much damage to my garden, other than occasionally turning the fountain into some sort of mud bath, but my neighbors are interested in their eviction. I've tried terror: blockading the entrance so the mother raccoon is separated from her cubs (I think a mother raccoon is probably capable of moving a bus to

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

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get to her cubs); stomping around when I hear her busy underneath ("Is that really necessary? I've got newborns here, you know!"); even reading aloud recipes for raccoon stew (beef stew, actually, I just substitute raccoon meat instead). All I get from her in return are tips: "Simmer slowly on low heat, as you would rabbit." Any suggestions?

Look for resident garden guru Michael Loundagin at Stanek's Floral Gift and Nursery on the South Hill or send him an e-mail at Mlaua1034@aol.com.

SPOKANE GETS VISIBLE

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formed at the meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be many opportunities for both short and long-term involvement.

Additional information and OutSpokane merchandise are available at www.OutSpokane.com.

OutSpokane would like to express its deepest gratitude to the wonderful sponsors that made this year's Pride Celebration possible: Northern Quest Casino, Quest Youth Group, The Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane, Orbitz Travel, MPowerment, Dempseys, Northern Lights Brewery, The Rental Connection and The Real Estate Connection, The Big Easy, The Garland Theater, Stickershock, Pitney Bowes and Rocky Rococo. These companies and groups support our GLBTQ and Allied community through their contributions. Our reciprocal support of them is encouraged.



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by Kurt Erichsen



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

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

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

**THURSDAYS**

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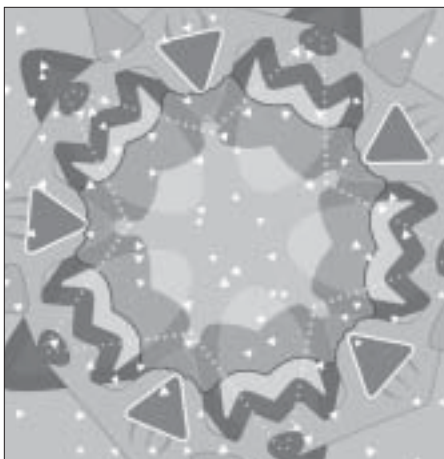
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*Spokane's entertainment and meeting calendar for July*

# July 2005

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**Flower: Water Lily**  
**Astrological Guide: Cancer to the 22nd; Leo from July 23**

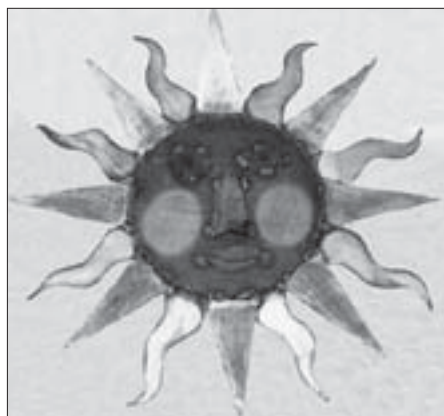
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**Fifth of May, Digital Art by John-Dan Key, Kaufmann Street Studios, Republic, Wash.**



**Painted Gourd by River Jones, First Thought Art Gallery, Orient, Wash.**



**Sun Man by Craig Hinman, Kettle River Wood Spirits and Metal Art, Kettle Falls, Wash.**



**Bird of Paradise, hand-colored infrared photography by Gloria de los Santos, Kettle Falls, Wash.**



**Fairy, by Craig Hinman, Kettle River Wood Spirits and Metal Art, Kettle Falls, Wash.**



**Wood-turned Bowls, various woods, Colville Woodworking and Stained Glass, Colville, Wash.**

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**Friday**

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

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**Monday**

**Independence Day.**

**5**

**Tuesday**

**Inland Northwest Equality (INWE)** meets at the **Rainbow Center** from 5:30-7:30 pm.

**6**

**Wednesday**

The **Vision Committee** will hold a **Planning Meeting** for the proposed **Gay District** at 5:30 pm. Call 838-3855 for location.

**7**

**Thursday**

**Suds, The Musical** has been rescheduled to start this evening and run most Thursdays and Fridays through Aug. 18 at **CenterStage**. Dinner and Show starts at 6 pm, Show Only starts at 7:30 pm. \$35 and \$17. \$13/s

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**Friday**

For **Movie Night** at the **Rainbow Center**, the film **Violet's Visit** will be shown at 6 pm. Free

**9**

**Saturday**

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** presents its **Prince and Princess Disaster Fund Fundraiser** at **Dempseys**. Line up at 7 pm; show at 8 pm.

**Integrity**, an association of Christian gay men and lesbians, meets in the **All Saints Chapel of St. John's Episcopal Church** at noon.

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**Sunday**

**Building on the Momentum** hosts a **Potluck & Planning Party** at **The Rainbow Center** at 5:30 pm.

At **Dempseys** this evening, the **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** will hold a **board meeting** at 6, followed by a **general court** meeting at 7:30.

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**Monday**

An **OutSpokane Committee Meeting** will convene to wrap up details for 2005 **Pride** events at 6:30 pm at 827 N. Madelia St.

**13**

**Wednesday**

Stonewall publisher **Mike Schultz** is the featured speaker at the **Inland Northwest Business Alliance's** monthly luncheon at **Europa Pizzeria & Bakery**. Social and networking at 11:30 am, lunch at noon, speaker at 12:30 pm. \$15 and \$18 event

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**Saturday**

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane** presents its **Wrangler General Fund Fundraiser** at **Dempseys**. Line up at 7 pm; show at 8 pm.

**Wigstock, The Movie** will be the featured film for **Movie Night** at the **Rainbow Center**, 6 pm. Free

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**Sunday**

**Spokane Lesbian Association (SLA)** meets for game day at the **Rainbow Center** from 11 am - 3 pm.

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**Monday**

**OutSpokane's General Board Meeting** at 827 N. Madelia St. at 6:30 pm.

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**Thursday**

**Full Moon**

A buffet dinner, silent auction and great music are the highlights of **An Evening Under the Stars** tonight from 6-10 pm at **Arbor Crest Winery**. The 15th annual event will benefit **KPBX Public Radio**. \$29 and \$32

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**Friday**

**Go Fish** will be shown at 6 pm at **Movie Night** at the **Rainbow Center**, 6 pm. Free

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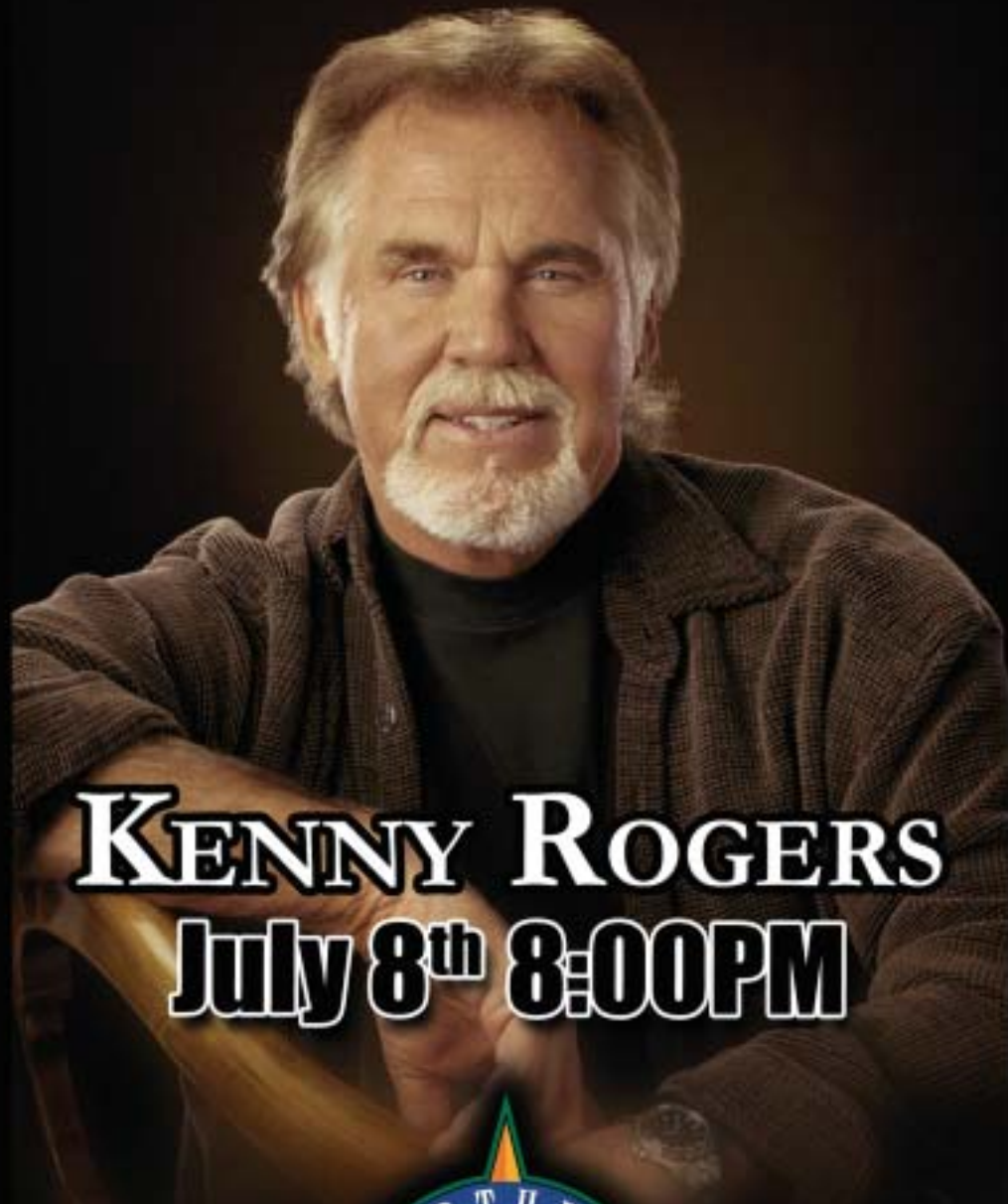
**Relax, its just Sex** is the feature film at **Movie Night** at the **Rainbow Center**, 6 pm. Free

**We'd like to include your organization's events in the Spokane Calendar.**

**Please call us at 456-8011 or email us at [news@stonewallnews.net](mailto:news@stonewallnews.net).**

# NORTHERN QUEST CASINO

Proudly Presents



**KENNY ROGERS**  
**July 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00PM**



**NOW OPEN**  
Fai's Noodle House!

WHERE THE FUN  
NEVER ENDS

All events are  
18 years and older  
unless specified.



**July 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00PM**

**Carrot Top**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**

**Guy Lombardo's  
Royal Canadians**  
with Al Pierson Orchestra



**July 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00PM**

**Don McLean**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00PM**

*Pam Tillis*



**July 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00PM**

*Julie Roberts*

**August 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00PM**



**August 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00PM**



**The Association**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00PM**

**Billy Joe Royal**



**TICKETS FOR ALL ACTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NORTHERN QUEST CASINO BOX OFFICE,  
BY PHONE AT (509) 340 - 6700, OR CALL TICKETSWEST AT 325 - SEAT (7328).  
TICKETSWEST TICKETS ARE SUBJECT TO A SERVICE CHARGE.**