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This Issue dedicated to

Marge Ballack & Diane Lantz

and the other 36 Plaintiffs in Castle v. State of Washington and Anderson v. King County whose heartache we share, but whose gifts of heart and soul continue to inspire.

Mike Schultz, Publisher

# Equality denied

by Catherine D. Willis  
Special to Stonewall News Northwest

Just seven weeks after celebrating the failure of Tim Eyman and associates to short-circuit the anti-discrimination law passed in January, the GLBTQA community was stunned by the state Supreme Court's 5-4 decision to uphold Washington's Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), announced July 26.

Passed in 1998, DOMA defined marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Nineteen couples challenged the law in 2004, claiming it violated the "privileges and immunities" clause of the state Constitution. Lambda Legal and the Northwest Women's Law Center represented eight

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Photo by Bryce Hughes

Equal marriage supporters rally in downtown Spokane following the Washington State Supreme Court's ruling on July 26th.

## A conversation with Spokane Mayor Hession

City of Spokane Mayor Dennis Hession talks about sexual orientation, the proposed Gay District, equal marriage and his leadership in Spokane



Photo by Pat Devine

From his 5th floor office in City Hall, City of Spokane Mayor Dennis Hession talks with Stonewall Publisher Mike Schultz.

*Pre-empted by the Wa State Supreme Court ruling on equal marriage, please see this article in the August 15th issue of Stonewall News Northwest.*

## Stonewall News Northwest restructures, expands publication

(SPOKANE, WA) Stonewall News Northwest, this publication, has expanded its regional distribution locations six-fold, strengthening circulation in the Inland Northwest and opening up markets in Western Washington including Seattle and Bellingham.

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Additionally, beginning with its Aug 15th issue, Stonewall will add 26% to the physical page size, gaining 3.5" in height.

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# Wa State DOMA ruling: Inland Northwest speaks out

by Catherine D. Willis  
Special to Stonewall News Northwest

“Sad.” It’s the word most often expressed at the DOMA Decision Day Rally, plans for which were sketched out by Inland Northwest Equality membership just days after the Washington Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case, March 8, 2005.

INWE, a program of the Peace and Justice Action league of Spokane, would organize the event. Brooke Powers, INWE’s then-program coordinator, contacted GSA, the agency that issues permits for public assemblies outside the Federal Building, the site selected for the DOMA celebration/condolences rally. GSA staff outlined their permitting timetable and Powers in turn explained expected timing constraints.

INWE could get the permit, officials assured Powers, if proper paperwork for it was filed 24 hours prior to the gathering.

The long wait for a decision began.

When Krista Benson, INWE’s

current coordinator, learned before noon on Tuesday, July 25, that the high court would publish opinions in the case the following morning, she sent the permit application form to GSA. The rally was set for 5 p.m.

Less than two hours later, a GSA representative telephoned to inform her that the application had been denied. To her incredulous “why?” Benson was told a GSA supervisor had made the unfavorable decision.

Benson pressed the issue, reviewing the information Powers had given her regarding her 2005 communications with GSA, and the flustered GSA staff person suggested Benson speak to the supervisor.

The man was unmovable. “As I explained the situation, that it had been cleared before, that they had fast-tracked approval for emergency PJALS events before,” said Benson, “he interrupted me consistently and finally said, ‘I don’t care why you’re having this rally, but you’re not having it here.’ He

also explained that the permit would have ‘likely’ been issued, had I ‘applied in a timely manner.’ I explained, again, the time frame and he insisted that it was not possible for him to go through his process in just over 24 hours. He refused my request again and then hung up.”

Thus the rally took place on a tiny triangle of land west of the federal courthouse, in the median that separates eastbound and westbound lanes of Riverside Avenue, a site Spokesman-Review 7’s “Out on the Town” columnist Jill Wagner politely termed “pathetic.”

Pushed aside figuratively by the court’s ruling and then by the government’s intractability, INWE members and segments of the GLBTQA community slowly made their way to the gathering place in nearly 100-degree heat – at first just a few bearing signs, eventually a crowd that, taken as a whole (people came and went over the course of an hour), exceeded 85 adults

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## Voices

### *Rebekah Largent, Odyssey Youth member, speaks at the rally in downtown Spokane July 26th following Wa State Supreme Court ruling on equal marriage*

My name is Rebekah Largent. I am an Odyssey youth.

Gay youth present a startling conundrum for the anti-gay movement.

On one hand, we are youth, the centerfold of the supposed pro-family faction; children to be protected and sheltered.

One the other hand, we are gay. We are the enemy. How should they regard us?

I think in many cases, looking at a gay youth can challenge a person. We are often seen as your own children.

We are the reminder of your family.

We are your sons and daughters.

Legislation has been enacted with the stated goals of protecting the family, but who is protecting us?

You say you want to save the children of America from the supposed gay menace, but who protects us from you?

What if your son or daughter was GLBTQ? What if? This legislation goes against them, your family and your children. I would say this is entirely anti-family. Would really loving your child show itself by your enacting laws that bind their life? Would you want to make a member of your own family a second-class citizen?

Advocates for equal rights recognize the individual situation presented by GLBTQ youth. More problems arise that need to be dealt with as we come out younger and younger – safety in schools, at home and within the very community we live in.

Can you honestly look into the eyes of a child and tell them they don’t deserve protection? Because we’re gay, or perceived to be so, does that mean that we don’t deserve everything a child who is perceived to be straight deserves?

Why is gay marriage important to young people? I’m not prepared to get married right now. What’s the rush? Why is gay marriage so important for me?

We all know that gay marriage is much more than letting two people get married. Letting two members of the same-sex marry says equality, it puts gay people, legally, on the same level as our heterosexual couple counterparts.

Coming to terms with a sexual orien-

tation other than strictly straight causes many problems to a youth. Difficulties that come with normal adolescence are coupled with the stigma of being gay. Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth are two-to-three times more likely to commit suicide than their heterosexual peers. Being gay has more implications than just being with a member of the same sex. It means fewer rights, not having a life seen as normal and rejection, just to name a few.

Legalizing marriage for homosexual couples gives the gay youth new hope, a new foothold in their own life. Being able to be married, having equal rights, says to the youth, I am just as good as anyone else, no better and no worse. It shows a young gay person they can have the things they still dream of, despite their sexual orientation.

There will always be GLBTQ people, as there always have been. With gay adults, there will always be gay youth. Now is the time to question how our children are to be treated; now is the time to change.

Protect our youth; give equal rights to everyone.

You say you want to save the children of America from the supposed gay menace, but who protects us from you?

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couples in Anderson v. King County, heard in King County. The American Civil Liberties Union of Washington represented 11 couples in Castle v. state of Washington, heard in Thurston County. Both lower court judges declared DOMA unconstitutional.

Appeals were filed and the two cases were combined and brought before the state Supreme Court for oral arguments in March of 2005. A ruling in the matter had been anticipated for more than a year.

Spokane residents Marge Ballack and Diane Lantz, plaintiffs in Castle, asked the court to recognize their 2003 wedding in Nelson, British Columbia. Or to allow them to wed legally in Washington.

Neither would have called herself an "activist" before the DOMA litigation began. Committed partners for close to 29 years, they raised two kids, now grown, productive members of their respective communities, and they have six grandchildren. Public speaking has become second nature to Ballack, who will glibly summarize all pertinent information with one word, often repeated: "equality, equality, equality."

## Letters to the Editor

Message from Audrey Haberman, Executive Director, Pride Foundation - July 26, 2006

This is a sad day for everyone in Washington State, and indeed, the country, who believes in equality and fairness. By upholding the Defense of Marriage Act, the Court has said that Washingtonians should be treated differently based on who they love and who they are. Washington State has a long and proud tradition of standing up against discrimination. Let's not be discouraged, but rather move forward and vow to continue our fight for equality. Our community is resilient. We know that this discriminatory law will be struck down.

Today we thank The Northwest Women's Law Center, Lambda Legal and the ACLU of Washington for working so diligently to right this wrong. We also want to acknowledge the unique heartache that the plaintiffs must be feeling today. They have shared their lives and love with all of us, and the court's ruling seems to say that their lives and their love is not equal to that of opposite sex couples. We know that to be untrue, and that this setback will be temporary.

Pride Foundation will continue to do what we have done for the last 20 years—change hearts and minds about LGBT people. We will do this in small towns and big cities all over the Northwest. Recommit yourself today to the struggle for equality.

With Pride,  
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Message from Rev. J. Bennett Guess, United Church of Christ President - July 26, 2006

Throughout the years our nation's court system has often been the voice of reason and hope in the midst of debates over human and civil rights, defending personal liberties and upholding the dignity of every person. The decision of the courts in Washington to deny the right to marry to same gender couples is, therefore, profoundly disappointing.

Rather than defending constitutional rights, the court has allowed itself to become complicit in prejudice and bigotry. In the name of 'family values,' we have denied the worth of families across our land and in our churches, families marked by love and covenant commitment.

One day I know these families will be vindicated, and those who have put them under threat will be judged for their own narrow views. Until then, however, many will continue to live without access to the full rights and privileges of citizenship. Let us hold them in our prayers even as we bear witness to a more just and compassionate way.

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and children by two separate counts.

Krista Benson introduced a parade of speakers and opened and closed the program. She got equipment assistance and overall support from PJALS' Nancy and Rusty Nelson.

Breean Beggs of Spokane's Center for Justice offered hope from the get-go. The decision was split, he noted, so much so that the case is unlikely to become a fixture within the court system. "You are very close to marriage equality in

Washington," he said and went on to describe the many "openings" several justices provided in their opinions, foremost

among them the questions of rights of inheritance, child custody and similar benefits purposely unaddressed in both *Anderson* and *Castle*.

Frank Cikutovich, the attorney for Marge Ballack and Diane Lantz, spoke of judicial elections, money and power, finishing with a reflection on the young whose well-being received a good share of the justices' attention: "Children need

to be raised by people who love them. That's all it comes down to."

Legislative staff assistant Neil Beaver read a statement from Washington Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown (D-3rd). "I understand your disappointment," she wrote. "When the measure [DOMA] came before the Legislature in 1998, I am proud to say I voted against it."

Pride Foundation's Kevan Gardner acknowledged the sadness heavy in the air. "This is a sad day for everyone in

Washington state and a country that believes in equality and fairness. By upholding the Defense of Marriage Act, the court has said

"Children need to be raised by people who love them. That's all it comes down to."

--Frank Cikutovich, attorney for Marge Ballack and Diane Lantz

that Washingtonians should be treated differently based on who they love and who they are. This is a sad day, but it is not the last day."

Ballack and Lantz came forward to accept thanks and praise, introduced their adult daughter, and vowed to fight on.

"I am Jim Jones and I have been engaged to my partner for 11 years,"

began the community activist, computer specialist and respected blogger.

He quoted from a Justice's much discussed opinion linking marriage to procreation and child welfare to the survival of the human race. And then he told his story:

"In 2002 my partner and I took guardianship over two troubled teens. These kids were reared by their heterosexual biological parents here in Washington state. They were high school dropouts; they were getting into trouble with gangs, and the law.

"My partner and I took these kids into our home and welcomed them as members of our family. They were 15 and 16 years old at the time. We had many roadblocks thrown in our path to create this family. Challenges to get adequate healthcare. Challenges to ensure they were protected should one of us pass away. It took us months to overcome these challenges, but we did. We did it for the sake of these kids and for the health and well being of our newly formed family.

"I am proud to stand here today and tell you that those two troubled teens graduated high school with honors, they are now enrolled in college, married, working, and raising a child of their own. In short, they are productive members of our society."

A woman named Ann, who has been battling cancer, spoke of her desire to marry her partner of five years and of her fears for her children should she succumb to the disease.

"Until this morning, I still believed in America," said Barbara Williamson, who spoke of her morning awash in tears. She lamented the court's willingness "to deny a basic human right, the right to form a legal family." She pointed out the irony in many of the justices' arguments. We don't need court interventions, they say, because we have developed the political power to get laws enacted, she said, but she reminded listeners that it took 70 years from the time Elizabeth Cady Stanton called for women's rights for American women to win the vote.

The promising reality, she concluded is, "We're here, living as out people in our community. ... We do have families. We *are* married – in our hearts."

Brad Read shared his passion and his anger. "The majority opinion says this ruling came down in the interest of the children because heterosexual marriage leads to procreation, which is necessary for furthering the human race. [Expletive deleted.] The human race without full inclusion and freedom

is doomed. That's what has to happen first. And that can happen in any kind of family anytime, anywhere."

He refuted various issues raised by the justices but also called the community to task. "We have to reframe

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--Brad Read

the debate. We cannot rely on the work of Lisa Brown, stalwart ally that she is, because if real democracy is going to take over, if real democracy is going to be a reality, the power has to be with us.

The community has to form around core values and we must make our leaders, those we elect, respect those values."

He added, "In the world I inhabit, Marge and Diane's marriage, Jim and Ramon's relationship – every couple of committed people – means just as much as my marriage to my wife Laura."

Read invited rallyers to create a new vision for the political challenges that await the community post-DOMA decision, and Bonnie Aspen offered everyday steps toward that end. Her comments emanated from a morning interview with a CBS reporter.

"Are you discouraged?" the reporter asked? And in classic Aspen style, she replied, "Absolutely not. Bring it on. We now know what doesn't work. Let's move toward what does. Let's find it."

Aspen, like Read, knows how to stay on message, so she said to the reporter, "It's about love. It's about equality."

And the reporter said, "but it's going to take so long now."

Aspen

repeated, "It's about equality."

She finished with thanks – to the plaintiffs in the DOMA cases, the attorneys and advocates who fought the good fight, and to those who came out in the stifling heat to the little patch of grass by the courthouse to recommit to the fight for equality. "You are a change agent or you would not be here," she said. And she urged people to do something, anything, every day to enlighten and advance the mission.

Picking up on historical references made by many of the speakers, Krista Benson also closed with thoughts from Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The famous suffragette "frequently referred to women's suffrage as 'winter wheat'. Votes for women, she explained, were the thing that mattered so much that she would put all of her energy into sowing something that she would never reap. So I want you to all think, today ... *Is this your winter wheat?* Is marriage equality something that matters enough that you will work at it, even if you don't benefit from it?"

## FACTBOX- Laws on equal marriage, civil unions

Following the ruling by Washington state's highest court upholding the U.S. state's ban on same-sex marriage, here is a look at laws on gay marriage and same-sex civil unions in the United States and globally:

\* Marriage between same-sex couples is currently legal in Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain. It will be legalized in South Africa before the end of the year.

\* Massachusetts's highest court ruled in 2003 that it was unconstitutional to ban gay marriage, paving the way for America's first same-sex marriages in May the following year.

\* Two U.S. states -- Vermont and Connecticut -- have legalized same-sex civil unions. California, New Jersey, Maine, the District of Columbia and Hawaii each offer gay and lesbian couples some legal rights as partners.

\* Legal challenges seeking permission for gays and lesbians to marry are pending in California, Iowa, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut and Oklahoma.

\* Nineteen U.S. states have passed amendments that define marriage exclusively as between a man and woman, effectively banning gay marriage. Sixteen of those took place after Massachusetts legalized gay marriage. Seven states will put similar amendments on their ballots at elections in November.

\* California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed a bill in September 2005 that would have allowed gay marriage in his state, saying the question should not be determined by the legislature.

\* The U.S. Supreme Court has not taken a case on gay marriage, leaving states to decide the issue.

Source: Human Rights Campaign, a national gay rights group; Reuters.

# Spokane

## Rainbow Center shuts down

Non-Profit RRCC Charter and Corporation, however, remain intact for now



The Rainbow Regional Community Center on 2nd Avenue in downtown Spokane shuts down.

In a unanimous vote on June 18, 2006, the Rainbow Regional Community Center (RRCC) Board of Directors voted to close the space occupied by the RRCC at 508 W 2nd Ave in Spokane. Citing insurmountable flood damage from a breach in the building's roof on June 10th, the Board disclosed to the public its decision for closure two weeks later. (Please see the RRCC Board's letter to the public dated July 1st on page 15 of this issue.) While the Board states the landlord for the building was contacted, no repairs were slated. RRCC has been occupying the W 2nd premises free of charge courtesy of the landlord.

Cat Carrel, Co-Chair of the RRCC Board, states, however, that this is only closure of the physical space that RRCC occupied, not dissolution of the corporation nor the RRCC non-profit charter.

What is the status now? "We are methodically and pragmatically packing and preparing to vacate the space. At some point, we will offer surplus inventory to other queer orgs in town, and then have a sale. We ask for the community's patience and support." Carrel stated on July 28th.

*Please see RRCC Letter page 15*

## Marriage & Commitment

Unity Church of Spokane Minister Clare Austen and Rick Hutchins celebrated their Ceremony of Commitment July 2, 2006. In an act of love, sacrifice - and rebellion - Austen and Hutchins forego the 1,100 individual advantages inherent in the granting of a marriage license to heterosexual couples to underscore the inequality of marriage in Washington State.



Rev. Clare Austen and Rick Hutchins

by Clare Austen,  
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In December of 2004, I met a man named Rick who became my best friend and lover. We share many of the same interests and values, and it wasn't long before we began talking about a future together as partners in life.

The difference between our story of meeting and falling in love, and the story of many of our friends who are gay or lesbian, is that we had the option to be legally married. Unlike our friends, we could enter into a state-sanctioned relationship which brings with it numerous financial, legal, cultural, and emotional benefits.

Rick and I had many times discussed our belief that extending the privileges of marriage to all our nation's citizens was a basic human rights issue. Since I am a clergy person, we had discussed how we both believe religions should be able to define marriage in any way they want (just as they define God or heaven and hell), but the state should not be in the business of discriminating.

We often said that if we ruled the world, every couple would have access to a 'civil union' (perhaps we would find a better name) for the purposes of legal and financial protection. And then, if they wanted, they could have a spiritual ceremony in any religious institution where they were welcome.

As our relationship progressed, we began to make plans for our wedding day with family and friends. One day, we realized we had never discussed getting a marriage license. We were suddenly very uncomfortable with the thought of accepting the privileges of marriage that are denied to others, and we were shocked that we had not considered this

earlier. But we recognized that that is the nature of privilege. Those who have it are blind to the value of it. Privilege, whether it is straight over gay, white over black, or the economically advantaged over those who are less so, is taken for granted. One who has privilege rarely thinks about the quality of life of those who live without that same privilege.

Rick and I realized we had a choice. We could participate in unearned privilege or not. We agreed that we would at least like to think that we are the kind of people who would not have joined a club that excluded Jewish people, or have eaten in a restaurant that banned African Americans.

In all honesty, we decided to see what we would be giving up before we declared our intention. We spoke to friends and searched the Internet for references to the benefits afforded married couples. The list is extensive; some sources list as many as 1100 individual advantages inherent in the granting of a marriage license.

We had friends, both gay and straight, who told us we would be fools to not take advantage of such tremendous financial advantages. Who would we really be helping by making such a decision, they asked? What difference would it make?

There is an old story of a man who came upon a whole beach full of starfish stranded by the tide. When he began to pick them up one at a time and throw them back into the ocean, someone asked him what difference it would make, and he answered as he hurled one more out into the surf, "It makes a difference to that one."

Maybe our risking societal criticism and losing financial advantages wouldn't make marriage laws change any quicker, but we believe every small act of congruency with what one believes makes a difference in the world.

That finally was our answer. Maybe our risking societal criticism and losing financial advantages wouldn't make

marriage laws change any quicker, but we believe every small act of congruency with what one believes makes a difference in the world. Our choice to have a 'wedding,' a huge celebration with our family, friends and my congregation, without getting a marriage license, made a difference to us. And, it has given us a myriad of opportunities to educate others on the injustice of our marriage laws. That in itself is worth it.

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# Men's Project builds capacity

The Lilac City Men's Project has focused on capacity building during the dog days of summer. In July, a part-time outreach coordinator was hired, and he, along with another volunteer, attended training in San Francisco.

The Project hired Terry Grizzell as its new part-time outreach coordinator. Grizzell is a returning Spokaneite who has experience in customer relations and the arts. His responsibilities will include organizing an outreach team for creative bar zaps and personally contacting members for feedback, ideas, and to let members know of upcoming events they may be interested in attending.

The Project also sent Grizzell as well as Corey Hand (a volunteer) to the

MPOWERment Training by the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California in San Francisco. Grizzell and Hand learned about the prevention model in depth (on which the LCMP is based), networked with other MPOWERment Projects around the country, and saw practical examples of ways to do outreach and bar zaps.

With increased training and staff time devoted to bar zaps, the Project anticipates increased growth and visibility beginning in the Fall. For more information, call 267-9444, e-mail [info@lilaccitymensproject.org](mailto:info@lilaccitymensproject.org) or visit [www.lilaccitymensproject.org](http://www.lilaccitymensproject.org).

# Maj. Witt's challenge dismissed

A federal judge on July 26th dismissed a challenge to the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy brought by a highly decorated Air Force nurse who was forced out of her job because she's a lesbian.

Spokane's Air Force Reserve Maj. Margaret Witt, 42, had asked U.S. District Judge Ronald B. Leighton to reinstate her, citing a U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down a Texas anti-sodomy law. Leighton refused and dismissed her case after finding that the Texas decision did not affect the constitutionality of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," the military's policy prohibiting inquiries about the sex lives of service members but requiring the discharge of those who acknowledge being gay.

The ruling came the same day the state Supreme Court upheld Washington's ban on equal marriage.

"When it rains, it pours," said Doug Honig of the American Civil Liberties Union, which plans to appeal Witt's case to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. "Major Witt is much decorated and has saved people's lives. The people she helped didn't care about her sexual orientation."

Witt, a 19-year Air Force veteran who had been assigned to a medical evacuation squadron at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, was suspended without pay in late 2004 after the Air Force received an

apparently anonymous tip that she had been in a long-term relationship with a civilian woman. Her discharge is pending; the Air Force has not yet scheduled a hearing she has requested to contest it.

"This court is not unsympathetic to the situation in which Major Witt currently finds herself," Leighton wrote. "Within the military context, she did not draw attention to her sexual orientation, and her colleagues value her contribution to their unit and apparently want her back. She has served her country faithfully and with distinction."

However, he concluded, the U.S. Supreme Court's 2003 ruling in *Lawrence vs. Texas*, which struck down state statutes criminalizing gay sex as a violation of an individual's right to sexual privacy, had no effect on the constitutional analysis of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The policy has uniformly been upheld by the courts and remains valid, Leighton wrote.

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell' represents a rational response to a legitimate government concern," the judge said.

That concern is to avoid risks to unit cohesion posed by the presence of gays in the military, he said.

Leighton also rejected claims brought by Witt under First Amendment and due process rights.

## Eating OUT

# Wild Sage sure to become a favorite

by *The Three Sisters*

With diets starting Monday and tired of the same ole thing, the Sisters decided to venture into Spokane's newest dining establishment, *The Wild Sage Bistro*, conveniently located on Second between Monroe and Lincoln, within staggering distance from Dempsey's.

We were a bit pissy about our upcoming diets, and upon being seated, Sister D'Lite commented that if she'd have known this restaurant was such a production, she would have dressed. Not an auspicious start, darlings, but as soon as the appetizers arrived, the evening began looking up.

We ordered The Blues (\$9), a lovely display of homemade crackers, artisan blue cheese, fresh fruit, and a lick-it-off-the-plate honey infused port reduction. We coupled that dish with the amazing Hand Made Potato Dumplings (\$6) which came slathered in a brown butter and sage. All that sauce dissolved the Sister's pissiness nicely.

After the appetizers, complementary hot-out-of-the-oven popovers with rosemary garlic butter brought the Sisters to their knees, a place somewhat familiar to all of them.

Shortly, VINO's Misty Isle Nature 12 oz New York Steak (\$26) with buttermilk potato cakes arrived. Proclaiming the steak cooked to perfection, she drew quite a few stares with her exclamation that Spencer's had better watch out.

D'Lite's Misty Isle Natural Bistro Cheeseburger (\$14) on a homemade Kaiser roll was the best meat this side of Texas; however, she was most impressed with the

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accompanying steak and rice soup which was, in her words, "f\*\*\*n' yummy."

Subtle's Ivory Wild King Salmon (\$25) was blackened with the perfect popping spices, flakey and moist on the inside, just like she likes it.

After some deliberation, Subtle's daughter, Princess Picky, decided she enjoyed the Yuppie Chow Burger (\$12), a homemade spinach, veggie, and nut

patty, declaring it earthy and perfectly spiced.

Although the skinny Picky objected, Death by Chocolate (\$6) and Tropical Carrot Cake with Run Sauce (\$6) were ordered at the recommendation of our sexy, professional server. Served with a warmed chocolate ambrosia, the Death by Chocolate, two homemade chocolate cookies surrounding vanilla bean ice cream and dipped in white and dark chocolates, led the Sisters to moaning the likes of which had not been heard since Harry Met Sally.

The carrot cake paled by comparison but was delicious in its own right.

While our initial look at the menu left us sticker-shocked, this amazing little bistro is worth both the production and the cost. It is the brightest new light on Spokane's dining landscape and is sure to become a favorite with the Sister set.

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# Regional

## No Rest for the Wicked

### Kick Ass and Take Names!

by Joan Opyr

I am worried about Hillary Clinton in 2008. Not in the same way that Rush Limbaugh or Ann Coulter are worried – I like Hillary. She's smart; she's competent; and you can bet your sweet bippie that she'll never say things like "Is our children learning?" or "I'm the decider, and I'll decide what's best."

She is also, despite all the right-wing Republican fear mongering and mud-slinging, a political moderate. That, I suppose, is what worries me. I'm not moderate. I'm so far to the left I might fall off the edge of the Bush flattened earth. I am a die-hard, yellow dog, union-supporting, liberal, feminist, pro-civil rights, pro-gay marriage, universal enfranchisement, what-the-hell-are-we-waiting-for equality now Democrat.



daughter, went further. Breaking ranks with his Bible belt butt-kissing boss, Cheney declared "Freedom means freedom for everybody." That simple statement left Cheney's debate opponent, John Edwards, looking flat-footed and unprincipled. As a Democrat, I have to ask, isn't that really our

problem? If we aim at nothing, we'll hit it every time.

I worry that Hillary Clinton is aiming at nothing. She talks endlessly about her devout Methodism. That's fine. I'm a religious person myself. Hillary does not support gay marriage, but she is in favor of gay civil unions. Can I live with that? Yes, but with a caveat: why offer civil unions only to gays and lesbians? Let's offer them to everyone, gay or straight. Let's get the states and the federal government out of the marriage business. We should all have the same civil rights, the same obligations and privileges, and let those who want to marry in a religious ceremony do so. There. Problem solved. I won't tread on anyone's religion, if they won't tread on the U. S. Constitution.

Right now, Hillary Clinton is traveling around the country, collecting campaign cash and singing Methodist hymns. Perhaps she's familiar with one of my favorites: I Want a Principle Within. That's all I'm asking, Hillary; show me the principle within. Remember, the phrase is kick ass and take names, not kiss ass

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I am tired – no, exhausted – by the gay marriage is political suicide crowd. I just read a piece on the Daily Kos (www.dailykos.com) entitled "Gay Marriage is the Left's Iraq." Is it? Is it really? As of this writing, the number of U. S. soldiers killed in Iraq is 2,542. The number wounded in action is 18,786. As for Iraqi civilians, the death count ranges as high as 40,000. I don't want to meet the political mind that can and would compare support for the Iraq War to support for gay marriage. That's not political pragmatism – it's moral bankruptcy. Time for someone to cut up that Primary Colors Visa card and enroll in karma counseling.

Some things are right because they're right. The question is what do you want more, to win a single political race or to come down on the right side of history? I'm not yet so cynical that I'm willing to believe that you can't do both. Did George W. Bush win in 2004 because he opposed gay marriage and thereby energized his far right base, or did he win because John Kerry was an inept candidate? Kerry also opposed gay marriage. He made a feint to the left with civil unions, but Bush's vice president, Dick Cheney, who has an openly lesbian



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## OUT! In the Middle of Nowhere

# Coming Out... in the Middle of the Universe?

by Tim Anderson

*When the words "I've been abducted by aliens" are uttered, there's a certain tendency to- well, let's just say raise an eyebrow or two while slowly backing up, heading ever so gently toward the door.*

Stretching the big tent of diversity concept just a wee bit larger, not only does a community of gay alien abductees exist, but they've formed online support groups. Enter writer, computer guru, and former trucker Paul S. Cilwa. Sharing his home with the majority of his extended family, including his partner Michael, varying grown children, his ex-wife and a grandson, with the exception of his wife, everyone in the family is experienced in the ins and outs of alien abductions, probes and other interesting experiences.

Even Cilwa acknowledges sympathy for society's discomfort with the "weirdo woo-woo stuff". Although firmly convinced of his experience, he's been known to break links to his blogs recounting alien visitations and abductions whenever he's looking for work. Not that he'd worry- he's been steadily employed by some of the nation's largest fortune 500 companies for the last 26 years. "Many people are very shy about talking about it. They are terrified of being ridiculed. We find the most respect in the metaphysical community. We're treated similarly to people who've encountered ghosts, angels and surreal light experiences. The whole thing is so freaking nuts that no matter how much external evidence there is-you're still worried you're just going crazy."

When Cilwa first became active in the CompuServe Abductee Forum potential members were screened to participate. "We required them to be cleared for membership-describe your experience. As long as they went to that effort, they were allowed in. Most stories were consistent, for instance Greys don't talk so we could spot fakers because they claimed to have had conversations."

The CompuServe mutual abductee support group, which at its peak numbered over 100 participants, not only provided an alien forum but the group also helped Cilwa come out. "I was coming out at the same time the abductions started and people in the forum knew before most of my personal friends. It got to a point where I wasn't scared of either situation. One time I had a date with a guy from New Jersey and it was only a four hour drive to there from New



Hampshire. But I got home at 4 am. The next morning I found an incision and realized I'd "lost time". By that time I wasn't scared anymore. I just thought, "They got me!"

"The visitors were completely disinterested in my sexual orientation. Most other members of the CompuServe Support Group-gay

and straight believed aliens had fixed them up with their spouses. Everyone looked back on how they met and fell in love and the events seemed filled with bizarre coincidences. In human culture, gays are the Shamans, so everybody is our child, not just our biological kids. I can't say I've met a gay alien but I would say they use gender as a breeding tool. Aliens are sophisticated enough to realize that homosexuals are able to influence all of society whereas heterosexuals influence mostly their kids."

As for the chance of scoring a hook up with an alien, Cilwa has his doubts. "One thing that happened-I was going with this guy Steve who sort of freaked about the alien stuff. He ended up dumping me. Still spending my time pining after him, I had an experience where I dreamed of having the type of sex with Steve that he and I didn't ever have. I believe now it was an anal probe. The aliens were trying to get semen samples. You have to understand these abduction experiences tend to be like dreams. They're altered consciousness experiences. Aliens put pictures in your head and you wake up with an image in your mind. It's as if the memory of having breakfast felt as if you'd dreamed it-seeming unreal but leaving physical evidence, like scars."

Although the abductions and alien visits ended for most of the group's members in 1997, Cilwa realizes his coming out has been unique. Indeed-he came out somewhere in the middle of the universe.

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# WA State justices talk about their roles in equal marriage ruling

(Seattle P-I) At least one state Supreme Court justice who sided with same-sex couples this week says he initially voted, in a closed-door conference last year, to uphold the law that prevents them from marrying.

Another justice who listened to his colleagues' discussion at the same conference quickly resolved to write his own opinion in the case.

Thursday, a day after the court upheld Washington's 1998 Defense of Marriage Act, six justices shared limited details about their roles in the decision and what went on behind the scenes at the Temple of Justice.

The case took justices more than 16 months to decide, leading to six separate opinions and a fractured 5-4 decision denying same-sex couples the right to marry.

Justice Tom Chambers said that in the justices' private conference after hearing attorney's arguments last year, he agreed that the Legislature seemed to have a rational reason to limit marriage to opposite-sex couples: encouraging procreation.

But after some reflection, he said, he changed his mind. When he considered "all the relevant laws," including those regarding in-vitro fertilization and similar ways that gay and lesbian couples can have children, "it began looking like there were inconsistencies in the state's argument," he said.

Justice Susan Owens -- who also came down on the minority side of the same-sex couples -- said she never changed her mind but acknowledged she "thought about changing it" in the divisive case.

"You think about it from every legal perspective," Owens said.

The case has been one of the court's most controversial in years, and many same-sex couples took some solace in the fact that the court's opinion was so far from a unanimous defeat.

In the court's cases, after justices hear attorneys' arguments, they go to a private conference where the "assignment justice" -- whose name has been drawn from a hat to take the lead -- opens a discussion. Then justices vote on how they'd rule.

The vote -- like discussions in the conference itself -- is a closely guarded secret. So is the identity of the assignment justice, who ends up writing the opinion if he or she can get enough votes to form a majority.

Justice Barbara Madsen, who wrote the lead opinion in the same-sex marriage case, declined to say whether she was assigned the case from the start. She said only that she "didn't enter this case with any preconceived idea of where the law was going to lead me."

Justice James Johnson said he knew he was going to write an opinion from the first vote because his take on the

state constitution's "privileges and immunities" clause doesn't mesh with other justices' views.

He said he waited until reading the first draft of the majority opinion, discussed it with the writer -- he said he believed it was Madsen but couldn't recall with certainty -- and then set out to write his own.

Johnson said he never knows whether other justices will join his opinion, quipping, "I always have great hopes and delusions that I am persuasive."

At some point after the March 8, 2005, conference, a majority opinion was drafted, and then other justices wrote opinions and circulated them to their colleagues' chambers as well.

Members of the court also chatted about the case in informal discussions with one another, Owens said.

"We do collaborate with one another," she said. "We'll delete or add things, take suggestions, try to reach compromises. That's inherent in the process."

Madsen and Justice Richard Sanders both said the bulk of the back-

and-forth debate is done in writing. Each justice has to respond to every draft that's written, Madsen said, and the process can take a long time.

"It's mostly done by circulating opinions, but justices can talk to each other on an individual basis and try to lobby their position," Sanders said.

The court was well aware of the intense public interest in the case, and most justices reached on Thursday attributed the long wait to the number of opinions that were floating around.

Chambers said that when a decision takes a long time, "you can infer two things: the court is having trouble, or there are a lot of people writing."

A few months ago, Chief Justice Gerry Alexander decided to write a short, concurring opinion in an effort to boil down the issue -- which ultimately resulted in roughly 200 pages of opinions -- for the average person.

"As chief, I felt a little bit of responsibility because there were so many pages written," he said Thursday.

Alexander acknowledged it's not always possible to get people to agree for the sake of one opinion.

"I try wherever I can to see if we can get as much unanimity as possible," he said. "If we can't, I respect the right of every person to express their opinions."

He added, "I think it was pretty obvious we were not in lock step on this."

Owens said that if you're the assignment justice, "you always want to have eight votes. That's the whole art of persuasion."

But no one really expected that to happen in this case.

"Society is split on the issue, so I don't think it's a surprise that we judges would have different legal views on the issue," Owens said.

Sanders said he believed there was strength in having nine different views on the court. He also doesn't see anything wrong with the court issuing six opinions -- some of which he believes are similar.

"Personally, I don't consider consensus building worthwhile," he said. "It's people buying into ideas that they don't really share, and that doesn't really make sense."

## National & International

By Bruce Garrett

Warning Italy's brand new left-of-center government that he intends to use all the power the Vatican has at its fingertips to kill any move to recognize same-sex couples in Italy, Pope Benedict the (whatever)th (previously the Cardinal known as Joseph Ratzinger), let loose yet another in what has become a steady stream of papal denunciations of gay people, civil rights laws that protect gay people, and especially any recognition whatsoever of same sex unions.

"Only the foundation of complete and irrevocable love between man and woman is capable of forming the basis of a society that becomes the home of all men," says Ratzinger "confusing marriage with other types of weak love" should be avoided.

And speaking of weak love... who was it again who said, "Love Thy Neighbor"...? In other news, police in Bridgeport, Connecticut arrested two teenagers for beating of a fellow high school student, presumably because they didn't have enough time to charge the other dozen or so who were observed taking part in the kid's beating too. Rumors about the beaten students' sexuality are said to have provoked ongoing tension at Central. Students are saying the school is doing little to protect their LGBT classmates. Weak Love.



**AND YET, IT MOVES.**

# Zimbabwe: Prevention in a land of beauty and beggary

*While recently in South Africa, Cat Carrel studies HIV's impact on the region*

by Cat Carrel  
Special to Stonewall News Northwest

VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE – Victoria Falls is a city of contradiction in a country of great dichotomy. While being the namesake of one of the “Seven Wonders of the World,” with world-class resorts, casinos, and restaurants; Vic Falls is also vividly and shockingly poverty stricken. And although its location in Zimbabwe—a country in the midst of economic and political collapse—might suggest a desperate people, those who visit are greeted with civility, grace, and a quiet hospitality.

Zimbabwe sits in sub-Saharan Africa, a geographic region that encompasses most of this vast continent below the Saharan region in North Africa. South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and 39 other countries share this geographic label, as well as a mostly fertile, tropical climate (excluding South Africa). But they also share another common but heartbreaking characteristic: sub-Saharan Africa is at the epicenter of the global AIDS pandemic. Here, almost 30% of young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 here are HIV-positive.

But in Zimbabwe, underneath the beautiful smiles and the blue, blue

skies lies hope in the midst of heartbreak. Zimbabwe is actually succeeding in reducing the rate of newly diagnosed HIV infections. This,

a success story in a country whose currency is so inflated, the exchange rate is 100,000 Zimbabwean dollars (Z\$) for every one U.S. dollar. This, a success story in a country whose political landscape is so tenuous, that violent demonstrations erupt over frequent food shortages.

Vusumuzi Ncube, a registered nurse certified in HIV prevention counseling and testing, sits in a small counseling room on a Friday morning in the “New Start Counselling and Testing Centre,” a small testing and distribution clinic on the outskirts of Vic Falls, far removed from the tourists’ probing eyes. New Start sits behind chain link and razor wire, at the end of a dirt road heading out of town. Ncube is a young man, dressed smartly in a gray fleece sweater and khaki pants, his skin a gleaming, chocolate brown. He speaks English with a thick Shona accent, the prevailing language in Zimbabwe.

He explains that New Start is a



prevention, testing and counseling clinic and a regional distribution center for HIV medications. The clinic serves three districts in northwestern Zimbabwe, about 700 square kilometers (around 434 square miles) and sees 600 clients a week with three outreach workers. New Start is the only

location in the region. Even so, the clinic is surprisingly empty and clean. No one is waiting in queue, and the only other worker is sifting through cleaning supplies preparing for a bout of floor mopping. It's not depressing, nor does it mirror the poverty of the region. HIV prevention posters touting the “ABCs” of prevention (abstinence, being faithful, and consistent condom use) adorn the walls. It's no coincidence that New Start promotes the “ABC” model; New Start is funded with U.S. PEPFAR dollars (the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief).

The testing and counseling model is also remarkably similar to that which exists right here in Spokane. Clients come in for testing for a variety of reasons: new relationship, health care referrals, or they just decide to be tested. A rapid oral test is performed for a preliminary

result, costing approximately Z\$5000, or about five cents U.S. currency. (Testing at a hospital in Zimbabwe can run upwards of Z\$5,000,000, or \$50 U.S.) If a client's rapid test comes back negative, they are counseled in risk behavior and prevention and referred into applicable programs. If a client's test comes back positive for HIV antibodies, they are given extensive counseling in what a positive test result means, coping with the diagnosis, whether they have existing support systems, partner notification and referrals into programs for positives.

Because of the lack of follow up after confirmatory tests (people don't return for their Western Blot test results

and because of the difficulty of tracking them down), client referrals start with the positive antibody result of a rapid test. Immediately, they are referred to

an opportunistic infection clinic to be tested for tuberculosis. TB occurs at a rate of 50% within the HIV-positive population. Whereas here in the United States, Hepatitis

C is the prevalent opportunistic infection, in sub-Saharan Africa TB is the opportunistic infection that most affects people living with HIV.

Next, clients must wait three to

## SUB-SAHARAN FAST FACTS

- 40,000 children have been orphaned in Botswana because of HIV/AIDS
- Sub-Saharan Africa has just over 10% of the world's population, but is home to more than 60% of all people living with HIV
- For every 10 young men (15-24 yrs) infected with HIV in Kenya and Mali, there are as many as 45 women currently infected
- Inflation in Zimbabwe is approaching 2000%
- 25.8 million adults and children live with HIV in southern Africa
- In some African countries, three quarters of those infected are women - many of whom have not had more than one sexual partner
- In six African countries, (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe), more than one in five of all pregnant women have HIV/AIDS

four months to begin their course of treatment. Although there are existing partnerships with American pharmaceutical companies, clients must wait an exorbitant amount of time

before beginning their meds. By this time, Ncube says, patients' T-cell counts may be well below 200 with their viral loads escalating.

This contributes to a high mortality rate of those who are newly diagnosed. He relates that by the time he sees a client qualify for medications, they are very poorly off.

Even with its challenges, Zimbabwe seems to be a success story in the midst of an AIDS crisis, although its social and political reality begs to differ. While Prime Minister Robert Mugabe often refers to gay people as “lesser than pigs and dogs” and calls homosexuality a “white disease,” outreach workers and clinics such as New Start seem to be gaining ground against the global AIDS pandemic. Stigma and shame seem to take a second seat to prevention and outreach, and here, it is working.

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# REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

## MUSIC

Graham Ames, Music Reviewer

### Testimony: vol. 1, Life & Relationships

India.Arie

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At my core, I am a "peace, love, and rock-n-roll" hippie soul. I believe that what you take into your life deeply affects what you give back out into the world. The music I choose for myself tends to reflect my desire to participate in an intelligent, loving, peaceful, reflective universe. Despite this, I was going to pass on reviewing this third release from India.Arie, dismissing it as just another "posi-pop" offering, full of happy thoughts with no depth, the musical equivalent of gummy bears.

But what is this – one of my all-time favorite songs, Don Henley's "The Heart Of The Matter," getting a new twist? And in the following track, "Good Morning," the lines leap out at me: "I pray for God's will to be done / the very next day you were gone / now good morning to the harsh realities of life." Lead-off single "I Am Not My Hair" startles me with its raw honesty. My preconceptions about India.Arie were changing, but **Testimony** still wasn't at the top of the pile for this month.

After hearing an extended interview and performance by India on NPR's "Talk of the Nation," I decided to give the album one more listen. Believe me, I was startled with what I heard. The 16 tracks lucidly document a soul's struggles with the confusing world of personal politics, both between individuals and with the world at large. The musical pilgrim ventures from confusion and pain through deep realization and, focusing ever outwards, emerges with a philosophy based on grace and understanding. Through this voice, the personal becomes universal, and the listener is drawn into participating in this new awareness. Only the most callous will not reach immediately for the "repeat" button.

India's gift for forthright lyrics and singable melodies is wonderful. Covering a vast range of styles including hip-hop, folk, even blues-rock, she dazzles with her abilities. The result is completely satisfying and joyous, a celebration of life and hope. With **Testimony: vol. 2** already nearly completed, India.Arie is quickly creating a possible masterpiece. I just hope people are paying attention. If more people listened to "Better People," it could change the world.

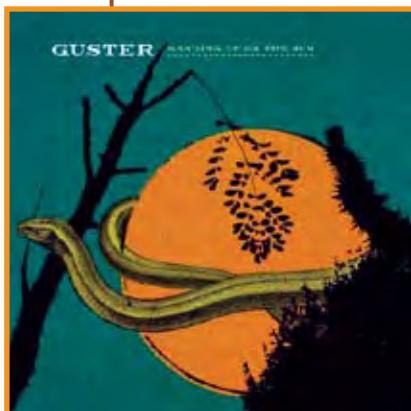
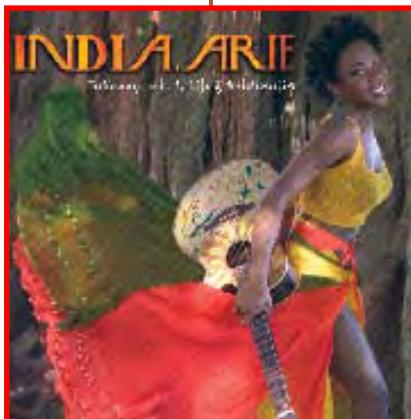
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### Ganging Up On The Sun

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Reprise Records

My first Guster album was purchased out of a guitar case in Harvard Square, back before anyone knew who they were. They were called "Gus" back then. I loved their intricate acoustic harmonies, their introspective, sometimes irony-laden lyrics, and those amazing bongo drums. Over the years, I've heard their steady progression from the street band folk sound toward more complex instrumentation and song forms. Fuzzy guitars and drum kits (instead of bongos) appeared on subsequent releases. Eventually the trio had to add another musician



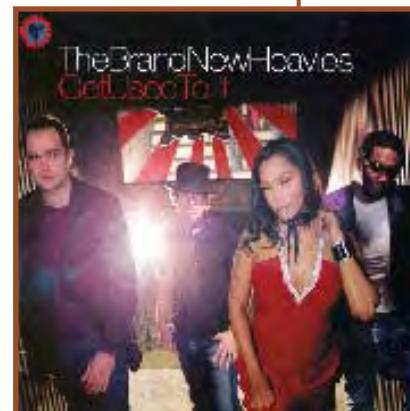
to flesh out the growing wall of sound, and they had some minor radio hits from their last album **Keep It Together**. I am tickled to have watched this band grow

and by the time the delightful hook of the chorus begins, it is as if Guster has always had spacey synth sounds in their music.

"The New Underground" begins a shift, however, with freaky surf guitars and B-52's-style keyboards. Suddenly, the Floyd-esque "Ruby Falls" sounds the wake-up call, constantly morphing its psychedelic tone. From this point on, things change. The entire approach has changed; the band members are immersing themselves, not just incorporating new sounds. By the end of the disc, the band has laid claim to broad guitar anthems, King Crimson-esque guitar noise, even U2 style "three chords and the truth" singalongs, and made each of them their own. I haven't been more

surprised and excited by a CD in quite a while. If this is Guster's **Revolver**, then their **Sgt. Pepper** can't be far behind.

<http://www.guster.com>



so far, moved largely by sheer force of the band's will and their incredibly devoted fan base.

None of this prepared me for my first listen through their fifth studio release, **Ganging Up On The Sun**. This first release, with founding members Ryan Miller, Adam Garner and Brian Rosenworcel including Joe Pisapia formally as a band member, showcases as dramatic an evolution as The Beatles between **Please, Please Me** and **Revolver**.

The 12 tracks wear their lineage proudly, full of the quirky turns of phrase and easy-to-hum melodies that won over fans in the first place. For the first half of the album, there is a comfortable familiarity as the band assimilates new sounds. "One Man Wrecking Machine," the lead single, is an excellent example. After a spacey synth opening, the familiar Guster bass pulse and guitar styles begin,



of "heavy on the one" funk in that classic James Brown vein. It has extended jams on it, which allow the band to set up a groove and run with it. For fans of their acid jazz funk sound, this is surely a gift of manna from heaven. For the rest of us, it is only about half a great album.

There are some deliriously wonderful tracks. Album opener "We've Got" lets us know that the Heavies do indeed "got what we want" when it comes to heavy, contagious R&B funk. "I Don't Know Why (I Love You)" is a blues funk so pure and sweet it makes you want to dance and cry at the same time. "Let's Do It Again" and "Right On" are irresistible, cheap, le-

gal mood elevators that won't harm your liver. "Music" dives into hip-hop for the most philosophical track on the album. And while "I Just Realized" simply soars, "I've Been Touched" borrows the soft verse/hard chorus model from grunge rock to great effect.

It is fantastic to know this band is back together making some great music. It is clear they are all having a wonderful time, and playing at the top of their form. Heavies fans will surely dig all 12 of the tracks on this album, and it is difficult not to recommend a CD where over half of the cuts are worthy of comment. Still, the weak tracks really disturb the overall flow, and seem only skip-worthy. Half a great album is better than no great album at all, right?

### Drama

Bananarama

Fuel 2000 Records

This year's trend of new releases by veteran groups continues with Bananarama's **Drama**. Unlike such albums reviewed here previously, this one is a complete waste of time. During the past decade they have been reduced to a duo after one original member left and her replacement did so too. The two remaining members, Keren Woodward and Sara Dallin, share song-

writing credits with various producers on each of the 11 new songs presented here, so at least they have the courage to own their mistakes.

The eurodancepop vibe is pleasant enough, perhaps. Early singles "Move In My Direction" and "Look On The Floor (Hypnotic Tango)" are classic Bananarama, full of unison singing and an energy that hopes to inspire foot-tapping. The production generally plays it safe, with electronic whirring and beeps sprinkled liberally throughout. The ubiquitous 120 bpm drumbeat that characterizes this genre underscores everything. If there is anything "new" offered here, it would be the occasional vocal harmony, although whether these are actually sung or are a ProTools invention remains a mystery. Any group that has been together for more than 20 years should be learning and growing. They may not be changing their core sound, but they should at least be able to show that their art and craft has evolved. There is nothing on **Drama** to suggest this is anything but "more of the same" from Bananarama. Didn't they already fade from sight once? Let them stay there.

# REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

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Christopher Lawrence, A & E Editor

### *Eighteen*

Writer/director, Richard Bell  
TLA Releasing, 101 min.

Of the many gay-themed movies I have seen this past year, *Eighteen* stands head-and-shoulders above nearly all of them, with the exception of the very disturbing *Mysterious Skin*.

This original screenplay tells two parallel stories that exist decades apart.

A young man who is struggling with his sexual identity is rejected by his family and has to live on the streets. He has a taped journal of his grandfather who served in World War I when he was eighteen.

The theme of understanding what it means to love someone even under dire circumstances is sharply illustrated.

Whether that love is between a man and a woman or between two men becomes irrelevant when life and death are in the balance.

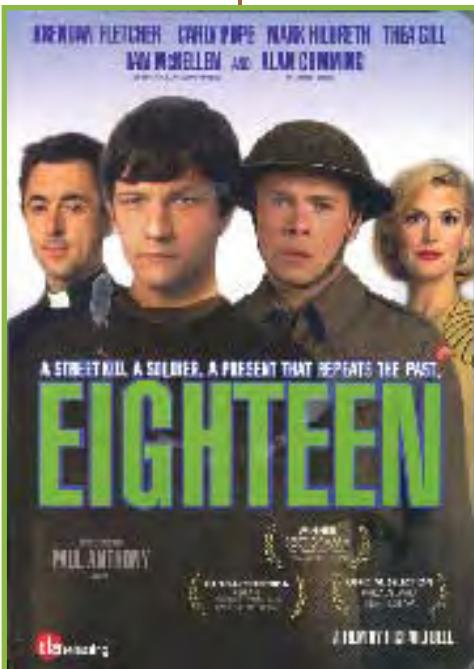
Newcomer Paul Anthony is incredibly talented as an actor with an early James Dean-like sensibility that rings true and stays free of over dramatization. He plays the homeless boy with grit and explores the meaning behind his struggle, all the while listening to the story his grandfather (voice by Ian McKellen) left for him to have on his eighteenth birthday.

Every aspect of this production is first rate, from the excellent cinematography and riveting direction to the cast of fine actors, most of whom are Canadian.

Important supporting actors, Thea Gill ("Queer as Folk") and Alan Cummings (X2), are sensitive and clear in their roles, on which the younger actors' characters depend.

The homoerotic love between the young grandfather and his wounded army buddy is heart-wrenching as honor and loyalty create a bond that will never be forgotten.

I cannot recommend this DVD highly enough. It is worth watching many times. In fact, after you watch it for the first time, watch the extras and then watch the movie again. This gem definitely belongs in your film library.



### *I Say a Little Prayer*

E. Lynn Harris  
Doubleday, 296 pages

Currently on the best-seller list, this is an unusual and revealing glimpse into the 'down-low' world of the African-American subculture of our GLBTQ brothers and sisters.

These closeted bad boys are in every segment of society, playing both fields where honesty and integrity are 'down low' on the list of traits to have in a relationship.

Women are too often played and manipulated in order to keep the dangerous truth hidden and retain the image of manliness which is exalted above all else.

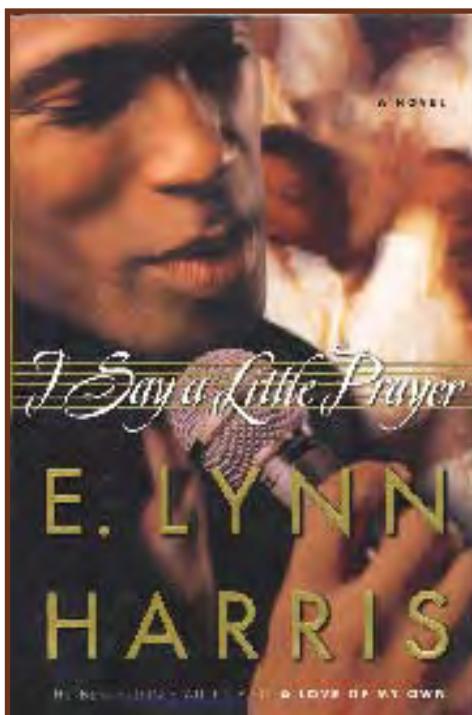
That being said, these traits are held in the same **lack** of esteem by the author as homophobia and racism. Unfortunately,

those who might be strong enough to speak out about discrimination remain complicit in silent acceptance of this attitude.

Now for the story. Chauncey, our handsome, desirable and talented hero, owns a thriving greeting card company (Cute Boy Cards). Once part of a very successful 'boy band' in his youth, it was discovered that he and another member of the group were 'more than just best friends' and he subsequently left that success in disgrace.

Many years later, realizing the shambles he is making of his love life, he commits to attending a church, becomes inspired to rekindle his dream of being a singer/songwriter and agrees to make his singing debut in his new-found home church.

The reverend asks him to sing again for a large political rally in which the

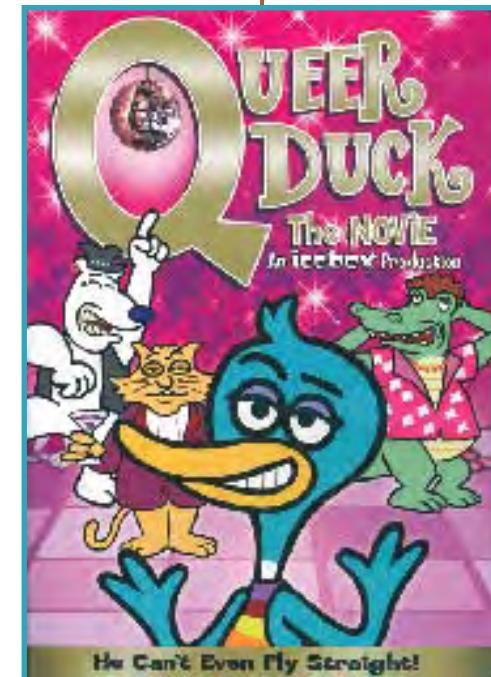


church is involved and Chauncey accepts before learning that a politician who preaches hatred against gays is using this rally to further his own career.

Can he be a part of this endeavor if it means he will be contributing to hate-mongering? He chooses instead to take part in staging "A Day of Absence" to protest the homophobia. Some great plot twists and turns, easy humor and thoughtful self-reflection are all blended to perfection, and the ending is triumphant.

This is Harris' second book to reach best-seller status. Although I have not read any of his other nine books, I understand that Harris has always had a talent for integrating many details of present day politics and social behavior, thereby bringing a sense of immediacy and present day reality into his work. He certainly has managed to keep this reviewer on his toes!

I look forward to exploring all of his books. Insightful and educated writing is all too rare and Harris has a refreshing style and manner that bring his inspiring characters (and some of them really *are* characters) to life.



Harris has garnered many awards for his novels and his memoir, and it is notable that one of them is the James Baldwin Award for Literary Excellence. No small praise and clearly deserved for his careful portrayal of a part of life that most of us in white-bread America seldom contemplate.

This author deserves to be on the shelves of GLBTQ citizens. Take some time to discover Harris' works.

More information about this fine author is available on the Web at [www.elynnharris.com](http://www.elynnharris.com).

### *Queer Duck, the Movie*

Screenwriter, Mike Rice  
Ice Box Productions, Paramount, 72 min.

Even the most cynical of us is not likely to withstand the lowbrow humor of this 15-year veteran of "The Simpsons."

I tried not to like it... Really.

*Queer Duck* is an extremely nelly nurse who claims as his posse a motley crew. Openly Gaytor, the duck's lover, sounds like

Harvey Fierstein. Bi-Polar Bear, adorned in leather, sounds very much like the late Paul Lynde.

In the various cobbled-together clips that make up the movie, Tim Curry, David Duchovney, Mark Hamill, Conan O'Brian and David Michael Richardson all have cameos that make them look cheesy. Therein lies the secret to our laughing at the bad jokes, double entendres and purely tasteless dialogue that has become the

hallmark of animation these days.

If you are not very young, most of this will probably not be your cup of tea. Unless, of course, you are in the habit of having "tea with Goldie."

If you are old enough to know that reference from the old "Smothers Brothers Show," it is likely you will need some of Goldie's 'brownies' to fully enjoy this offering.

On the other hand, some will find comfort in the campy comedy that tends toward stereotyping and gender-bending because you choose to take away the power of having it used against you by seeing it for what it is... childish, on-the-edge-of-pornographic and tasteless. (I really can't repeat that too many times.)

Nevertheless, when the send-up of Liz Taylor makes your 'tea' come spurting out your nose, one of the 15 musical numbers has you rolling on the floor or you think: "That's what I wanted to say to all those homophobic 'Wrong-Wing' preachers!," try to remember that sometimes it is OK to laugh when it seems inappropriate.

My suggestion? Hide the bong before the movie ends so that when the militia comes to investigate the noise emanating from your viewing room, no one gets arrested. I have admitted to laughing, but swear I will never watch it again, You might want to. At least you have been warned.

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# Open Letter from the Rainbow Regional Community Center Board of Directors

Dear Friends, Supporters, Donors and Volunteers of the Rainbow Regional Community Center,

On June 10, the GLBTQ community of Spokane celebrated its diversity at Pride. Also on that day, the RRCC experienced a devastating flood. The same rain that almost delayed the parade down by Riverfront Park breached the ceiling of the Center, sending scores of gallons of water down the walls in the game room, flooding the room, compromising the integrity of the back wall, and threatening our most valuable resources: our library, our store, and our computers.

Therefore, it is with regret that the RRCC Board of Directors has determined the building is no longer suitable for the Center's occupancy. Effective July 1, the doors of the Center will be closed to walk in traffic. Groups using the Center for meetings can make special arrangements to continue meeting until the space is completely vacated, hopefully by the end of July or mid-August. In the interim, no items will be sold or given away until we can determine what can be feasibly stored and conduct an inventory. Remaining items will be inventoried and either donated to other non-profits or sold to the public. We realize many of you have donated equipment and goods to the Center, and we thank you. We promise we will make every effort to either fully utilize your donation or find someone who can. However, we anticipate the search for another physical space may take time, and we cannot predict when or where the new Center will open. Please be patient with us. continued...

We are currently exploring partnerships with other GLBTQ organizations to time-share a space, and will soon organize a strategic planning meeting with community stakeholders to discuss the future role a GLBTQ community resource center will play in Spokane. While on the surface this may seem like the end of an era, we hope you will agree this is an opportunity for collaboration, communication, renewal, and rejuvenation. This is a new beginning.

The Board would first and foremost like to thank its dedicated volunteers who have given their time and heart, and struggled to keep the Center open in the most difficult times. A special thanks to Tim, who has volunteered at the Center for over two years and brought his dream of an art gallery to fruition. Other special thanks go to our Friday volunteer Barb L., our webmaster Barb, April, Paige, Trace, Mandy, Joe, Chris, Shawn and Michelle. There are other faces we know who have given their time to various events and projects and we thank you. We would also like to thank our donors and supporters, the Pride Foundation, OutSpokane, Dempsey's, the Spokane Film Festival, and Conover-Bond. Also thanks to our consumers, the groups and individuals who have used the Center over the years, including: Women and Friends, Gals and Pals, Inland Northwest Equality, Radical Cheerleaders, Action Northwest, and the Lilac City Men's Project and others through the years. Finally, the Board wishes to thank those who have served before us, former board members and staff who weaved the Center into the fabric of the GLBTQ community.

While we understand there may be feelings of loss, grief, and even animosity toward the current board for this decision, we ask for your positive thoughts, and to not allow negative feelings to hinder the Center's future in Spokane.

To everyone—this is not "good-bye"; this is "see you in a little while..."

With sincerity and respect,

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# Nothing Wrong with Our Souls

by Bob Schout

*One of the truest and most affirming lines of movie dialogue, ever written, was uttered by Bree (Felicity Huffman) in the movie Transamerica, when she staked claim to her identity, "My body may be a work in progress, but there is nothing wrong with my soul." Amen, Bree! It is an affirmation that every one of us could, and should, repeat daily.*

Too many of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters still believe that there is something wrong with their souls. No matter what they say to the contrary, their depression, anxiety about being outed, rejection of others in our community because of their own fear of being stereotyped...all point to an underlying belief that there is something wrong with their souls, and with the soul of our community.

I get it, of course. This lie has been spread throughout our culture day after day, year after year. Every time a caring friend suggests that it would be better to stay in the closet, they are implying that there is something wrong with us, not with society. With each vote cast against equal protection of our civil rights, it is implied that we are not deserving of fairness and love. And every time we choose not to question, and blindly accept, an interpretation of scripture that labels us as evil, or even implies that we are undeserving of total and complete brotherly love, we



buy-into the lie that there is something wrong with our souls. But repeating a lie over and over, does not make it the truth.

Truth is universal and eternal, and the Truth of the matter, is that each of us, as GLBT spirits on this Earth, have the power of love and light within us that is ever-present, ever-shining, ever-enriching who we are, and everlasting. No societal insinuation or theological exhortation can alter this Truth. It is simply who and what we are – beings of goodness and light.

There is nothing wrong with anyone's soul or Spirit. That's not to say that there can't be things wrong with someone's mind or heart, but a soul is eternal and the Spirit in each of us, is goodness itself, in expression. If you feel something is wrong with your thoughts in mind or heart-felt convictions, simply take this little survey:

- Do you engage in self-loathing instead of self-love?
- Are you beating yourself up

instead of building yourself up?

- Do you look at others with disdain, fear or resentment, instead of dignity, friendship and respect?

If you affirm the negative in yourself, others or situations, then you may want to work on your head and heart, but remind yourself, that doesn't mean that there is anything is wrong with your soul. If you say "yes" to the first part of each question then there is something wrong; not with your soul, but with how you think of yourself, others and life itself. Maybe this is how you've been trained to see yourself and the world. Maybe you see it because you look for the negative. We unconsciously fall into patterns of thought and over time,

forget to even acknowledge that life can be seen from a different perspective. This limited perception still does not mean that it's an accurate perception.

In the movie, when Bree uttered those words, she staked her claim definitively, and yes, righteously, to the Truth. She owned it. She pushed through her nervousness, her fear, and her self-consciousness, and she owned the authenticity of who she was, inside and out. That is our call, as GLBTQ brothers and sisters, to lay claim to the goodness of who and what we are, inside and out. Not just for our straight

brothers and sisters, but for ourselves, and for our LGBTQ friends and family members who, at times, can reinforce – through words, jokes and behaviors – the myth that we are not whole and that there is something wrong with our souls.

A guy that I know, has repeated to himself, over and over again, "I'm not a good person. God doesn't love me," all because that's what he was told growing up. He has held this thought in mind, for so long that he has transformed this lie into a truth. These lies, conveyed by a few misguided ministers, reinforced by fearful parents, perpetuated by our well-meaning but fearful gay brothers and sisters, can become truth in our own

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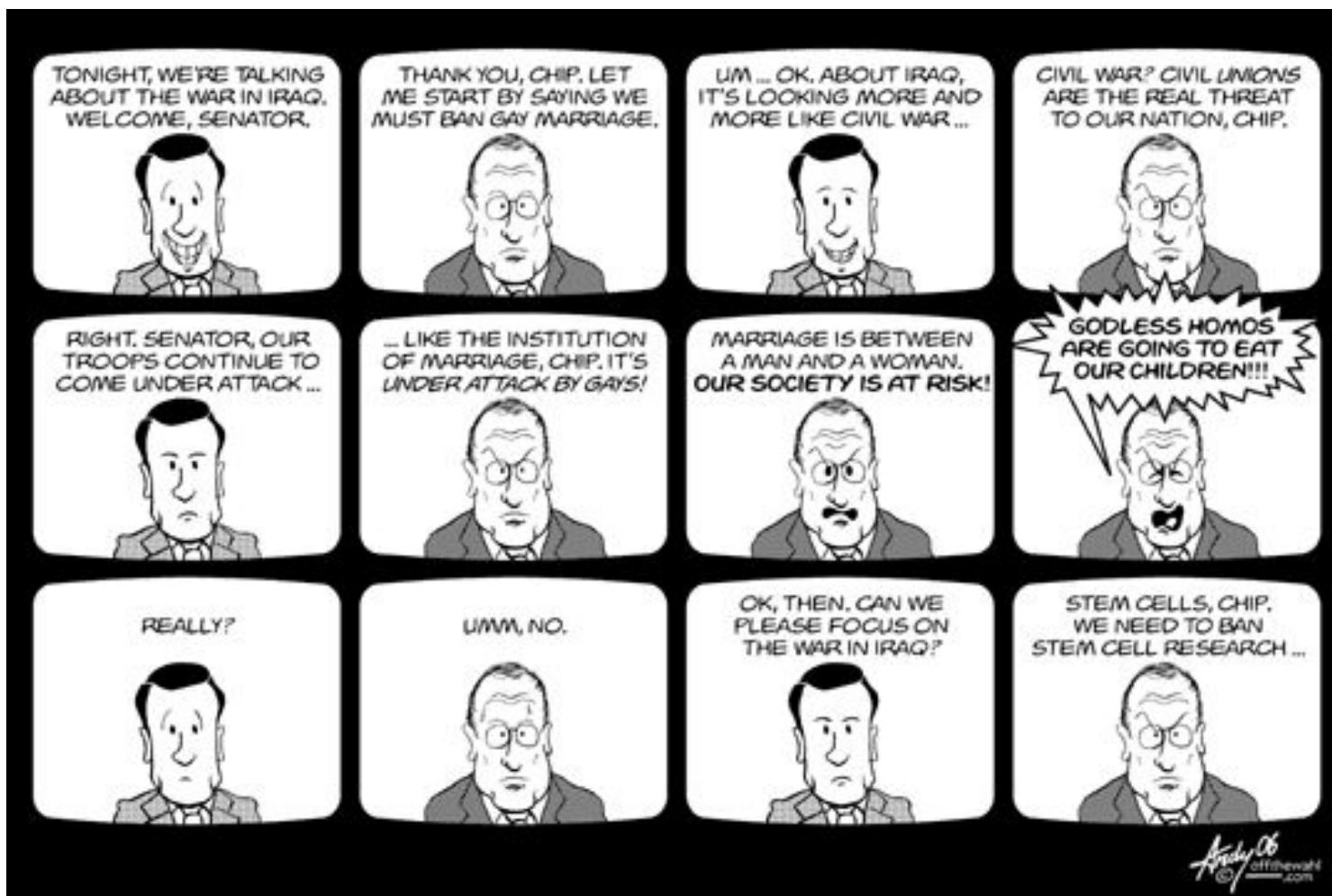
consciousness if we continue to entertain them. Even if we don't say it, we may think it. But remember, nothing changes

the fact that it's still a lie. People were trained to believe that the world was flat, and that man couldn't go to the moon; that women and black people were inferior, and that Muslims were evil. None of this training and statements, have ever been true. It's the same with the goodness of your soul. Every soul is good, by nature. Every heart is loving and pure. Every mind is able to be opened. So, if something is wrong, it's that we keep telling ourselves that "we're wrong". We keep believing lies about ourselves and others, and buy into lies that have been perpetuated for generations.

Let's stop lying to ourselves and begin to proclaim the truth. No matter what spiritual or faith-based path we're on, nothing changes the fact that we are all beings of love and light, good to our core; loved by Spirit and expressing spirit at every moment. That's a fact. That's the Truth, but that truth can only manifest, resonate in our mind, be held in our heart, and come to life in our relationships, when we – like Bree – claim it our truth.

Thank you, Bree, for reminding us that there is nothing wrong with our souls!

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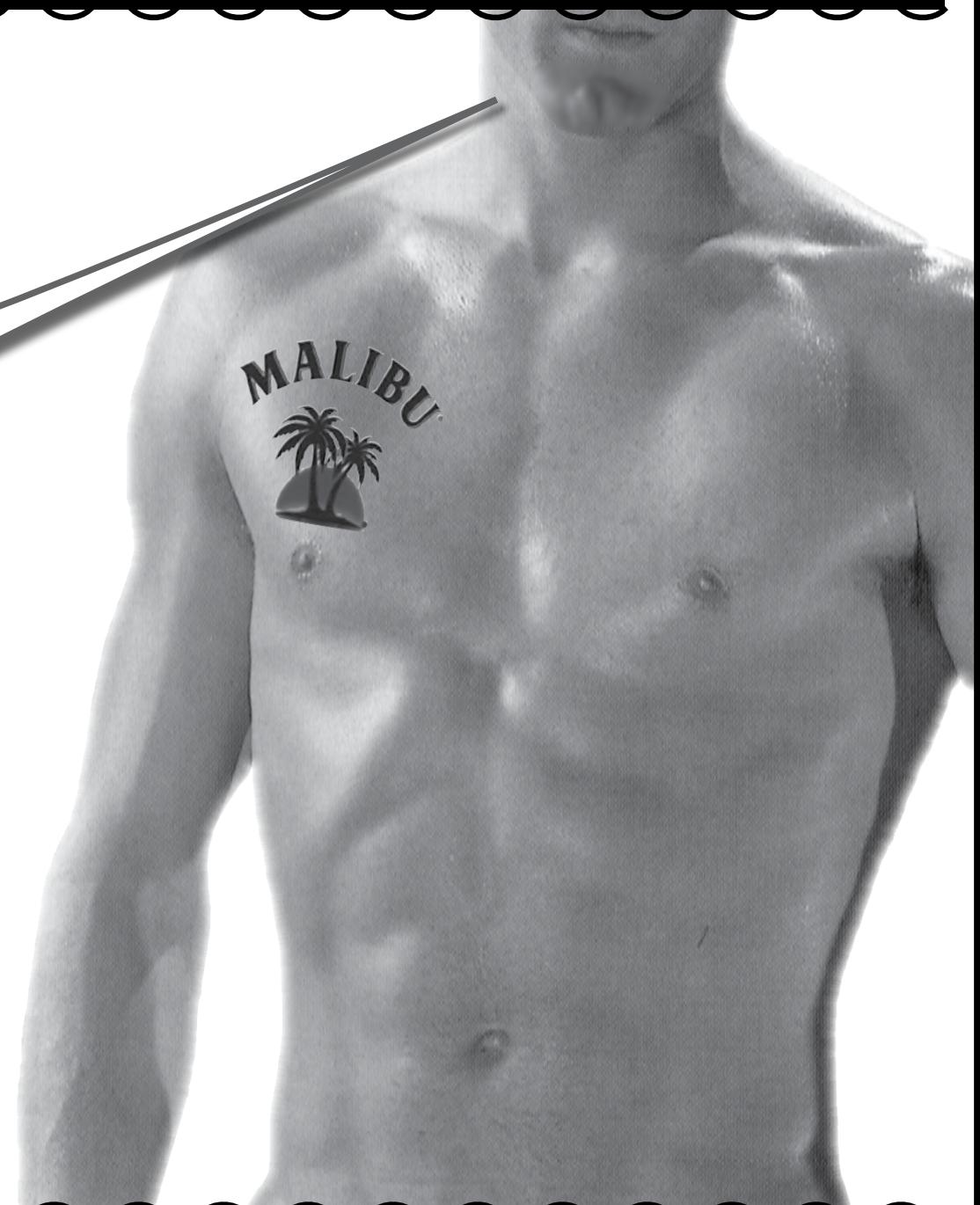


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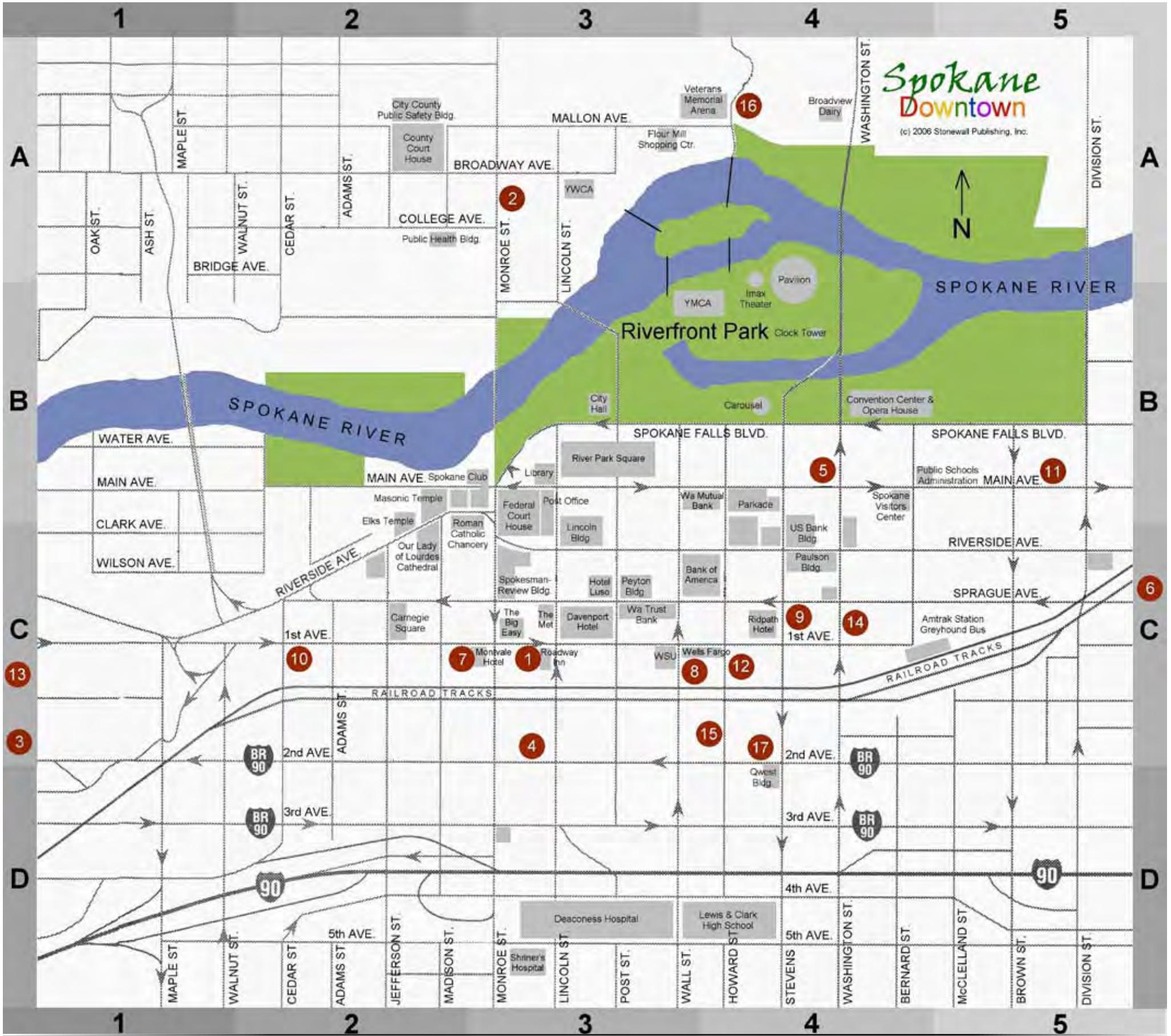
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# Resource Directory

## SPOKANE AREA

### BiNet Spokane

A social support group for bisexual men and women.

Call: (509) 217-1271

### Eastern Washington University SAFE Students' Alliance for Equality

Weekly meetings for students, faculty and staff.

Call: Kat Olson: (509) 359-4253

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

### EMCC –

#### Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church

Christian church with outreach to the GLBT community.

Call: (509) 838-0085

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

### Friends of SAN

Fundraising organization for people living with HIV/AIDS to improve the quality of their lives.

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

### Gay/Lesbian Info Line

Call: (509) 489-2266

Immediate Crisis: (509) 838-4428

### GLBT Book Group

Discusses selected works at Auntie's Bookstore at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday each month.

Call: Julie Smith: (509) 838-0206

### Gonzaga University GLBT Resource Center

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

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

**SODA** (Sexual Orientation Diversity Alliance) law school support group.

Direct line: Bryce: 323-5847

### Hospice of Spokane

Physical, emotional and spiritual care for the terminally ill and loved ones; bereavement support and HIV/AIDS counseling services.

Call: (509) 456-0438

### ISCS –

#### Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane

Call: (509) 251-1242.

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

### INBA –

#### Inland Northwest Business Alliance

A Professional GLBTQ/Allied Business Alliance. 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](mailto:info@inbaspokane.org)

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

### Inland Northwest Equality

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

Call: Krista Benson: 838-7870

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

### Integrity

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

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

### Lutheran Community Services-SafeT Response Center

Call: (509) 747-8224

Crisis line (509) 624-7273

### Lilac City Men's Project

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

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

### Northwest Fair Housing Alliance

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

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

### Odyssey Youth Center

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

Call: Ramon or Bonnie: (509) 325-3637

### Outreach Center

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

Call: (509) 838-6859

### OutSpokane

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

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

### Papillon

Social support group for the transgender community.

Call: (509) 292-8852

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

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

Call: (509): 624-6671

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

### PJALS –

#### Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane

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

Call: (509) 838-7870

### Planned Parenthood of Spokane & Whitman Counties

HIV antibody testing and counseling.

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

Administration: (509) 326-6292

### Pride Foundation/Inland Northwest

The Pride Foundation connects, inspires and strengthens the Pacific Northwest LGBT community in pursuit of equality by awarding grants and scholarships and cultivating leaders.

Call: Spokane office (509) 327-8377 or (888) 575-7717

Email: [outreach@pridefoundation.org](mailto:outreach@pridefoundation.org)

Website: [www.pridefoundation.org](http://www.pridefoundation.org)

### Quest Youth Group

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

Call: Ryan: (509) 290-3519

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

### Ryan White CARE Consortium

HIV care education and planning group.

Call: Tarena Coleman: (509) 444-8200

Email: [tcoleman@chas.org](mailto:tcoleman@chas.org)

### Rainbow Regional Community Center

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

Call: (509) 489-1914

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

### SAN –

#### Spokane AIDS Network

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

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

### Spokane County Domestic Violence Consortium

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

Call: (509) 487-6783

### Spokane Falls Community College - The Alliance

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

Call: (509) 533-4507

### Spokane Human Rights Commission

Call: Equity Office: (509) 625-6263

### Spokane Regional Health District

Providing health services and referrals for the

public. HIV testing.

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

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

### Stonewall News Northwest

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

Call: (509) 570-3750

Fax: (509) 267-6309

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

### Spokane Gender Center

Resources and support for transgender people.

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

### Unitarian Universalist Church

Gay, lesbian resource committee.

Call: (509) 325-6383

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

### Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery

Call: 535-3155

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

### Women and Friends

Women-only activities and events in the Spokane area.

Call: (509) 458-4709

## 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](http://www.nicon.org/niac)

### North Idaho College

#### Gay-Straight Alliance

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

### NIGMA -

#### North Idaho Gay Men's Association

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

E-mail: [NIGMA@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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](http://www2.stateid.us/phd1)

### PFLAG - Sandpoint

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

Call: (208) 263-6699

## LEWISTON/CLARKSTON

### PFLAG - Lewis-Clark

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

Call: (509) 758-6437

## MOSES LAKE

### AACW –

#### Alternative Alliance of Central Washington

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

Write: P.O. Box 1282,

Moses Lake, WA 98837

## PULLMAN/MOSCOW

### Washington State University Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Orientation Resource Center

Call: Heidi Stanton (509)335-8841

[hstanton@wsu.edu](mailto:hstanton@wsu.edu)

[www.thecenter.wsu.edu](http://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 GLBT people. Sunday services at 11:30 a.m.

Call: (509) 542-8860

### Tri-Cities Chaplaincy/Tri-Cities CARES

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

Call: (509) 783-7416

## WALLA WALLA

### Blue Mountain Heart to Heart

AIDS prevention education, support and services.

Call: (509) 529-4744

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

Spanish: (509) 529-2174

### PFLAG – Walla Walla

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

Call: (509) 529-5320

Write: 527 E. Oak

Walla Walla, WA 99362-1248

E-mail: [pflag\\_walla2wash@hotmail.com](mailto:pflag_walla2wash@hotmail.com)

Web site: [www.wwpflag.0catch.com/](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

# AUGUST 2006 CALENDAR

Spokane, WA	Tri-Cities, Pullman/Moscow, Walla Walla, Yakima, WA
<b>Wednesday, August 2nd</b> 5:30-7:00pm	<b>Wednesday, August 2nd</b> 7:30pm-9:00pm
<b>Vision Committee Meeting</b>	<b>NIGMA Coffee Social</b> (Pullman/Moscow) NIGMA's Coffee Social is a weekly event and is held on alternating weeks in either 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 <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA</a>
<b>Thursday, August 3rd</b> 6:00-7:30pm	<b>Friday, August 4th</b> 7:00pm-9:00pm
<b>LCMP Planning (at SAN)</b> "Core Group" meeting of the Lilac City Men's Project. These meetings replace the "meet & greets" which now occur on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Ella's and the Empyrean. (see calendar) At these meetings we plan, strategize and talk about upcoming events, bar zaps, and wellness groups, and how we can collaborate with other GLBTQ organizations to put on events and present wellness groups. New guys are always welcome at these meetings, but they are PLANNING meetings, so come prepared to give your input! SAN is located at the corner of 9th and S. Monroe, in the big blue house across the street from Huckleberrys!	<b>First Fridays</b> (Yakima, 1st Street Conference Center) Yakima's gay social group welcomes you and your friends to our monthly gathering
<b>Friday, August 4th</b> 7:15-9:00pm	<b>Sunday, August 6th</b> 6:00pm-7:00pm
<b>OutSpokane Meeting</b> (at Kress Gallery) Meetings are the Kress Gallery on the 3rd floor of RiverPark Square each Thursday from 7:15 to 9 pm. Located next to and behind the food gallery near the theater ticket outlets.	<b>NIGMA First Friday</b> (Pullman/Moscow, University Inn Quiet Bar) NIGMA First Friday Cocktail Hour at the University Inn Quiet Bar in Moscow. Visit us on the web at <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA</a> for more information.
<b>Friday, August 4th</b> 8:00-10:00pm	<b>Monday, August 7th</b> 7:30pm-8:30pm
<b>Friday Night OUT!</b> (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!	<b>River of Life MCC Sunday Service</b> (Tri-Cities, Center for Positive Living)
<b>Sunday, August 6th</b> 8:30am-2:00pm	<b>Tuesday, August 8th</b> 7:00pm-10:00pm
<b>LCMP Hiking Group</b> (Spokane/E. Washington/N. Idaho Area) Hikes and meeting times will vary. One hike per month will be an easier hike, the other will be a little more on the rigorous side. Call for details: 509-267-9444	<b>Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service</b> (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
<b>Friday, August 4th</b> 5:00-6:00pm	<b>Monday, August 7th</b> 7:30pm-8:30pm
<b>EMCC Evening Service</b> (at Bethany Presbyterian)	<b>Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting</b> (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)
<b>Friday, August 4th</b> 6:30pm	<b>Tuesday, August 8th</b> 7:00pm-10:00pm
<b>ISCS Board Meeting</b> (at Dempseys)	<b>The Mid-Columbia Lavendar Community Project</b> (Pasco, Starbucks) Weekly GLBT community gathering to learn more about The Mid-columbia Lavendar Community Project
<b>Friday, August 4th</b> 7:30pm	<b>Wednesday, August 9th</b> 7:30pm-9:00pm
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<b>Tuesday, August 8th</b> 5:30-7:00pm	<b>Sunday, August 13th</b> 11:00am-1:00pm
<b>INWE Meeting</b> (at The Community Building) Monthly Inland Northwest Equality meeting. To receive an advance agenda, please e-mail Krista at <a href="mailto:inwe@qwest.net">inwe@qwest.net</a> .	<b>NIGMA Second Sunday Brunch</b> (Pullman/Moscow) NIGMA's Second Sunday Brunch is 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 <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA</a>
<b>Wednesday, August 9th</b> 11:30am-1:00pm	<b>Monday, August 14th</b> 7:00pm
<b>INBA Luncheon</b> (at Europa) Democratic Candidates for County Commissioner August will bring us three Democratic Candidates who are seeking election for County Commissioner, one of whom will face Republican Phil Harris in November. They will share their various platforms and their awareness of the GLBTOA community.	<b>River of Life MCC Sunday Service</b> (Yakima, Center for Positive Living)
<b>Thursday, August 10th</b> 7:15pm-9:00pm	<b>Monday, August 14th</b> 7:30pm-8:30pm
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<b>Saturday, August 12th</b> 9:30am-10:30am	<b>Wednesday, August 16th</b> 7:30pm-9:00pm
<b>PFLAG Moms Group</b> (at Conleys Restaurant) The MOM'S Group, an informal support group welcomes and supports mothers (and occasionally grandmothers!) of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered children. It meets monthly, on the second Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast at Conely's Restaurant on east Sprague. Call the PFLAG help line 509.624.6671 for more information.	<b>NIGMA Coffee Social</b> (Pullman/Moscow) NIGMA's Coffee Social is a weekly event and is held on alternating weeks in either 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 <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA</a>
<b>Sunday, August 13th</b> 5:00pm-6:00pm	<b>Sunday, August 20th</b> 6:00pm-7:00pm
<b>EMCC Evening Service</b> (at Bethany Presbyterian)	<b>River of Life MCC Sunday Service</b> (Tri-Cities, Center for Positive Living)
<b>Tuesday, August 15th</b> 7:00-9:00pm	<b>Monday, August 21st</b> 7:30pm-8:30pm
<b>PFLAG Monthly Meeting</b> (at Unitarian Church) We meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane at 7 PM. 4340 W. Fort Wright Dr. Spokane WA 99224 Our mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for GLBTQ family and friends.	<b>Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service</b> (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
<b>Thursday, August 17th</b> 6:00pm-7:30pm	<b>Tuesday, August 22nd</b> 7:00pm-10:00pm
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<b>Saturday, August 19th</b> 11:30-1:00pm	<b>Wednesday, August 23rd</b> 7:30pm-9:00pm
<b>OWLS Potluck Picnic</b> (at Mission Park) OWLS Potluck Picnics are held at Mission Park at 11:30am. If the weather is nasty, meet at the Old Country Buffet at 11:30am. To find the picnic site, look for the pink triangle or turn on your GAYDAR. Please bring food to share, your favorite drink, your own plates and utensils, and your own chair.	<b>NIGMA Coffee Social</b> (Pullman/Moscow) NIGMA's Coffee Social is a weekly event and is held on alternating weeks in either 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 <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA</a>
<b>Sunday, August 20th</b> 1:00pm	<b>Thursday, August 24th</b> 7:00pm-9:00pm
<b>EMCC Annual Picnic</b> (at Jess & Carol's) It's a picnic and you are invited! On Saturday, August 19th, from 1pm until dusk (or dark!), members and friends of Emmanuel MCC are invited to Jess & Carol's home on Lake Pend Oreille for our annual picnic. (please see online calendar for directions and details.)	<b>PFLAG Monthly Meeting</b> (Tri-Cities, Check website for meeting location)
<b>Sunday, August 20th</b> 8:30am-2:00pm	<b>Friday, August 25th</b> 7:00pm-9:00pm
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<b>Monday August 21st</b> 5:30pm-7:30pm	<b>Sunday, August 27th</b> 6:00pm-7:00pm
<b>Vision Committee Meeting</b>	<b>River of Life MCC Sunday Service</b> (Tri-Cities, Center for Positive Living)
<b>Wednesday August 23rd</b> 6:00-8:00pm	<b>Monday, August 28th</b> 7:30pm-8:30pm
<b>LCMP Social Hour</b> (at Empyrean) Come by the Empyrean for a some chat time with the Lilac City Men's Project guys! Look for the guys with the purple "Play Safer" wristbands.	<b>Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service</b> (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
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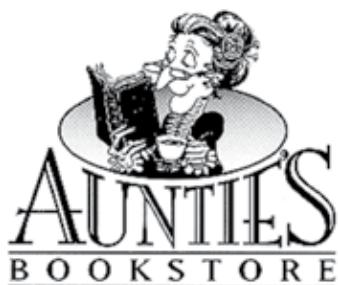
72% said they prefer to buy from  
companies that advertise in GLBT media?

**Missoula, Butte, Kalispell, MT**

- Friday, August 4th - Sunday, August 6th**  
All Weekend  
**Meet Me In Montana**  
(at Cowboy Up Montana Ranch, outside of Regis, MT)  
You are cordially invited to a weekend at the Cowboy Up Montana Ranch for Rafting, Dining & Dancing! Sponsored by Pacific Northwest Gay Rodeo Association. For more information visit: [www.cowboyupmontana.com/meetme.htm](http://www.cowboyupmontana.com/meetme.htm) or e-mail [jefftaylor@blackfoot.net](mailto:jefftaylor@blackfoot.net)
- Saturday, August 5th**  
9:00pm-2am  
**Club O**  
(at Elks Lodge Upstairs, Missoula)  
Dancing, Gaming, Family & Friends.
- Wednesday, August 9th**  
Evening  
**Community Summer BBO** (at Greenough Park Picnic Shelter)  
Friends and Families are cordially invited to Second Annual Community Summer BBO. Burgers ready around 7pm. Chips, drinks, and burgers provided! Feel free to bring salads, desserts, kids, lawn chairs, frisbees, etc. RSVP appreciated by Aug 1st to: David or John at FDH & Assoc 829-8075.
- Friday, August 11th - Sunday, August 13th**  
All Weekend  
**Diva Weekend** (Butte)  
Crazy Camp Talent Show-Friday Night, Poker Run, Pool Cournament, BBQ (Sat afternoon instead of Sun), After Poker Run, Hi Heel Races, DJ Dancing, Karaoke, Dart Tournament, Sat Night-Traditional ISCSM Show, Sunday-Bloody Mary Brunch. For more info visit <http://www.buttebass.org> or contact Kookie at [kookehughes@aol.com](mailto:kookehughes@aol.com).
- Friday, August 18th - Sunday, August 20th**  
All Weekend  
**Gay Summer Camp** (at Red Lodge Area)  
A weekend retreat to promote the health and wellness of gay and bisexual men in Montana. Come join us to learn how to stay safe and healthy. A free event. Lodging and meals provided. Registration required. Call FDH & Associates @ 8887713.4683 to register. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 9th
- Thursday, August 24th**  
11:30am-1:00pm  
**Ryan White Workshops** (Yellowstone City-County Health Dept, Butte)  
Topic: Ask Kathy! Presented by Kathy Hall PA-C. Workshops are held in the upstairs conference room at the Yellowstone City-County Health Dept at 11:30 - 1pm. Contact Jay Goehring at 406-247-3376 or email [Jay for more Info jayg@ycchd.org](mailto:Jay for more Info jayg@ycchd.org).
- Sunday, August 27th**  
2:00pm  
**Butte Picnic** (Sheepshead Park, Butte)  
Contact Rick Holman for details: [rick@mtgayhealth.org](mailto:rick@mtgayhealth.org)

**Bellingham, WA**

- Wednesday, August 2nd**  
5:30pm  
**A Movable Feast: Wednesday Dinner Gatherings**  
(801 Newell St., Bellingham)  
It's been called the greatest gay men's social gathering in a 5 county area. A good place to get out and see who's around in Bellingham area. Open to both men and women, but almost always men. Tends to be most popular with men over 40, but some younger people go as well. It's a different mix each week. Usually around 15 to 25 people attend. Some regulars, always open to newcomers or folks who just drop by occasionally. People order their meals separately and enjoy the conversation. Locations are announced only a few days before gathering (we rotate to different restaurants each week and one house party at the first of each month. Details at <http://www.theslowlane.com/dinner.html> (link to Yahoo group).
- >Wednesday Dinner for August 2nd is the first Wednesday of the month Barbecue. 5:30 PM, 801 Newell St. Turn up hill on Newell at corner by Pipeline Pizza. That's coming along the arterial who's name changes from Samish Way to Maple to Ellis in just a few blocks.
- Bring your meat, beverage and side dish to share. Questions call Carl 739-4847 or Ken 715-3122.
- Wednesday, August 9th**  
Evening  
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- Sunday, August 13th**  
1:00pm-4:00pm  
**Salon Q: A Queer Discussion Group** (at 5461 Noon Rd, Bellingham)  
Salon Q is an ongoing discussion group to explore topics of relevance to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, intersex and queer folks and our allies. Meetings are open to anyone who wants to discuss the topic in a respectful way. Topic: Conformity. Bring a snack to share.
- Wednesday, August 16th**  
Evening  
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- Wednesday, August 23rd**  
Evening  
**A Movable Feast: Wednesday Dinner Gatherings** (Location varies)  
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- Saturday, August 26th**  
2:00pm  
**Washington Gender Alliance Annual Potluck Picnic and Campout**  
(at 6425 Happy Hollow Road Stanwood, WA, Bellingham)  
You're invited to our largest social event of the year ! People who attend both our Everett and Bellingham Open Support meetings, as well as their friends, family (children, too !), and supporters, will all be there; and we hope you will be, too. It will be a blast, as always, with plenty of food and fun in a beautiful setting that is private and green in Snohomish County. You don't have to spend the night to join the festivities, but it will make the party last longer if you do !
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- RSVP & Info: 360-445-2411 or [info@washingtongenderalliance.org](mailto:info@washingtongenderalliance.org)
- It would be especially helpful if you'd let us know if your planning on spending the night. And as always, donations are greatly appreciated. There's food to be bought and Honey Buckets to be rented.
- Wednesday, August 30th**  
Evening  
**A Movable Feast: Wednesday Dinner Gatherings** (Location varies)  
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## 12 - Announcements & Notices

### National GLBTQ Youth 'Talk Line'

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**Items Wanted.** Odyssey Youth Center has an ongoing need for bus token dona-

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

## 13 - Volunteers

### Spokane AIDS Network Needs Volunteers

Contact Cherie at 509/455-8993

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

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### Construction, Volunteers/ Materials Needed

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## 46 - Miscellaneous For Sale

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## Sunday

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## Monday

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## Tuesday

- Martinis w/Bartender Joe, 7 pm
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## Wednesday

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