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This Issue dedicated to

Susan Fabrikant and the Staff of Spokane AIDS Network

for more than 20 years of dedicated and untiring vigilance in combatting AIDS and HIV for our community in the Inland Northwest!

Fly your Flags on Fridays!

An interview with Mayor Hession

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



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

Edited transcript of interview with Spokane Mayor Dennis Hession:

STONEWALL: Do you think sexual orientation is a choice?

MAYOR: No, I do not. I have a good friend who is gay . . . in San Francisco. We've had that discussion about choice before, and I honestly rely substantially on my conversations with him in making that sort of quick statement about whether I think it's a choice or not.

STONEWALL: Did he change your mind?

MAYOR: No. I don't know that I had an opinion before I talked to him. But I probably had the same opinion . . . I have a lot of respect for him. He's a great guy, a good friend of our family, and he means a lot to us, and so when he told me that [it was not a choice], I believed him.

STONEWALL: Do you separate your personal belief from your professional position in that regard? In

other words, you represent a constituency that's obviously across the board, and it's incumbent upon you to bring everybody to the table. Do you separate that?

MAYOR: I guess I'm not sure quite what you mean. I don't take different positions privately and publicly. Is that what you mean?

STONEWALL: Yes.

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Publisher's Note:

Former Mayor Jim West declined Stonewall interview requests. The opportunity to engage current Mayor Hession in questions relevant to our GLBTQA community was a welcome shift in posture. Questions posed in the interview included some from community members as well as other questions designed to gauge the Mayor's position on homosexuality and equal marriage; discussing the Mayor's leadership; and exploring discrepancies that might exist between his (pro) position on equal rights and yet potentially perceived inaction to further them.

Gays can learn from civil rights backlash

by Deb Price

Gays can learn from civil rights backlash

In May 1954, overjoyed by the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Brown v. Board of Education that racially segregated public schools were unconstitutional, NAACP attorney

Thurgood Marshall predicted school segregation would vanish within five years.

Instead, a decade later, only 1 percent of black children in the Deep South sat in the same classrooms as whites.

What had interfered? A fierce backlash by the white majority.

That backlash prompted black leaders to debate whether full-throated demands for equality, particularly in courts, should

be replaced by a go-slow approach aimed at giving white supremacists more time to see the error of their ways.

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it using Google.) He stresses that the heterosexual backlash after the 2003 Massachusetts ruling opening marriage to gay couples was a predictable majority response to minority progress -- much like the backlash after Brown.

Legal scholar Carlos Ball offers historical perspective and a much-needed pep talk in "The Backlash Thesis and Same-Sex Marriage" in the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal. (Find

Why? Because civil rights movements ask "the majority to give up privileges that reinforce their perceived superiority," Ball says. And a lot of people get mighty angry when their special privileges are threatened.

The Massachusetts marriage decision certainly wasn't the first ruling to trigger reactionary constitutional amendments or to bring out the worst in some folks.

Soon after Brown, 11 black children were admitted to a white high school in Milford, Del. White parents were furious; outsiders burned crosses; the school was boycotted. In the end, integration was delayed another eight years.

Louisiana amended its constitution in 1954 to declare that public schools "shall be operated separately for white and colored children."

Yet NAACP attorneys wisely pushed ahead, getting the Supreme Court in 1955 to order desegregation "with all deliberate speed."

Resistance intensified: Southern voters replaced moderate politicians with strict segregationists. The Ku Klux Klan spread like a virus. Nearly 100 Southern congressmen blasted the high court. Some towns shut down their schools.

But once backlash is recognized as unavoidable, it is "less threatening," says Ball, who adds, "The aftermath to Brown teaches us that the backlash can be overcome."

Recent gay marriage setbacks -- court losses in New York and Washington state, and the sad breakup of the lead lesbian couple in the Massachusetts case -- are painful. But civil rights movements are

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Voices

Letters to the Editor

GLBTQA people have to work together

On June 1st, as the community is entering a month filled with Pride celebrations around the United States I finally shut down the DesertOasis.org website after running it for three-and-a-half years. Desert Oasis was created to provide one central location for people in Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon to go and post their events, communicate to other organizations, and get their resource information out to the community. It is something needed in Eastern Washington. With all our small communities; duplicating resources only drains our organizations.

We must have communication and cooperation to get organizations to work together as a team. Local GLBTQA-friendly businesses in small communities need to have a place where they can let

our community know that they exist. Most of all the community at large needs easy access to information about their rural communities in one central location. The plan was to start first in the Tri-Cities, and work our way out through the region. As people found out it was not "a big ole party", volunteers left. We never got much beyond the Tri-Cities because most Local GLBTQA organizations refuse to work together as a team. They're all comfortable at their table in the High school café and they refuse to mix it up and work and interact with others.

Trying to accomplish this was a huge waste of three years. I must admit when Desert Oasis was in collaboration with S.P.A.R.C. (Sex Positive Adult Resource Center) we were at our best, and we put on the best community wide event that involved all organizations, businesses, and people within the GLBTQA community working together. This task was so difficult

and took so much energy out of us, Desert Oasis and S.P.A.R.C. was brought to their needs from burnout. Since Blue Ball 2004 Desert Oasis and S.P.A.R.C. never recovered. Now that Desert Oasis is offline my dream of people, working together in the GLBT community as a team is over.

I have trouble understanding that GLBTQA people would not want to work together. We fight so hard to get heterosexual community to accept us, but how can we get them to accept us when we discriminate within our own community. You have the religious groups, bar crowds, old people, young people, different races and the worst of all Lesbians against gays. It's just one giant high school cafeteria with the different clicks, everyone is comfortable at their "Special Table" and refuse to talk or work with the other group.

Christopher W. Mobley
 Eastern Washington

Spokane

The buzz about Stem & Stein

Community Service Announcement

by Susan Fabrikant
 Executive Director, Spokane AIDS Network

The Second Annual Stem and Stein on June 16, 2006 at Northern Quest Casino was a resounding success with 300 people attending. The event raised \$18,000 to benefit the Spokane AIDS Network and imparted education about HIV/AIDS.

There are many ingredients that make a successful event. Stem and Stein had them. The most essential ingredient was a group of committed volunteers. This core group of twelve remarkable and dedicated volunteers, guided by Huckleberry's Wine Steward Drew Smith, met monthly for a year to plan and coordinate the event. It truly was a "labor of love" and a first class act. Our kudos to each one of you from the SAN staff, Board, and community!

Another essential ingredient was Northern Quest Casino. With their superb catering and banquet department—from set-up and finishing touches, to the delicious assortment of food, to clean up—all elements were completed with impeccable good taste.

Other essential ingredients include the "products" and Drew certainly out did himself! Over 150 wines and beers were featured from local and regional vendors and distributors; and wineries from all over Spokane and the Pacific Northwest presented their best and special selections. An incredible pre-function gourmet Italian Bistro Wine Dinner—prepared by Northern Quest chef Chad Michelbook and hosted by Char Kowalczyk from Small Vineyards and Drew Smith—complete with specialty Italian wines and Italian singers was a dining experience not to be missed!

All guests were treated to a glass of champagne, compliments of Barefoot Cellars, as they entered the Pend Oreille Pavilion. Wonderful music was provided by the talented Ken Haugen with Lucinda Kay as the emcee. Chocolate tasting and a silent auction were the final touches to a fabulous evening.

We are thankful to our sponsors Northern Quest Casino, Kalispel Tribe of Indians, and Ste. Michelle Wine Estates. Many people and businesses made this

event outstanding: Numerica, Barrie Ryan, Huckleberry's, Odom, Vehr's, Harvest Vines, Craven's Coffee, Bottles of Grapes, Boehm's Chocolates and Flowers, Craven's Coffee, Itron, Robert Karl Cellars, Nobles, Frame It Today and all the wineries from across our region. You all are true community partners. We thank all of our guests who bid vigorously and who were very generous to SAN.

Stem and Stein has a winning recipe that will be cooked up again for the Third Annual Stem and Stein. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Susan Fabrikant or Anne Kalunian at 455-8993 or e-mail us at susanf@san-nw.org or annekal@san-nw.org. We welcome your energy and ideas!

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When the bashing's at home; LCSN offers support

by Joyce Crosby
Special to Stonewall News Northwest

Domestic violence is not a gender issue.

It is not a kinky act of S & M.

And it is definitely not just another "lover's quarrel".

Domestic Violence in the GLBTQ community is a serious issue. Domestic violence, also called Intimate Partner Violence or IPV, refers to a pattern of behavior in which one person tries to control the thoughts, beliefs or conduct of a partner through a cycle of abuse which includes, but is not limited to, physical and sexual abuse, psychological and emotional abuse, property destruction, threats and intimidation, and homophobic manipulation.

Domestic violence between intimate partners occurs in 25% of both heterosexual and same-sex couples. While intimate partner violence in GLBTQ relationships may be as prevalent as that in heterosexual relationships it is in some ways different. Perpetrators often attempt highly specific forms of abuse, including:

- Outing victim to family, employers, neighbors
- Disclosure of HIV status to family, employers
- Threats of losing custody of children to a third party
- Threats of loss of property because it is in the name of the abuser
- Suggesting that no one will help the victim simply because she is gay
- Justifying abuse with the notion that a partner is not really gay
- Suggesting that abuse is a normal part of LGBT relationships
- Monopolizing support of friends and blood relatives in order to cut off resources to the survivor
- Portraying the violence as mutual or consensual

There are several reasons why domestic violence is not a high-profile issue in the GLBTQ community. While some work has been done in GLBTQ communities to address the needs of lesbians, minimal efforts have been made to address the needs of battered gay and bisexual men and even less has been done for transgender individuals. The fear of confirming stereotypes of GLBTQ communities often contributes to our own

minimizing of abuse. The belief that we are safest within the GLBTQ community makes it difficult for us to understand and acknowledge domestic violence.

Intimate partner violence is an extremely personal issue in which the survivor has many reasons for not telling others or reaching out for help. Personal feelings of shame, hopelessness, or denial can effectively prevent survivors from seeking assistance.

Fear of rejection and stigmatization from the heterosexual community, due to homophobia, is another reason victims may be afraid to seek help. They may not reach out to the gay community for fear of rejection and stigmatization because of the violence. It is this profound isolation that often keeps the victim in the abusive relationship.

Having safe and supportive places to talk openly about domestic violence is critical to healing. Members of the GLBTQ community are rarely provided with opportunities to feel their pain and anger at having been abused, to reflect on what happened, and to confront self-blame so that can move on with their lives. They often feel they have to avoid social outings, and may become very isolated in an attempt to avoid the person who abused them.

Lutheran Community Services Northwest will be offering a support and education group for gay lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals who are victims of domestic violence within a same sex relationship. Issues and topics to be covered include safety, resources, legal issues, boundary setting, conflict resolution, and refusing to be a victim. The ten week group will be facilitated by two Master's level therapists. The group is funded by a \$3465 grant from Pride Foundation/Spokane-Kootenai, and will be offered free of charge to participants. Anyone who has experienced domestic violence within a GLBTQ relationship is encouraged to call for more information LCS Intake at 747-8224.

Partner abuse in the GLBTQ community is an issue that we need continue to address. If an individual shares his or her story with you, I hope you can recognize the great strength it took for that person to do that. It is important to try to listen supportively, without blame or judgment. There is a lot of strength and love in our community that we can use for inspiration when dealing with this difficult subject.

Rainbow Center News

RRCC will hold strategic planning meeting

The Rainbow Regional Community Center will host a strategic planning meeting on September 9, in the Schadle Public Library meeting room, 2111 West Wellesley in Spokane. The two-part meeting will first include a GLBTQ leadership roundtable, which will be by invitation only, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon. Then, the greater community will have the opportunity to participate from Noon – 3 p.m.

"This meeting will focus on the future, not the past," says Cat Carrel, current chair of the board of directors. "What we are looking for is participation in the form of ideas and suggestions on how the Center can not only meet the basic needs of our GLBTQ community, but how it can enhance our quality of life."

Carrel stresses that "this will not be a massive bitch session."

"Believe me, we have heard pretty much everything there is to hear about what has not gone well," Carrel adds. "We need to focus on the future and have a positive dialog about how we can get there. This meeting will form our vision for the future."

For more information, e-mail Carrel at catcarrel@spokanerainbowcenter.org. If your organization would like to participate in the roundtable discussion, call 489-1914 or e-mail the above address.

Rainbow Center to hold Surplus Sale

The RRCC will hold a Surplus Sale on Saturday August 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday August 27, Noon to 5 p.m. at the 508 W. 2nd Ave. location to sell surplus inventory and duplicates. Items such as non-GLBTQ videos and books, surplus furniture, and other items will be sold to the public. The Rainbow Store will also be open during these hours with specials and discounted items. Non-profit organizations, with a preference given to queer non-profit organizations, will have an opportunity to pick from designated surplus items on a first-come-first-served basis on Friday, August 25 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the RRCC at 489-1914 or e-mail info@spokanerainbowcenter.org.

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Money Matters

Yours, Mine, Ours ...and MINE

by Lloyd M. Francis

You wake up one morning with the person you most care about by your side and suddenly the thresholds of connection, courting, and cohabitation are long passed. Things are going well for the most part, but the issues that keep coming up between you or just in your mind all revolve around money.

You keep dismissing them because it's unromantic, tedious, ignoble, or because you believe you are better suited to working them out by yourself and avoid burdening your partner when they have so many other things on their minds.



It's a very big mistake. If we are actively appropriating lessons learned from heterosexual married couples, we shouldn't miss this one. One of the top three causes of marital breakup is disagreement over financial matters.

The values we treasure most in our relationships—love, respect, and trust—have to apply to the way we manage, commingle, and disclose all the monetary facts about each other. This does not necessarily mean that you have to throw everything into one big pool of funds, although this may work for some. If you came from a previous life or relationship that bore children, you may especially want to earmark separate monies of your own for them.

Daunting and cynical as it may seem, the first responsibility you have before throwing your lives in together, is to divulge to your partner where you stand financially, and how you envision finances being handled from the moment you enter into the partnership. A study of married persons in the Journal of Socio-Economics reports that 'One reason for the disagreement is that both husbands and wives discount how much their partners earn in income. Both men and women reported their spouses' earnings as about \$3,300 to \$3,500 less than reported by their spouses themselves.'

Moving on from there, there is a full spectrum of strategies you can employ, from blending to separating (sound like the Food Network?). Discuss with your partner how they honestly feel about each of these approaches, and find a middle ground if necessary:

Yours and Mine: There are successful couples who never mix belongings or funds. One may own the house they live in without tenancy-in-common, and pay all the related bills. They have their own credit cards, charge accounts, get separate checks at restaurants, and consider the belongings they had at the outset to be entirely theirs, as well as any subsequent acquisitions. Gifts become the property of the recipient. This has the advantage of clarity in the event of dissolution of the relationship. The partners can walk away with undisputed ownership of everything they merged into one household. Two cautions to these couples: 1) Keep a List and Keep it Updated. After years of being together, sometimes it is difficult to remember who paid for what, or who bestowed what gift on what occasion. 2) Consider in detail what you want to happen to your possessions in the event that you are no longer around to cherish them. Draft a will or other pertinent document to make it official,

and discuss what you have done with your partner. Get their input on what vestiges of your life together are important to them.

Yours, Mine, Ours: This approach assumes a middle ground, generally in the form of a Household Account, into which each person contributes a pre-agreed amount at pre-agreed intervals. Credit/Debit cards can be issued in both names for this account. Everything purchased through the account is considered to be for the mutual benefit of each person, every item considered jointly owned in equal shares, and every decision to purchase is to be made together. In a relationship where the partners' earnings vary due to the pay-scales of their professions, they should agree that a lesser amount if it is the same percentage of the person's income, qualifies as an equal contribution. Outside of the Household Account, each person may still retain their own separate financial identity, and ownership of the things and monies that are important to them. Again—Important! Keep lists, and document everything legally, especially regarding future concerns.

No Yours, No Mine, Just Ours: For persons to whom possessions have little relevance, who consider their earnings to be each for the other and financial liabilities to be mutually accountable, there are attractive benefits to blending all monies and ownership. This type of arrangement should be backed up with appropriate legal structures such as: Partnership Contracts, formations of LLC's or Corporations, if they can be justified, Wills or Revocable Living Trusts. Once done, couples have the option of sharing or re-proportioning tax liabilities or authorized deductions, improving each other's credit scores, converting many ordinary household expenses into deductible items, and ultimately reducing estate taxes or legal fees if one passes away. The potential downside of this arrangement is that once shared, without the proper legal framework, the distinctions between the owners can be removed. Example: If you own your home together, as tenants-in-common, and one partner passes, the other has in effect received one-half of the value of the property, creating possible adverse tax consequences.

There are no judgments implicit to any of these methods of dealing with your money. What works for the both of you is all that matters. You can graduate from one philosophy to another as the years pass, and your professional counselors show you how to make the most of what you have built together. Just remember to keep applying the yardstick of honesty, respect, and deep concern for your partner's well-being to every financial decision you make.

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Letters of the Law

As the HIV virus evolves, so does the law

by Jerry J. Davis

The battle with HIV not only rages on in our bedrooms, but has found its way into our criminal justice system as well. Across the country, legislatures are busy penning new laws to hold accountable those who knowingly expose their sexual partners to HIV when deciding to either lie about their HIV status or just not mention it at all.

Washington state legislatures are no different in this area, and one decides to either lie or omit, hefty criminal circumstances may arise.

Lawmakers view some infectious/contagious diseases as deadly weapons. These weapons, when dealt with irresponsibly can subject a victim to deadly consequences, just as easily as using a gun or knife on them. HIV is now classified as one of these deadly weapons. While in dealing with HIV, the best defense lies with the "victim" in being safe and cautious, the infected partner has the ultimate responsibility to inform his/her partner to ensure a knowing a voluntary decision be made by all parties. If this is done, then legally the responsibility would lie with person armed with full knowledge decides to take the chance. However, if the true HIV information isn't shared, prosecutors have many legal remedies at their disposal. I have listed a few crimes HIV infected defendants have been found guilty of when they expose unsuspecting partners to the disease:

Murder/Manslaughter: While murder charges have been pursued, it is an extremely hard charge to make stick in most states due to the premeditation requirement. Unless a prosecutor can prove that the perpetrator thought about exposing the victim before hand and then took steps to carry it out, the charge of murder (generically) will not stick. However, this does not mean that if someone, with the facts as set forth above, infects an unknowing victim, cannot be held accountable for the life of that person. The charge then would usually be manslaughter. Manslaughter results in the loss of a life without premeditation. For this charge, recklessness or wanton disregard for life takes the place of the premeditation requirement. If there is exposure only, and not transmission of the virus, there are still very serious repercussions:

Assault/Battery (with a deadly weapon): Again, with the facts as set forth above, if someone merely exposes a partner to HIV a felony has occurred, namely assault with a deadly weapon and/or battery. The deadly weapon portion of the felony is an enhancing element which in laymen's terms means more jail time. With the



advent of such amazing cocktails that can keep an infected person alive and healthy for years to come, it may seem that the murder or manslaughter charge may never be reached. However, the legal system has a remedy for this also, namely Felony Assault.

Felony Murder: Generally speaking, there are a lot of crimes which take place where there wasn't an intended death, yet a death ended up happening. In this situation, the felony murder charge comes into play. This happens when there is a direct connection between the original offense and the unintended death of the victim. In an HIV situation it would work as a person could be exposed via an assault/battery and for 25 years live with the virus until one day the virus takes the person's life. When this happens, the State can come in and charge Felony Murder, for the death is in direct connection with the underlying original crime, the assault. Remember folks, there is no statute of limitation on murder.

I did not write this article to be morbid or morose. However, times are changing with HIV and the way our community deals with it. I have friends who are on cocktails that have made the virus "undetectable", and therefore they consider themselves to be HIV Negative. While I have not found any case law that deals with this specifically it concerns me. Putting the moral and ethical issues aside, the law mandates that we as a society take responsibility and do not purposely endanger the lives of any other person. I want to make sure that we all know there are legal ramifications that have been used as it pertains to this situation and in my opinion the laws will continue to evolve as the virus and the medications do. To protect yourself, just be honest and let your partner make an informed decision.

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

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MAYOR: Certainly there are issues that come up – that you speak about privately that can be controversial publicly that you don't necessarily talk about all the time – but I don't take different positions.

STONEWALL: What do you think our gay and lesbian community can do to better empower itself within our region?

MAYOR: Education to me is a major issue. Finding ways to talk about sameness, rather than difference, to me [that] would be helpful. I think you can show people that there is a different side of sexual orientation, yes, but other than that, in terms of people who are heterosexual . . . there are many things that are . . . everything else is the same. And I think that's helpful.

STONEWALL: Following that train of thought, emphasizing sameness, do you believe the push for a gay district is a good idea?

MAYOR: You know, I don't know that. I don't know enough about that. Certainly it's controversial because I can tell you, when that issue came up [before me] as a councilman and a council president, that was very controversial across the country. I got email from people I didn't know from around the United States telling me that either that was a good thing or a bad thing.

STONEWALL: Your position on it now is what?

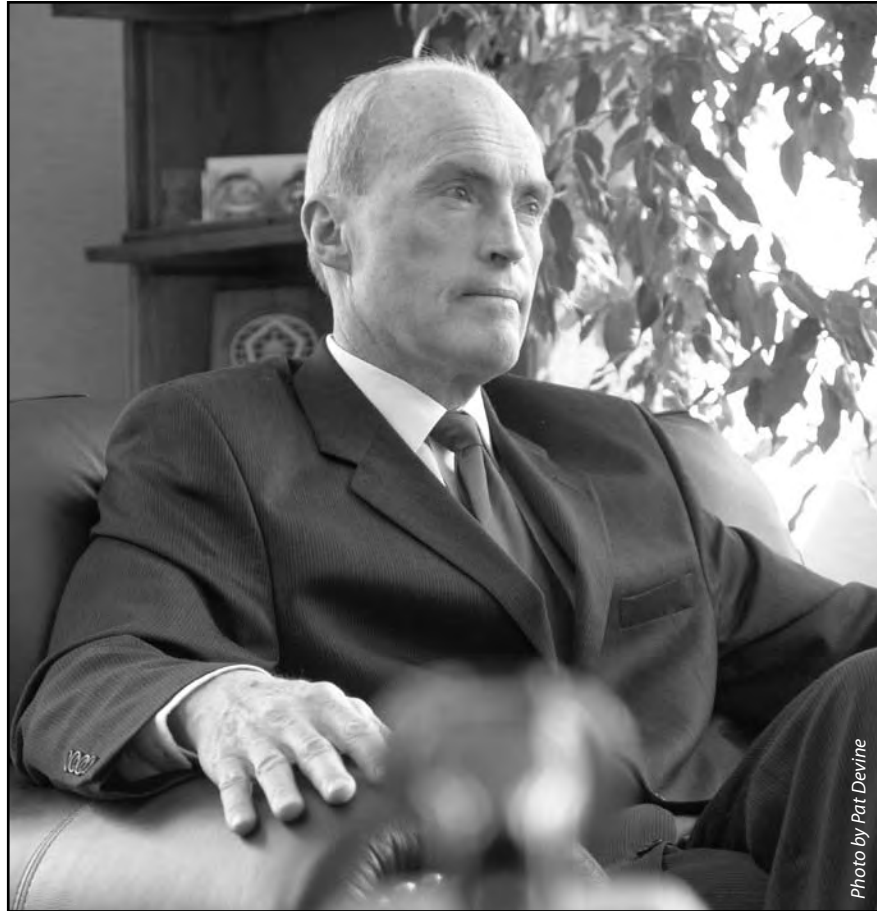
MAYOR: I don't have a position, honestly, and I'm not hedging on the question. I just have not ever had the opportunity to spend the time to see whether I think that's a good idea for this community. And, as you suggest, it's important that I look at all my constituents when I make decisions like that. And I don't know whether it's good for the gay community, frankly. I believe that Marvin Reguindin, who I enjoy and respect, has mentioned it to me, but we haven't had any in-depth conversations about it. So I just don't know enough about it to say that I think it's a good idea, or that there's a strong preference for that among the gay and lesbian community.

STONEWALL: Of course Marvin's motivation for that, and the INBA, seems to be based on Richard Florida's theory of the creative class, and I don't know if you're familiar with that?

MAYOR: I am, I am familiar with it, yes.

STONEWALL: Let's jump to some other questions. How do you think our GLBTQ community contributes to the greater community?

MAYOR: I don't know. I don't know enough about the community itself to know whether I would say that it's beneficial or not. I can tell you I know a number of members of the community that add a lot of value to the [greater] community. In terms of both their commitment as citizens, their intellectual capacity – the ones I know are bright – and so all I'm saying is that, if they're representative of the community, then that's a very positive thing because the people that I know



City of Spokane Mayor Dennis Hession

are quite capable and provide value and add a lot to the community.

STONEWALL: You participated in the [Spokane pride 2006] Rainbow festivities by reading the [City of Spokane] proclamation. As Mayor of Spokane, why do you feel that it's important to take an active role in Spokane's Pride Celebration?

MAYOR: Because I have a strong belief in the Constitution, and I believe in equality and justice for people and all people.

STONEWALL: Are you running for mayor?

MAYOR: I would say I haven't made that final commitment yet, but I like very much what I'm doing, and I believe that if things continue the way they are, I'm very likely to run for Mayor. I want it to be right for me and the community. I want to be able to say that I can honestly add value and provide . . . that my services will be something that [are] good for the community

STONEWALL: Is it right now?

MAYOR: Do I feel like I'm adding value? Yes, I do. I work hard. I believe sincerely that I'm making good decisions for the citizens of this community, and I'm working very hard to create a future for the citizens here . . . better than what we have now. And I have a sense that that's my charge – that I want to leave this place better than when I [found] it, and I'm working hard to make sure that happens.

STONEWALL: A local therapist asks, "As a therapist who works with domestic violence issues, I would like to know what type of response might be expected from the Spokane Police Department when they respond to an incident of domestic violence between a same-sex couple?" Her understanding is that often [no arrest is] made, [or] if there is, often [the crime] is not listed as domestic violence but rather as an assault. Is there a set policy, and if so, what is it?

MAYOR: My answer is I don't know. I don't know what the policy would be. But my position would be

that that situation should be treated the same as any domestic violence situation.

STONEWALL: How do you feel about legalizing gay marriage within the City of Spokane?

MAYOR: You know I haven't given that a lot of thought in terms of whether I think it's a good thing. And I don't have any compunction, any reservation about gay and lesbian couples having some kind of official relationship. I just haven't thought through all the implications – all the legal implications of all of that. I'm not hung up on saying that marriage in its traditional sense should only be reserved for people who are heterosexual. I don't have that. I just haven't thought through all of the potential implications of all that for us as a community, for this as a state, the legal implications, the societal implications.

STONEWALL: What would it take for you to consider that?

MAYOR: Oh, I'd have to think about it a bunch. I'm a lawyer, so I would have to spend some time reading and studying that issue.

STONEWALL: Would you advocate leadership in the face of popularity or are you more of a leader because of popularity? In other words, some might say that true leadership does what's right and not what's popular.

MAYOR: Well, I would hope that I would do things that are right. That is what I try to do.

STONEWALL: What I've heard you say, though, is you believe there's an innate right for equality for gays and lesbians, which extends to marriage, but you stop at the point where it becomes public policy or sanctioned by public policy.

MAYOR: But the Constitution doesn't exist in a vacuum, and how those rights are applied and what the implications are for that – I just haven't thought of that enough.

STONEWALL: But it's the right thing to do?

MAYOR: I think establishing some way to . . . for a permanent relationship is, yes, the fair thing, is the equal thing to do. I don't think that people understand the importance of it, and I have a sense of that only from the people that I know who are couples, that it's important to them to be able to share that same type of relationship.

STONEWALL: This question is from Spokane AIDS Network. "Over the past year, Spokane has been the recipient of national attention over two major news stories involving our gay and lesbian community: the first concerning Mayor West and the second concerning the proposed gay district. Because of this increased attention, conservative Spokane is beginning to take notice of us [the gay and lesbian community] although we have always been here. It seems that they do not want to accept that Spokane is not the conservative bastion it may have once been, and that progressive influences and tides may change the political and ideological landscape of Spokane forever. As mayor, you are able to initiate conversations and create commissions that explore disparities in different aspects of civic and community life, from health care to human rights, and to bring opposing viewpoints to the table as a credible and respected mediator. The question is how can the Mayor's office support and foster discussion between conservative churches and the gay and lesbian community to find reconciliation between our communities?"

MAYOR: I really have not given any thought to how this office might be able to facilitate that.

STONEWALL: Do you think it's [the role of the Mayor's office] to do that?

MAYOR: You know, I don't know. I don't think it's my specific role to do just that. I'd have to put it in a larger context – to say is it my role to find ways to facilitate interaction, to resolve conflicts generally? I don't . . . I would say it is certainly not my sole role, to do it in the context you describe. So I'd have to think about whether . . . certainly in the big picture, is that my responsibility? Of course. The quality of life [here] is my responsibility, and quality of life is not very high if you live in conflict all the time. And so, overall, do I have a responsibility to ensure in whatever way I can that we avoid conflict and move to resolution? Yes, sure. Whether that means I have an affirmative duty to go out and put together two groups? I haven't given that any thought. That's a good question. I don't know that I do that, really, right now. I certainly try to resolve conflicts whenever I see them, but in an affirmative way, to go out and try to mediate or facilitate? That's a really good question. I haven't really thought about it. I do have to say, and maybe I'm getting around to it anyway, that with regard to the issue of what is the atmosphere in this community with regard to acceptance, my thought is that that this community is different than it was ten years ago, and I'm sure there are people that would agree to disagree with me. I was in a meeting the other day, and I was talking about this being a community of inclusion, and one of my tenets of my administration is that we be a community of inclusion and I said, "I think we are," and Toni Lodge

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National & International

News snippets

Outgames worth \$100 million to Montreal

(CBS News) Montreal, Canada - The first World Outgames were a big financial success for Montreal, according to the city's board of trade.

It's estimated about half a million people were in town for the event, the first international games for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered athletes.

Visitors and athletes spent about \$100 million in the city during the games, said Isabelle Hudon, head of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal.

That's on a par with money spent during Grand Prix Weekend or the Just for Laughs and jazz festivals, she said.

"[They bought] everything that you can buy in Montreal. They enjoyed Montreal day and night life. And that's good. They enjoyed what Montreal is all about."

Quebec's gay chamber of commerce had higher estimates, saying \$180 million was spent in the city.

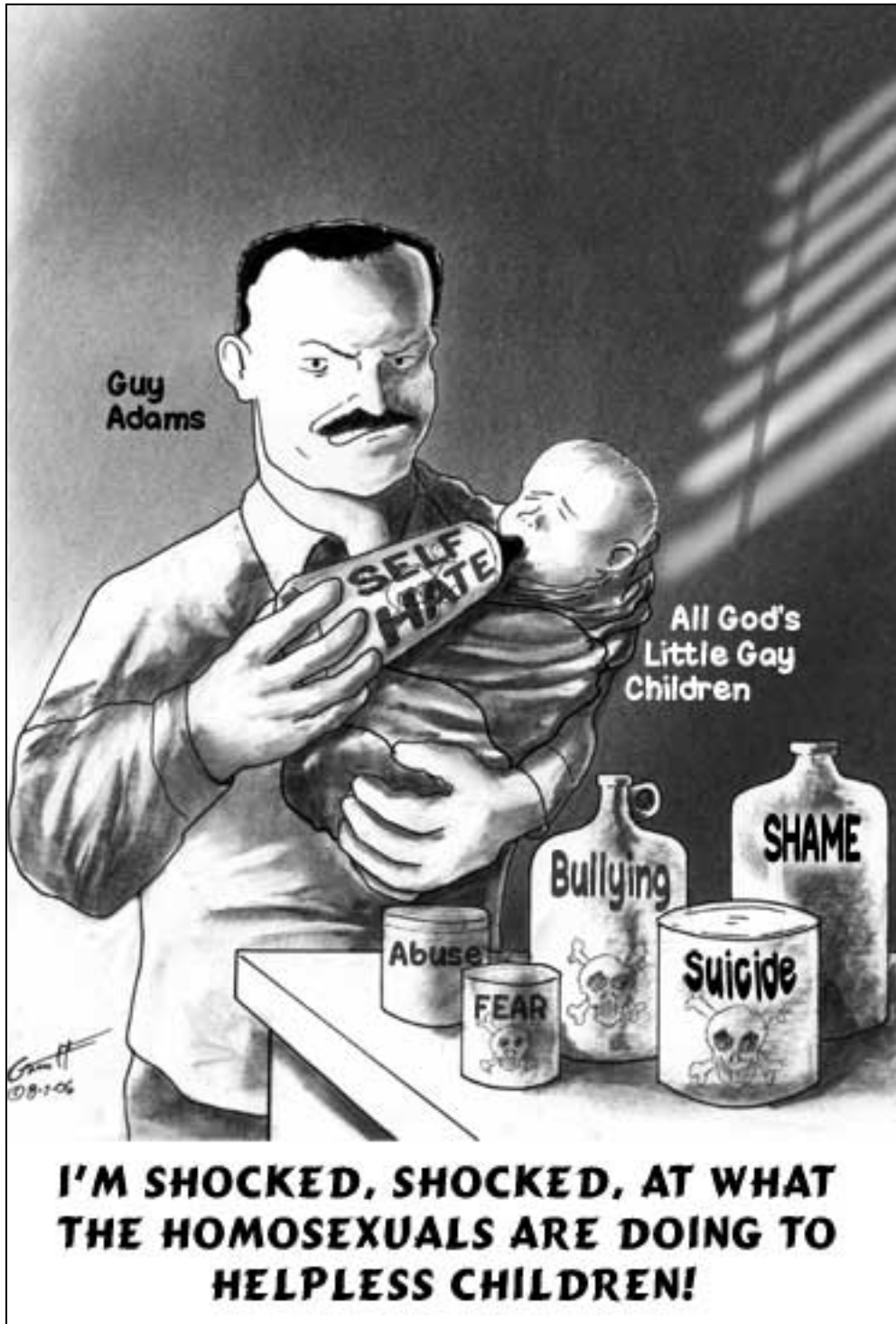
No matter which amount is correct, it was an impressive event, Hudon said, noting that it's always good for businesses when the city hosts an activity on this scale.

Gay Pastor Faces Dismissal for Having Boyfriend

(The Southern Voice) Atlanta, GA - A gay Lutheran pastor facing possible expulsion from his church says he will choose his partner over his vocation if he is disciplined for being in a gay relationship, reports The Southern Voice.

Rev. Bradley Schmeling, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Atlanta, has been charged with violating pastoral conduct guidelines mandated under the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

This article continues at:
<http://www.247gay.com/article.cfm?section=66&id=10199>



Guy Adams, organizer for Renew America, claims that having sex with infants is the "latest trend" in the gay community.

News snippets

Rainbow flag cut down

(AP) Meade, Kan - A 12-year-old son's gift of a colorful flag he found while staying with his grandparents in California has put his parents in the middle of controversy in this small town.

J.R. and Robin Knight said they knew the rainbow flag was a symbol of gay rights when they decided last month to fly it on a pole in front of their business, the Lakeway Hotel. But that isn't why they flew the banner.

"We just put it up. We didn't think about it," Robin said. "It has pretty colors, it's bright, it's summery."

And, J.R. Knight said, it was a symbolic way to have their son nearby.

The decision prompted a controversy in the town of 1,600 and eventually someone cut the flag down. It's also prompted an internet-fueled debate on gay rights in rural America, and the Knights say they have received messages of support from around the world.

Now, the Knights say, they are determined to replace the flag and keep it flying.

Waitress Vicky Best said such a flag has no place in Meade.

"It's hard enough to keep your kids on the straight and narrow without outside influences like that," she complains. "We stay in a small town to stay away from the crap like that that's happening in big cities," she said, calling homosexuality "biblically wrong."

But retiree Charles Helms said he doesn't care if the Knights fly the flag.

"If he wants to fly that thing, let him fly it," Helms said. "I don't have a problem at all because I know the story behind it."

The Knights say they have no problems with gay people, but they have never taken a role in the gay rights movement. They moved to Meade two years ago from southern California to pursue their dream of operating a bed-and-breakfast.

The Knights say the anger displayed by some residents has strengthened their resolve to keep the rainbow flag flying.

Flying the flag not only protests discrimination, they say, but they also believe giving into the pressure would send the wrong message to their son, Anthony.

"It's our business. It shouldn't be dictated by other people," Robin Knight said.

So, when someone cut away the flag last week, leaving behind only tattered corners, the Knights quickly ordered two more, and said more will be coming to replace any others that might be destroyed.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Christopher Lawrence, A & E Editor

Ballerina Season

Pacific Northwest Ballet has been a golden treasure in our arts community for more than 22 years. This season is a bittersweet and fond farewell to Patricia Barker, the embodiment of the modern ballerina.

"Some of my best memories are when I am up on stage. The curtain goes up and I see the faces in the audience illuminated," she says. "It is incredible."

PNB will be celebrating Patricia's luminous career for the entire 2006-2007 season at which time she will retire.

Twenty new works are scheduled to be presented during this coming year and Mark Morris' premiere marks another feather in the already very colorful PNB cap.

The opening night Gala will include **Circus Polka** (Stravinsky/Robbins), excerpts from **Swan Lake** (Tchaikovsky/Stowell), excerpts from **La Sonnambula**



(Rieti/Balanchine), **World Premiere** (Glass/Gibson), **Theme & Variations** (Tchaikovsky/Balanchine) as well as **Remembrances** (Wagner/Joffrey) with a guest appearance by soprano Jane Eaglen, singing Wagner's "Träume," accompanied by the Pacific Northwest Ballet Orchestra.

When you add the extra events and their world-famous production of **The Nutcracker**, this promises to be an outstanding year for ballet. If you love ballet, don't miss this year at Pacific Northwest Ballet.

For more information, please contact events@pnb.org or 206.441.3597.

www.pnb.org

Third Man Out: A Donald Strachey Mystery

Ron Oliver, director
here! TV, 99 minutes

"America's first gay detective," played by out actor, Chad Allen appeared last year on *here! TV* and returns this season with "Shock to the System."

Laced with a blues infused jazz sound track and sepia undertones in the cinematography, there is no lack of style for viewers of this DVD.

The romantic scenes between Donald Strachey (Allen) and his lover, played by Sean Carey, may not be quite as sizzling as the R-rated scenes from "Queer as Folk," but they manage to steam up the screen with incredibly handsome men, plenty of muscle and skin including some frontal nudity.

Allen plays his part with restraint and a hint of internalized homophobia that is exposed by John Rutka, the client and publisher of a gay rag that specializes in 'outing' closeted gay men who turn against their own kind. Rutka is played by none other than Jack Wetheral who also played the famous AIDS surviving uncle of Michael Novotny in "QAF."

The plot is a bit predictable in some places with a few memorable moments scattered throughout the film.

I have to admit it isn't a great movie, but more than passable entertainment with an abundance of beautiful distractions and a few interesting plot twists.

Not all the actors demonstrate equal talent or concentration, but most are fairly strong and a joy to watch. Watching a romantic mystery with two male leads as lovers is almost comforting in its banality.

The day may actually come when it seems natural to a majority of viewers to see GLBTQ characters in every walk of life as normal. Nice thought, isn't it?

I recommend the DVD. Seems like we deserve to see ourselves portrayed in such 'nearly normal' ways.

The bonus feature is only slightly interesting but still reveals details about each of the actors.

Who knows? They may find a better director for ensuing movies from this series of mystery books.

Alternatives to Sex

Stephen McCauley
Simon & Schuster, 289 pages

The catch title might suggest this to be a self-help book, but it is actually a delightful novel that reveals itself to be a witty page-turner.

A gay real estate agent decides to swear off sex for a year. Forty-ish William Collins decides that his online dating (think: anonymous sex) has gotten out of hand. Collins is disgusted with himself when he realizes that many of his sexcapades occur in basement apartments with towels tucked over the windows in place of curtains.

I laughed at Collins revelation and thought, "Hey! That was my last apartment!"

Alternatives strength comes from McCauley's cleverly written dialogue and insightful observations about the human condition as seen through the eyes of our youthful middle-aged Collins.

No descriptions of visually beautiful scenery or in-depth looks at the many interesting characters here, but this novel manages to succeed as a knowing and humorous offering.

What is present is a comical insider's view of the real estate business and the author's take on sex as a form of 'stress relief therapy' following the events of September 11, 2001. Delightfully, There is a happy ending.

I picked this book up from the library's New Fiction shelf because I recalled McCauley's *The Object of My Affection*, which was made

into a movie with Jennifer Aniston. Just your average everyday lesbian, here. - **Chris X**

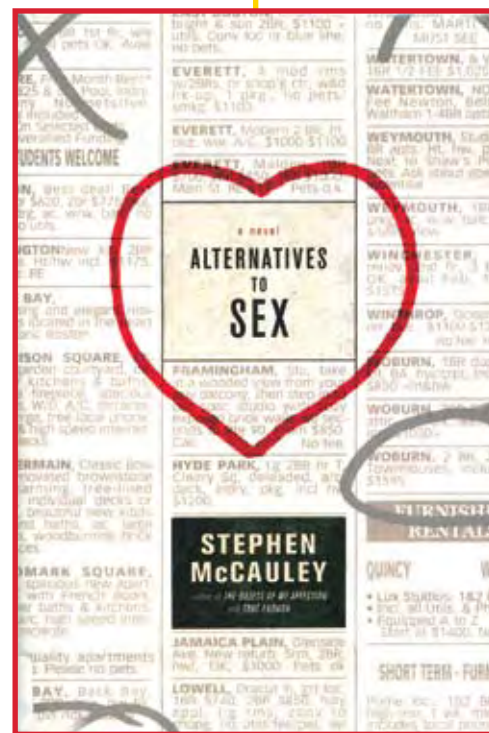
Chris X is a member of Auntie's GLBT Book Club. They meet the first Wednesday of each month in the second floor conference room.

Editor's note: Chris had some comments I would like to share with you.

She finds that books by gay men give her better insight into the mental and emotional workings of gay men.

She also feels that there are far fewer well written non-mystery books by lesbians than gay men.

Anyone out there have some feedback regarding that statement? If you have comments, please send them to me at a-e@stonewallnews.net.



here! is for Queers

Yes, it was a triumphant first season for *here! TV*, a happening gay television network that is currently available in 50 million U.S. households which include broadcasters Comcast, Dish TV, DirecTV, Cox, Cablevision, and Time Warner.

Some highlights of *here! TV's* current programming include the *here!* original film **Shock to the System: A Donald Strachey Mystery**, the second installment of The Donald Strachey Mysteries. This highly touted gay detective series stars the often shirtless Chad Allen. (See review on the DVD release of last season's hit, **Third Man Out: A Donald Strachey Mystery**)

Queens, a whimsical, contemporary ensemble comedy film, stars five of Spain's most celebrated and beloved actresses as hard-hitting mothers coping with the pending family conflicts surrounding the marriages of their sons during Spain's first-ever gay wedding en masse.

We can also look forward to the second season of the steamy, supernatural soap "Dante's Cove." Look for a review of the first season DVD in September.

"Lesbian Sex and Sexuality" by award winning Katherine Linton, offers an unblinking look inside the world of lesbian culture in a provocative new docu-series that will take viewers on an uncharted journey where the subject of lesbian sexuality and desire is celebrated, never whispered.

There is so much more queer on *here!*

If you would like to learn more, go to www.heretv.com and check out the offerings for this year. If you haven't seen it you can call Comcast, Dish TV or Direct TV to subscribe to it locally.

Logo is heavily laden with gay-themed movies and relevant documentaries on their "Monument" series. However they also have several interesting

series worth viewing. Two stand-outs from that group are:

"Noah's Ark," which explores the daily lives of Noah, Alex, Ricky, and Chance, four African-American gay men in Los Angeles, through their relationships with their friends and lovers. Fast paced and slightly self-absorbed, this series has the fabulous taste of a re-worked version of "Sex and the City." Noah (the Carrie Bradshaw equivalent) is also writer and believes he's finally found love in his new boyfriend, Wade, but soon realizes that he, along with his best friends, must still endure the everyday drama that comes with living in LA. From new boyfriends to strained friendships to career changes, these men persevere and live their lives with grace and wit.

I truly enjoyed seeing this treasure of very talented actors of color, some of whom have real star quality. I invite you all to tell us which inhabitants of "Noah's Ark" correspond with "Sex and the City" characters.

Clips of the show are available online at: www.logoonline.com.

"U.S. of ANT" follows this often outrageous and always comical writer/comedian as he travels across America in search of gay life. From East to West and all points in between, ANT captures the diversity of the LGBT community and the personal stories of small town gay America through the eyes of both the gay and straight residents. His journey across the country reaffirms that spirit and humor are alive and well in the gay heartland.

This new season has lots of promise. We need to support these two networks.

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Christopher Lawrence & Graham Ames

Adam & Steve

Craig Chester, writer/director
TLA Releasing, 99 minutes

This film is a tour de force for Craig Chester (*Kiss Me Guido*) who not only wrote and directed, but stars in the hilarious role of Adam, whose family carries the curse of bad luck. His character exudes humorous awkwardness and physical calamity throughout.

Steve, played by Malcolm Gets (the hilariously neurotic artist, Richard Karinsky of "Caroling in the City") is the more outgoing, masculine character who tries to bring some semblance of normality to Adam's life. I am not suggesting that either character ever falls into stereotypical purgatory, but rather, they line-dance around the edges and create a screwball romantic comedy that one could identify as a 'date movie.'

The first scenes are placed in the 1980's. The two meet in a disco nightclub where Steve appears as the lead in a wannabe-hippy group called the Dazzle Dancers that is performing on stage. Purposeful naivete is built into these scenes and their first date, although hot, is the worst disaster imaginable. They part company hoping never to see each other again.

Fast forward 17 years and they meet again without realizing they have known each other before.

Steve is now living with his straight but possessive roommate, Michael (Chris Kattan, whom you may recall as 'Mango' on Saturday Night Live).

Adam's best friend is Rhonda (Parker Posey) a Roseanne-style comedienne who is no longer overweight but still struggling with her act that never changed. Clever, vitriolic and tough, she and Michael develop and love/hate/love relationship that rounds out the foursome's antics.

Hilarious from start to finish, the humor ranges from slapstick to witty and tasteful to indelicate.

I howled at the scene where Steve meets Adam's family. I wanted to get up and dance during the Battle Dance where Adam shows his grit in the fight for Steve's attention and love. Be sure to check out the bonus scenes.

The acting and cinematography are quite good. I found this to be another winner and worthy of your library. Have some friends over to see it.



April's Shower

Trish Doolan, writer/director
here! TV, 98 minutes

This film was a slow starter and revved up as it progressed. The commentary that follows may seem mixed but many parts of this better-than-average-lesbian-movie were uneven and many parts were funny, thoughtful and original.

Stereotypes were exposed and creatively destroyed in dialogue that was alternatively witty and derivative.

April (Maria Cina) has asked old friend Alex (Trish Doolan) to be her Maid of Honor, which means preparing everything and planning the wedding shower.

A mostly beautiful and oddly matched mixture of women (and a few men) show up for the festivities having no idea that this party is going to be more *Boys in the Band* than good food, good friends and good wine.

Underlying conflict is evident, but opaque in the beginning and gradually reveals itself in meaningful glances and piercing words until Alex has tolerated more than she can stand and reveals that she is a lesbian to the entire group! Did I mention that she and April were lovers for five years? Can you imagine such a thing?

The immediate reactions are as varied as the group but everyone stays and some of them become intrigued with what this means and how it will change the lives of these two women (and a few of the others at the party as well).

A couple of the women at the shower are lesbians or bisexual and their own internal struggles come to light.

Meanwhile, what is to become of April and her husband-to-be who shows up shortly after the calamitous announcement. Who is pregnant at the party and hasn't told anyone about it? Will the pot-smoking guitar strumming brother support his sister/roommate after this revelation?

The answers to all these questions can be found by renting the DVD.

I think this is a worthwhile film to see but it isn't for everyone. Perhaps more diligent editing might have made this a more stellar offering but, all is well that ends well, of course. Give it a try.



Music for 18 Musicians

Steve Reich

It begins with a pulse. Eleven chords are introduced, a short "piece" is built based on each of the chords, and the chords are restated. The pulse finally ends. "Pulses - Section I-XI - Pulses." Meanwhile, the audience is held in rapture, transported outside of time into a world of endless fascination and kaleidoscopic textures. Rarely does one piece of music change everything. *Music for 18 Musicians* is such a piece.

Steve Reich, an American "minimalist" composer, premiered this hour-long work in 1976. After experimenting with tape loop compositions and traveling to Africa to study drum techniques, he spent two years creating this seminal work. Its rippling rhythms and the dreamlike trance they create continue to widen their sphere of influence. Artists ranging from DJ Spooky to Brian Eno to Nine Inch Nails all cite Reich, and specifically *18*, as somehow fundamental to their work.

18 first captured my imagination over a decade ago, and has remained there ever since. The piece can be listened to intently, and the insistent pulse carries the listener forward while the different sections each create their own emotional space. At once mathematical and melodic, the mind revels in discovering the structure underlying each section, and in deciphering the overall framework of the entire piece. Repeat listens are rewarded as the "language" of the piece becomes familiar, and new details and moments of fascination surface. At lower volumes, it is the perfect unwind at the end of a day, its gentle rhythms soothing you without demanding your attention.

There are several recordings of *18* available. The definitive 1978 ECM recording has been reissued, performed by Steve Reich & Musicians. A newer recording by Steve Reich & Musicians was released by Nonesuch in 1998. Because of its lush tone and extended passages, this is my favorite recording. It runs nearly ten minutes longer than the first recording, which was bound by the time restrictions of vinyl. Ensemble Modern released their fiery, insightful interpretation on RCA in 1999, thus "unleashing" *Music for 18 Musicians* into the worldwide music repertoire. As more groups perform and record this piece, they each become a new lens, focusing on newly discovered aspects of the composition. Pick up one of these recordings for your own collection. You will discover music history in the making, and will change your listening habits forever.



At Carnegie Hall

Thelonious Monk Quartet with John Coltrane
Blue Note/Thelonious Records

In the recombinant world of Jazz, especially in the fermentative 1950s, few lineups are more legendary than the Thelonious Monk Quartet in 1957. With Monk at the piano, Coltrane on sax, Ahmed Abdul-Malik on bass, and Shadow Wilson at the drums, they only played together for about nine months, and recorded next to nothing together. Coltrane was working religiously at learning Monk's complex compositions, and in the beginning things were messy and rough. After several months together, however, the collective creativity of the old master and the ripening student was reportedly blowing the roof off the 5 Spot every night.

Sadly, this era was never recorded, and has been lost to posterity.

Lost, that is, until February, 2005. A recording lab supervisor for the Library Of Congress was going through some Voice Of America acetate reels awaiting processing and cataloging, and found one box labeled "Carnegie Hall Jazz 1957 T. Monk." Immediately recognizing not only Monk's piano but also Coltrane's unmistakable saxophone, it was quickly determined that this was indeed a historical document beyond compare. Thelonious Monk himself participated in producing

this album for release, presumably after a lot of "Sonic Restoration, Forensic Editing,™ and Pre-Mastering" took place with the fragile 48-year-old recording. The resulting crystal-clear CD magnificently captures this magical time in Jazz history, and is a stunning



addition to any music library.

I have long appreciated Monk's approach to the keyboard, but have found Coltrane a bit opaque at times. This recording captures a moment in time when Monk's playing was being deeply affected by Coltrane's emerging philosophy about playing, and Coltrane himself was blossoming under Monk's tutelage. The quartet is so tight, the joy of the improvisations so apparent and the interplay between band members so effortless, it is remarkable to think that this group would not be together within just a few weeks. It is even more remarkable that this long-rumored recording has actually surfaced, and has been so elegantly polished for release.

A more exciting Jazz record has not been released in many, many years.

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Practical Spirituality for Daily Life

It's Dark Inside

by Bob Schout

Recently, after spending a late night out at a club with a friend and some acquaintances of his, a few of us decided to go to a burger joint and grab something to eat. We drove up to this 24 hour burger place, that all of us had frequented many times in the past.

So I was struck by the fact, when we arrived, that a few of the guys choose not to go inside. They simply said, "hey lets just do the drive through, it's a little dark inside." For a moment I wondered if the place closed? Then, as I looked into the restaurant, I realized what this guy was referring to. The restaurant was filled with young people, most of whom were African American and Latino.



would you date someone who was Black or Latino?

Acquaintance: No. But that doesn't mean that I'm prejudiced. They're just different.

Bob: Really? How are they different, other than in skin color?

Acquaintance: I don't know. They just are. I was brought up to, simply, not go there.

Bob: Well, I'm taking a wild guess here, but I'll bet that we were all brought up to be straight, but that didn't last, did it? We were all brought up to believe that we have to go to church or we're going to hell. But it's 3:00 a.m. on Sunday morning and something tells me that we'll risk hell; 'cause I don't think any of us are going to make it to church in 5 hours. We're brought up to do and believe a lot of things that just don't make sense. I'm curious, why are you following the 'no dating Blacks or Latino' rule?

Acquaintance: (Silence)

Bob: Friend, you seem like a really great guy. I see a great light in you. I've seen it all night as we've laughed, joked and danced. But it's also in everyone else in this place. Look around. There is incredible, individuality and humanity in here, too.

Acquaintance: (Silence)

I was incensed, embarrassed, disappointed and chomping at the bit to figure out just what to say and how to say it, without flying off the handle. What I actually did was get out of the car, go inside, place my order and eat my food. My friend soon followed, along with all of the guys from the car, though some, with a bit of trepidation. As soon as the guy, who uttered what I consider to be a remark based entirely in ignorance, sat down, I turned and said, "Are you sure the darkness that you talked about isn't inside of you?" The statement was really a conversation stopper, which is what happened.

The conversation did continue a moment later, and it went like this.

Acquaintance: Well, I'm not prejudiced.

Bob: Of course not. (Pause) Hey, do you have black or latin friends? And,

It was 3:00 a.m. and I let the conversation drop.

I am amazed at the fact that gays and lesbians, who know what it's like to be labeled, stereotyped, and segregated, would have the nerve to do the same towards others. Whether it shows up in our language, our behaviors or merely in the choices we make of who to sleep with, date, hire, or befriend, we have to ask as we make our decisions ...are we allowing ourselves to be guided by our light or our darkness?

The darkness that we experience inside, can show up as fear or anger. It can rear its ugly head when we engage in stereotyping or labeling other community members or anyone who crosses our path. It shows up when we gossip or dish another person. It pops up when we bash another religious, political, or social group. It can be seen in our behaviors, our choices, and even our refusals to consider new directions, new people and new paths.

But the darkness is not the truth of who we are or what's inside of us. The truth is that we are beings of light and love. That's who and what we are, at our core. All the rest is simply sets of personas that we layer on top of our true selves. The darkness that we may feel inside or express on the outside is masking a fear and blocking our light, just like it was with the acquaintance of mine who expressed his fear, stemming from generational ignorance.

We have to give our spirit a chance to let that light shine. Sometimes that means questioning how we were raised, what we were raised to believe, what is reinforced in our culture, and how we are conditioning our minds. If we truly want to allow our light to shine we can do a couple of things to override any darkness that may lurk inside. We can

condition ourselves to stop thoughts that we may have and words we may speak, which tend to take life instead of give life (i.e., gossip, bashing, demeaning, etc.). We can question what we were raised to believe about the differences and agendas of others, and those things that we are conditioned to culturally accept, like stereotypes, racism, sexism and more. Each time we are confronted with a stereotype we can ask ourselves: is that the real truth about this person? The answer will probably be, "no". Even if a person is showing up with mean or despicable behavior, that is still not the truth of their being. They are not seeing their own light, but we can help them see it, and live it. With each internal confrontation of beliefs, thoughts, and words, we begin to enlighten ourselves, pushing through the darkness and into the light. With each external confrontation, done in and with love, we help others see their light.

One tangible way to do this in daily life is to take a day, or a lifetime, and consciously look at people. Look past their skin color, gender, ethnicity and everything else on the surface. Look past their behaviors and their body language. Look, instead at their intentions and you'll see their hopes and dreams, their fears and challenges, and the light that shines from their soul. You'll see that we're all the same, while still being able to honor our differences. And it is then, when you seek and see their light, that you will be letting yours shine.

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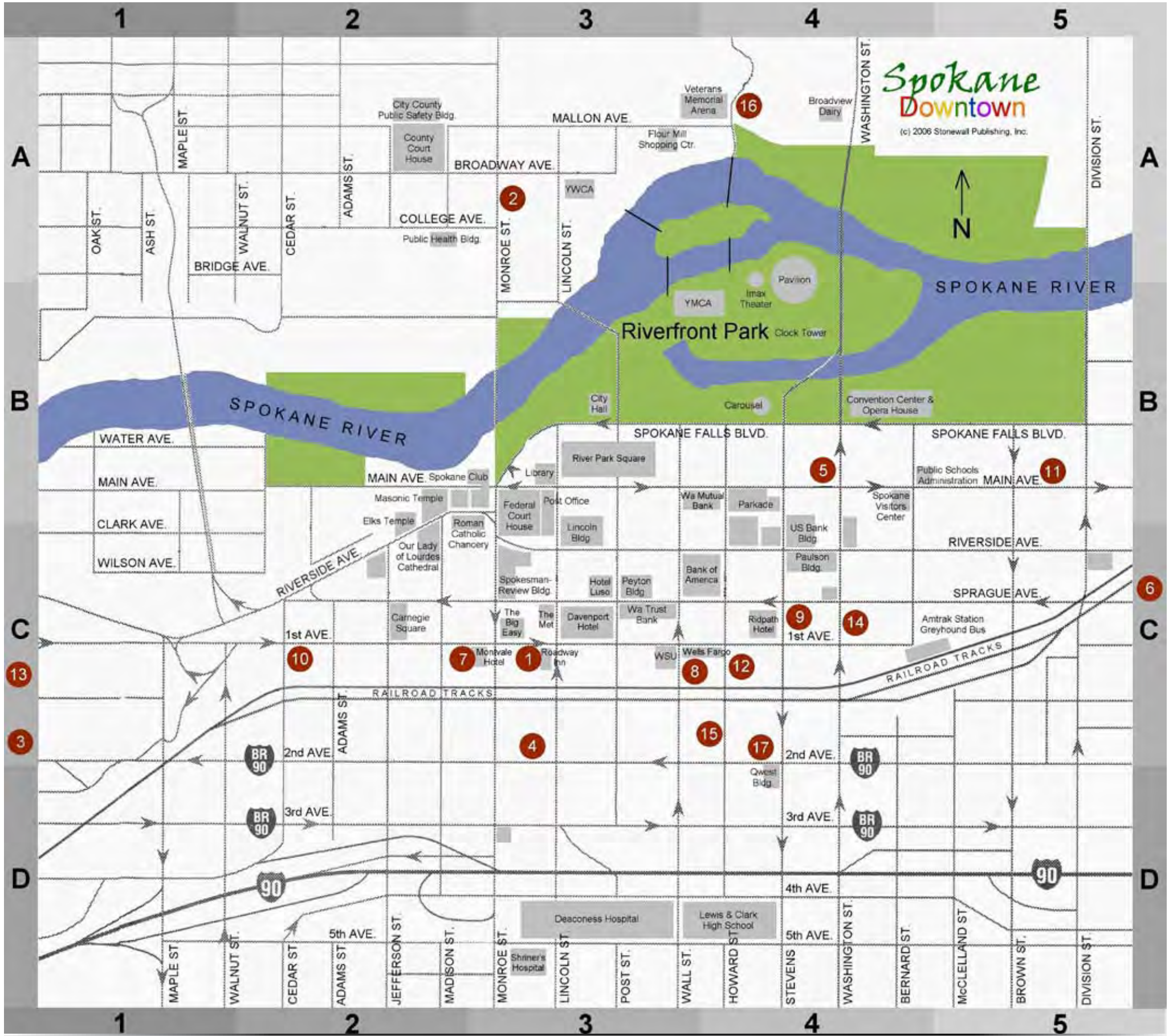
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Spokane, WA	
Tuesday, August 15th 7:00-9:00 pm	PFLAG Monthly Meeting (at Unitarian Church) We meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane at 7 PM. 4340 W. Fort Wright Dr. Spokane WA 99224 Our mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for GLBTQ family and friends.
Thursday, August 17th 6:00 pm-7:30 pm	LCMP Planning (at SAN) "Core Group" meeting of the Lilac City Men's Project. 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!
Thursday, August 17th 7:15-9:00 pm	OutSpokane Meeting (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.
Saturday, August 19th 11:30 am-1:00 pm	OWLS Potluck Picnic (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.
1:00 pm	EMCC Annual Picnic (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.)
Sunday, August 20th 8:30 am-2:00 pm	LCMP Hiking Group (Spokane/E. Wash/N. Idaho) 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.
5:00 pm-6:00 pm	EMCC Evening Service (at Bethany Presbyterian)
Monday August 21st 5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Vision Committee Meeting
Wednesday August 23rd 6:00-8:00 pm	LCMP Social Hour (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.
Thursday August 24th 7:15-9:00 pm	OutSpokane Meeting (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.
Saturday, August 26th 9:00 am-3:00 pm	Rainbow Center Surplus Sale (at Rainbow Center) Support the Rainbow Center in its transition into a new space. We'll have surplus videos, books, and various gay-rage sale-y type items for sale. This is surplus inventory that we are not taking with us or that has not been donated to other non-profits. So come check it out! Every offer considered!
8:00 pm	ISCS Mr/Ms Wrangler Pageant (at Dempseys)
Sunday, August 27th 11:00 am-12 noon	OutSpokane Board Election Meeting -Board members & nominees Call 624-9639 for location.
12 noon-4:00 pm	OutSpokane Planning Retreat - EVERYONE WELCOME! Call 624-9639 for location
12:00 pm-5:00 pm	Rainbow Center Surplus Sale (at Rainbow Center) Support the Rainbow Center in its transition into a new space. We'll have surplus videos, books, and various gay-rage sale-y type items for sale. This is surplus inventory that we are not taking with us or that has not been donated to other non-profits. So come check it out! Every offer considered!
5:00 pm-6:00 pm	EMCC Evening Service (at Bethany Presbyterian)
Friday, September 1st 8:00 pm-10:00 pm	Friday Night OUT! (at CenterStage) FNO is a social hour for GLBTQ 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!
Sunday, September 3rd 8:30 am-2:00 pm	LCMP Hiking Group (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 Corey for details 267-9444.
5:00-6:00 pm	EMCC Evening Service (at Bethany Presbyterian)
Tuesday, September 5th 5:30 -7:00 pm	INWE Meeting (At The Community Building) Monthly Inland Northwest Equality meeting. To receive an advance agenda, please e-mail Krista at inwe@qwest.net .
Wednesday, September 6th 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Vision Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 7th 6:00 pm-7:30 pm	LCMP Planning (at SAN) "Core Group" meeting of the Lilac City Men's Project. 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!
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Friday, September 8th 4:00-6:00 pm	HIV/AIDS Support Group (Maple St CHAS Clinic) Community Health Association of Spokane (CHAS), in conjunction with Ryan White Title 3 Community Advisory Board, is offering monthly educational/support groups for people living with HIV/AIDS and their friends and families. Topics will vary by month and time will be provided for discussion and support. Snacks provided. This month: Vitamins, Supplements, & Holiday Meal Planning
Saturday, September 9th 9:30-10:30 am	PFLAG Mom's Group (at Conley's Restaurant) The MOM'S Group, an informal support group welcomes and supports mothers (and occasionally grandmothers!) of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered children. It meets monthly, on the second Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast at Conley's Restaurant on east Sprague. Call the PFLAG help line 509.624.6671 for more information.
Sunday, September 10th 5:00-6:00 pm	EMCC Evening Service (at Bethany Presbyterian)
6:30 pm	ISCS Board Meeting (at Dempsey's)
7:30 pm	ISCS Court Meeting (at Dempsey's)
Wednesday, September 13th 11:30 am-1:00 pm	INBA Luncheon (at Europa) Guest Speaker: Marty Dickenson, Downtown Spokane Partnership update
Thursday, September 14th 7:15-9:00 pm	OutSpokane Meeting (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.

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Wednesday, August 16th 7:30-9:00 pm	NIGMA Coffee Social (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 http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA
Sunday, August 20th 6:00-7:00 pm	River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities, Center for Positive Living)
6:30 pm	Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
7:00 pm	PFLAG Monthly Meeting (Yakima, First Street Conference Center)
Monday, August 21st 7:30-8:30 pm	Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)
Tuesday, August 22nd 7:00-10:00 pm	The Mid-Columbia Lavendar Community Project (Pasco, Starbucks) Weekly GLBT community gathering to learn more about The Mid-columbia Lavendar Community Project
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Thursday, August 24th 7:00-9:00 pm	PFLAG Monthly Meeting (Tri-Cities, Check website for meeting location)
Friday, August 25th 7:00-9:00 pm	NIGMA Fourth Friday Wine Tasting (Pullman/Moscow) NIGMA's Wine tasting is held at private residences and is only open to those who are 21 and over. Please visit us online at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA
Sunday, August 27th 6:00-7:00 pm	River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities, Center for Positive Living)
6:30 pm	Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
Monday, August 28th 7:30-8:30 pm	Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)
Wednesday, August 30th 7:30-9:00 pm	NIGMA Coffee Social (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 http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA
Friday, September 1st 7:00-9:00 pm	First Fridays (Yakima, 1st Street Conference Center) Yakima's gay social group welcomes you and your friends to our monthly gathering!
7:00-9:00 pm	NIGMA First Friday (Moscow, University Inn Quiet Bar) Visit us on the web at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA for more information.
Sunday, September 3rd 10:30-11:30 am	River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities, 1105 N Conway, Kennewick)
6:30 pm	Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
Monday, September 4th [Labor Day] 7:30-8:30 pm	Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)
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Sunday, September 10th 10:30-11:30 am	River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities, 1105 N Conway, Kennewick)
11:00 am-1:00 pm	NIGMA Second Sunday Brunch held in Moscow or Pullman at the homes of NIGMA members. The Brunch location is changed monthly for information on the brunch please visit us online at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA
6:30 pm	Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
Monday, September 11th 7:00 pm	PFLAG Monthly Meeting (Walla Walla, First Congregational Church)
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Sunday, August 27th
2:00 pm

Butte Picnic (Sheepshead Park, Butte)
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MAYOR

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happened to be in the audience – do you know Toni?

STONEWALL: I do not.

MAYOR: She is with the Native Project, is a Native American. I said, "Toni may dispute that a little bit." But a couple of things happened recently. Maybe three things happened now, two of them related [to] the Jim West era. The first was when we had the domestic partner ordinance issue, and that issue when we had the discussion about whether we should have domestic partner benefits. We had most people that came to testify in opposition to that focused on the financial aspect. A few talked about the morality of it, some quoting the Bible, some – John Ahearn is a good example of that – John just thinks it's immoral, relationships of same-sex couples. He just thinks it's immoral. And although the domestic partner ordinance is beyond that, it really did focus in on couples that were of the same sex. It just did. And actually, I admire the people who come up and say that I think it's immoral, just because they were being honest. I don't agree with them, but they were being honest. I don't think the other people were. But what it reflected for me is that it was socially unacceptable to come up and say that I don't think they should be entitled to the same benefits because they are same sex, rather than heterosexual. I thought that was a good comment. I think that people said that because they knew that if they said that same sex couples ought not to have the same benefits, that that would not be accepted by this community.

STONEWALL: So, what does your gut tell you when you hear that?

MAYOR: When I hear what?

STONEWALL: That same sex, that the whole issue of same sex, of being gay or lesbian is socially unacceptable or immoral, what does your gut tell you?

MAYOR: No, no, what I meant by socially unacceptable was that it was socially unacceptable to say that. And that's why they were saying it was financial, and they knew it wasn't financial, because it only affected a maximum of 17 or 20 people in the city because it didn't apply to the unions. But the people that were there testifying that it was financial weren't speaking what they felt because they know that it would be unacceptable to make that statement, and I think that's a good comment about the citizens of Spokane. Secondly, when Jim West had his difficulties, many, many people immediately said . . . "It's not about his sexual orientation." That's healthy. Now, I don't believe them when they said it, many of them, but again, they

said it because they thought if they did say it was about his sexual orientation, that that would be unacceptable. Third example, the referendum, 65, was that it? The number on the human rights ordinance, or human rights law? I look upon that not as a failed effort by a very accomplished signature gatherer, initiative/referendum person, but [as] a statement by the citizens of this state. That he didn't get the signatures because people wouldn't sign it. And so, if I can put all those things together, I like the direction it's going. I think we are becoming more enlightened. Certainly Spokane has a conservative history, but I think that's changing. Well, with regard to this issue. Maybe on the political spectrum, if you look at it in terms of Republican and Democrat, maybe we're still heavily Republican. I don't know, if the Republicans are conservative, the Democrats are liberal-minded, then I'd say we're probably more Republican and the political votes would suggest that. But with regard to this issue, and taking a stand on issues of equality and fairness and justice, I think we're getting better. That's just my unscientific, seat-of-the-pants analysis.

STONEWALL: Do you see yourself as a leader?

MAYOR: Yes!

STONEWALL: A leader that is ready, willing, and able to do the right thing, and at the expense of being popular if necessary?

MAYOR: Well, you make those choices every day. You know, you're taking tough stands . . . [that] can have political consequences, sure.

STONEWALL: [You] being a lawyer, I can appreciate [your] need to analyze. Do you feel you over-analyze?

MAYOR: Well, no. I've been criticized for being a lawyer just because I respond like a lawyer. I think being a lawyer in this job is a significant asset because I think lawyers are analytical. They're decisive. They're deliberate, usually, in the way they process decision-making. So, no, I don't see that as a detriment at all.

STONEWALL: Okay, final question. Why did you agree to this interview?

MAYOR: Um, why not? I believe it's important for me to be available to all my constituents and you have . . . you represent a certain segment of this population, and I need to be available to all my constituents. It's important.

STONEWALL: Any questions of me, perhaps, in our closing?

MAYOR: I don't think so. Thank you.

Bellingham, WA

Wednesday, August 16th
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Saturday, August 26th
2:00 pm

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!

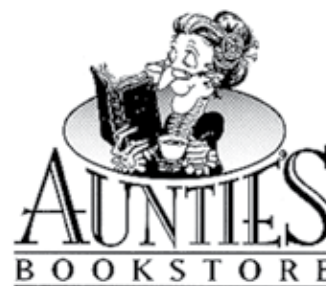
The Alliance will provide the basics: the burgers (including veggie) and dogs, the goodies that go with them, the cooking grills, and a Sunday morning Pancake Breakfast. You bring a potluck dish, drinks, and whatever you need to spend the night (sleeping bags and such)... if you're staying. Plan on drinking? Plan on staying!

RSVP & Info: 360-445-2411 or 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

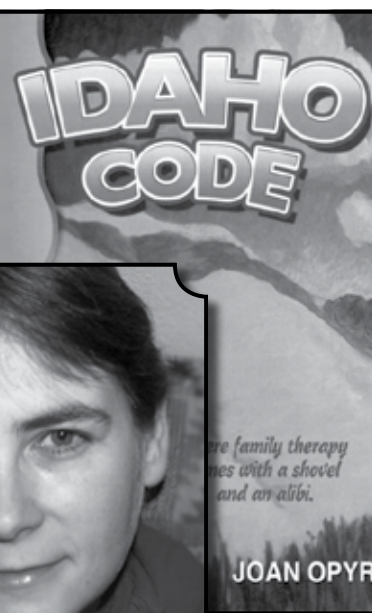
A Movable Feast: Wednesday Dinner Gatherings (Location varies)
It's been called the greatest gay men's social gathering in a 5 county area. A good place to get out and see who's around in Bellingham area. Open to both men and women, but almost always men. Tends to be most popular with men over 40, but 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).



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WA-E-Spo-V	Hastings-Valley	15312 E Sprague	Spokane	WA
WA-W	Everett Underground	1212 California St	Everett	WA
WA-W	The Trax Terminal	226 1st Ave S	Kent	WA
WA-W	Althea's	614 South 1st St	Mt Vernon	WA
WA-W	River of Life MCC	PO Box 1678	Richland	WA
WA-W	Tacoma Rainbow Center	917 Pacific Ave, Ste 304	Tacoma	WA
WA-W	North Bank	106 W 6th St	Vancouver	WA
WA-W-Bell	Rumours	1119 Railroad Ave	Bellingham	WA
WA-W-Bell	Bay St Coffee House	1302 Bay St	Bellingham	WA
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WA-W-Bell	Village Books	1210 11th St	Bellingham	WA
WA-W-Sea	Rainbow City Band	PO Box 51074	Seattle	WA
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WA-W-Sea	The Crypt	113 10th Ave E	Seattle	WA
WA-W-Sea	Bailey/Coy Books	414 Broadway E	Seattle	WA
WA-W-Sea	The Cuff	1533 13th Ave	Seattle	WA
WA-W-Sea	R Place	619 E Pine St	Seattle	WA
WA-W-Sea	Seattle LGBT Community Center	1115 E Pike St	Seattle	WA
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12 - Announcements & Notices

National GLBTQ Youth 'Talk Line'

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

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

13 - Volunteers

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

OUTSPOKANE IS LOOKING for community-minded people to help with the 2007 Pride
Call Christopher at 509/624-9639 for details on meeting the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.

Construction, Volunteers/ Materials Needed

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46 - Miscellaneous For Sale

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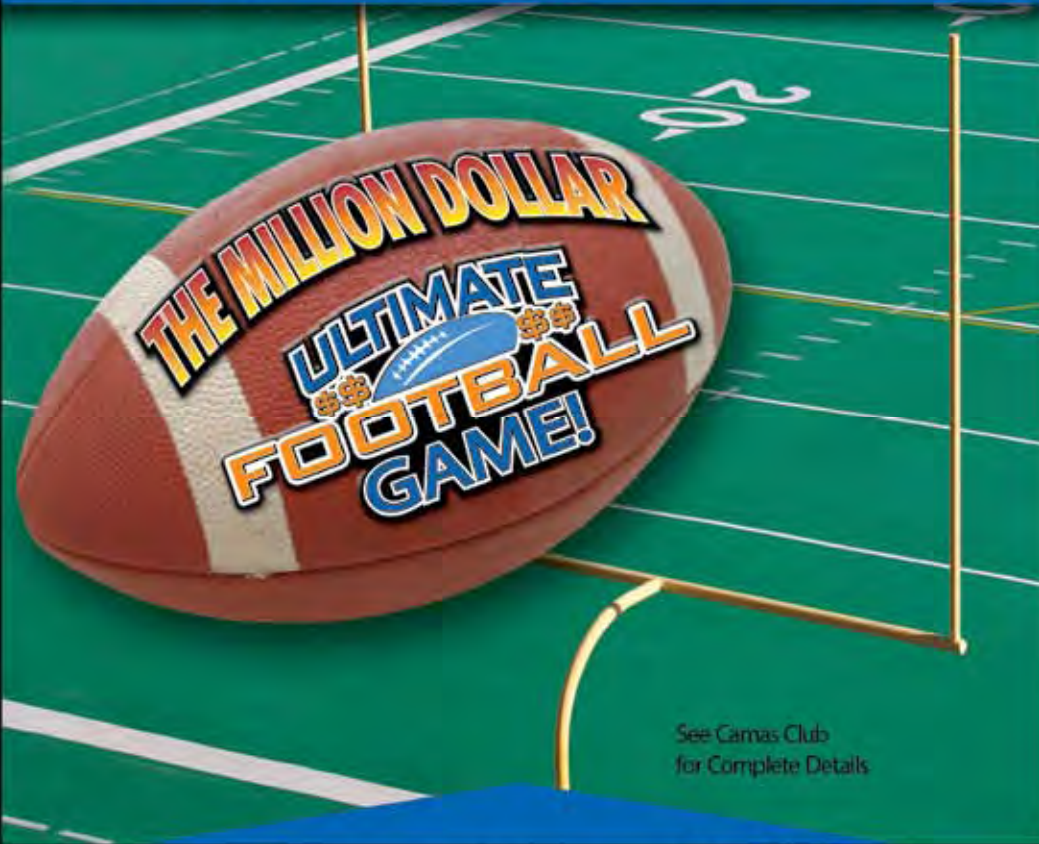


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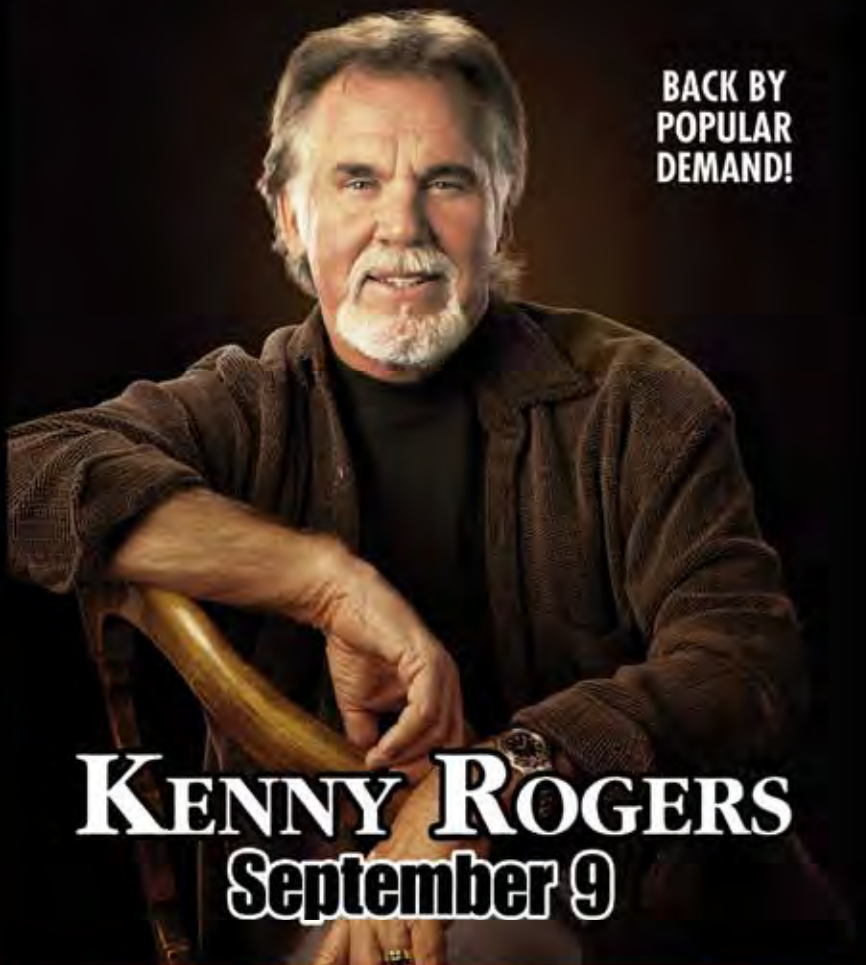
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