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DEDICATION

This Pride issue dedicated to **Rev. Ralph Schultz (1935-2001) & Mrs. Carol Schultz**

for the inspiration and honor of your humility, your unjudging compassion, unflinching advocacy for equality, and insistence that I be at peace - and proud. Thank you, dad and mom.

Mike Schultz, Publisher

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SFCC Alliance's marriage equality forum grips the issue

By Sheri Frantilla
Special to Stonewall News Northwest

An estimated 150 people filled the Student Union Lounge to attend an open forum on marriage equality sponsored by The Alliance of Spokane Falls Community College on Tuesday, May 19th. The forum was part of The Alliance's ongoing spring lecture series, and it was widely publicized.

The forum promised an intellectual debate equally representing both sides of the argument, and, as such, it did not disappoint. The panel comprised six passionately committed and outspoken individuals. Three spoke in opposition of marriage equality for gays and lesbian people; three spoke in support. Dr. Barbara Williamson, The Alliance Club Advisor, served as moderator for the evening.

Speaking for the opposition were David Dewolf, Professor of Law at Gonzaga University, Bishop Walt Mize, and Attorney Michael Smith, Director of Choice of the People. Speaking

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Photos by Pat Devine

Photo Top Panelists (L-R): Speaking for the opposition was David Dewolf, Professor of Law at Gonzaga University, Bishop Walt Mize, and Attorney Michael Smith, director of Choice of the People. Speaking in support of the freedom to marry was David Horn, Board of Directors at Lambda Legal, Reverend Paul Rodkey of Bethany Presbyterian, and Bill Dubay, a longstanding equality advocate. Photo Bottom A Packed audience for the forum fills the Student Union Lounge at SFCC.

Youth forum will invite action

By Catherine D. Willis
Independent Project Coordinator

"GLBTQ Youth: Choices and Challenges in 2006 and Beyond" is the topic for the third quarterly GLBTQA Community Forum, set for Sunday, June 4, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at CenterStage, 1017 W. First Ave., in downtown Spokane.

The program, co-sponsored by Stonewall News Northwest and Odyssey Youth Center, will deviate from the somewhat fluid style of previous such events in that this forum carries an agenda - to educate, to engage, to problem solve and, ultimately and most importantly, to invite concrete action.

When are young GLBTQs coming out? To whom? How are they faring in their families, at school, in relationships and in the wider community? How are current trends serving their best interests? Impeding healthy growth and development? These are some of the questions participants will explore, aided by an opening Powerpoint presentation and the heart and wisdom of a diverse panel.

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DOMA WATCH !

No one knows when the State Supreme Court will rule in the case that could make Washington the next Massachusetts. Regardless of outcome, Inland Northwest Equality and affiliated organizations will rally in front of the Federal Courthouse, 920 W. Riverside Ave., Spokane, at 5 p.m. that day. Contact Krista Benson, PJALS/INWE coordinator, if you have a compelling desire to speak at the event.

To check the status of *Castle & Anderson vs. the State of Washington*, go to: www.courts.wa.gov/opinions/?fa=opinions.notice.

Join the Journey— Come OUT Spokane!

By Christopher Lawrence
OutSpokane Committee

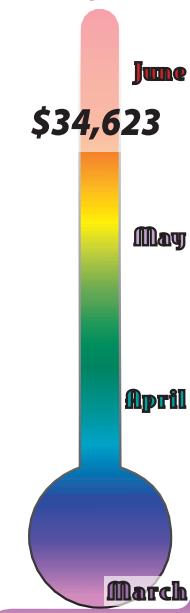
Spokane's 2006 Pride Celebration is bigger than most of us would ever have thought possible even a couple of years ago! Nearly 35 events offer great choices for getting involved with various elements and happenings of Pride --

Please see this full article with listing and description of Pride events in the Pride Section of this issue beginning on page 15.

Your donation still needed! With your help, OutSpokane can meet its budget for this year's Pride events!

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Voices

Letters to the Editor

PRIDE Must Transcend Ageism

This year marks Spokane's fifteenth annual Pride celebration. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect back and pay tribute to all the individuals who over the years have helped build it into the brilliant celebration of community it has become today. It is also a great opportunity to work on archiving Spokane's queer history. We can leave behind a legacy for future queer generations to understand and appreciate the blood, sweat, and tears which brought our queer community to the visible surface of the social networks that make up the city we call Spokane.

We have had some lively conversations at our OutSpokane board meetings, of which I am a board member, about celebrating our history and taking this opportunity to teach our younger queers (myself included) about their own history.

Ageism exists in all sorts of social movements, and quite naturally so. Older individuals often have a lot more experience than youth and therefore carry much greater wisdom needed for working in those movements. I constantly look up to my queer elders for advice and mentorship. The drawback is that those words are defined by

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PFLAG Mom & Dad Beam With PRIDE



Proud PFLAG parents
Jim & Barbara Hansen

Director and upon moving to Sandpoint ID seven years ago I co-founded the PFLAG Sandpoint Chapter. You might say I am passionate about my mission to love and support all GLBTQ folk. And I am filled with PRIDE at what our lesbian daughter, her partner, and their 18 year old Erin have accomplished in their lives.

Nineteen years ago when our daughter Rose told us she and Karen, her partner of now 27 years, were planning to have a baby I was upset at the idea of bringing another child into the world who would be subject to harassment and discrimination. They wanted

Please see PFLAG MOM page 9

Gay District is a Bad Idea

The proposed new "Gay district" for Spokane is poorly conceived and shockingly misguided. Gay and Lesbian folks have struggled for years to be included within their Communities. Now we have a group of self styled "gay leaders" who propose to reimpose segregation up on us.

What is next? A special place where we can put all of the Negroes, or Jews or Women who want to be equal with Men? Or a special fashion accessory -- like a pink triangle or a gold Star of David which is sewn onto our coats?

Ask any person of color how they would feel about a special "Blacks Only" District in town. Ask any person of a Jewish background how they would feel about a special "Jews Only" District in town.

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Our Youth Need More From Us

"Family." We use the term freely, perhaps too freely. We often don't treat each other as mothers and brothers, uncles and cousins. Or maybe we do... we just think we're the Simpsons, the Osbournes, the Connors.

All families are a bit dysfunctional, yes, but most find the means to come together for the common good when one member or another is imperiled. Are we – Spokane's GLBTQ community – truly ready to be "family"? If so, we need to speak up, to stand up, to step up.

I'm talking about our responsibility to the kids, the GLBTQ youth whose sometimes in-your-face self-acceptance puts those of us of a certain age to shame. They're not waiting until middle age to claim their true identities. They're not hiding in closets. But neither are they immune to the ignorance or just plain bigotry we all want to believe is passé.

Some young people can't talk openly to their parents or siblings. To do so could send them out onto the street, crashing on sofas at the homes of friends, or into temporary shelter (God bless Volunteers of America and the good folks at Crosswalk who minister to our youth without judgment). Thank heaven for Odyssey Youth Center and Quest Youth Services. Fine as these programs are, our kids may need more.

They may need us to advocate for them, to financially support the services they require, to be strong and passionate role models.

Join the family. Learn more at the GLBTQA Community Forum on Youth June 4.

Catherine D. Willis
Spokane, Washington

Taxation Without Representation

I'm new to Spokane as of mid-March of this year, but there seems to be one thing that I notice in common through out not only this state, but all across the country, and that is gays vying for the right to marry another person of the same sex. I am from California where there are more rights for gays than here in Spokane (and Washington in general). There is one thing that seems to be a constant, and that is the vehemence that is spewed (mainly from the religious) when anything gay is brought up. I find it interesting that the focus is on "gay marriage". We are fighting a losing battle. You will NEVER convince the religious right that we are entitled to existence, let alone anything comparable to the rights of marriage. What I propose is that the gay marriage be dropped from the fight completely. Remember, as far as the religious right are concerned, gay is an abomination. It does nothing but create a hostile environment that accomplishes nothing. We have been going round and round on this issue for how many decades?

The Constitution states "separation of church & state", but as we all know, that is far from the truth, especially with the current government trying to encode more and more church into not only the Constitution, but every aspect of government.

What I propose is that we go in the direction of TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. I believe that going in this direction would accomplish our end goal in a much more productive way. I suggest that someone take this idea to the powers that be in the gay community.

Since I am not allowed to have children (according to "your" laws) then why should I be required to pay your taxes having ANYTHING to do with children. Not that I

think children are unimportant or that we should not pay to make sure they are taken care of properly, but since I have no rights in this area, then why are my taxes helping to support any such endeavors (schools, healthcare, daycare, etc.).

Since I am not allowed to be "married", then anything to do with marriage, and anything associated with it (benefits at work for healthcare, etc) should be stripped from my taxes.

If someone in the legal/gay community were to go through ALL the taxes and figure out where we, as gays, could benefit from having our taxes reduced, not only for the State, but Federal, County and City as well, I'm sure that the savings would be tremendous.

There is only one thing that speaks to the government and that is money. When you hit the government(s), on whatever level, where it hurts (their pocketbooks), then I feel that we would accomplish our goals without ever having to even bring up the issue of "marriage" or even "rights". It would then become a natural flow to have ALL rights given to us as gays. Mark my words, we as gays would actually become not only human beings, but people that have the right to exist. And then guess what... all of a sudden all our rights would then be established from the government down instead of the other way around. We would not have to fight to be recognized, the government would realize, when the monies stopped flowing in, that... hey, you know, maybe... blah, blah, blah! I think that also a by-product of this would be that more and more "closet" gays would come out since their tax savings should be quite well worth it. In fact, I would even propose that there would be many "straights" that would come out as gay, just in order to save on their taxes.

Interesting concept, huh?

Mike K. Williams

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Washington Won't Discriminate mobilizes, needs our help

By Brad Read,
 Eastern Washington Coordinator,
 Washington Won't Discriminate



On January 31st of this year, Governor Christine Gregoire signed into law ESHB 2661, adding sexual orientation to the state's existing Civil Rights protections. One of the key advocates for the bill, Martha Botzer, board co-chair of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and board secretary of Equal Rights Washington, stated: "This is an extremely important win. For many years, the Task Force has worked on the ground, shoulder to shoulder with activists in Washington state helping to build the political power of our community and to pass this nondiscrimination legislation. This victory is to be savored, but more importantly, it is to be built upon. We will 'build, win, build' until we achieve complete equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Let us love the victory but build for the future." For a very brief moment, activists all across the state and the country celebrated what we all believe is the just and fair evolution of greater inclusion, greater compassion, and greater humanity.

But Ms. Botzer proved to be prophetic when she insisted on the notion of continuing the struggle. The ink was barely

dry on the bill when Tim Eyman, the Christian Coalition, and a host of other right-wing organizations began focusing on repealing the bill. They filed a referendum, its language was approved by the court, and their coalition began gathering signatures in hopes of getting their referendum on the ballot in November. The referendum is Referendum 65. Their mission is a direct attempt to repeal a law resulting from over 30 years of work by thousands of people. If Eyman and his coalition are successful, the voters of Washington will decide in November whether to keep this law or not. They want people to vote reject, which simply means they want to retain the right to discriminate against people's rights to a job and fair housing practices. If the law is rejected, it will be legal again to fire someone because she is a lesbian. It will be legal again to evict someone because he is gay. It will be legal again to deny someone a loan because she is transgender.

In direct response to this challenge, a group of justice-and equality-minded organizations and individuals banded together to form Washington Won't Discriminate, a campaign whose sole mission is to preserve the law as passed by the legislature.

Eyman and his coalition have set out to deliberately confuse the issue, trying to persuade people that if upheld, this law will

lead to same-sex marriage. They are trying to make people believe that the bill will force quotas, that it will impose "special rights" for a population of people that the rest of the citizens don't enjoy.

Our campaign is about speaking the truth, about saying the law protects our friends and families from discrimination, and that basic justice and humanity demand we keep such a law.

We need the help of every individual and organization in the community. Go to our website www.washingtonwontdiscriminate.org and learn about the campaign. Endorse the campaign as an individual, and then talk to your friends, family, colleagues, groups and business owners about doing the same. We must mobilize now—we can't afford to wait for the other side to get its signatures. Martha Botzer was absolutely right; we must "build, win, build, until we achieve complete equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people." Voting to Approve Referendum 65 is an essential piece of that building process.

Please join us.

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2006 Rainbow Award Recipients Named

The Rainbow Awards are held every year as part of Spokane's Pride Week. They honor individuals and organizations whose efforts have had a positive effect on the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community of the Inland Northwest. This year's Rainbow Awards will be held Monday, June 5 at 7pm at the CenterStage Theatre, 1017 W 1st Ave. The event will be a dessert reception with special performance by Auntie Bijou Matinee. The Rainbow Awards are free and open to the public.

2006 marks the 11th anniversary of the Rainbow Awards. For the first eight years the event was sponsored by Inland Northwest Pride (now OutSpokane), the organizer of Spokane's annual Pride Parade and Celebration. In 2000 Pride Foundation began co-sponsoring the event and recognizing their scholarship recipients from the Inland Northwest. In 2004 they became the main sponsor of the event.

In addition to the beautiful stained glass awards created by Barb Beyenhof, a monetary award of \$100 will be granted to each recipient. If the recipient is a non-profit organization then the award will go directly to that organization. If the recipient is an individual, that person will name a non-profit organization to receive the \$100.

All nominees will receive a certificate recognizing their service to the LGBT community.

The 2006 Rainbow Award recipients are as follows;

Individual Award – Bonnie Aspen for her service to numerous LGBT organizations including the Rainbow

Center, Odyssey Youth Center and INBA and her leadership in creating a visible LGBT community in Spokane.

Individual Award Nominees – Ramon Alvarez, John Brindle, Ann Marie Floch & Janice Packwood, Jennifer Helmuth & Kelly Lerner & Deb McCandless, David Victor

Group Award – Spokane GLBT Film Festival for continually organizing a high-quality festival that builds community by providing entertainment, education and a venue for celebration.

Group Award Nominees – CenterStage Theatre, The Inlander, Northern Quest Casino

Ally Award – Khalil Islam-Zwart for his many years of outspoken support of the LGBT community including his tenure on the Spokane Human Rights Commission and his service as a board member of Odyssey Youth Center.

Ally Award Nominees – Mayor Dennis Hession, Rev. Paul Rodkey, Spokane Public Schools GSA Advisors

Over the Rainbow Award – John Deen for his years of service as publisher of Stonewall News, his leadership in the passing of Spokane's Human Rights Ordinance and his advocacy of the LGBT community with the Spokane Police Department.

Over the Rainbow Award Nominees – Barb Lee, Bridget Potter, Brad Read

Pride Foundation and the Inland Northwest Business Alliance will also be recognizing their 2006 scholarship recipients from Eastern Washington and North Idaho at the event. For more info on Pride Foundation visit their website at www.pridefoundation.org.

Changing A System That Isn't Broken

In the first of a two part article, Mark Garrett and Cat Carrel of Spokane AIDS Network debate the pros and cons of changing the HIV reporting system from a name-to-code to a name-base system only. In this issue, Garrett presents opposition to the current change. Carrel will present the pro perspective in the July issue which will help explain the decision that is expected to be made by the State Board of Health at the June 14th meeting at SeaTac.

By Mark Garrett
Spokane AIDS Network

Perhaps no other public health policy in Washington State has generated as much passionate debate as confidential name-based reporting of HIV data. This means that when a person confidentially tests positive for HIV, identifying information, including their name, will be held indefinitely in a statewide and local health department database.

A little history, in 1998 the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) requested that all states develop a system of reporting HIV cases. Washington state HIV advocates and State Board of Health (SBOH) began a process to develop a system that best protected individual's confidentiality and reported accurate data on HIV cases in our state.

In 1999 a name to code system was adopted by the SBOH. This meant that persons testing positive for HIV using confidential testing would have their names reported to their local health department for 90 days to allow for post test counseling

and partner notification. At the end of 90 days, names are converted to a unique code and personal identifying information is destroyed. Codes are then held only at the state level for reporting to CDC for determining federal funding levels to each state based on the number of reported cases.

To the shock and disappointed of HIV advocates in our state, in 2005 the CDC mandated that all states must retain the names of persons living with HIV at the state level in order to insure receipt of federal funding for HIV care services.

In December 2005 the Department of Health asked for public comment on a proposed permanent change to Washington Administrative Code 246-101 that would make Washington a "name-based reporting" state and an emergency order that would direct work to begin on decoding the names and serostatus of people who have tested positive for HIV since September 1, 1999. The Department of Health not only wants to keep names of

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You are cordially invited to the 3rd Quarterly GLBTQA Community Forum

"Youth: Choices and Challenges
in 2006 and Beyond"

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CenterStage, main floor ballroom

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- Ann Marie Floch, retired counselor, OYC volunteer/facilitator
- Derek Gerow, Odyssey youth
- Bryce Hughes, GLBT Resource Center coordinator, GU; volunteer coordinator, Quest Youth Group
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'Family'-Friendly Salon Embraces Carnegie Square

Gay-owned 1st Avenue Salon, a five-year fixture at the Ridpath Hotel, will close June 3 and reopen on June 6 as Studio One Hair & Body Salon, a custom-designed, spa-like environment in the trendy Carnegie Square area of downtown Spokane.

"The new space we have is amazing," says co-owner DeVerne Augustus, who built everything but the chairs and the massage table. "We have floor-to-ceiling windows. We're right downtown but when you look out our windows, you look out over the Spokane River, so it's like we're in the country." Built in 1905, the building originally housed a car dealership and most recently a collection agency.

Customer comfort influenced the move. The old location lacks the roominess to accommodate a growing clientele eager for expanded services – from massage to skincare to luxurious nail treatments.

"Our goal is to provide a relaxing experience," declares Augustus' business and life partner, Dana Mathews.

"Anybody can come here and feel welcomed," adds Augustus. Four of five current hairstylists are gay, he acknowledges. "It happened that way." Others associated with the salon are "family"-friendly, and the owners estimate GLBTQ patrons at

somewhere between 20 and 30 percent of their total.

Augustus has been a member of Inland Northwest Business Alliance since he and Mathews opened 1st Avenue, and the salon is, and will continue to be, a distribution point for both INBA directories and Stone-

wall News Northwest. The co-owners are also supporters of Spokane AIDS Network.

The new Studio One will have six stations and five fulltime stylists. Making the move with the owners is stylist Dana Ware, who also offers full body waxing services for men and women; she is the Satin Smooth regional educator.

Joining the styling team at the new site are two experienced professionals – Byron Card, previously at Regis Salon, Silver Lake Mall, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Pepe Galvez, who trained in cosmetology in Peru and has worked for salons in Miami and Maui.

A massage professional, an esthetician and a nail technician skilled in the fine art of spa pedicures will complete the Studio One crew.

Studio One Hair & Body Salon is located at 1311 W. Sprague Ave. near Cedar, and can be reached at (509) 624-5350.



Studio One Owners DeVerne Augustus (L) and Dana Mathews (R) pose with a camera shy Cat Carrel.

INBA Outreach Gets Nonprofit Charitable Status

The Inland Northwest Business Alliance's recently established charitable offshoot, INBA Outreach, received its 501(c)(3) designation last month – just in time for a Pride Celebration fundraiser.

The kickoff event for the organization's Scholarship Fund will be a meet-and-greet style gathering at the Montvale Hotel, 1005 W. First Ave., Spokane, on Monday, June 5. Hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar will be featured. The reception is open to all at no charge.

INBA Outreach is responsible for the scholarship program previously administered in partnership with the Pride Foundation. The INBAO board is managing the fundraising process as well as the selection and distribution of scholarship funds.

The 501(c)(3) designation is expected to facilitate increased giving, because INBA scholarship contributions will now be tax-deductible under

IRS rules.

Award certificates will be presented to this year's scholarship recipients at the reception. Honorees include Jeremy Bolton, Spokane; Jason Gallaher, Spokane; Heather Hoberg, Spokane; Corey Nunn, Chelan, Wash.; and Erick Tombre, Missoula, Mont.

A three-member selection committee reviewed 71 applications and chose 12 finalists for interview. INBA Outreach board member Sandy Davidson said, "This is the second year I've served on the selection committee. I thought it was hard last year, but this year was harder still. The caliber of people applying was absolutely phenomenal."

The reception will end in time for participants to amble down the street to CenterStage for the start of the Rainbow Awards program at 7 p.m. Outreach scholarship winners will take a bow at that event as well.

An Invitation to SAN's Memorial Gardens

By Cherie Moss, Volunteer Coordinator
Spokane AIDS Network

A community service announcement:

Mark your calendar for Tuesday June 20 from 5-7 PM at Spokane AIDS Network for the bi annual planting of our Memorial Gardens.

SAN's Gardens were getting overgrown and quite frankly, down right ugly. They were so FULL of river rock nothing would grow except shrubs. SAN staff brainstormed ideas but one idea struck a cord, a memorial garden. A Memorial Garden will help not only staff but friends and family to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones we have lost to this devastating disease.

Last July during United Way's Day's of Caring, Potlatch Cooperation came to SAN to clean up the outside of the agency and to empty the front garden of river rock and dirt. This year SAN received a very generous donation from New Priorities to continue our goal of the Memorial Gardens and the continued revamping of the landscaping around the agency.

SAN is inviting the community to help with the set up of the Memorial Garden. One way the community can

help is by donating stepping stones (sorry no names) and various perennials, such as (but not limited to); Perennial Sunflower, both variegated as well as plain green leaf. Ligularia, Japanese anemone, Ninebark, Heuchera (coral bells) Sedum, Endless summer hydrangea, Ferns, blanket flower, monkshood, ornamental grasses, solomons seal, meadow rue, helleborus, and arum.

SAN is encouraging family and friends of individuals who have passed away from HIV/AIDS to bring a letter written to the person who passed. Here is an example, Lori the Woman's Wisdom Case Manager lost a client last spring. Lori will write a letter to this person who touched her life. She will take the letter to the garden with the plant she chose to remember her client; she then burns the letter and places the ashes in the hole before planting the plant. Our loved ones may not be forgotten in our hearts and mind, but these plants are a living reminder of people who have touched our soul.

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Letters of the Law

Pay Close Attention

by Jerry J. Davis

Spokane is going through a renaissance. We have people pouring in from California and other states to take advantage of our great weather and manageable city. Most of us don't know that the New York Times last year named our river-view property as the "country's best kept secret."

They also warned the residents of Spokane to not do what other cities that had amazing river front property did, namely to sell out. Well it appears to be too late. We have investors from all over flooding our area and reaping benefits that belong to those who have made this city what it is.

We have to pay close attention for so many reasons. One main reason is property taxes. We will soon find our middle income residents who have poured sweat and tears into Spokane pushed out of the city limits as taxes rise dramatically to incorporate our new multi-million dollar neighbors. Please don't let it be lost on any of us the deals new urban dwellers are being offered tax wise on the back of our working class. However, this is not what I want to address specifically in this issue. What I need to address is the new law of eminent domain.

The origin of eminent domain basically comes from the idea that land should be used for the greater good of the community. Generally speaking what happens is that the State (generically used for any government entity) is allowed to force an individual to sell his/her property at market value to the State for such ventures such as hospitals, highways or military installations. While most of the contentious disagreements have been fought in the courts in regards to worth of the property, there is a new United States Supreme Court decision that should make each and every one of us stand up and take notice.

The old standard of "betterment for society" by and through our government has been abruptly and shockingly replaced. Our highest Court has now ruled that private corporations can now be awarded an individuals private property if they can "show" that the acquisition can improve a community financially. Generally speaking, a corporation can now plead its case to whoever has jurisdiction, and can uproot a family or a community for no more than a financial gain. It is time to be very afraid.



Both sides of the isle, Democrats and Republicans alike, are shell shocked, and we should be too. To bring it into perspective, let's take a hypothetical. Suppose that a corporation sees the amazing investment potential in the area on the river that is now being developed. Within the law, they could now argue that wiping out all the individual dwellings that now exist there and replacing them with high-end housing would bring much more money into our economy through property taxes. When eminent domain law was first established, only the government could have introduced that the entire community would benefit from something such as a freeway, not a corporate owned residential or business area.

This is not something that any of us can disregard. It could be my house or yours; it could be Manito or Riverside Park. We are being flooded with outside investors and we all need to stand side by side ensure that those of us, gay and straight, who have made Spokane one of the most enviable places to live in the U.S. remains that way, and that the decisions to transform our city and our communities are made by those who have nurtured and developed them, not by big businesses who only have their financial bottom lines in mind.

We only have a finite amount of land and resources left. If having the government prove that the community as a whole would benefit from them seizing it and developing it for the good of us all then that is one thing, but allowing big business and big money take over our town is quite another.

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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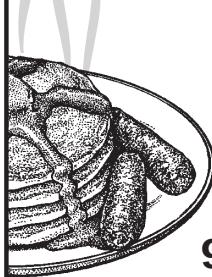
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Eating OUT

A Goopy Mess in the Catacombs

by *The Three Sisters*

The Sisters began the adventure this week with a tiff. Sister D'Lite, ever the girl of whimsy, wanted pizza, Vino wanted wine and dungeons, and Subtle wanted S'mores and fireplaces.

Just as we began the bitch-slapping, we happened upon Catacombs, a cozy pub on the lower level of the Montvale building that surprisingly fulfilled all our needs.

Ushered to a table close to the roaring fire, we ordered Australian wine and Prava Tapas (\$8.95), a platter of Spanish olives, marinated feta, sausage, roasted veggies, and toasted almonds, and Hot Bavarian Potato Salad (\$3.95).

After some discussion of hot Bavarians and more wine, the Sisters enjoyed the tang of the tapas, served with a delicious heavy, seedy bread. D'Lite declared the potato salad "yum."

The menu, although scant, offered something for everyone: Cashew Chicken Pizza (\$10.95) for D'Lite, Stroganoff (\$15.95) for Subtle, and Goulash (\$14.95) for Vino.

The food arrived very quickly, but not before D'Lite pointed out the irony that Subtle's recent sex life closely resembled the food she ordered. The pizza, offered on a thin, crispy crust and slathered with olive oil and cheese, was divine. The goulash had a bite that Vino appreciated, and Subtle's Stroganoff, a lovely combination of cream and beef,

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was declared better than sex.

The dessert menu quickly stopped Subtle's pouting, as it offered S'mores (\$5.95), the makings of which were brought

to the table with a small pit of fire for marshmallow roasting. The Sisters toasted the mallows, pushed them into the chocolate, surrounded it all with graham, and made a goopy mess of it.

The more refined Vino declared the Tiramisu (\$5.95) the best she'd ever tasted and D'Lite, while satisfied with the Chocolate Toffee Kahlua Mousse (\$5.95), was much more interested in stealing Subtle's S'mores.

Finding themselves covered in chocolate, the Sisters set off to find some hot Bavarian to lick them off.

Overall, Catacombs offers something for every mood. Its location, close to Dempsey's and in the heart of the art district, provides a lovely start to a grand, gay evening.

Questions or ideas? Let the Three Sisters know! Drop a line: mail@stonewall-news.net or write to: Stonewall News Northwest, P.O. Box 2704, Spokane, WA 99220

PFLAG MOM

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a child of their own to love and nurture. And my concern for them spurred me on to work harder to create a more loving, accepting world for all people.

As we celebrate Gay Pride in June I want to honor and acknowledge this beautiful granddaughter who stars in the Women's League Soccer; sings opera as well as jazz; and performs with her mother Karen in a GLBT community chorus.

Not only an athlete and musical artist, Erin stars academically. With perfect SAT scores she accepted early decision to Carleton College in Northfield, MN.

Despite what critics may say about same-sex parents, Erin, who has two "moms", is a well-rounded person, fun loving and serious, an asset to her school and her community and a real

joy to be with! Jim, my husband of 56 years, and I are bursting with PRIDE and feel so blessed to be parents of a lesbian daughter. Rose, one of our eight children, has taught special needs children for over 25 years. She has gifted us all by opening the closet of misunderstanding and discrimination and given us the opportunity to explore new worlds.

Our PRIDE extends to all GLBTQ people who are true to themselves by acknowledging who they are as they struggle with a sometimes hostile and unaccepting society. Our "hats are off to you all" and we hold you all in our hearts. Look for us as we march with our PFLAG Sandpoint banner in the Spokane Pride Parade.

Love,

Barbara Hansen PFLAG Mama
and Everyone's Grandma

Regional

No Rest for the Wicked

Brokeback Steakhouse

by Joan Opyr

I am freshly returned from a trip to our nation's capitol, Washington, DC. I love DC. Over the years, I've made a lot of happy memories there. As a closeted college student down in Raleigh, North Carolina, I knew that DC to the North – not Myrtle Beach to the South – was the place to go for a gay weekend. Why? Because DC is home to Dupont Circle, AKA the Fruit Loop.

Here's the plan: you blow off classes on Friday, drive up to DC, and flop at a friend's apartment. You spend the next two days touring the bars and clubs on Dupont Circle – with a quick trip into DC's landmark gay and lesbian bookstore, Lambda Rising – and then, if you're really feeling spendy and trendy, you wind up in Georgetown. You promise yourself that you'll leave



on Sunday morning, but when Sunday morning rolls around, you remember that DC is famous for its all-you-can-drink, dirt-cheap champagne brunches. Sunday morning rolls into Sunday afternoon, and afternoon turns into midnight. You turn into a pumpkin. You leave on Monday morning, which everyone knows means ten a.m., or possibly eleven. If your car will do 80 – and if you know how to cry your way out of a speeding ticket – you might just make it back in time to slide in for the last five minutes of your two o'clock Shakespeare class, looking like the lovechild of Bottom and Falstaff.

I graduated from college eighteen years ago. When I go back to DC now, I imagine that I'll do the Fruit Loop, but I rarely get past Lambda Rising. I'm far more interested in books than booze, and by the time I've finished browsing the shelves, what I want isn't a bag of beer nuts and a kamikaze but a great big slap-up dinner. Enter Annie's Paramount Steak House on 17th Street NW.

My god. You know you're middle-aged when you'd rather have a thick, rare, juicy steak with a side of baked Crab Imperial than dance all night to house music with scantily clad members of the same sex. And you know that you've been out in the sticks too long when it takes you a full twenty minutes – you've eaten the steak and are halfway through the crab – before you realize that Annie's is not just an upscale Bonanza. It's a gay steakhouse, with gay waiters and gay diners, a gay chef and a gay bartender. Everyone around you is gay, gay, gay. Not

lesbian, mind you, but gay, as in male. Annie's is packed with gay men dining in groups, dining in couples, threesomes and foursomes all eating and laughing and looking fabulous. Annie's is Brokeback Steakhouse, without the tragic ending or the blooming onion.

(FYI: If you're on a date, a blooming onion is a tragic ending. Remember that, lesbians. Yes, I'm talking to you. Gay men know that Listerine breath strips are tools, not miracles. You, on the other hand, have come to believe that a Tic Tac is a substitute for a Sonicare.)

Gay and lesbian restaurants. That's what I miss about living in (or near) a big city. I like dining with my people. Don't get me wrong – I love straight people. Some of my best friends are straight people. I hear that if you're straight on your wedding day, it actually counts in court. But I get burned out on straight folk. I get tired of Desperate Housewives. I am a desperate housewife. I'm the lesbian model; I'm Wilma Flintstone without the Slate Quarry pension plan. Look, sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name – they know it's not Melissa or Michelle or Elizabeth but Mel or Micky or Liz. Sometimes you want to engage in public displays of affection with the partner of your choice without anyone either batting an eyelid or smiling tolerantly.

I never found peace in the DC bars. I often found joy on the Fruit Loop, and a madcap kind of temporary freedom, but on the whole, I'd rather have Lambda Rising and a trip to Annie's. I'd rather have my steak and eat it, too.

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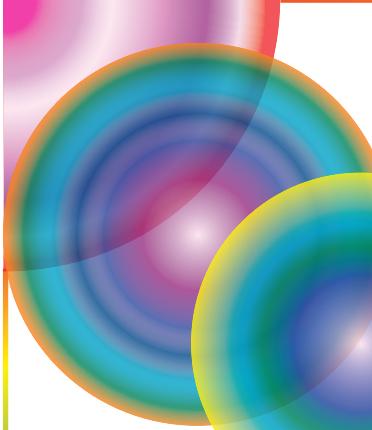
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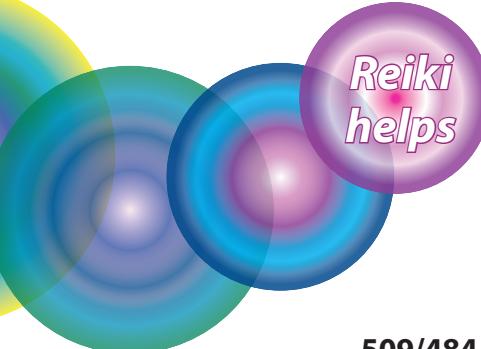
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Missoula Officer new liason to gay, lesbian community

MISSOULA (AP) - Missoula Police Sgt. Scott Oak is gay, a fact not lost on vandals who scratch the word into his pickup or throw eggs at his house while hollering anti-gay epithets.

In addition to the vandalism, his work as liason to the gay and lesbian community here is drawing national press attention that credits him with bravely breaking new ground.

Recently, a film crew shadowed him for several days and the producer, Craig Deltrone, plans to come back in June.

The footage will be part of a one-hour documentary about gay men and women who are "out" in the workplace. The film is expected to air in January on the Logo network.

Oak also was subject of a USA Today piece on people who shattered stereotypes, as well as local news stories announcing creation of his position last fall.

He said the first headline that referred to him as a gay police officer made him squirm a little.

"The attention has been embarrassing, but I think it's really helping to further a cause," said Oak, who patrols on a motorcycle when the weather allows.

"It's certainly a different kind of publicity than our department is used to getting," said Police Chief Rusty Wickman.

"On the other hand, Scott obviously extended himself by volunteering for this position, and I think that puts him in a somewhat vulnerable position. It's incredibly brave," Wickman said.

As the production crew trailed him, Oak discovered that someone had scratched the word GAY in block letters on the rear quarter panel of his pickup in the City Hall parking lot. Oak went back in to report the vandalism.

"That was 1,800 bucks worth of damage," Oak said, "They did it right in view of the camera, too."

Oak was named the liason to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and intersex community last November. He has an office in the Western Montana Gay & Lesbian Community Center, where he can meet with complainants in a "more comfortable setting" he said.

His position was created just weeks after a group of teenagers screamed anti-gay epithets at two University of Montana students and beat the men so severely they had to be hospitalized. One had a broken jaw and the other a fractured cheekbone and concussion.

Both victims are heterosexual, but the attack led Wickman to act on his plan to create Oak's position.

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OUT! In the Middle of Nowhere

Family Values OUT on the Prairie

by Tim Anderson

Father's Day usually brings to mind bad ties, golf, and tacky greeting cards. That is unless you're Christopher Zilar, who is anything but your average father. Heading a blended family of six kids, Zilar and his second wife of seven years, LeAnne, take parenthood quite seriously.

Zilar boasts that Father's Day is his favorite day of the year, "There is a part of me that gets really sad when I hear about fathers who go golfing by themselves or with friends on Father's Day. Father's Day for me is celebrating that I have children and that I get to spend time with my children-I can't say it any better. Having children-It's a tremendously fulfilling thing in my life. What I give to my kids in love is representative of God."

And give he does. Fathering outside traditional parenting boundaries, he requires that the family spend weekly quality time together. Laughing, Zilar recites the ages of his kids-the eldest is 19, followed by twin 17 year olds, a fifteen year old daughter, and twin four year olds. Pausing he looks up in wonder, "My god I've had twins with two different women!"

Further embracing diversity, the Zilar's also regularly open their home to a broad definition of extended family. Sometimes family night numbers over a dozen participants. Each gathering includes a random, impromptu question posed by one of the regulars-either a family member or someone who has attended at least three family nights in the past. No one escapes answering "the question". Whether you're four or fifty, expect that your opinion will be solicited. And for regulars-chances are good that the honor of coming up with the question of the week just might fall in your lap.

That's not all that might fall into your lap-Condom demonstrations anyone? Borrowing from their respective public health perspectives (Zilar's wife Leanne is an OBGYN/Nurse Practitioner while Christopher is a former rural HIV prevention advocate with the Friend to Friend outreach program), parental commitment to sharing progressive family values also includes frank sexuality discussions held around the dinner table. From infancy on, the kids are exposed to regular condom demonstration nights-including an expected ability to reciting the facts surrounding various condom failures.

Surprisingly Zilar doesn't necessarily consider himself straight. Bristling

at any label, he candidly admits that at one point shortly after his first marriage ended, he wondered if his seemingly asexual state was an indicator of repressed same sex orientations. Friends agreed, suggesting that Zilar might not be out to himself. "Deep down I was trying to understand my sexuality at the time. It didn't matter what sexual orientation I was-what mattered was that I found someone that I was attracted to who was also attracted to me."

Shortly after his soul searching, Zilar met his current wife Leanne while attending an August 1998 INAC (Inland Northwest AIDS Coalition) Away in the Woods retreat. "I thought she was a lesbian and she thought I was gay. Usually if the gaydar goes off, my attraction isn't there. So I kept asking myself-actually we were both asking ourselves, "Why am I attracted to this person?" Neither of us believed in "Love At First Sight" until that weekend. We really got to know each other at Away in the Woods. We didn't have sex, we just talked and talked. We didn't talk about family but focused on our spirituality. At around 4 am on the last morning, she asked if I was gay or straight. I realized she was asking if I was available. I never answered!"

By mid September, the couple was in love. They married the following July. LeAnne had a child from another marriage, Christopher had three kids, and since then, they've had twins. Over the years fatherhood has not only included fielding sexual orientation questions from their children but overcoming the issues presented from blending two families. "Children come perfect from God, and the best thing I can do is not mess them up. The biggest thing, my gift to the world, is mentoring my children to give back to the community, to be open and honest with themselves, and to be inclusive and accepting of all people."

A writer, horseman, truck driver, and graduate of Seattle Pacific University and Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle, Tim is the president of the Gay Truckers Association. For more in-depth information about him, visit www.highmountainranch.com, which won Web site of the Year from www.roadstaronline.com.



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Where the Journey Began

There is more to Gay Pride than just an annual celebration. Pride is a time of activism, coming out, and the creation of a place for GLBTQ community in society.

Part 2 of a 2 part series

by Jim Jones

...Continued from the May issue of Stonewall News Northwest

The Stonewall rebellion was not an isolated event of spontaneous activism. Craig Rodwell¹ who was frustrated with the lack of action from the Mattachine Society in New York joined a militant movement of protesters. He was inspired by protests in Washington D.C. opposing Castro's plans to put homosexuals in concentration camps. At the age of 24 Rodwell organized a group in Philadelphia that began the "Annual Reminder" demonstration on July fourth, 1965. The '65 Annual Reminder became the first ever recorded gay protest for equality. The gays and lesbians who participated adhered to a strict dress code of what we would today call business attire.² From 1965 to 1968 the protests primarily consisted of gays and lesbians holding signs and walking around the capital building. As the LGBT community became more outspoken and visible with the Annual Reminder, the atmosphere in New York became more hostile towards gays.

In New York it was illegal to serve homosexuals alcohol, illegal for bars to have homosexual patrons³, illegal for homosexuals to gather in public places, women were required to wear at least three pieces of clothing appropriate for their gender, and just for the drag queens, illegal for men to "mask or alter their facial appearance in an unusual or unnatural manner"⁴. This activity was policed in Greenwich Village by the NY First Division
Morals Squad lead by Deputy Inspector Seymour Pine who was also the inspector who organized and led the raid of the Stonewall in June of 1969⁵.

During the years prior to the Stonewall Rebellion homosexuals were used as a campaign tool for politicians who wanted to be perceived as men who cleaned up the homosexual neighborhoods. During election season thousands of gays and lesbians would be rounded up and arrested for loitering, lewd behavior, and other acts. Police officers routinely entrapped men by fondling or exposing themselves in public spaces in order to make the arrest. During the months preceding

the rebellion the Morals Squad began making more frequent raids on gay bars, five bars were shutdown permanently in May and June at the behest of then Mayor Lindsay who was facing a tough reelection battle⁶. Attacks on gays increased in frequency, it became common for gay men to be pulled dead out of the Hudson River or disappear without a trace. A police officer shot a gay youth in the head and killed him, the youths crime – loitering. In a controversial hearing, the officer was not reprimanded or relieved from duty. Police officers were routinely paid off by the mafia who owned the gay bars. This atmosphere of corruption and oppression added



Police confront Gay Activists Alliance, New York City

began harassing gay men, beating them with baseball bats, and throwing broken bottles and stones at them. The vigilantes patrolled local parks and even went so far as to cut down all the trees in local parks to prevent gays from cruising or gathering.⁷ The vigilantes claimed they had permission from police even though their actions were illegal. Frequent police patrols ignored the vigilante groups and looked the other way if a homosexual was under attack. The vigilantes justified

their actions by claiming they were "protecting women and children"⁸

International affairs played into the atmosphere of

oppression of gays in America in 1969. The Canadian Commons approved massive reforms in the criminal code and approved a bill legalizing homosexual acts in private between consenting adults.⁹ In West Germany the Bundestag approved a bill eliminating penalties for homosexual acts involving consenting adults.¹⁰ The LGBT community in America began asking themselves "why hide?"

The Rebellion

On Tuesday June 24th 1969 Seymour Pine made his first raid of the Stonewall Inn. He arrested the employees of the Stonewall and confiscated all of the liquor. By this time the Stonewall was one of the last bars remaining open in the village, largely as a result of the payoffs to the sixth precinct police department. As Pine was leaving the Stonewall one of the owners sneered, "If you want to make a bust, that's your business. We'll be open again tomorrow."¹¹ Pine was incensed by this comment and was determined to close down the Stonewall once and for all.

Seymour Pine laid his plans out in detail to raid the Stonewall and shut it down the following Friday. Around one-twenty in the morning on Saturday June 28th Pine entered the Stonewall with the intent of making arrests, confiscating all of the liquor, and cutting the bar into pieces and throwing it out the door. His plans were executed perfectly; he and his team of police officers began lining the Stonewall patrons up, arresting those without proper ID, and ushering others out the door. Pine's expectation was that the queers would dissipate and head home peacefully like the always had in the past. In this he was dead wrong.

Judy Garland's death the previous week is presumed to be the single most significant event that empowered the gay community. Thousands of gays and lesbians were gathered in New York on that Saturday for Garland's memorial service. The sadness of the loss and the constant oppression and abuse caused that night to be a bubbling cauldron of emotion and anger in the community. The action of Seymour Pine was the spark that ignited the fury of the GLBT community that night and well into the next day.¹⁴

All accounts agree that the first to fight back was described as a "typical New York butch, a stone butch dyke". Eye witness accounts, collected by David Carter, state that the woman was furious apparently a result of being groped by the cops. She fought them ferociously all the way to the squad car. The crowd that had gathered cheered and began yelling and screaming, a chorus of "We shall overcome" rang

out but was soon drowned out by chants of "Gay Power". The lesbian was restrained by four policemen who finally got her into the squad car but she was not about



Police raid on the Artists' Exotic Carnival and Ball at the Manhattan Center

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WHERE THE JOURNEY BEGAN - PART 2*continued from previous page*

to give up, she slipped out of the car and fought all the way back to the door of the Stonewall. Again, according to an eyewitness interview by David Carter, "Everything went along fairly peacefully until a dyke lost her mind in the streets of the West Village – kicking, cursing, screaming, and fighting." The lone dyke fighting for freedom was soon joined by transvestites who fought as ferociously back to the doors of the Stonewall. The cops began beating anyone within range with their nightsticks, at this the crowd went livid with action and forced seven policemen and Seymour Pine back into the Stonewall Inn. Soon the youth who frequented the bar began fighting back with anything that could be thrown, bricks, bottles, garbage and refuse. Just like the Stonewall had become the safe haven for so many gays and lesbians, the inn had now become the only place for the police to take refuge. They barricaded themselves in and waited for reinforcements, meanwhile the crowd was growing in numbers and in outrage.

Humiliated by this turn of events, Pine called in the riot police. With nightsticks and shields the riot police beat back the crowds of rioters who would simply circle around the block and return to Christopher Street. The police were excessively forceful and violent as the humiliation and taunting they received from the

queers increased. The riot police and crowds clashed until around 3:30AM Sunday morning when the police finally succeeded in dispersing the remainder of the rioters. After over twenty four hours of rioting four policemen were hurt and thirteen people were arrested.¹²



Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street, post-riots and vacant. circa 1970

And so began the gay liberation movement of New York and America. A group of hundreds of gays and lesbians joined together to form the Gay Liberation Front (GLF) a militant group that coordinated protests and brought about social change in New York. On the first anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion Craig Rodwell moved the

Annual Reminder to NY and joined forces with the GLF. A demonstration was to be held on the last Saturday of every June from that day forward and was to be known as the Christopher Street Liberation Day. They rallied

at Christopher Street in the Village and marched up Fifth Avenue to Central Park. These founders stated that no dress or age regulations would be made for this demonstration.¹³ This first pride rally had nearly 3,000 participants and sparked rallies and demonstrations across the country. Today the New York Pride Festival hosts nearly three million participants and spectators and is one of the largest Pride Festivals in the world.

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All of us, the GLBTQA people of Spokane, are writing our very own chapters in the history of Gay America. Let's make our forefathers and mothers proud. Let us show them we honor and cherish the past by allowing their legacy to live on through us. Pride is about remembering where we come from and honoring our shared journey.

Please see Where the Journey Began - Part 1 in the May issue of Stonewall News Northwest.

Jim Jones is a Community activist living in Spokane, author of www.choiceofthepeople.blogspot.com and founder of the monthly LGBTQA social hour Friday Night OUT.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

by Christopher Lawrence

Shifty Salesman Sings at Civic

Among our local playhouses, Civic Theatre usually mounts the most ambitious plays and musicals. **The Music Man** is definitely another feather in their cap with good sets, lighting, costumes and above average performances from most of the cast. See it through June 18.

Some of the players were truly standouts and I would like to recognize a few of them, although my space here is too constrained to allow all the praise deserved by those who worked so hard on this fine production.



and delighted the audience on Gala Night.

Jacob Rees Newell played Winthrop, Marion's little brother who has a lisp, very 'thmoothly' and was fairly 'sophithticated' in his big number, "Gary, Indiana."

Danae Lowman exhibited nearly flawless vocal skills with a strong and professional performance worthy of a Broadway production or at least an "A" touring company. The roles in musicals are seldom deeply textured but Ms. Lowman was perfect as Marian Paroo, the librarian.

Michael Rhodes showed great talent in most areas and has the much needed training that allows him to play the part of Professor (salesman) Harold Hill with alacrity and physical self-confidence that is so often lacking in the pool of male actors who work in Spokane theater. Rhodes was refreshing and articulate. His voice, although pleasing, lacked the timbre and bass baritone qualities usually required in his role, but this small detail was more than compensated for by his verve and physical bearing. His ability to execute the Rube Goldberg-esque choreography in one favorite scene, "Marian the Librarian," showed his experience

My least favorite scene and song in **The Music Man** is "Shipooopi." It might have been a winner when Buddy Hackett first played it but I find it to be a jarring and nonsensical addition to an otherwise lovely score. I will, however, admit that the character of Marcellus Washburn, as played by Doug Dawson, struck me as an eerily funny combination of Jim Carrey, late actor Michael Jeter and Gollum from **Trilogy of the Ring**. I will happily recall his performance with no difficulty for the rest of my life.

A few others deserve the special mention list: Susan Creed, Maria Caprile and the quartet (Dan Griffith, Dennis McMullen, Michael J. Dunn and Kent Kimball).

Costumes are never an afterthought in Civic productions and as usual were beautifully in sync with the period.

My only real complaint was that the live music is muffled in the pit. I would rather see more of the upstage area used for the production and allow the musicians to be somewhat elevated rather than trying to push the music out of the open square in the pit cover.

The audience was properly responsive and we all left feeling the lift that a really good musical elicits. Don't miss it!

Summer Fare Offered

Just in case you hunger for some theater during the the off-season, this summer Spokane Civic Theatre presents the Playwrights' Forum Festival that will showcase four one act plays: **Holy Moly** by Wendy Shepard (of Friday Harbor, WA), **The Tooth Fairy** by Fred Cooperider (of Salem, OR), **His Critical Condition** by Carl Williams (of Houston, TX) and **Paradise Lost** by Scott Munson of San Jose, CA., June 8-10. In addition, the full length play, **Sonnet 23** by Will Gillman of Spokane, WA. will be presented June 15-17. Contact the Civic Box Office at 509-325-2507 or 800-466-9576

Billy's Boy Faces the Truth

Never underestimate the power of any form of entertainment. TV shows, music, movies and books all have the power to change minds and hearts. Author Patricia Nell Warren demonstrates that power in **Billy's Boy**, a story that sweeps a young man from the self-centered reverie of teen-hood.

William is a complex knot of thoughts and emotions that hides behind the geekdom of Astronomy and Star Wars fantasy, belying the truth.

Having been raised by his single mother who would not speak of his father, William finds it easier to escape into the alternate reality he has created about his past, his heritage and his destiny.

How could he know that his obsessive desire for the truth would set him on a path that will connect him with his pre-destined new-found family of choice: the same people who were responsible for his protection, those who had shielded him from possible harm by the partner of his father's assassin?

There is more to this journey. William must discover and come to grips with the truth about his sexuality and that of his parents.

Ms. Warren tells a story steeped in personal, spiritual and social politics, of a youth in personal struggle who finds himself under the scrutiny of those who would judge him as unfit simply for being who he really is.

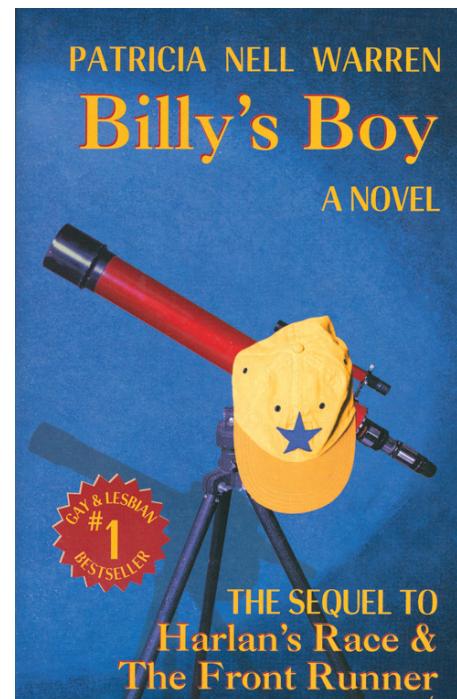
It's no coincidence that I am writing about **Billy's Boy**. This is the book being read by many of our youth in The Alliance that is hosting Ms. Warren at a Youth Forum at Spokane Falls Community College June 9 (1 p.m.).

"Free Speech: Censorship, From the Internet to the Schools" is the topic

GLBT Book Group

Spokane's GLBT Book Group meets the first Wednesday monthly in the second floor conference room of Auntie's Bookstore. Facilitator Julie Smith says review sessions begin at 7 pm.

Upcoming review sessions include: **The Front Runner** by Patricia Nell Warren on June 7 for **Pride 2006**, **Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral** by Kris Radish on July 5 and **Idaho Code** by Joan Opyr on August 2.



she has chosen to advance her ongoing quest for equal rights and free speech. These issues are part of the fiber of her works and the characters that drive them.

When William lets go of his fears and begins to realize that he can be the master of his destiny, he starts to evolve, as we all must.

His heritage ties his past to his future. He can choose to become the creator rather

than the victim of what life seems to serve him.

This is the third book in the series and the sequel to **Harlan's Race** and **The Front Runner**, the books that helped thousands of same-sex oriented people discover that they were not alone.

Her characters are not stereotypes. They represent the full diversity of the GLBTQ community, a fact that the Religious Wrong seem to neglect. Instead we are shown as fully textured human beings doing the best we can and overcoming oppression.

Ms. Warren's action scenes consistently pull her readers to the edge and catapult them through breathless anticipation without necessarily giving them an easy resolution. The end result is uplifting even when there is tragedy.

Her ability to speak from such various perspectives is one of her true gifts, whether she is portraying a gay male athlete/coach, a Native American woman or a young man trying to find out who he is, who he can love and who he can call family.

I join with tens of thousands of readers who know Patricia Nell Warren as a hero. She strives to make a difference in the world and she succeeds. Read her work.

You can meet her on June 9 at the Meet/Greet Dinner at ella's (6 p.m.) and talk with her at the Community Forum, "Anyone Can Be An Activist!" Montvale Hotel (8 p.m.).

Pride & Joy Movie Night

...is offered as an alternative social venue for the GLBTQA community on the second Tuesday of each month.

Join us on June 13 for the 6 p.m. social and 7:15 p.m. showing of **Girls Will Be Girls**. Three actresses at various places on the Hollywood food chain navigate the minefield of love, aging, and ambition. Oh, and they're all played by men!

"An actress is nothing without a meaty part."

Ticket holders for Pride & Joy Movie Night are offered drink specials, a 20 percent discount on all food from ella's *Supper Club* and drawings for free prizes.

The privilege of watching a primarily gay film with an amiable group of diverse types from the gay community is gratifying, so bring some friends and join us at the 'family-friendly,' CenterStage Theater for a great evening of entertainment and camaraderie.

Pride 2006

Join the Journey – Come OUT Spokane!

By Christopher Lawrence
OutSpokane Committee

Spokane's **2006 Pride Celebration** is bigger than most of us would ever have thought possible even a couple of years ago. Nearly 35 events offer great choices for getting involved with various elements and happenings of Pride.

The increased alliances among contrasting parts of our greater GLBTQA community are unprecedented. Spokane is catching the vision and gaining the power that can only be held when we all join together and work for a common cause. As more and more people envision our community as it really can be – the most diverse minority of them all – the energy that surrounds Pride this year has grown exponentially!

By now everyone knows that we are celebrating our 15th Anniversary of the first Pride March in Spokane. The symbol for this anniversary is crystal.

The Pride 2006 T-shirt reflects the journey to this point in time. The pink triangle is symbolic of the brand given to homosexuals in Nazi Germany. We choose to take back our individuality and own our history by filling that triangle with pink crystal. The light we shine upon ourselves as an OUT and visible community refracts through the crystal's facets and becomes the rainbow, which represents the diversity of all humankind.

Added to the activities this year, to help us all better understand the journey we are joining, is our inaugural **Heritage Pride Institute**.

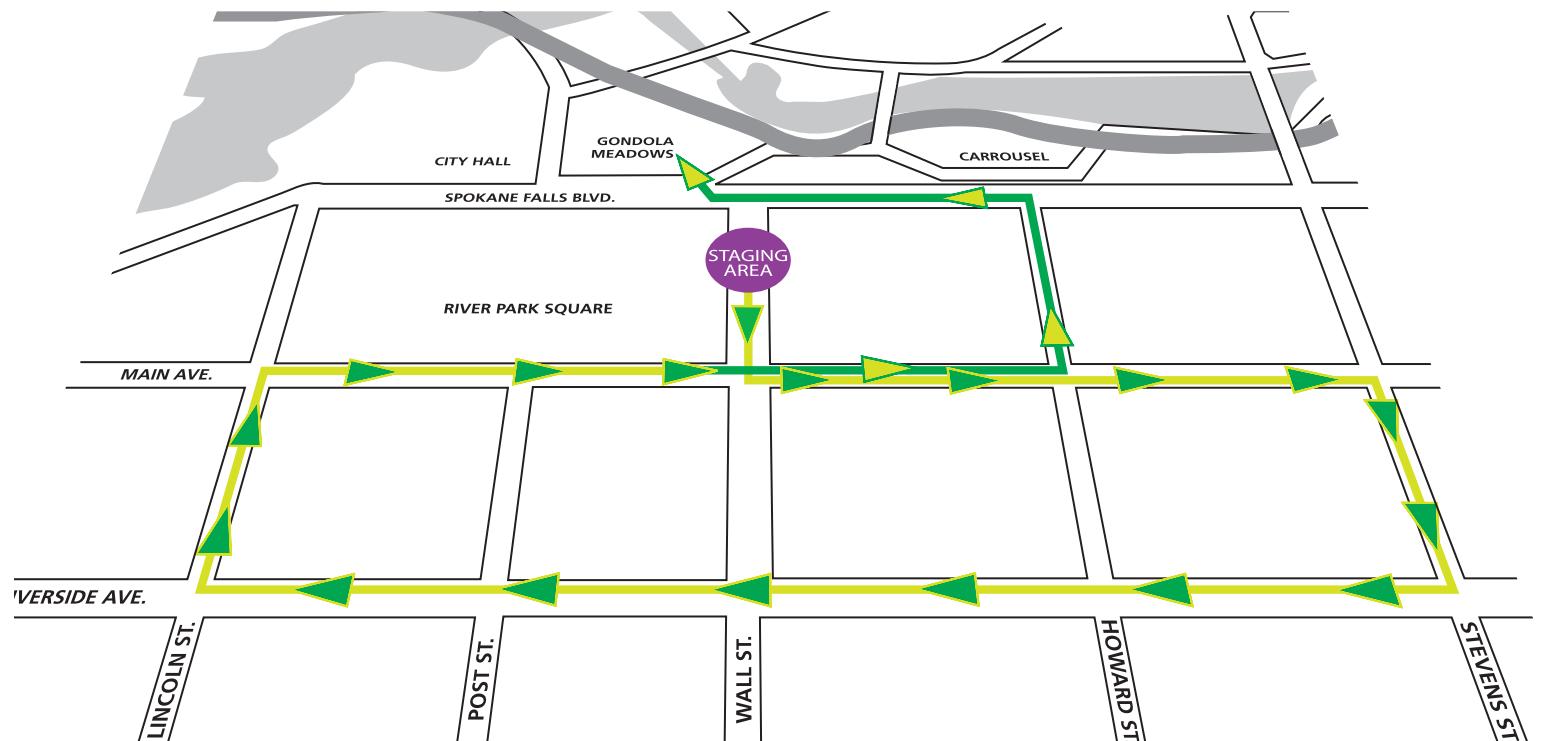
For those who already know the history of our fight for recognition and equal rights, the **Heritage Pride Institute** will be a welcome honoring of those that have done their part to make this world a better place for us all.

For our youth who cannot remember what it was like not to have the rights we possess today, the Institute will show them the road map that has brought us into the future.

We celebrate this year by honoring one of those heroes. Our 2006 Grand Marshal, world renowned author **Patricia Nell Warren**, will be presenting two forums on June 9. The youth forum is entitled "**Free Speech: Censorship From the internet to the schools.**" The community forum will be "**Anyone Can Be an Activist.**" Come and join this very informal discussion with Ms. Warren about what it will take to retain the right of free speech for our community.

With over 35 events scheduled for the Pride Celebrations this year, OutSpokane is still in need of financial

Pride 2006 Parade Route



STAGING AREA:

Wall Street between Spokane Falls Boulevard and Main.

PARADE ROUTE:

From staging area, South on Wall, turn East onto Main Ave. From Main Ave. turn right or South on Stevens Street. From Stevens, turn right or West on Riverside Ave. From Riverside, turn right or North onto Lincoln Street. From Lincoln, return to Main Ave., turning right, East, on Main to Howard Street. Turn left, or North on Howard Street. Turn left, West on Spokane Falls Boulevard to Gondola Meadows, festival entry, approximately at Wall Street.

Who's going to be in the Parade? Floats, vehicles, bands, and marchers, including...

Dempsey's Brass Rail
Unity Church
Spokane County Democratic
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PFLAG-Spokane
Deaf by Design
Emmanuel MCC Church
Lilac City Men's Project
Quest Youth Group

Rainbow City Band
aka "The Pride of Seattle"
Dykes on Bikes
Pride Foundation
The Alliance and SAFE

Spokane Moms
Unity Spokane
River of Life MCC Church
Rainbow Center
Spokane GLBT Film Festival

support for this ambitious endeavor and volunteers to help run them. Please contact us to give support to YOUR 2006 Pride at our Web site.

EMCC will host the **Double Fruit Float, part 1**, the annual cruise to officially kick off Pride, and **Double Fruit Float, part 2**, their first Dinner Cruise that will end the roster of Pride events on June 17.

Don't miss the **Push For Youth Dinner/Fund-raiser** at Dempsey's on June 6. Kudos to them for remembering and supporting the youth of our community.

Jimmy Roland will be our featured entertainer on the main stage at the Rainbow Festival and he will be singing "I Want to Be Loved by You," a love song to cap off **The Third Annual**

Wedding Ceremony. Jimmy will treat us to his singing and musicianship throughout the afternoon.

Everyone at the festival will get to choose the final winner in the **Karaoke Battle of the Bars** as the finalists from both bars, Dempsey's and The Merq, compete for the Karaoke championship for 2006.

Dignitaries who have supported our fight for equal rights will appear on-stage intermittently throughout the afternoon. Expect surprises.

There will be a second entertainment stage in the expanded **Family Play Area** too; amusements include giant blow-up bounce-arounds, games and fun projects for kids of all ages. Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane and Quest Youth

Group will be hosting the area and facilitating those events. Bring your kids and their friends and make this a truly family-friendly Pride Celebration.

By 6 p.m. everyone should be hungry. The MERQ's Customer Appreciation Barbecue for Pride, 6-8 p.m., may be just your source for sustenance.

From there you can make your way to see **Margaret Cho**, OutSpokane's Pride 2006 headliner at Northern Quest Casino for some hilarious and biting humor with her 'peeps' in mind.

This should be a wonderful day and evening of celebration. We hope to see everyone having a great time.

For the daily update and full information about all the Pride Events, please visit www.outspokane.com.

Welcome to Spokane!

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

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

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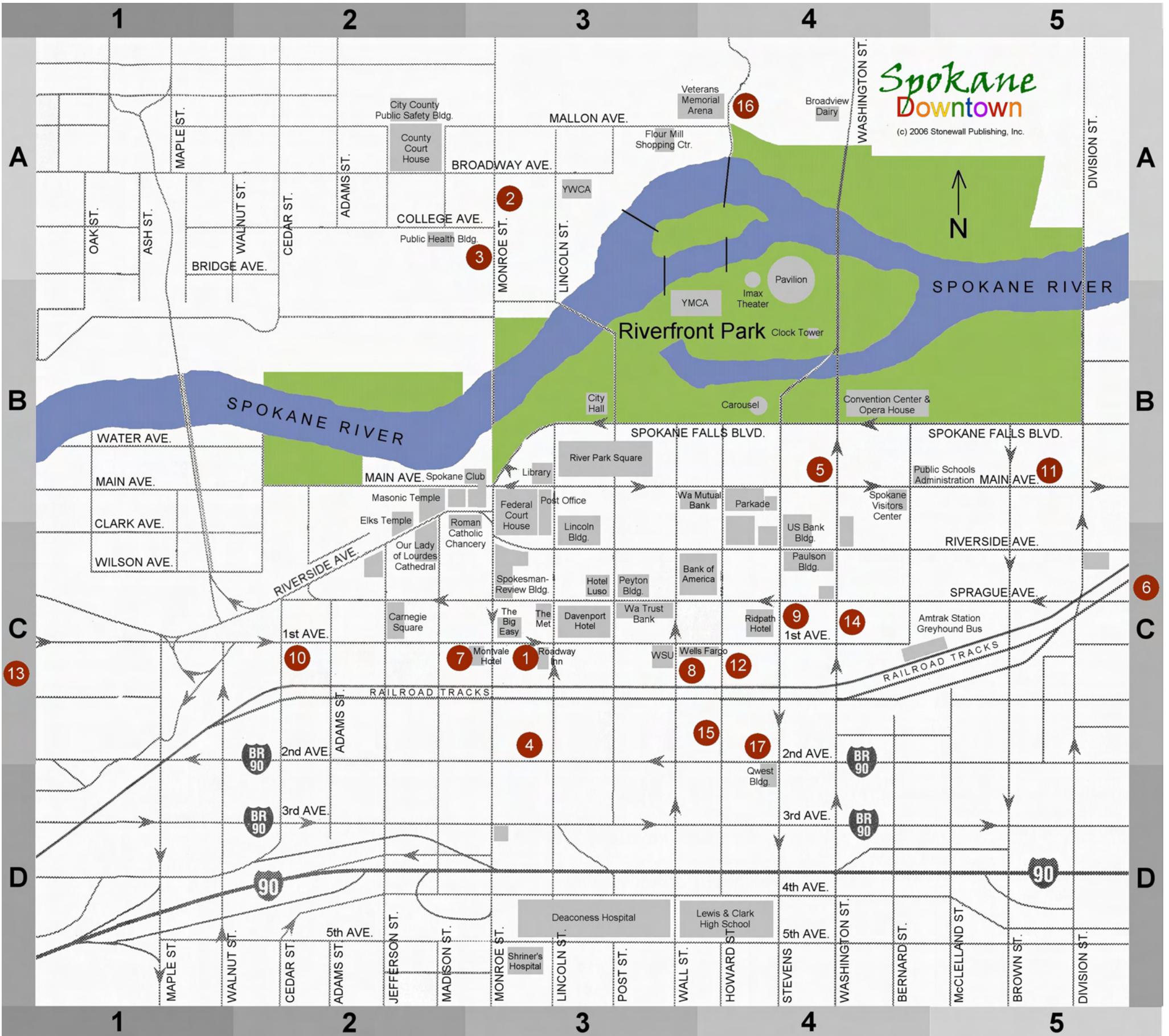
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General Booth Layout for Pride 2006 Festival at Riverfront Park



Pride 2006 Festival at Riverfront Park Booth Participants:

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| Spokane County Democratic Party Central Committee | Odyssey Youth Center |
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Pride

Events



Current Schedule available at



May 30



- **Dixie's Tupperware Party! 7 pm**
Dixie Longate previews her off-Broadway show, at UUCS

June 2

- Gay Spokane *In Town/Out of Town Show*, ISCS, 7 pm

June 4

- Gay Spokane **Victory Brunch**: ISCS, 12 noon

June 5

- INBA Outreach Scholarship Fundraiser Kickoff, 4:30 to 7 pm, Montvale Hotel
- **Rainbow Awards**, Centerstage, Pride Foundation/Inland Northwest, 7 pm

June 9

- **Patricia Nell Warren Youth Forum**, 1 pm
- **Patricia Nell Warren Dinner & Community Forum**, 7 pm
- **One Night Stand (for Pride)** GLBTQ Film Festival, 7 pm
- **RENT** –Garland Midnight Movie

June 1

- Devine Photography Show opens at CenterStage, 1017 West 1st Avenue
- Gay Spokane **Awards Dinner**, ISCS, 7 pm

June 3

- **Double Fruit Float Cruise #1**, 5:30 boarding, cruise 6-8 pm
- Gay Spokane **Pageant**, ISCS, 5 pm

June 6

- Transgender S. Bear Bergman Community Forum, the Alliance, 7 pm, SFCC Bldg. 5, rm. 142
- **Push For Youth Dinner**, 6 pm, Dempsey's Brass Rail

June 7

- Transgender **S. Bear Bergman Performance**, the Alliance, 7 pm, SFCC Building 5, room 142



June 10

- **Mom & Pop B'kfast**, PFLAG, 9 am, MERQ
- **Pride Parade at 12 noon**
- **Rainbow Festival 12-6 pm**

- *Kid's Stage Entertainment Games, Bouncy Toys!*
- *Business, Service & Educational booths*
- *Live Entertainment*
- *Beer & Wine Garden*
- *Contests & Giveaways*
- *Silent Auction*

- OutSpokane Presents **Margaret Cho!** Northern Quest Casino, 8:30 pm
- **RENT** –Garland Midnight Movie



June 11

- Pride Service, UUCS, 9:15 & 11 am
- Patricia Nell Warren Book Signing, Auntie's, 11 am

June 17

- **Picnic/BBQ**, OWLS, Mission Park, 12 noon
- **Double Fruit Float Dinner Cruise**, EMCC, leaving from Templin's Resort in Post Falls, 6 pm



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'Laughter' is Followed by Tragedy

A very successful season is drawing to a close at interPLAYERS Theater. Watching **Laughter on the 23rd Floor** with an audience that was nearly rolling in the aisles from laughter is the kind of medicine that will keep anyone young and healthy, unless one pulls a muscle from laughing too heartily. What a treat!

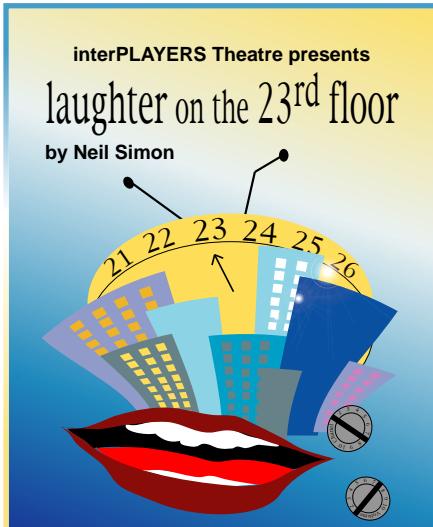
Set in the office of Max Prince, star of an hour-long network television comedy show, Neil Simon's tribute to the days of Jackie Gleason, Sid Caesar or more recently 'Alan Brady' from the "Dick Van Dyke Show," highlights the antics of seven very distinctive comedy writers who are always angling for the next laugh.

Max Prince is played with larger than life panache by William C. Marlowe in a demanding role that teeters on the edge of mental

breakdown. Powerful performances from nearly every actor and Andrew Ware Lewis's excellent direction made this a joyful marathon, one that at times had me laboring to catch my breath.

Gary Pierce as Ira Stone gave us an over-the-top look into rabid hypochondria in the creative mind complete with bulging veins on the forehead and energy comparable to that of Jack ("Will and Grace") going into his screeching monkey verbal abuse when angered. Pierce, however, still manages to articulate his words clearly in a rat-a-tat precision that might leave holes in one's psyche.

Stephanie Brush as Carol, the only



female in the bullpen, holds her own with the guys. Her shining and thoughtfully organic performances set a high standard for Spokane. Ms. Brush has a command of the stage that allows her to stand toe-to-toe with the big-gun personalities of her fellow actors.

And big guns they are! Tim Diamond as Milt renders a stage personality in the style of the '40s and '50s characters that made the second banana

a smart favorite. Thomas Heppler as Kenny and Todd Jasmin as Brian round out the cast of 'social misfits' with alternating energies of anger and fear.

The McCarthyism politics of network television and the inner demons of the writers are the antagonists and every actor had some special moments dealing with them on this 23rd floor. **A+!**

Steinbeck Classic Ends Season

One of the most celebrated works in American literature, **Of Mice and Men** is the 1930s tale of two migrant workers, George and Lennie, whose friendship inspires hope for their future.

Clinging to each other in their loneliness and alienation, George and his simple-minded friend Lennie dream, as drifters will, of a place to call their own. But after they go to work on a ranch in the Salinas Valley their hopes, like "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men," begin to go awry when Lennie's penchant for soft and cuddly things leads to tragedy, and George's love and protection of his friend are tested to the limit.



If you have never seen the movie and haven't read the book, this is your chance to experience the stage version of one of John Steinbeck's great works – and a masterpiece of literary tragedy.

Troy Nickerson (far left) will play the part of Lennie, George Green (lying down) portrays George and Clarence Forech (sitting) will play Crooks.

Of Mice and Men will be performed June 1- 24 at interPLAYERS. Tickets available by calling 509-455-PLAY (7529)



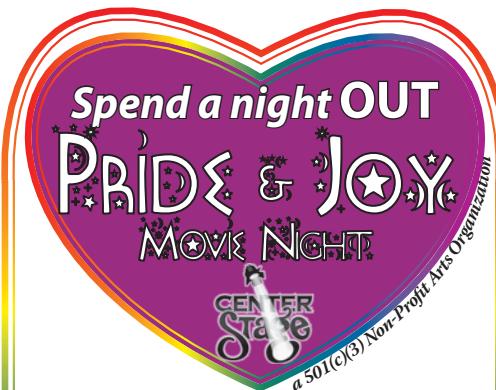
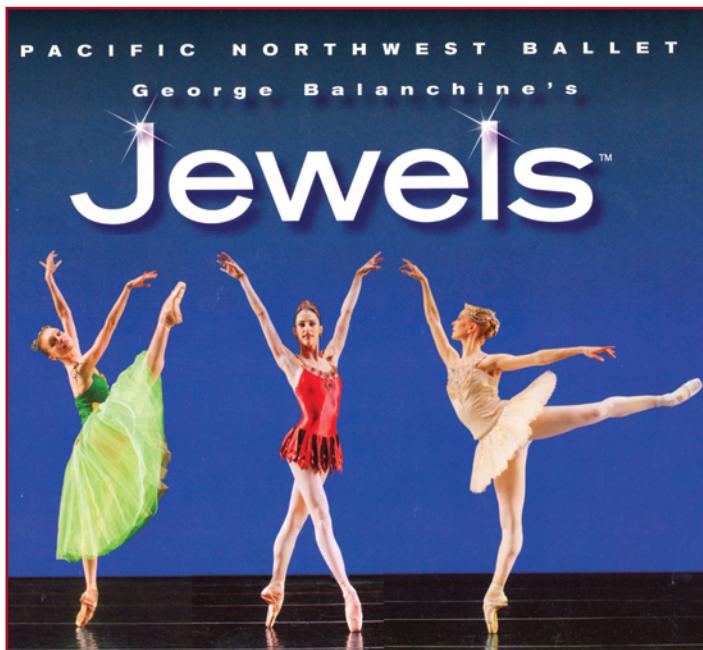
Don't Miss Margaret Cho

June 10, 8:30 pm

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Gaywired-Heart to Heart 05.24.06
By Josh Aterovis

CBS is so committed to a fair and honest portrayal that they even teamed with GLAAD (Gays and Lesbians Alliance Against Defamation, a media watchdog that promotes positive representation of LGBT people) to create a Public Service Announcement encouraging viewers to be a friend and ally to gay people. The PSA (along with the coming out clip) can be viewed at www.GLAAD.org.

REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

BOOKS & MOVIES

Christopher Lawrence, A & E Editor

Idaho Code

by Joan Opyr
Bywater Books

Lesbian mystery writers Claire McNab and Katherine V. Forrest had better watch out! Joan Opyr, our own baby dyke from Idaho, is the new kid on the mystery block and her first work, *Idaho Code*, is a testament to what 14 long years of excruciating endeavor can produce. If good fortune shines on us the next download from her creative mind will take far fewer years to get into print.

Like me, many of our readers have come to know Joan's sense of humor and righteous, although still humorous, indignation through her monthly column in the Stonewall, "No Rest for the Wicked," or from her editorial work in *New West Magazine*. She has become a curmudgeonly institution in these here parts and the Inland Northwest is all the better for it. Someone has to be willing to stir things up.

That biting humor is evident in her first novel, but I was pleased to see that it was a gentler, kinder dyke of whom she wrote. As I became thoroughly immersed in this barely adult ode to Nancy-Drew-gone-queer and Hardy-Boys-in-lace, I recalled the cleverly random style of humor that characterized Will Rogers, whose ramblings I was introduced to in my youth, and I remembered the twisted, even perverse, sense of the ridiculous that I gained from reading them.

The main character, 'Bil' (Wilhelmina) has returned to the small town of Moscow ...errr, I mean Cowslip, Idaho. I believe the names have been changed to protect the guilty ...errr, I mean the innocent.

Bil's mother, her wayward brother and professional victim grandma, along with a variety of other family members and friends, really put the 'fun' back into 'dysfunction.' Like most small conservative towns, Cowslip has enough renegade individualists to bring back memories of what made the West so darn wild.

The plot is interesting and not particularly formulaic for a mystery. Complicating Bil's sleuthing are small factors like her coming OUT to her family and ex-bad-girlfriend interference and unrequited love from her youth that looks like it is about to become VERY 'required.'

Wouldn't this be enough to make an interesting plot, you ask? The answer is no. Not nearly enough. Miscommunications, ancient grudges and a town murder mystery that implicates her terminally ill brother make for intrigue, while forbidden romance seals the deal.

Full of life and determination, our

baby dyke hero overcomes adversity, self-doubt and unrelentingly seeks the truth.

Does she find it? Does she find herself? And finally, does she find the murderer to clear her brother's name? I want you to enjoy this book and find out for yourself. It's worth it.

Meet Joan at the Stonewall booth at the 2006 Rainbow Festival on June 10.

Chicken Tikka Masala

director, Harmage Singh Kalirai

TLA Releasing, 90 minutes

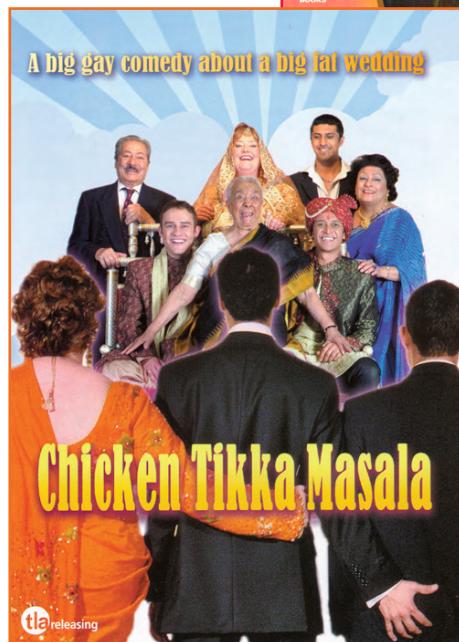
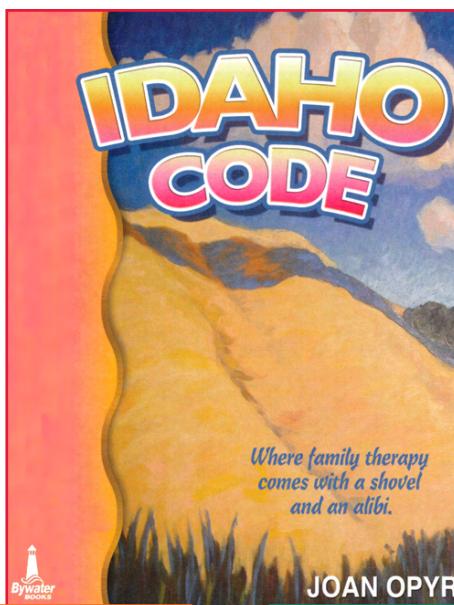
Billed as a "riotous British family comedy," this film certainly reveals the major difference between the

must tell his boyfriend? Instead of coming clean and coming OUT, our handsome and closeted gay hero chooses to further the plot by cooking up a scheme to make himself ineligible for marriage.

Complications arise, as they must, when he and his boyfriend get his boyfriend's aunt, with whom they share a house, and his boyfriend's niece involved.

Watch for the match-making matriarch grandma. She turns from a cookie-baking, dotting old sweetie to a curse-casting witch on wheels so fast it could make one's head spin.

Some great

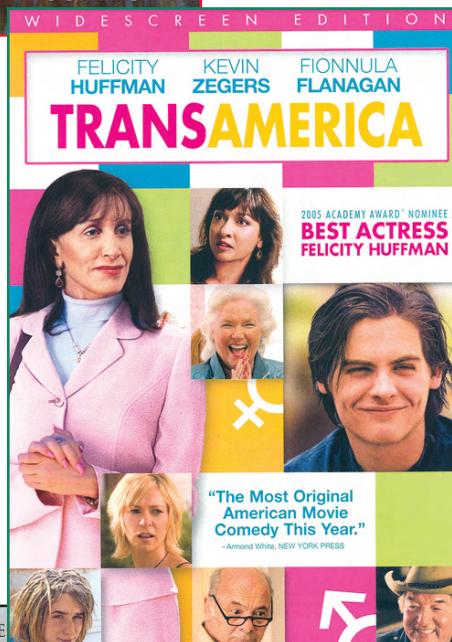


definition of family comedy in the U.S. and the U.K.

This film might have been the love child of *Family Wedding* and *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* with a large dose of authentic Indian Curry in the mix.

Much of the comedy springs from the practice of arranged marriages still common in traditional Indian families.

What happens when the groom discovers he is about to be married to a beautiful young Indian woman and he

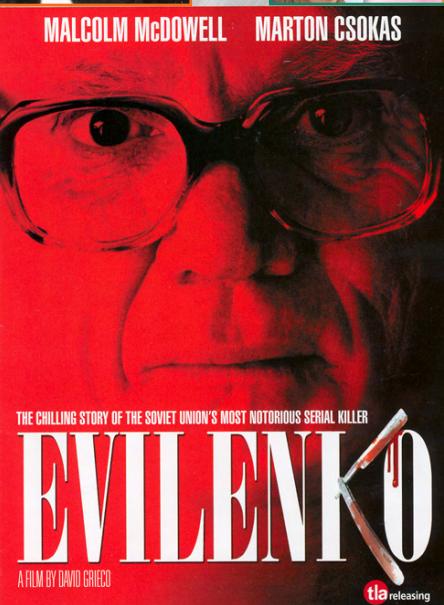


laughs notwithstanding, the traditions of India, especially the colorful wedding, are treated with respect.

A typically British comedy, the language is rougher than what Americans might expect from "family fare." But then we all know that the definition of 'family' is open to interpretation, don't we?

Be sure to check out this DVD and have a good laugh.

Chicken Tikka Masala is good for the tummy and the spirit. Watch, rent or buy



TransAmerica

writer/director Duncan Tucker
IFC Films, 103 minutes

Felicity Huffman from "Desperate Housewives" nailed this role with an Oscar-worthy performance.

The film is not a docudrama about a sex change, as I expected, but rather a thoughtful and insightful story about a male-to-female pre-operative transsexual who discovers (just before she is to have the surgery) that she is the father of a young man who has been jailed and will remain so unless she rescues him.

Not wanting to reveal who she is but feeling a sense of responsibility to the boy, she lets him believe she is from a church organization and wants to help him get a fresh start.

The unspoken seldom keeps its silence and the unraveling of their disparate pasts brings them (via a cross-country trip) to understandings about what keeps each of them from their passion – the issues with which they must deal in order to become whole again.

Beautifully acted, directed and produced. Thought-provoking, painful, tender and sweet. Buy it. Watch it more than once. You will be glad you did.

Evilenko

writer/director David Greico
TLA Releasing, 111 minutes

This horrific film is based on the true story of the monster of Rostov, also known as A. R. Evilenko.

Malcolm McDowell chillingly plays a serial killer who murdered and ate more than 50 children in the old Soviet Union. all the while posing as a mild mannered man who worked in the government and retained a fondness for the order of Communism.

Citizen X was an earlier production about Europe's most notorious serial killer.

Evilenko is a far more graphic version of the story. Watching it once through was all I could stomach even though the tortured psychology of this monster was amply demonstrated.

If you have a taste for the gory and are curious about the facts behind the lengthy manhunt, you might find the 27-minute dossier on the beast and 81 extra minutes of interviews with the cast and crew on the difficulties they had filming such a tale quite insightful.

Not for the weak of heart or stomach. If you are prone to nightmares or hysterics, do not watch! You have been warned!

REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

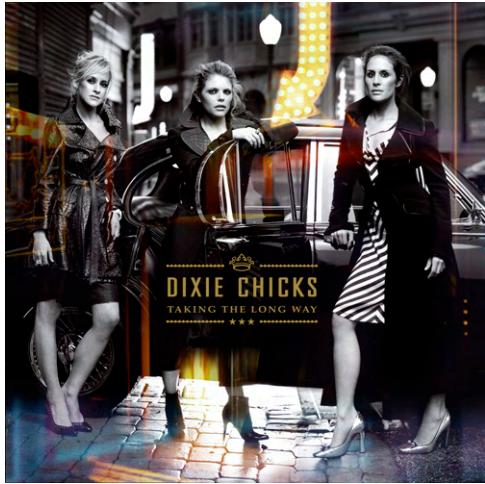
MUSIC

Reviews by Graham Ames

Taking The Long Way

Dixie Chicks

Open Wide Records/Columbia Records



For their fourth album, Dixie Chicks put themselves into the capable hands of über-producer Rick Rubin. Teaming up the Chicks with co-writers including Sheryl Crow, Keb' Mo', and Semisonic's Dan Wilson, Rubin called in his band of usual suspects (including Heartbreakers guitarist Mike Campbell and Red Hot Chili Peppers drummer Chad Smith,) to create a sound equal parts Nashville and Southern California. The resulting 14 tracks are mature, personal reflections from a band whose personal and professional lives have been more than a bit chaotic for the past few years.

Politics ("Not Ready To Make Nice") to the personal ("Lullaby," "Easy Silence") and back out again into social commentary ("Lubbock or Leave It," "Everybody Knows"), nothing is too personal or too incendiary for the Chicks. "Silent House" is deeply touching, a ballad about watching someone fade from Alzheimer's. The album closer, "I Hope" was debuted during a fundraising telethon for Katrina victims, and easily sums up the album with two lines, "There must be a way to change what's going on/No, I don't have all the answers." This mix of hope and confusion in the face of life's trials, big and small, runs joyously through Taking the Long Way.

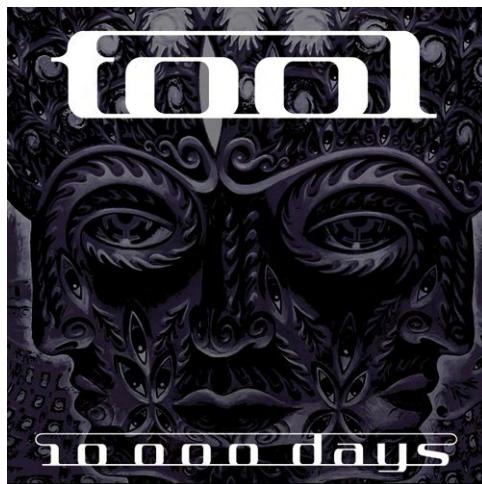
Moving from country toward rock brings the Chicks into that same difficult space long occupied by The Eagles, Indigo Girls and even Traveling Wilburys. Having supposedly alienated their fan base with political comments, this move toward a more crossover sound is calculated to broaden their appeal, and with great results. Taking the Long Way is sure to win new Dixie Chicks fans, as well as win back old ones.

10,000 Days

Tool

Volcano Entertainment/
Zomba Label Group

One day, many years ago, a friend of mine was playing Tool for me once again and something miraculous happened: the incomprehensible knot of sound I was listening to suddenly unraveled, separated, and became a most wondrous, complex, emotionally-involving soundscape. From that day on, I have been a fan of their polyrhythmic, heavy sound and insightful, inspiring lyrics. Their previous album *Lateralus* saved my sanity during a difficult summer, and I have been wondering when Maynard would be done with *A Perfect Circle* for a while and get back to his "other" band.



Finally the new album arrived and the grand adventure could begin. At eleven tracks and 75 minutes long, *10,000 Days* is vast and sweeping and deeply emotional. Exploring themes such as our fascination with media violence ("Vicarious"), death of a loved one ("Wings For Marie/10,000 Days"), even alien abduction or possible bad acid trips ("Rosetta Stoned"), the longer tracks allow space for the complex layers of rhythms to build without overwhelming the ear. Likewise, these fully-expressed thoughts and emotions are deeper and more alive and even self-contradictory, and ultimately more satisfying than most three-minute radio singles.

I suppose I should also mention the ultra-cool packaging for this CD. Tool has always paid more attention to this aspect of their albums than most, and the built-in stereopticon is amazing. Apparently there is a puzzle hidden in the pictures, for those interested in that kind of thing.

Tool has only released four albums in their 15 year history. If five years' gestation is required to create an album like *10,000 Days*, I will happily take my time exploring this newest offering. Perhaps

I will have finally mined all its treasures when, in another five years, they create more magic.

Surprise

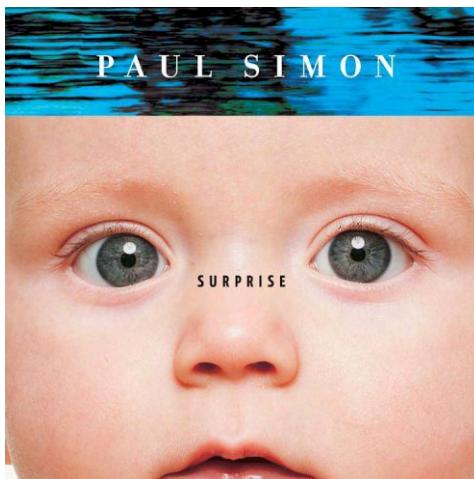
Paul Simon

Warner Brothers Records

How much do you trust Paul Simon? He has taken quite a few unexpected turns over the years, from the Beatles-folk vibe of Simon & Garfunkel's *Bookends*, through African styles on *Graceland*, on into *The Rhythm Of The Saints* and its South American influences. Think back to the very first time you heard "You Can Call Me Al." Hold that feeling. Now, do you trust him?

The sonic adventure which lies in store on the apt-named *Surprise* comes not from a new country, but from an old master of a completely different school, Brian Eno. Eno got his start as a "non-musician" sound engineer with Roxy Music, where his use of synthesizers, tape loops, and other wizardry shaped their sound both in the studio and live. His unique twist has appeared on albums by U2, David Bowie, and David Byrne, to name a few. Now, surprise! Eno and Simon have come together to create something at once foreign and familiar.

These 11 tracks unfold gracefully like a time-lapse film of a blooming flower. Each is grounded in Simon's basic American melting-pot folk-rock. Eno, providing



"sound landscapes" and three songwriting co-credits, causes shades and tones to appear from nowhere and suddenly feel completely logical. The moods shift, the colors change and at the core remains Rhymin' Simon and his guitar.

Listen to "Wartime Prayers," featured in full at his website, and see what I mean. Other standouts (sadly only samples online) are "Everything About It Is Love," "I Don't Believe," and "Once Upon A Time There Was An Ocean." Why not just visit your local record store and, Surprise!

Pearl Jam

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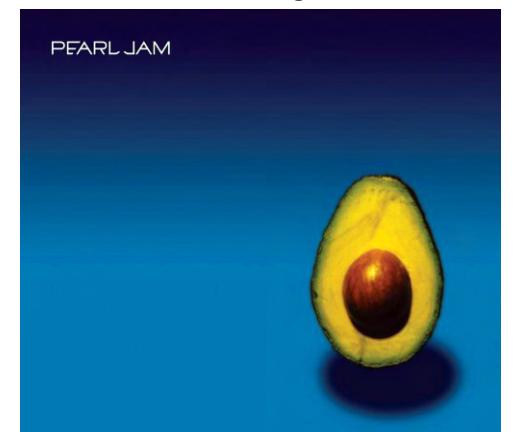
J Records

On May 12, Gary Trudeau declared (through his *Doonesbury* comic strip) that Pearl Jam has "stopped sucking." I am one of the few who has hung on every crunchy chord and mumbled lyric even during the "sucking" years. But I have to admit, I have not been driven to put recent Jam offerings on week-long repeat-a-thons. That may have just changed, as Pearl Jam is finally free of their major label contract and has released their first studio album in six years.

The freedom of creating their own label and running things their way seems to have given the Seattle quintet a new lease on life. The thirteen tracks here move back to basics, but show lessons learned from the experimental years, that alienated or disappointed so many over the past decade or more. There are plenty of wonderful melodies, amazing dueling guitars and music that makes you want to pound the steering wheel as it sweeps you along. There are also off-kilter rhythms (which feel completely natural) or the odd sonic moments (which arise organically and are not jarring.) This is a mildly opaque album, but it begins to yield a few secrets after about three listens, and quickly becomes addictive.

Even when dealing with heavy topics ("WorldWideSuicide," "LifeWasted"), Pearl Jam manages to find some fun. They redefine surf music as grunge ("Big Wave"), and also create a mystic introspection on man's relation to the ocean. Eddie's plea for a wandering lover to "Come Back" is heartbreaking, and an instant classic. But look to the album closing ("Inside Job") for a statement of where this band is right now: beautiful, majestic, challenging, philosophical, and powerful.

I like it when a band challenges me and can pull me into understanding and acceptance of sounds and time signatures that are not initially comfortable. This new album balances everything perfectly. I have been playing it for three days now and I doubt I will stop when I hit a week. Yes, it's that good.



MARRIAGE EQUALITY

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in support were David Horn, member of the Board of Directors of Lambda Legal, the Reverend Paul Rodkey of Bethany Presbyterian, and Bill Dubay, a longtime marriage equality advocate.

Dewolf's primary objective was to address the legality of marriage for same-sex couples. He stated that the Constitution lacks any special provision for the marriage of same-sex couples and that it does not declare marriage a fundamental right or a principle liberty. (Dewolf was subsequently reminded by David Horn of Lambda Legal that, in fact, the 1967 landmark ruling in *Loving vs. The State of Virginia* declared that legal marriage was a fundamental right essential to the pursuit of happiness.) Dewolf went on to make the now familiar slippery slope argument, linking the legalization of marriage for gays and lesbians to the legalization of polygamy.

Bishop Walt Mize did not address the issue of equality. Instead, he used the words dangerous and unnatural to describe what he called "the gay lifestyle." Mize's experience of gay culture seems to have been limited to the San Francisco bar and bathhouse scene of the late seventies and early eighties. Mize did not address Spokane's gay community, nor did he speak of the history of gay and lesbian culture or the community as it exists in the present. Mize frequently referred to gays and lesbians as them people, they, and those, and he described same-sex relationships as "this kind of thing." The Bishop insisted, however, that he did not harbor any ill feeling towards gay and lesbian people. When asked what he meant by referring to "the gay agenda," Mize replied, "The ultimate goal is for them, as they see it, to be equal across the board in American Society."

Michael Smith, Director of Choice for the People, seemed very concerned with how the audience might perceive him. In an attempt to demonstrate that he is not a hateful, homophobic bigot as he is often portrayed, he told of two gay men with whom he had shared close business relationships. Smith stated that his primary concern was for the welfare of children, claiming that children are more likely to prosper when raised by a man and a woman. He cited studies supporting this theory, though he did not cite any by name. In the context of Smith's remarks, it's worth noting that the Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association, the National Association of Social Workers, and nearly all leading governmental agencies disagree with Smith's claim. These social welfare agencies universally assert that children raised by gay and lesbian parents fair just as well if not better than those

raised in opposite-sex homes. What matters the most, it would seem, is good parental care, safety, security, and love.

David Horn of Lambda Legal did an amazing job explaining the importance of marriage equality. He put a personal face on the debate by sharing his own story as well that of others who lack the many protections legal marriage provides. Horn also advocated for the children of gay and lesbian couples, observing that more than one quarter of GLBT-headed families are raising children in the United States. This means that more than one million children nationwide live in GLBT families. By denying same-sex couples access to legal marriage, we are robbing these children of due rights and protections. Horn spoke of marriage equality as being "as American as Apple Pie."

The Reverend Paul Rodkey spoke eloquently of a God far different from the "terrible" deity described by Bishop Mize. Rodkey garnered loud applause when he stated, "My God is about compassion, grace, love, equality, and justice." When asked directly if he thought Jesus would support marriage equality, he replied affirmatively, "Jesus would love all of humanity." Rodkey came across as a rock solid Christian, and this was refreshing. The face of liberal Christianity is so often hidden by the mass media's focus on far-right

fundamentalist Christianity. The Christian face of inclusion, compassion, and unyielding love is only rarely represented in the mainstream media.

Longtime GLBT advocate Bill Dubay was a breath of fresh air. His comments were brief but purposeful and direct. Dubay made it clear that we were discussing civil rights and freedoms. He spoke off-the-cuff without a prepared script, opting instead to address remarks made by previous speakers. Dubay attacked the notion of a "gay lifestyle" and of ideas about gay and lesbian behavior as an adequate basis for determining who is or is not worthy of legal recognition in our society. As Dubay looked around the room, he quipped, "If we determined who has the right to marry based upon behavior, probably nobody is this room would qualify." The crowd laughed and cheered.

Horn later responded to the issue of choice, asking the age-old question, "Who in their right mind would choose to be gay?" According to Dubay, the debate over whether or not sexual orientation is a choice is irrelevant when speaking of human rights. When asked if allowing same-sex couples to legally marry was inherently coercive, Dubay did not pull any punches. His replies were swift and often poignant. Horn made a correlation between gay and lesbian rights and religious freedom, arguing that we have the right and

freedom in this nation to choose our religion and be protected in that choice by the law. What is the difference between choosing to be a Catholic or a Jew or a fundamentalist Christian and choosing to be gay? Why is religious choice protected while marriage choice is not?

The underlying message of the marriage equality forum was that equality should not be a wedge issue to be used in election years for political gain. It is a serious issue that we must seriously discuss; it should not be a stick with which to beat one's political opponent. Denying same-sex couples the freedom to legally marry affects real people in real and measurable ways every single day. Legal marriage automatically triggers more than 1,000 rights, responsibilities, and privileges at the federal level and hundreds within the individual states. These rights are designed to strengthen and protect American families: all American families.

Our gay and lesbian families are desperately in need of these protections. As we await the Washington State Supreme Court's decision regarding the legality of gay marriage within the state, and as we listen to the many debates over whether or not to write hatred and discrimination into the US Constitution, it is vital that supporters of marriage equality speak out. We must put a human face on these arguments, and we must say no to using the struggle for gay and lesbian civil rights as a cynical political strategy. Let your state and federal representatives know how these policies affect our families. We've all heard the slippery slope argument. It's time to counter such baseless fear-mongering with real people in real relationships. The true face of gay marriage is two consenting adults entering into a binding legal relationship. It's that simple.

YOUTH FORUM

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Confirmed panelists include Vickie Countryman, Equity director for District 81, Spokane Public Schools; Ann Marie Floch, retired mental health professional and stalwart Odyssey Youth Center facilitator and volunteer; Derek Gerow, Odyssey youth member; Bryce Hughes, coordinator of the GLBT Resource Center at Gonzaga University and volunteer coordinator for Quest Youth Group; Matthew Inman, Gay Straight Alliance advisor, Shadle Park High School; and Courtney VanWinkle, Odyssey youth member.

Dr. John Matthews, Eastern Washington University assistant professor of social work, is also tentatively scheduled to serve on the panel.

Odyssey Youth Center's executive director Ramon Alvarez will moderate the event.



National & International

News in a nutshell

Senator Frist and Friends Pursue Thinly-Veiled Attempt to Distract Voters with Discrimination Says HRC President

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese called out Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's politically motivated attack on gay Americans this past week as the Senator pushed a discriminatory amendment to the U.S. Constitution to ban same-sex marriage.

"Senator Frist and his right wing allies can't credibly campaign for reelection on real solutions to America's real problems, because they have no solutions and they created the problems. Instead, Frist and his right wing friends are playing politics with the Constitution and bashing a single group of Americans. That's not an agenda any American is talking about at the gas pump, the emergency room, or veterans' hospital. It's time for Senator Frist to listen to Laura Bush, Dick Cheney, John Danforth and other Republican leaders and put the American people ahead of his discriminatory politics," said Solmonese.

<http://www.gaylinknews.com/storydetail2.cfm?storyid=9514>

N.C. Baptists Toughen Policy Against Gays

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA (AP) - The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina toughened its policy on churches or affiliate groups that welcome gays, proposing a new policy that says they may no longer be eligible for membership.

The policy, proposed by the convention's board of directors at its meeting last month in Asheboro, would forbid churches from ordaining gay clergy, making public statements supporting homosexuality or accepting as members people who have refused to "repent of the sin of homosexual behavior."

<http://www.365gay.com/Newscon06/05/052506baptists.htm>

Military Discharging Two Soldiers Per Day For Being Gay Despite War Group Says

WASHINGTON - The armed forces discharged an average of two people a day in 2005 for being openly gay a group advocating for LGBTs in the military said on Wednesday.

Citing newly released data for 2005 the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said the rate of discharge has remained relatively consistent each year since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. But, it added that the numbers represent a 40% decrease compared with years prior to the attacks.

A total of 742 military personnel were discharged under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban on openly gay service members, up from 668 discharges among the services in 2004.

<http://www.365gay.com/Newscon06/05/052406Military.htm>

Moscow gay rights march meets with violence

By MICHAEL MAINVILLE

Moscow -- Defying an official ban and threats of violence, gay and lesbian activists attempted to hold Russia's first gay pride march in Moscow on Saturday, May 27th, but were thwarted by police and neo-fascist

protesters shouting "Moscow is not Sodom!"

Police arrested about 120 people, and several gay activists were injured in attacks by religious and xenophobic extremists.

The key organizer of the event, 28-year-old Nikolai Alexeyev, was pulled away by police only moments after the short-lived march began. "This is a great victory, an absolute victory -- look at what's happening," Alexeyev shouted as two police officers dragged him onto a waiting bus.

City authorities had banned the march, which they called an "outrage to society," while religious leaders from all of Russia's major faiths condemned

it. It provoked a debate within the gay community over whether the demonstration risked inflaming already widespread homophobia in Russia.

But supporters had insisted it was necessary.

"We can't keep living in the shadows," Alexeyev said in an interview before the rally

"We can't keep living in the shadows"

began. "We deserve the same rights to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly as anyone else."

Organizers had urged gay-rights supporters to lay flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, just outside the Kremlin wall, before marching to a square opposite Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov's office. But when they arrived, they found that authorities had closed

"We deserve the same rights to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly as anyone else"

the entrance to the park where the tomb is located, and hundreds of riot police blocked their path.

More than 100 anti-gay protesters -- including skinheads, Russian nationalists and Orthodox Christian fundamentalists -- had gathered. Women wearing head scarves chanted hymns and held up religious icons, while men in traditional cossack tunics and sheepskin hats shouted at participants.

As police pushed the crowd away from the Kremlin, gangs of skinheads attacked a number of gay activists, kicking and beating them. "We're here to defend the dignity of Russia, to protect our country from perverts and pederasts,"

said 26-year-old Nikolai Grigoriev.

Shortly before the main rally was to begin, dozens of anti-march youths raced toward the site, throwing

flares and setting off smoke bombs. Police made little attempt to clear the square, and the crowd grew. The few gay-rights supporters who attempted to enter the square were arrested by police or beaten by protesters.

While giving an interview to television cameras, a Green Party member of Germany's Bundestag, Volker Beck, was attacked by about 20 youths who beat him in the head. A gang of youths also beat and kicked a Chronicle correspondent attempting to interview one of the participants.

Supporters of the march said the government's refusal to sanction the event had sent a clear signal to police and extremists.

"It was shocking and disturbing. What I saw was a complete failure of police protection that was directly linked to the mayor's banning of the march," said gay-rights activist John Fisher, co-director of the ARC International gay lobby group in Geneva.

By banning the march, authorities gave "free rein to those who would perpetrate acts of violence," Fisher said. "We can only hope that what we saw was representative of only a small segment of society."

Organizers had timed the event to coincide with the 13th anniversary of the decriminalization of homosexuality in Russia. Despite growing tolerance for homosexuals since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Russia remains a deeply homophobic society. In one poll last year, 73 percent of Russians opposed same-sex marriages, and 43 percent said gay men should be incarcerated.

We the People

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an experience, a period in history, a way of thinking which may or may not align with the same experiences, time in history, and ways of thinking which define my context in society.

For instance, as a former organizer of the Day of Silence at Gonzaga University, I noticed a disparity between the needs of our queer students and the needs of their queer faculty mentors. The students liked the idea as a creative way to raise awareness and do activism on campus. The older faculty didn't like the idea because "we are already silent all the time; why not organize a Day of Noise?" I have come to realize that the silence our queer elders faced was enormous to the reality of their lived experience, where for our queer youth it more often simply represents an omission of our voices in the public sphere.

Another example is alternative proms organized to give youth a queer-friendly space to bring the partner of her or his choosing. Proms used to be revered in high school culture; one would only come with her or his high school sweetheart, and it is easy to imagine the shame one would feel going alone. There would have been absolutely no tolerance for someone who wished to bring a same-sex partner. Today, the way proms are viewed in high school culture has changed; it is becoming more common to go in groups, with friends, and it is becoming less taboo to bring a same-sex partner, so much so that there are examples of youth suing in court for the right to do so. While these alternative proms are still important in the lives of our queer youth, I question whether they are organized more to meet the needs of queer elders who never had the opportunity to bring the partner of their choosing to their prom.

In terms of this year's Pride celebration, I don't mean to say that I don't appreciate our queer elders telling us how important Patricia Nell Warren was in their coming to terms with being queer, but what about Geography Club? What about But I'm a Cheerleader? I think that we need to celebrate it all! Don't simply tell us what we need to hear, listen to us as well! Celebrate the vibrancy of our diverse community by sharing between queer generations! You may want Mother Lode at Pride, and we might want Magdalen Hsu-Li, why not bring them all? You archive our history, we'll add our piece, and we'll continue to pass it on so future queer youth have an even more dynamic and complete sense of PRIDE.

Celebrate history! Celebrate each other! Celebrate PRIDE!

Bryce Hughes



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The True Confessions Of A. Bottom

Dear Trinity,

After eight years my boyfriend and I get along in every way except sexually. See, I'm not a bottom, yet 100% of the time he only wants to top me. So, I've been "taking it" for eight years with nothing in return. Basically, I'm married to my hand. And complaining about it only makes him horny. Help!

Bottomed Out
San Diego, CA

Dear Bottomed Out,

It's hard to teach an old relationship new tricks. unless you start tricking him. So lets try offering him a (before bed) back (and butt) massage for fifteen minutes before adding some hugs and kisses to his neck, ears and butt. Then slowly start jumping. I mean humping him while massaging him. If he likes the massage he may let you get away with some between the cheeks action. Otherwise Honey, after eight years of pillow biting it's time to either accept it, find a part-time playmate or find a full-time new mate who has your pleasures on his mind not just on your behind!

Hugs, Trinity

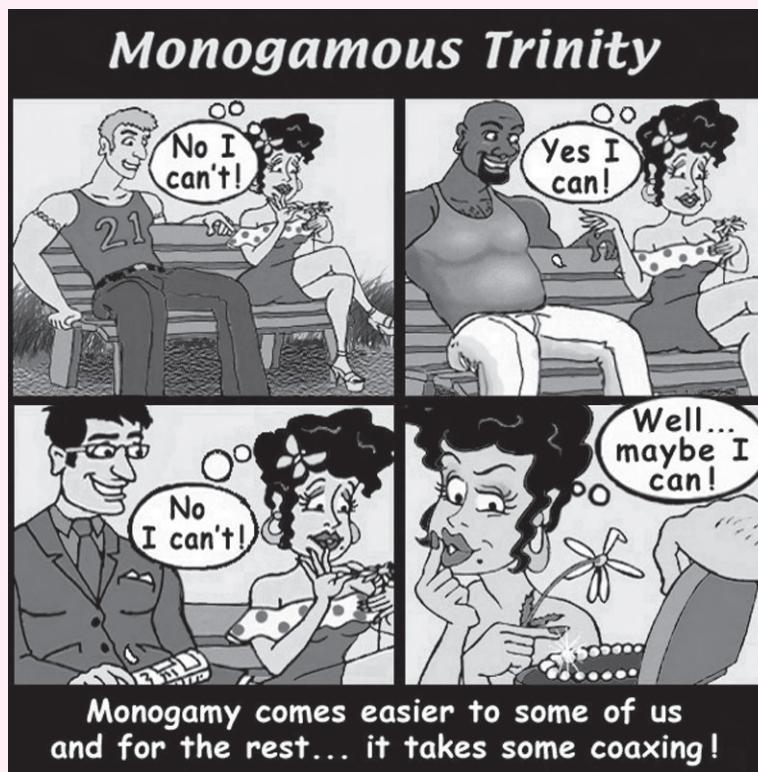
Dear Trinity,

I work in a bar, have been single for most of my thirty-five years and now I am dating someone who wants monogamy. But monogamy for me is new. What do I do?

Thanks, Monoaga. Me?
Dallas, TX

Dear Monoaga. Me?,

Depending on your upbringing and sexual history, monogamy is easy for some and. torturous for the rest of us. However, if you stick with it you will find that the lessons of self-respectful often surpass the pleasures of cheating. Monogamy has two rules: look don't touch AND take it one day at a time! Some succeed, some fail and everyone



else Pumpkin just shuts their mouth about their mistakes, (hint, hint)!

Good Luck, Trin.

DATING DILEMMA #134

Hello Trinity,

Three weeks ago I got dumped. Now I'm starting to see a few guys. Is it wrong to "rebound" [date right after a breakup] so fast?

Back In Action
Montreal, QC

Hey Back In Action,

Soon after a breakup it's actually healthy to get right back into the ring of "rebound" dating (think rebounding off of the ropes in a boxing ring)! When one is dumped it's best to suffer for no more than two weeks then. let the games re-begin!

XOXO, Trinity

Hello Trinity,

I met someone special from another state. Any tips on long distance relationships?

Far From Heaven Chicago, IL

Hello Far From Heaven,

Long distance relationships have their troubles but if you really must try it then start by reading:

Trinity's Positive Tips For Long Distance Relationships

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7. You WON'T HAVE TO groom, shower, wash your hair or brush your teeth as often since no one will see or smell you as often.

8. You WON'T HAVE TO answer to, be responsible for or pick up after someone on a daily basis. (Hey this doesn't sound so bad.)

9. You'll RARELY HAVE TO FIGHT over decor, TV shows, radio stations, houseguests or lighting. (Hey this really sounds great!)

10. Lastly, you'll be able to LEARN ABOUT YOUR OWN selfishness, self-righteousness and self-control. (Well, maybe that's taking it a bit too far.)

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SPOKANE AREA

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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

Friends of SAN

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

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

Gay/Lesbian Info Line

Call: (509) 489-2266

Immediate Crisis: (509) 838-4428

GLBT Book Group

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

Call: Julie Smith: (509) 838-0206

Gonzaga University GLBT Resource Center

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

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

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

Direct line: Bryce: 323-5847

Hospice of Spokane

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

Call: (509) 456-0438

ISCS –

Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane

Call: (509) 251-1242.

Web site: www.iscspokane.com

INBA –

Inland Northwest Business Alliance

A Professional GLBTQ/Allied Business Alliance. Monthly luncheon meetings and annual community resource directory.

Write: PO Box 20163, Spokane, WA 99204

Voice mail: 509-455-3699

E-mail: info@inbaspokane.org

Web site: www.inbaspokane.org

Inland Northwest Equality

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

Call: Krista Benson: 838-7870

Web site: www.icehouse.net/pjals/issues/inwe.html

Integrity

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

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

Lutheran Communtiy Services-SafeT Response Center

Call: (509) 747-8224

Crisis line (509) 624-7273

Lilac City Men's Project

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

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

Papillon

Social support group for the transgender community.

Call: (509) 292-8852

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

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

Call: (509): 624-6671

Web site: www.pflagspokane.org

PJALS –

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane

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

Call: (509) 838-7870

Planned Parenthood of Spokane & Whitman Counties

HIV antibody testing and counseling.

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

Administration: (509) 326-6292

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

Ryan White CARE Consortium

HIV care education and planning group.

Call: Tarena Coleman: (509) 444-8200

Email: tcoleman@chas.org

Spokane-Kootenai Pride

A program of the Pride Foundation to involve Washingtonians outside of King County in activities beneficial to the GLBT community.

Call: Spokane office: (509) 327-8377

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

SAN –

Spokane AIDS Network

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

Web site: www.spokaneAIDSnetwork.org

Spokane County Domestic Violence Consortium

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

Call: (509) 487-6783

Spokane Falls Community College - The Alliance

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

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

Stonewall News Northwest

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

Call: (509) 570-3750

Fax: (509) 267-6309

Web site: www.stonewallnews.net

Spokane Gender Center

Resources and support for transgender people.

Web site: www.gendercenter.com

Unitarian Universalist Church

Gay, lesbian resource committee.

Call: (509) 325-6383

Web site: www.uuchurchofspokane.org

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery

Call: 535-3155

Web site: www.vanessabehan.org

Women and Friends

Women-only activities and events in the Spokane area.

Call: (509) 458-4709

IDAHO

Idaho for Basic Rights

Citizen action group to work for civil and legal equality on basis of sexual orientation.

Call: (208) 343-7402

NIAC –

North Idaho AIDS Coalition

HIV/AIDS prevention, education and assistance for people infected with, affected by HIV.

Call: (208) 665-1448

Web site: www.nicon.org/niac

North Idaho College

Gay-Straight Alliance

Email: 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@yahoo.com

Panhandle Health District

STD/HIV testing, condoms, and other methods of birth control, physical exams, shots, cancer screening, resource nurse voucher program, referrals to area resources and education. All services are confidential.

• Kootenai County Call: (208) 667-3481

• Boundary County Call: (208) 267-5558

• Shoshone County Call: (208) 786-7474

• Bonner County Call: (208) 263-5159

• Benewah County Call: (208) 245-4556

Web site: www2.stateid.us/phd1

PFLAG - Sandpoint

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

Call: (208) 263-6699

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

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Washington State University GLBA Program

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Call: (509) 335-6428

Web site: <http://cubwsu.edu/GLBAP>

Out There

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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

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

Confidential voice mail also.

River of Life Metropolitan Community Church

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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

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

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship

Call: (509) 525-0202

WENATCHEE

SHINE

An organization that strives to eliminate all forms of prejudice and discrimination by promoting awareness, education, and self-empowerment through the use of the arts.

Call: (509) 860-7394

E-mail: shine_org@yahoo.com

YAKIMA

PFLAG - Yakima/Yakima Valley

Promotes the health and well-being of GLBT individuals, their families and friends.

Call: (509) 576-9625

Rainbow Cathedral Metropolitan Community Church

An MCC Seattle parish extension.

Call: (509) 457-6454

MONTANA

Flathead Valley Alliance

Northwest Montana information and referral services.

Call: (406) 758-6707

Web site: www.flatheadvalleyalliance.org/index.html

Lesbian Avengers

A direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival and visibility.

Call: (406) 523-6608

Our Montana Family

Supporting Montana's GLBT parents and their children.

E-mail: barbatpride@aol.com

PFLAG Billings

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Call: (406) 255-7609

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- Spokane City Hall** 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

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- Borders** 9980 N. Newport Hwy.
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- Spokane Falls Community College** Fort George Wright Drive
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- The Merq** 706 N. Monroe St.
- Top Notch Café** 825 N. Monroe St.
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- Zanies** 2718 N. Division St.

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- Hastings** 2512 E. 29th Ave.
- Odyssey Youth Center**
- Spokane AIDS Network** 905 S. Monroe St.
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- Unity Church of Truth** 2900 S. Bernard St.

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- Hospice of Spokane** 121 St. Arthur St.
- STEPS** 901 E. 2nd Ave.

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- Quest Youth Group**

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- Hastings** 15312 E. Sprague Ave.
- Lady Luck Tattoo** 8611 E. Sprague Ave.
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- Eastern Washington University** Cheney, WA
- Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)** Seattle, WA
- Mik-n-Mac's** Coeur d'Alene, ID
- Moscow Food CO-Op** Moscow, ID
- Out & About** Pasco, WA
- The Cellar Cafe** Wenatchee, WA
- The Loft** Billings, MT
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- Washington State Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) Network** Seattle, WA
- Washington State University** Pullman, WA
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CALENDAR SUMMARY

Spokane

Thursday, June 1st	6:00-7:30pm LCMP (Lilac City Mens Project) Meet & Greet (at RRCC)
	7:00pm ISCS Gay Spokane Awards Dinner (at Dempseys)
	7:15-9:00pm OutSpokane Meeting (at Kress Gallery, 3rd floor, Riverpark Square)
Friday, June 2nd [Shavout]	7:00pm Legal Marriage Alliance (at RRCC)
	8:00pm ISCS-Gay Spokane In Town/Out of Town Show (at Dempseys)
	8:00-10:00pm Friday Night OUT! (monthly social at The Merq)
Saturday, June 3rd	5:00pm ISCS-Gay Spokane Pageant (at Dempseys)
	5:30-8:00pm EMCC Double Fruit Float #1 Cruise (on Lake Coeur d' Alene, ID)
Sunday, June 4th [Pentacost]	8:30am-2:00pm LCMP Hiking Group
	12:00pm ISCS-Gay Spokane Victory Brunch (at Dempseys)
	2:00-3:00pm Radical Cheerleaders (at RRCC)
	2:00-4:00pm GLBTQ Youth Forum (at CenterStage)
	3:00-4:00pm Counter Crisis (at RRCC)
	5:00-6:00pm EMCC Worship (at Bethany Presbyterian)
	6:30-7:30pm ISCS Board Meeting (at Dempseys)
	7:30pm ISCS Court Meeting (at Dempseys)
Monday, June 5th	4:30-7:00pm INBA Outreach Scholarship Fundraiser Kickoff (at the Montvale Hotel)
	7:00pm Rainbow Awards (at CenterStage)
Tuesday, June 6th	5:30-7:00pm Inland Northwest Equality (at RRCC)
	6:00pm Push For Youth Dinner (fundraiser for Odyssey & Quest at Dempseys)
	7:00-8:30pm Transgender S. Bear Bergman Community Forum (at SFCC)
Wednesday, June 7th	7:00-8:30pm GLBT AA meets (at EMCC)
	7:00pm Transgender S. Bear Bergman Performance (at SFCC)
	7:00pm GLBTQ Book Club - Patricia Nell Warren's Front Runner (at Auntie's Bookstore)
Thursday, June 8th	7:15-9:00pm OutSpokane Meeting (at Kress Gallery, 3rd floor, Riverpark Square)
Friday, June 9th	1:00pm Patricia Nell Warren Youth Forum (location to be announced)
	6:30pm Patricia Nell Warren Meet & Greet Dinner (at CenterStage)
	7:00pm GLBT Film Fest "One Night Stand" (fundraiser for RRCC at Riverpoint Auditorium)
	8:00pm Patricia Nell Warren Community Forum (at the Montvale Hotel)
	11:55pm OutSpokane Midnight Movie "Rent" (at the Garland Theater)
Saturday, June 10th	9:00am PFLAG Mom & Pop Breakfast (fundraiser for PFLAG at The Merq)
	12:00-2:00pm Integrity Episcopal Support Group (at St John's Cathedral)
	12:00-6:00pm PRIDE Parade and Festival! (Downtown Spokane)
	6:00-8:00pm Customer Appreciation BBQ (at The Merq)
	8:30-11:00pm Margaret Cho Performance (at Northern Quest Casino)
	11:55pm OutSpokane Midnight Movie "Rent" (at the Garland Theater)
Sunday, June 11th [Pentacost]	9:15am & 11:00am Pride Service (at Unitarian Church)
	11:00am-1:00pm Patricia Nell Warren Book Signing (at Auntie's Bookstore)
	2:00-3:00pm Radical Cheerleaders (at RRCC)
	3:00-4:00pm Counter Crisis (at RRCC)
	5:00-6:00pm EMCC Worship
Tuesday, June 13th	7:15-10pm Pride & Joy Movie Night "Girls Will Be Girls" (at CenterStage)
Wednesday, June 14th [Flag Day]	11:30am-1:00pm INBA Luncheon Denise Thomas, Gay District Documentary Filmmaker (at Europa)
	6:00-9:00pm LCMP Social Hour (at Ella's, CenterStage)
	7:00-8:30pm GLBT AA meets (at EMCC)
Thursday, June 15th	6:00-7:00pm LCMP (Lilac City Mens Project) Meet & Greet (at RRCC)
	7:15-9:00pm OutSpokane Meeting (at Kress Gallery, 3rd floor, Riverpark Square)
Friday, June 16th	6:00-7:00pm SAN's Italian Bistro Wine Dinner (fundraiser for SAN at Northern Quest Casino)
	7:00-10:00pm SAN's 2nd Annual Stem & Stein! (fundraiser for SAN at Northern Quest Casino)
Saturday, June 17th	11:30am-1:00pm OWLS Potluck Picnic (at Mission Park)
	6:00pm EMCC Double Fruit Float #2 - Dinner Cruise (from Templin's Resort, Post Falls, ID)
Sunday, June 18th [Father's Day]	8:30am-2:00pm LCMP Hiking Group
	11:00am-3:00pm Spokane Area Lesbians (at RRCC)
	2:00-3:00pm Radical Cheerleaders (at RRCC)
	3:00-4:00pm Counter Crisis (at RRCC)
	5:00-6:00pm EMCC Worship (at Bethany Presbyterian)
Tuesday, June 20th	7:00-9:00pm PFLAG Monthly Meeting (at Unitarian Church)
Wednesday, June 21st [Summer Begins]	7:00-8:30pm GLBT AA Meets (at EMCC)
Thursday, June 22nd	7:15-9:00pm OutSpokane Meeting (at Kress Gallery, 3rd floor, Riverpark Square)
Sunday, June 25th	2:00-3:00pm Radical Cheerleaders (at RRCC)
	3:00-4:00pm Counter Crisis (at RRCC)
	5:00-6:00pm EMCC Worship (at Bethany Presbyterian)
Wednesday, June 28th	6:00-8:00pm LCMP Social Hour (at Empyrian)
	7:00-8:30pm GLBT AA Meets (at EMCC)
Thursday, June 29th	7:00-9:00pm Bowling Night with LCMP! (at North Bowl)
	7:15-9:00pm OutSpokane Meeting (at Kress Gallery, 3rd floor, Riverpark Square)

Regional

Friday, June 2nd [Shavout]	7:00pm First Fridays (Yakima)
	7:00-9:00pm NIGMA First Fridays (Pullman/Moscow)
Sunday, June 4th [Pentacost]	6:00-7:00pm River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities)
	6:30-7:30pm Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima)
Monday, June 5th	7:30-8:30pm Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings (Tri-Cities)
Wednesday, June 7th	7:30-9:00pm NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow)
Friday, June 9th	7:00pm PFLAG Monthly Meeting (Walla Walla)
Sunday, June 11th [Pentacost]	11:00am-1:00pm NIGMA Second Sunday Brunch (Pullman/Moscow)
	6:00-7:00pm River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities)
	6:30pm Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima)
Monday, June 12th	7:00pm PFLAG Monthly Meeting (Walla Walla)
	7:30-8:30pm Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings (Tri-Cities)
Wednesday, June 14th [Flag Day]	7:30-9:00pm NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow)
Sunday, June 18th [Father's Day]	6:00-7:00pm River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities)
	6:30pm Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima)
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Monday, June 19th	7:30-8:30pm Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings (Tri-Cities)
Wednesday, June 21st [Summer Begins]	7:30-9:00pm NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow)
Thursday, June 22nd	7:00-9:00pm PFLAG Monthly Meeting (Tri-Cities)
Friday, June 23rd	7:00-9:00pm NIGMA Fourth Friday Wine Tasting (Pullman/Moscow)
Sunday, June 25th	6:00-7:00pm River of Life MCC Sunday Service (Tri-Cities)
	6:30-7:30pm Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service (Yakima)
Monday, June 26th	7:30-8:30pm Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings (Tri-Cities)
Wednesday, June 28th	7:30-9:00pm NIGMA Coffee Social (Pullman/Moscow)

JUNE 2006

Spokane & the Inland Northwest's Entertainment and Meeting Calendar!

Please consult www.stonewallnews.net for calendar event details and updates.

TERMS USED IN THIS CALENDAR:

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402 W Main Ave, Spo, WA
(509) 838-0206
www.auntiesbooks.com

(CenterStage) CenterStage
1017 W 1st Ave, Spo, WA 99201
(509) 74-STAGE
www.spokanecenterstage.com

(Dempseys) Dempseys Brass Rail
909 W 1st Ave, Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 747-5362
www.dempseysbrassrail.net

(EMCC) Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church
301 S Freya Avenue, Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 838-0085
www.emmanuelmcc.com

(Europa) Europa Pizzeria
125 S Wall St, Spo, WA 99201
(509) 455-4051

(INBA) Inland Northwest Business Alliance
Please see Resource Directory

(ISCS) Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane
www.iscsspokane.com

(LCMP) Lilac City Men's Project
www.lilaccitymensproject.org

(Merq) The Merq Cafe & Liquid Lounge
706 N Monroe St, Spo, WA 99201
(509) 325-3871
www.themerq.net

(Montvale Hotel) The Montvale Hotel
1005 W 1st Ave, Spo, WA 99201
(509) 747-1919
www.montvalehotel.com

(NIGMA) North Idaho Gay Men's Association
Please see Resource Directory

(PFLAG) Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
Please see Resource Directory

(RRCC) Rainbow Regional Community Center
508 W 2nd Ave, Spokane, WA
(509) 489-1914
www.spokanerainbowcenter.org

(SAN) Spokane AIDS Network
905 S Monroe St, Spokane, WA
(509) 455-8993
www.spokaneaidsnetwork.org

(SFCC) Spokane Falls Community College
3410 W Fort George Wright Dr, Spo, WA 99224
(509) 533-3500
www.sfcc.spokane.cc.wa.us/

(St John's) St John's Cathedral
127 E 12th (& Grand), Spokane, WA 99202
(509) 838-4277
www.stjohns-cathedral.org/

(Unitarian Church) Unitarian Universalist Church
4340 W Fort George Wright Dr, Spo, WA 99224
(509) 325-6383

Looking Back 15 Years Ago...



Pride March draws 500



Proud and 500 strong, marchers parade through downtown Spokane in the city's first-ever gay pride march.



Spokane's first Gay Pride March, June 7, 1992. Organized by Helen Bonser and Marien Dumoulin, sponsored by the Spokane chapter of PFLAG and funded by T-shirt sales. This first march ushered forth what has become a growing, dynamic, annual parade and festival supported by increasing sponsorship and growing attendance.

"The whole point was just to get out and try it," Bonser told Stonewall News in July, 1992. "We accomplished that goal."

June is designated gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) Pride Month in honor of the historic Stonewall uprising on June 28, 1969. To mark the occasion, many networks are airing special Pride Month programming and public service announcements. Here are GLBT television highlights for the month of June that will tickle you pink.

Thursday, June 1

OUTzoneTV.com launches PREMIERE

Bravo launches a new broadband channel specifically for the LGBT online community. Programming highlights include long- and short-form video, such as the made-for-TV movie *That Certain Summer*, the UK documentary *My Husband is Gay* and the short-lived Bravo reality series *Cooking's a Drag*.

In the Life (syndicated) PREMIERE

The LGBT newsmagazine airs its "Pride in Action" episode this month, showcasing stories of those in the community making unique contributions to social activism. Hosted by political humorist Kate Clinton. Times and dates vary; go to <http://www.inthelifev.com/> for airdates.

Summer Storm (here!TV)

In this 2004 German drama, a closeted gay teen on a rowing team comes out when an all-gay team participates in a competition. Featured title throughout the month of June; check listings.

Margaret Cho: Assassin (here!TV)

Openly bisexual comic Margaret Cho's 2005 live concert film. Featured title throughout the month of June; check listings.

Grande école (here!TV)

2004 French drama about three college students – two men and one woman – in a love triangle. Featured title throughout the month of June; check listings.

Portrait of a Marriage (Logo, 9 PM ET/PT) PREMIERE

A British melodrama in two parts, this miniseries tells the story of two women during World War II who have a clandestine affair while one is married to a man. Multiple airings; check listings.

Friday, June 2

TransGeneration (Sundance Channel, 7 PM ET/PT)

Winner of a GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Documentary, *TransGeneration* is an eight-episode series that tells the story of four transgender college students at campuses across the United States. Subsequent episodes air every Friday at 7 PM ET/PT.

Saturday, June 3

Mysterious Skin (Sundance Channel 10 PM ET/PT)

Gregg Araki's 2005 feature in which a young hustler crosses paths with a teenager who believes he's been abducted by aliens.

The Living End (Sundance Channel, 11:45 PM ET/PT)

Director Gregg Araki's story of two HIV positive gay men—a hustler and a movie critic—was revolutionary in 1992 for its depiction of HIV-positive gay men as sexually active.

Sunday, June 4

Same Sex America (Showtime, 4:30 PM ET/PT)

This documentary charts the journey of seven gay and lesbian couples in Massachusetts fighting for same-sex marriage. Multiple airings; check listings.

Monday, June 5

June 5, 1981 is most frequently cited as the day that AIDS was discovered.

The Ride: Seven Days to End AIDS (Logo, 1 PM ET/PT)

This original documentary series follows five diverse people as they participate in the 7-day, 585-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles. All are riding to raise money for HIV/AIDS services and awareness. Multiple airings; check listings.

Venus Boyz (Sundance Channel, 9 PM ET/PT) PREMIERE

Gabriel Baur's 2002 award-winning documentary on drag kings.

Tuesday, June 6

Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List (Bravo, 9 PM ET/PT) SEASON PREMIERE

Comedian Kathy Griffin returns for Season Two of her unscripted series. This time around, she will auction herself on eBay, attend a gay prom, and go ice skating with Olympian Johnny Weir. Frequent repeats; new episodes air every Tuesday at 9 PM.

Queer Eye (Bravo, 10 PM ET/PT) SEASON PREMIERE

The Emmy-award winning unscripted series makes its fourth season premiere. The Fab Five hit the Vegas Strip to improve potentially tacky weddings. Frequent repeats; new episodes air every Tuesday at 10 PM.

Wednesday, June 7

Noah's Arc (Logo, 10 PM ET/PT)

Season One is re-aired, with bonus material, including DVD special features, behind-the-scenes footage and previews of Season Two. Multiple airings; check listings.

Can't Get a Date (Logo, 10:30 PM ET/PT) SERIES PREMIERE

This reality show – co-produced with VH1 – makes its debut, offering dating advice and helpful tips to people who can't find Mr. or Ms. Right. Multiple airings; check listings.

Thursday, June 8

We Are Dad (Showtime, 11 AM ET/PT)

A gay couple becomes foster parents to infants who are HIV-positive, but to adopt they must challenge Florida's ban on adoption by same-sex parents. Nominated for a GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Documentary. Multiple airings; check listings.

Saturday, June 10

Tarnation (Sundance Channel, 10 PM ET/PT)

Filmmaker Jonathan Caouette looks back on his life through old home movies, answering machine recordings and his early films to create a family memoir in this 2003 documentary.

CHO Revolution (Sundance Channel, 11:35 PM ET/PT)

Openly bisexual comic Margaret Cho's 2004 live concert film.

Sunday, June 11

Entourage (HBO, 10 PM ET/PT) SEASON PREMIERE

Season three opener of the hit comedy series centered around an up-and-coming actor, his three friends and his agent, Ari, who has a gay assistant with whom he has a love/hate relationship. Frequent repeats; new episodes air every Sunday at 10 PM.

Monday, June 12

Keep Not Silent (Sundance Channel, 9 PM ET/PT) PREMIERE

This documentary follows three Orthodox Israeli lesbians who are members of a secret support group called "Ortho-Dykes." Winner of the Israeli Oscar for Best Documentary.

Million Dollar Listing (Bravo, 10 PM ET/PT) SERIES PREMIERE

A six-episode unscripted series about the Los Angeles real estate market. One of the agents is Michael Wegmann, a man who made his fortune in the dot-com industry and now sells real estate as a hobby. During the series, he and his partner take steps to have a child. Frequent repeats; new episodes air every Monday at 10 PM.

Friday, June 16

As the World Turns (CBS Daytime) NEW

When Luke suspects that his mother is trying to "change" him, their confrontation leaves Luke wondering if coming out to his family was the right thing to do.

Three of Hearts: A Post-Modern Family (Bravo, 9 PM ET/PT) PREMIERE

This 2004 documentary chronicles an untraditional "trinogamous" relationship between two men and a woman.

Saturday, June 17

Philadelphia (Showtime, 3:25 PM ET/PT)

Tom Hanks gave an Oscar-winning performance in this 1993 film about a man who is fired from his law firm when they find out he is living with AIDS. Joe Miller (Denzel Washington) defends him in court, and in the process, overcomes his own homophobia and fear of the disease. Multiple airings; check listings.

Nowhere (Sundance Channel, 10 PM ET/PT)

Gregg Araki's 1997 film about a group of alienated Los Angeles teens. Features many lesbian, gay and bisexual characters.

A.K.A. (Sundance Channel, 11:30 PM ET/PT)

Set in 1970s Britain, this 2002 film tells the true story of Dean, a young man who assumes another identity to enter high society. While mingling with the wealthy, two very different men pursue him romantically.

Monday, June 19

A Girl Like Me: The Gwen Araujo Story (Lifetime, 9 PM ET/PT) PREMIERE

A Lifetime original movie based on the life and tragic death of transgender teen Gwen Araujo. Stars Academy Award winner Mercedes Ruehl and JD Pardo.

The Lady in Question is Charles Busch (Sundance Channel, 9 PM ET/PT) PREMIERE

The 2005 documentary about Charles Busch, the grande dame of drag and writer/director of cult hits *Die Mommie Die!* and *Psycho Beach Party*.

U.S. of Ant (Logo, 10 PM ET/PT) SERIES PREMIERE

In this new unscripted comedy, comedian Ant makes plays a tour guide in search of gay culture in small-town America. Multiple airings; check listings.

Wednesday, June 21

Billie Jean King: Portrait of a Pioneer (HBO, 6 AM ET/PT)

An HBO original documentary chronicling the remarkable rise of openly lesbian tennis legend Billie Jean King. Multiple airings; check listings.

little man (Showtime, 11:15 AM ET/PT)

A documentary released in 2005 about a lesbian couple whose lives unravel when their surrogate gives birth to their son 100 days early. Awarded Best Documentary at the 2005 New York NewFest and Los Angeles Outfest. Multiple airings; check listings.

Saturday, June 24

When Night Is Falling (Sundance Channel, 10 PM ET/PT)

Patricia Rozema's 1995 romantic drama about two women who fall madly in love.

Caravaggio (Sundance Channel, 11:35 PM ET/PT)

A 1986 biopic about Caravaggio, a 16th Century bisexual Italian painter.

Saturday, June 24

Die Mommie Die! (Sundance Channel, 1:35 AM ET/PT)

2003 camp comedy classic about a fading diva (Charles Busch) who kills her husband to be with a younger lover.

Elephant in the Room (Logo, 9 PM ET/PT) PREMIERE

A one-hour documentary that follows three gay Republicans in their struggle to find love and acceptance without compromising their ideals.

Sunday, June 25

Black Filmmaker Showcase (Showtime, 1 PM ET/PT)

The Black Filmmaker Showcase is a competition in which emerging black filmmakers are awarded grants to make films about the African American community. Showtime is presenting three of 2006's finalists:

—**Sarang Song**, 1:00 PM

A love story set in 1970s Los Angeles, where two female graduate students cope with an incident of police brutality against two fellow students on campus.

—**Jumpin The Broom**, 1:25 PM

A documentary short that examines gay marriage in the African-American community through profiles of four same-sex couples.

—**Brooklyn's Bridge To Jordan**, 1:55 PM

A gay woman deals with the loss of her wife and at the same time has to fight for custody of their teenage son.

Monday, June 26

Follow My Voice: With the Music of Hedwig (Sundance Channel, 9 PM ET/PT) PREMIERE

2006 documentary following four students at Harvey Milk High School, the first LGBTQ high school in America. Performers like Jonathan Richman, Sleater-Kinney and Rufus Wainwright recorded songs from John Cameron Mitchell's glam-rock musical *Hedwig* and the *Angry Inch*, which provided the soundtrack for the students' lives.

Tuesday, June 27

Gregg Araki Triple Feature (Sundance Channel, 10 PM ET/PT)

A three-film salute to director Gregg Araki, writer/director of many films that regularly feature LGBT characters: *The Living End* (1993), *Nowhere* (1997), and *Mysterious Skin* (2005).

Thursday, June 29

Passions (NBC Daytime) NEW

While in Rome, Simone gets drawn into a mystery involving the church and a sacred artifact. She enlists the help of some local Sapphic sisters in her quest to uncover the truth.

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Saturday

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- Dance till 4 am with DJ Scotty
- Drag Show 10 pm to midnight

Sunday

- Gay Bingo - starts at 5:30

Monday

- Karaoke with Diana, 8 pm til 1 am

Tuesday

- Martinis w/Bartender Joe, 7 pm
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Wednesday

- Steak and Bake Dinner \$6.95
- Karaoke with Diana, 8 pm til 1 am

Thursday Movie Night, 7 pm

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CHANGING A SYSTEM

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HIV positive persons at the state level but also in local health departments around the state.

Spokane AIDS Network and six other AIDS Service Organizations in Washington State submitted a letter opposing shifting the current name-to-code HIV reporting system to a names-based reporting system. The letter underscored these two points:

- Washington's current system functions well and balances public health surveillance needs with individual confidentiality.
- Name-based reporting presents an unnecessary risk of personal information security breach and disclosure.

The following concerns were collected by Lifelong AIDS Alliance from allies and other individuals and were presented in a letter to SBOH concerning proposed changes to WAC 246-101:

1. Disregard deep-seated distrust of "the government."

The mandatory reporting of names required to construct a state-wide database of HIV positive individuals will weaken commitment to testing and accessing services, especially among disenfranchised and disproportionately impacted communities (gay men, immigrant populations and communities of color) and lead to further stigmatization of people living with HIV/AIDS.

2. Disregard the level of stigma still present regarding HIV.

Some community-based agencies serving primarily at-risk populations report anonymous test rates of 90 percent. Outside of King County, a third of all people choosing to test for HIV opt for an anonymous test. We believe many people choosing to test do not want their personal information revealed most likely for fear of discrimination. Anonymous testing for HIV is available at Spokane Regional Health District and Planned Parenthood of Spokane and protects a persons name from being reported to local and state health departments and "is a viable way to obtain ones HIV status".

3. Are information security breaches waiting to happen?

Existence of an HIV names database makes it possible for the data to be misused or mistakenly shared. The unauthorized disclosure of 6,500 names of people with HIV and AIDS by the Palm Beach County Health Department in 2005 not to mention the recent theft of 23 million names and social security numbers of US Vets has heightened community concerns and confirmed that fears of breaches in confidentiality are legitimate. The name to code system adopted by Washington State in 1999 was intended to reassure affected communities that confidentiality would be maintained as reports were forwarded to the state. The system was assessed as 99 percent accurate by DOH.

The CDC has not required that names of persons with HIV be held at local health departments only at the state level.

Current efforts by the Department of Health to additionally hold names at local health departments like Spokane Regional Health Department for an indefinite amount of time only adds an unnecessary risk of breach of confidentiality

4. Do not construct an accurate picture of the epidemic.

We encourage the CDC to utilize other more reliable, cost effective and accurate methods of determining the rate of seropositivity in the population, such as those widely utilized outside of US, population-based sampling. We believe it would create a much more accurate picture of the epidemic and help determine effective strategies for preventing further spread of HIV across the U.S. while protecting the people living with HIV from mistakes involving their personal information.

In addition to concerns and recommendations, the letter posed a set of questions neither Lifelong nor co-singers of the letter received a response to:

1. Since people with HIV now live longer without symptoms, after this change is implemented public health officials will have records of people with HIV for an extended period of time. Given that CDC does not require submission of names of persons living with HIV, what is the long-term purpose of the compiled names? How, under what circumstances and by whom will the data be used?

2. For the "re-ascertaining" of names since 1999, some doctors and clinics may object to sharing what they consider to be confidential client data. What repercussions might a testing provider face for choosing not to comply with the re-ascertainment process?

3. To ensure that no person is deterred from seeking testing, anonymous testing options should be widely available. Currently local health officers are to ensure that anonymous HIV testing is "reasonably available" (WAC 246-100-035). An attempt to determine a state-wide standard for this provision failed previously. We strongly encourage DOH to allot significantly more resources to anonymous testing and ensuring its wide availability across the state.

4. How will DOH protect the collected information and assure the highest standard of confidentiality? Will DOH alter existing security measures to assure that confidentiality will be maintained?

Individuals and agencies can comment of this HIV Name Reporting change attending the June 14th 1 pm SBOH meeting at the Red Lion Hotel at SeaTac Airport or by visiting <http://www.sboh.wa.gov/Meetings/meetings.htm> and clicking on Testify On Line. You must reference the June 14th meeting and the agenda item HIV Name Reporting Rule Change. You can also write or fax them at State Board of Health, PO Box 47990, Olympia, WA 98504. Fax (360) 236-4088.

Capturing Life, One Image at a Time

A brief conversation with photographer James Patrick "Pat" Devine of Devine Photography and a prelude to his showing at Spokane's performing arts center, CenterStage, June 2nd-30th

by Mike Schultz



Photographer Pat Devine at home in his oriental garden.

"My granddad gave me a Brownie Box camera at 8 years old," Pat explained, describing his first exposure to photography 42 years ago. Pat's roots are firmly embedded in a childhood spent living on the prairie, and in the enduring influence of his grandfather, a sheepherder and photographer on the Montana plains.

We conversed casually in his home on the West Plains of Spokane. Built from scratch by Pat and his partner, Albert, his home is a delightful dance of creative organic resourcefulness and western eclectic charm, with just the suggestion of current projects and ideas yet to be completed.

Pat and Albert met 28 years ago at Jack's Night Hawk, a gay bar in Spokane. When asked about Albert's influence on his photography, Pat underscored the private passion of his work: "Albert knows I am most at peace when I'm alone with my camera."

In his photographic work, Pat prides himself on his eye for composition, and that composition clearly extends beyond the photographs. Scores of recently framed pieces for his next showing at CenterStage surrounded us as we talked. Multi-layered matting in different colors and assorted frames for the pieces, all of which Pat created himself, ranged in diversity from balanced simple traditional to complex asymmetrical. All of the mats and frames beautifully complimented the photographs themselves; all captured the photos' emotional resonance. Rich in color, depth and texture, the photographs, matting, and frames worked masterfully to embody glimpses of a life lived with great passion.



CenterStage will mark Pat's fourth show. He has shown previously at the Satellite Diner in Spokane, the Artist Co-Op Gallery in Bozeman, and Myrna Lloy Center in Helena.

Of the thousands of photographs he has taken over his 40-year career, Pat has chosen 36 select autographed pieces to display. All will be available for purchase on the 2nd floor of Center Stage Performing Arts Center, 1017 West 1st First Ave., Spokane, WA.

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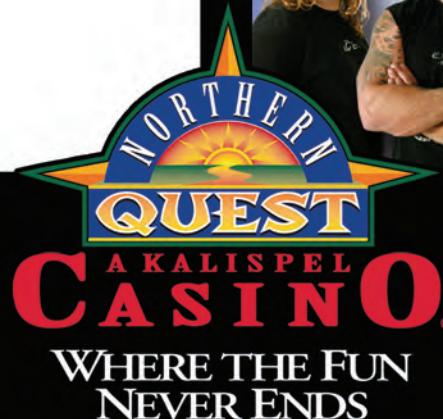
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