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ISCS pitches up summer fun



Lunging into the air, Leonard Jenkins (right), swings his bat with unbridled determination. Dennis Davis (left) serves as catcher during the game.

by Mike Schultz

SPOKANE - Ms. Gay Spokane 27 Summer Seve and Emperor Emeritus 3 Lil Steve coordinated and presented the 28th annual Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane (ISCS) Community Picnic at the Peaceful Valley Community Center on Sunday, August 27th.

Barbecued hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages were provided by

Dempsey's Brass Rail.

"The picnic started as a fundraising event put on by the ISCS Wrangler titleholders," states ISCS Board Secretary, Clyda " but it very quickly became a "free" event to thank the members of the community for their

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Motion filed to reconsider WA State ruling on equal marriage

Attorneys Say Court Didn't Explain How Barring Same-Sex Couples from Marriage Furthers Any State Interest

(SEATTLE, August 29, 2006)—Attorneys representing the 19 same-sex Washington couples who argued for their clients' right to marry under the Washington State Constitution have petitioned the Washington Supreme Court to reconsider its July 26, 2006 5-4 decision.

Two cases were decided jointly last month—Andersen v. King County in which the eight couples are represented by Lambda Legal and the Northwest Women's Law Center and Castle v. State whose 11 couples are represented by the ACLU of Washington.

"We still believe that Washington's Constitution requires that same-sex couples be allowed to marry," said Jon W. Davidson, Legal Director of Lambda Legal. "Instead of explaining why our clients couldn't marry, the court told us why marriage is good for different-sex couples. Barring same-sex couples

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OutSpokane begins work on *Fall Into Pride 2006, Pride 2007*

New board elections and brainstorming retreat kick-off ambitious plans

Community Service Announcement

by Bonnie Aspen & Christopher Lawrence
OutSpokane Committee

OutSpokane is elated to report that we surpassed our most ambitious goal ever. We set a budget at \$50,000 and exceeded our goal (by a tiny percent)!

We owe the incredible success of Spokane's 2006 Pride Parade and Rainbow Festival to the many wonderful sponsors such as Northern Quest Casino, Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane, Itron, Lilac City Men's Project and Wilburn Web for sharing our vision and "Joining the Journey."

We are also incredibly grateful to our supporters, Art & Julie Bookstrom, Eugene Cruz, Nancy Gillespie, Heather Krebs, Gregory C. Nail, Penny Reid, Mike Schultz, Larry Stone, Thinking Cap Com-

munications, Paul Tiesse, Catherine Willis and Alice Young and who stepped in during that final week to assure Spokane's GLBTQA community would have a stupendous Pride Celebration.

This accomplishment was only possible through the tireless efforts of the many volunteers and the various organizations of our community who nurtured the creation of our many events, floats and performances. Their participation was essential to the collaborative effort resulting in the best month-long Pride Celebration the entire Northwest has ever seen.

The inspiration of how well our community came together was so fabulous; we can't wait until June for our next big celebration!

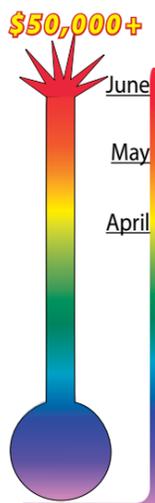
That's right!

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(Picture left): Steven Sanford, Corey Hand, Bridget Potter, Cam Lewis, Christopher Lawrence, Bonnie Aspen (partial view) exchange ideas during OutSpokane's Brainstorm Retreat on August 27th. Also attending were John Brindle, Ryan McCaskill, Francisca Rapier and Mike Schultz.

(Picture above): L-R Ryan McCaskill, Corey Hand, Christopher Lawrence, Cam Lewis, Bonnie Aspen, Bridget Potter, Francisca Rapier and Steven Sanford pose following the day's Brainstorm Retreat.



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Voices

Letters to the Editor

Chamberlain most qualified for County Commissioner

I am writing to ask you for your support of Barb Chamberlain for County Commissioner position 3.

I first met her through her attendance at the INBA awards for scholarship funds for the youth from Odyssey where I volunteer as a mentor.

Barb introduced herself, and through a course of events I became her volunteer coordinator for the campaign. It has been a remarkable journey. She is clearly the most qualified and best candidate of the three democrats. If you research the web sites for each you will easily decide in favor of her yourself.

Barb is patient and collaborative.

She is active in AHANA and has a strong interest in better funding for social services that have been gutted. Domestic Violence and Sexual assault as well as a more measured approach by our law enforcement officers are high on her

agenda. The pain and emotional distress that are the undercurrent here is palpable. As a woman she will effect change that will reduce that ever present reality. Currently the Director of Communications at WSU Riverfront, born and raised in Spokane, she will effectively face the issues arising in the county as we grow and evolve in the next decade.

John A Olsen
 Spokane

Chamberlain is best choice

I attended the League of Women Voters event a few days back to support Barbara Chamberlain (D - 3rd District Commissioner) and to hear the other candidates' views.

I knew Barb had been gravely ill and was concerned for her showing. But, I heard an articulate, intelligent, concise, and thoughtful servant of the people. George Orr's best response to issues was, "Me too," while parroting lamely

comments from his opponents. Has he no original thoughts?

Bonnie Mager beat a steady drum of "let's all play nice." If elected, I fear her gentle approach to issues will be a sweet fragrance beneath the feet of her more aggressive male council counterparts.

Barb, on the other hand, has the chutzpah to be strong in a 2 to 1 male dominated council. After the debate, I was glad I was already supporting Barb, because if I'd been supporting one of her opponents, I'd really be worried about her OBVIOUS incomparability.

Women constitute 50.8% of the country's population. We MUST have a woman on the council. No man, no matter how empathetic, can truly understand the unique needs of over half of this county's population. Barb is the only choice - she is the BEST choice!

Karen Wright
 Spokane

Spokane

Local HIV Care Services Recommendations for 2007

by Mark Garrett
 Spokane AIDS Network

During the first half of 2006 Consumer and Provider surveys were distributed to persons living with HIV and HIV service providers to gather information concerning access to HIV care services and identify unmet needs within our local HIV community.

This information gathering process was designed to correspond with a 3 year cycle in Washington State in which the 13 HIV Care Consortia's around the state completes a Three-year comprehensive plan for HIV care services.

On August 22nd 12 members of the local HIV community meet for a full day to discuss the results of the Consumer and Provider surveys compiled for the first time by the Department of Health Title II HIV Community Services in Olympia. The completed surveys where completely confidential and did not contain any personal identifying information. The data from these surveys was presented to the local prioritization committee in the form of a list of HIV fundable services in order of priority of need. The prioritization committee consisting of a diverse representation of both providers and consumers discussed the data and approved recommendations and funding allocations for HIV care services in Spokane County for budget year 2007.

These recommendations will be presented to Spokane County Ryan White CARE Consortium for approval during their next scheduled meeting on September 6th from 11am to 12 noon at the Mukogowa Fort Wright Institute Commons Building Fossee Room located at 4000 W. Randolph Road next to Spokane Falls Community College. Interested persons are encouraged to attend and offer their comments. For more information please contact Mark Garrett at 509 455-8993 or email markg@san-nw.org.



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Lesbian Couple bridging differences by engaging others



SPOKANE — Robynne Sapp and Dotti Berry with their poodle Rylee Joy as part of a year-long journey, will share their story at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Spokane on Monday,

September 18th.

The couple, who met through mutual friends, vowed when they married to create change in the world through expression of their love.

"The polarization in our country has just reached epic proportions about GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) issues," said Berry.

As they tell of their relationship and cross-country travel in a purple Suburban with magnetic placards that say "Two Women and a Poodle, www.GayIntoStraightAmerica.com," their

humor and engaging personalities create a warmth that comes with natural and comfortable communication.

They moved into a new neighborhood that at first seemed welcoming, then not. So Berry set out to build friendship and understanding by going house to house, surprising the neighbors with a rose and an invitation to dinner. That gesture of friendship helped create a warmth and openness that has developed into a different neighborhood than it might otherwise have been.

It's important to conquer fear and "tell our stories," Berry said. "We've got to let people know who we are."

It's not as important that people change immediately as that seeds are planted, she said.

"The only way things change, the only way we come to be in community with each other is by engaging," Sapp said.

The Unitarian Universalist Pride Team is co-hosting the event.

For more information about their project, visit their their Web site www.gayintostraightamerica.com.

Politickers

Stand and be counted... Vote

by Catherine D. Willis

Something special is in the mail, if you haven't already received it. Did you get yours? It's deceptively compact yet enormously potent. It's coveted around the world but often ignored here in the flag-waving, freedom-loving U.S.A. It's a simple-to-use, cost-free instrument of change. Come on now... You know what I'm talking about. It's a ballot, of course.

Your ballot is the tool used to exercise your precious right to vote. And almost anyone can cast one – provided you have registered. Haven't done so? Too bad. You can't vote in the primary before us. You won't get to choose the ultimate combatants in what could be a transformational election year.

You can still have a say this fall, however, if you complete that simple form, sign it and mail it in by Oct. 7, or hand-deliver it to the Auditor's Office by Oct. 23.

Or are you one of those fools who thinks your vote doesn't count, that you can't make a difference?

Unless you've been touring the galaxy in a saucer-shaped vehicle piloted by big-eyed, gray-skinned aliens, you know that HB 2661 passed in January, giving GLBT Washingtonians protection against discrimination in housing, jobs, credit and other everyday realms. Twenty-nine years in the making, this historic vote turned on one man's change of heart.

So maybe it's time to reconsider that well-honed apathy, cynicism, detachment, laziness or whatever else powers your disengagement.

I hate today's politics as much as the next guy/gal. I wish the system favored substance over sound bites and solid, public interest-centered dialogue over money-driven agendas. I want peace on earth too, but we aren't going to get it anytime soon. So I do what I can and I invite you to do the same: study the issues, meet the candidates and cast an informed vote.

This year's primary has already spawned some rather prickly exchanges. The Republicans vying for county sheriff are locked in a particularly charged, and well funded, battle. When are we going to get smart and remove the taint of partisanship from this important law enforcement role? Wouldn't public safety be better served by a county top cop chosen solely for professionalism, not his or her party affiliation?

Then there's the Republican race for assessor. Are there two more philosophically and stylistically disparate candidates this go-around than incumbent Ralph Baker and challenger Brad Stark? Voters indeed get a choice.

The Democrats enjoy an abundance of riches in the man and women hoping to capture Republican Phil Harris' seat on the Spokane County Commission. Bonnie Mager, George Orr and Barb Chamberlain possess strong – and very different – personalities and skill sets, each worthy of voter consideration.

Mager, a longtime community activist, offers commitment; she alone among Harris' would-be opponents has attended nearly every commission meeting over the better part of the past two years. Orr brings a "calls-it-as-he-sees-it" attitude and a passion rooted in workaday issues, the by-product



of a lifetime in public service. Chamberlain, like Orr, has held public office, and is intimately familiar with the give-and-take necessary for legislative success. Pragmatism defines her problem-solving style.

Chamberlain stands out among all candidates. At least her signs do. The communications and public affairs director for Washington State University

Spokane made a bold break from the ubiquitous red, white and blue, blue and white, or red and white we see on street corners and front yards across the county, selecting instead an eye-popping lime green to accentuate her not-yet-so-well-known name. Smart move? Perhaps.

Names are the hot point in at least one Supreme Court race. Too many Johnsons, it seems.

If you're among those in our GLBTQA community who thinks it's prudent to vote against every Supreme Court justice who upheld the Defense of Marriage Act in July, think again. Hold your nose and mark your ballot for Chief Justice Gerry Alexander. His opponent, John Groen, sees the law through that same narrow prism many generally gay-unfriendly folks use.

Electing Groen will not promote equality. One need look no further than his inappropriate billboard slogan – "putting criminals behind bars" – to realize that he is unsuited to the high court. Let Groen hold the bench at a lower court level if he wants to imprison wrongdoers; justices of the Supreme Court are supposed to review the actions of the lower court judges, not render them superfluous.

And, looking to November, let's bench State Senator Brad Benson, R-6th, who has consistently opposed GLBT equality with a fervor unmatched by most of his colleagues except perhaps his House counterpart, Republican Representative John Ahern. Challenging Benson in what promises to be a robust campaign is Democrat Chris Marr, a respected area businessman. He needs our help every bit as much as he does our votes if he is to emerge victorious on Nov. 7.

The same holds for educator, mental health professional and District 81 board member Don Barlow, who is facing off against John Serben, the 6th district's other Republican House member. If we want a greater voice in Olympia, we must get behind these men *now*.

What about John Ahern's opponent, Barbara Lampert, a member of our GLBT community? Let me speak to you directly, Barbara. Although I don't believe you can mount a winning campaign, I urge you to make try #11 your first serious effort. Please recruit a credible campaign committee and use this opportunity to shed light on Mr. Ahern's performance failures.

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

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Reading at Auntie's After the Drop Dead Date

by Joan Opyr

I've just learned a new publishing term: the drop dead date. In other contexts, this might not be a bad term. In fact, it could be quite handy, especially for lesbians:

"I'm sorry, Kim/Sue/Barbara/Jan, this is not a U-Haul date. This is a drop dead date. Dinner, a movie, maybe a trip back to my place, but you're not moving in. Please, put down the cat and The L-Word DVDs and back away from the truck."

In publishing, as opposed to the lesbian date scene, the drop dead date is the last possible day by which you must submit your first draft, your final edit, your acknowledgments, or any changes or additions you want to make to your novel. There are several drop dead dates in the course of publishing a book, each one more terrifying than the next. My first drop dead date for From Hell to Breakfast, the sequel to Idaho Code, is August 17th, the day before I'm scheduled to read at Auntie's Bookstore.

I love Auntie's Bookstore. It's three floors of readers' heaven in the heart of downtown Spokane. New books, used books, remainders, and the best mysteries, biographies, children's literature, cookbooks, and histories. Auntie's also has Spokane's finest gay and lesbian selection, and by fine, I mean quality fiction and nonfiction. I won't mention any of the chain stores by name (Wastings, Bums and No Bull) but I often wonder how they pick their GLBT books.

There's usually only one shelf, or, if we're lucky, a shelf and a half. You'll find it hidden somewhere around Sociology, Psychology, and books about Hitler. Note: the store is brand new but the sticker marking the gay and lesbian shelf has somehow fallen off. Not that it really matters. The shelf is stocked with the venerable titles that every lesbian or gay man worth his or her rainbow sticker probably already owns. There's some



Edmund White, some Katherine V. Forrest, and the inescapable Rubyfruit Jungle. There is also a scattering of Harlequeer romances. I like reading gay and lesbian romances, but I've read the two at Wastings and the three at Bums and No Bull. I want something fresh.

How do these chain stores select their books? Do they let straight people toss darts at GLBT publishing catalogs? Wastings devotes a football field of shelf space to Christian books, not to mention the Jesus T-shirts, the Holy Ghost air fresheners, and the Apostle trading cards. (If you're playing poker, remember that Judas Iscariot is wild.) I'm not asking the chain stores to shelve Left Behind next to Looking for Behind, but would it kill them to toss us a bone?

The book buyers at Auntie's - with a special nod of thanks to the wonderful Julie Smith - know their stuff. They know their readers. I am happy to drive the ninety miles from Moscow to Spokane just for the thrill of shopping there. Okay, I also come up for the Krispy Kreme doughnuts, but that's another column. I will meet my drop dead or die trying. I will finish my first draft, surrender it to my publisher, and come to Auntie's Bookstore with a light and happy heart. I will also, like as not, buy as many books as I sell. Writing is such a dangerous business.

Joan Opyr, AKA Auntie Establishment, is a Moscow area fiction writer, the author of the novel Idaho Code, and the Northern Idaho Editor for New West Magazine. She invites your questions, comments, mint julep and rat recipes at joanopyr@moscow.com.

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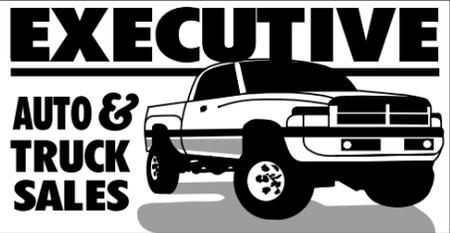
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OUT! In the Middle of Nowhere

A Natural Guardian

by **Tim Anderson**

Seth Adams doesn't hesitate to dedicate unlimited energy toward causes he believes in. A lifelong environmentalist, the 44 year old resident of Martinez, California is Director of Land Programs for Save Mount Diablo (SMD).

SMD was established in 1971, with Adams becoming its first paid staff member in 1988. Under Adam's leadership, SMD helped increase the original 6,788 acres to the current 89,000 acres (Or ten square miles growing to 125 square miles.). Considering that Mt Diablo sits in the middle of prized strategic development territory between Oakland, Walnut Creek, Livermore and Sacramento, SMD has become a national open-space preservation model, if not a miracle. In 2000, Adams received the John Muir Conservation Award honoring his tireless work.



is a career, an important thing is giving back. I like being a role model to younger people because I'm both successful and completely open about who I am. People helped me out when I was a kid and back then I didn't have any gay role models. When I realized I was gay at 19, I finally understood what this thing inside me was all about. So I told everybody

I knew and sent out a letter to everyone else-I figured that if I was gay, then it had to be ok! I like the openness now-you can't live in the US and not be aware of positive gay role models."

Adams is out to everyone, and his partner Chad is a familiar face around the office. "I don't wear it on my shirt sleeve as much as I did when I was younger but I don't change pro nouns or fail to talk about my partner. I definitely consider myself an environmentalist more than a gay activist. But because I talk to reporters all the time, there are a couple of instances where it's come out. A San Francisco Chronicle reporter wondered whether my sexual orientation should be mentioned in a profile and I was in a bare-chest calendar as a fund raiser a few years ago. A couple of consultants and elected officials later mentioned it to me."

Acknowledging that for many people coming out is an incremental process, Adams understands the risks. "The issues are universal in the US. There's a cost to coming out but ultimately honesty and integrity is what hangs in the balance. If you can't be honest, you are putting yourself at a disadvantage. My partner just came out a year and a half ago at age 31. To come out to people, it was very frightening to him but it was also incredibly liberating. It's so much easier to live honestly than to put your own integrity at a disadvantage by living dishonestly. When straight individuals are exposed to that, they can't help but respond positively."

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.

Adam's concern for preservation of open space extends beyond California. When Pend Oreille County residents sought expert guidance in fighting the proposed Saddle Mountain Mega RV Park, Adams freely provided his encouragement and expertise throughout the approval process. Although the project eventually received a green light, targeted local input ultimately forced sensitivity to resident concerns in the binding site plan.

His sexual orientation has never stood in the way of fearlessly pursuing land preservation. "I buy land from ranchers and land owners and fight with developers, some of whom still have a high school football player mentality. Many of them know I am gay. People pretty much take it at face value. Some people may talk about it behind my back but I think most are more likely to talk about other things. I think power is about power rather than orientation, you either have it or you don't. Can you affect a developer's project or not? If you can, they have to deal with you.

A rugged outdoorsman, Adams grew up in North Carolina and from the earliest age held a deep fascination with the natural world, including a fondness for collecting various snakes and other creatures. "I grew up in the outdoors, in a place that was biologically very rich. Now I am paying the Karmic price for all the havoc I once wreaked on the environment. My mantra is "leave things better than you found them". While preservation

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National & International

Advertisers out of the closet with gay-themed ads

By Peter Graff

LONDON (Reuters) - Italian designer Domenico Dolce appears in a magazine ad, one hand perched affectionately on the shoulder of his design partner and former lover Stefano Gabbana, the other holding his stylish new Motorola phone.

Whether it's U.S. firm John Hancock featuring a lesbian couple in an ad for insurance or Altoids pitching two flavours of its "curiously strong mints" by asking readers if they are "bi-curious," big advertisers are storming out of the closet.

In part, the gay advertising boom reflects the lure of an underserved market: gay consumers are wealthier than average, and loyal to brands that they perceive as gay-friendly.

In 1994, just 19 of the Fortune 500 companies advertised their brands in gay media in the United States. Last year, 175 did, says Todd Evans of Rivendell Media, which places ads in gay U.S. newspapers and magazines.

And increasingly advertisers are also using gay themes to appeal to mainstream consumers.

"Most big agencies have looked at it," said Gordon MacMillan, editor of London's ad industry Internet newsletter Brand Republic. "One, they are targeting the gay market. And two, they are targeting the straight market as well, who perceive the gay market as having a certain style or cachet."

Advertisers have discovered that gay-friendliness is cool, said Michael Wilke, who tracks gay-themed advertising on a Web site, the Commercial Closet.

"They are looking to have a hip image, to say we are part of pop culture, and pop culture is increasingly inclusive of gays and lesbians."

Goodman: Running out of reasons to ban gay marriage

by Ellen Goodman, The Boston Globe

Now, I got it. After hours spent poring over Washington state's Supreme Court decision upholding the ban on same-sex marriage, I've finally figured it out. The court wasn't just ruling against same-sex marriage. It was ruling in favor of "procreationist marriage."

This is the heart of the opinion written by Justice Barbara Madsen: "Limiting marriage to opposite-sex

couples furthers procreation, essential to survival of the human race, and furthers the well-being of children by encouraging families where children are reared in homes headed by the children's biological parents." In short, the state's wedding bells are ringing for procreators.

Well, if that's true, isn't it time for the legislatures in Washington and in New York, which issued a similar ruling against same-sex marriage this summer, to follow their own logic? If marriage is for procreation, shouldn't they refuse to wed anyone past menopause? Shouldn't they withhold a license, let alone blessings and benefits, from anyone who is infertile? As for those who choose to be childless? Nothing borrowed or blue for them.

Indeed, the state could offer young couples licenses with sunset clauses. After five years, they have to put up (kids) or split up.

Of course, the states' other interest is in families "headed by the children's biological parents." Why then give licenses to the couples who are raising 1.5 million adopted children? We can ban those blended families like, say, the Brady Bunch. And, surely, we should release

partners from their vows upon delivery of their offspring to the nearest college campus.

This is where the courts' reasoning leads us, and I use the word "reasoning" loosely. If anything, these two decisions are proof that the courts and the country are running out of reasons for treating straight and gay citizens differently.

Since the landmark Supreme Court ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas* in 2003, gay sex is no longer a crime. Today, if some straight couples cannot or do not procreate, some gay couples do, using all the old and new technologies. Gays aren't banned from fertility clinics. They aren't the slam-dunk losers in divorce custody fights. Even Arkansas has just ruled that gay couples can become foster parents. And New York and Washington, the states refusing to let gays marry, have supported gay adoption.

Against this evolving backdrop, the courts had to reach pretty far to find some explanation for banning gay marriage other than old-fashioned discrimination. Even so - as Justice Mary Fairhurst wrote in her Washington dissent - neither court actually explained why "giving same-sex couples the same right that opposite-sex couples enjoy (would) injure the state's interest in procreation and healthy child rearing." After all, as Chief Judge Judith Kaye of New York wrote in her dissent, "There are enough marriage licenses to go

around. . . . No one rationally decides to have children because gays and lesbians are excluded from marriage."

I am a citizen of Massachusetts where gay people have been getting married for two years without the sky falling. The furor over the decision here produced a backlash that has scared a lot of judges straight. These judges seem ready to bow to any legislation on this hot-button subject that isn't certifiably nuts. For example, the American Academy of Pediatrics reports that there "is ample evidence to show that children raised by same-gender parents fare as well as those raised by heterosexual parents." The Washington court still determined that "the legislature was entitled to believe" the opposite. The legislature's entitlement overruled gay entitlement to marry.

The backlash against gay marriage has produced strong passions and weak arguments. It's no longer enough to state in court that marriage has always been for straight couples, ergo it should be only for straight couples. This time, the courts ended up arguing on procreationist grounds, pretty shaky legal terrain.

"It is the exclusive and permanent commitment of the marriage partners to one another, not the begetting of children, that is the sine qua non of civil marriage," wrote Chief Justice Margaret Marshall in the Massachusetts decision that extended marital rights to gays and brought conservative wrath down on her head.

Marshall has been demonized as an "activist judge" - a label pinned on the author of any ruling you dislike. Now, in an anxious attempt to put their courts into neutral, judges in Washington and New York have thrown logic into reverse.

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Ms. Gay Spokane #27 2006-2007, Summer Seve, serves up the pitch.



Scott Surreal takes his swing. Dennis Davis, President of the College of Monarchs, serves as catcher.



Imperial Crown Prince #30, Gordon McEvans Winters Kennedy Smith Surreal, sprints to first base.



Out-N-About bar (Pasco, WA) drag queen Ginnie awaits the pitch.

A fun, casual afternoon

Commentary by Steven Sanford

What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon... in a neighborhood park by the river, on a warm summer day, with burgers on the barbecue served with chilled salads and sodas, followed by a game of softball. How all American it all sounds.

When it was described to me the teams would be comprised of Drag Queens vs. Lesbians/Boys, my curiosity was piqued. I had never been to such a game before.

Upon arrival, I found a quiet little park tucked into the hillside. Under the shade of a couple large trees, a couple dozen people ate and chatted before the game.

Aside from my partner, I knew only one other person there. But others came to sit at the table, introducing

themselves and engaging in friendly conversation.

As I looked around, I began to notice there were more than just gay men and women. There also were families participating with children running playfully, laughing. Immediately, I felt welcomed and comfortable. The atmosphere was fun, relaxed and laid back - like a family reunion. Or maybe just a Sunday afternoon in the park with good friends.

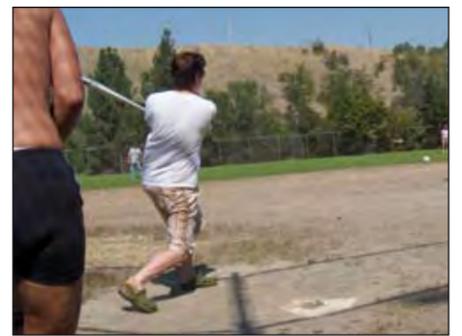
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work and support of ISCS fundraising and events. It is considered a family event, with everyone encouraged to bring their entire families."

Assorted raffle items were donated by Emperor 30 Mark.

"Of course, the softball game is always a much-looked-forward-to, big part of the picnic. It adds a lot of fun." Clyda adds.

For those keeping score, Drag Queens won 14 - 9.



Ms. Courtney Cox, Empress #33 2004-2005, drives the ball into center field.



Empress #34, Selena Blaque Surreal, lands on home plate.



Summer Seve and Mr. Gay Spokane #26 2005-2006, Leonard Cocks Surreal, tend to the grill.



Dempsey's drag queen, Novocaine, swings high.



ISCS Board Treasurer, Deb Sanders, reads her swing.



Dennis Davis watches as Ms. Gay Columbia Basin 2006-2007, Vidda, drives the ball into right field.



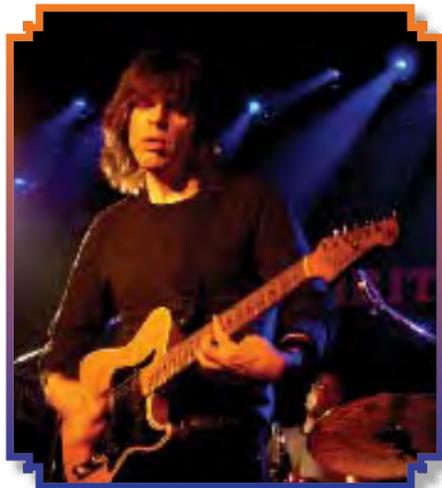
Around 30 people attend the bbq picnic at Spokane's Peaceful Valley Community Center as a prelude to the softball game.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Christopher Lawrence, A & E Editor

Jazz Times Two

If you love Jazz then mark your calendars for these two events...



The Mike Stern Band will appear at Spokane Falls Community College Music Bldg. Auditorium Bldg. 15, 3410 W. Fort George Wright Dr. on Thursday Oct. 5, 2006 from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Produced by the SFCC Jazz Presents Club, this fund raiser will finance the continuation of fine jazz events for Spokane jazz fans.

In addition, Mike Stern will present a free clinic at 2 p.m. in SFCC Band room Bldg. 15.

Three-time Grammy nominated and one of the most recognized and celebrated guitarists of this generation featuring Bob Franceschini, sax; Lincoln Goines, bass; Lionel Cordew, drums.

Stern got his start playing guitar with Blood, Sweat & Tears at the age of 22 and was recruited by Miles Davis for his celebrated comeback band of 1981 with and saxophonist Bill Evans.

In the summer of 1986, Stern went out on the road with David Sanborn before making his debut on Atlantic Records with *Upside Downside*, featuring such celebrated colleagues as Sanborn, Pastorius, saxophonist Bob Berg, bassists Mark Egan and Jeff Andrews, keyboardist Mitch Forman and drummers Dave Weckl and Steve Jordan.

Mike's legendary guitar prowess and musicality was amply demonstrated in his acclaimed 1993 release, *Standards (And Other Songs)* and led to him being named Best Jazz Guitarist of the Year by Guitar Player magazine. He received Grammy nominations for *Is What It Is* in 1994, and *Between The Lines* in 1996.

In 1997, Stern recorded *Give And Take* with bassist John Patitucci, drummer Jack DeJohnette, percussionist Don Alias and special guests Michael Brecker and David Sanborn. The covers of Sonny Rollins' "Oleo", John Coltrane's "Giant Steps" Cole Porter's "I Love You" and Jimi Hendrix's "Who Knows" earned Mike the Orville W. Gibson Award for Best Jazz Guitarist.

Stern's *Voices* in 2001 was his first foray into vocal music and earned Mike his third Grammy nomination. And now he ups the ante with *These Times*. Stern's 12th release as a leader and debuts on ESC Records.

Call: (509) 444-4140 for tickets from Hoffman Music or the SFCC Cashier at (509) 533-3569, (no fees). \$23 for adults; \$18 for students and seniors. (General seating only) Tickets at the door will be \$3 more. Advanced tickets are also available from: www.ticketwest.com

The Spokane Jazz Orchestra opens its 32nd concert season – "Jazz In the City" – with Nnenna Freelon on Friday, September 29 at 8 PM in the Met Theater. Five time Grammy Nominee and jazz singing sensation, Nnenna Freelon, is one of the hottest names in vocal jazz to come to Spokane in the past thirty years! In addition to singing all around the world, Freelon has also sung with the Count Basie Band, from which she will select her music to perform with the Spokane Jazz Orchestra.

Ms. Freelon has won the Billie Holiday Award from the Academie du Jazz, the Eubie Blake Award, and as an actress made her feature film debut in Mel Gibson's *What Women Want*.

It's not just critics who love Freelon. It's the rest of the world, too. She has been gathering fans (musicians, concert-attendees and connoisseurs of quality music) everywhere jazz can be heard for many years.

Nnenna Freelon embarked on her musical career after following a successful career as a health care administrator. As the mother of three and a vocal proponent of child advocacy, however, she still continues to involve herself with various educational outreach programs that support the well being of children in areas of self-esteem, self-expression and constructive growth.

Freelon was the spokesperson for "Partners in Education," the national organization devoted to providing opportunities for leadership, growth and success for all students. She even wrote the foundation's theme song, "One Child at a Time," which appears on her *Soulcall* album.

From her activism in healthcare, Freelon started "Babysong," a program in which she encourages mothers and fathers to sing or hum to their unborn or newborn children to help stimulate development and to create deeper bonds through sound communication. The vocalist has long been an advocate for AIDS prevention and performed several times over the past few years at the National Minority AIDS Conferences.

Freelon will be singing jazz standards, songs from her recent highly acclaimed album *Portrait of a Lady*, which is a tribute to Billie Holiday, as well as songs performed recently with the Count Basie Band. Backed up by the fabulous 17 piece Spokane Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Dan Keberle the evening promises to enchant.

Tickets are on sale at TicketsWest (1-800) 325 SEAT, or online at www.ticketwest.com.

For much more information visit:

www.nnenna.com

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: *Hit by a Farm* by Catherine Friend on Sept 6 and *Last Days of Summer* by Steve Kluger on Oct. 4

ARt Is Serving Greater Tuna & A Christmas Tuna

Michael Weaver, artistic director and William Marlowe perform a tour-de-force by playing the entire population of Tuna, Texas, the Lone Star state's third smallest town where Patsy Cline never died.

Actor's Repertory Theater has already begun its fall season with these two screwball comedies. Rumor has it that Spokane Falls Community College Spartan Theater is the ideal home for ARt and that nearly every production is excellent. For tickets or more information you may call (509) 838-4013, e-mail at info@actorsrepretheatre.com or visit <http://actorsrepretheatre.com>.

GLAAD Reports Slip—here! TV Provides the Alternative

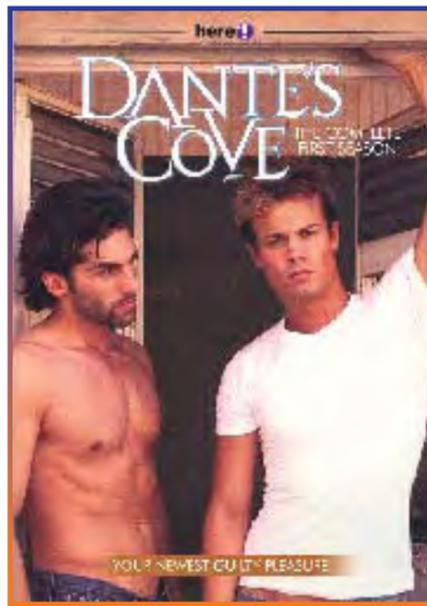
If you have been following the news from GLAAD regarding gay characters on TV, you may already know that this coming season on the major networks GLBTQ characters are disappearing right and left. With only 1.3 percent of all the characters on TV being GLBTQ, we are grossly under-represented, no matter what conservative figures are touted about our numbers in society. This trend leads many of us in a new direction where we can find programming that gives us some representation. Here TV comes to the rescue...

Dante's Cove

here tv
TLA Releasing

Men and women whose tawny skin shimmers with oil, nearly nude love scenes, beach living with sun and sand would seem to be the perfect getaway from the very hetero world of triple lettered programmers.

here! TV tosses in major portions of voodoo, witchcraft, possible vampirism, and it becomes steamy escapism



one might expect to be wielded by the likes of Dark Shadows (or many of its progeny over the last few decades) and Knot's Landing's 'Love Child.'

There really is enough eye candy to tantalize our not-so-subconscious yearnings and the actors' talents vary from better than acceptable to nearly adequate. The leading characters, however, do have a magnetic draw.

The great fun within this over done Mephistophelian melodrama is the battle between Ambrosius and Tobi for Kevin's heart AND soul!

I enjoyed much of the DVD and it will be interesting to see how our characters survive the cliff hanger from season one.

www.dantescope.com

Evan's Art Still Lives!

A memorial exhibition of paintings entitled *Bob Evans, 1948-2005* will be held at the Spokane Falls Community College Gallery of Art, Building 16, from Sept. 18 through Oct. 13.

Bob Evans was an artist and art teacher in Spokane for 15 years and was active in



Spokane's GLBTQA community. He taught at SFCC, the Discovery School and Spokane Art School. Bob died in December of last year, shortly after moving to Las Vegas.

A public reception will be held at the SFCC Gallery of Art on Friday, September 22nd from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are M-F 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may call 533-3035 for more information.

The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Art's Council Forms

Spokane Chamber Arts Committee will present an organizational workshop to plan the formation of a Spokane County Arts Council on Friday, September 15, 2006 at the Spokane Art School, 3rd floor, 920 North Howard Street in Spokane.

Connie Sagona, the media contact says that the Spokane Chamber Arts Committee is dedicated to advocacy through leadership, partnership and community involvement. "We are sponsoring this workshop to increase and broaden public awareness and opportunities in artistic and cultural activities. There is no charge for this workshop, and anyone interested is invited to attend."

Bitsy Bidwell from the Washington State Arts Commission will conduct the workshop and provide the basic information for organizing, staffing and program development for a community arts council.

The schedule and agenda will be announced soon. Please call George Lathrop at (509) 747-4804 or Connie Sagona at (509) 981-5380 for more information.

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REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

VIDEOS • MUSIC

Christopher Lawrence & Graham Ames

Guys & Balls

Sherry Horman, director

HERE! Films, TLA Releasing, 102 min.

These two films are both of German creation, deal with gays in sports and have American musical sound tracks.

Any coincidental resemblance stops there.

The direction and the acting for **Guys & Balls** are adequate. The plot, though well-meaning, is over-burdened with two-dimensional stereotypes on both sides of that unwieldy barrier that we identify as sexual orientation. No texture and little depth. If you were to turn over most of these characters for some deeper examination I suspect they would be too thin to cast a shadow.

Luckily for the viewer, some balance comes from the two lead characters.

Ecki (Maximilian Brückner) plays goalie for a small German town's soccer team. His longtime nemesis Udo (Carlo Lubjek) plays a dirty game and after Udo and

some other team-mates discover Ecki making a drunken pass at a teammate, they manage to ostracize him and get him expelled from the team.

Ecki challenges Udo and his former team to a match, promises to find a team of queer players and return for a match to beat the pants off the 'manly men.' No one in the town including Ecki's family believe he will be able to find and create a gay soccer team capable of beating the 'breeder' team.

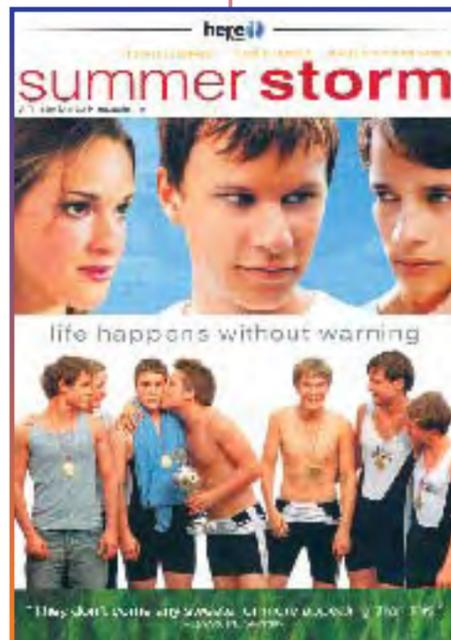
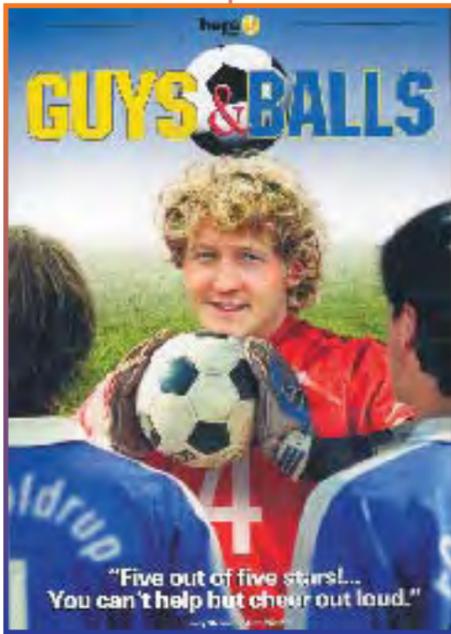
Sound a bit far-fetched?

It is.

It gets worse or better depending on how perverse one's sense of humor can be. Ecki finds a group of unlikely heroes. The new team includes a trio of leather-clad bikers, a very feminine Turkish deli worker, an extremely masculine lesbian, a closet construction worker and a couple of Brazilian players.

The wide variety of gay personality types are mostly stereotypes and could come off as amateur caricatures in less talented hands, but Horman & crew do an adequate job of compensating for the characters' lack of depth with good-hearted humor.

In the end of course, good triumphs over evil, the true champions conquer the bigots, coming out is accepted as 'a good thing' within minutes of the soul sizzling traumatic outing and we watch the ending credits with some small sense of satisfaction. As Mary Tyler Moore was wont to say: "It's really not awful!"



Summer Storm

by Marco Kreuzpaintner

HERE! Films, TLA Releasing, 94 min.

So many gay-themed films are poorly directed, unevenly acted and use sloppy meaningless cinematography. Not that all of them are horribly bad, mind you, but still as a community our own stories seldom shine brightly enough for release in thousands of theaters across the U.S.

America is not the only country to bear the guilt of bad filmography in this particular genre but a majority of what we seem to be served is not as good as the Italian Spaghetti Western that became the butt of Hollywood jokes for decades.

However, I actually must confess that **Summer Storm** is good.

The cinematography is well above average, the acting by the youngsters is professional and the direction which occasionally loses focus is pretty solid and quite earnest.

Tobi (Robert Stadlober) and Achim (Kostja Ullmann) are champion rowers and best friends on a Bavarian rowing team preparing for their final regatta. These two lithe, athletic young man-boys have shared the comradely intimacy that prefaces the awkwardness of awakening sexuality.

Our hero, Tobi is smitten and unable to declare his love for the playful Achim and watches helplessly as his best friend drifts into a relationship with a girl and pines for that which is unrequited.

At the regatta they camp next to a competing team of young OUT gay men. Tension grows when Tobi is rejected by his best friend and turns to a ready and adorable young athlete on the Queer-Strokes team.

Riddled with guilt, Tobi admits tearfully to Anke (Alicja Bachleda-

Curus) his heretofore unwitting girlfriend of convenience that he likes guys. Challenging him not to continue living a lie, she gracefully and righteously speaks the truth: "If you hide your whole life, you'll forget who you really are."

The story hurtles toward a confrontation as wild and transformational as the summer storm that's brewing over the lake. Tobi realizes he has to start facing some facts about himself he had not dared to face before.

Its a bit predictable, achingly sweet and well above average on every level. As coming OUT stories go, this one has some sparkle. Check it out.

Poetica

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Made Records

Many moons ago, DJ-producer-songwriter Markus Moser was looking for a female voice to use for a demo. A neighbor offered to introduce him to a former co-worker who was known for singing at her desk. Nadia Ali impressed Markus not only with her distinctive vocal style, but also with her poetic lyrics. After struggling in the studio to find the right sound, Nadia convinced a reluctant Markus to set aside urban pop for electronica/dance, and in 2001 the duo released their first single, "Rapture (Tastes So Sweet)."

The track exploded onto the world dance scene, burning up dance floors from London to Ibiza, and becoming remix material for many top producers. iio continued to dribble out singles for the next few years while they completed work on their debut album. After many delays and dozens of tracks, Markus and Nadia finally arrived at a finished product they would both be proud to support. **Poetica** is the result, released nearly five years after "Rapture" first made its splash.

What has been wrought by all this time and effort? For starters, **Poetica** may be the most low-key dance album ever made. "Rapture" establishes the tone, with the rhythm track placed pretty far back in the mix, allowing the smooth, dark synth tones to carry the music forward. Nadia's voice fits right in middle, chanting the sing-song melody at the bottom of her register like the notes are just falling out of her. By keeping the instrumental colors darker than Nadia's unique vocals, Markus pushes her to the fore, while creating the perfect supporting frame. The songs each have life and spirit, but none of them will raise the roof.

Some of the tracks break out of the pop format a bit. "Runaway" has a distinct Orbital feel, while "Chastity" is a nine-minute epic club track. Nadia's vocal inflections work especially well on the Indian-tinged "Tantric." However, there is a creeping sameness to the tracks, which begins to wear a bit thin halfway through the 15 songs. This can be avoided by reordering the CD to match the song sequence in the lyric booklet; someone mistakenly thought it wise to group all the singles at the beginning of the disc, ultimately ruining the "flow" of the work.

With this minoredit, **Poetica** becomes the strong release it should be, worthy of all those years of work and frustration. It is surprising how track order can affect the listening experience.

Pick up a copy and hear the difference for yourself.

Defected In The House:

Miami 2006

Various Artists

Defected Records

When one of the world's leading House labels, London's Defected Records, was preparing for the most recent Winter Music Conference in Miami, they asked their leading DJs to select tracks that they thought would make were going to break through. The suggested tracks were assembled into this three-disc set, a preview of new music and a celebration of the sun-soaked groove of Miami.

The first disc is full of Disco and Funk, a 75 minute, 15 track joyous celebration

of horns, strings, and the cymbal on the off-beat. Titled "Sunset," it is meant to evoke an energetic patio dance floor as the daylight fades and the party begins to heat up. The set moves comfortably between gospel, Latin rhythms, soul, and back to classic disco again. Jay-J's "With Him" is the

kind of infectious song which inspires impromptu group choreography. Fish Go Deep's luscious "The Cure & The Cause" signals the beginning of a slow shift away from the disco and toward more traditional house and club music. As the first disc winds up, it is easy to imagine that the crowd has moved indoors from the patio, and is ready for some serious nighttime moves.

"Sundown" is the second disc, and it picks up where the first leaves off. The dancing has gotten more serious, and the music reflects this. Disco gives way to house and club music, full of moody synth chords and a driving beat. Blaze raises the roof with "Most Precious Love,"

and the energy doesn't stop there. The Muthafunkaz' "I Don't Want You Anymore," Brian Stingily's "Hate Won't Change Me," and Dennis Ferrer's "Change The World" all help carry the momentum through the 15 songs on this disc.

The third set is "Sunrise," and it evokes images of an after-hours party where the energy never stops even as a new day begins. Darker and more full of trippy sounds and moments than the first two, the groove mellows without actually slowing down. Opening instrumental "Swimming Places" from Julien Jabre sets the tone. All of these discs have a nice mix of vocal tracks and instrumentals, but the chill-out vibe on this disc means the 16 tracks here are mostly instrumental. This gives room for Lifelike's excellent "Discopolis," a head trip of shifting layers and sequences.

Miami 2006 is a great sampler of new music and exclusive remixes, and will be a great listen in February when we are all pinning for some sunshine of our own.



OUTSPOKANE

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We can't wait!

This community deserves to have more than one Pride celebration each year and we think Spokane is ready to have two!

National Coming Out Day is October 11. This is a perfect time for us to celebrate as a community again.

Fall Into Pride activities being planned beginning mid-October are:

- An exclusive Spokane showing of a VERY GAY movie. (Can you guess which one?)
- Anevening with **La Cage Las Vegas** at Northern Quest Casino. This exciting show will come directly to Spokane from Las Vegas and feature the most accomplished female impersonators in the world.

- The **Odyssey Masquerade Ball** will be held Saturday, October 28 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Don't miss this elegant event. It is guaranteed to be sold out, so get your tickets now at www.odysseymasquerade.com.

- Watch the OutSpokane Web site and Stonewall News Northwest Calendar for more events being planned for **Fall Into Pride** and **National Coming Out Day** celebrations.

If you or your organizations have any events you would like to schedule, please contact us so that we can help with promotion.

The OutSpokane Board of Directors and Friends of OutSpokane held their annual Planning Retreat on Sunday, August 27 to re purpose our vision of what is possible for the future. The 2007 theme has yet to be formalized, but discussions

revolved around neighbors, neighborhoods, and block parties.

Also in the works are more interactive events to engage us in the fun, such as a week long Scavenger Hunt and a Flower Show and competition. If you have any interesting ideas please let us know.

Cameron Lewis challenged OutSpokane to set an even more ambitious budget goal of \$75,000 for next year.

The discussion is ongoing about changing Spokane's Pride date away from the second Saturday in June. The current date is the same day as Spokane Public Schools' graduation ceremonies. We have also noted that our early June weather can be unpredictable as was more than amply demonstrated this year.

When we originally celebrated Pride on Sundays it did not interfere with graduations, but was virtually invisible

and poorly attended. Moving the day to Saturday gave us the visibility needed to change public perception.

This discussion by the Board of Directors will continue at our next monthly meeting and we welcome input from our community in person at our next meeting or by e-mail to admin@outspokane.org.

OutSpokane meetings are open to all of the community and take place on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Kress Gallery in Riverpark Square from 7:15 until 8:45 p.m.

We are looking for more input and participation from our community to create the celebration YOU would like to experience next year.

Please join us or send us your comments. Thanks again for a tremendous Pride 2006!

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Can God be Found in the Bushes or at the Baths?

by **Bob Schout**

"Can God be found at a bathhouse or in the bushes?" A friend asked me that question, not too long ago, and immediately I said, "of course." He was shocked by my answer. After all, he had been visiting a few roadside stops on a vacation and had stopped at a bath house for a couple of hours, too. I told him, "if you look and listen, you'll find God there; and not just from the climaxing groans of men as they reach a state of sexual nirvana, screaming out, "Oh, God...Yes"



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It only stands to reason. If God – Spirit, Chi, Dharma, Divine Mother – is everywhere present, in everyone, at all times, then it's present in the eyes, minds, hearts, bodies and souls of every man in the bushes or at the baths; and it's in you. Sexual expression is a wonderful gift of Spirit. Though this gift of sexual expression comes without strings attached, it does come with an invitation from Spirit...to act spiritually responsibly while unwrapping and using this gift.

Spiritual-sexuality means that we are invited to be responsible enough to take some time to understand why we're having sex at this moment, with this person(s), in this way. We go to these places because we want to feel, once again. Our brains may be telling us, "no, it's because I want to get off," but our hearts are telling us, "I need to feel something – anything; I need to express unbridled passion, and know (or hope) that someone will want me or find me attractive, loving, and desirable; I want

to feel a touch, a caress, alive, and connected." Those are all yearnings of the heart; calls of Spirit. We may go for the sex, but we yearn for love. We may go for the touch, but we yearn for the presence. We may go for the orgasm, but we yearn for the ecstasy of oneness.

We're called to see the person(s) we're having sex with, as spiritual beings, not just as objects that fulfill our physical needs. We each know what it's like to be with someone, feeling loved in the moment, special as a person, totally alive – and in the next moment emotionally abused, and physically abandoned. We've experienced times when the other person doesn't even know, or care to know, our name. We've experienced times when we want to talk and get to know the person before or after sex, but the yearning to know one another is not reciprocated by the other person. They may want to know us, in the biblical sense, but not personally. We have experienced that emptiness within the shell of our bodies. At times, we settle for this type of experience because we tell ourselves that this slight feeling is better than none at all.

Sex is great. Let's just be clear about why we're having it. It's a great expression of, and call to, love. Sex is a

chance to express the fullness of who you are as a physical, emotional, sexual and spiritual being. The question is, "are we using it as a distraction, substituting it for what we really want?" So, if you find yourself going to the bathhouse a lot, ask yourself, "what am I really looking for, hoping for, or desiring?" "Is this where I'll find it?" As you sit in the steam room or whirlpool, or wander the halls, take just a moment to realize that this place may do the trick and satisfy you for a moment, and ask yourself "what can I do to satisfy my heart for a lifetime?" Maybe it's a relationship with one special person. Maybe it's a relationship with you, or with Spirit, itself.

We don't have to beat ourselves up or be ashamed of going to the bushes or bathhouse. Once we realize the real reasons we're going, we'll realize that God is there, too, in us. In our desire to love and to be loved, So, next time you're wandering the halls, waiting to be noticed, take that time to think about your heart, your needs, and your true desire. It will be time well spent.

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from marriage only hurts same-sex couples and their families—it doesn't help anyone."

In August 2004, King County Superior Court Judge William Downing ruled that the Washington State Constitution guarantees basic rights to lesbian and gay people—and that a state law prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying violates those rights. The ruling said the state Constitution requires same-sex couples to have equal access to marriage, and that the couples represented by Lambda Legal and the Northwest Women's Law Center had to be given marriage licenses. One month later, Thurston County Superior Court Judge Richard Hicks ruled similarly in the Castle case brought by the ACLU. Both decisions were appealed to the Washington State Supreme Court, which overturned the lower courts' decisions on July 26.

"The Court did not come to grips with the very real harms done to same-sex couples by denying them equal access to the many benefits of legal marriage," said Paul Lawrence, the lead attorney on the ACLU's legal team for the case. "The court's reliance on the tie between procreation and marriage does not make sense. Many opposite-sex couples get married with no intention of having children, and many same-sex couples do in fact raise children."

According to the rules of the Washington Supreme Court, parties have 14 days from the issuance of a decision to petition for reconsideration. Lambda Legal, the ACLU of Washington and the Northwest Women's Law Center filed for an extension of that period, which was granted and expired after 5:00 p.m.

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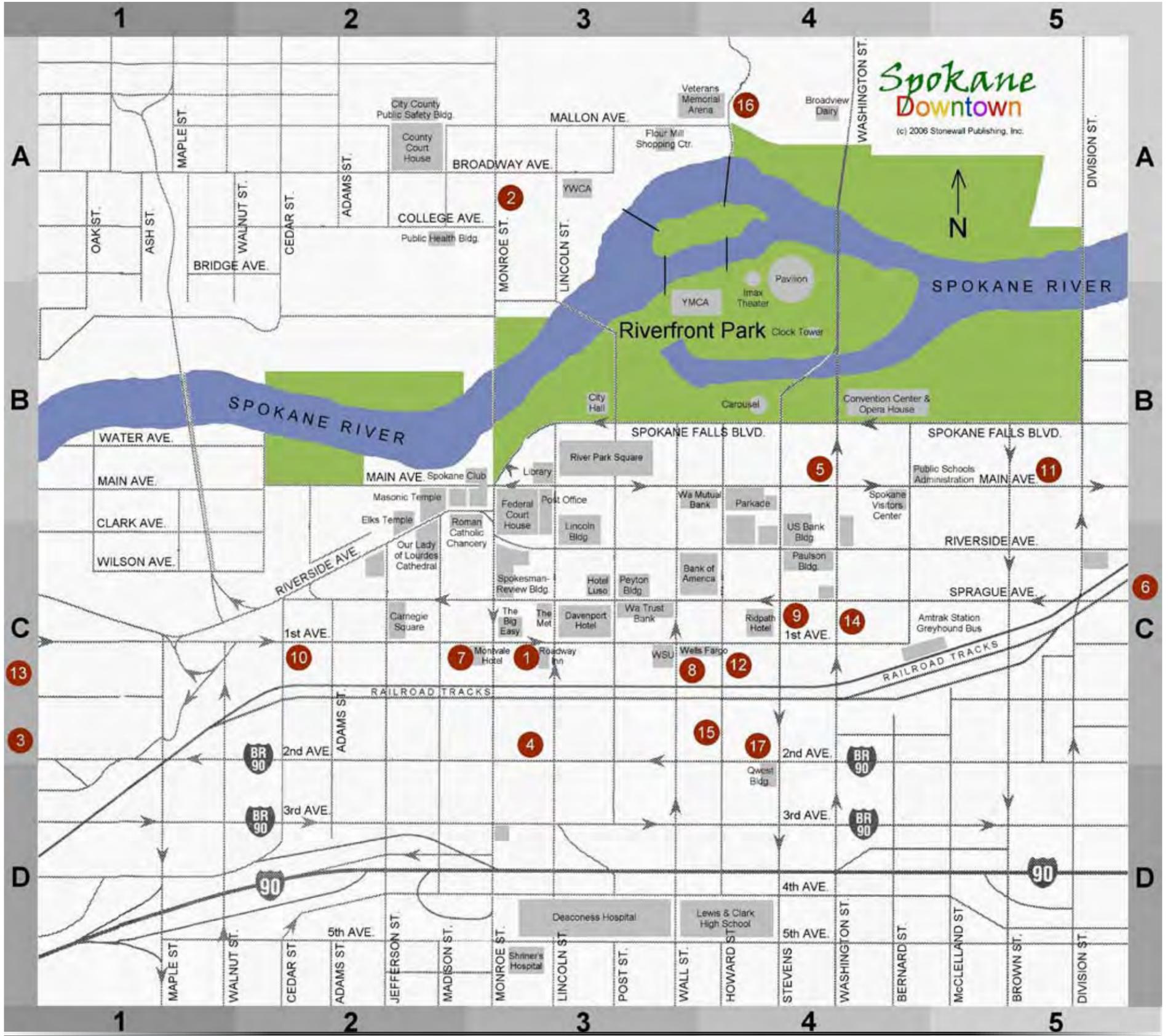
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today. If the Supreme Court rejects the motion for reconsideration filed today, the July 26 decision would become final. If the motion for reconsideration is granted, the justices could change their decision without holding another oral argument or they could decide to hold another oral argument for further clarification.

"This rule allowing motions seeking reconsideration exists because of cases exactly like ours," said Nancy Sapiro, Senior Counsel at Northwest Women's

Law Center. "Since the stakes in this case are so high—whether or not the state will recognize our clients' families and thousands like them throughout the state—we felt that we had to use every option available to us to show the justices the logic behind our arguments and how their decision as it is currently reasoned falls short."

In May 2004, Massachusetts became the first state in the nation to open marriage to same-sex couples. A Boston Globe poll taken in March 2005 found that 56% of people in Massachusetts favor marriage for same-

sex couples. This percentage is nearly a mirror image of the 53% of people in the Bay State who had opposed such marriages just a year earlier in February 2004, before couples of the same sex could legally wed there. Spain, Canada, Belgium and the Netherlands have all stopped prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying nationwide, and South Africa is scheduled to do so by the end of 2006.

Representing the eight couples in the Andersen v. King County are Lambda Legal Senior Counsel Jennifer C. Pizer; Jamie Pedersen, former

member of Lambda Legal's Board of Directors and an attorney at the Seattle law firm, Preston Gates & Ellis; Patricia Novotny, Lisa Stone and Nancy Sapiro of the Northwest Women's Law Center; and Bradley Bagshaw and Jennifer Divine, of the Seattle law firm Helsell Fetterman LLP. Representing the 11 couples for the ACLU are Paul Lawrence, Matthew Segal and Amit Ranade of the law firm Preston Gates & Ellis; Karolyn Hicks of the firm Stokes Lawrence; Roger Leishman of the firm Davis Wright Tremaine; and ACLU of Washington staff attorney Aaron Caplan.

Resource Directory

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BiNet Spokane

A social support group for bisexual men and women.

Call: (509) 217-1271

Eastern Washington University SAFE Students' Alliance for Equality

Weekly meetings for students, faculty and staff.

Call: Kat Olson: (509) 359-4253

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

EMCC –**Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church**

Christian church with outreach to the GLBT community.

Call: (509) 838-0085

Web site: www.emmanuelmcc.com

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 Community Services-SafeT Response Center

Call: (509) 747-8224

Crisis line (509) 624-7273

Lilac City Men's Project

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

Web site: www.lilacitymensproject.org

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 The Inland Northwest

HIV antibody testing and counseling.

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

Administration: (509) 326-6292

Pride Foundation/Inland Northwest

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

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

E-mail: outreach@pridefoundation.org

Website: www.pridefoundation.org

Quest Youth Group

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

Call: Ryan: (509) 290-3519

Web site: www.QuestYouthGroup.org

Ryan White CARE Consortium

HIV care education and planning group.

Call: Tarena Coleman: (509) 444-8200

E-mail: tcoleman@chas.org

Rainbow Regional Community Center

Support services for GLBTQ 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

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Call: (509) 570-3750

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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

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Web site: www.vanessabehan.org

Women and Friends

Women-only activities and events in the Spokane area.

Call: (509) 458-4709

IDAHO

Idaho for Basic Rights

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

Call: (208) 343-7402

NIAC –**North Idaho AIDS Coalition**

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

Call: (208) 665-1448

Web site: www.nicon.org/niac

North Idaho College Gay-Straight Alliance

E-mail: BCHARLISON@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

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• Shoshone County Call: (208) 786-7474

• Bonner County Call: (208) 263-5159

• Benewah County Call: (208) 245-4556

Web site: www2.stateid.us/phd1

PFLAG - Sandpoint

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

Call: (208) 263-6699

Planned Parenthood of The Inland Northwest

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

Administration: (509) 326-6292

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PFLAG - Lewis-Clark

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Call: (509) 758-6437

MOSES LAKE

AACW –**Alternative Alliance of Central Washington**

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

Write: P.O. Box 1282,

Moses Lake, WA 98837

PULLMAN/MOSCOW

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

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E-mail: hstanton@wsu.edu

Web site: www.thecenter.wsu.edu

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

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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.

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

Spanish: (509) 529-2174

PFLAG – Walla Walla

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

Call: (509) 529-5320

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Walla Walla, WA 99362-1248

E-mail: pflag_walla2wash@hotmail.com

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

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PFLAG - Yakima/Yakima Valley

SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 CALENDAR

Spokane, WA

- Friday, September 1st**
8:00 pm-10:00 pm **Friday Night OUT!** (at CenterStage)
FNO is a social hour for LGBTQ and allied individuals to get together for fun and friendship. There will be no politics, no fund raising. So come and meet some people and have some fun!
- Sunday, September 3rd**
8:30 am-2:00 pm **LCMP Hiking Group** (Spokane/E. Washington/N. Idaho Area)
Hikes and meeting times will vary. One hike per month will be an easier hike, the other will be a little more on the rigorous side. Call Corey for details 267-9444.
5:00-6:00 pm **EMCC Evening Service** (at Bethany Presbyterian)
- Tuesday, September 5th**
5:30-7:00 pm **INWE Meeting** (At The Community Building)
Monthly Inland Northwest Equality meeting. To receive an advance agenda, please e-mail Krista at inwe@qwest.net.
- Wednesday, September 6th**
11:00 am-3:00 pm **Spokane County Ryan White Care Consortium** (at Mukogowa Fort Wright Institute Commons Bldg Fosseen Room)
First combined meeting of Spokane County Ryan White CARE Consortium and Region 1 HIV Prevention Planning Group. The CARE Consortium will meet from 11 am to 11:30 am to review and vote on Prioritization Committee recommendations from August 22nd meeting. Community is invited to discuss care service and funding recommendations for FY 07 budget.
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm **Vision Committee Meeting**
- Thursday, September 7th**
6:00 pm-7:30 pm **LCMP Planning** (at SAN)
"Core Group" meeting of the Lilac City Men's Project. At these meetings we plan, strategize and talk about upcoming events, bar zaps, and wellness groups, and how we can collaborate with other GLBTQ organizations to put on events and present wellness groups. New guys are always welcome at these meetings, but they are PLANNING meetings, so come prepared to give your input!
SAN is located at the corner of 9th and S. Monroe, in the big blue house across the street from Huckleberrys!
7:15-9:00 pm **OutSpokane Meeting** (at Kress Gallery)
Meetings are the Kress Gallery on the 3rd floor of RiverPark Square each Thursday from 7:15 to 9 pm. Located next to and behind the food gallery near the theater ticket outlets.
- Friday, September 8th**
4:00-6:00 pm **HIV/AIDS Support Group** (Maple St CHAS Clinic)
Community Health Association of Spokane (CHAS), in conjunction with Ryan White Title 3 Community Advisory Board, is offering monthly educational/support groups for people living with HIV/AIDS and their friends and families. Topics will vary by month and time will be provided for discussion and support. Snacks provided. This month: Vitamins, Supplements, & Holiday Meal Planning
- Saturday, September 9th**
9:30-10:30 am **PFLAG Mom's Group** (at Conley's Restaurant)
The MOM'S Group, an informal support group welcomes and supports mothers (and occasionally grandmothers!) of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered children. It meets monthly, on the second Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast at Conley's Restaurant on east Sprague. Call the PFLAG help line 509.624.6671 for more information.
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm **RRCC Storm Your Brain Meeting!** (at Shadle Public Library Meeting Room)
The community is invited to participate in a strategic planning meeting for the Rainbow Regional Community Center. Bring your positive ideas and energy, think about what your "ideal" gay community center would look like, and your ideas on how to get us there. You should also bring your wallet because we will be asking you to donate! :?)
- Sunday, September 10th**
5:00-6:00 pm **EMCC Evening Service** (at Bethany Presbyterian)
6:30 pm **ISCS Board Meeting** (at Dempsey's)
7:30 pm **ISCS Court Meeting** (at Dempsey's)
- Tuesday, September 12th**
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm **RRCC Board Meeting** (location TBA)
Board meetings are open to the public, but please contact at least one week in advance with requests to be on the agenda.
Location TBA, please call 489-1914 or see www.spokanerainbowcenter.org for more information.
- Wednesday, September 13th**
11:30 am-1:00 pm **INBA Luncheon** (at Europa)
Guest Speaker: Marty Dickenson, Downtown Spokane Partnership update
- Thursday, September 14th**
7:15-9:00 pm **OutSpokane Meeting** (at Kress Gallery)
Meetings are the Kress Gallery on the 3rd floor of RiverPark Square each Thursday from 7:15 to 9 pm. Located next to and behind the food gallery near the theater ticket outlets.
- Saturday, September 16th**
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Goddess Awareness Faire** (Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane)
Admission: suggested donation of 3 non-perishable food items to benefit local 2nd Harvest Food Bank. Featuring public Autumnal Equinox Ceremony, presentations by archaeologist Dr. Bonny Bazemore and mystical storyteller Helwise, goddess chant workshops, drum circle, and other performances and lectures. Vendors, info booths, kids activities, and soup buffet. To enter your pagan/goddess/divine feminine artwork in the juried show contact SINW Pagan Pride by Sep 8th. http://www.geocities.com/spokaneinlandnw_paganpride
- Sunday, September 17th**
8:30 am-2:00 pm **LCMP Hiking Group** (Spokane/E. Washington/N. Idaho Area)
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5:00-6:00 pm **EMCC Evening Service** (at Bethany Presbyterian)
- Monday, September 18th**
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm **Vision Committee Meeting**
- Tuesday, September 19th**
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **PFLAG Monthly Meeting** (at Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane)
Our mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for GLBTQ family and friends.
- Thursday, September 21st**
6:00 pm-7:30 pm **LCMP Planning** (at SAN)
"Core Group" meeting of the Lilac City Men's Project. At these meetings we plan, strategize and talk about upcoming events, bar zaps, and wellness groups, and how we can collaborate with other GLBTQ organizations to put on events and present wellness groups. New guys are always welcome at these meetings, but they are PLANNING meetings, so come prepared to give your input!
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- Sunday, September 24th**
5:00-6:00 pm **EMCC Evening Service** (at Bethany Presbyterian)
- Monday, September 25th**
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm **Common Grounds** (at Community Building)
- Wednesday, September 27th**
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm **LCMP Social Hour** (at CenterStage, Ella's)
Come to Ella's Library Lounge (2nd Floor) and socialize with the LCMP! No agenda, no planning, just hanging out. Have a martini (or not) and hang out with other gay/bi men. Appetizer and happy hour specials on Wednesdays. Look for the guys with the purple "Play Safer" wristbands!
- Thursday, September 28th**
7:15-9:00 pm **OutSpokane Meeting** (at Kress Gallery)
Meetings are the Kress Gallery on the 3rd floor of RiverPark Square each Thursday from 7:15 to 9 pm. Located next to and behind the food gallery near the theater ticket outlets.

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

- Friday, September 1st**
7:00-9:00 pm **First Fridays** (Yakima, 1st Street Conference Center)
Yakima's gay social group welcomes you and your friends to our monthly gathering!
- 7:00-9:00 pm **NIGMA First Friday** (Moscow, University Inn Quiet Bar)
Visit us on the web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA> for more information.
- Sunday, September 3rd**
10:30-11:30 am **River of Life MCC Sunday Service** (Tri-Cities, 1105 N Conway, Kennewick)
6:30 pm **Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service** (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
- Monday, September 4th [Labor Day]**
7:30-8:30 pm **Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting** (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)
- Tuesday, September 5th**
7:00-10:00 pm **The Mid-Columbia Lavendar Community Project** (Pasco, Starbucks)
Weekly GLBT community gathering to learn more about The Mid-columbia Lavendar Community Project
- Wednesday, September 6th**
7:30-9:00 pm **NIGMA Coffee Social** (Pullman/Moscow)
NIGMA's Coffee Social is a weekly event and is held on alternating weeks in either Moscow or Pullman. When in Moscow the Coffee group meets at the One World Cafe on the corner of Main and 6th streets. When in Pullman we meet at the Daily Cup near the corner of Main St. and Grande Ave. For information on location please visit us online at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA>
- Sunday, September 10th**
10:30-11:30 am **River of Life MCC Sunday Service** (Tri-Cities, 1105 N Conway, Kennewick)
11:00 am-1:00 pm **NIGMA Second Sunday Brunch** held in Moscow or Pullman at the homes of NIGMA members. The Brunch location is changed monthly for information on the brunch please visit us online at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA>
6:30 pm **Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service** (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
- Monday, September 11th**
7:00 pm **PFLAG Monthly Meeting** (Walla Walla, First Congregational Church)
7:30-8:30 pm **Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting** (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)
- Wednesday, September 13th**
7:30-9:00 pm **NIGMA Coffee Social** (Pullman/Moscow)
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- Sunday, September 17th**
10:30am-11:30am **River of Life MCC Sunday Service** (Tri-Cities, Center for Positive Living)
6:30 pm **Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service** (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
7:00 pm **PFLAG Monthly Meeting** (Yakima, at First Street Conference Center)
- Monday, September 18th**
7:30-8:30 pm **Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting** (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)
- Tuesday, September 19th**
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Starbucks Tuesdays!** (at Pasco Starbucks) Get a chance to meet more people within the Tri-Cities GLBT Community. Information about upcoming GLBT events, and support group information will also be available.
- Wednesday, September 20th**
7:30-9:00 pm **NIGMA Coffee Social** (Pullman/Moscow)
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- Friday, September 22nd**
7:00-9:00 pm **NIGMA Fourth Friday Wine Tasting** (Pullman/Moscow)
NIGMA's Wine tasting is held at private residences and is only open to those who are 21 and over. Please visit us online at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NIGMA>
- Sunday, September 24th**
10:30am-11:30am **River of Life MCC Sunday Service** (Tri-Cities, Center for Positive Living)
6:30 pm **Rainbow Cathedral MCC Sunday Service** (Yakima, 225 N 2nd St)
- Monday, September 25th**
7:30-8:30 pm **Rainbow Sobriety AA Meeting** (Tri-Cities, All Saints Episcopal Church)
- Wednesday, September 27th**
7:30-9:00 pm **NIGMA Coffee Social** (Pullman/Moscow)
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- Thursday, September 28th**
7:00-9:00 pm **PFLAG Monthly Meeting** (Tri-Cities, Check website for meeting location)
<http://www.TCPFLAG.org>

Missoula, Butte, Kalispell, MT

- Saturday, September 2nd**
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **T/G/TS/Intersex Group** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) First and Third Saturdays.
- Monday, September 4th**
7:00 pm WMGLCC: **U of M Lambda Alliance General Meetings** (at UC, Room 330) Call 406-243-5922 for more info. Every Monday of the Month
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm WMGLCC: **Gay & Lesbian AA Meeting** Call Randy at 406-726-3525. Every Monday of the Month
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
- Tuesday, September 5th**
7:00 pm FVA: **Flathead Valley Alliance Meeting** (at Flathead County Library basement, 247 1st Ave E, Kalispell)
Again it's time for our monthly board meeting. Come join the group and make your opinion heard. This is a time when we also decide on upcoming functions and would love to hear what you as a member would like to see happen in the upcoming months.
7:00 pm WMGLCC: **Lesbian Chat Group** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **"Strong and Getting Stronger: Men Who Take Themselves Seriously"** A process discussion group for men who have sex with men. Call Andrew Laue, LCSW for more information. Every Tuesday
- Wednesday, September 6th**
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **"Living Forward Goup: Men Who Are Living With HIV"** Call Andrew Laue, LCSW for more information. Every Wednesday.
- Thursday, September 7th**
7:00 pm WMGLCC: **Men's Night** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
- Friday, September 8th-9th -or- 15th-16th**
FVA: **Soak In The Springs** (Symes Hotel in Hot Springs)
Looking for something different to do for an event for everyone, the group decided to look at making a weekend of soaking in the hot spring at the Symes Hotel in Hot Springs. The date has yet to be determined depending on the preference of the group. The dates available are either September 8-9 or 15-16. Drop us a line and let us know if you're interested and what dates would be a preference.
<mailto:webmaster@flatheadvalleyalliance.org> (406) 758-6707
- Monday, September 11th**
7:00 pm WMGLCC: **U of M Lambda Alliance General Meetings** (at UC, Room 330) Call 406-243-5922 for more info. Every Monday of the Month
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- Wednesday, September 13th**
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **"Living Forward Goup: Men Who Are Living With HIV"** Call Andrew Laue, LCSW for more information. Every Wednesday.
- Thursday, September 14th**
7:00 pm WMGLCC: **Men's Night** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
- Saturday, September 16th**
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **T/G/TS/Intersex Group** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) First and Third Saturdays.
WMGLCC: **PFLAG Missoula / Five Valleys Meeting** (at University Congregational Church) Call 406-721-5013 or 406-541-0163. Third Saturday of the month prior to Potluck.

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- 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **GLBTI Community Potluck** (at University Congregational Church) Call 406-721-5013 or 406-541-0163. Third Saturday of the month.
- Monday, September 18th**
- 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **U of M Lambda Alliance General Meetings** (at UC, Room 330) Call 406-243-5922 for more info. Every Monday of the Month
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
- 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm WMGLCC: **Gay & Lesbian AA Meeting** Call Randy at 406-726-3525. Every Monday of the Month
- Tuesday, September 19th**
- 6:30 pm WMGLCC: **HIV+ Monthly Dinner** (at University Congregational Church) all Nancy at 406-543-4770. Third Tuesday of the month.
- 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **Lesbian Chat Group** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **"Strong and Getting Stronger: Men Who Take Themselves Seriously"** A process discussion group for men who have sex with men. Call Andrew Laue, LCSW for more information. Every Tuesday
- Wednesday, September 20th**
- 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **WMGLCC Board Meeting** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Third Wednesday of the month
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **"Living Forward Goup: Men Who Are Living With HIV"** Call Andrew Laue, LCSW for more information. Every Wednesday.
- Thursday, September 21st**
- 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **Men's Night** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
- Monday, September 25th**
- 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **U of M Lambda Alliance General Meetings** (at UC, Room 330) Call 406-243-5922 for more info. Every Monday of the Month
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- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
- Tuesday, September 26th**
- 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **Lesbian Chat Group** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **"Strong and Getting Stronger: Men Who Take Themselves Seriously"** A process discussion group for men who have sex with men. Call Andrew Laue, LCSW for more information. Every Tuesday
- Wednesday, September 27th**
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm WMGLCC: **"Living Forward Goup: Men Who Are Living With HIV"** Call Andrew Laue, LCSW for more information. Every Wednesday.
- Thursday, September 28th**
- 7:00 pm WMGLCC: **Men's Night** (at WMGLCC, 127 N Higgins Ave, Ste 202, Missoula) Weekly

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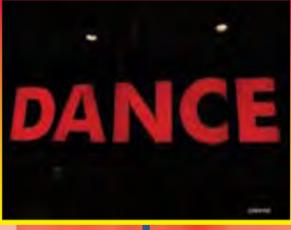
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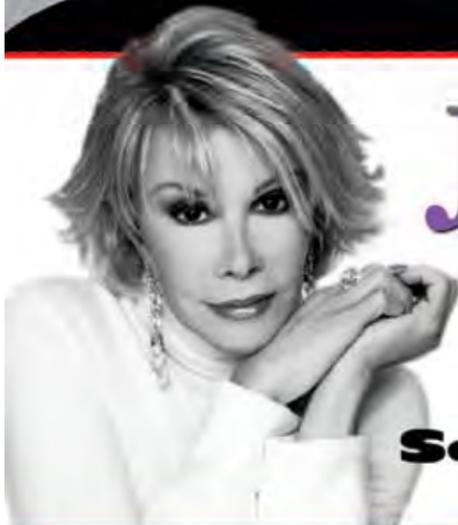


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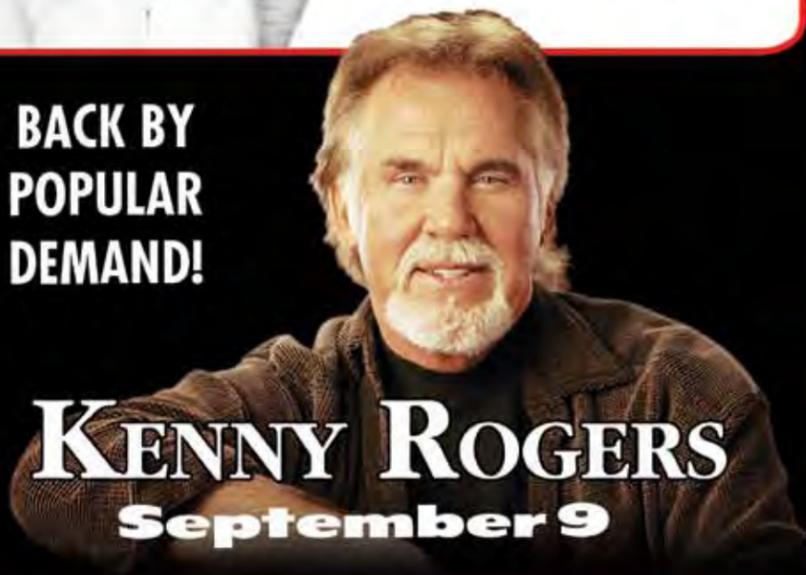
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