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Happy New Year!

A year-end celebration of **anniversaries**

A tribute to long-term couples

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Wanda Mountain & Carmen Hillman, Walla Walla WA
Together twenty-three years
Anniversary Date: February 4th
Five children
Two grand children

"When Wanda and Carmen met, they didn't like each other. They each thought the other was loud and obnoxious (one wore polyester which didn't help). They dated a little and have loved a lot. Thank god they met." - written by: Tom Schmerer (one of the kids)



Bradley McMasters & Brian Abrahamson, Dayton WA
Together seven years
Anniversary Date: December 6th

"We met at a bar in Seattle. Brad had a fairly wild past full of bars and men. Brian was younger and more stable. Brian dealt with a lot until Brad could tame his wild ways. Now we live between rural Eastern Washington and San Francisco and are very much in love, happy, and committed."



Chad & Frank Hays, Spokane WA
Together nine years
Anniversary Date: April 17th

Chad and Frank were introduced to each other by a mutual friend on April 17, 1998. At first, they were both hesitant of a new relationship, but after meeting each other, they have become inseparable. Chad has worked for a major airlines company for six years. Frank has worked for the United States Postal Service delivering mail since 1984. Frank also directs and produces films on the side.

On August 27, 2004, Frank took Chad's last name sealing their relationship. "I couldn't imagine life without Chad, we are best friends" Frank says. Since Chad's job at the airlines, they have been living separately, due to the fact that Chad is based out of Phoenix, Arizona. Chad says, "For those who wonder how we sustain a long distance relationship like this, . . . when it's the right one, you make it work." Chad and Frank spend as much time together as possible on days off and vacations.

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Voices

Cat Carrel addresses her successor as she resigns from Spokane AIDS Network

Dear future HIV prevention worker,

Welcome to the world of HIV prevention. I'm so glad you have joined the fight to keep HIV in the public eye, and to help us eradicate this disease from the face of the earth. As a new prevention worker, you are probably excited to get out there in the bars and start handing out condoms! But sit down, grasshopper, for we need to talk.

For fifteen months, I have worked at the hardest job I've ever loved. In my time as HIV prevention program coordinator for Spokane AIDS Network, I have come full circle in my understanding of not only how HIV is transmitted, but in understanding the culture that drives new HIV infection in our community and why you as a prevention worker are almost powerless to stop it from happening. Don't get me wrong, just because I say this doesn't mean you aren't important in this fight. We need you, we really do. We need you out there, pounding the streets, telling our guys how to play safer, and giving them access to condoms and accurate information.

But prevention is such a complicated beast, wrapped up in money, sex, power, and drugs. Sounds like a great new movie, doesn't it? No, this is the reality that we as prevention workers have to face every day. This is not Queer as Folk my dear, this is real life. Here, you don't get a slow-mo shot of Brian ripping open a condom package with his teeth before he does his partner du jour. The reality is that people are going to do what they want to do, and there is next to nothing that you or I can do to stop them. And, there is no way for you to know whether or not the work you are doing is effective.

At the risk of scaring you off, bright-eyed prevention worker, I'd love to share my stories with you, about some of the things I have seen and heard. But perhaps that is for another day, over a nice cocktail at your favorite place. I'll buy. For now, let's just say that you will see things that will make you incredibly proud and break your heart, all in the same day. For this is prevention work. It is work of great highs and lows, and frankly, my little gay/bi grasshopper, I am ready to pass the torch.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not giving up, but I am moving on. You, however, should never give up. Because there is hope, after all. Why I am leaving has less to do with the work itself and more to do with that I can't have my heart broken any more. Yes, HIV prevention is vastly rewarding work, especially when you see that people "get it." But, it can also be hugely defeating.

This may come as a shock to you, grasshopper, but the reality is also that there is just no government money out there for funding community HIV prevention interventions like yours, so you will just have to get used to working with a shoe-string budget. Don't even think about asking for more money from the feds. You would have to travel halfway around the world to get the kind of money you need here to fight the spread of HIV. But then you would be in Africa and Spokane would be a distant memory. Here, it is the disease itself that is a distant memory, a second thought, a "who are you again.....?" But don't let it fool you. It's still here, and young gay/bi men are still at the greatest risk for infection.

I will always have the good fortune to say that I got paid to do something that I am passionate about, and that I loved doing. And I had the opportunity to work for a gay-friendly and supportive employer, who encouraged me to take the program as far as I could. I did, and now I'm walking away. So there you have it, grasshopper. Don't be scared. Be bold. Be intrepid. Go forth, hit the streets, and do good work. If you need anything, let me know. I'm here for you.

Sincerely,

Cat Carrel

HIV Prevention Program Coordinator

Spokane AIDS Network

Spokane & Regional

LCMP gets a makeover

By Cat Carrel, HIV prevention educator

When the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approved the MPowerment Project in 1996 as a "best practice" HIV prevention intervention, they approved it as a program that would target young gay and bisexual men, age 18-29. The Project was tested and researched in communities that did not have existing services for young gay men, but that did have gay bars, colleges and universities that naturally drew a population of young gay men. The Project was shown to be very effective in reducing the incidence of unprotected sex among young gay/bi men in that particular age group.

Its effectiveness is a direct result of the power of this program and its relevance to young gay/bi men in the context of when it was researched and tested. Ten years ago, there were not a lot of resources for gay people period. Ten years ago the Internet was just getting started (remember Prodigy and

Compuserve?) and there was no such thing as gay.com. So really, there were not a lot of social networks for young gay men or options other than the gay bars for gay/bi men to meet.

When our original grant was written to fund MPowerment two years ago, our team knew that there were existing organizations in Spokane that offered services to young gay/bi men, namely Quest Youth Group and Odyssey Youth Center. There were also college groups such as the Spokane Falls Alliance, Gonzaga's HERO, and Eastern Washington University's SAFE. Programs such as these are a sign of the times and necessary for the health and welfare of our young GLBTQ community. We are glad they are here!

So the thought of SAN's prevention team was to modify the age group, with the blessing of the researchers, to include gay/bi men age 30 and older. Also added was the population of men who have sex with men but who also inject drugs (MSM/IDU). But something interesting happens when the Project is modified, such as ours was, to include more of the community and even those in the community to whom this program is not designed

to address. The intervention loses its effectiveness, becomes diluted, and even misses the mark completely when attempts are made to get the prevention message heard by the people who are at the highest risk of contracting HIV.

Although the times have changed, today the true MPowerment model is still geared for young gay/bi men for a reason. Young gay and bisexual men continue to be a high risk group for contracting HIV. As the national trends suggest, half of all the new diagnoses of HIV are in young people between the ages of 13-25. And 60% of those are in young gay and bisexual men. Therefore, out of the 40,000 new diagnoses each year, at least 12,000 are given to our young gay/bi men. Twelve thousand! It's tragic.

Meanwhile, back in Spokane, we are seeing this trend as well. More than half of the positive test results here occur in young gay men. For some reason, this population is not hearing the prevention messages or utilizing the existing services in ways that are beneficial to them. Consequently, they

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52 Things we can do for Transgender Equality

By The National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE)

Achieving our goal of transgender equality requires activism at the local, state and national levels. While NCTE focuses on federal policies, we strongly support and encourage the vital work of grass roots activists. Each week during 2007, we will feature an idea for action that you can take at a local level. Some will be challenging, some will be simple; all are effective ideas and we will include links, resources and thoughts to help you get started. Some are things you can do on your own, while others are ideas for local groups to work on. We hope that you will take on projects that spark your interest and that meet a need in our community as we work together for equality for all people.

#1: Take a Trans Person to Lunch January 1-6

Or dinner, coffee or afternoon tea. Where and when you go doesn't matter, but connecting with another person does. Networking strengthens our activism and reminds us why we are doing this work, plus you might make a new friend. So, maybe think of that person in your support group, the cross dresser who doesn't always talk but is such a great listener—why not get to know her better? What about the transman who volunteered at that event you went to—what about saying thanks to him? How about that college student from the genderqueer organization—seems like an interesting person? Or a person from a group that's very different than your own—how about finding out what makes them tick? You get the idea. Think of folks you don't yet know well and drop them an e-mail or give them a call. Let's start our year of activism with that all important human contact. In future weeks, we'll include resources on how to put the ideas into action, but we're sure you've got this one covered. So, make plans this week to take a trans person to lunch.

#2: Ask your library to carry books that deal positively with trans people January 7-13

Libraries are an important source of information. Access to public libraries is free and open to everyone in the United States. According to the American Library Association, there are more than 117,000 libraries in this country, including 16,220 public libraries, and 62% of Americans have a library card. Therefore, it is important to have accurate and trans affirming books available when people seek them out. Think of the students writing research papers, the people wondering if they might be trans, and the doctors and therapists who want to learn a little more about their trans patients, just to name a few. All kinds of people go to libraries.

Help the librarians in your community or at your school include books that are useful to our community by suggesting titles or donating books. Think of books that have been especially helpful or interesting to you.

- For ideas of good books, check out the Trans Academics website and click on Publications: www.Trans-Academics.org.

- To find a library near you and for information on how to support your library, go to the American Library Association website at www.ala.org.

Contact your local library and ask how you can submit a title for consideration or make a donation to the library to purchase a particular book or journal.

- #1: Take a Trans Person to Lunch
- #2: Ask your library to carry books that deal positively with trans people
- #3: Attend an anti-racism training and put into practice what you learn
- #4: Run for Office
- #5: Invite your mayor or other elected official to address a trans group or town meeting
- #6: Plan an Art Show of Works by Trans Artists
- #7: Create and publicize a calendar of local events and encourage people to attend them
- #8: Start an online community or a blog that deals with an issue that is important to you
- #9: Change the Policy of an Organization You Belong To
- #10: Donate money to an organization providing direct services for transgender people
- #11: Hold a workshop on how to effectively advocate for yourself when seeking medical care or therapy
- #12: Ask Your Local Film Festival to Show Trans Themed Movies and then Go See Them
- #13: Support the Day of Silence
- #14: Preach or speak at a local community of faith, such as a synagogue, church or mosque
- #15: Adopt a Highway
- #16: Hold a Trans Pride event in your community
- #17: March as a trans contingent in the Gay Pride Parade
- #18: Educate a local homeless shelter about how to be trans inclusive
- #19: Pass a non-discrimination ordinance in your community
- #20: Visit the offices of your congressional representative and educate them about trans issues
- #21: Start a local support or education group
- #22: Volunteer with an LGBT Advocacy group

- #23: Start a Speakers' Bureau
- #24: Break a Gender Rule
- #25: Make a Restroom More Accessible to Trans People
- #26: Locate Support Services
- #27: Collaborate with another group on a community project or social event.
- #28: Work to Pass a Nondiscrimination Policy at Your Workplace
- #29: Connect with PFLAG!
- #30 Write a regular column for a publication
- #31: Plan to Come out on National Coming Out Day on October 11
- #32: Register New Voters!
- #33: Fund Scholarships!
- #34: Programs for Youth
- #36 Get involved in the political process: Volunteer for a Candidate
- #37 Plan and conduct a Day of Remembrance event
- #38 Support or create a radio show or podcast
- #39 Hold a House Party for NCTE or another trans organization
- #40 Make Jails Safer for Trans People
- #41 Hold a Job Fair
- #42 Support a Drag Community Event
- #43 Engage Media Coverage of Transgender Issues
- #44 Conduct a Community Needs Assessment
- #45 Vote!
- #46 Start a discussion group on gender related books
- #47 Respond to Alerts from Other Organizations
- #48 Collect and share stories of discrimination
- #49 Set up a training in a hospital, nursing or medical school
- #50 Help an organization become more trans-inclusive
- #51 Write an op-ed
- #52 Make a New Year's Resolution to Advance Transgender Equality

Transgender Equality Campaign Launched

NCTE and HRC Team To Empower Increased Education of Policymakers

Released: November 3, 2005

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Center for Transgender Equality, in collaboration with the Human Rights Campaign, today unveiled the first in a series of ads aimed at educating Congress and the Washington policy community about transgender people and issues that affect our lives.

Today's ad, appearing in Roll Call, is the first in a series to be rolled out over the next few months. The ad can be viewed at www.nctequality.org.

"There is no question that Congress needs to hear more about transgender people and the contributions we make to our communities," said Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, "Coupled with the education that many transgender people and our allies have been doing for years, these ads will go a long way toward building the support we need to pass a transgender-inclusive non-discrimination law. This isn't the beginning and it won't be the end, but it's a big step toward getting this done."

These ads are part of a broader educational campaign that includes the release of several publications.

The Human Rights Campaign is releasing a new publication, Transgender Americans: A Handbook for Understanding that it will distribute to every member of Congress this week. The handbook addresses many of the challenges facing transgender Americans without legal protections, including employment discrimination, health care issues, identity document

obstacles and school issues, and was produced in collaboration with supporting partners NCTE and the Transgender Law & Policy Institute.

"The more Americans know and understand each other, the more united we are as a nation," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "Our new education campaign underscores that employees, many of whom provide vital national security positions, are being denied opportunity to do their job purely because of who they are. Most Americans want a federal law to end discrimination. But no law exists. We're working on Capitol Hill and across the country to build support for that law, a law we unequivocally support."

"I'm proud to be a part of this critical campaign," said Diane Schroer, a 25-year Army Special Forces Officer who was offered but then denied a counter-terrorism job when she told her prospective employers she was transgender. Diane's story is featured in the Nov. 3 Roll Call ad. "I had the same skills in counter-terrorism the day they denied me the job that I did the day they offered it. When it comes to keeping Americans safe, discrimination can't be a part of the equation."

Another key component of the campaign is to empower transgender people to come forward and tell their own stories. To this end, NCTE today also released a new publication entitled Make Your Voice Heard: A Transgender Guide to Educating Congress (Download the PDF). This publication is available at www.NCTEquality.org.

"Nobody can communicate the realities of transgender lives like transgender people," said Keisling. "This handbook should provide people all over the country with the tools they need to educate their elected officials."

NOT COUNTER-TERRORISM EXPERT NEEDED

That was the message to Diane Schroer, a 25-year Army Special Forces Officer, specializing in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism. Diane spent her career conducting extensive operations, briefing decision makers and developing strategies to keep our homeland safe. Upon her retirement, Diane was offered a government job as a counter-terrorism expert.

For her whole life, Diane knew she was meant to be a woman even though she was born a man. When she told her employers she was transitioning from male to female under the guidance of her doctors, they withdrew the job offer.

Most Americans believe federal law already protects transgender people like Diane from discrimination. It doesn't. And 78 percent of voters think it should be illegal to fire someone just because they are transgender.

Let Diane get to work for America.

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are still practicing high risk behaviors either out of ignorance, initiation, conformity, compliance, passivity, or complacency. Our challenge is designing a prevention intervention that satisfies the need for a social network while teaching young gay/bi men the skills necessary to be able to advocate and negotiate safer sex practices for themselves, their friends and their partners.

HIV prevention interventions, when implemented in a way that is relevant to the target population, are far more effective and economical than treating HIV once someone becomes positive. Therefore, Spokane AIDS Network is changing the focus of its MPowerment Project back to the model that has been proven effective

in communities all over the country. In calendar year 2007, we will focus this project on young gay and bisexual men between the ages of 18-29. We have removed the population of men who have sex with men who also inject drugs (the model is not designed for drug use intervention) and men who have sex with men over the age of 30. Hopefully, the groups that have started, such as the bowling group, will continue outside the Project.

MPowerment is a sophisticated, multi-layered and complicated intervention. But when implemented as it was intended to the community in which it is the most meaningful, it is highly effective. In the very near future, our young gay and bisexual men will have a program that is all for them, and hopefully, this time it will be beneficial and meaningful to them.

No Rest for the Wicked

Don We Now Our Invisibility Cloak: Homo for the Holidays

By Joan Opyr

I have friends in Texas, a lesbian couple who have been together for twenty years. They consider themselves married, and so do I. So their marriage isn't legal. So it isn't recognized by the Lone Star State. So what? They're more married in the true sense of that word than my heterosexual parents were, or, for that matter, my grandparents, most of my aunts and uncles, and the majority of my love 'em and leave 'em cousins.

And yet this holiday season they'll join countless gay and lesbian in the annual sham: burying the length and depth of their relationship beneath a pile of nuclear family manure. They will pretend, for the sake of delicate parental and sibling sensibilities, that they're just a couple of spinsters who share a home for the sake of... what? Convenience? Frugality? The health and well being of half a dozen cats?

The culprit in this case is a much-loved evangelical brother. He's a conservative Republican and he voted for George W. Bush, but he's not a bad man. He's a good man. He's also a good brother, and that's what makes this all so terrible. He loves his sister, but his love is conditional. It's founded on a lie that no one believes – that she's straight.

If she wants to spend time with her brother at the holidays – and also spend time with her partner – then they'll have to pretend that they're just good friends. This is like asking a boat to pretend it's a car. Sooner or later, the wheels will fall off. It's the small gestures that give a long-term couple away. A determined homophobe can ignore the joint checking account and the joint mortgage. He can't ignore the nicknames, the sharing of sweaters and socks, and the countless demonstrations of an intimate knowledge of one another's likes and dislikes. Your brother might have no idea that cruciferous vegetables give you gas, but your partner will stop you from eating the broccoli. She'll take the dish right out of your hands and say, "Honey, you know you can't eat that. You'll be up all night."

This will be followed by dead silence. A moment or two will pass, and someone will say, "How about those Cowboys?" Someone else will speculate about the weather. A small child will offer a lengthy and terrifying exposition about how Yellowstone National Park is sitting on top of a supervolcano, and when that supervolcano blows, it'll take out Wyoming, Utah, and half of Idaho. The lesbian couple will wish for it to blow that very minute, taking out the entire holiday supper table, broccoli, brother and all.

When you've been a couple for two decades, your family knows. Your dad knows. Your mom knows. Your grandma and grandpa, your Uncle Bob the Catholic priest, and your brother all know. A lifetime of gayness is the second worst-kept secret in the world. The first is the truth about Santa Claus. Your brother ruined that for you when you were six, but you're not allowed to return the favor by telling him that you and your "roommate" do not sleep in the same bed because she's afraid of the dark and you can't afford your own futon. You sleep in the same bed because you're a couple, and that's what couples do.

You can't tell your brother you're



gay because he doesn't want to hear what he already knows. If you told him the truth -- if you brought it all out into the open -- your brother might have to think about it, and thinking is not acceptable at this time of year. People have expectations for the holidays, not thoughts.

They drink too much, they eat too much, and they watch It's a Wonderful Life. If they had to think, they might become depressed. They might track down Elmo and Patsy and make them stop playing that Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer song. This year, grandma might get run over by a BMW, especially since she was the one who made the damned broccoli. Who wants to eat broccoli on a festive occasion? No one. It's a kind of sacrilege.

The sacred imagination is an ancient thing. An archaeologist in Botswana recently uncovered evidence that seventy thousand years ago, the Sanpeople worshipped a snake god. The archaeologist, Professor Sheila Coulson from the University of Oslo, found a stone, six meters long by two meters tall, in the shape of a python in a cave in the Tsodilo Hills. Buried in a pit beneath the snake's mouth were more than 13,000 artifacts, mostly red spearheads that had been trekked to the site from hundreds of miles away and burned in some kind of ritual.

On these ritual occasions, did Mr. and Mrs. Snakeworshipper expect their daughter Patience and her girlfriend Sarah to pretend that they only shared a hut back in Pythonburg to save on wattle and daub? Probably not. Homophobia is a comparatively recent phenomenon. We know that in the animal kingdom, mammals, birds, fish and reptiles often engage in same-sex relations. Ten percent of rams have no interest in mating with ewes. They prefer to consort with their fellow rams. Male penguin couples have raised borrowed eggs; same-sex swan couples have mated for life. So much for homosexuality is against nature and the barnyard argument. Birds do it. Bees do it. Sheep, dolphins, and giraffes do it. Why are human beings expected to pretend that we don't?

Gays and lesbians understand devotion, self-sacrifice, and compromise. Every holiday, too many of us get a painful reminder of what it means to do something you don't want to do because you love your mother or your father or your brother more than you love your own comfort. And our partners who are obliged to go along with this painful charade? They understand The Gift of the Magi. We might not cut our hair to buy our partner a pocket watch, but too often we're expected to cut off our nose to spite our face.

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Lose the closet and lead

by Catherine D. Willis

We've barely put the period on the sentence that was the Election of 2006 and the pundits and prognosticators are already fast-forwarding to Election 2008. Who will be anointed by the Democrats – the putative front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the charismatic junior senator from Illinois, Barack Obama, or perhaps the 2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards? Will the GOP go for the war hero John McCain or the 9/11 hero Rudy Giuliani? Or will an old-fashioned dark horse emerge? The truth is, it's too early to tell. And there's plenty to consider before then. Let's not forget the time-honored truism: **All politics is local.**

Here in Spokane, would-be community leaders have an immediate opportunity to take center stage. The election of counselor/educator Don Barlow to a 6th Legislative District house seat has created a vacancy on the board of directors for District 81, Spokane Schools. Are **you** ready to serve?



I hate to word it that way because I firmly believe it better serves the greater good if we embrace our commonalities rather than constantly highlighting our differences, but there's something to be said for taking a realistic view as well. *Decisions are going to be made.* Shouldn't we do all we can to put public spending and policy-making authority

into the hands of those likely to choose as we would?

The "whining rights" I wrote about during the campaign season can only go so far. "I told you so" and "Don't blame me – I voted for [the defeated candidate]" may provide temporary satisfaction, but creating change requires hard work.

Spokane boasts an intrepid core group of GLBTQ movers and shakers. The challenge in front of us is to grow this body. We don't have to recruit from parts unknown. The "family" in our midst is large and multitalented – just more heavily closeted than some of us would like.

How do we get those in hiding to step out into the light? The fear that sent them into the closet was no doubt real, and may still be. I would be foolish to suggest that anyone's coming out is or would be hazard-free. After all, everything we do, or don't do, in life carries some risk.

As we begin a new year, I invite my closeted friends and neighbors to do a little math. When you can see that your security has cost you the value of an authentic life, perhaps you will determine that it's time to open that closet door... Until then, those who can stand up for you will.

Thanks to the voters of 2006, the state of Washington will have a more GLBTQA-friendly Legislature in 2007.

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

Granted, a school board post isn't as glamorous as a city council appointment. And it pays less too (that is, nothing... it's a volunteer gig). Still, history offers us many successful officeholders, state and national, who got their start at the school board level.

What's that? You say you don't have any political aspirations? I said the job can lead to bigger opportunities; it doesn't have to. Your commitment to education is what counts most. You don't have to have kids in the system, or even be a parent to serve. You do have to be at least 18 years old, a resident of the district and a registered voter.

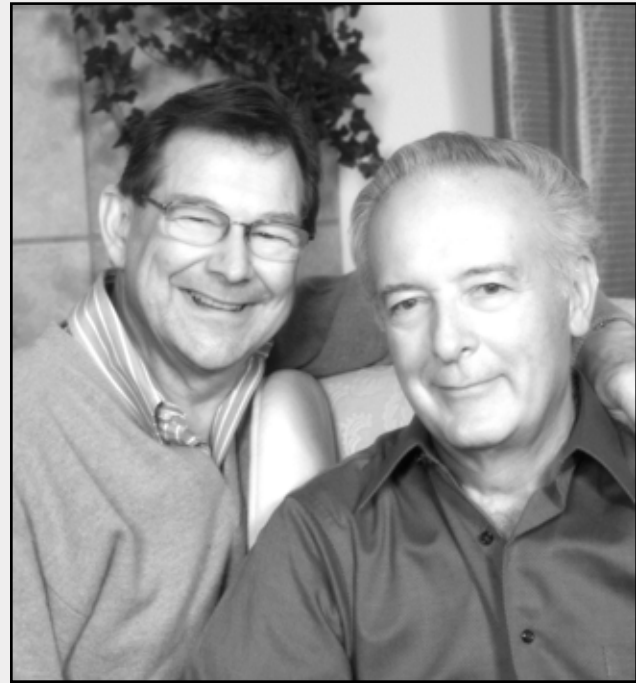
The board is accepting applications through Jan. 5 at 5 p.m. To be considered, you'll need to submit a statement explaining your interest in the appointment along with a letter describing your background and your current résumé. Send this material to Christie Querna, board president, c/o Superintendent's Office, 200 N. Bernard Street, Spokane, WA 99201. Call 354-7364 for more information.

Dr. Barlow's replacement is expected to be named by Jan. 24. If the selected candidate wishes to serve beyond 2007, he or she will need to stand for election next November.

Why does this or any opening on any of the many community boards and committees that invite citizen participation matter? Sadly, it all boils down to "us versus them," the inelegant but real choice between folks who share GLBTQA interests and those who don't.

A tribute to long-term couples

Continued from Front Page



Gene Otto & Ted Clark, Spokane WA
Together thirty years
Anniversary Date: August 2nd
One child

Gene maintains his own wallpaper/faux finish business and Ted is a retired school teacher and administrator. Gene was co-founder of the Spokane chapter of the Dorian Group (late 70's); both active in help/support for the Spokane PFLAG chapter from beginnings to current; Gene was a member of the Board of Directors for the Odyssey Youth Group for two terms. Gene (a Navy veteran) participated in both "Marches on Washington" and both have been active/supportive in local politics. Both were members/officers of the former Inland Northwest Mens Chorus and both are active members of the Millwood Presbyterian Church and sing in the choir, as well as enjoying outdoor activities (skiing, hiking) and getting together with friends at home.

Jan Baker & JoAnne Bailey Spokane WA
Together ten years
Anniversary Date: April 4th
Three children
Five grandchildren
Four great-grandchildren

"We met at a superbowl party in 1997. Friends invited us to their party with the 'intention' of having us meet each other. JoAnne, who does not like football, brought her knitting. Jan, who loves football, knew that "someone special" would be at the party. We had many "light dates" with other couples and friends. April, 1997 was the date that we officially "were seriously dating".

We both come from professional backgrounds -- Jan as a clinical laboratory scientist (38 yrs at SHMC), clinical instructor and employee inservice educator. JoAnne as a LPN, RN (intensive care for 10 yrs at SHMC) and finally designing and teaching the Nursing Assistant program at the Spokane Skills Center for 11 years. Upon retirement, JoAnne and Jan started Northmoon Artistic Creations in 2004. The business features "one of a kind" fiber art including scarves, shawls and wall hangings. All work is hand woven by JoAnne on a Harrisville design eight harness floor loom. Her work is currently featured at the MAC museum, Artist Tree Gallery, Pottery Place Plus, The Davenport Hotel gift shop and Barrister Winery. She is already "booked" for The Goodworks Gallery at Centerstage in the fall of 2007. She also does private commission work and has also donated "artwork" for fundraisers for Planned Parenthood, The Lands Council, the Unitarian Church of Spokane and Cancer support organizations.

Jan has been active in many aspects of Democratic Party politics and has served on numerous advisory boards and steering committees. She was named "Woman of the Year" for the Spokane County Party in 2004 and received the Party's "Human Right's Award" in 2003. Recently Jan became a certified Master Gardener. "

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Tracy & Kim Sturchio, Chattaroy WA
 Together thirty years
 Anniversary Date: September 5th
 Five children
 Eight grandchildren,
 Two great-grandchildren

"I worked for Motorola and Kim worked for Willits Police as a dispatcher. Their radio went out and I was sent to fix it. Kim and I hit it off that day. I tried to see her after that day but she was only working part time and going to college and I did not even know her last name.

One afternoon when returning from the field, there was a note on my truck windshield. It stated "Hi, remember me? My name is Kim from Willits PD. If you are not doing anything Saturday night why don't you take me out". She left a phone number on the note and I called her. We went out that Saturday and never parted since."



John Lettelleir & Lloyd Francis, Spokane WA
 Together twenty-seven years
 Anniversary Date: March 14th
 One child

John and Lloyd met in Houston in 1979 after working for a year right next door to each other. They have traveled extensively, been on ten cruises, and lived in Lake Tahoe/Reno, San Diego, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Spokane since earlier this year. Lloyd is a financial services professional, and John is a Realtor. They are both musicians who sing and play piano.



Michael P Flannery & Dean Lynch, Spokane WA
 Together twenty years
 Anniversary Date: July 26th
 100 foster and group care children Dean helped raise

"We met in Spokane. The attraction was immediate even though our backgrounds and personalities were quite different. Michael was a Stock Broker having grown up on Spokane's South Hill in an Irish Catholic business while Dean was a Social Worker having grown up on a small family farm outside of Quincy, Washington.

As our relationship grew so did our community involvement. Between us we have served on the boards of SAN, Planned Parenthood, Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council, Spokane Symphony, AIDS Emergency Project, Spokane City Council, local museum, No On Discrimination, Pride Foundation, Spokane County Democratic Party, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and others. In our spare time we enjoy traveling.

It is our goal to give back to our community more than we have received. May the next 20 years be more fruitful than the last!"



Willow Williams & Bonnie Aspen, Spokane WA
 Together twenty-seven years
 Anniversary Date: March 16th

"We made three agreements when we decided to have a committed relationship with each other. Over the years, these agreements have given us the strength to continue the magic and persevere through rough waters.

The first agreement is: Neither one of us will take our dolls and go home. The second agreement is: The "we" will always be more important than either of the "me's." The third agreement is: If our relationship is really struggling, we will bring in outside help (friends, family, professional help) to support us until we can get back to agreement one and agreement two."

Emilio H Cadiz & Jerry R Morsbach, Spokane WA
 Together thirty years
 Anniversary Date: December 13th

"We met In San Francisco December 13 1969. We lived and worked in SF & San Rafael, CA until moving to Spokane in 2003. We're fortunate to have many friends in the bay area and now Spokane."



Marge Ballack & Diane Lantz, Spokane WA
 (soon to be The Ballantzs)
 Together twenty-nine years
 Anniversary Date: July 21st
 Two children
 Six grandchildren

"We met at the Chronicle in 1978 where Diane had worked for a few months and Marge for four days. It was long enough to know that we were hooked on each other and would spend the rest of our lives together.

In 2003 we drove to Nelson, BC, and were married. We have shared our kids, their kids, our parents and friends for closet o 30 years. Life only gets sweeter the longer we 're together."



Jim Jones & Ramon Alvarez, Spokane WA
 Together eleven years
 Anniversary Date: July 5th

Jim & Ramon grew up in Washington's Yakima Valley. Ramon is originally from Mexico and is an alumnus of Gonzaga University. Jim was born and raised in Toppenish, WA and moved to Seattle in 1991. The two met in Seattle in 1995 then moved to Connecticut in 2000 for work and to explore New England. Moving to Spokane in 2004 enabled both to once again be close to their large and loving families. Ramon works at Odyssey Youth Center as Executive Director and Jim works at Gonzaga in the IT department and is also the Vice President of the Board of Directors of SAN.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Christopher Lawrence, A & E Editor

Highlights of 2006 Entertainment News

This past year has been called the "Year of the Gay Movie" because of advances in visibility for the GLBTQA community. Local personalities and events, as well as national and international entertainment news that made headlines, contributed to increased awareness.

Local author Joan Opyr, who writes the regular Stonewall column, "No Rest for the Wicked," introduced her first novel **Idaho Code** and showed us that outlandish humor can be found anywhere.

OutSpokane brought Patricia Nell Warren to Spokane as Grand Marshall of the Pride Parade. Ms. Warren graciously christened the Heritage Pride Institute, which is now a yearly tradition that brings OUT artists to the Lilac City. Margaret Cho was also imported for the celebrations and raised the roof at Northern Quest Casino, which co-sponsored the event. When **Another Gay Movie** was released nationally and was not going to be shown here, OutSpokane brought it to the community as a **Fall Into Pride** event.

"Queer Entertainment" News:

Neil Patrick Harris of "Doogie Houser" came out of the closet this year and now plays a shallow, ego-centric, hetero skirt chaser on "How I Met Your Mother" with sophisticated tongue-in-cheek irony. *Do any of the straight men he is spoofing get it?*

T.R. Knight, "Grey's Anatomy" star, decided now was the time to come clean. He hopes this is the "least interesting thing" about him. NSync star Lance Bass came out of the closet and announced

his relationship with "Amazing Race" winner Reichen Lehmkuhl. The couple has already split.

Brokeback Mountain didn't win a much-deserved Best Picture award as expected, but the gay cowboy epic became an instant classic with three Academy Awards. It changed gay cinema in the mainstream forever. Ang Lee won for Best Director, Gustavo Santaolalla won for Best Music and Larry McMurtry and Dianna Ossana won for Best Writing of an Adapted Screenplay. The film was nominated for 54 awards worldwide. It won 32 awards, including several Golden Globes.

GLBTQ Ally and Golden Globe Best Actress winner Felicity Huffman made headlines with her stellar performance in *TransAmerica*, increasing transgender awareness and speaking out for compassion for those who are different.

George Michael hogged headlines (again and again) in 2006 with arrests and sex rumors. *(Could it be true he was arrested for possession of swollen goods?)* The British pop star denied many of the allegations before launching his tour. Time to get some drug counseling, Georgie. Consider hiring someone to drive for you if you can't maintain consciousness.

Boy George was ordered to collect



Wedding Wars

Steve Mazur, writer/Jim Fall, director
A & E Television

John Stamos and Eric Dane (McSteamy from "Grey's Anatomy") head up a pretty good cast for this film and hit the nail on the head with their individual performances.

There were a few gaffes. The correct terminology is **Marriage** not **Gay Marriage**—**Equal Rights** not **Gay Rights**. I doubt the media will grasp the difference until our own community understands this.

Try to catch it on the rebound. Positive messages abound in this light hearted sitcom film. Stamos is adorable and believable as the gay wedding planner without stereotypical portrayal. It does leave me wondering what would happen if all GLBTQA went on strike at once. Would it make such a difference?



garbage after several bouts of drug-related misbehavior. Word has it that the pop star was ordered to dump his glitzy wardrobe for a bright orange vest while he collected trash alongside the road. *Did they really want to hurt him?*

"Queers in TV" News

Oprah talked about her close relationship with friend Gayle King, squashing rumors about her sexuality. *Not that there's anything wrong with that.*

"All My Children," the 30-time Emmy-winning soap is pushing the GLBT envelop once again with the introduction of Zarf—the daytime soap's first transgender character. Zarf is a rock star transitioning from a man to a woman. *Were they watching old video's of David Bowie in his flashy androgynous days?*

"Ugly Betty" introduced two gay characters with so little fanfare or attitude one might think queers really exist in hetero people's lives. Imagine that!

"Heroes" cheerleader Claire's best bud Zach may not be gay as previously indicated in interviews with both creator

Tim Kring and openly gay co-executive producer Bryan Fuller. In a statement on www.afterelton.com it was revealed that Zach was forced back into the closet, because it became "too complicated behind the scenes to push this issue further with this particular character."

GLAAD reports that the story has shifted. "Zach was undefined in many ways, that will be moot for now, since Claire may soon be on a path that won't intersect Zach's for a while." Coincidentally, actor Thomas Dekker (Zach) will be starring in the Fox pilot "The Sarah Connor Chronicles."

Reportedly, "Heroes" promises to continue to be diverse. OUT magazine quotes Kring as saying, "We're not afraid of having a gay character on the show, and the network and studio have never discouraged it." He hopes to bring a gay hero to the canvas in the future. "We are openly discussing it in the studio and writers' room."

OUT Actor George Takei has joined the cast as Mr. Nakamura, Hiro's father.

GLAAD's Report of GLBTQ on Cable TV

Update for GLBTQ visibility as regular and recurring characters on Cable TV.

- "Drawn Together," Com Central – Jack Plotnick plays Xandir
- "Freak Show," Com Central – John Glaser plays Log Cabin Republican
- "Hex," BBC – Jemima Rooper plays Thelma (lesbian/white)
- "The L Word," BBC – Jennifer Beals plays Bette, Laurel Holloman plays Tina, Mia Kirschner plays Jenny, Katherine Moennig plays Shane, Leisha Haley plays Alice, Rachel Shelley plays Helena, Daniela Sea plays Moira. Marlee Matlin and Cybill Shepherd are also featured.
- "Reno 911," Com Central – Thomas Lennon plays Lt. Jim Dangle (gay/white)
- "South of Nowhere," The N – Gabruekke Christian plays Spencer, Mandy Musgrave plays Ashley (both lesbian/white)
- "What Goes On," The N – Zachary Booth plays Ethan (gay/Latino), Edward Tournier plays Sasha (gay/white)
- "Degrassi: The Next Generation," The N – Adam Ruggiero plays Marco (gay/white), Deanna Casaluce plays Alex (lesbian Latina)
- "Entourage," HBO – Rex Lee plays Lloyd (gay/Asian-Pacific Islander)
- "Mile High," BBC America – Adam Sinclair plays Will (gay/white)
- "Nip/Tuck," FX – Roma Mafia plays Liz Cruz (lesbian/Latina)
- "Rescue Me," FX – Mike Lombardi plays Mike Silletti (bi-sexual/white)
- "Saved," TNT – Tracy Vilar plays Angela de la Cruz (lesbian/Latina)
- "The Shield," FX – Michael Jace plays Julian Lowe (gay/Africa-American)
- "The Wire," HBO – Sonja Sohn plays Sgajuna Greggs (lesbian/African-American), Michael K Williams plays Omar Little (gay/African American), John Doman plays William A. Rawls (gay/white)
- "Brotherhood," Showtime – Karl Bury plays Kenny (gay/white)
- "Weeds," HBO – Allie Grant plays Usabelle Hodes (lesbian/white)

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Fixing Frank

Michael Selditch, director
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Adapted by Ken Hanes from his stage play, and directed by Michael Selditch in his feature film directorial debut, **Fixing Frank** is a mesmerizing and dramatic

exploration of conversion therapy, a scientifically unproven method of turning homosexuals straight. This unsettling, thought-provoking story nails the creepiness of therapists and organizations that practice this type of dispassionate witchery in the name of science. The plot is well devised and exposes the frailty of belief systems within ourselves.

Reporter Frank Johnston, portrayed by doe-eyed Andrew Elvis Miller, goes undercover with his boyfriend and psychotherapist, Jonathan Baldwin (Paul Provenza), to write an exposé on Dr. Arthur Apsey (Dan Butler). Apsey claims success in changing gays to straight, and Jonathan convinces Frank to pose as a patient wanting to convert. The two lovers underestimate Apsey's brilliance, leading Frank to doubt himself and his six-year relationship with Jonathan. As Frank falls under Apsey's Svengali-like spell, his relationship with Jonathan deteriorates, and a fierce psychological tug of war erupts between the two powerful doctors over Frank's heart and mind.

Poor Frank is soon struggling with his self-esteem and putting up with the two therapists dominating conversations in his head as he tries to come to grips with who he really wants to be. With careers, relationships and even core identities at stake, he must make some decisions that eventually explode the lives of them all.

With just a few momentary lapses, the energy and production quality is quite good. Selditch's direction is clean and yet creative when it comes to representing psychological opposition.

Dan Butler, who played Bulldog on TV's "Frasier" and writes political commentary for several gay publications, is fascinating to watch here. His character is sharply drawn and manipulates Frank almost hypnotically.

Paul Provenza does a good job, but his role was the least spectacular of the three. I felt a lack of authenticity in some of his scenes.

Nevertheless, **Fixing Frank** is worth watching more than once. Subtle nuances abode in this screenplay that left me searching for and finding more on my second viewing. The commentary with Michael Selditch and Dan Butler is worth a look as well.

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 P.M.

The upcoming review session is **Dingo Dilemma** by Claire McNab on Jan. 3.

Each year, an overwhelming number of new CDs spin through my stereo. Some of the music finds a permanent place in my music collection, and some of it doesn't have the staying power it seemed to have when first encountered. I have reviewed the albums I critiqued here this year and realized that I revisited quite a number of them again and again.

A good selection of dance music is a must for any gay household, and three dance collections have grabbed me this year. Martin Solveig's **In The House** from Defected Records continues to amaze me. I took this down to my warehouse



workplace one morning to use as morning motivational listening, and by the time it

had run its course, several co-workers had come up to me asking what we were listening to. This is high praise from a group of guys who are more into '70s progressive rock

than dance music. Of course, Martin Solveig included a track from Bob Sinclar's **Western Dream** (Tommy Boy Entertainment) in his DJ set. That album includes "Love Generation," which may be the biggest world-wide selling single of the decade, online and otherwise. It is

a dance album with a mellow groove, and I find myself cuing it up more often than I expected. Finally, **Crazy Itch Radio** from Basement Jaxx has had greater pull than I anticipated, with its infectious rhythms and insane format demanding repeat listens far beyond just listening to it for review.

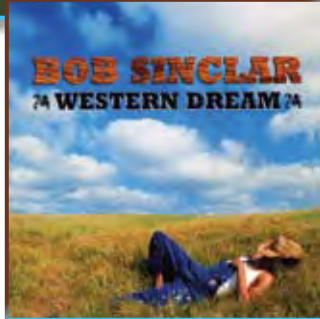
The soundtrack for Disney's **High School Musical** keeps appearing, mostly because of the endless repeats on The Disney Channel. They have found more ways to repackage this movie than I imagined possible; one version teaches the viewer the dance moves to the big production numbers, another has karaoke-style sing-alongs for all the songs. There are even multiple DVD releases of the film, depending on

whether you are a singer, a dancer or just a film watcher. It is music that I wouldn't necessarily seek out, but it haunts me, nonetheless. Also, Arctic Monkey's **Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not** keeps cropping up against my will. I believe I have heard tracks from this played as warm-up music before at least two different concerts I've attended, not to mention seeing them perform live at this year's Sasquatch Music Festival. I do not know if they are going to survive beyond this debut album, but they seem to be everywhere right now, and their album is easily one of the best bits of crunchy guitar rock I have heard all year.

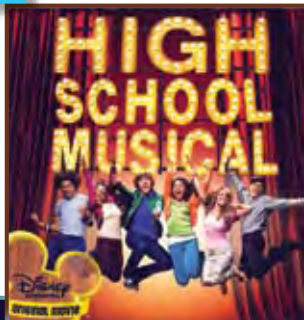
Any gay man loves good music from strong women, and 2006 was a good year for that. Dixie Chicks' newest offering,

Taking The Long Way is as powerful an anti-war, anti-hatred statement as we have heard since the Viet Nam era. **Loose**, by Nelly Furtado, is catchy, sexy and somewhat dangerous in that "should I let my kids listen to this" kind of way. But the real winner for female singers this year was India.Arie with her **Testimonial vol. 1: Life & Relationships** CD. I keep playing this one over and over, continue to find new depth in it and cannot wait for the release of **Vol. 2**. I hope it comes soon, although I am not able to find release information.

I love a good rock album, and this year has yielded its share of rockin' tunes. Tool's **10,000 Days** finds its way into my playlist regularly, aided by a stunning performance I attended at The Gorge



earlier this year. The emotional depths of this latest outing by some of the premier practitioners of heavy rock have yet to be fully plumbed by this listener. I just



know that "Wings For Marie/10,000Days" will continue to make me weep for many, many more listens. **Pearl Jam**, the eponymous album by the veteran



Seattle rockers, keeps surprising me with its catchy hooks and its lyrical insights. This from a band who has spent years and albums trying to deliberately unweave exactly those elements from their songwriting. (It also helps that I have seen them three times in the past year, including an amazing two-night stand at The Gorge and a spectacular stint opening for U2 in Honolulu earlier

this month.)

Guster utterly floored me when they played Gonzaga's new basketball arena earlier this year in support of **Ganging Up On The Sun**. Their newest album bears so little resemblance to their early efforts that I was not sure what to expect. When they dipped back into the far reaches of their catalog and delivered



a shocking performance of "Airport Song," I formed a new appreciation of a band I've followed for nearly 15 years. I hope they come to the Spokane

area soon. Likewise, Carbon Leaf was so thrilling as a live act that I eagerly await their February 3rd appearance at The Big Easy in support of **Love, Loss, Hope, Repeat**. The album itself hasn't grabbed me nearly as much as **Indian Summer**, but they are so charismatic on stage that I feel a fresh appreciation of their new recordings.



A few elder statesmen of rock'n'roll made surprising new splashes into my music library this past year. Paul Simon's **Surprise** is,

well, surprisingly engaging, even months after its release. "Once Upon A Time I Was An Ocean" will haunt me for a long time, and it is perhaps one of the best bits of songwriting ol' Rhymin' Simon has produced in the past decade. **The Captain & The Kid**, by Elton John, is one of those



projects that should be a monumental failure, and yet it stands as a gigantic success. If you long for the days of "classic Elton," they are back, and with just as much force and magic as you remember. Finally,

The Beatles' **Love** album keeps coming out of my speakers. It might be a bit long, but it is such a refreshing take on overly-familiar music that I cannot get enough of it. It has reduced two '60s-era hippies I know to tears of joy so far, and while I am not an old hippie, I certainly wept a bit the first time through, too.

So now you know what I am still listening to, after everything I have reviewed this year.

If you missed something the first time, you can find it now, confident that it has some kind of longevity, at least in the ears of this one listener. Maybe it will for you, too.

Happy New Year from the A & E staff writers

National & International

Pope slams theories on gay marriage

Pope Benedict spoke out December 12th against legal recognition for unmarried couples and "dismal theories" on the rights of gays to marry which he said stripped men and women of their innate sexual identity.

"I cannot hide my concern about legislation on de facto couples," the Pope said in a Christmas address to the Rome clergy, weighing into a raging debate in Italy over what legal rights should be given to unmarried and gay couples.

Tensions have been rising in recent months between the Vatican and left-wing parties in Prime Minister Romano Prodi's ruling coalition, which has pledged to grant some kind of legal recognition to unmarried couples. Some centre-left politicians have scorned the Vatican for speaking out against the initiative, but the Pope said the Church had the right to be heard.

"If they say the Church shouldn't interfere in these matters, then we can only reply: should mankind perhaps not interest us?" he said. The Pope said

granting legal recognition to unwed couples was a threat to traditional marriage, which required a higher level of commitment.

But he saved his strongest words for those who suggest gay couples should be put on the same level as a husband and wife. "This tacitly accredits those dismal theories that strip all relevance from the masculinity and femininity of the human being as though it were a purely biological issue," the Pope said.

Theories "according to which man should be able to decide autonomously what he is and what he isn't," end up with mankind destroying its own identity, he said. Two parliamentarians in the ruling coalition this week outraged fellow lawmakers by placing four dolls representing homosexual couples near the baby Jesus in the official nativity scene in Italy's parliament.

They said their gesture was to promote legal recognition for unmarried couples and the legalisation of gay marriage.

Bakker, Brown: What the hell happened to Christianity?

Why are Christians supporting laws that force others to live by their standards?

By Jay Bakker and Marc Brown
Special to CNN

Editor's note: Jay Bakker, son of former Praise The Lord leaders Jim Bakker and Tammy Faye Messner, is minister of Revolution Church and subject of a new documentary series, "One Punk Under God," on Sundance Channel. Marc Brown is a Revolution staff member.

NEW YORK (CNN) -- What the hell happened? Where did we go wrong? How was Christianity co-opted by a political party? Why are Christians supporting laws that force others to live by their standards? The answers to these questions are integral to the survival of Christianity.

While the current state of Christianity might seem normal and business-as-usual to some, most see through the judgment and hypocrisy that has permeated the church for so long. People witness this and say to themselves, "Why would I want to be a part of that?" They are turned off by Christians and eventually, to Christianity altogether. We can't even count the number of times someone has given us a weird stare or completely brushed us off when they discover we work for a church.

So when did the focus of Christianity shift from the unconditional love and acceptance preached by Christ to the hate and condemnation spewed forth by certain groups today? Some say it was during the rise of Conservative Christianity in the early 1980s with political action groups like the Moral Majority. Others say it goes way back to the 300s, when Rome's Christian Emperor Constantine initiated a set of laws limiting the rights of Roman non-Christians. Regardless of the origin,

one thing is crystal clear: It's not what Jesus stood for.

His parables and lessons were focused on love and forgiveness, a message of "come as you are, not as you should be." The bulk of his time was spent preaching about helping the poor and those who are unable to help themselves. At the very least, Christians should be counted on to lend a helping hand to the poor and others in need.

This brings us to the big issues of American Christianity: Abortion and gay marriage. These two highly debatable topics will not be going away anytime soon. Obviously, the discussion centers around whether they are right or wrong, but is the screaming really necessary? After years of witnessing the dark side of religion, Marc and I think not.

Christians should be able to look past their differences and agree to disagree. This allows people to discuss issues with respect for one another. Christians are called to love others just as they are, without an agenda. Only then will Christianity see a return to its roots: Loving God with all of your heart and loving your neighbor as yourself.

The Apostle Paul describes this idea of love beautifully in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7: "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

But don't take our word for it; look at what Jesus and his followers stood for in his time and what Christianity stands for today. Then come to your own conclusion.

'God' billboards bring gay-friendly message

"Contrary to popular belief I don't hate anyone who's gay" - God' say billboards and posters dotted around Auckland recently.

The gay-friendly message is part of the series of God quotes from Godmarks, a registered Charitable Trust seeking to promote Christian faith in a new way "that make people laugh, twist their perceptions and deepen their thoughts," according to their website.

Godmarks declined an interview with GayNZ.com, saying they want to remain low-profile and "try to make

it simply about the messages, and less about us people behind it.

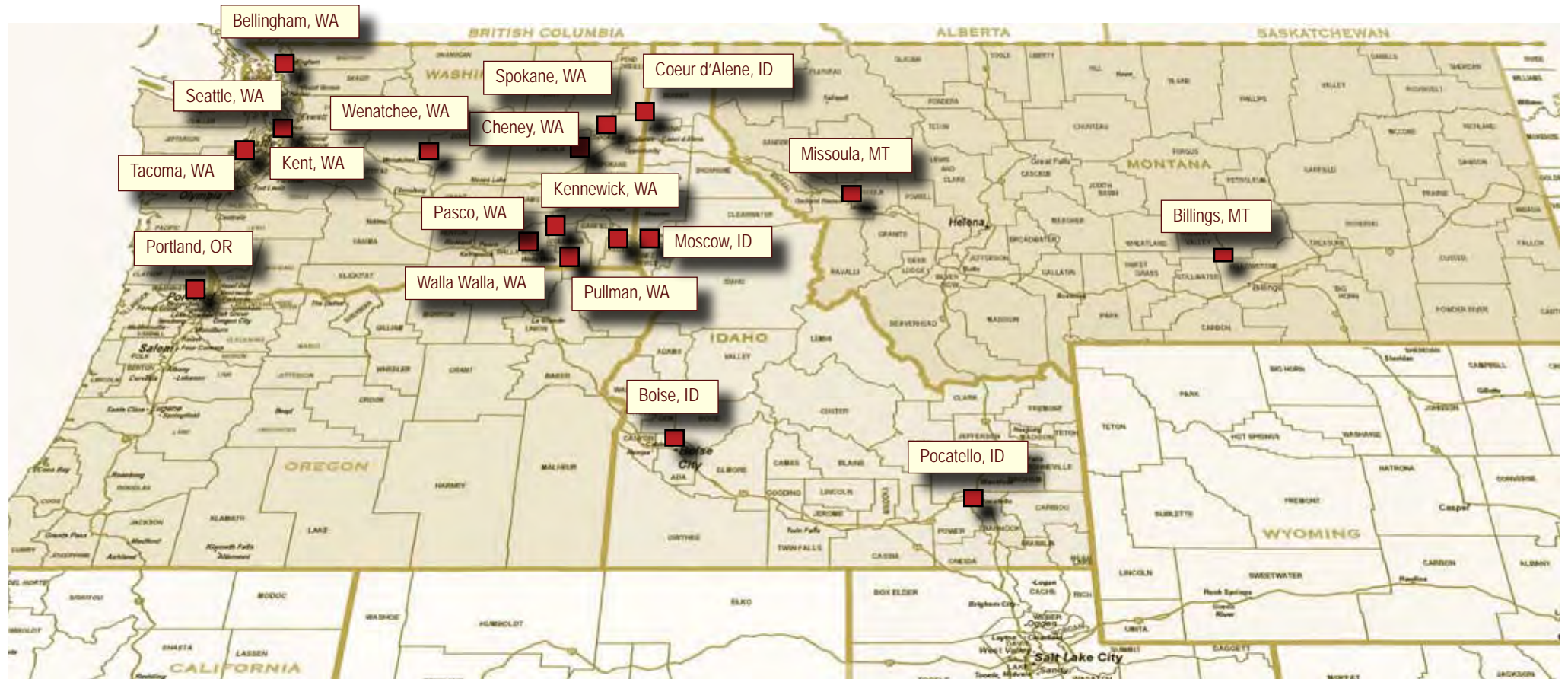
"We want to keep putting the messages out there for as long as we can. We're wanting to give something, not ask for something in return."

Other Godmarks' God 'quotes' include: "If you want, you can email me at God@heaven.com, it's not my address but I can still check it", "Isn't it weird how most people think I'm white", and "Every day I get more prayer requests for carparks than anything else. You people need to start thinking bigger."

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Weekly meetings for students, faculty and staff.

Call: Kat Olson: (509) 359-4253

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

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Emmanuel Metropolitan Community Church

Christian church with outreach to the GLBT community.

Call: (509) 838-0085

Web site: www.emmanuelmcc.com

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

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Call: (509) 489-2266

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Call: Julie Smith: (509) 838-0206

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GLBT Resource Center

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Direct line: Bryce: 323-5847

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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

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Web site: www.lilaccitymensproject.org

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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

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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.

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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: tc Coleman@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

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

Web site: www.spokanecounty.org/health

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Unitarian Universalist Church

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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

E-mail: 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

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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

HIV antibody testing and counseling.

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

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LEWISTON/CLARKSTON

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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

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

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Call: (509) 860-7354

E-mail: shine_org@yahoo.com

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Call: (509) 576-9625

Rainbow Cathedral Metropolitan Community Church

An MCC Seattle parish extension.

Call: (509) 457-6454

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13 - Volunteers

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

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5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Vision Committee Meeting** (at Northern Exposures Studio)
Meetings are informal potlucks at Northern Exposures Studio on the first Wednesday and third Monday of each month. We work on projects to help the visibility of Spokane's GLBTQA community. Currently working on a local billboard project.
Contact: Bonnie Aspen
Phone: 509.838.3866

Thursday, January 4th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Queer Sounds Radio Show**
Queer Sounds is an eclectic mix of GLBTQ music and commentary at 92.3 or 89.9 FM, KYRS "Thin Air Radio," your local community radio station. Hosted by Irey and Bob. Call-in number is 747-3807.
Contact: Irey
Email: queersounds@kyrs.org
Phone: 747-3807

7:15 pm – 9:00 pm **OutSpokane Meeting** (at RiverPark Square)

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.
More Info: <http://www.outspokane.com>

Sunday, January 7th

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm **The "L Word" Season Premiere Party** Join us for the "L Word" Season Premiere Party at Dempsey's Brass Rail. Big Screen! Raffle! Prizes! Complimentary hors d'oeuvres! Sunday, January 7, the party starts at 5 PM and the show starts 7 PM. This is an OutSpokane fundraising event. Proceeds go toward Pride 2007

Monday, January 8th Stonewall goes to press

Tuesday, January 9th

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm **RRCC Board Meeting** (at SAN)
Board meetings are open to the public, but please contact at least one week in advance with requests to be on the agenda. Meetings will be at SAN until further notice.
Contact: RRCC
Email: info@spokanerainbowcenter.org
Phone: 489-1914

Wednesday, January 10th

11:30 am – 1:00 pm **INBA Luncheon** (at Europa Pizzeria) Guest speaker: Steve Smith, Spokesman-Review Editor
Recent Frontline TV documentary on Mayor West
We are pleased to announce our first speaker for 2007 will be Steve Smith, Editor of the Spokesman-Review. He will be speaking on the value-driven newsroom reflecting community life in its wholeness and complexity. With the Spokesman-Review's positive reporting on the GLBTQA community and the recent Frontline show a lively Q&A is sure to follow. Don't miss out.
Contact: INBA
Email: info@inbaspokane.org
Phone: 509-455-3699
More Info: <http://www.inbaspokane.org/>

Thursday, January 11th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Queer Sounds Radio Show**
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Contact: Irey
Email: queersounds@kyrs.org
Phone: 747-3807

Saturday, January 13th

9:30 am – 10:30 am **PFLAG Moms 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.
Phone: 509-624-6671

Monday, January 15th Martin Luther King Day

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Vision Committee Meeting**
Meetings are informal potlucks at Northern Exposures Studio on the first Wednesday and third Monday of each month. We work on projects to help the visibility of Spokane's GLBTQA community. Currently working on a local billboard project.

Tuesday, January 16th

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **PFLAG Monthly Meeting** (at UUCS) We meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane at 7 PM. 4340 W. Fort Wright Dr. Spokane WA 99224. Our mission is to provide support, education and advocacy for GLBTQ family and friends.
Contact: Tiina Buckaloo
Email: info@pflagspokane.org
More Info: www.pflagspokane.org

Thursday, January 18th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Queer Sounds Radio Show**
Queer Sounds is an eclectic mix of GLBTQ music and commentary at 92.3 or 89.9 FM, KYRS "Thin Air Radio," your local community radio station. Hosted by Irey and Bob. Call-in number is 747-3807.

Contact: Irey
Email: queersounds@kyrs.org
Phone: 747-3807

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More Info: <http://www.outspokane.com>

Saturday, January 20th

10:30 am – 12:30 pm **OWLS Brunch** (at Old Country Buffet-Franklin Park Mall) OWLS Brunches will be held the 3rd Sat. of the month (Sep-May) at 10:30am at The Old Country Buffet in Franklin Park Mall on N. Division. If you are the first to arrive, ask the cashier where we can pull tables together for approx. 20 women. Then ask the cashier to direct arriving OWLS to that area. (Schedule for Jun, Jul, & Aug to be announced)
Contact: Ginny
Email: way2qt_99@yahoo.com

Sunday, January 21st

12:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Gay/Bi Men's Bowling Group** (at Northbowl) Come hang out with the guys and bowl. Ten bucks gets you two hours of bowling and shoes. Space is limited, so reserve your spot early by calling 267-9444 and leave a message for Mark or just mention Bowling Group.
Contact: Mark
Email: markg@san-nw.org
Phone: 267-9444
More Info: www.lilaccitymensproject.org

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Thursday, January 25th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Queer Sounds Radio Show**
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Contact: Irey
Email: queersounds@kyrs.org
Phone: 747-3807

Sunday, January 28th

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **ISCS Court Meeting**

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

Friday, January 5th

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm [Yakima, WA] **First Fridays** (at 1st St Conference Center) Yakima's gay social group welcomes you and your friends to our monthly gathering
Email: 1st-Fridays@gayakima.com
Phone: 509/576-0276
More Info: <http://www.gayakima.com/1stfridays.html>

Sunday, January 7th

10:30 am – 11:30 am [Kennewick, WA] **River of Life MCC** (at 2625 Brneau Place Ste A)
Email: info@riveroflifemcc.org
More Info: <http://www.riveroflifemcc.org>

6:30 pm [Yakima, WA] **Rainbow Cathedral MCC** (at 225 N 2nd St)
Phone: 509/457-6454

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7:00 pm [Walla Walla, WA] **PFLAG Monthly Meeting** (at First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall)
Contact: Carol
Email: pflag_walla2wash@hotmail.com
Phone: 509-529-5320
More Info: <http://www.pflag.0catch.com/>

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm [Kennewick, WA] **Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings** (at ROLMCC)
Contact: Edna Mae W.
Email: fiddlebanjo@charter.net
Phone: 509-546-2626

Sunday, January 14th

10:30 am – 11:30 am [Kennewick, WA] **River of Life MCC** (at 2625 Brneau Place Ste A)
Email: info@riveroflifemcc.org
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6:30 pm [Yakima, WA] **Rainbow Cathedral MCC** (at 225 N 2nd St)
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Monday, January 15th Martin Luther King Day

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7:00 pm [Yakima, WA] **PFLAG Monthly Meeting** (at First Street Conference Center, 223 N 1st St, Yakima WA)

Monday, January 22nd Stonewall goes to press

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm [Kennewick, WA] **Rainbow Sobriety AA Meetings** (at ROLMCC)
Contact: Edna Mae W.
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Thursday, January 25th

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm [Tri-Cities, WA] **PFLAG Monthly Meeting**
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Monday, January 29th

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