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Hill journalist among 2009 Pride parade marshals

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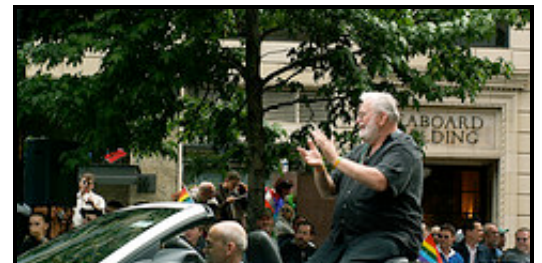
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[The 2009 Pride parade marshals](#) all have Capitol Hill ties, of course, but we're happy to see inked stained wretch **George Bakan** will be again doing his best parade wave this weekend. There's George doing his 'parade clap' back in 2007.

More about Bakan and the [2009 marshals here](#):





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For 26 years **George Bakan** has been the Editor-in-Chief for Seattle Gay News. He has been overseeing the operation of the SGN weekly newspaper since 1983.

Charlene Strong was appointed to the Washington State Human Rights Commission in January, 2009. After the death of her partner Kate Fleming she became a tireless advocate of marriage and same-sex equality.

Anne Melle has been on the Board since 2005. Raised in the Chicago area, she was lucky enough to give birth to two gay sons. She became involved with the LGBT community when her first son came out to her 40 years ago. In 1977 she joined Parents of Gays, a Chicago group that was part of the pioneering LGBT organization, the Mattachine Society. Several years later, Parents of Gays become one of the first PFLAG chapters in the country, and Anne was a founding member of the Chicago PFLAG chapter.

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