

## DIVERSIONS



E. Lynn Harris

### In our lives

It's only on once a month, and at a late hour, but as it begins its ninth season on PBS, *In the Life* needs to be commended as a consistently high-caliber newsmagazine of gay and lesbian life. This installment focuses on books, with profiles on Edmund White's latest as well as E. Lynn Harris, the publishing phenom who proved there was a larger market for gay male fiction. This episode also includes a segment on gay and lesbian bookstores and how they're doing in this era of huge chain store dominance. Other reports discuss the effects of the Millennium March on Washington and gay activism in Puerto Rico. The show airs at 11 p.m. Oct. 24 on OPB.

### Triple header

The first three nights of November at the St. Johns Pub you'll find lesbian

songstresses doing their musical thing. First up Nov. 1 is Sonia of Disappear Fear, with Portland lesbian

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Good buds Sonia (left) and Lynn

singer/songwriter Lynn Frances Anderson as the opening act. Jill Sobule performs Nov. 2, and the mini lesbifest concludes Nov. 3 with Michele Malone, a passionate Southern chanteuse who weaves a melodic tapestry of blues, jazz, rock and folk. She is currently on the road opening for the Indigo Girls. The pub is located at 8203 N. Ivanhoe St.; call 503-283-8520 for times and ticket information.

### Between the covers

Among the finalists for Oregon Book Awards are Portlanders Jody Seay and Judith Barrington. Seay's book, *The Second Coming of Curly Red*, is a sensitive novel dealing with a lesbian couple who settle in eastern Oregon and fight homophobia. Barrington is the author of *Lifesaving*, a memoir about her early adult years in Spain and coming to terms with her parents' accidental death and her own sexual identity. Both are great reads, and

we'll be rooting for them to win when the awards are announced Nov. 11. The awards are sponsored by Literary Arts Inc.; for information or tickets to the ceremony call 503-227-2583.

### Bring your stamina

The Northwest Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf has a very full day of activities planned for Oct. 28, starting with a workshop from 9 a.m. until noon, followed by a pizza party, then its fall general meeting from 1 until 4 p.m. Those events will be held at the Southwest Washington Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 1715 Broadway St. in Vancouver. That evening, they gather at a member's home for a Halloween party. For the latest info visit [www.nwrad.org](http://www.nwrad.org).

### Climb this mountain

Sexual minorities 26 and younger are invited to apply to attend the Queer Youth Leadership

Camp from Nov. 3 through 5 on Mount Hood. This event is sponsored by the Lesbian Community Project and is free to participants. Youth of color especially are urged to apply, and the deadline is Oct. 31. Call 503-233-3913 or Libby at [ELH\\_PRO@hotmail.com](mailto:ELH_PRO@hotmail.com).



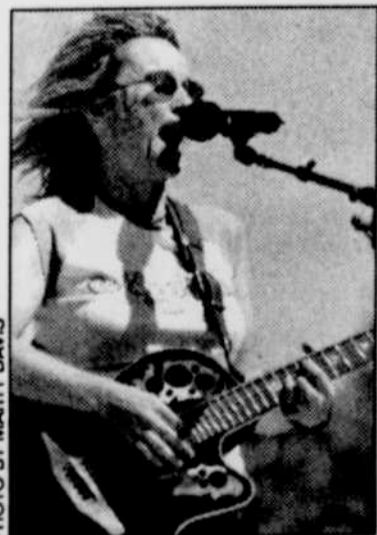
Libby Harrison, camp coordinator

### Who is that masked woman?

She's Jenna MacGillis, artist, dancer and mask maker, who will perform shadow dances with her masks Oct. 26 during the opening of her collaborative show at Plain Jane Gallery. The exhibition features the work of three lesbian artists: MacGillis' papier-mâché masks as well as photographs of her wearing them taken by Joya Menashe, which then were framed by metal sculptor Linda Peters. The opening happens from 6 until 9 p.m., with the dance performances at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. The show runs through Nov. 29 at 2936 N.E. Alberta St. For details call 503-528-9691 or visit [www.plainjanegallery.com](http://www.plainjanegallery.com).

### On the rocks

If you didn't make it to the Millennium March on Washington, here's your chance to see the Equality Rocks concert, at least. VH1 will air an edited version featuring k.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge, Ellen DeGeneres, the Pet Shop Boys and others at 10 p.m. Oct. 27. The Human Rights Campaign is urging folks to hold "Get Out the Vote" house parties that night in conjunction with the concert.



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