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"We've heard good reports," he says. "We've had more youth come out while they've been with us."

Furze says the goal is to empower teens to approach their parents from a position of strength instead of weakness. "It's a very scary process, so having someone else to lean on makes it a lot easier."

According to Furze, Triple Point serves a particular need for youth in southwest Washington, a much more conservative environment than Portland. "They feel more isolated, and there's really not as many services in Clark County."

Furze says southwest Washington residents can't easily visit the Sexual Minorities Youth Recreation Center in Portland or go downtown to see other gay, lesbian, bi and trans teens. He adds that area schools have only a few gay/straight alliances but that Triple Point is conducting outreach to share information with them.

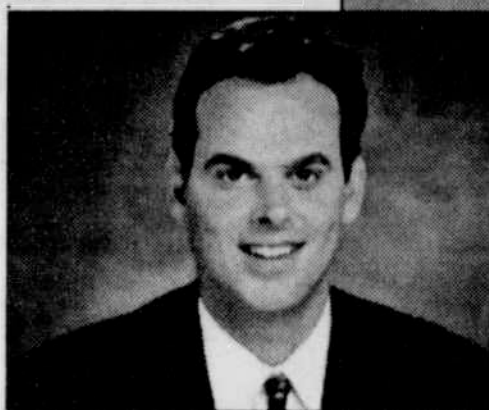
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## STUDY REVEALS TRANS SALMON

Male salmon might be changing genders and spawning as females on the Yakima and lower Columbia rivers, the *Spokane Spokesman-Review* reported Nov. 8. Researchers from the University of Idaho and Washington State University plan another two years of studies to find out whether the

sex changes are occurring for environmental reasons or whether the genetic properties of these fish are different from what scientists think.

"We have some interesting observations, but I think it will be a number of years before we hammer out what is going on here," zoologist Jim Nagler said. "We have to come at the problem from a number of unrelated angles."



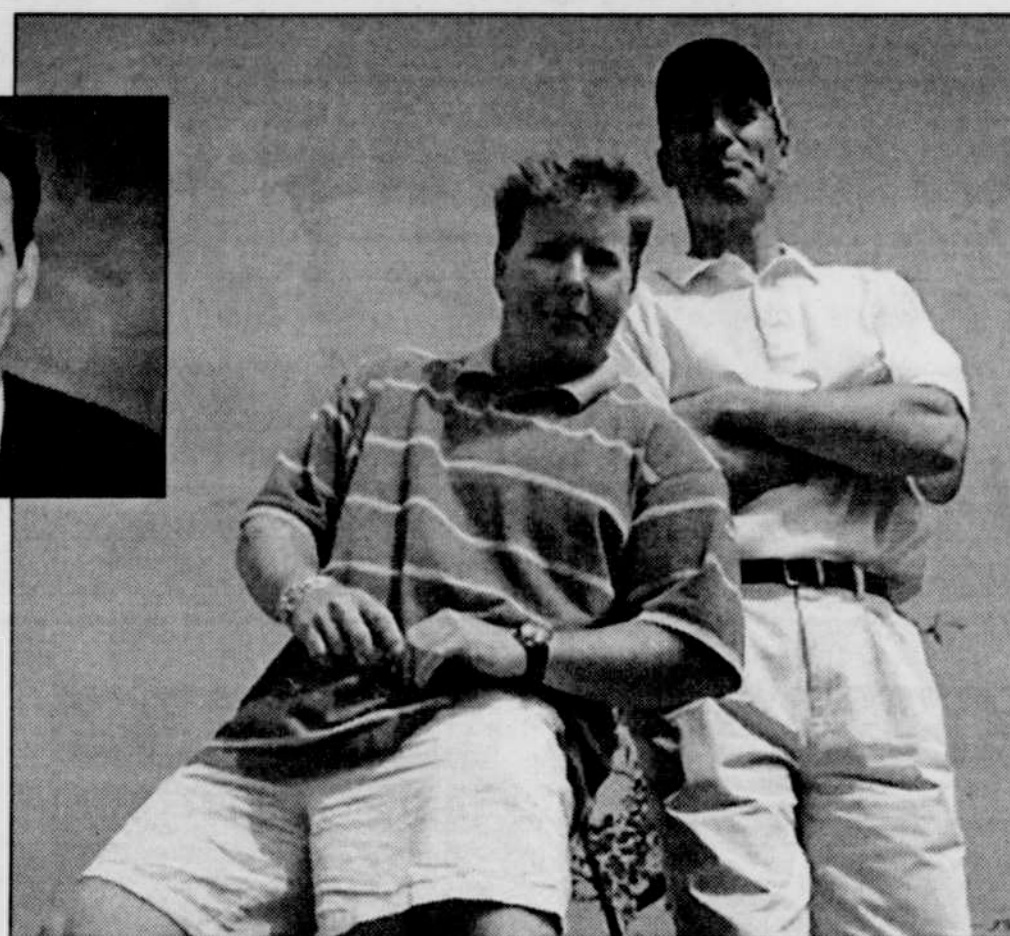
Colin Cowherd

## POISON PEN

And you thought members of the heavy metal band Anthrax were the only ones grappling with a controversial name since Sept. 11. Now, it appears recently crowned Rose Empress XLIV Poison Waters might be running into trouble because of the country's heightened anxiety surrounding terrorism, *Willamette Week* reported Nov. 14.

A couple of weeks ago, one of her fans, Alyce Cornyn-Selby, tried to mail photographs to the popular Portland drag queen. But workers went postal when they saw the word "POISON" written in big red letters above Waters' home address.

Cornyn-Selby says authorities threatened to call 911 but calmed down after she explained the situation. Waters, aka Kevin Cook, told *WW* it was the first time in her 14-year career that her stage name ever has caused such mayhem.



Nelson (right) and Terry are the co-hosts of the morning show on KRSK-FM, aka Rosie 105

## HANG THE DJs

Portland disc jockeys Nelson of KRSK-FM and Colin Cowherd of KFX-AM have been playing with fire on the air in recent weeks.

Nelson, who was openly homophobic during his stint with the Morning Zoo on KKRZ-FM, now is appearing in a series of television ads promoting his hiring. One of the spots depicts him explaining how he just "made the switch"; as the

camera zooms out, he is revealed to be dressed in lingerie.

Trans activist Lori Buckwalter, *It's Time, Oregon!* executive director, called the ad campaign offensive and demeaning. She says people often use transphobia as a way to mask homophobia but without the risk of sanction.

"The sense of permission that people feel to use transgender themes in derogatory ways is so distressing," she says. "How would people feel if he did it in black-face?"

Meanwhile, Cowherd raised eyebrows Nov. 5

while reporting on the resignation of Tom Holmoe, University of California at Berkeley head football coach. He praised the action by joking, "That's one less Holmoe in the Bay Area."

Cowherd, who is also a KGW-TV sportscaster, told *Just Out* that it was only a "play on words" and that "clearly 99 percent of my audience got it...some didn't." He says his show's mantra is "nobody has the right not to be offended." □

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