

American foreign policy by providing resources for developing countries struggling with how to care for those who are HIV-positive." According to the article, despite proposals to alter the legislation, "its eventual approval appears likely given strong underlying support and the fact that President Bush would like to see it enacted as one of his final accomplishments."

La Femme Magnifique Crowned

La Femme Magnifique's regional competition was held July 14 at Darcelle XV Showplace.

The annual pageant, with contestants from Portland, brought glamour and nail-biting excitement with live drag performances.

Adrienne Alexander was crowned La Femme Magnifique Plus, and Ginger was named first runner-up. The new La Femme Magnifique is Bolivia Carmichaels, with first runners-up Erica Chandler and Sabel Scities.

The winners and runners-up will move on to compete for the La Femme Magnifique International title Aug. 31 at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

For more information visit www.darcellexv.com.

In Other Words Holds Literary Feast

In Other Words Women's Books and Resources is holding Literary Feast 2008 for "readers, thinkers, doers and shakers." The festival is a benefit for the bookstore.

Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction begin at 6 p.m. Aug. 1, and the program begins at 7. Entertainment includes performances by jazzy, soulful blues rocker Nicole Sangsoree; harmonic, experimental glam band Felina's Arrow; and powerful, provocative and political poets Good Sista/Bad Sista. The event will also feature an X-rated open mike celebrating sexuality and creativity by the Dirty Queer Crew as well as the premiere of a documentary about In Other Words.

Literary Feast will take place at North Star Ballroom, 635 N. Killingsworth Court. Tickets are \$25-\$75 sliding scale and can be purchased at In Other Words, 8 N.E. Killingsworth St. For more information call 503-232-6003.

Summer Sports Launch for Kids

Q Center wants queer kids and allies to shake the reputation that members of the sexual minorities community don't have game.

Q Sports, a collaboration between Q Center, the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center and other partners, launches July 19 with soccer train-



Bolivia Carmichaels was crowned La Femme Magnifique on July 14 at Darcelle's.

ing coached by Oscar Arana and his teammates from NetRippers. After practice, participants will watch NetRippers play in a tournament.

A few weeks later, the Rose City Softball Association will coach kids interested in playing softball, and Port-

land Gay Volleyball will lead volleyball training and games. The entire program is expected by wrap up by Labor Day.

Q Center was awarded a \$10,000 grant by the Stonewall Foundation's Gene and John Athletic Fund with additional support from Nike.

"This is an opportunity to be around positive role models who are LGBTQ who are great at their sports and can exhibit how sports can be fun, exhilarating, character-building experiences," said Kendall Clawson, executive director of Q Center.

Q Center plans to host mentor nights for par-

ticipants from each sport to meet and celebrate at an end-of-season barbecue.

The entire program is free. Drinks, sports equipment and other donations are accepted.

Youth between ages 13 and 20 who want to learn the rules, the moves and build self-esteem should call 503-872-9664 or visit www.smyrc.org.

Hermiston Holds First Pride

Eastern Oregon is jumping into the Pride festival circuit with its first-ever Hermiston Pride celebration.

Umatilla Morrow Alternatives, an equality group based in the region, is organizing Pride from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 2 at Victory Square Park, Southwest 10th Street and West Orchard Avenue in Hermiston.

Hermiston Pride is being billed as a multicultural event celebrating Latino pride and observing fallen soldiers of the Iraq war. Speakers are invited from Metropolitan Community Church, Rural Organizing Project, United Farm Workers, Cascade AIDS Project, Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest, Oregon Safe Schools and more.

Military Families Speak Out will exhibit, and space is available for vendors. Drag stars from Portland will perform.

For more information visit www.umalt.com. 10

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