Police increase presence but no indication of any trouble

For some in the community it was shades of the Pulse shooting that happened 22 years ago in August 1994 all over again as the Reno Police Department reached out to the GLBTQ community following the tragedy 3,000 miles away that created waves of concern on how safe the community was after a place long known as a “community” gathering place was attacked ending in 49 senseless deaths. But Reno wasn’t alone

told the crowd that had gathered in unity and solidarity against hate.

Sassabration readsies for its second year in Carson City

The Silver Dollar Court, Inc. held its annual meeting at Ramada Reno on July 7 starting at 5 pm. Following the meeting, one of the designated charities for the event is a fundraiser, giving back to the local charities this year: Our Center, Family Resource Center and Serenity Mental Health.

The event is a fundraiser for four local charities this year: Our Center, PFLAG Carson Region, The Ron Wood Family Resource Center and Serenity Mental Health. There is no admission fee to the event but donations are accepted, as it is a fundraiser, giving back to the community.

Tina She Concert Rocks OUR Center

Tina She (Tina Gassen), of the hip hop duo God-des and She, has released her first self titled solo album that was ten years in the making. Tina was in Reno as part of her Reno abounds in Queer History recent study shows

San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles and Miami are all known for being “gay” meccas have nothing on the Biggest Little City in the World. Jeff Auer, local GLBT History Scholar and co-founder of Nevada LGBT Archives, was asked to participate in the Nation al Park Services Heritage Initiative by writing a theme study on Reno, which he titled Queerest Little City in the World - LGBT Reno.

Before a well attended presenta tion of his research and findings at Sundance Book on Wednesday June 29, Auer discussed the places that he felt has historical significance either as a landmark location or historic site and why. Most of the sites in his theme study were likely more local or state historical places than having national importance.

One site likely rivals the historic im portance nationally as New York City’s Stonewall Inn, The Washoe County Fairgrounds (now the Reno Livestock

HUG’N’Love event creates positive energy and spreads Love

From a simple idea, born from frustration and anger, Matthew Embrey created a special event that touched all those who participate d in his HUG’N’Love event on Monday July 20. Inspired to show the world that love is the answer to so much hate, Embrey embarked on a seven day adventure to create and produce the inaugural HUG

Embrey started his quest with a handful of fliers, taking to the streets, talking to whoever would lend an ear, with people about his simple idea of providing people with hugs showing the GLBTQ community is compassionate, understanding and loving. – just like any other.

“I handed out hundreds of fliers,” Embrey said, “…and everyone is so supportive and loves the idea. A simply hug can change the world.”

The simple project was to set up hug stations and have each hugger give 49 hugs, one for each life lost in Orlando. Seven hug stations were set up in the Truckee Meadows and there was a mobile station available. Elko even set up a hug station in northeastern Nevada.
Vigil for Orlando

The Mayor’s message to the crowd was simple — “GO and hug community leaders.”

In the statement issued by Reno Police, Mayor Soto said: “We are hurt and our city is hurting. There are no words to say that the city’s GLBTQA community is not safe. This is NOT the city we knew and loved.”

The Mayor told the crowd, “Do not give up.”

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Following the Orlando tragedy, Reno Police Pres- ence was quite visible.

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Purple Peacock ascends throne, as XL reign of Fire and Blood ends

Harrah’s Reno Convention Center saw a night of celebration, friends, awards, and entertainment as the Silver Dollar Court, the oldest continuously operating GLBT organization in the State of Nevada, hosted its XLI annual Coronation on June 18. Courtiers and local citizenry heard the announcement that David Harrison White was elected the XLI Emperor of the Silver Dollar Court as the night concluded.

This years Ball, as many on the court circuit refer to the event as, is the major fundraiser for the social and philanthropic organization. Near 400 people came to this years event raising an estimated $6,000 for the organization’s charitable endeavors, during the weekend event that climax with the crowning of the new publicly elected Emperor and Empress. There is pomp, circumstance, royal titles, regal dress, ball gowns, crowns, jewelry in every honoring the reign that is ending.

Emperor David Harrison White and Empress Hope Jewel Halston traveled to 27 Coronations throughout the International Court System and 6 special events during her yearlong reign. Being Emperor, she serves as the face of the organization, representing it at local functions, and out-of-town Coronations. Her travels took her all over the country with stops in Dallas, New York, Connecticut, Boston, Cincinnati, Denver, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco (almost her second home), Las Vegas, Phoenix, Salt Lake, and Boise, just to name a few.

Once the event is over, an annual awards ceremony is held. The award presentation ceremony was held on Sunday, July 17 at 2:30 pm at the Grand Sierra Resort. Out of the 68 awards presented that evening, 10 were special recognition awards that were announced in the program. The awards are divided into four categories:

1. Community Service Award
2. Entertainment Award
3. Leadership Award
4. Merit Award

The awards are given to those who have made significant contributions to the GLBT community. The recipients of these awards are:

1. Fred Sipfle Community Service Award: Mayor Hillary Schieve
2. Entertainment Award: Tina Turner
3. Leadership Award: Mayor Hillary Schieve
4. Merit Award: Mayor Hillary Schieve

The award ceremony was a celebration of the achievements of these individuals and the GLBT community as a whole.

The command performance by Khmera and Kevin, the Silver Dollar Court, the Court of Blood and Fire. That Night two charities were named as recipients of the reign’s end of the year disbursement; the Nevada Children’s Cancer Foundation and Nevada Youth Empowerment Program.

The traditional events of the evening were jumbled this year to make the event more entertaining according to Empress Hope jewel. “I made Coronation a little different,” Empress Hope said, “I made it a bit more exciting.”

Exciting and memorable the evening was as the Empress performed Applause as the opening production number setting the tone the up evening. The opening performance by Khmera and Kevin, the Empress Jack-E and Emperor Larry in their duet past Emperor and Empress of San Francisco of A Whole New World was also noteworthy for the evening.

Nicole The Great, Queen Mother of the Americas and figurehead leader of the International Court System was in attendance long enough to take the stage and present several special awards. OUR Center (Our Center) was presented with the second special and Judy Sheppard Family Values Award with Jeremy Manke, President of the Center accepting. Mayor Hillary Schieve was honored with the International Joe Julio Sarria Civil Rights Award for her dedication to fighting for the rights of all-underserved marginalized communities and given the Imperial Order of the Double Eagle, so she would have some “bling” as Nicole put it during the presentation. Also honored was reigning Empress Hope Jewel as the Empress of the Decade by the Queen Mother. Empress Felicia Jewel Halston and Empress Savannah Jewel Halston were honored with the The International Royal Order of Empress I Jose barria medal.

Emperor Larry Mastropiero and Empress Jack-E who were celebrating their 30 years of being crowned the tenth Emperor and Empress were honored by Imperial Proclamation the International Imperial Couple of the International Court System, by Nicole.

Nicole pointed out that it was ten years ago in Reno Absolute Empress I Jose Sarria, The Widow Norton, announced she was stepping down as the leader of at that time the 40 year old organization she begun to bring the community together. The evening also saw the Silver Dollar Court present its 5 annual awards. The Red Saffire Community Service Award was given to Sabrina Alcaro-Sallins (Ensemble Natalie Inspiration and Courage Award) to presented to Doyle Cornell; The Empress III Alexes Humanitarian Award was presented to Reno’s Biggest Little Sisters; The Empress Delllah Lifetime Achievement Award to Jeff Hodges. The Empress (Emperors The Snow Queen, 40 years ago; and the President of the Board Award was given to Savannah Jewel Halston. The Reno Police Hopper Guard presented the Colors at this year’s event as Grand Duke Kippy Marks of San Francisco played all three national anthems on his violin.

San Francisco Empress snatch of San Francisco even came out of semi-retirement, as she lives in Palm Springs now to perform at Reno’s Coronation. During the last Act of the evening, Emperor Larry and Empress Jack-E performed three numbers honoring their achievements over the past 30 years. Each did a single number and concluded with a duet being met at the end of the runway by their children (members of the Mastropiero-Edwards Family); Stephanie Fox, Buster, Dennis, Dixon, Michael Murrell and Joan-E.

Coronation events started on June 14 with voting for Emperor and Members of the Board of Trustees. Wednesday saw the Intown BBQ and Awards at the Patto. Thursday was a Fireball Party and Mayor Hillary Schieve was honored.

Major activities started Friday with the opening of Cycle of Hope, Downtown, San Francisco Empress Jack-E returned to Reno Hospitality, Out of Town Show and San Francisco Party Saturday again saw Hospitality, Protocol, Coronation and a NO Last Call Victory Party at the 5 Star Saloon. Sunday concluded the weekend with the Victory Brunch and the Las Vegas Damraper Party.

The newly elected Emperor David Harrison White announced at a surprise Victory Brunch we would be known as the Purple Peacock Empress of the Court of Community, Outreach, Connecting and Kindness. His colors are Purple and Silver and his Imperial Crown Prince and Imperial Royale are John Lujan and The Lady Elle. The theme for Coronation XLI will be Steampunk Wonderland.

By Helen Trisky Entertainment Editor

Buyer and Cellar a must see

Just a short little blurb here about this wonderful production at Good Luck Macbeth Theatre this month as we heard from Christopher Daniels, about a man who works in the basement of a mega star diva. All six character personas are portrayed by a single person who tells a story about interactions.

Not just a story about a man who happens to be gay but a story about life. The show was standing room only last Saturday night so get your tickets early. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm with a matinee on July 24 at 2pm and one Thursday July 28 at 7:30. This is a MUST see!!!

The editor promised a full review in the next issue.

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Tina She live

Tina’s tour is unique in that she is playing small venues and a couple of Pride events, as she likes to connect with her fans.

“Whatever a more intimate way to do it but in a small venue, Tina said. “Singing for My Supper” comes from touring and doing what I love to do cooking an Italian meal, then performing a 40 minute intimate concert in someone’s living room. What a better way to connect than to feed people and entertain them.”

She wrapped up her west coast swing in Bellingham, Washington on Sunday, July 17, before flying back to Austin, where she resides. at the Cadillac Hotel, she may have found the key to her success in the works for Tina. She made an east coast tour in the fall continuing “Singing for My Supper.”

Tina’s solo album is available at tinastype.bandcamp.com.