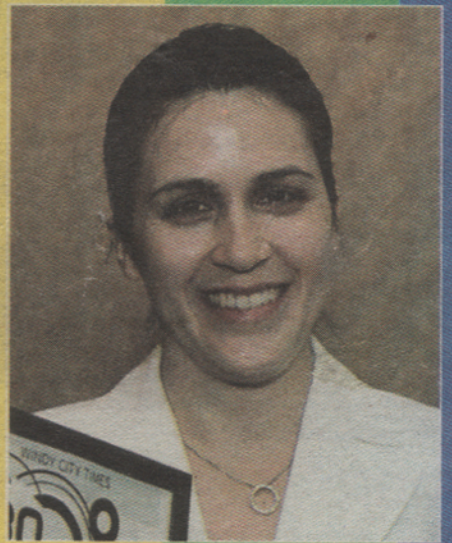
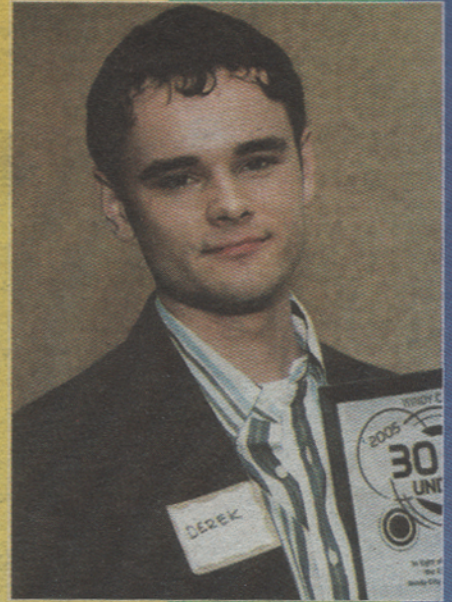




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# 30 UNDER 30



Elana Jacobs.



Shannon Kenney.



Kelly Kinnison.



Sapna Kumar.

Chicago's Seventh Annual Youth Pride weekend, which he started as a result of not feeling like Chicago's Pride was a safe event for LGBTQ youth. Joe is also involved in producing The Home Project, About Face Youth Theatre's new show that explores the issue of homelessness in the lives of LGBTQ youth, and contributes to ChicagoPride.com's youth channel.

Prior to opening the BYC, Joe worked for GLSEN Chicago as the organization's first program director and was responsible for leading and implementing GLSEN's first strategic planning process, which included organizing Chicago's first coordinated Day of Silence and Night of Noise action. He continues his safe school work today as the Coalition for Education and Sexual Orientation's (CESO's) Youth Chair. This past year, Joe helped to organize CESO's second annual statewide LGBT Student Summit in Springfield, Ill.

**DID YOU KNOW?** This past year, Joe was on the Price As Right as a contestant. He won a lot of luggage, but only spun 75 cents so he did not make it to the Showcase Showdown.

## Elana Jacobs

Elana Jacobs, 27, is currently a grad student at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she is studying to become a high school chemistry teacher; while there, she is a member of the school's pride group. In addition, she is a social action board member of Or Chadash, an LGBT synagogue and is a diversity trainer. Lastly, she is a member of GLSEN Chicago's education and training committees.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Elana has what she calls a "regan moose head" in her office that serves as a reminder to not take herself too seriously and to respect diversity. The head is actually a vinyl blow-up that resembles the real thing found in ski lodges.

Task Force and published "Integrating the self: A strategy for successful social change," in the LGBT column of The Community Psychologist. In addition, Kinnison continues to serve on the policy subcommittee of the UIC Chancellor's Committee on LGBT Issues. She also has help organize the Chicago Dyke March.

**DID YOU KNOW?** In high school Kelly was a competitive ballroom dancer and participated in the national semifinals her junior year.

## Sapna Kumar

Sapna Kumar, 30, has definitely made her mark as a top lesbian comic. Not only was she a Top 20 finalist in Chicago for Oxygen Network's "Girls Behaving Badly" but she was also called a comic to "keep your eye on" in a June 2004 Curve magazine article on lesbian comedienne. She is currently a featured act with the Cultural Madness Comedy Tour with Mikey O Comedy productions and performs regularly at Joe's on Weed St. in Chicago. In addition, Sapna was among 10 performers chosen to feature original material in the Chicago Improv Festival in 2004. However, the multitiered honoree is also an actor, having appeared in venues with Awaken Productions at the American Theater Company; Bailiwick Repertory; Arts Lanes at the Ivanhoe Theater; and Pegasus Players.

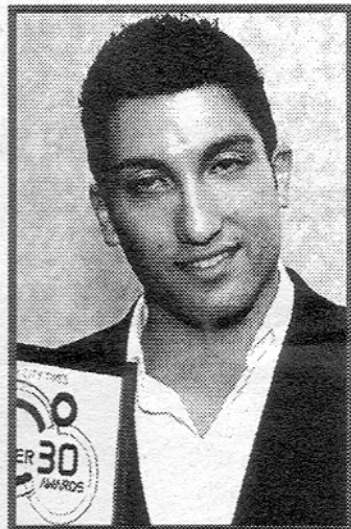
**DID YOU KNOW?** She was born in India but raised in Indiana. Also, sports (or a lack thereof) led to her interests in the arts; she was cut from a junior high basketball team and then auditioned for a school play—and never looked back.

An active volunteer, Jose was part of AIDS Walk New York, where he recruited volunteers, solicited walkers, raised money and assisted with event production; other groups he has volunteered with include Human Rights Campaign and the Victory Fund. He also lists getting to know his family better as one of his recent accomplishments.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Although he loves Chicago, Jose lived quite the peripatetic life after graduating college; within three months after the event, he managed to move from Pennsylvania to San Diego to New York to Washington, D.C.

## Ali McDonald

Ali McDonald, 27, has co-hosted Think Pink, Chicago's only all-music radio show for the queer community, with her friend Erik Rodan since September 2003. During that time, Ali and Erik have interviewed some of the most prominent queer musicians in the indie genre, including: Peaches, the Butchies, the Gossip, the Hidden Cameras, Bitch and many others. In addition, Ali



Jose Lugaro.



Ali McDonald.

served as a judge for the 2005 Out Music Awards and presented an award at the ceremony in Chicago. She was a programming consultant for last year's Estrojam Music and Culture festival and is co-director of programming this year.

Ali has worked at the Greater Chicago Food Depository since February 2003. She was initially hired as an agency relations represen-