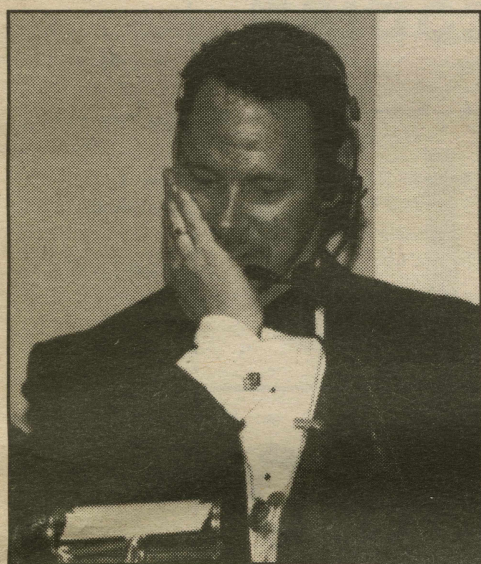


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GREG'S ORDEAL

Olympian Greg Louganis Opens Up

by Patty Sheehan

He was poetry in motion in 1988, flying with precision and grace and leaving barely a ripple in the glass surface of the Olympic pool. Greg Louganis was my hero then; the Olympic champion who had overcome dyslexia and racism to become the greatest springboard and platform diver in history. He had swept the diving gold medals in two Olympics. I lived vicariously that summer of 1988, glued to the television hoping for glimpses of Louganis' glory. As a runner in high school, my dreams of Olympic gold went no further than a fourth-place State AAU finish in the race-walk. And my own struggle with dyslexia had been frustrating. I will never forget my parents threatening to send me to a school for retards, "because there was no difference between 'can't learn' and 'don't learn.'" Now someone was telling my story of alienation and frustration. And people were listening because he was a champion — it made his courage seem even more significant.

At the time, I didn't know how much more I had in common with Greg Louganis. His sexuality was a deeply guarded secret (as was

his HIV status). And after Louganis came out last year, I remember feeling angry with him for not sharing sooner. Just back from the March on Washington '87, I wondered why he couldn't have added his significant presence there.

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Greg Louganis appears with Barbara Walters on ABC's 20/20.

MEL'S CRUSADE

Gay Christian Activist Mel White Fasts In Jail

by Christina Cash

Virginia Beach, VA — Dr. Mel White, the gay Christian activist arrested two weeks ago on the grounds of the Christian Broadcasting Network, says he does not hate Pat Robertson but he does have grave concerns about the negative way the television evangelist depicts gay people. White says, in fact, that his mission is to "outlove those who oppose us."

"Pat made a big mistake by not meeting with me and by having me arrested," White said from behind a barred screen in the Virginia Beach jail. "Staying in jail is a matter of conscience for me. If I pay the fine I can get out of here, but I admit guilt. And I am not guilty because Pat doesn't own the CBN property, God does, and all the people who send money to keep that place going. If I get out on bail it is only on the condition I

never step foot on the CBN campus again. And that I cannot promise."

White, who holds a Doctor of Divinity, has been a pastor, seminary professor, Christian filmmaker and a ghostwriter for Robertson, Jerry Falwell and Billy Graham. He co-wrote Robertson's 1988 pre-campaign manifesto, *America's Dates With Destiny*. But in 1991, after decades of struggles with his sexual orientation, years of trying to pray his homosexuality away, and aversion therapy that included electric shock, White came out.

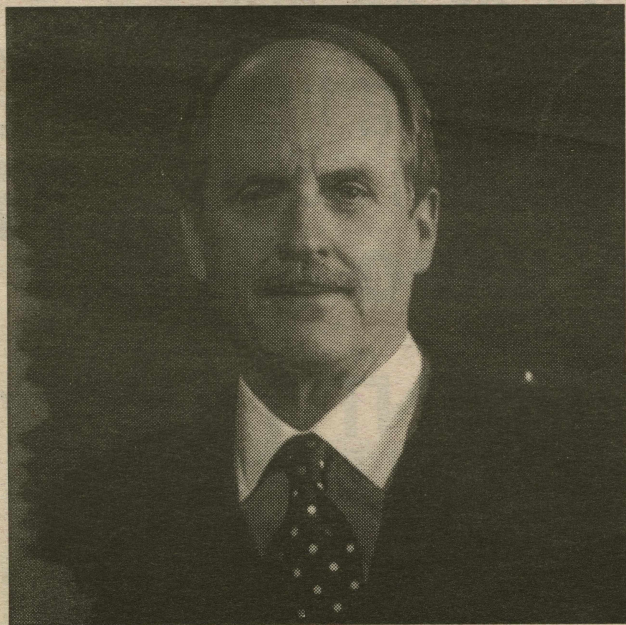
One of his first acts as an openly gay man was to tell all of his former employers. He wrote to Robertson, Falwell

and Graham and asked each to meet with him. White wanted to tell them that their rhetoric, often used in fundraising campaigns for their ministries, was leading to increased violence against gay people. None of the ministers responded, even to decline the invitation — until three weeks ago. On Feb. 7, Robertson faxed a letter to White saying that homosexuality "is the last stage in the decline of a population," and that he did "not wish to meet to debate the merits of homosexuality."

White decided then, he said, to go ahead with

an act of civil disobedience that he had not intended to do for another six months or so. "This was not planned for

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Dr. Mel White was arrested while trying to see televangelist Pat Robertson.

Will The Supreme Court Protect Us?

The U.S. Supreme Court set the stage for its most significant gay-rights ruling in a decade, agreeing last week to decide whether states can forbid laws designed to protect homosexuals from discrimination.

The court said it will review a Colorado constitutional amendment that would cancel local laws protecting gays from bias in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Colorado voters in 1992 passed Amendment 2 — it prohibits state and local governments from passing laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination — but courts blocked it from ever taking effect.

The Colorado Supreme Court then declared the law unconstitutional, saying Amendment 2 violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment because it denied homosexuals equal access to the political process. The state appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which agreed to review the case and the wider issue of whether states can forbid laws designed to protect homosexuals.

State officials say voters have the right to prevent homosexuals from being given "preferred legal status." Gay-rights advocates say local anti-discrimination ordinances extend civil rights protection to homosexuals but grant them no special privileges.

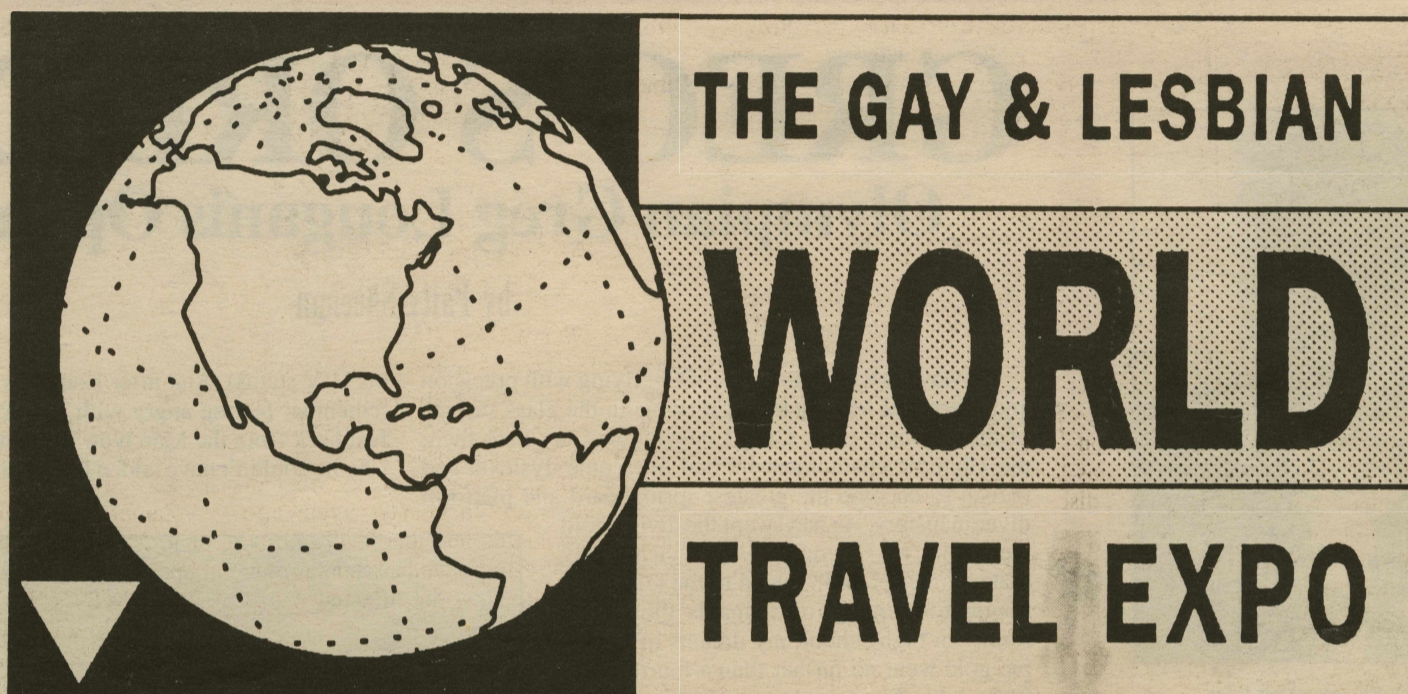
"The rights of any minority should not be swept away by popular vote," said Kevin Cathcart of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Will Perkins, whose Colorado for Family Values wrote and campaigned for the amendment, said homosexuals are not entitled to the same civil rights

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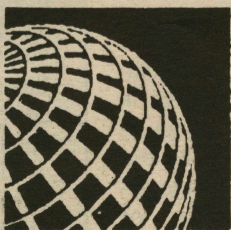
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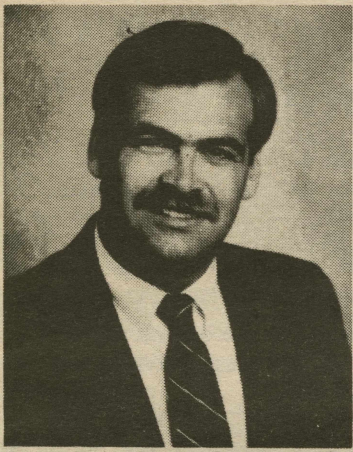
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GAINESVILLE ANTI-GAY ACTIVISTS BRING IN LEGAL HELP



Michael Slaymaker

NEW DIRECTOR AT HOPE AND HELP

After a lengthy search, the board of Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, Inc. has selected Michael Slaymaker, CFRE, as their new Executive Director, effective Mar. 1, 1995. Slaymaker will fill the position previously held by Chuck Hummer, III, who died of AIDS last September.

Slaymaker has a decade of experience with non-profit groups, and while in Iowa he was responsible for raising over \$16 million for charity. He has chaired fundraising efforts for the Heartland AIDS Walk for the past two years.

A national award winner in management from the American Heart Association, Slaymaker is also certified in fund raising from the National Society of Fund Raising Executives. Slaymaker's most recent position was Personnel Supervisor for the Olsten Corp.

According to Hope and Help spokesperson Michael Fuchs, "The entire board, staff and volunteers of the Hope and Help Center are excited by Slaymaker's commitment to the agency and the Central Florida HIV community."

Slaymaker plans to become active in other community activities which are suited to his background and new position.

The Hope and Help Center of Central Florida is a non-profit organization founded in 1988 to provide education, referral and resource services to anyone infected or affected by HIV or AIDS.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A national public-interest law firm has agreed to join Concerned Citizens of Alachua County in its battle over the legality of an anti-gay rights charter amendment.

The amendment would prohibit Alachua County commissioners from passing ordinances creating civil rights protections based on sexual orientation.

The amendment, approved by about 57 percent of those voting in last November's election, was put on the ballot after a successful petition drive by Concerned Citizens.

Now, gay rights activists are challenging the amendment's validity in court, saying it is unconstitutional. They have the help of

a national group, the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, in their lawsuit.

Steve Summerlin, president of Concerned Citizens of Alachua County Inc., said Friday he had negotiated an agreement with the National Legal Foundation of Virginia Beach, Va., for assistance.

Gainesville attorney Robert Edeward will continue as local counsel for the group, Summerlin said.

The National Legal Foundation has been involved in similar fights in Colorado and Cincinnati and has handled cases involving Bible clubs in schools, said Robert Skolrood, an attorney with the organization.

Concerned Citizens pushed for passage of the charter amendment because the county's civil rights ordinance extended what it called "special rights" to gays, lesbians and homosexuals, who opponents say do not merit such protection. Those challenging the amendment say it violates their equal protection, free speech, free association and due-process rights guaranteed by the Florida and U.S. Constitutions.

Skolrood said that judging by the election's outcome, the public was firmly behind Concerned Citizens.

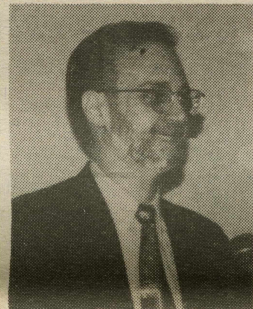
"What could be more democratic than that?" he said.

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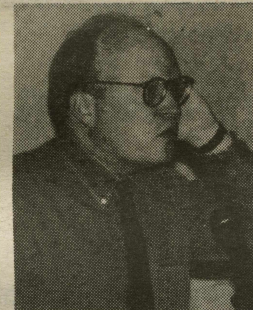
SENTINEL CRITICS VISIT MBA

Orlando Sentinel critics Hal Boedeker (television) and Jay Boyar (movies) talked about the changing role of gays and lesbians in their respective media at the March meeting of the Metropolitan Business Association (MBA).

It was Boyar's second visit with MBA, and he discussed the increasing numbers of gay and lesbian film projects, such as *Philadelphia*, *Priscilla: Queen of the Desert*, *Three-Some*, and *Boys on the Side*. "There's been a significant change since I was here a year and a half ago," he said.



Jay Boyar



Hal Boedeker

Boedeker, who came to *The Sentinel* from *The Miami Herald* in January, was less optimistic than Boyar. He noted that much-ballyhooed television shows featuring regular gay characters have been largely unsuccessful.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS WITH AIDS GIVE UP 3-YEAR-OLD

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A 3-year-old girl adopted by a couple infected with the virus that causes AIDS will be moved to the home of the people she now knows as her grandparents, a judge has ruled.

Circuit Judge Horace Andrews, who approved the adoption nearly a year ago unaware the couple had the deadly virus, reversed himself in December and has now approved adoption by the infected man's parents.

Under the arrangement, the child will continue to keep in touch with the infected couple she has known as her parents since she was 6 months old.

The unusual case began in June 1992 when the child was placed with the couple, who were licensed foster parents. When the child's natural mother lost parental rights, the couple sought to adopt her.

But to protect the confidentiality of the couple, HRS did not inform the court of the couple's health status before Andrews approved the adoption last March.

HRS Secretary Jim Towey later said it was a mistake to place the child with terminally ill parents and asked the judge to reconsider.

HRS officials now say they will no longer recommend an adoption if HRS employees are aware that a prospective parent has AIDS or the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

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STREET DEDICATED TO AIDS ACTIVIST PEDRO ZAMORA

MIAMI — Microphones emitted earsplitting screeches before the sound system failed altogether, and many chattering children wouldn't shut up during speeches last week dedicating a street to the late AIDS activist Pedro Zamora.

Zamora would have loved every minute of it. His world was the real one. Chaotic. Imperfect. That's probably why he was such a hit on MTV's "Real World."

The ceremony was to give 59th Street in NW Miami the name of Pedro Zamora Way.

Ten residents a block from the school were asked if they knew who Zamora was.

Only one knew Zamora was a gifted speaker, traveling around the country talking to young people and others about AIDS. He died Nov. 11 at 22.

Marc Crispi, 18, a member of the Braddock High School marching band that performed at Tuesday's ceremonies, recalls hearing Zamora speak four years ago.

Crispi said many people wept that day, and the speech made Crispi "think twice about how precious life is, that I'm not invincible after all. It made me realize that it can happen to everyone, that no one is singled out with a sign that says, you know, they've got AIDS."

Zamora's longtime live-in companion, Alex Escarano, exhorted the children to "carry on Pedro's torch."

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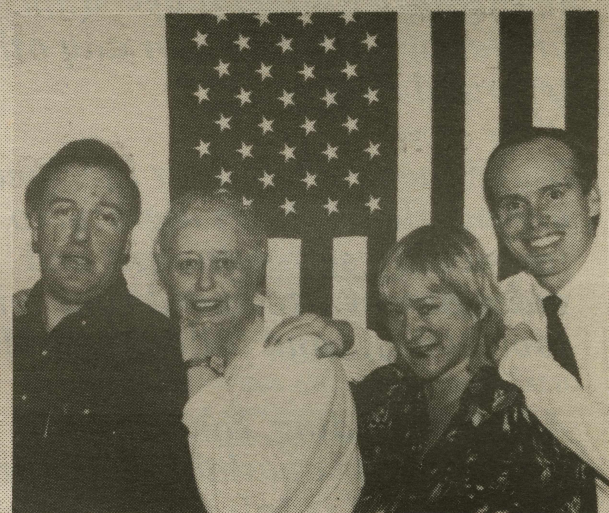
▼ **RAINBOW DEMS ELECT NEW OFFICERS:** The Rainbow Democratic Club, Orlando's gay and lesbian Democratic Party organization, elected new officers at their monthly meeting on Feb. 20 at the Orlando Public Library. Those elected include: President- Joel Strack; Vice President- Carol Bartsch; Treasurer- Allene Baus; Secretary- Keith Morrison; Board Members- Leslie Bennet, Mark Hilf, Michael Hodges, Chris Linn, and Ted Maines. Outgoing President Dr. Bob Spears was also named to the board, and presented with an honorary gavel.

▼ **NEW ORGANIZATION OFFERS HELPING HAND:** AIDS activist D.J. Johnson has formally announced the formation of a new AIDS service organization- Project Helping Hand, Inc. Project Helping Hand is a community-based, grass-roots meals on wheels program providing freshly prepared and nutritionally beneficial meals to those persons with HIV-related disabilities within the Orange County area. To donate, volunteer, or to obtain more information, call (407) 980-2903.

▼ **DAYTONA M*A*S*H* PARTY RAISES FUNDS:** A M*A*S*H* party held at The Barracks on Feb. 17 raised over \$1,800 and a truck load of supplies for Our House, which provides housing and medical care for severely ill AIDS patients in the Daytona Beach area.

▼ **JACKSONVILLE TEEN MAKES BOGUS AIDS CALLS:** The 13-year-old daughter of a hospital clerk was arrested for allegedly calling former emergency room patients and telling them they had tested positive for the AIDS virus. One person who was called, also a teenager, tried to get her father's gun and kill herself after receiving the call. Tammy Lynn Eskilsen was arrested last week after police tracked her down by using a victim's Caller ID. She was accused of calling seven patients who were treated at University Medical Center, and charged with assault, aggravated assault, and making threats. She was being held in a juvenile center.

▼ **NGLTF WARNS OF IMPOSTER OFFICER:** The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has issued a press release warning Florida gay and lesbian organizations that an individual has been misrepresenting himself as an officer of NGLTF. According to the memo, which was sent to Orlando's Gay and Lesbian Community Services (GLCS), "NGLTF currently has 24 staff members, none of whom have the title 'Vice President,' and only one- Susan Hubbard- who is currently working in Florida.... We currently have 24 board members, none of whom are in Florida at this time."



RDC officers Keith Morrison, Allene Baus, Carol Bartsch and Joel Strack

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MILITARY VIOLATING "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" POLICY, GROUP SAYS

WASHINGTON — Military officials are violating the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuals in uniform, a group that supports lifting the ban on gays in the armed forces said.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a Washington-based group that assists men and women affected by the military's policy on homosexuals, collected what it said were 340 violations of the policy.

The alleged violations included instances in which military officials reportedly asked servicemen and women about their sexual orientation, punished permissible statements about sexual orientation, pursued or "witch hunted" individuals and condoned harassment based on sexual orientation, the group's report said.

Based on a review of the policy from March 1, 1994, to Feb. 28, 1995, the study "reveals a pattern of violations that often renders the policy little more than 'ask, pursue and harass,'" according to a summary of the report.

It suggested that a lack of training and guidance on the new policy, "and in some cases, willful disregard of military policy by commanders" lie at the heart of the problem.

A Defense Department spokesman, Maj. Tom Schultz, said he could not comment on data that the group had collected on its own and which had not been submitted to the Pentagon.

The report represents what the legal defense group called the "tip of the iceberg," since the information came from people who came forward with complaints.

Under the policy, military officials may not ask a service member his or her sexual orientation. Overt homosexual behavior may result in removal from the military, but generally the policy considers sexual orientation "a personal and private matter."

Only two cases challenging the "don't ask, don't tell" policy have reached federal court. From last Feb. 28 — when the policy took effect — to Oct. 31, 507 service members were discharged from the military under the new policy, Schultz said.

Before the new policy took effect, the military services had 949 discharges for homosexuality in fiscal year 1991, 708 in 1992, and 682 in 1993, Schultz said. In fiscal year 1994, which included seven months under the new policy, there were 597 discharges.

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GAY LIEUTENANT, FACING EXPULSION, AWARDED MEDAL BY NAVY

WASHINGTON — Lt. Tracy Thorne says he's surprised and pleased that the Navy gave him an achievement medal even though it has been trying to kick him out since he went on national television in 1992 to say he's gay.

"I'm still befuddled by it all," he said after the ceremony at which he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. "My commanding officer said, 'What are we doing here? On the one hand, we're kicking you out; on the other, we're giving you a medal.'"

The citation recognizes Thorne's "professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties."

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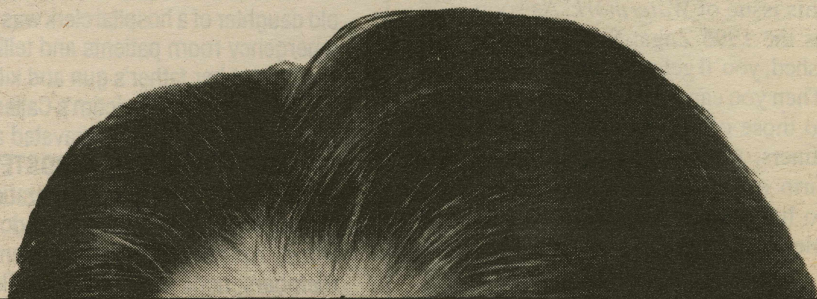
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LESBIAN MOM ASKS VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT TO RETURN HER CHILD

RICHMOND, Va. — Homosexuality is no reason to declare a woman an unfit mother, the attorney for a lesbian fighting to regain custody of her son argued Monday before the Virginia Supreme Court.

Donald K. Butler told the justices that a trial court had little reason beyond Sharon Bottoms' sexual orientation to take her son, Tyler Doustou, away from her and her live-in partner, April Wade.

The child has lived with his grandmother, Kay Bottoms, since a Henrico Circuit Court judge ruled in 1993 that Sharon Bottoms was an unfit mother because she engages in sexual conduct that is illegal in Virginia.

"We have many cases that have been heard before this court on parental unfitness. We have murderers, peeping toms ... a whole rogues' gallery of people this court has ruled in the past cannot be deprived of custody without some showing of harm (to the child)," Butler said.

But Kay Bottoms' lawyer, Richard Ryder, told the justices, "What this court is being asked to do is chip away at family values and public morality. This case involves two women who regularly engage in sodomy. They live a lifestyle that this court has condemned as repugnant, immoral and evil," Ryder said.

Sodomy, both heterosexual and homosexual, is illegal in Virginia.

"This child is almost 4 years old and will be going to school soon," Ryder said. "He will be introducing this April at PTA meetings and to his peers as his daddy. It takes very little imagination to see or know the harm this will do. You should not let a child grow up in a household where adults are committing a felony every day."

In June, the Virginia Court of Appeals overturned Henrico Circuit Judge Buford Parsons' ruling that gave Kay Bottoms custody of Tyler. Despite the appellate ruling, the boy remains with his grandmother pending the Supreme Court's decision.

The case is being closely watched nationally by gay and lesbian groups. Neither attorney in the case expected the court to rule quickly.

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BRIEFS

▼ **ARKANSAS WON'T LEGALIZE HOMOSEXUAL ACTS:** For the third time in six years, a Senate committee killed legislation Friday that would make private, consensual homosexual acts legal in Arkansas. The state sodomy law makes sexual acts between people of the same sex a misdemeanor, along with sex with an animal.

▼ **OFFENSES TO GAYS NOT HATE CRIMES IN COLORADO:** A bill that would have added crimes against gays, lesbians and bisexuals to the list of Colorado's "hate crimes" died in a legislative committee last week.

▼ **CALIFORNIA TO REVISIT VETOED DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BILL:** Assemblyman Richard Katz will reintroduce to the Legislature a domestic partnership bill already vetoed once by Gov. Pete Wilson. The measure would allow gay or heterosexual unmarried couples who live together to register with the state so they can receive hospital visitation rights and conservatorship rights. "This bill would affect the one million people who live together in California without benefit of marriage — tens of thousands of senior citizens, middle-aged couples, younger couples, heterosexual or gay and lesbian," Katz said.

▼ **SOUTH DAKOTA SENATE PANEL AXES MEASURE TO BAN GAY MARRIAGES:** A plan to bar legal marriages between gays in South Dakota was killed by a Senate committee Monday night. The Judiciary Committee voted 4-3 to scrap legislation that said marriages between people of the same sex could not be recognized in the state. It is already state policy not to marry gay couples. Without the proposed law, South Dakota may have to recognize same-sex marriages from other states, some said.

▼ **UTAH PROCEEDS TO BAN GAY MARRIAGE:** Legislation that would deny recognition to same-sex marriages won unanimous endorsement by a Utah House committee that was told the measure could face a legal challenge. Utah already bans same-sex marriages. House Bill 366 would deny recognition of such marriages performed in other states. Hawaii is one state that could legalize such unions.

▼ **MISSOURI'S FIRST OPENLY GAY LAWMAKER ARRIVES:** Freshman Democrat Tim Van Zandt raised his right hand and, along with 162 others on the House floor, took the oath of office for Missouri's legislature. Van Zandt, 31, represents the Westport and Country Club Plaza areas of Kansas City. He talked about his homosexuality when asked but didn't make it an issue in his campaign.

▼ **BRITISH COLUMBIA APPROVES HOMOSEXUAL ADOPTIONS:** British Columbia's government has changed its adoption rules to allow single persons — including homosexuals — to apply to adopt infants.



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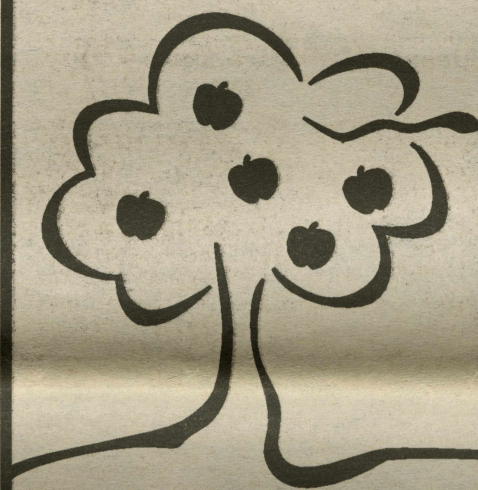
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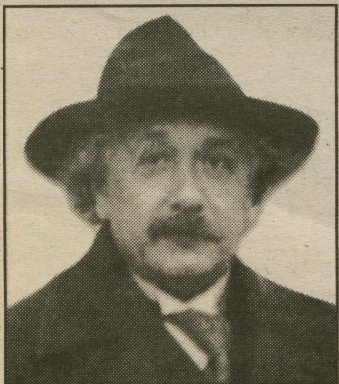
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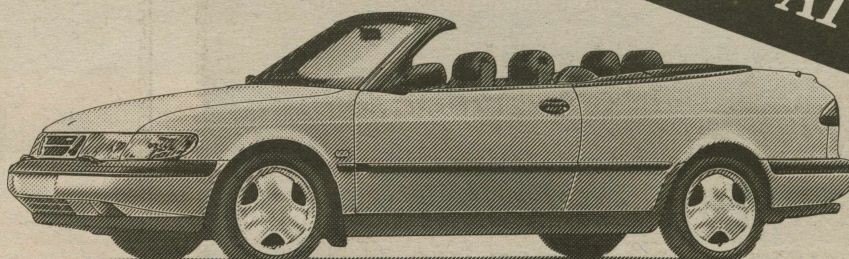
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ATHLETES WHO HAVE DISCLOSED HIV+ STATUS

ARTHUR ASHE – Champion tennis star. Died Feb. 6, 1993, at age 49.

GLENN BURKE – Former major league baseball player with Oakland A's and Los Angeles Dodgers from 1976-79. Appeared in 1977 World Series with Dodgers.

JOHN CURRY – A figure skater who won the gold medal at the 1976 Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, and the world championship title the same year. Died April 15, 1994, at age 46.

ESTEBAN DeJESUS – Former WBC lightweight champion. Died May 11, 1989, at age 37.

BILL GOLDSWORTHY – Former NHL player who scored 283 goals in 14 seasons with Boston, Minnesota and New York Rangers.

EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON – Announced Nov. 7, 1991, he was retiring at age 32 from the Los Angeles Lakers after disclosing he was infected with the HIV virus. He subsequently played on the Dream Team at the 1992 Olympics.

CHAD KINCH – Played basketball in the Final Four for North Carolina-Charlotte in 1977 and in 1980 was a No. 1 draft pick of the Cleveland Cavaliers. Died April 3, 1994, at age 35.

GREG LOUGANIS – Disclosed in February 1995 he has AIDS and was infected with the AIDS virus when he won two gold medals for diving at the 1988 Olympics. Also won two gold medals in 1984.

TIM RICHMOND – One of stock-car racing's most promising drivers. Died Aug. 16, 1989, at age 34.

JERRY SMITH – All-Pro tight end for the Washington Redskins football team in 1965-1977. Died Oct. 15, 1986, at age 43. He was the first professional athlete known to have died from the disease.

THOMAS WADDELL – Member of U.S. decathlon team in 1968 Mexico City Olympics. Died July 11, 1987, at age 49.

ALAN WIGGINS – Second baseman who played in the majors from 1981-87, mostly with the San Diego Padres. Died January 1991 at age 32.

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GOP CUTS KEY AIDS FUNDING

WASHINGTON – The mother of Ryan White, who died of AIDS five years ago, is urging Republicans not to cut the AIDS program that bears her son's name.

"Congress can't turn its back on people with AIDS at this point in the crisis and expect not to face a crisis of its own – a crisis of confidence," said Jeanne White-Ginder.

House Republicans this week cut \$13 million from this year's budget for the Ryan White CARE program. The money goes directly to states and cities to care for people with AIDS or the HIV virus that causes it.

Overall, GOP lawmakers in the House plan to cut \$209 million from AIDS-related programs.

As part of a \$17.5 billion reduction from this year's budget allocations, Republicans also would eliminate a housing program for those with AIDS, which has a \$186 million budget, and cut \$23 million from prevention programs run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., called the cuts "one of the most appalling acts of callousness that I have seen."

"This week the House voted to increase spending on the military. The Appropriations subcommittee left the space program virtually untouched," Frank said. "But program after program that tries to meet the needs of people who are in pain and in need have been cut."

"The Republicans are shopping for dollars to pay for their tax cut for the rich," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., who said he was shocked by the "all-out assault on training, education and health."

Activists said Congress should look elsewhere for cuts.

"We cannot balance the budget or cut the deficit on the backs of people with AIDS," said Winnie Stachelberg of the Human Rights Campaign fund.

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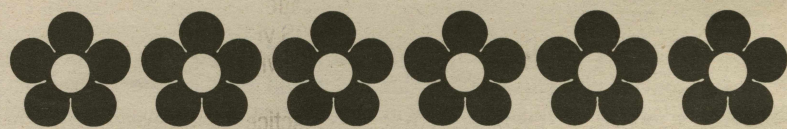
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HEALTH & HIV NEWS

AIDS PATIENTS UNDERGO CONTROVERSIAL BLOOD-SCALDING EXPERIMENT

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A radiator sucked all the blood from the unconscious AIDS patient, heating it to 114 degrees. The man's blood pressure plummeted and his heart raced to 180 beats a minute as the blood steamed back through his organs.

That normally would be cause for alarm, but Dr. Stephen Ash just smiled as he described how the high heat might temporarily clear some of the fatal AIDS virus from the patient's bloodstream and give his exhausted immune system a chance to fight back.

"A cure would be an overstatement," said Ash, an Indiana internist. "But if we put the disease in remission, it would be a staggering accomplishment."

Ash and 30 AIDS patients are spending the next month trying to prove whether one of the most controversial therapies ever proposed for AIDS actually works. In it, patients' blood is scalded, then reinfused until their body temperature rises to 108 degrees.

The theory is that heat will kill some of the HIV, the AIDS virus, that roams free in the blood as well as HIV-infected cells, offering the patient a temporary respite.

A handful of patients tested in July saw HIV in the blood drop significantly and their number of vital immune cells, called CD4s, rise modestly.

One, Richard Farrell of West Palm Beach, Fla., was bedridden with infections until the July trial. He has since gained 21 pounds and seen a 1/3 drop in his viral load.

Testing of the 30 patients, 10 of whom are controls who won't be heated, started Feb. 15, so it's too early to tell what works.

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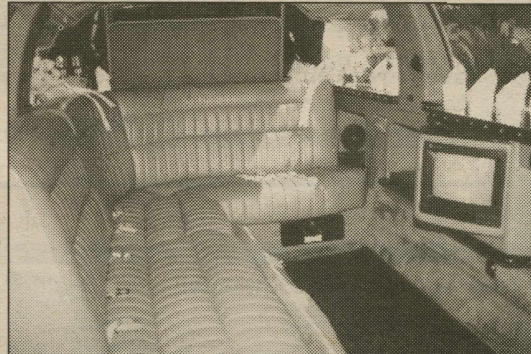
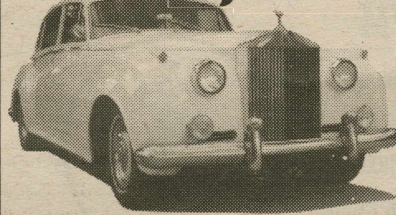
▼ **CDC WANTS ALL 4 MILLION PREGNANT WOMEN TESTED FOR AIDS:** Doctors should counsel every pregnant woman — 4 million a year — about AIDS and urge each to be tested for the fatal virus so infected mothers can try to protect their unborn children, the government has proposed. An estimated 80,000 heterosexual women of childbearing age have HIV, about 7,000 give birth each year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention acknowledged. But doctors recently discovered that the drug AZT cuts by two-thirds the chance a mother will infect her unborn child — if she knows to take it.

▼ **TESTS ENCOURAGING ON AIDS DRUGS:** Three drug companies have presented encouraging test results on experimental AIDS medications. Merck & Co. said its drug, MK-639, works better and longer at inhibiting the AIDS virus than AZT, the most commonly used AIDS drug on the market. And, it does so without the side effects of AZT. All of the drugs are protease inhibitors.

▼ **AIDS PHOBIA LAWSUIT REJECTED:** A man's malpractice lawsuit, based on his fear of developing AIDS after sitting in a pool of blood on a hospital stretcher, has been rejected by the Connecticut Supreme Court. According to the decision, the trial court correctly found that the plaintiff, despite his fears, had not been exposed to HIV, the virus that causes AIDS and had not established a compensable claim for "AIDS phobia."

▼ **RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT REQUIRES AIDS TESTS FOR VISITORS:** The lower house of Russia's parliament on Friday approved a measure requiring foreigners who intend to come to Russia for more than three months to prove they do not carry the AIDS virus.

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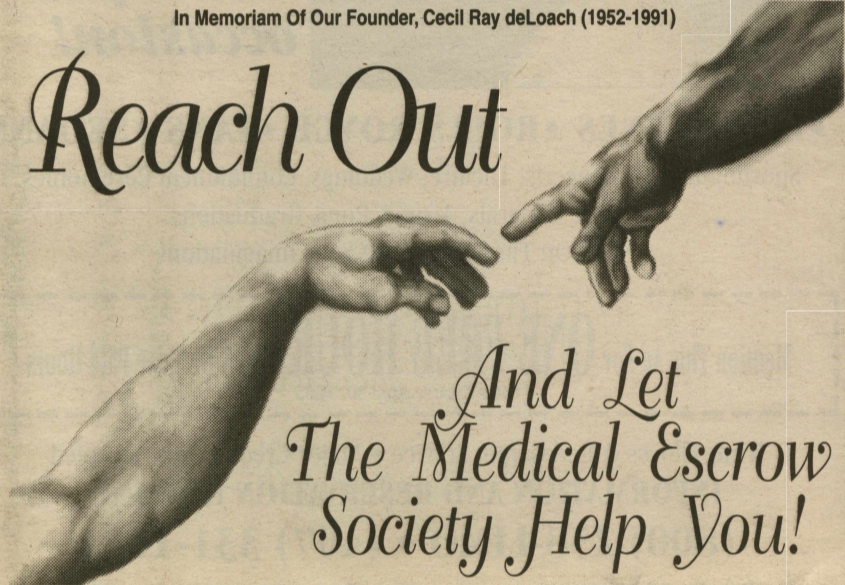

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LOUGANIS

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After watching Louganis on ABC News' 20/20, I now understand why he had avoided that kind of publicity.

In his interview with Barbara Walters, Louganis told the world that he has AIDS, and that he was HIV-positive when he hit his head during the 1988 Summer Games.

In one of the most riveting moments in sports history, Louganis cracked his head on a reverse dive during the preliminaries of the 1988 springboard event. He became "paralyzed with fear" when he started bleeding in the pool.

"I was so stunned," Louganis said. "I mean, what was going on in my mind at the time was, 'What's my responsibility? Do I say something?'"

"I just held my head... I just wanted to hold the blood in," Louganis told Barbara Walters.

He did not reveal his condition to the U.S. Olympic Committee doctor who gave him five stitches, and felt sure the chlorinated water in the pool would dilute the virus.

In a thrilling and inspiring comeback the next day, Louganis easily won the springboard gold. When it was over, he wrapped his arms around coach Ron O'Brien and sobbed. Watching on TV, I sobbed with them.

Louganis told his coach "nobody will ever know what we've been through." With his book and interviews, he is now beginning to share his ordeal with us.

Louganis told Walters he received word that a former companion was dying of AIDS six months before the Seoul Games. He said he was tested and learned he was HIV positive.

"Dealing with HIV was really difficult for me because I felt like, 'God, the U.S. Olympic Committee needs to know this ... U.S. Diving needs to know it,' because what if I get sick at the Olympic Games and am unable to compete?" he said.

But Louganis said he never told the USOC because "I was encouraged not to."

When his coach was asked if he wasn't afraid that Louganis would hurt himself or infect someone else, O'Brien told 20/20:

"No, not really. Because there's very, very little chance. If it were in a sport like boxing or wrestling, football, where there's a lot of contact, personal contact, I would have been very concerned. But our sport is such that you don't ever come close to anybody."

Although I had suspected Louganis was gay, he disclosed that he was homosexual at the Gay Games in New York last year.

But didn't Louganis reveal his HIV infection until publication of his forthcoming Random House book, *Breaking the Surface*.

The book deals with AIDS, as well as homosexuality, dyslexia, racism he suffered because of his Samoan heritage, an allegedly abusive stepfather, teen-age depression and three suicide attempts.

Last week, Louganis spoke with talk show hostess Oprah Winfrey about an abu-

sive relationship, and about keeping his HIV status away from the press. Louganis disclosed that he was raped by a former lover, and Winfrey asked how he could continue to live with a man who had raped him. "I felt like I deserved it," said Louganis. "I was made to think that's what I deserved."

He also told Winfrey, "Lying was incredibly stressful and energy-reducing, which I knew wasn't good for someone in my health condition... so I just avoided interviews and really all kinds of personal interactions."

Louganis' book is dedicated to his friend Ryan White. "I gave my '88 gold springboard medal to Ryan's mother," he told Winfrey. "After I hit my head, I thought to myself, 'what would Ryan do?' and I knew he would fight, so he was my strength."

Louganis won four gold medals for springboard and platform diving at the Olympics in 1984 and 1988. He is the only diver to score consecutive perfect 10s in an international competition.

Through his recent interviews and his book, I have come to understand why Greg Louganis was such a tough competitor. Being different has a way of making one stronger and more secretive. When one feels isolated from others, excelling in activities to build self-esteem is a common coping mechanism. For Louganis, coping led all the


 Louganis' new autobiography, *Breaking the Surface*.

way to Olympic gold.

Today I am sad for my hero, as I am sad every time a close friend tells me that they are affected by AIDS. Greg Louganis is still my hero, though now for very different reasons.

This story was compiled using wire services. Other athletes who have the AIDS virus are listed on page 6.

Breaking the Surface, by Greg Louganis with Eric Marcus, is available at Out & About Books.

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FEATURE STORY

MEL WHITE

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this visit but the time felt right," White said. "The flood of anti-gay rhetoric coming from Pat and Falwell, James Dobson and all the others has polluted the nation's moral environment and leads to suffering and death for gay people. It's time for it to stop."

On February 14 White and a group of 12 local religious leaders went to the CBN complex and, again, White asked for a meeting with Robertson. He was refused by CBN spokesperson Gene Kapp but White remained on the grounds until he was thrown out by security guards late in the afternoon. He was told that if he returned again he would be arrested for trespassing. White did return on February 15 and was handcuffed and lead off the grounds, by Lt. Wray Boswell of the Virginia Beach Police. Ironically, Boswell is the brother of gay historian John Boswell who died in December of last year. Boswell told Atlanta's *Southern Voice* that he is in complete sympathy with White and had requested to be allowed to make the arrest.

There is disagreement over the significance of White's actions — among Christians, of course, but also among gay people. White's history, his close ties with the Religious Right before he came out, make him very suspicious to some. He has been accused of being a self-appointed leader who hasn't paid his dues, and of being an ego maniac only out for publicity. White knows this, is painfully aware of it, he says. Last year, after publication of his book, *Stranger at the Gate: To be Gay and Christian in America*, he commented, "the gay press doesn't like me because I'm Christian and the Christian press doesn't like me because I'm gay."

White is in isolation at the jail, placed there for his own protection. The guards treat him well, he says, but his cell is cold and always lit. The other inmates in his block constantly yell and bang things against the steel cots and bars. And he is fasting, first only drinking skim milk and Tang a few times a day, but since Feb. 25 only drinking water.

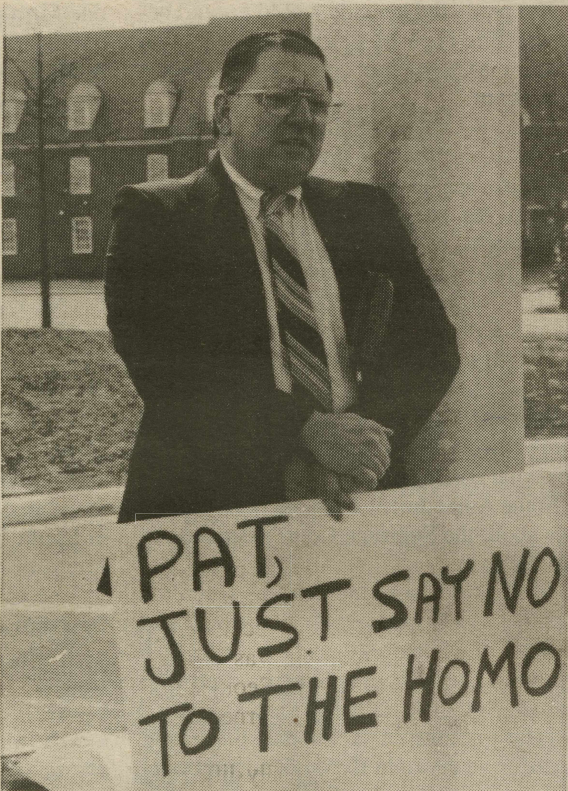
On the day of our interview, White was on day eight of his fast, but seemed quite fit. He was energetic and talkative. The bright orange jump suit he wore seemed appropriate for this man who is as optimistic about the future for gay people as he is serious about helping to make it happen. As Minister of Justice for the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the network of gay Christian churches founded in 1968 by Troy Perry, White says it is his duty to combine social action with faith.

"God's business, as in the words of the prophet Micah, is doing the business of justice, and I have the unique opportunity to deal with the very source of our problems," White explained. "Robertson and the like, I know who they are, I've dealt with them many times. And I am finally doing what I've talked about doing all my life. I'm taking a stand for my brothers and sisters who are gay. I'm putting my life where my mouth is. I feel so certain that God created me gay, and I'm convinced that the next stage of our community's resistance to oppression rests in the power of love coupled with truth. You must move toward an untruth, not away from it. My job is to rescue Pat from his untruth, not for my sake, but for his and everyone else's. Every day in here I am more thankful that I didn't miss my chance to take a stand."

The people who are supporting White are thankful, too. His lover of 10 years, Gary Nixon, and a dedicated group calling themselves "Bearing Witness" are making sure that White's momentum is not lost. Each day

a group of 12 people deliver a flower and a message to the door of CBN headquarters. The message usually states, "Please meet with Mel."

On Monday, Feb. 20 Bearing Witness was met by four "counter-demonstrators" led by Donald Spitz who is known to advocate the murder of doctors who perform abortions. As the group approached the grounds Spitz told the group to "turn from your perverted sexual ways," and as they left the CBN grounds Spitz shouted, "What are you going to do now, shoot us?" The group did not



CBN counter-demonstrator Donald Spitz: "Turn from your perverted sexual ways."

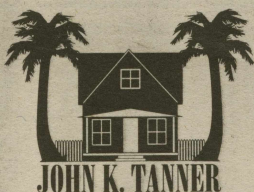
respond, walking away in silence. Spitz's words seemed all the more ridiculous for it.

Few people believe Pat Robertson will ever agree to meet with Mel White.

But White says he would not be sitting in jail otherwise, and he is prepared to stay there as long as it takes. "What I am asking for is very simple, to meet with Pat and ask him for two things. One, stop denouncing gay people because you are leading, directly or indirectly, to violence against them, violence that is increasing every day. And two, denounce those who are committing the crimes. That's it. Pat is a smart man, he just has the wrong information."

In a more somber moment, however, White is more realistic. "I don't really know how long I can do this," he confessed. "I take it one day at a time. It's only me and God in that cell. And though I pray everyday for Pat to see the truth, if I feel God wants me to do something else, I'll do it. I feel called by God to be part of the solution. And it's my struggle to understand how to do it."

Christina Cash is the editor of Atlanta's *Southern Voice*.



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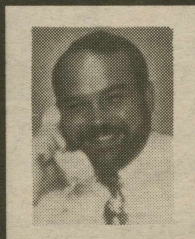
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SUPREME COURT

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protection as ethnic minorities or the disabled.

Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton said the Supreme Court's upcoming review of Colorado's anti-gay-rights amendment could be the most significant civil rights case of the 1990s.

Jean Dubofsky, the lead lawyer representing opponents of Amendment 2 before the Colorado Supreme Court, said the high court's decision positions the issue of gay rights for a final resolution.

She predicted her side would prevail because "this type of discrimination is so contrary to what our country has always been about."

Voters in Oregon and Idaho defeated anti-gay-rights amendments last November. Eight states provide some sort of civil rights protection for homosexuals: California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Vermont and Wisconsin.

The Colorado gay-rights case does not address homosexual conduct. But the high court's ruling, expected by July 1996, could provide insight to the justices' views on the continuing validity of a 1986 Supreme Court ruling that let states outlaw consensual homosexual conduct.

Some Amendment 2 opponents were uneasy about the Supreme Court's decision to take the case.

"It always makes me nervous when the Supreme Court takes cases like this," said Cathcart of Lambda Legal Defense, which represents Colorado cities and residents who challenged the amendment.

"The question ... is whether the voters should have the right to deny constitutional rights and access to the political process to a

...the Supreme Court's upcoming review of Colorado's anti-gay-rights amendment could be the most significant civil rights case of the 1990s.

minority group," Cathcart said.

Colorado for Family Values' Perkins said he was happy the Supreme Court chose to review the case. "We're looking forward to their decision."

Perkins said he hopes the court sides with his group's position that homosexuality should not be a protected class.

"The position that we take is that when someone chooses to practice homosexuality (that) does not put them in an equal status with ethnicity or being disabled," he said.

The Colorado amendment, which has never been enforced, would cancel ordinances in Denver, Boulder, Aspen and other cities that ban discrimination against homosexuals.

Voter approval of the amendment led gay

activists to organize a nationwide boycott of Colorado tourism. State officials said the state lost about \$40 million in convention business.

The cities of Denver, Boulder and Aspen and a group of gay men and women sued, saying the amendment violated homosexuals' rights to equal protection and free speech and impeded their right to petition the government.

A state judge ruled in their favor, and the Colorado Supreme Court agreed last October.

"The right to participate equally in the political process is clearly affected," the state's top court said. The amendment "singles out one form of discrimination and removes its redress from consideration by the normal political process."

The state's appeal called that ruling "a dramatic and unwarranted interference in the political process" that improperly gives special protection to homosexuals.

Howard L. Hurwitz, chairman of the New York-based Family Defense Council said, "To have reversed the will of the people is totally unwarranted. Let the homosexuals do what they want, but to have their political agenda enacted is something else again."

In a related matter, the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether Massachusetts courts violated the First Amendment when they ruled that the St. Patrick's Day parade in South Boston is a public event open to everyone, including gay activists.

The parade's sponsor, the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, has tried to exclude gay activists from the parade. The Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group has fought for the right of gays to march in the event, which honors both the patron saint of Ireland and the evacuation of British troops from Boston during the Revolutionary War.

State courts in Massachusetts have ruled that, because the parade does not have a specific, protected message, gays could march under the state law banning discrimination.

A ruling to that effect last year by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court caused the veterans' group to cancel the parade.

But U.S. District Judge Mark L. Wolf ruled last month that the veterans' group could bar gays this year because part of the parade will be a protest against the state court rulings, and so was protected under the First Amendment.

John Ward, lawyer for the gay group, then asked the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse its Jan. 6 decision to hear the case.

"Maybe there is a new line in the sand that says it's OK for gays to have condos in the South End, but when it looks like real participation in American life, then people's prejudice, I think, reasserts itself," Ward said.

But Chester Darling, lawyer for the veterans' group, said: "The issue in this case is judicially compelled speech. This is not a fight my client started. Now we are going to finish it."

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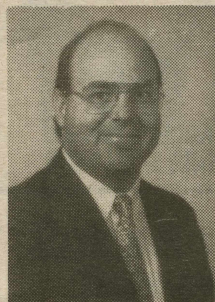
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DAYTONA BEACHFEST OBTAINS LITE BEER SPONSORSHIP

Plans for the Greater Daytona Beach Business Guild's 2nd Annual "Beachfest" are taking shape. S.R. Perrott, the local distributor of Miller Lite beer, has signed on as a sponsor, and will provide free beer for the entire event, as well as a \$1000 subsidy. The Ramada Resort Oceanfront is the event's co-sponsor.

Last year's event drew people from all over the U.S. to Daytona for a gay beach party weekend. This year, planners are expecting close to 1000 participants. Businesses and organizations such as Cafe Frappes, Bellair Plaza, Panama Jack, the Gay Veteran's Association, and The Barracks have also committed their involvement.

Beachfest will take place at the Ramada Resort Oceanfront from April 21 - 23. Admission to Beachfest is \$20, which will include a party Friday night, a poolside buffet on Saturday, and a T-dance on Sunday. Other planned activities include: a volleyball tournament, a sand sculpture contest, a buns and tanline contest, and the crowning of King and Queen of the Beach.

Admission passes will also entitle holders to discounts at Daytona area bars and restaurants.

Vendor booths for Saturday and Sunday are also \$20. Room for vendors has been expanded since last year, and according to event Co-Chair Tom Reynolds, tables are being reserved quickly. Vendors interested in participating in Beachfest may call Reynolds



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NIKE AD FEATURES HIV-POSITIVE RUNNER

PORTLAND, Ore. - Once again, Nike has broken new ground in advertising, this time by featuring a marathon runner who learned he had the AIDS virus in 1987.

"Finally, at least one mainstream marketer is acknowledging reality - that there are millions of people living with HIV," said Bradley Johnson, a Los Angeles editor of Advertising Age magazine.

Nike began running the ad featuring Los Angeles runner Ric Munoz earlier this month.

The 30-second commercial shows Munoz

running through Malibu Canyon State Park in Los Angeles. As the scenery changes, captions say: "Rick Munoz, Los Angeles; 80 miles every week; 10 marathons every year; HIV positive; Just Do It."

Munoz, 36, is gay and said he wasn't surprised when he tested positive for the AIDS virus.

"I really never let it affect me," he said. "It was something new to deal with, just another in a long line of challenges."

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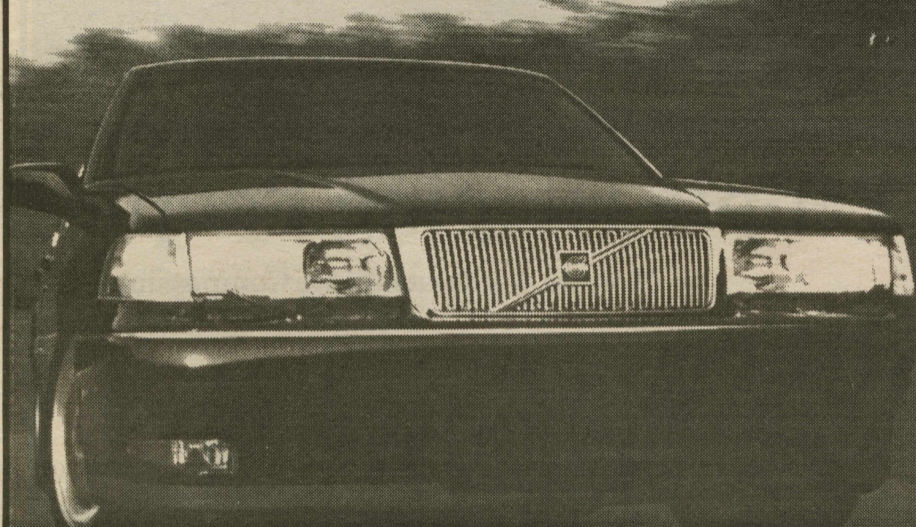
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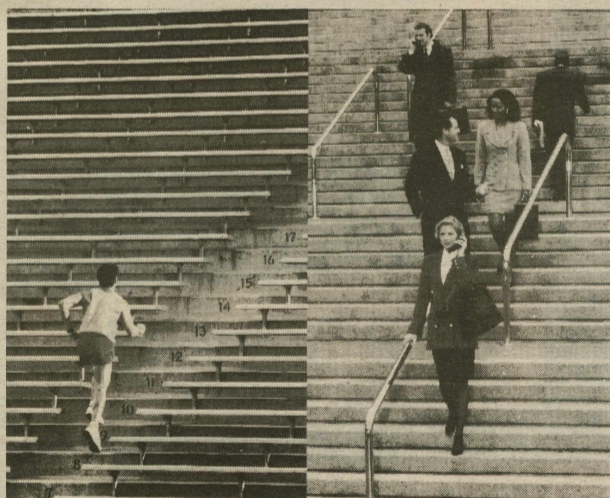
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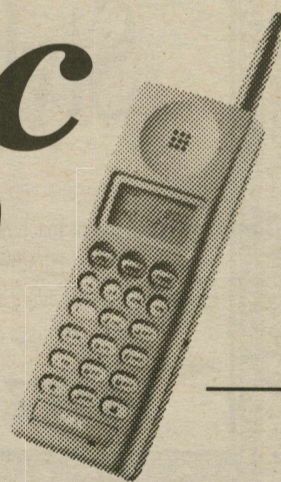
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VIEWPOINT

Do you think that straight conservatives, especially those in the religious right, see the acceptance of homosexuality and homosexual lifestyles as a threat to the values they have learned and grown up with; or do they use homosexuality as an issue to gain and/or maintain their power structures?

After reading in *The Advocate's* February 7, 1995 issue of the fight by a Seattle gay couple to adopt their foster son, I have concluded that the issue of homosexuality revolves around the power structure established by religious conservatives to maintain the influence they have over their constituency. It is, my friends, an influence based on bigotry and deceit.

For years, religious leaders have been privy to work provided by religious scholars based on a "historical critical analysis" of Biblical passages; the message of the Bible in the context of the time it was written. These scholars have concluded that homosexuality in itself is not condemned in the Bible; only abusive homosexual acts are

PREJUDICE IN THE NAME OF RELIGION: HONEST TO GOD

condemned (as are abusive heterosexual acts). Suggested reading: *What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality*, by Daniel A. Helminiak, Ph.D.

The leadership promoting religious prejudice in this country maintain power by keeping their followers in the dark about the real meaning of the Bible. Perhaps they are afraid that their influence will be undermined if they allow honest, enlightened discussion of homosexuality in the Bible. Or perhaps they like the power they feel when they ignite and fuel the bigotry in their congregation. Perhaps. Perhaps. Perhaps...

But we have gay children, today, grow-

ing up like I did, in a society that condemns them just because of who they love. And, by God, I will do everything in my power to change that for them. This is my pledge to our gay children.

Education is the biggest weapon in our fight for freedom. Coming out to family and friends can be both empowering and scary. It will change the nature of the relationships we have; ending some, creating others. Coming out to my family, not knowing if they would be supportive or not, was among the scariest things I have ever had to do. And make no mistake about it, I had to come out in order to survive. I needed to know I was

loved just for being me. It was up to me to be open and honest about myself. Now I am making a difference in my family, just as together we can make a difference in this world. Several organizations in the gay community are making great headway and need volunteers. Call GLCS for descriptions and recommendations.

We alone are responsible for the future. We must learn to say no to the bigots; to proudly identify ourselves as human beings that deserve respect. It is up to us to obtain every right we deserve - without exception. Support the cause. Enlist now and make a difference. Or consider the options.

MY TURN

by Stephen E. Roberts



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The news that Rocky Ward resigned from the office of president of GLCS reveals problems within that organization. When a problem is recognized, it must be met and handled in a calm and resolute manner.

The unfortunate words of board member Spencer Osborne appear calculated to intensify the problem without addressing the issue; Osborne's comments were aimed at the recent election of officers which is not the matter at hand. Charging the election was "a fraud and a sham and we ought to apologize to our members," is a curious accusation by Osborne, who sits on that board as a result of that election. Angry words may create an illusion of authority, but responsible leadership and constructive analysis are what embody authority.

A display of petulance is an opportunistic pursuit of self promotion and fleeting attention, but it is no substitute for leadership. Let GLCS pursue the solution to its problems and, if Osborne believes he has committed a wrong and wishes to apologize, he should feel free to do so.

Lack of esprit de corps in the gay community is reflected in organized activities, especially in elections. When membership is small and participation even smaller, the result will almost always be an inaccurate representation of the community. This apathy often results in the election or appointment of persons seemingly dedicated to conflict to positions that should go to those committed to stability, balance and progress.

The large numbers of gays and lesbians should represent great strength and influence in matters of law, commerce and government. Our financial resources should be a magnet to the business community on both national and local levels and should affect politics with the strength of a lobbyist. But these things will come about *only* if we come together displaying our unity, for therein lies our strength.

Until we, as individuals, elect to empower ourselves by coming together, our voices will be dismissed and our presence ignored. Failing to take part in the pursuit of one's community is an unfortunate choice. Employing invective to diminish the reputation of one's community as it pursues justice can only be recognized as a malicious act.

We aspire to greater things: the full Constitutional rights of American citizenship. It's time to be positive - to join and build our community so that tomorrow will be better than today.

Jeff Campbell
Orlando

Letter sent to Adam Cook, Station Manager, WXXL - 106.7 FM Radio

I, too, am shocked after reading about the horribly rude remarks made by your DJs, Johnny and Doc, about HIV and AIDS (*Watermark*, Issue 2.04). The DJs, management, and entire staff, and especially you, Mr. Cook, should be ashamed and disgusted with your-

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selves. To allow this to be aired on public radio proves how low some people can be.

What right do your DJs have to ridicule, or as you stated, "to bash" another human being? Are you all perfect people? With asinine comments like that, I seriously doubt it. Would you allow those two jerks to make fun of people with cancer or any fatal disease? I hope not. AIDS is not a gay disease. That kind of thinking went out with the dark ages. It affects all of us, including the high and mighty DJs at your station. They don't sound intelligent enough to practice safe sex. Your comment that "AIDS isn't something people want to hear about on the radio anyway" was one of the most stupid things you could have said. If it was discussed more openly, in the proper way, maybe it would help slow the spread. AIDS awareness and education are what we need. A public radio

station would be a good place to start.

I sincerely hope that an apology was made on the air by the DJs and yourself, Mr. Cook. It won't settle the score, but it would show that you can be respectful to other people.

As far as your station "donating public service time to gay events," who gives a damn. When the service and support are solely for the gratification of your own station and yourselves, it means nothing. When you make comments like this one, we don't need or want your support.

Take the time to think about what your DJs did. Are they really wanted on a public radio station, able to spread their prejudice and hate? To know that there are still people as ignorant and small minded as they are is very frightful.

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Friends forever: The ImprovAbilities' Martin Kunz and John Cannon at the Spectrums.



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VIEWPOINT

I called my grandmothers to wish them a Happy Valentine's Day and to make sure they received my cards. Nana, my mother's mother, gossiped graciously with me in her jolly tone about my mother's side of the family. I could tell by the lack of comments about babies that she does not know the "new" family secret. My father's mother (or, as my family calls her, *my grandmother*), still insisting I call collect, gave me a brief "hello" and then "goodbye." I knew she did not know the new family secret, either.

For me, the first family secret arose back when I was sneaking off to the local gay bar. I was often afraid that I would find my father there. As young children, my brother and I would beg my parents to tell us the story of their first date.

They would begin with my father's attendance at the Academy of the Arts in Newark, New Jersey, then glamorized their adventure at the village Cafe; a dark smokey jazz club. My mother was enthralled with the music, horrified by the smoke and confused by the clientele. My father cautioned her about going to the bathroom alone, and remarked that the women dancers were really men. Tensed, she smiled at him and decided that night she was going to marry him.

My brother and I would sit on the edge of our seats waiting patiently for the funny part, clueless as to their innuendo. Finally, "...the drive home..." my mother would say, giggling. It was only later in life that I recognized it to be a nervous laugh, denying the truth of my father's secret passion.

"Your father pulled the car over, causing such a commotion about the bad smell." My mother had stepped in a pile of dog doo at the Cafe's parking lot. We laughed at the thought of her scraping it off her red pumps while my dad searched the tires for the culprit. Long after my baby sister was born, he was still mad at my mother for lying to

him about the source of the dog doo. I was mad at him for lying to her.

Because at twenty-one, my father was sneaking off to gay bars. At twenty-one, I was secretly dating the daughter of one of his college bar-hopping buddies. How small the gay world seemed.

In 1985, my grandmother became severely depressed as old age beckoned. Having experienced this before with my mother's father, Gramps, we nursed her every step of the way. At the climax of her

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depression, she invited me over for dinner to tell me her secret. She prepared veal cutlets and cheese cake, my favorites. I took this as a sign of recovery. I didn't know what was coming next.

After dinner, she went into her bedroom, rummaged through her dresser drawers, and returned to sit next to me. She placed a plain 24-karat gold wedding band in my palm. For a while, we both gazed silently at the ring. My grandmother seemed to have drifted off to a far away place.

"When I was in Naples," she began, "I had a very close girlfriend, Rita..." Bewildered and exhilarated, I felt as if I was about to hear of a wonderful lesbian romance.

"When I was twenty-one and leaving for America, Rita came running through the

crowd before I got on the big boat and handed me the ring. She told me to save it for when she got the money to come to America. She promised to marry me when she did." Breathlessly I waited, tears welling in my eyes.

"I waited ten years. Rita never came. So my family convinced me to marry your grandpa Joe. Shortly after we were married, I found out she was coming to America. I went to Ellis Island to get her the day she was to arrive. She never got off the boat. When I asked where she was, I found out she had died on the boat. Many people had died on that trip. I was devastated." Through her crying, she continued: "I want you to have the ring. Find your true love and never let her go."

When my mother "outed" me at twenty-one, she instructed everyone not to tell my secret. She made excuses to the relatives about my lack of interest in men as a conscious choice of career over love. For years, she was content in her belief that everyone had been fooled. Finally it didn't matter any more. Most people assumed I was gay. If no one asked, she didn't have to answer, and that relieved her of embarrassment, responsibility, and her sense of failure.

Ironically, when it became socially acceptable to know someone gay (or have them in your family) in the '90s, I became the family's show-and-tell piece. Suddenly my mother was an expert on the gay world. She spouted about gay events, and made

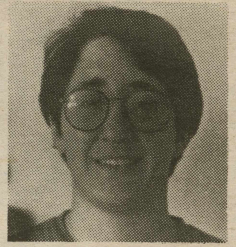
note of intolerance. At times, she even educated me on the remarkable strides and accomplishments of the gay community, and reminded me of the long struggle that still lay ahead.

I thought my mother had acquired a passionate understanding and acceptance of life outside "the norm." I thought I had paved the way for my siblings as an example of personal courage, by getting a college education, and becoming a recognized and accepted member of the gay community. I thought the secrets were behind us as a family.

"Happy Valentine's Day, Aunt Ro," my brother called to tease me. He knows the new secret. My unwed sister, Joy, is twenty-one, and is pregnant. It took my family five months to tell me about it. Being Catholic, my parents' official reaction was that they were proud their youngest child had chosen to have the baby rather than an abortion. Proud, but not proud enough to tell anyone.

I was instructed not to tell any of the relatives, especially my grandmothers. My parents worried what everyone would think of them, with children that ranged from queer to unwed and pregnant.

I think back at how they hid my homosexuality and wonder how they will hide a pregnant woman. My mother assured me that, after the baby is born, most people will forget that my sister isn't married, but my homosexuality? She believes that will forever stain our family image. Little does she know...

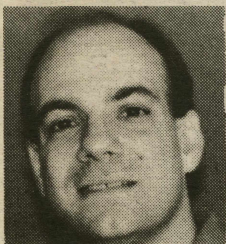


FAMILY SECRETS

by Rosanne Sloan

"You could move."

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN ("Dear Abby"), in response to a homophobic reader who launched into a bitter tirade against gay men moving into a house across the street and then asked, "How can we improve the quality of the neighborhood?"



CAROL AND ME

by James A. Crescitelli

Every gay man has one - The Woman Who Would Be His Wife. I myself have Carol, and even Mom sees my point.

I spend a lot of time on the telephone talking to Carol in Brooklyn. No matter how many discount long-distance companies we've inveigled to carry our accounts, it is an expensive hobby, yet rewarding. We've managed to theoretically cure the world of its ills while shedding light on the "other side's" characteristics - Carol has learned a lot about the gay world, while I have gained some insights into the maze of heterosexuality.

Talking with her is like engaging in a verbal version of Microsoft Windows - we find we've opened too many topics, all vaguely related to one another, and somehow held together by gossamer threads. Often we have to retrace our steps, close up unused files, and re-boot.

Our Byzantine conversations assume an Anne Rice slant as one order of business is resolved only to lead to another subplot; just when we think we've got a

particular demon wrapped up and put away, out pops another!

Carol has no qualms about the physical aspects of homosexuality, as long as the details are not too graphically personal. For her part, she does the same - I don't need to know the intimate details of her relations with her husband. When we do delve below the waistline, we speak in the third person singular - a handy point of view all too lacking in today's big-mouthed, tell-all, cheap talk-show atmosphere. More often, we discuss what our guys are like around the house and in public, how they walk, talk, eat, work...how they deal with us, or not...you know, the myriad details of daily life. Often we are surprised at how similar our guys are to one another, and we wonder - are Carol and Jim therefore alike? Probably, we decide. Who else would put up with the likes of us?

We're very close, or as close as two people can be who've spent most of their time as friends on the telephone. I moved to Florida shortly after meeting Carol at school,

so practically every conversation we've had has been via a toll call. When we do get together once a year, we sometimes find it difficult to talk in person. We tried speaking to one another using two of her extension phones and found, horribly enough, that we had no problems talking that way. We are simply products of a technological age.

For almost twenty years we've supported each other through the ups and downs of one another's lives. I recall the angst-ridden, unrequited crushes when we'd spend hours analyzing to death each and every word, sentence, and phrase the he-of-the-week may have flung in our direction. We've suffered through one another's marriages and divorces, the boyfriends, the dates. Our

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experiences were many times interchangeable, though I don't think she ever tried to (drunkenly) flirt with herself, not realizing the object of her lust was simply her reflection mirrored across the bar.

tion mirrored across the bar. And I certainly never stole out of a suitor's bed in the middle of the night, only to step into six inches of water, like she did. Still, the similarities on either side of the Great Divide were often uncanny. Boys, after all, will be boys.

As everyone has figured out by now, gay men and straight women have one main thing in common: the male of the species. Is there competition? Rarely. We like the gay ones and they like the straight ones, and when it's hard to tell is the only time we argue. There was even a time when I decreed that all men were gay unless proven otherwise, a smug attitude which drove Carol wild. (I now know better.)

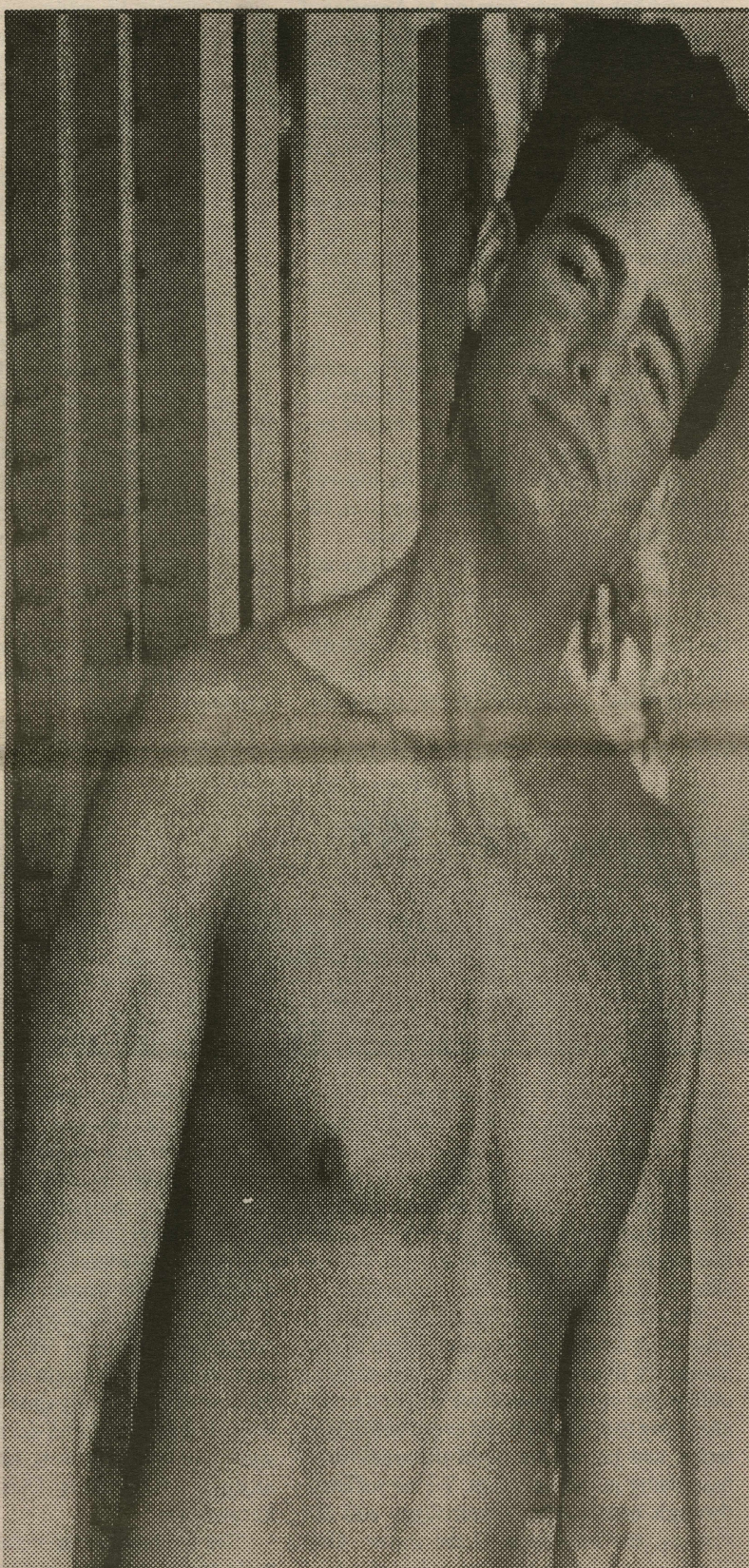
The symbiotic relationship between a gay male and a straight female will often foster much sartorial advice (albeit flowing in one direction), but that is now the case with Carol and me. Basically, since 1500 miles separate us, I don't have to be embarrassed over her choice of footwear for an evening at the theatre, and she doesn't have to care that I'm wondering where to buy Izod shirts (the ones with the alligators). We need to be concerned only with what we cannot see; we'd probably drive each other crazy if we lived in the same town.

Germany has a hard time co-existing peacefully with France, and we all know about the situation in the Balkans. It's nice to know that gay men and straight women have managed to forge enduring bonds of friendship - bonds which, in my experience, have grown tighter over the years.



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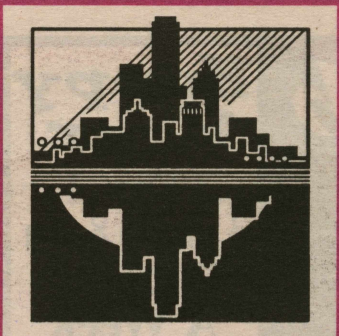
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Entering the Banquet Hall at Church Street Station, it was apparent that the site for the 2nd Annual Spectrums had been chosen wisely. All brass and stained glass, high ceilings and oriental rugs, the setting was at once festive and ostentatious. Formally clad waiters rushed by with drinks as the sequined and cumberbunned waved to friends on the balcony and lined up for their Jill Porter photo.

And then on to the winding stairwell, to ascend to the Presidential Ballroom. The sheer drama of the setting was hard for the cinema-gifted to resist, as Dolly's and Mame's, Gloria's and Bette's took turns: "Fasten your seat belts, it's going to be a bumpy flight."

Well, this flight was anything but. Choreographed to the millisecond by co-executive producers David Bain and Lyle Miller, the 2nd Annual Spectrums were everything GLCS always intended them to be: a glamorous and exciting celebration of the achievements of Central Florida's lesbians and gay men. In just two years, the Spectrums have become

a not-to-be-missed event.

The opening slide presentation, which featured music and photographs from Orlando's gay archives, had David Bain's signature professionalism. Those in attendance applauded as memories were touchingly made visual. They may also have been applauding the impressive skyline silhouette set by Dale Almund and David Scott.

The evening's co-hosts, radio personalities Peter Rocchio and Erin Somers, took center stage like a well-rehearsed comedy duo; portly and distinguished Rocchio as brusque foil for Somers' breathy sexual double entendre. Their chemistry was infectious and undeniable. This act should go on the road.

As Rocchio and Somers highlighted events of the recent past, it was apparent that 1994 was a remarkable year (some might say a "watermark" year) for Orlando's gay and lesbian community. Then they moved on to the presentation of the Spectrums, honoring those who had made it so.



Lewis Routh reenacts *The Wizard of Oz*



"Play it again, Sam": Out & About Books' Bruce Ground

The first awards, for Religious/Spiritual contributions (to Pastor James Brock and Joy MCC), and for Recreation (to the Orlando Frontrunners), set the tone for the evening, as both nominees and winners were applauded enthusiastically.

Then the Spectrums served up an unexpected treat; this "Oscar-style" ceremony provided an explanation of the judging process worthy of Tinseltown itself. Hilarious film clips, courtesy of Jim and Geri Michael, were set to a script by David Almeida and Wm. André Provencher and narrated by Stephen Miller and Penny Ensley. The crowd of over three hundred was clearly impressed.

Then the judges were introduced by the no-nonsense duo of Conrad Dindledey and Douglas Quackenbush (Dennis Enos and Greg Bowman), who were so...transported... by the event that they lapsed into song and dance. They were hilarious; more evidence of the plethora of talent present in Orlando's gay community.

Awards were interspersed with Oscar/Grammy style performances by the Entertainer of the Year nominees: the ImprovAbilities, Jacqueline Jones, Lisa Lacy, the Orlando Gay Chorus, and winner Lewis Routh. The last of the performers, Routh dazzled the audience with his version of *The Wizard of Oz*...on methamphetamines. Clearly moved by his award, Routh thanked "a gay community I thought had forgotten me."

In all, 22 awards were presented in 19 categories, including Lifetime Achievement

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THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE

film review by DAVID ALMEIDA

The Madness of King George, now playing at the Enzian Theater, is an interesting but flawed cinematic statement on the British monarchy. The film is the story of King George III (Nigel Hawthorne), best known as the King who lost the American Colonies in the Revolutionary War. The film chronicles a strange illness that affects his central nervous system, causing him to become delusional, violent, and hyperactive. When the royal doctors cannot explain or find appropriate treatment for his condition, a rural physician, Dr. Willis (Ian Holm), is brought in. Willis begins to aggressively adjust the King's behavior through disciplinary treatment. Meanwhile, Parliament is in disarray over the rumors that the King has gone crazy and is not fit to rule. George's spoiled son tries to take control of the country, and the King finds himself rushing to the House of Commons to reestablish the status quo before his power is stripped away.

Director Nicholas Hytner gives the film a wonderful majestic feeling, with beautifully composed shots of Windsor Castle and Parliament underscored by the lush music of Handel. Hawthorne is very affecting as King George, and even at George's maniacal worst always gives him just the right touch of humanity. (Hawthorne also originated the role on stage.) Helen Mirren turns in a moving performance as the Queen left out in the cold, uncertain of her husband's condition or treatment.

For such a well-acted and directed film as this, it is disappointing to see the film raise several interesting themes, without developing them to their fullest. The first sign of the King's illness is when it is noticed his urine is blue. One would assume this implies a physiological disorder. The treatment administered by Dr. Willis, however, is all on a behavioral level. Just as the King is starting to act more like his old self, his urine has gone back to its normal color. The film alludes to the behavioral treatment being his cure, yet it seems more logical to deduce from the urine that his body was sick, and not his mind. The question still remains — was his illness physical or psychological?

The film also aims for a theme about the preciousness of the gift of speech. At the film's beginning, we know that George has men who write his political speeches for him. Later, when he is ill, and starts to shout or misbehave, he is disciplined by being gagged and tied to a special chair (which looks like

an ascendant of the electric chair). When George is first shown the chair, he exclaims how villains are often shown the instrument which will make them speak of their crimes. He, now, is faced with that which will silence him. The uncertainty of this theme continues to the end, where we are left guessing if he still has speech writers or if he is doing the talking for himself. If he can speak



Nigel Hawthorne and Helen Mirren in *The Madness of King George*

for himself, the film becomes the emotional journey of a ruler who finds his own "voice" through his illness. If he still has speech writers, it could be construed as a statement on the unchanging role of the monarchy in an ever-changing world. In either case, we simply do not know.

The film may also be dealing with the concept of medicine as science vs. medicine as art. The royal doctors, out of respect for the throne, will not treat the King until they are addressed by him. They administer archaic burn-therapy treatments to no avail. When Willis is brought in, the King's doctors shun his "modern ideas," he stares the King down, uses physical restraint, and reinforces, "You are the patient," to the ruling monarch. And we are led to believe that it is in Willis' techniques that results are found. But the vagueness as to whether the treatment was successful or not weakens this theme.

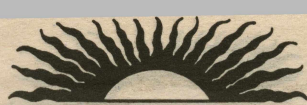
The strongest of the film's ambiguities lies in whether or not George is truly cured in the end. He says, "I may not be more myself, but I do *seem* more myself." It is strongly implied that he is not better, but that he has learned to act as though he is cured. This raises the question: why should an audience be involved with a protagonist who is completely unchanged by the suffering and self-reflection just witnessed.

In spite of its many underdeveloped allusions, *The Madness of King George* does

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Dykes To Watch Out For





IN REVIEW

Confessions of a Sondheim-ite

PART ONE

Music Review by

Wm. André Provencher

In his rise to glory as Broadway's current Maestro, Stephen Sondheim has contributed music and lyrics to well over fifty theatrical productions and revues, film and television soundtracks, and incidental music for non-musical plays. Listening to recordings of his compositions could take months, years even. One could choke on the limitless interpretations of "Send In the Clowns" alone.

For instance, this past December, a newly-formed jazz division of Varese Sarabande Records released a jazz interpretation of Sondheim's *Passion*; the score's operatic score was reinvented for piano, drums, and bass. At last, the show's magnificent, moving, and humble melodies could be distinguished and understood.

But importantly, 1995 heralded Sony Classical's release of *Color and Light: Jazz Sketches on Sondheim*. Finally, Sondheim's

well-constructed masterpieces have been isolated, recast, and performed anew as independent sketches of music, free from any character, setting, or plot.

In the duet "Color and Light," featured in 1984's *Sunday In the Park With George*, neo-impressionist painter George Seurat laments, "...Seeing all of the parts and none of the whole." *Color and Light* allows audiences to hear Sondheim's parts, separate and apart from the whole, — the cast, the show, or the theatre — perhaps for the very first time.

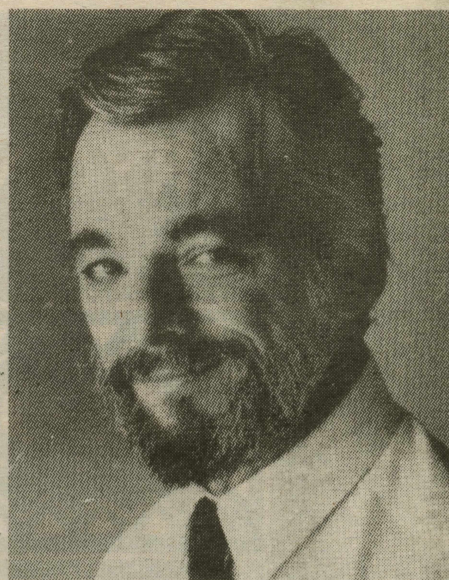
Highlights from *Color and Light* include a near eight minute interpretation by trumpeter Terence Blanchard's of "Poems," based on the oriental Haiku form of poetry. One of Sondheim's simplest melodies is so developed that one must dig out the original cast recording of *Pacific Overtures* (1976) to rec-

ognize and even remember the tune. Terence Blanchard's muted horn returns to accompany Nancy Wilson in a rousing rendition of the poignant, sublime ballad "Anyone Can Whistle," performed with much vigor and even more heart.

Herbie Hancock offers the most admirable interpretation of the composer's brilliance with the title track. Displaying Hancock's own magnificence on the piano, the tune takes on a darker, more sinister form; still, the song's sincere melody manages to soar, reminding us of the immense power of the seemingly mundane subjects, color and light, and the profound inspiration the two had on the nineteenth-century painter, who became the Father of Pointillism.

The opportunity to hear the maestro himself perform his own material is rare and delightful. Sondheim accompanies Hancock on the all-but-forgotten "They Ask Me Why I Believe In You" from an unproduced television musical *I Believe In You* (1956). This composition appears to be the earliest written by Sondheim.

If one can overcome Peabo Bryson's overwrought vocals, "Pretty Women" spotlights Joshua Redman's luscious saxophone.



Stephen Sondheim

Likewise, "Loving You," the only offering from *Passion*, is a welcome treasure in spite of Bryson; at least, this time we have Nancy Wilson to compensate (look for this tune to become a standard among performers of Sondheim's repertoire).

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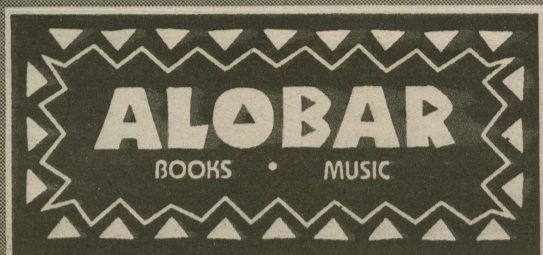
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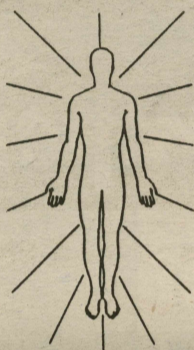
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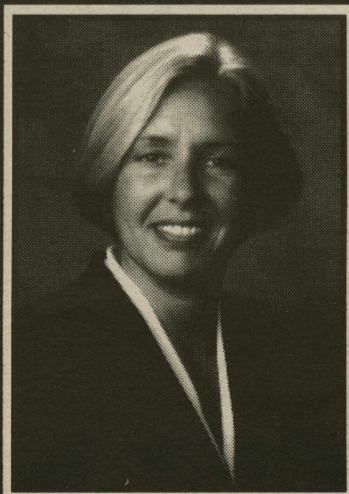


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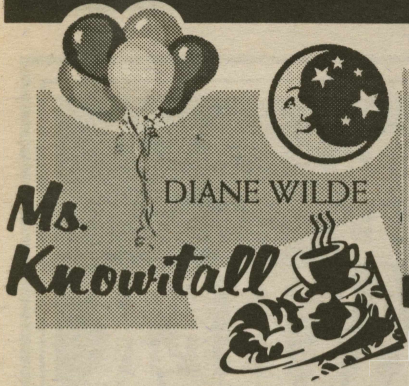
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kinds, seek guidance to take advantage of lessons learned.

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23) – You may still be revamping your self and your ways of doing business. Take a close look at how you go about things – what works, what doesn’t – and be open to change.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) – “Pleasure” is the key word this month, so enjoy! Whether it’s a romantic pursuit, or just a creative one, it’s what you should be doing. Just don’t get too carried away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21) – Your emphasis this month is on your home life, your security and to a large extent your beliefs (especially about yourself). This is an introspective time, but avoid sudden, abrupt changes. Sow the seeds for your future by thinking about your past.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) – Your energies are still consumed by work rather than pleasure. Snafus and misunderstandings are all too probable. Take it in stride, think before you speak, and take heart – this too shall pass.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) – You’ll be busier than usual. The good news is: all that past hard work and self restraint are definitely starting to pay off. Take advantage of this very productive and favorable period in all areas, not just financial.

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) – Concentrate on improving existing plans or creating new ones. While your intuition is your strong suite, now’s the time to use cold, hard facts. It’s also the time to pursue your true interests.

Spring marks a time of rebirth, rejuvenation and new beginnings. This March graces us with two new moons on the 1st and the 30th. The new moon is a great time to begin new projects and plant new seeds; a time when wishes will surely come true. Another magical event – the Spring Equinox (Mar. 20th) – is a time for meditation on your desires (those same new moon wishes?) and a great reason for some fantastic partying.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) – It’s going to be a busy month – lot’s of activity (romantic, athletic, creative). Be sure to give yourself some “alone” time, and try to turn a deaf ear to needy tales of woe.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) – Don’t let regrets of any kind get in the way of imagining, and doing, differently. If you have feelings, voice them. If you have attractions, examine what they mirror in you.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) – Opportunity and ability to problem-solve arise this month. If you get involved, you can make a real difference. Delays and crises may abound, but go with the flow.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) – Apply life’s lessons and take some chances. While business matters are certainly important and highlighted, the spiritual, philosophical and romantic details need most of your attention. Just be open!

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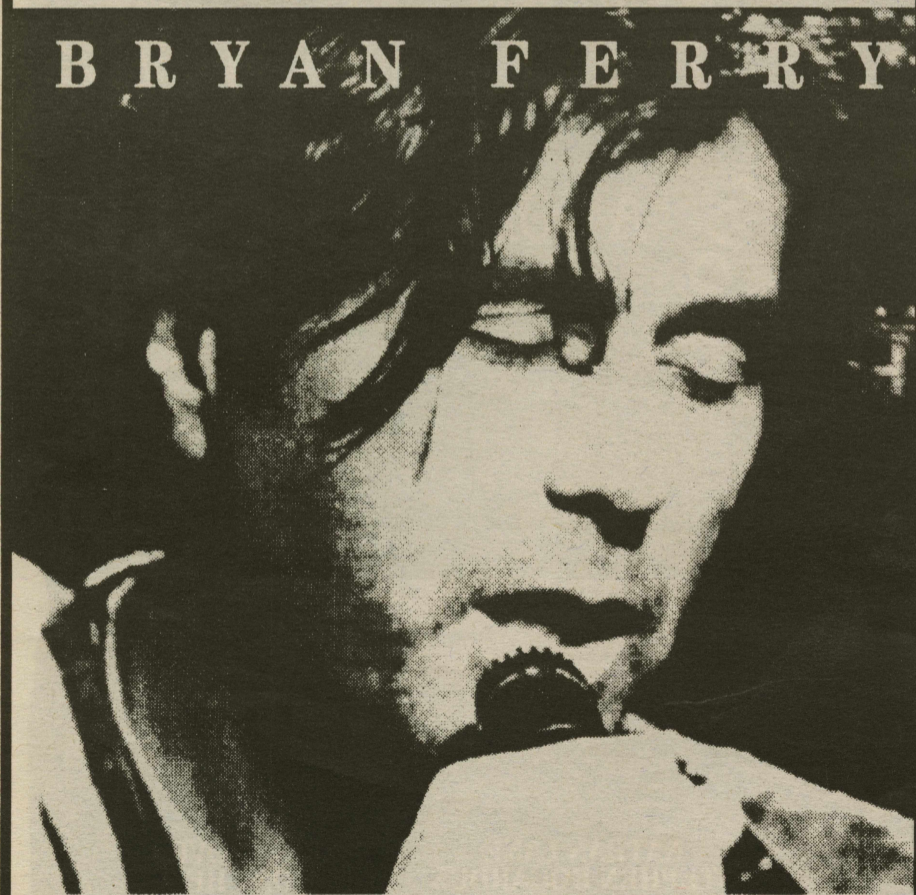
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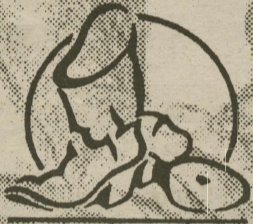


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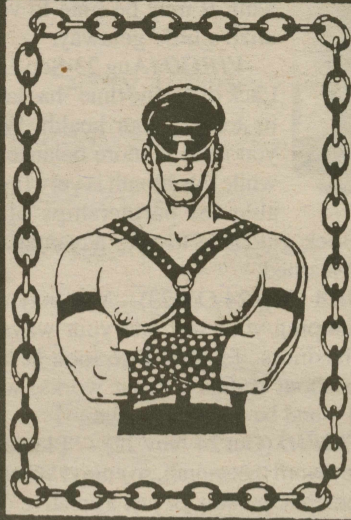


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By Stephen DeMatteis

Several things are happening that I thought you should know, so instead of transporting you to a glamorous and romantic destination, this week I thought I would bring you some NEWS.

On Feb. 9 Delta Airlines announced a capping on the commissions they pay to travel agents for processing your reservations. It has been a long-standing agreement within the industry that airlines would pay travel agents a base commission of, on average, 10% of the fare prior to taxes and service charges. Delta has now proposed a capping of \$25.00 for one way tickets and \$50.00 for round trip tickets. Following Delta's lead, American Airlines, Northwest and USAir have all announced capping.

What will this mean to the travel consumer? It may mean you'll get a disconnect message the next time you call your local travel agent. This capping will likely force small travel companies out of business. The personal service provided by a local travel agent will be lost, replaced by mega-agencies where your plans are far from personal and your lifestyle will never be considered.

In a recent statement issued by I.G.T.A. (International Gay Travel Association) in response to the capping, statistics are cited showing that should the capping go into effect, thousands of agencies would be forced to close their doors. It was estimated that more than half of the 500 gay owned and operated travel businesses in the United States and Canada will be sacrificed. Jobs will be lost and other lives will be impacted. At a time when the industry is looking with heightened awareness at the gay and lesbian travel market, it is increasingly important to look where your financial support is directed.

How can you help? Write your local elected officials and express your concerns. Refuse to fly airlines supporting the capping process. And continue to support your local I.G.T.A Travel Agent. Now more than ever they need your support or you may not find them there next time you want help planning a trip. If the gay travel agent is

not there, who will take the time to research the gay exclusive resorts, hotels and cruises. When one of our number falls in this industry it will only be a matter of time till the rest of the gay travel providers feel the impact.

And now for some good news!

The Marketing Department, a privately owned marketing and promotional company specializing in gay and lesbian travel options, has been hosting seminars and trade expos around the country for the past several years. On Mar. 16 they will bring their expo to the Orlando market for the first time. Representatives from major airlines, tour companies and cruise lines will make presentations to area travel professionals during daytime seminars. In the evening an information expo, open to the general public, will offer the opportunity to learn more about gay and lesbian destinations and programs of interest.

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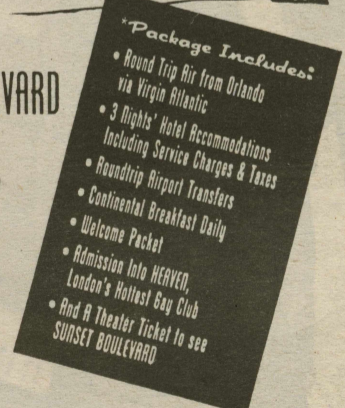
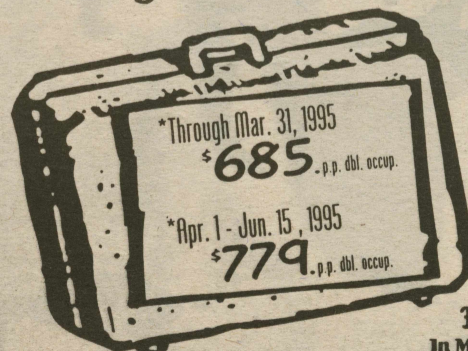
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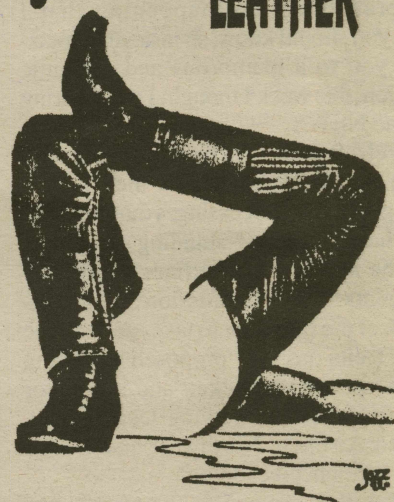
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RUSSELL SMITH, age 38, longtime arts writer and critic for *The Dallas Morning News*, died of complications from AIDS on Feb. 16. Smith won several awards for his writing, including a GLAAD/Dallas Media Award from the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. He is survived by his companion, George McGarry.

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▼ Orlando, "The City Beautiful," has finally fixed the **baby fountain**, at **Lake Eola**. And they've placed about a half dozen of those really great heavy wood rockers, like the ones at City Hall, on the bridge right next to Jr. It's a great view...of the big fountain and of the skyline. The only problem is, everyone wants to sit in these new chairs, so if you luck into one you have to endure people standing near you staring at you, or worse yet, asking you how long you plan to sit there (!). "Indefinitely."

▼ And nearby...we're constantly hearing about the heavy **male hooker action** at the corner of Washington and Summerlin. Huh? Our offices...our *desk*...looks out on this corner, and we see *nothing*. Are those guys with 28 inch waists and jeans pulled down to their, well...down, and no shirts on and dirty hair and quarts of beer in plastic bags *hookers*? *My Own Private Eola*? Hookers for *who*? Is that why they're always on the pay phone? The Lake Eola area has long had the reputation as a cruisy area for gay men, but as far as we can tell, that really hasn't been the case since they fixed the park up several years ago. Or are we just being obtuse, Davida?

▼ We caught a brief glimpse of **The Grammy Awards** show last week, and **Boyz II Men** was warbling one of their "soulful" (read whiny and pathetic) ballads. Well, the batteries in our remote control chose that moment to wear out, and we actually got *up from the couch* to change the channel. That's how bad Boyz II Men is.

▼ We think it's bizarre the way all these news stories about **Greg Louganis** focus on the "blood in the pool" angle; one small and uninteresting spin on a much larger story. Is that the hetero perspective on AIDS? Louganis told Oprah that he stayed in an abusive relationship because he was convinced that if he...the four-time olympic gold medalist...did things better ("like if I made a more perfect meat loaf") the relationship would improve. We hope he's happy now. He sure was a good diver.

▼ The fabulous **Annie Lennox** will appear on *Saturday Night Live* on March 18 to promote her new album. Her 1991 release, *Diva*, is the best pop album so far this decade. The new album will contain no original new material. In a recent interview with *Vanity Fair*, Lennox said she is just too content...husband, kid and all that...to write at the moment. We can't wait until Lennox's child reaches adolescence. And speaking of *SNL*...have you noticed how often the men dress up as women these days? It's like watching Monty Python.

▼ Currently, the best bitch on TV is Chris-

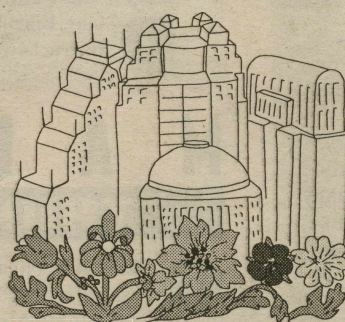
tine Baranski, who plays *Cybil*'s friend on that funny and very adult show. Baranski's neurotic boozehound character would be right at home on *Absolutely Fabulous*.

Sweetie. Darling. We once saw **Cybil Shepherd** on David Letterman's late-night NBC show. Somehow the conversation got around to how homely Ted Kennedy has grown, and Shepherd disagreed. In one of the few times we've seen Letterman at a loss, Shepherd said to him: "I mean, I wouldn't go down on him or anything, but he's not that bad looking." Cybil Shepherd's

a great broad, and also a great supporter of gay rights.

▼ We just learned that **Full Moon Saloon** proprietor **Bob Graves** is also an accomplished photographer. He's had several photos published. He just got back from the national Bear (for big, hairy guys and their fans) conclave in San Francisco, and photos taken there are posted on the full Moon's outside bulletin board.

▼ We read that **David Copperfield** and his model girlfriend **Claudia Schiffer** took out one of those Richard Gere/Cindy Crawford type ads denying that he's gay and that she's sleeping around. Hmmm. As Billy Shakespeare said: "Me thinks thou doth protest too much."



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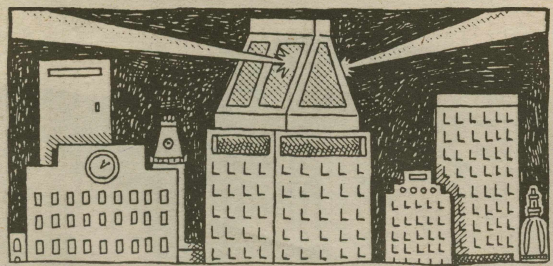
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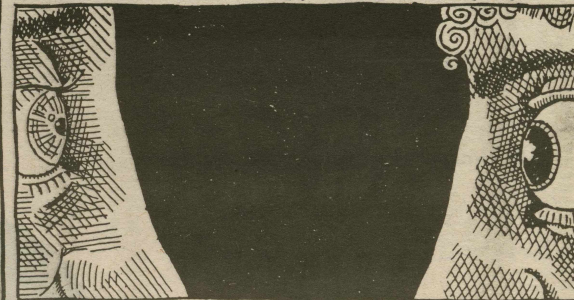
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YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR HOURS. MAYBE THEY SHOULD HOLD THESE THINGS IN FAIRBANKS OR REYKJAVIK OR THE SHETLANDS. SOMEWHERE THAT DAYLIGHT CAN BE KEPT AT BAY A BIT LONGER.



ARTFUL LIVING

LEGEND

- O** Events in Orlando and nearby areas
- D** Events in Daytona Beach and nearby areas
- S** Events in other parts of the state

REGULARLY SCHEDULED
EVENTS

O Delta Youth Alliance. A support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth under the age of 22. Meets every Monday at 6 PM. 236-9415.

GaySkate. Semoran Skateway in Casselberry. Sponsored by GLCS. The 2nd & 4th Monday of every month, 9:15 PM - 11:30 PM. \$5 includes skate rental (\$4 for GLCS members). (407) 425-4527 for more info.

Orlando Frontrunners. Meet at the red pagoda at Lake Eola, Mondays at 6:30 PM, Wednesdays at 7:30 PM, and Saturdays at 9 AM. 382-6011.

Rainbow Democratic Club. Meets the third Monday of every month at the Orlando Library, 7 PM. 236-9476.

O.B.B.A. Orlando's largest gay and lesbian bowling league. Bowl America, Winter Park, every Tuesday, 9 PM. 644-2244.

UCF GLSBU. Meet at Phillips Hall, Room 218, 9 PM every Tuesday. 648-0057.

CODA Group. 7:30 PM every Tuesday at the GLCS Center. 895-2242.

Family Values. Gay/lesbian radio on 91.5 FM. Talk, music, news, interviews, community events. Every Thursday from 9 to 10 PM. 646-2398.

Lucky Ladies Bowling. Fair Lanes Indian Hills, 6:30 PM every Thursday. 293-8849.

Metropolitan Business Association. Meets the first Thursday of each month at the Radisson Hotel, Downtown Orlando, 6:30 PM. 420-2182.

Metropolitan Mission of Myth, Magik & Mysticism. Support group for gay druids, every Friday, 7 PM at the GLCS Center.

G.L.B.L. Bowling. At Fair Lanes Indian Hills, every Saturday, 6:30 PM. 831-7171.

Joy MCC Worship Services. 10:30 AM & 7:15 PM every Sunday. 894-1081.

Dignity. Gay Catholic support group. Meets every Sunday, 7:30 PM at the GLCS Center. 425-4527.

Orange Blossom Tennis Association. Round Robin, every second Sunday. 895-3722.

Women's Volleyball. Orlando Festival Park, every Sunday, 3 PM. 894-5704.

D **Stepping Out.** A social and support group for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, meets every first and third Monday at 7 PM at 320 Harvey St., Suite A. (904) 255-0280.

CALENDAR

ONGOING
EVENTS

O The Enzian Theater presents *The Madness of King George* starring Nigel Hawthorne, Helen Mirren, Ian Holm, Amanda Donohoe, Rupert Graves and Rupert Everett. See Review, p. 18 this issue. For more info & show times call (407) 644-4662.

D Gay Bike Week will be headquartered at The Barracks through March 11. Call (904) 254-3464.

MARCH 9
THURSDAY

O The Civic Theatre presents *The Piano Lesson* by August Wilson, 8 PM. "A lovely tragi-comedy... which tells the story of a strong African-American family." Tickets are \$17 available through the Civic Theatre Box Office (407) 896-7365.



Joe Reed stars in *The Piano Lesson* at the Civic Theatre

The Mark Two Dinner Theater presents *Sugar* through April 9, a musical based on the movie *Some Like It Hot*. Evening and matinee performances. Call 1-800-726-6275 for times and prices.

MARCH 10
FRIDAY

O GLBSU of UCF will be answering telephones during the WMFE-TV fund drive between 6:30 and 11:30 PM. Tune in and call with your support to increase gay visibility and gay programming.

At Rollins College, the romantic Russian comedy *A Month In the Country* by Ivan Turgenev is being presented at the Annie Russell Theatre, 8 PM. This production offers the play's

humor with a new adaptation by director Scott LaFeber, and innovative scenic designs by guest artist Mary Kay LaFeber. For ticket info call (407) 646-2145.

The Piano Lesson at The Civic Theatre. See March 9.

Sugar at the Mark Two Dinner Theater. See March 9.

D The Barracks will host a leather reception for Gay Bike Week at 8 PM. Call (904) 254-3464.

MARCH 11
SATURDAY

O The Southern Ballet Theatre production of *The Little Mermaid* dances onto the stage at The Civic Theatre as part of the Civic Theatre for Young People Series, March 11 - April 2. Performances today at noon, 3 and 6 PM. All seats \$7. Tickets available through the Civic Theatre Box Office (407) 896-7365.

The AIDS Resources Alliance will be showing two films, *Living Proof - HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness* and *Heart of the Matter* at the Enzian Theater, 12:30-3:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the ARA or call (407) 894-2233 for more info. Proceeds will go toward meeting the needs of the HIV/AIDS community.

The Piano Lesson at the civic Theatre. See March 9. Additional show at 2:30 PM. \$15.

Sugar at the Mark Two Dinner Theater. See March 9.

A Month In the Country at Annie Russell Theatre. See March 10. Additional show at 2 PM.

D The Barracks will host a Mr. Leather Bike Week Contest at 8 PM, with a first place prize of a trip to Atlanta and \$150. Call (904) 254-3464.

MARCH 12
SUNDAY

O Southern Ballet's *The Little Mermaid* at The Civic Theatre. Shows at 1 and 3 PM. See March 11.

The Piano Lesson at The Civic Theatre. See March 11.

Sugar at the Mark Two Dinner Theater. See March 9.

D The Barracks will hold a Benefit Slave, Bike & Car Wash at 2 PM, and a farewell biker barbecue at 5 PM. Call (904) 254-3464.

MARCH 13
MONDAY

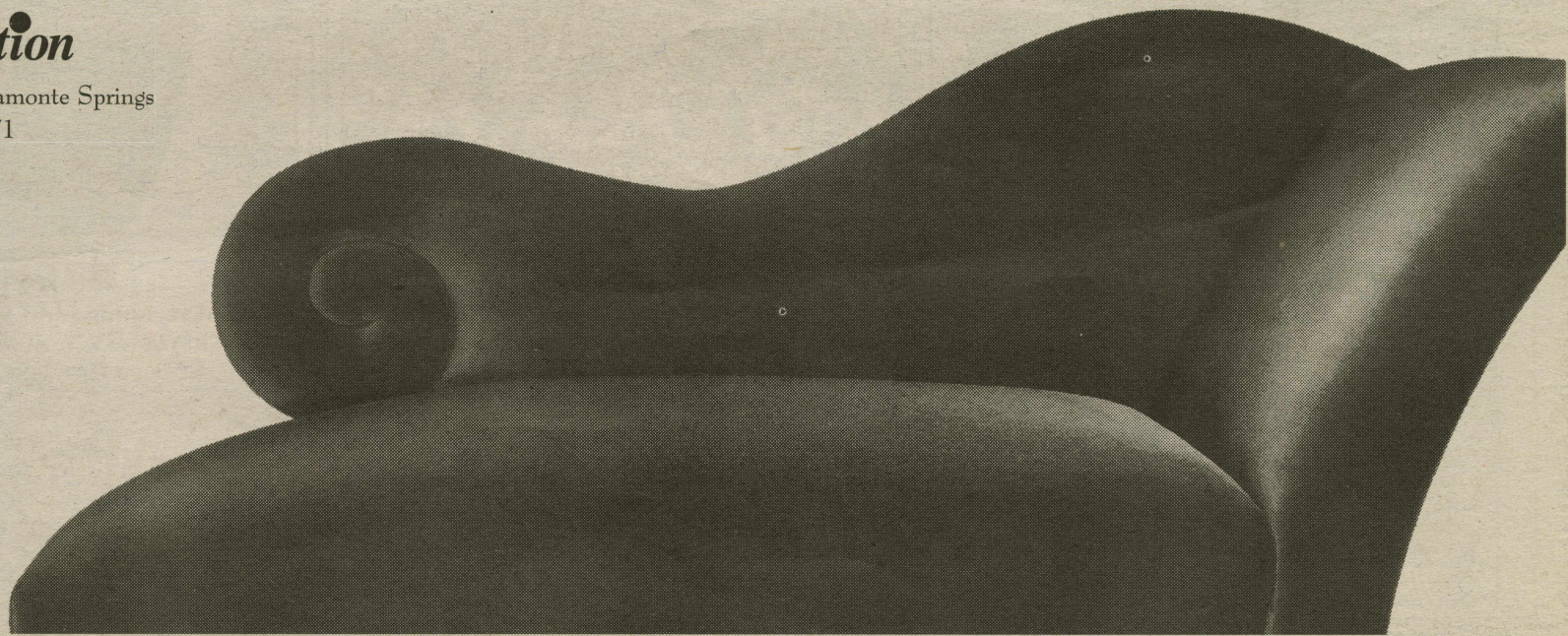
O The Acting Studio Company holds auditions for *Harvey Fierstein's Torch Song Trilogy*, 6-9 PM. Prepare a one minute monologue, and if auditioning for a torch singer, please be prepared to sing with your own tape or acapella, recorder provided. Call (407) 425-2281 for more info and appointments.

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OFF EVENTS

MARCH 14
TUESDAY

I *Grease* starring Sally Struthers, Micky Dolenz and Rex Smith comes to the Carr Performing Arts Centre March 14-19 as part of the Lynx Broadway Series. Shows Tuesday - Saturday evenings at 8 PM, with matinees Thursday, Saturday & Sunday at 2 PM. Call (407) 839-3900 or (904) 353-3309 for tickets.

MARCH 15
WEDNESDAY

I The Alliance (for gay and lesbian Disney employees) will have their monthly meeting at Little Lake Bryan, 7:30 PM. Discussion will include the April social event (Camp-it-up trip to St. Augustine). Call (407) 857-5444.

Sugar at the Mark Two Dinner Theater. See March 9.

A Month In The Country at Annie Russell Theatre, 8 PM. See March 10.

Grease at the Carr Performing Arts Centre, 8 PM. See March 14.

MARCH 16
THURSDAY

I *The Piano Lesson* at The Civic Theatre. See March 9.

Sugar at the Mark Two Dinner Theater. See March 9.

A Month In The Country at Annie Russell Theatre. See March 10.

Grease at the Carr Performing Arts Centre, 2 PM and 8 PM. See March 14.

S Florida Roundup, the largest organization in Florida for gay men and lesbians in 12-step recovery programs, hosts their 12th Annual Convention themed "Pride in Recovery" at the Ramada Resort Deauville in Miami Beach through Sunday. For info call (305) 462-0040.

MARCH 17
FRIDAY

I Theatre Downtown presents Stephen Wadsworth's adaptation of *The Triumph of Love*, an 18th-century comedic classic complete with comic subterfuge, gender-confusion, identity-swapping, romance and seduction. The play will run through April 15. Performance at 8 PM. Tickets \$12 and \$10. For info or reservations call (407) 841-0083 or (407) 839-3900.

Scott Laurent Galleries presents its March "Third Friday Champagne Opening" with the work of Brenda Heim in a show entitled "Transitions." 7-9 PM at the gallery, 348 Park Avenue North, Winter Park. Call (407) 629-1488.

GLBSU will be taking to the wilds of Blue Springs State Park for a camping weekend, Friday and Saturday. \$20 per person to

stay in a cabin, much less if you want to bring a tent.

The Piano Lesson at The Civic Theatre. See March 9.

Sugar at the Mark Two Dinner Theater. See March 9.

A Month In The Country at Annie Russell Theatre. See March 10.

Grease at the Carr Performing Arts Centre. See March 14.

MARCH 18
SATURDAY

I Movie Night at Out & About Books' Stagedoor Canteen. Showing *The Lair Of The White Worm*, a campy, kinky delight, starring Amanda Donohoe of *LA Law* and Hugh Grant of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. Admission is FREE, but please call to reserve your space. Popcorn and drinks will be on sale during the movie. (407) 896-0204.

The Sam Rivers/DJ BMF Quartet debut at Orlando's Go Lounge, 27 Wall St. Plaza, 10 PM, \$5, 21 and up. This is the first ever interdisciplinary freedom funk collaboration between jazz legend Sam Rivers and Orlando's premiere acid jazz turntablist DJ BMF.

The Piano Lesson at The Civic Theatre. See March 11.

Sugar at the Mark Two Dinner Theater. See March 9.

A Month In The Country at Annie Russell Theatre. See March 10.

Southern Ballet's *The Little Mermaid* at The Civic Theatre. Shows at noon, 3 and 6 PM. See March 11.

Grease at the Carr Performing Arts Centre. See March 14.

The Triumph of Love at Theatre Downtown. See March 17.

MARCH 19
SUNDAY

I *The Piano Lesson* at The Civic Theatre. See March 11.

Sugar at the Mark Two Dinner Theater. See March 9.

A Month In The Country at Annie Russell Theatre. 4 PM. See March 10.

Southern Ballet's *The Little Mermaid* at The Civic Theatre. 1 and 3 PM. See March 11.

Grease at the Carr Performing Arts Centre, 2 PM. See March 14.

MARCH 22
WEDNESDAY

I *Sugar* at the Mark Two Dinner Theater. See March 9.

D Students Transcending Homophobia sponsors Warren Blumefeld, Ph.D., professor at UCLA and author of *Homophobia: How We All Pay The Price*. He will be talking about the subtle and not so subtle costs of homophobia. The event will take place at Elizabeth Hall Auditorium, Stetson University Campus, Deland, 10 AM. Call (904) 738-7983.

STAY TUNED

I The Civic Theatre is now accepting donations for its annual **Bargains in the Park**, to be held April 8. This gigantic sale is the perfect time to donate your attic clutter, garage treasures and reusable articles. Bargains in the Park benefits the Civic Theatre for Young People series. For information about booths or donations, call Rita Graham at (407) 656-9495.

Flavor Fest at Moorefield's Restaurant downtown Orlando promises to be a mix of creative food, great jazz, expressionistic art and wonderful wine. "It's not just another wine tasting, it's a Cultural Explosion." Thursday, March 23 from 7-9 PM, with entertainment by Miss Jacqueline Jones. Admission is \$25 by *pre-paid reservation only*. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call (407) 872-6960.

The Civic Theatre will be presenting *Terra Nova* March 23-April 9 as part of their SecondStage Series. For tickets and times call (407) 896-7365.

The Southern Ballet Theatre announces their Tenth Annual Black Tie Ball, Saturday, March 25. Auction, feasting, dancing and libations at the Hilton at Walt Disney World Village. Admission \$125 per person. For info call Diana at (407) 438-0111.

GLBSU will hold the first ever Gay Awareness Week at UCF during the first week of April. For info call Russell Evans at (407) 648-0057.

Keith Meinhold, Naval Petty Officer and Distinguished Speaker, will be discussing his experiences concerning the ban on gays and lesbians in the military, on Friday, April 7, at 8 PM. Free and open to the public, this event is sponsored by the UCF GLBSU and the University of Central Florida. For info call (407) 648-0057.

The Orlando Gay Chorus and Crescendo, the Tampa Gay Womyn's Chorus will be presenting a spring concert entitled *Faith, Hope & Love*. Two concerts, April 8 and 9 at 7:30 PM at the Civic Theatre Complex, with tickets \$13 in advance and \$16 at the door. Tickets are available at the GLCS Center, Out & About Books, or Steve's House of Flowers. For more info call (407) 645-5866.

D The Daytona Beach Business Guild is busy planning the Second Annual Beach Fest for April 21-23 at the Ramada Oceanfront Resort. See p. 11.

John Michael Montgomery with special guest Hal Ketchum will be in concert Saturday, April 22, 8 PM at Ocean Center in Daytona Beach. Tickets are \$23 and \$19 and are on sale now at all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge call (904) 353-3309 or (407) 839-3900.

S Praxis at the Manors is offering a free seminar entitled *TOGETHER And Staying That Way!* on Thursday, March 30 at 7 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Clearwater. To register call (813) 937-4211, ext. 251.

Angels In America will make its only Florida West Coast appearance at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota. The two-part performance will be Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25 and 26 at 8 PM. The best seats are available for \$75 per part through the Tampa Bay Gay Men's Chorus. Call the ChorusLine at (813) 837-4485.

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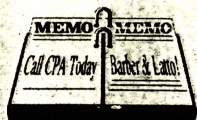
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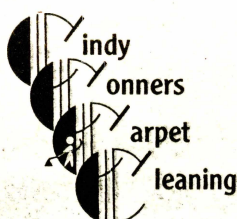
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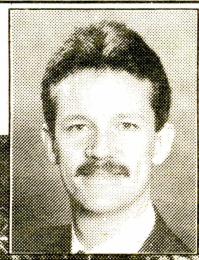
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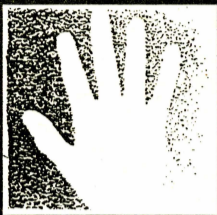
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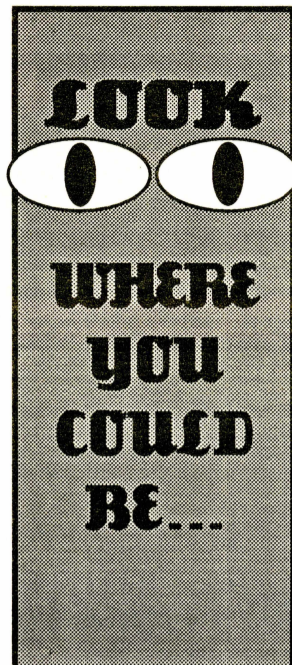
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SONDHEIM

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"Every Day A Little Death" becomes an instrumental duet between piano and sax. The Holly Cole Trio treats "Children and Art" as a bossa nova, replete with Oscar Castro-Neves' classical guitar. Sadly, both of guitarist Jim Hall's contributions come off as little more than elevator Muzak.

At last, Stephen Sondheim is being recognized as a master of melody, suitable to jazz variations and interpretations; something shamefully obvious since his earliest compositions, *Anyone Can Whistle* (1964) or even *Company* (1969).

In essence, listeners are being treated to "...all of the parts." Certainly, Sondheim's music is able to stand on its own. But perhaps it is sometimes true: Less is more.

MADNESS

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state clearly that appearances are everything to the British monarchy. In one early scene, the King will not let a pregnant woman sit down at a music concert because all in the presence of the King must stand. After the King and Queen leave the room, all of the attendees collapse in exhaustion. The image of the English nobility strewn about the music hall is both comical and effective. Before George addresses Parliament, the servants carefully handle and affix the crown to the King's head. After the speech is over, they throw it across the room to pack it up and put it away — the "show" is over. When George seems to be cured, all the servants who knew of his illness are fired, while those who act as though it never happened keep their employment. And in the film's final scene, George suggests that the royal family should begin appearing as a happier family to the commoners, and instructs them all to smile and wave. "After all, that's what we're here for." Whether or not the King was (or is) ill seems to be secondary to the fact that he no longer *appears* ill. Throughout, it's difficult to avoid parallels to the present-day royals.

Alan Bennett's script, based on his play, is well-written with sharp and clever dialogue. There are many truly comical moments and one particularly moving scene has George reading aloud the title role of *King Lear*. Though interesting and thought-provoking, *The Madness of King George* is still thematically overwrought, raising too many questions without giving the audience the necessary tools to find answers.

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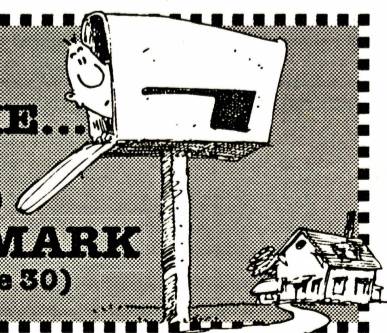
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Boca Raton **SALT AND PEPPER HAIR:** Ken, sincere handsome GWM 54 6; 180 salt and pepper, good music sense of humor nice home, lkg for a nice relationship- #32192

Jupiter **WALKS ON THE BEACH:** Gary, looking for a lonely man to go for nice walks on the beach- #35107

Palm Beach **ASIANS ONLY:** lkg for Asian guys only, Bob, 6', blnd/blu, own home, self empd, #35147

Melbourne **BEDROOM BLUE EYES:** 911 rescue met tired of being single, 30, looking for a gwm 20-30 if u think you fit this disc 5'7 170 dk hair, and bedroom blue eyes! #35419

Orlando **LETS GO JOGGING:** Eugene, 29, 5'9 135, int are movies the beach, like to jog, lkg for someone 18-21, with sim int, for poss friendship iso long term relationship, lv a message- #35513

Orlando **SOUTH SIDE:** Barry, South side, 5'11, 160, lkg for someone who likes to go to niteclubs, dancing dinner movies, TV if ur interested give me a call- #35607

Orlando **NEW TO AREA:** Ron, new to area, attr, 5'2 115, 32, dk/hzl iso good friendship poss rel, like qual time together, beaches, be close and trust one another lv your name and # #29834

Jupiter **QUALITY TIME:** Gary, GWM, 5'10, sandy blnd/blu, int are laying on the beach, spending qual time with my friends- #35107

Orlando **DAYTIME FUN:** looking for daytime fun, attr WM 30 iso musc men, bi, married or gay- #35892

Orlando **FRIEND, POSSIBLE LOVER:** looking for someone interested in friendship, poss rel, like to have someone that can understand sincerity and honesty, just to have fun, see how it goes- #35957

Orlando **SMOOTH AND MUSCULAR:** Kevin, single male Black 27 5'8 155, musc build smooth body grt looking, lkg for single WM or HM in the area that like BM, like dancing, and meeting new people, like

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Orlando **NATURE AND BEACH SCENES:** gdlkg GWM iso relationship friendship good times, open minded outgoing iso same, like nature and beach scenes, private company well built attr, pls lv your name and # and I'll get back to you- #36247

Orlando **ACTING AND SINGING:** Mark, iso poss friendship with some people in the area, like dancing acting and singing, like to meet some people, int in a poss rel - 21, 5'11, 175, ash brn hair, hazel eyes- if ur interested, give me a call- #35828

Orlando **CLEAN CUT BOYISH:** Gary 38 brn/blu must ctn cut boyish iso cute lv a message- #28738

Cape Canaveral **HOUSE BOY WANTED:** 45, gdlkg WM lkg for a house boy to work in my condo, pls give a call if ur int- #29682

Orlando **GROUP FUN:** Derek, WM 5'9, lkg for other guys that want to have a good time my roommate gets into it too, know what you like give us a call- #29778

Orlando **FRIEND, POSS LOVER:** 32 GWM looking for 20-30 attr, nice eyes, if ur int, give me a call-lkg for friendship long term rel #29834

Orlando **TRUE FRIENDSHIP:** Ron, 32, brn/hzl 5'2 115, gd shpe gdlkg iso true friendship poss rel, new to area, various interests hope to hear from you soon- #29664

Orlando **NEW TO AREA,** Aaron, dance competitor, iso GWM pref 18-27, like the beach dancing and going out give me a call- #30102

Orlando **DINNER AND DANCING:** John, 25, like to hang out go dancing dinner 6' blnc/blu work at a couple of bars, lkg for guys my age 25-30 like to go out and have fun give me a call- #30506

Orlando **SLIM BUILT BLONDE:** 24, 5'8 125, slim build, blnde/blu gdlkg masc, discreet iso other guys to hang out with have a good time 18-25 athl musc or slim build, lv a message- #30962

Orlando **BRIAN 20** cute blu/blnd iso other men for private fun lv a message- #31599

Orlando **FUN TIMES:** Adventurous and open WM 49 iso GM for fun times, lets get together- #31743

Orlando **ORLANDO AREA:** Eugene iso GWM 18-21, in the area, I'm 5'9 140 int are dancing, bars occasionally or watching a good movie iso energetic person spend some good time with, looking forward to hearing frm u lv a message- #31791

New Port Ritchie **WANT TO MEET:** Bill, int in meeting other guys 20-45 int in lifetime rel, 47 lv a message! #7712

Orlando **MACHO GUYS!** Dino, bi, married, avail days, like to live a good life, self empd 5'8, 145 blk hair ctn shaven, big brn eyes, slender side, looking for some macho guys- like BM too! lv a message and I'll get back to you- #23478

Orlando **BILL 30**, 5'7, 170, like to meet other guys, 20-30 if ur int lv a message- #35418

Orlando **JUNIOR, 22** hisp lkg for someone outgoing, likes beach rollerskating, movies, dancing, spend times at home, lv a message, iso 18-30 race not impt- #24736

Port St. Lucie **TREASURE COAST TEDDY BEAR-** prof'l GWM 32 brn/grn iso asian/Hisp/Blk males in the area for fun, poss more- #24933

Orlando **THIRD WHEEL:** my other half and I are looking for a third wheel to hang out with, WM 25-40 in shape and versatile- #25051

Orlando **CHRIS, 20**, very cute blnd blu 125 5'4, work out 3-5x wk, int in alot of things movies theatre dancing hpe you leave your name and number and we can talk about things we have in common- #22252

Orlando **DAYTIME FUN:** Dino, 31, 5'8, 145, blk/brn, nice smile, PR bi, married, like to travel lay in the sun swim watch movies, avail during the day only, if u want to get together give me a call- #23478

407 area code **RUGGED MEXICAN MEN:** GBM 190 new to area iso rugged Mexican men, dom, honest and sincere latin hisp males 18-30 give me a call #26569

Orlando **PROFESSIONAL BI MARRIED:** Jeff, 5'6, 165, masc good build, bi married iso guys to have some good times to get to know, beach work out professional lets talk- #26729

Vero Beach **OUTDOOR FUN:** Steve, 185 WM 30 6', like the beach, camping, boating, outdoors, like massage, lv a message- #17778

Orlando **DAYTIME FUN:** Mark, GWM 22 5'10 175, brn/blu, lkg for hisp guys for morning or aft get together, lv a message- #26670

Vero Beach **OUTDOOR FUN:** Steve, 185, WM 6', 30, like the beach, camping, boating, outdoor things, love massage to get things rolling! give me a call- #17778

Orlando **BALLY'S MEMBER:** 26 WM 130 in shape go to Bally's need a dad want to be a good boy, pls give me a call- #26850

Orlando **LIKE TO MEET SOME FRIENDS:** Bruce, 37 5'11 150, brn/brn tired of the bars, thought I'd try this, but honesty is neces, theatre, eating out, good meals, if I meet some friends thats great, prof'l, maybe we can make something happen! #27503

Orlando **LOOKING TO MEET:** Brian, 27, 5'10, brn/blu, lkg to meet other guys for good times- #27559

Orlando **19 GWM**, blk/hzl, lkg for some guys under 30 give me a call #27696

Orlando **DISCREET RELATIONSHIP:** Chad, looking for some male companionship for fun good times nights out whatever iso discr rel, give me a call- #27223

Orlando **FANTASY MEN:** Kirk, 39, blu 5'10, 170, looking for someone to help my fantasy come true, give me a call- #28296

Orlando **RECENTLY DIVORCED:** 35 WM recntly div prof'l 5'8 165, lkg for a man, to fill my needs, give me a call- movies, enjoy everything- #23223



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Orlando **THE FINE ARTS:** Mike, like movies, art, and plays, like music, lkg for someone a little older than 35, likes to have a little fun, if ur int lv a message- #25304

Orlando **MEN OF COLOR:** Kenny, 31, 5'6, 140, long blonde, blu, int in meeting some men of color, like to have fun hang out with friends dance meditate- #25338

Orlando **NO STRINGS:** Jack, 24, looking for someone to hang out with no strings attached, I'm 5'7 lt brn lt brn, 165, all muscle, looking for someone to have fun with- #25453

Orlando **LEATHER NOVICE:** Alan, looking for assertive man, like to learn more about the leather scene- thanks- #25495

Orlando **LOVE OUTDOORS?** David, WM 25 blnd/blu 150, swimmers build work out often, attr, like outdoors, canoeing fishing boating camping, beach, home, like to feel impt to someone- open and sensitive, lkg for someone 25 or younger- #25838

Orlando **JOCKEY TYPE:** Ron, attr, jockey type, 32, 5'2 115, blnd/hzl blu, good pers, monog, into friendship and taking it slow- just moved here, be yourself- #25520

★ Lesbian Personals



Pensacola **WARM BUTCH:** Phylliss 5'9 180, blnd/brn tall fem iso a butch, nice warm caring, thats loving, caring strong dk hair, betw 24-40, handsome good hearted have a nice slow moving romantic rel- likes fishing, quiet walks things together- #24139

Tallahassee **LOOKING FOR A FRIEND:** BF 36, lived here 9 yrs, lkg for friendships and well, poss rel with other BF 30-45, who are from larger cities, like outdoors kinds of things, like to travel- #30751

Daytona Beach **GAY BUTCH:** Wendy, italian, 5'9, 149, WF Gay Butch, brn/brn var of int, swimming cuddling at home- like fishing reading, watchin tv movies bowling- 49, I have a son, #31197

Ft. Walton Beach **KIDS, MOVIES, SPORTS:** Betty 32 BF, int in another BF single, like kids movies sports and spending time with each other- #31669

Orlando **CARING/SHARING:** Marian, upbeat person iso same like alot of things, in my 50's stable, looking for someone in the same area a loving caring sharing friend to lead to a poss rel and companionship lv a name and # and I will call you- #18647

Orlando **BI CURIOUS WF** Sarah 19, size 14 iso attr female to spend time with athletic enjoy clubs and movies and quiet times at home- #18982

Orlando **FEM LESBIAN:** Tanya 19 W fem lesbian, iso friends to go to clubs concerts, movies or just hang out with at home- #24970

Cocoa **WALKS ON THE BEACH:** Diane, 30, lkg for a single GWF 30-40 movies walks on the beach quiet eves at home and dancing hope to hear from you soon- #12477

Ft. Pierce **SPEND TIME WITH ME:** Franciney, 23 BF 5'4 120 brn/blk, walking movies and spending time with my date, 18-32 lv a message- #24062

W. Palm Beach **SHOW ME AROUND:** Lisa 24, hisp, 5'6, 125, new to area, love to dance outdoor activities, int in showing me around give me a call- #25647

Orlando **ATHLETIC LADY:** WF, 24, attr, outgoing iso stable athletic person 23-30 lv a message and I'll call you back- #28810

Orlando **SINGLE BF**, looking for single women to enjoy outdoors sports, going out, someone int in doing things together- #34201

Orlando **CLASSY PROFESSIONAL:** Jane, very dom woman, beautiful classy professional, lkg for very subm full figured woman race not impt, waiting for her- I know I can find her- lv a name and # #8827

Orlando **BLONDE CURLY HAIR:** Jennifer GWF 24 long blond curly hair blue eyes, love the beach love to dance, int give me a call- #16043

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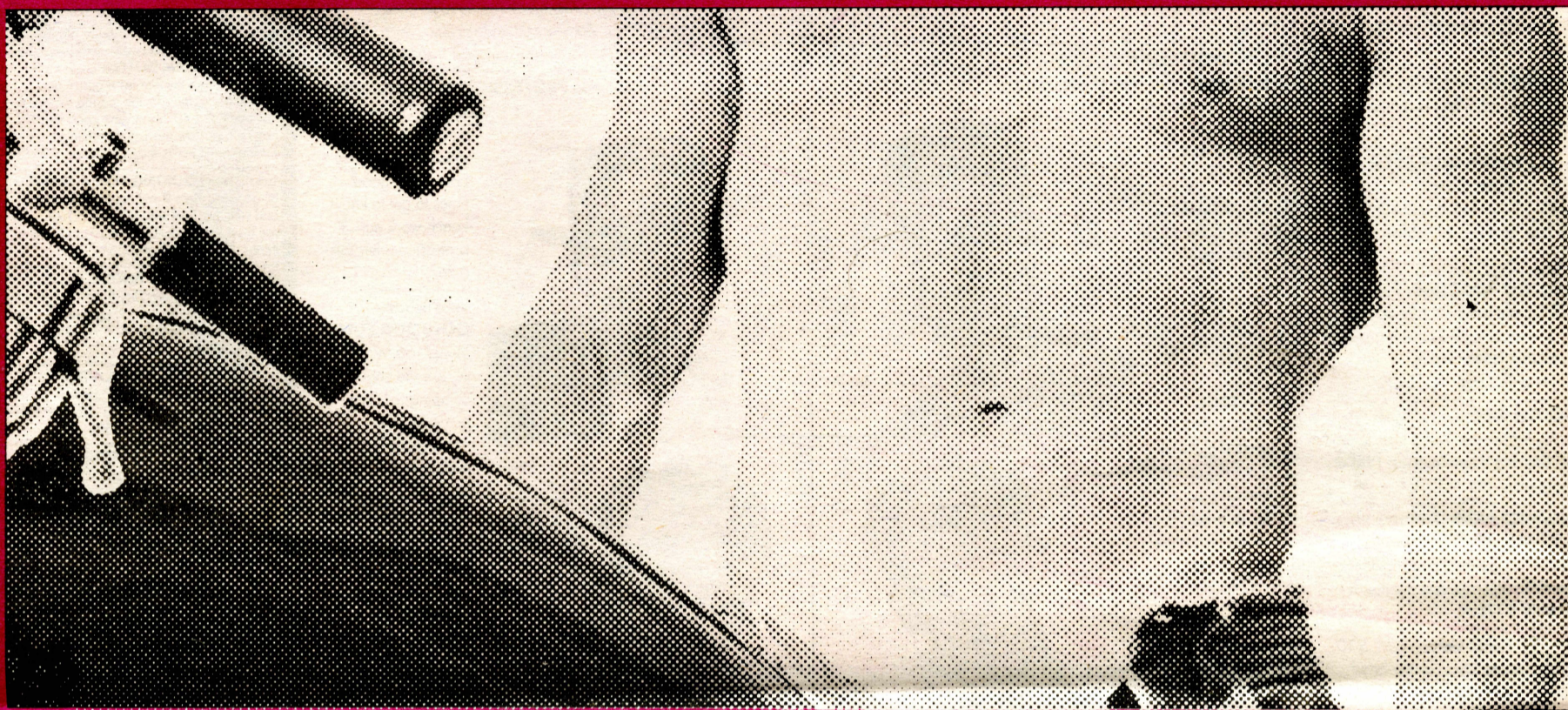


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