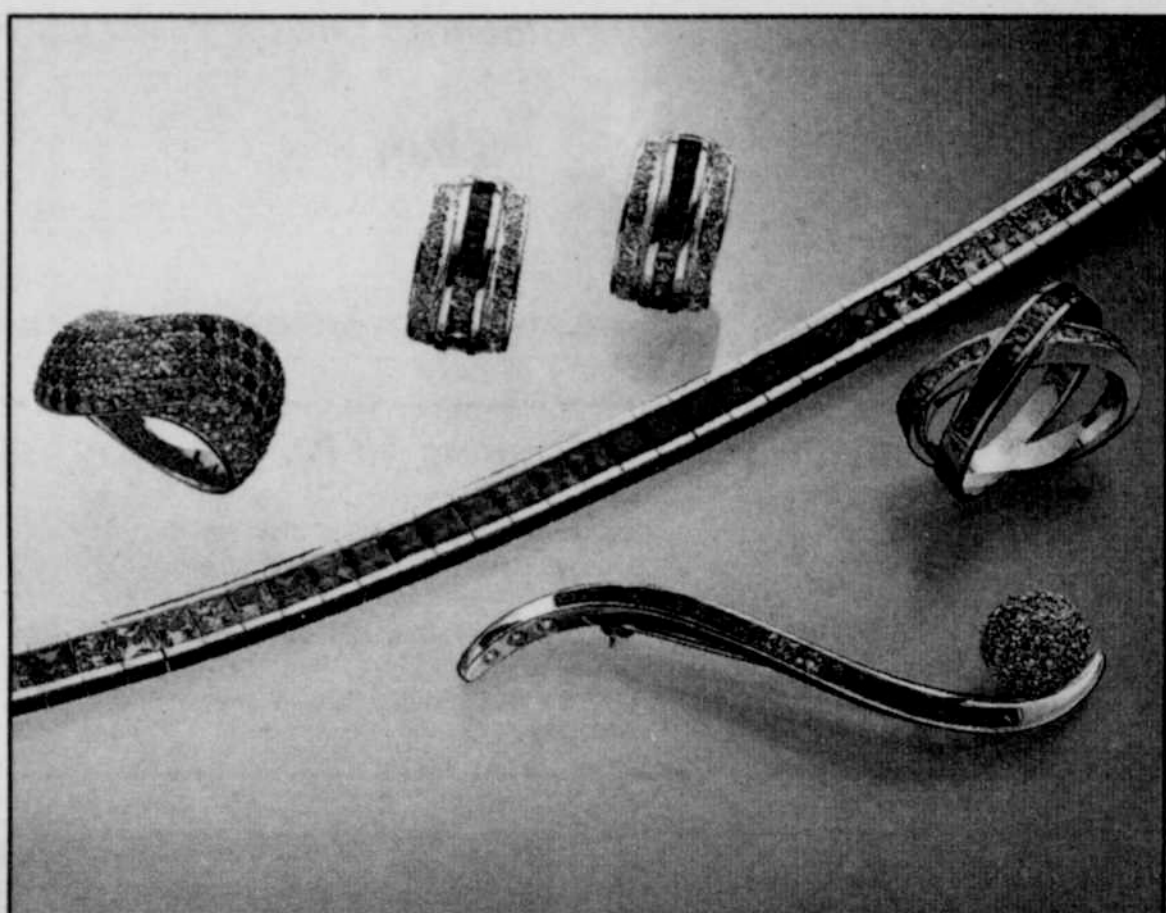


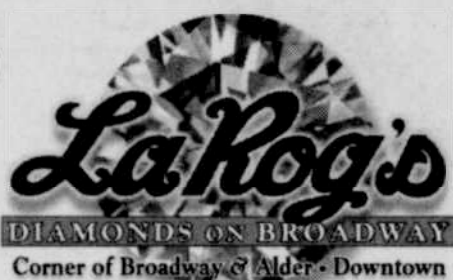


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WORLD news



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IRELAND

Viacom Outdoor has rejected a \$1 million billboard campaign for the new glossy magazine *GI* (*Gay Ireland*).

The posters show two men wearing Gaelic Athletic Association uniforms locked in a passionate embrace. The tagline says, "Relax, it's a gay thing."

Viacom based its decision on a determination by the Advertising Standards Authority that the images could cause "grave and widespread offense." The magazine's publisher, TV Now, responded by hiring independent contractors to erect the billboards at specially leased sites, according to *Ad Age Global*.

"Viacom have been extremely heavy-handed in this matter," CEO John Ryan told the publication. "We believe the ASA ruling is flawed. We do take encouragement from the fact that the ASA has not demanded that we take the posters we have up, down."

SOUTH AFRICA

President Thabo Mbeki said Oct. 24 that anti-HIV drugs are as bad as AIDS itself. "Anti-retrovirals are becoming as dangerous to health as the disease they are supposed to treat," he told the National Assembly.

Based on personal research on the Internet, Mbeki repeatedly has questioned whether HIV is even the cause of AIDS. He has been denounced widely for those utterances.

HIV drugs have a host of serious side effects, including elevated triglycerides and removal of normal fat from the face and limbs.

CANADA

The Federation of Gay Games selected Montreal for the 2006 Gay Games during a meeting Oct. 25 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Atlanta, Chicago and Los Angeles also were in the running. "Montreal's team demonstrated an overall knowledge and keen understanding of what it takes to make the Gay Games a successful event," federation co-president Gene Dermody said.

Gay Canadian Olympic gold medalist Mark Tewksbury, honorary co-president of the Montreal 2006 committee, said: "We are delighted and honored. Montreal...will host a spectacular Gay Games and take the movement and its values of participation, inclusion and personal best forward in the years leading up to 2006."

Montreal's bid received enthusiastic support from the city and provincial governments. Other key factors in the federation's decision included the depressed Canadian dollar, which makes the country much cheaper to visit than the United States, and the U.S. ban on HIV-positive foreign visitors, which was denounced strongly by European attendees and others at the meeting.

FINLAND

The Supreme Court granted custody Oct. 19 of two children to their deceased mother's female partner rather than to their father, because that's what the kids wanted.

It was the first such ruling in Finnish history. The children, ages 12 and 14, had lived with the women since 1993 while their father lived mostly overseas.

AUSTRALIA

A total of 3,000 people "walked, scooted, danced or flounced" in Perth's 12th Gay Pride march Oct. 27, the *West Australian* reported. They were accompanied by about 50 floats.

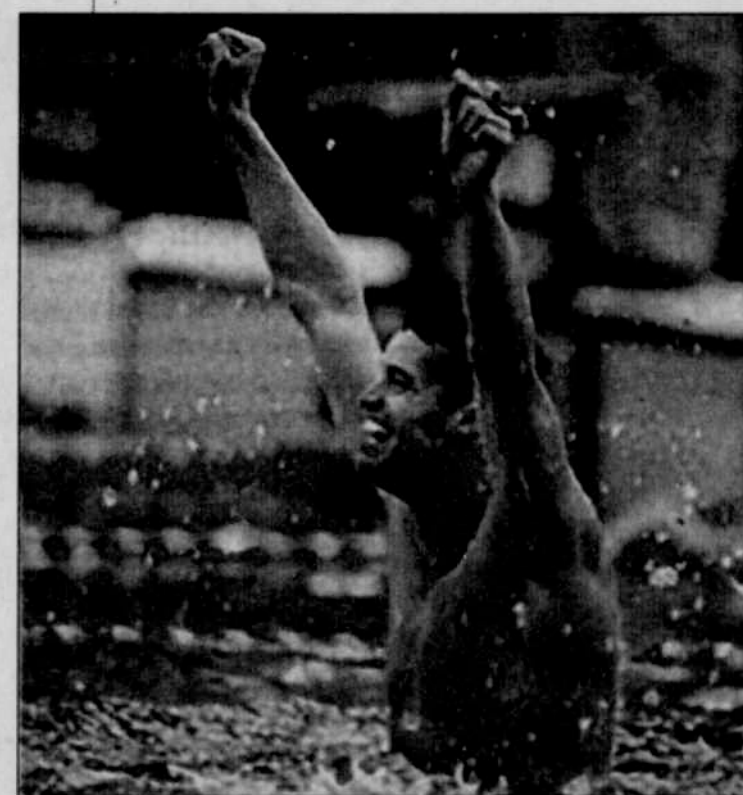
"Curious, bemused and amused" spectators were three deep on James Street, the newspaper said. The parade ran from 7 p.m. to almost 10.

The state of Victoria, home to Melbourne, has rewrote 43 acts of Parliament to include same-sex couples. Attorney General Rob Hulls told the *Sydney Morning Herald* the amendments replace heterosexist language with terms such as "partner" and "domestic partner."

Another 14 state laws are scheduled to be rewrote as well, he said. "These amendments will ensure same-sex couples receive the same legal rights as heterosexual couples, ending discrimination against one group of Victorians, but not at the expense of any other groups of discrimination."

MALAYSIA

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad told BBC Radio 4 that if gay U.K. officials come to Malaysia with their boyfriends, they will be sent packing. "British people accept homosexual ministers, but if they ever come here, bringing their boyfriend along, we'll throw them out," he said Nov. 1.



Gay Canadian Olympic gold medalist Mark Tewksbury is pumped up for 2006