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of interesting things were tried (with varying degrees of success): in one number, she wore a black leotard and a hoop skirt frame covered with black lace. Her dancing boys wrapped the hoop with a violet satin skirt during the black-out, so that... presto! She's wearing a new outfit. Well, except that she's not. There was also this great number where she sang from atop a tall staircase, tightly wrapped in about a mile of fabric, looking for all the world like Gloria Swanson. Perfect, until the dancing boys rolled the staircase offstage with Sarah atop it, hanging on for dear life.

Naturally, I have to mention *Titanic*. Sarah has recorded "Il Mio Cuore Va," which is "My Heart Will Go On" in Italian. And it is actually the best version of that song I have yet heard. And of course, she sang it in concert, walking back and forth on a catwalk that was made up to look like the bow of a ship. As it was lowered to the stage for her to climb aboard, however, it jerked and fell briefly, and appeared to cause Sarah to think twice before getting on. But, trooper that she is, she did, and even did that whole Kate Winslet "I'm flying" thing.

Other than the opening, there were two other vastly memorable moments. The first number after intermission was "Captain Nemo," one of the best songs from her little-known CD *Dive*. I saw her in 1995, in her first tour since that recording, and she did not sing from it, so I was pretty sure that she was hoping we'd all forgotten it (it was fabulous in its own way, but only sold about 12 copies). I was wrong, however, and she worked "Captain Nemo" into this huge spectacle that involved her and some dancing boys flying about stage on wires. There was also a big finale that involved two songs from *Phantom of the Opera*, a somewhat surprising choice of "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" as a first encore, and her latest big hit, "Time to Say Goodbye" as her final number. All in all, a most satisfying evening. Campy, touching, and all-over fabulous. ▼

Hollywood

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emy Awards telecast in which Rob Lowe and Snow White performed "Proud Mary."

You Don't Say?

"Being openly gay in public life is itself a political statement. It's relevant to changing laws because half the reason the laws haven't been changed is the public at large isn't aware that gay people exist because we've been encouraged for so long to stay in the closet and be quiet about ourselves and not to cause a fuss."

— Sir Ian McKellen in the June 28 *Sydney Morning Herald*

Briefly...

Rock legend Elton John has reportedly asked for a \$40 million loan to pay off debts he has accrued. Estimates put his holdings at over \$250 million, but the openly-gay rock star reportedly spends tens of thousands every week... Grammy-winning country stars Trisha Yearwood and band The Mavericks performed a benefit concert last month for a local Nashville makeup artist recently diagnosed with cancer. The event made headlines since it was held at The Connection, a gay bar in conservative Nashville, TN... Indie princess Parker Posey has joined the cast of *Scream 3* which begins production this summer. She will join newlyweds Courtney Cox and David Arquette, and director Wes Craven. Openly gay Kevin Williamson, who developed the film franchise and wrote the first two installments, has turned over the film to another writer since he is busy preparing for the release of his directorial debut *Teaching Mrs. Tingle* and the premiere of his new ABC television series *Wasteland*... It seems audiences are not the only ones shocked by the kids in *South Park* this summer — critics have generally given the animated film positive reviews... After numerous production set backs, the planned Janis Joplin biopic *Piece of My Heart* has now lost its director Gary Fleder. The project, plagued by delays over song rights and a competing script, at one time had Melissa Etheridge attached to portray the singing legend... The independent feature *Defying Gravity*, the story of two closeted fraternity brothers coming out after a vicious gay bashing, has been screened at sneak peaks in both New York and Los Angeles and will open in other cities later this summer. ▼

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A new group has formed in Hendersonville, NC. Called "United for Diversity," they have developed a community calendar and a directory of services, organizations and businesses pertaining to the GLBT community. The group meets at the Grace Fellowship Metropolitan Community Church, 2001 Asheville Hwy., Hendersonville and their next meeting will be held August 14 at 10:00am. For more information, call (828) 692-0111.

"Linking Lives" Aging Resources Expo will be held August 28 at the Chapel Hill Senior Center, 400 S. Elliott Rd., Chapel Hill from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Presentations include "Gay and Lesbian Elders: Booming and Blooming" and "Using the McKnight Model for Community Building within an Elder Lesbian Community." The Expo is designed to provide health and human service professionals and anyone interested with free referral resources for older lesbian and gay adults. For more information, contact Patrick Toal or MJ at (919) 416-0609.

Triad Health Project and the Greensboro Jaycees have scheduled Winter Walk '99, an annual fundraising event benefiting several area

organizations that provide HIV/AIDS services, for Saturday, December 4 in Greensboro. The five-mile walk is open to any group or individual. For more information, call Triad Health Project at (336) 275-1654 in Greensboro or (336) 884-4116 in High Point.

Womenfest '99 will be held in Key West, FL this September. For information, visit www.womenfest.net.

Nolo Press, the nation's largest publisher of self-help legal books, has officially become Nolo.com on the Internet. Nolo has produced several bookson legal help for the GLBT community. Their web site at www.nolo.com features a legal encyclopedia, a legal dictionary, and downloadable e-guides and form kits, covering everything from wills and traffic tickets to small business and patents.

If you need help with an anti-gay hate crime or similar situation, contact the LAMBDA GLBT Community Services Hate Crimes Hotline at 1-800-616-4283. You may also confidentially report incidents online and get help and information at www.lambda.org.

Chest Man International, an organization for men attracted to the male chest, will hold its fourth International Chest Man Convention at the Steamworks in Chicago, IL August 6-8. Scheduled events include a "chest wres-

ting" tournament in which combatants can only hold their opponents by the pecs or nipples. The wrestling tournament will be followed by a chest competition with monetary prizes for Best Pecs, Biggest Nipples, Longest Nipples, and to Mr. Chest Man International. Also scheduled are nipple enlarging demonstrations and booths where vendors can display their wares or services. Both Friday and Saturday night will consist of a safe sex gathering. For more information, visit www.chestmaninternational.com or write CMI, PO Box 5468, Chicago, IL 60680.

Consumer beware. New internet service provider (ISP) Rainbowvoice claims they are the first national ISP for the GLBT community, but that isn't true. GLINN Network One owns that bragging right. Telling the truth is not the only thing misleading. Rainbowvoice is mainly a marketing campaign. They do not own or operate any of the equipment a typical ISP requires. Everything, from their web site to their dialup network to their customer service, is jobbed out to other companies. And GLINN Network One offers the best prices and features of the two. A monthly dialup account is \$15.95, down to \$12.95 with prepayment, while Rainbowvoice is \$19.95. GLINN also offers more email boxes, personal web space and other features. But decide for yourself. — GLINN Network One is at www.glinn.com and Rainbowvoice is at www.rainbowvoice.com. ▼

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