

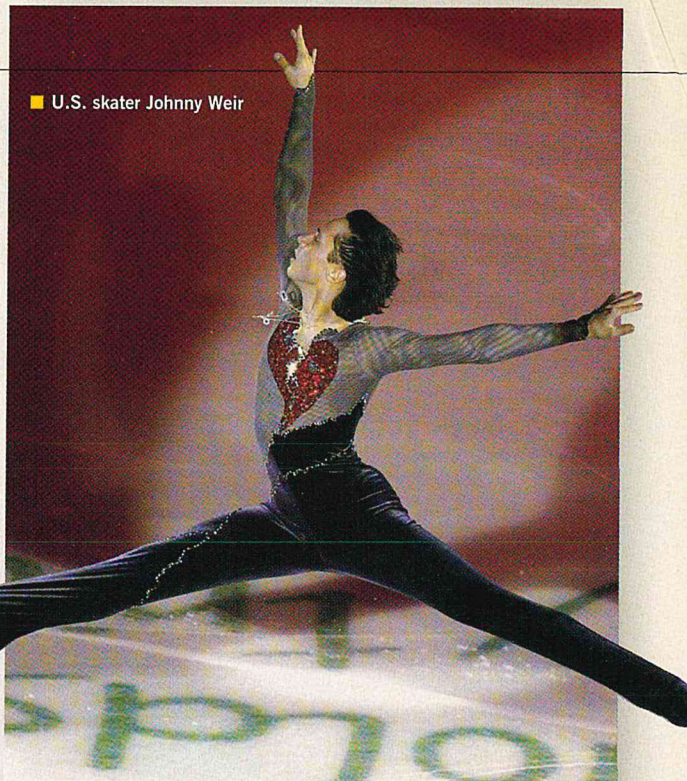


■ Williams (far right) and Knight bring a fruitcake to '70s mom Debra Jo Rupp.

MEDIA

Brady boys to gay men

Barry Williams and Christopher Knight, who played brothers Greg and Peter on *The Brady Bunch*, will portray a gay couple on an episode of *That '70s Show* in early May. Rumor has it they may even kiss on camera. Somewhere, Robert Reed is smiling.



■ U.S. skater Johnny Weir

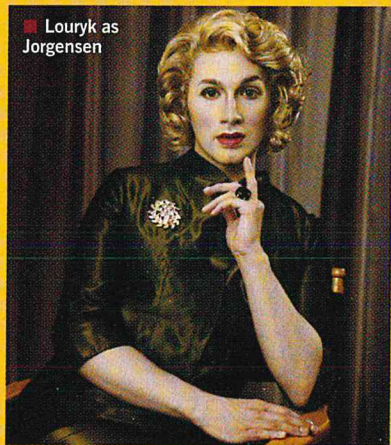
TRANSGENDER SPOTLIGHT

Christine's confessions

When Bradford Louryk picked up the LP *Christine Jorgensen Reveals* at a rare-record store in Manhattan, he was drawn by the picture of the elegant woman on the album cover, which also promised an intimate glimpse into the life of "the world's most sensational celebrity."

He had no idea then that the lady in question was the male-to-female transsexual who had been a national celebrity in the 1950s. Now the 27-year-old performer channels Jorgensen's glamorous persona onstage in a show that has been nominated for one of this year's GLAAD Media Awards. *Christine Jorgensen Reveals* plays at New York's Studio Theatre at Theatre Row through April 1, then at the Boston Center for the Arts, April 6-29.

The out-of-print record was a novelty



■ Louryk as Jorgensen

recording of an interview released in 1958, some six years after Jorgensen's sex-reassignment surgery made front-page headlines. In his stage version, Louryk expertly lip-synchs to the soundtrack, stylishly delivering Jorgensen's story of her transformation and her remarkably sophisticated views on gender and sexuality.

"What I respect about Christine is that she is so much of her own period and

yet so ahead of her time, sometimes even of our time," says Louryk. "Christine was very clear that she was not a homosexual but a straight woman born in the wrong body, and [her story] is about the lengths that a person will go to realize their fundamental humanity. I find it really inspiring that she loved life too much to have ever lived it feeling incomplete."

—Gerard Raymond

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"Sex trainer: Best to practice seven days a week."

—Slogan imprinted on a Dolce & Gabbana hoodie bought during a Turin, Italy, shopping spree by fifth-place Olympic skater **JOHNNY WEIR**, as reported by *The Washington Post*, February 22. Weir has repeatedly declined to state his sexuality

"I'm not a jock, I'm an artiste. I don't like to be called a jock because that makes me think of spandex-covered football players. It's not...not me. I'm in rhinestones and velvet, not spandex."

—**WEIR**, in a television interview with NBC's Mary Carillo, February 13

"I'm just like any other girl there."

—Cyclist and trans woman **KRISTEN WORLEY**, on her goal of competing at the 2008 Olympics, as quoted by MSNBC.com, February 22

"I am never going to separate the shirts. And I'm never going to let anyone put them on."

—**TOM GREGORY**, who paid \$101,100.51 in an online auction for the two shirts featured in *Brokeback Mountain*, as quoted by Gay.com. The money went to a Los Angeles-based children's charity

"If we make the Hulk gay, would you come back and make a second for us?"

—From a note to *Brokeback* and *Hulk* director **ANG LEE** from the head of Marvel Comics, as quoted by Lee upon receiving the Equality Award from the Human Rights Campaign in New York, February 11

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