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AT NIGHT

*Dance Theatre
of Harlem
returns to
Miami*



FIRST EVER FLORIDA AIDS RIDE EXPECTS TO RAISE \$2 MILLION

Below: The Miami team who've made the AIDS Ride possible.



Florida Aids Ride Presented by Tanqueray expects 900 bicyclists to make the three-day, 275 mile course from Orlando to Miami, beginning May 17.

This is a ride, not a race, with each rider travelling at their own pace. As they travel down the coast, riders will be fully supported by catered hot meals, five daily water and snack stops, hot showers, medical and mechanical services, and tents for camping.

This is a huge undertaking, being produced by Daniel Pallotta, the Executive Producer and creator of the AIDS Ride. The AIDS Ride "mobile city" which supports not only the 900 riders, but also hundreds of volunteers includes 65 support vehicles and 750 tents. This "mobile city" travels with the riders and is set up every day before the riders arrive at camp, and torn down every morning after the riders leave for that day's trip.

The Florida AIDS Ride is being held in conjunction with the California AIDS Ride and Boston to New York AIDS Ride. The first Boston to New York AIDS Ride took place in September 1995. The three-day, 250 mile ride included almost 4,000 participants from 29 states and 10 countries and raised \$6.5 million, making it the highest grossing AIDS fund-raiser in the world.

Pallotta commented recently that "the Rides are demanding and challenging. That's why people are doing them. Given the scope of the AIDS epidemic, things that are easy just don't measure up anymore...This affects us all in some way. This is our time to be heroes."

We can all participate. The riders of this First Ever Florida AIDS Ride will be arriving 4:00p.m. on Sunday, May 19th at Flamingo Park. Their arrival will be celebrated in fine style, and you can make a donation there, too. For further info call 532-6055.

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"South Beach—The Play" returns for 3 performances

by Melanie Morningstar

Jim Tommaney's "South Beach - the Play" returns to SoBe's Edge/Theatre for three days only, Friday through Sunday, this week.

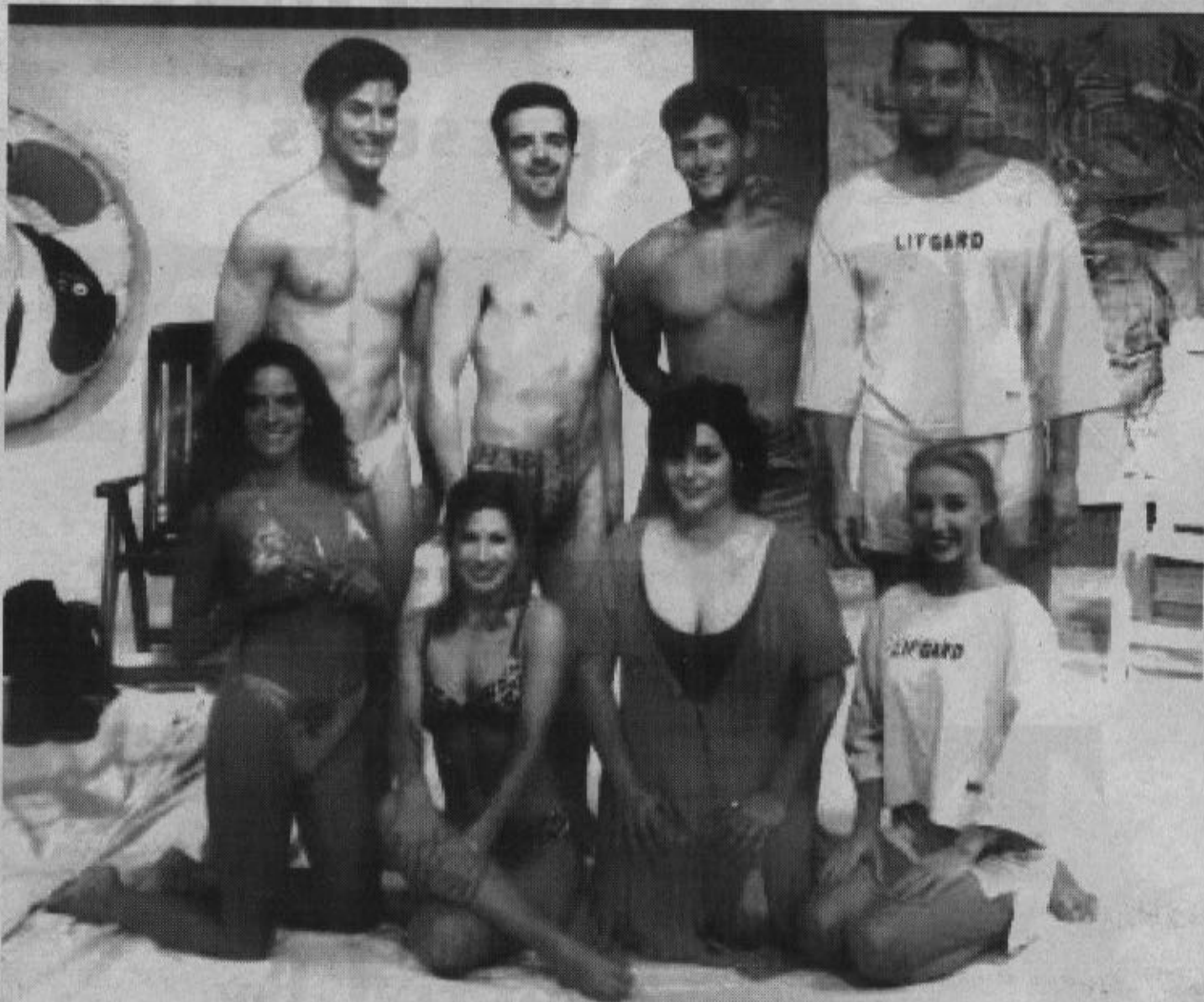
This is a snappy little comedy, which seems at first to be your typical day at the beach, which locals know, can be anything but typical. However, this one takes a very strange turn, and the spiritual content is well in keeping with the new surge of spiritual awakening going on throughout the world. (Let us not forget that "The Celestine Prophecy" has been on the top of *The New York Times* best-seller list for about 120 weeks).

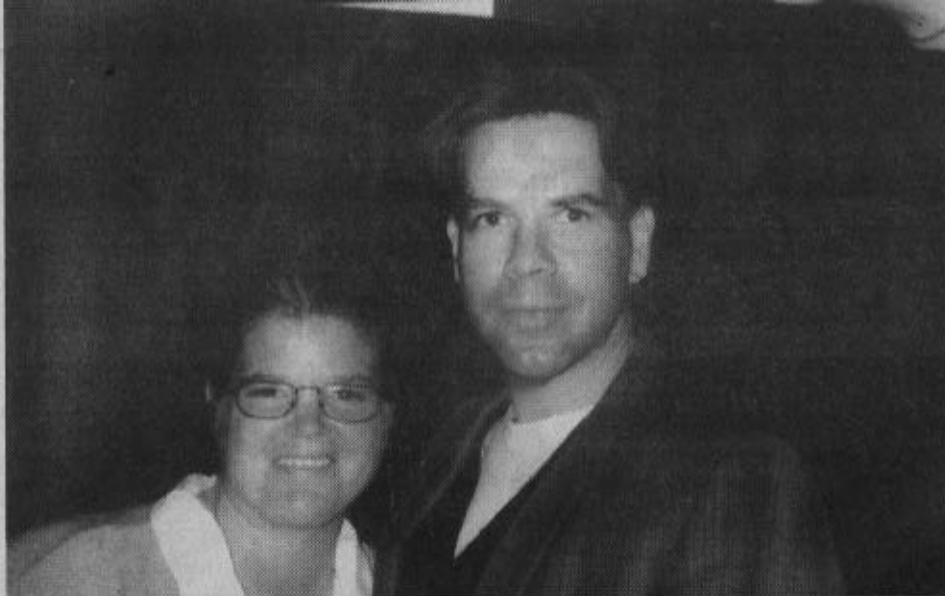
XS called "South Beach" "fascinating", and *The Miami Herald* called it "delightfully fresh". *Entertainment News & Views* declared that "Tommaney hits paydirt". Go see "South Beach" and see for yourself.

Curtain-time at the intimate, black-box theater at 405 Espanola Way is 8:00p.m. For tickets call 531-6083.

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Jim Tommaney's runaway hit, "South Beach—The Play," returns May 17, 18 and 19 only to EDGE/Theatre on Espanola Way.





Impressaria Mary D. and everyone's favorite comic, Jason Stuart at The Comedy Zone



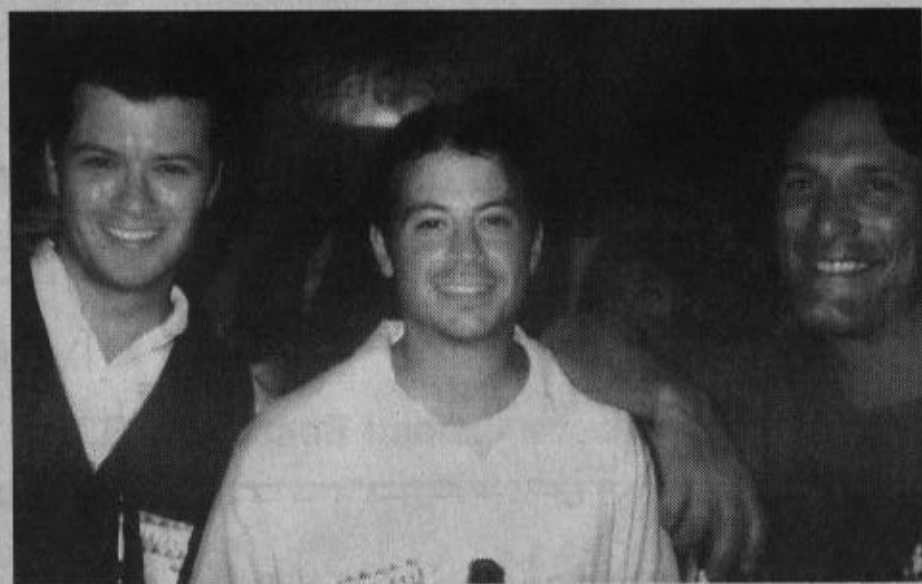
Chad Elliot, one of the Beach's best jewellery designers, and Maria K, one of Greece's best jewellery designers, celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Mex Mess, with owner Fabio Garzo.

Nights Out with Morningstar

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Groovy man, Larry Vickers, Johnny Vinczencz, Tara Solomon and Ernie Harrell, the team behind Monday night's Astor Place Chef's Table, share a 60s moment.



Deco Drivers Ted Goldenberg, Michael Goldfine and Neil Frolich hang together at the 96 Blowout at Amnesia.



All the big names came out for Tara's Table at Astor Place, Sharif Malnick ventured downtown from The Forge, and Craig Robins hung out.



Crispy from 821, and Jonathan share a laugh thing at the Comedy Zone



William, Gil and Junius Mosby, John Casablanca's Modeling Center, share a far out moment with a new friend at Astor Place's Chef's Table.