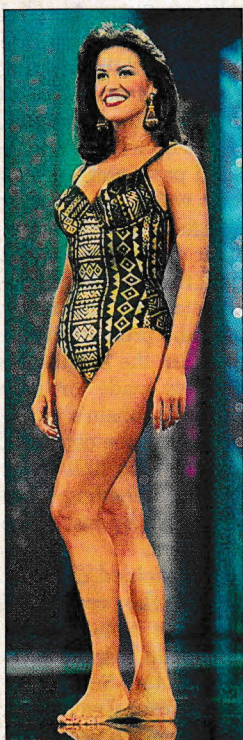


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Holland (above) models last year's outfit. The promoters hope the Callahans (right) will attract new viewers.



Miss Two-Piece America

THE SHOW HAS SEEMED SO OLD-FASHIONED lately they should rename it "The I Miss America Pageant." Maybe last week's changes to the swimsuit competition—contestants will get to pick their own, and it can be either one- or two-piece—will provide a lift. "It's long overdue," says **John Callahan** of "All My Children," who was just named cohost, along with his wife and daytime costar, **Eva LaRue Callahan**. Contestants still can't wear bikinis or thongs.

"We want to make sure little girls can watch this without parents covering their eyes," says the current Miss America, **Tara Holland**. Last year she had to choose from only three slightly different suits, all in identical—and unfortunate—fabrics. Look for more variety Sept. 13, though executive producer **Leonard Horn** vows that "none of the women will be wearing a navel ring."

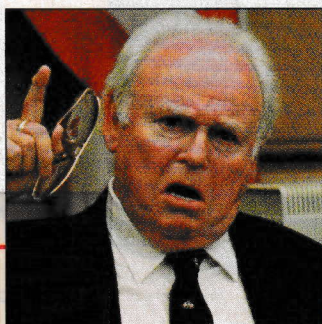
B. J. SIGESMUND with JANE HUGHES in London

Off the Hook

AS TELEVISION'S ARCHIE Bunker, actor **Carroll O'Connor** spewed a lot of angry words as America's favorite fictional bigot. Last week, a Los Angeles jury decided O'Connor had a right to some angry words of his own. **Harry**

One angry man: O'Connor

Perzigan (who was convicted of supplying O'Connor's son, Hugh, with cocaine before Hugh's suicide) lost a slander



suit he brought against the actor after the grieving dad publicly called him a "sleazeball" and "partner in murder." While Perzigan's lawyers claimed he had "lost the fun of being alive," the jury apparently felt that O'Connor had lost something far more important—his son—and had good reason for his real-life Bunkeresque candor. Said O'Connor, "I knew a jury would back me up."

Queen-Mail

GREAT BRITAIN HAS LOST Hong Kong, but that hasn't stopped Queen **Elizabeth II** from trying to conquer the World Wide Web. Buckingham Palace says that Her Majesty periodically scans the 1,000



The monarch at the keyboard

daily e-mail messages to the royal Web site. Although it's "a bit premature" to talk about the queen regularly e-mailing her subjects and advisers, says the spokesperson, she is "interested in its possibilities." So what's the protocol for addressing her online? Yo, Majesty?

Jam on It

HIS STYLE MAY BE CAT-IN-the-Hat, but last week MTV crowned him top dog. Gen-X's jazzy Jamiroquai, led by frontman **Jay Kay**, took 10 MTV Video Music Award nominations—more than any other act. The group's been a smash with Britain's club kids since 1992, but didn't grab the U.S. market until its videos started spinning on MTV in March. Its much heralded video "Virtual Insanity" comes from the band's third CD, "Travelling Without Moving"—which has yet to crack even a million in stateside sales. Until maybe tomorrow.



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