

# HUGS EAST

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## MTV's The Real World

### *The Real World* in the Big Easy

It's a new season on MTV's "The Real World," a new city (New Orleans), and -- true to form -- a new gay roommate.

The belle of the ball this season is 22-year-old Danny, from Rockmart, GA, a "straight-acting" guy with a boyfriend in the military. The face of Dan's beau is electronically blocked out because of the military's anti-gay policies, but the affection between the two is unabashed and, well, real.

Danny's obviously not shy about being gay. In the very first episode he spends time in the hot tub frolicking with the anonymous military boyfriend, and describes coming out to his parents: "The minute I told them, it was like I was alive, really alive for the first time." And he's not the only gay participant, either -- behind the camera is Director Victor Mignatti, who also wrote and directed the gay comedy *Broadway Damage*.

We'll keep tabs on Danny and the New Orleans crew as the unavoidable dramas and sub-plots unfold, but one thing's for certain: in the current world of "real-life" television shows, *The Real World* seems positively civilized.

For those without cable, here's an explanation: MTV gathers together seven young people to live in an apartment and be observed by cameras, turning their everyday lives into heightened media events. Each year has involved a different location and different residents, and there's usually a gay, lesbian, or bisexual participant.

MTV's *The Real World* airs Tuesday nights at 10 p.m. EST.

*The Real World's* queer roundup:

- 1992: New York's roommates included Norman, a bisexual.
- 1993: Los Angeles's cast included a lesbian named Beth.
- 1994: San Francisco's edition featured Pedro Zamora, an AIDS educator who died later that

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year. Sean, his boyfriend, also appeared.

- 1996: Among Miami's romantic entanglements, Dan dated Arnie and then Johnny.
- 1997: Boston's edition included Genesis a lesbian.
- 1999: Hawaii's cast included a bisexual Ruthie and gay Harvard law student Justin.

Staff. MTV's The Real World. Online. PlanetOut. Available: <http://www.planetout.com/pno/entertainment/starstruck/2000/06/realworld.html>. 3 July 2000.

## HIV / AIDS

When AIDS ripped through the gay community in the 1980s and early 1990s, it had a profound effect: Thousands died, and thousands more radically changed their sexual habits. But recently, as new drugs have greatly lengthened the life spans of people with AIDS, the issue has received much less attention. And new studies show that fewer and fewer gay men are following safe sex practices -- a trend confirmed by the recent syphilis outbreak among gay men in Los Angeles.

With approximately one million Americans infected -- and an increasing percentage of them poor and lacking insurance -- AIDS remains an important part of the national agenda. On May 18, Numedix, a quarterly HIV medical journal, released new information on the positions of Al Gore and George W. Bush regarding HIV policy. In the next session, Congress will consider many bills to renew or extend funding for HIV research and prevention and reduce discrimination against HIV-positive workers. In the developing world -- particularly Africa -- where sexual protection is uncommon and few can afford expensive new treatments, HIV infections are reaching epidemic proportions.

Staff. HIV/AIDS. Online. PlanetOut. Available: <http://www.planetout.com/news/roundups/issues/hiv.html>. 3 July 2000.

**Quote:** "Homosexuality is assuredly no advantage, but it is nothing to be ashamed of."

- Sigmund Freud, *Psychoanalyst*

Judell, B. (1997). *"The Gay Quote Book"* New York: Penguin Group

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# Calendar of Events

## July, 2000

- 07/06 Find out about Menierer's Disease. — Virginia
- 07/13 Gay & Growing Old. — Blanche
- 07/20 General Business & Board Meeting. Board members please arrive at 6:30 PM — Terry
- 07/27 Movie "Dream Team". — Virginia

## August, 2000

- 08/03 Spirituality. — Terry
- 08/10 Same Sex Domestic Violence. — Rhonda
- 08/17 Movie "Defying Gravity". — Mark
- 08/24 Planning Meeting. — Brenda
- 08/31 Gay Organizations in NE Ohio. — Darlene

## Hugs Social Activities for July & August

- 07/15 3:00 PM Geneva on the Lake Outing. Meet at Eddie's Grill., 5377 Lake Road East, Geneva on the Lake, OH.
- 08/06 1:00 PM HUGS Family Picnic. Headlands Beach State Park., 600 Headlands Road, Mentor, OH. **Bring a dish to pass.**
- 08/12 9:30 AM Golf Outing at Johnnycake Ridge Golf Course. 7134 Mentor Ave., Willoughby, OH. Call Blanche or Brenda if you are interested in playing golf.
- 08/12 12:00 PM Lunch at the Olive Garden. 7850 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH. (corner of Mentor Ave. and Plaza Blvd.)

## Other Activities for July & August

- 7/16 1 PM Dancin' in the Streets. Mall B, Franz Pastorius Blvd. between St. Clair and Lakeside Aves, Cleveland, OH.

For more details regarding any social event or meeting topic please call the information line at (440) 974-8909.

The Thursday evening meeting begins at 7:00 PM and is located at: 8521 East Ave., Mentor, OH 44060

## Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you Laura and Val for allowing HUGS to hold the spaghetti dinner and dance fund raiser at your home. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## Thank You From Forbes House

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. The time and energy spent by the members of HUGS making our shelter beautiful is greatly appreciated, by all of us here at Forbes House. We can never thank you enough for all the work you have done for us through the years. Our residents will definitely benefit from your most generous donation of time. We can only imagine how soothing and peaceful a beautifully landscaped yard can do for a woman when she is suffering on the inside.

On behalf of the Staff, Volunteers and Residents of Forbes House, we would like to take this opportunity to **Thank You Again!!**, for designating our shelter as the recipient of your "Generosity" and for your **continued support!!** We hope you will remember us again.

Warmly, LindaLou Holian

## Did you know that...

Ashtabula County now has support for the gay and lesbian community. For information on the Ashtabula Group call (440) 964-4289 or email them at [lgbuashtabula@gay.com](mailto:lgbuashtabula@gay.com)

## Cleveland AIDS WALK

Join the HUGS team for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. John T. Carey Memorial AIDS Walk on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a pledge walk, so line up your pledges. As September approaches more information will be provided. If you would like to get information now you can call the AIDS WALK HOTLINE: (440) 735-WALK.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Last year, members of HUGS purchased school supplies for the children of families with AIDS. It was such a success that we thought we would do it again this year. Items needed include paper, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, glue, scissors, etc. (you know anything a child would need for school). Please drop off your school supplies by Thursday, August 24, 2000. No donation is too small. Thank you in advance for your help.

## RECIPES

Our recipes this month come from Virginia.

### Shortbread (1)

- Ingredients:** 1 3/4 cups of flour  
4 tsp. of sugar  
4 oz. of butter (MUST use butter)  
1 egg yolk  
2 tbs. of milk  
sugar
- Directions:** Place the flour in a bowl, add sugar and rub the butter in with your fingers until the mixture is crumbly. Make a well in the center of the mixture and pour in the egg yolk and milk. Work into a smooth dough. Transfer the dough to a cake pan 8 inches in diameter and press it out to the sides with your fingers. Crimp the edges with a fork and mark it into slices. Chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. Heat the oven to 400° and bake the shortbread for 5 minutes. Turn down the heat to 300° and bake for another 30 minutes or until the shortbread begins to turn a light golden brown. Remove it from the oven and cut into slices while it is still warm. Do not attempt to take it from the pan until it has fully cooled. Sprinkle the top with a little sugar before serving.

### Shortbread (2)

- Ingredients:** 3/4 cup of butter (softened)  
1/4 cup of sugar  
2 cups of flour
- Directions:** Heat oven to 350°. Mix butter and sugar together and then mix in the flour. Roll dough about 1/2 inch thick on a lightly floured board. Cut into small squares. Place about 1/2 inch apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until set, about 20 minutes. Immediately remove from cookie sheet.

### Shortbread (3)

- Ingredients:** 2 cups of flour  
1 cup of butter (softened)  
1/4 cup of confectioners' sugar  
1/4 tsp. of salt  
1/4 tsp. of baking powder  
1 tsp. of vanilla extract  
2 tbs. of sugar
- Directions:** Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl mix the first 6 ingredients until well mixed. Pat dough into 9 inch round cake pan and with a fork prick well. Sprinkle sugar over the dough and bake 30 to 35 minutes. Cut into wedges while warm. Cool on a wire rack; separate and serve.

## 106<sup>th</sup> Congress Senate

## 1<sup>st</sup> Session

### This is how Ohio Senators voted on HRC issues

Senator (Party)	1	2	3	4	5	6
DeWine, Mike (R)	○	○	●	○	○	○
Voinovich, George (R)	○	○	●	○	○	○

● Supported HRC's position      ○ Did not support HRC's position      ■ Did not vote

1. Employment non-discrimination act, S. 1276 (Co-sponsorship)
2. Hate crimes prevention act, S. 622 (Co-sponsorship)
3. Non-discrimination policy
4. Patients' bill of rights act, S. 1344
5. District of Columbia FY 2000 appropriations conference report to H.R. 2587
6. Harkin amendment to S. 1692

Staff. (2/2000). In Perspective. Washington D.C.: Human Rights Campaign

# 106<sup>th</sup> Congress

## House of Representatives

1<sup>st</sup> Session

### This is how Ohio Representatives voted on HRC issues

Dist.	Representative (Party)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Chabot, Steve (R)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○
2	Portman, Rob (R)	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	■
3	Hall, Tony (D)	○	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●
4	Oxley, Michael (R)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	■	○
5	Gillmor, Paul (R)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
6	Strickland, Ted (D)	○	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●
7	Hobson, David (R)	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○
8	Boehner, John (R)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○
9	Kaptur, Marcy (D)	○	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	■
10	Kucinich, Dennis (D)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
11	Jones, Stephanie Tubbs (D)	●	●	●	●	●	●	■	■	●	●	●
12	Kasich, John (R)	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
13	Brown, Sherrod (D)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
14	Sawyer, Thomas (D)	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
15	Pryce, Deborah (R)	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	■	■	○
16	Regula, Ralph (R)	○	○	●	●	○	○	○	●	○	○	○
17	Traficant, James (D)	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●
18	Ney, Bob (R)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
19	LaTourette, Steve (R)	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●

● Supported HRC's position      ○ Did not support HRC's position      ■ Did not vote

1. Employment non-discrimination act, H.R. 2355 (Co-sponsorship)
2. Hate crimes prevention act, H.R. 1082 (Co-sponsorship)
3. Non-discrimination policy
4. Souder amendment to H.R. 1501
5. Nadler amendment to H.R. 1691
6. Religious liberty protection act, H.R. 1691 final passage
7. Tiahrt amendment to H.R. 2587
8. Largent amendment to H.R. 2387
9. Nadler/Crowley/Shays amendment to H.R. 2684
10. District of Columbia FY 2000 appropriations conference report to H.R. 2587
11. Bipartisan consensus managed care improvement act, H.R. 2723

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Due to the increased cost of the mailing of our newsletter we can no longer afford to continue our current mailing to non-paying members. This will be the last to those not currently with paid dues or who do not mail their dues prior to the next newsletter mailing in March.

Please send your dues to Hugs East P.O. Box 253, Mentor, Ohio 44060. If your not currently paid and would like to remain on the mailing list, please submit your dues by the next scheduled newsletter. Current newsletters will still be available on Thursday nights at the Mentor site for those who are not on the mailing list.

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### **2000 HUGS EAST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME: _____	<u>Membership</u>	
ADDRESS: _____	Individual:	\$8.00
CITY & STATE _____	Student:	\$5.00
ZIP CODE: _____	Household:	\$10.00
PHONE #(optional) _____	Supporter:	\$25.00
EMAIL (optional) _____	Contributor:	\$50.00
	Benefactor:	\$100.00
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____		

\*Dues run from January thru December.

To update our membership list we ask that you complete the above information. Even if you were a current member, we would like to update our records to show current information. This will ensure your copy of the newsletter. Membership dues are suggested amounts. Please feel free to pay more if you can, less if you cannot. All members share the same privileges. Make check or money order payable to: HUGS EAST P.O. Box 253 Mentor, Ohio 44061-0253, or bring to the Mentor site any Thursday evening (7pm to 9pm).

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not send HUGS EAST newsletter to my home.

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