



Kathy Griffin makes us laugh Jan. 13.

Do you think it's time for a local, direct-action coalition that works to defend and expand reproductive rights? **Radical Women** holds a meeting at In Other Words to find out if there is a desire for such a group and what it could do. (6:30 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Doug Fir Lounge presents an evening of dusky folk-jazz-pop with three PDX wonders: **Myshkin's Ruby Warblers, Nick Jaina and Lara Mitchell**. (9 pm. 830 E Burnside St. \$6.)

THU • JAN. 18

Sally Cohn reads selections from *A Hand-Whistler: Memories of Creativity and Activism* at In Other Words. (6:30 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

GO OUT Damn warts and cold sores! These little buggers are so common, yet the facts can be confusing. The Men's Wellness Center presents a panel of professionals answering your questions about the viral sexually transmitted infections **Hepatitis, Herpes and HPV**. (7-8:30 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

Q-LAND and LoveTribes present the **Men's Dating Lab**, a support group for finding practical strategies to strengthen emotional and physical intimacy. (7-9:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribes.org/menspirit.)

Queer author Ariel Gore teaches the memoir workshop **The Language of Your Life** Thursdays through March 22 at The Attic. (7:30-9:30 pm. 4232 SE Hawthorne Blvd. \$290 from 503-963-8783 or www.atticwritersworkshop.com.)

FRI • JAN. 19

Bettina Aptheker reads from her poignant memoir, *Intimate Politics: How I Grew Up Red, Fought for Free Speech and Became a Feminist Rebel*, at In Other Words. (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

GO OUT Portland's deaf and hearing comedians take the stage for the seventh annual **ASL**

Comedy Night through Jan. 20 at Embers featuring skits, improv, standup and more hosted by "The Deaf Aztec Man" Mark Morales. Voice interpreters will be provided for the ASL-impaired. Stay for Deaf Professional Happy Hour after the show Friday! (7-9 pm. 110 NW Broadway. \$5.)

SAT • JAN. 20

GO OUT Would you like your wellness visions to become real, and not just another set of forgotten new year's resolutions? Q-LAND and LoveTribes present the practical men's workshop **Vision into Action: Finding Allies for Your Wellness Vision**. (2-8 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribes.org/menspirit.)

Q Center presents the **Daddies and Papas Potluck** every third Saturday. (5:30-7:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

BearBust at Gail's Dirty Duck. (8-11 pm. 429 NW Third Ave. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers.)

Tip your hat to **Crystal's Country Jam** at the Portland Metro Club (PPAA). (8-9 pm lessons, 9 pm-1 am dancing. 618 SE Alder St. \$5, \$8 with lessons.)

SUN • JAN. 21

Keshet invites queer Jews as well as their spouses,



Multi-instrumentalist Mel Watson of the Aussie trio Fruit performs Jan. 12 with local fave Ashleigh Flynn.

partners, significant others and good friends (whether Jewish or gay or not) to a potluck brunch discussion with Rabbi Steven Greenberg, the only out gay Orthodox rabbi. (11 am. RSVP to mike@seeingresults.com.)

TV Series Puts Gaydar to the Test

In each episode of Lifetime Television's new reality series *Gay, Straight or Taken?*, a beautiful young straight woman meets three gorgeous hunks. As they get to know each other during the course of the day, she must decide, as the title implies, which one is gay, which one is straight and taken, and which is the single straight guy.

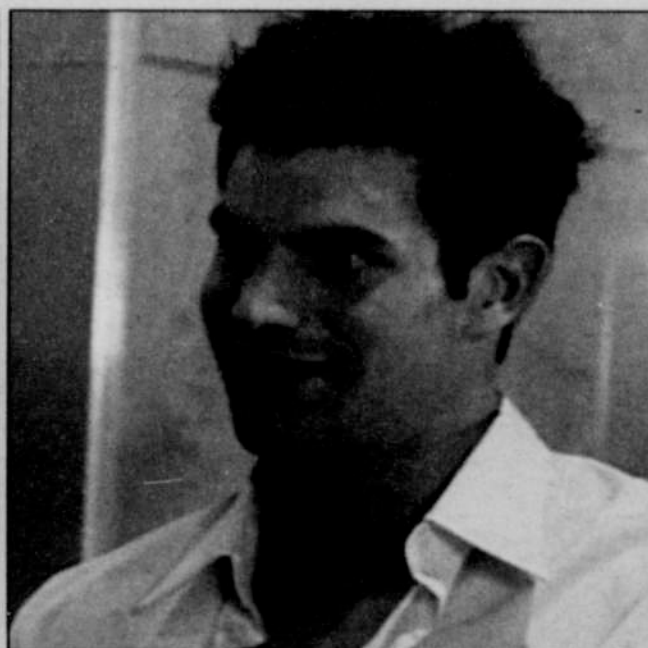
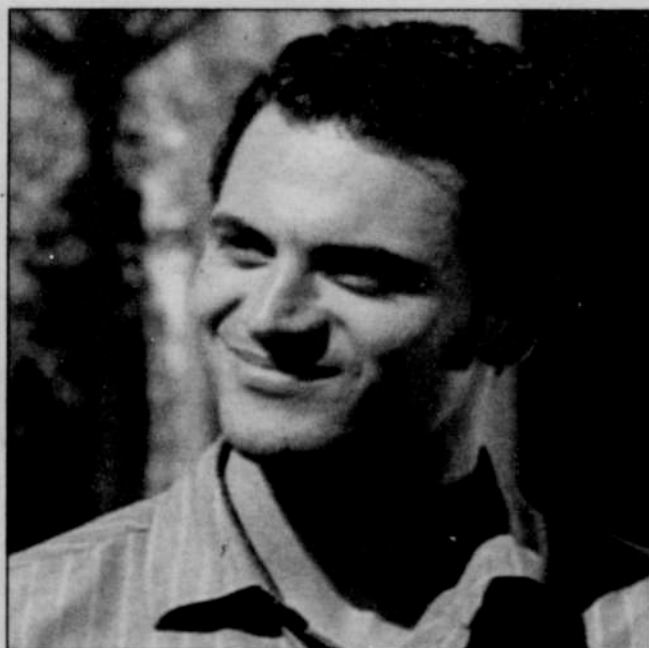
I'm not sure if "reality" is the right word to describe shows such as these; they have little to do with real life. But *Gay, Straight or Taken?* is good-natured and filled with homoerotic eye candy.

The first episode's contestant is Jenner, a gorgeous, blond real estate agent. As she meets the dazzling trio of Luciano, Mike and Chris, they take their shirts off so she, and we, can check them out. Woof!

So, who's who? Luciano must be straight, Jenner concludes. He's very attentive and comfortable when he gives her a massage.

Mike could be gay. He and that hunky male yoga instructor sure seemed to bond.

Is Chris gay? He seemed uptight about touching Jenner when they

From left, Luciano, Mike and Chris might be *Gay, Straight or Taken?*

took a quick salsa class. Or is he thinking about his girlfriend?

In 30 fast-paced, laugh-filled minutes, Jenner must choose the "right" (straight, single) guy so they can take an all-expenses-paid trip to Hawaii. If she picks the "wrong" guy, he gets to take his boyfriend—or girlfriend—on that trip.

Gay, Straight or Taken? is pure fluff—and great fun. All four participants are beautiful, likable and respectful and want to have a good time. Turn your brain off, relax, and have fun with them!

Gay, Straight or Taken? premieres 8 p.m. Jan. 8.

—David Alexander Nahmod

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