

BOURBON STREET

MR. EAST COAST, USA 1992 Contest

featuring Special Guests:

Tony DiAngelo
Mr. Gay USA 1992

Phillip McAdoo
Mr. East Coast, USA 1991

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GLAAD Notes

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Against Defamation

No support for nontraditional TV
Texaco, the long-time corporate underwriter for PBS's *Great Performances* arts series, ended its support as of June 10th. *The Lost Language of Cranes*, a BBC/WNET adaptation of David Leavitt's novel about the parallel coming out of a gay father and son, was screened by company officials prior to their announcement. *Cranes* aired June 24th on *Great Performances*.

Texaco denies charges by Out in Film, an association of lesbian and gay film professionals, that it acted to avoid supporting an explicitly gay-themed drama. The oil giant says its move was based on "a review of both the current and future direction of the series," that found it moving away from "traditional and classical works."

Earlier this season *Great Performances* broadcast "Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane and Company," which included homoerotic dance scenes and a moving interview with choreographer Jones about the AIDS-related death of his lover and "one true companion," Arnie Zane.

The suddenness of Texaco's announcement and the fact that *Great Performances* has aired contemporary dramas in the past lends credence to Out in Film's charges. Express your displeasure to Texaco and encourage the company to support programming that deals with gay themes and issues on PBS and on the commercial networks.

Gays buy gas, too! Write James W. Kinnear, President & CEO, Texaco, Inc., 2000 Westchester Ave., White Plains, NY 10650.

Also, praise *Great Performances* for its inclusion of gay-themed works. Write Jac Venza, Executive Producer, *Great Performances*, WNET, 356 W. 58th St. New York, NY 10019.

Murphy Brown: Progress & Backlash
An openly-gay character named Rick joined the staff at "FYI" (the series' fictional news

program). The show sensitively provided insight into heterosexual angst (Murphy's straight boss, Miles, became worried after he dreamt about Rick) while slamming false stereotypes about gay men.

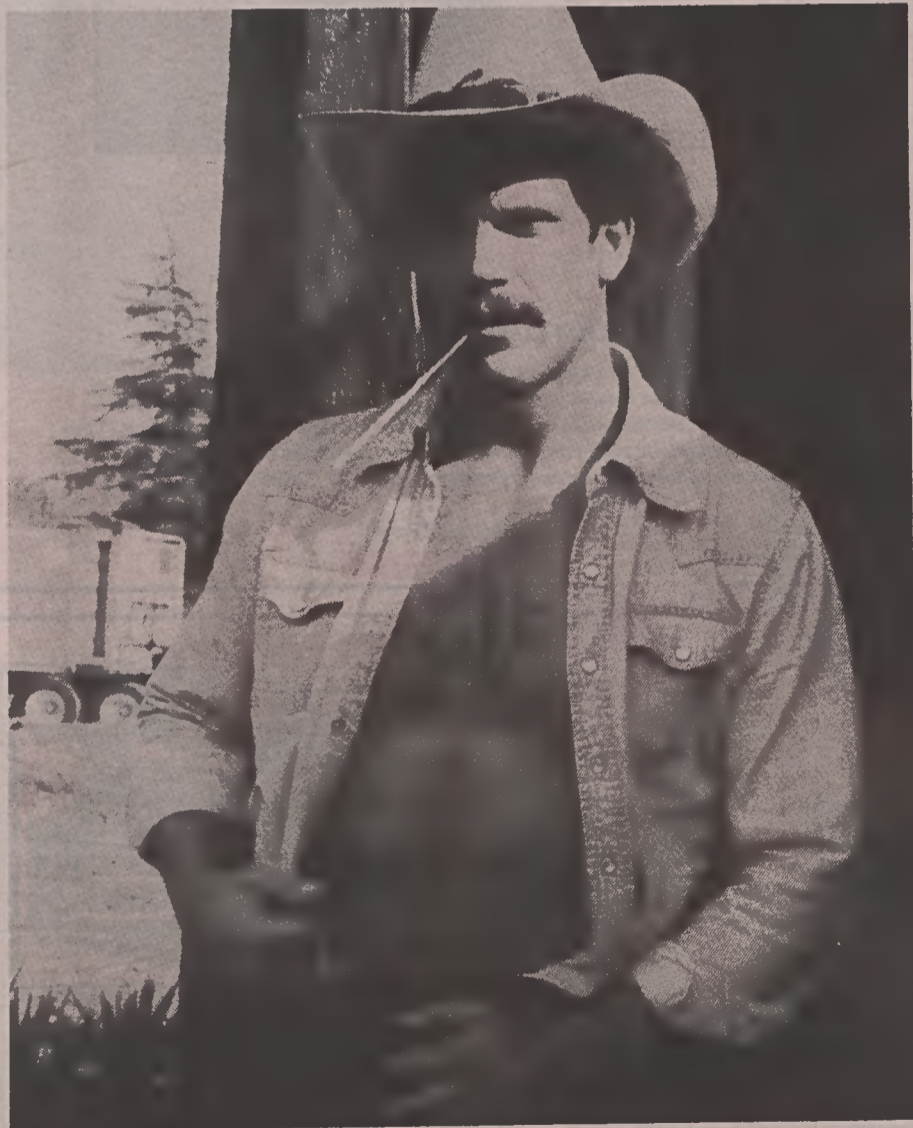
In real life, gay staff on shows such as "FYI" are increasingly open about who they are. Unfortunately, Rick only appeared once this season. Ask that Rick and other gay and lesbian characters be included as regulars by writing Diane English and Joel Shukovsky, Executive Producers, *Murphy Brown*, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91522. Copies to Jeff Sagansky, President, CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Flash: In April the American Family Association targeted *Murphy Brown*'s biggest advertisers for "promoting homosexuality" on TV (and both received hundreds of complaints). To counter anti-gay censorship, ask for further sponsorship of shows with gay and lesbian characters and story lines. Write to Chrm. Charles M. Harper, ConAgra, Inc., One ConAgra Dr., Omaha, NE 68102. (Healthy Choice foods, Morton frozen foods) and to Chrm. Henry Wendt, SmithKline Beecham, PO Box 7929, Philadelphia, PA 19101. (Aqua Velva, Calgon bath products, Massengill douches, Contact decongestant).

Maple Drive: Gay Family Drama *Doing Time on Maple Drive*, a TV movie broadcast last March on Fox, was a realistic and moving look at a closeted gay son driven to attempt suicide because of his family's rigid expectations. "Matt" (William McNamara) later comes out and mends fences with his lover and with his family. The final reconciliation scene with his conservative father (James Sikking) was particularly affecting. (The film was directed by *thirtysomething*'s Ken Olin).

It's important to give Fox positive feedback (and ask for more gay inclusion in future projects) by writing Peter Chernin, President, Fox Broadcasting, 10201 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035.

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