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Unknown to Mr. Gay, another USAir flight experienced mechanical problems at the airport. The passengers of this other flight were being rerouted to various airplanes. A few were put on Mr. Gay's flight, and anyone holding a "free" ticket was bumped.

Airline officials, armed with a list of these freebee ticket holders, boarded the plane to remove the free ticket holders. Of course, our Mr. Gay was not sitting in his assigned seat, as you may remember. When the ticket agent approached the seat where Mr. Gay was supposed to be sitting, she asked a startled customer, "Are you gay?" The man shyly nodded that he was, at which point she demanded, "Then you have to get off the plane."

Our Mr. Gay, overhearing what the ticket agent had said, tried to clear up the situation. "You've got the wrong man," he said. "I'm Gay!" This caused an angry third passenger to yell, "Hell, I'm gay too! They can kick us all off!"

Confusion reigned as more and more passengers began yelling that USAir had no right to remove gays from their flights.

As far as we know, they are still on the tarmac fighting it out. (*Gayzette*)

Court rejects dildo case

WASHINGTON, DC -- When the U.S. Supreme Court refused to look at one Texas case in November, the result left intact a law prohibiting the sale or use of dildos for vaginal insertion. The need for such a prohibition baffles many.

"Encouraging single women to believe that they need a fake penis should be more comforting to men than knowing single women don't need one at all," said Beatrice Dohrn, legal director for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

But the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals upheld the law, saying, "There is no fundamental right to use obscene devices" or to sell or "promote" them.

The Texas dildo case was just one of almost 600 cases which the U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear thus far in the first month of the current session, and one of three rejected which have some interest for gays. Many more are pending. (*Washington Blade*)

Helms would surely disapprove -- we hope

CHAPEL HILL, NC -- The Chapel Hill - Carborro, North Carolina, School Board voted in early August to include sexual orientation in the district's plans for diversity education. This is remarkable and wonderfully ironic considering this district is in the home state of Jesse Helms. The 40-page plan will teach staff, students, and faculty that every individual and family (even gay families) should be respected and accepted [Adam and Eve, the mail-order sex shop, is located in Carborro. Have fun, Jesse!]

(*The Prism Newsletter*) ▼

OUTSPOKEN: OITM's Quote of the Month

"I've heard the rumors about Tom (Cruise) ever since we broke up, and I have to say that after four and a half years of marriage, I didn't see one sign that he was gay ... I did hear Nicole Kidman was a transsexual. Now, that I believe!"

Mimi Rogers
Actress and Tom Cruise's first wife

Health Resource Organizations

AIDS HOTLINES:

Vermont	1-800-882-2437
New Hampshire	1-800-752-2437
New York State	1-800-541-2437
Massachusetts	1-617-522-4090
Maine	1-800-851-2437
National	1-800-342-2437
Canadian	1-613-563-2437

AIDS Community Awareness Project (ACAP)

PO Box 608
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
(802) 748-1149

AIDS Community Resource Network (ACoRN)

PO Box 2057
Lebanon, NH 03766
(603) 448-2220

Bennington Area AIDS Project

PO Box 1066
Bennington, VT 05201
(802) 442-4481 or 1-800-845-2437

Brattleboro AIDS Project

PO Box 1486
Brattleboro, VT 05302
(802) 254-4444 (Helpline)
(802) 254-8263 (Office)

Franklin-Grand Isle AIDS Task Force

P. O. Box 241, St. Albans, VT 05478
(800) 524-7742 • (802) 638-7834

Friends Vermont

Emotional, Spiritual, & Psychological Support
PO Box 402
Bristol, VT 05443
1 800 639-3316

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

GLAA, P.O. Box 5653
Burlington, VT 05402

Lesbian Cancer Support Group

(802) 660-8386

North Star (Holistic Health Care)

RR2 Box 3255
Morrisville, VT 05661 • (802) 888-2858

Vermont AIDS Council

PO Box 275
Montpelier VT 05601 • (802) 229-2557

Vermont C.A.R.E.S.

(Committee for AIDS Resources, Education, and Services)
PO Box 5248
12 North Street
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-2437 (Burlington)
1-800-649-2437 (Outside Burlington Area)

Vermont Department of Health

1-800-882-2437 (AIDS Hotline) or
(802) 863-7245 (AIDS Program office)

VT PWA Coalition

PO Box 1055 • Brattleboro, VT 05302
1-800-698-8792 or (802) 222-5123

Vermont Women's Health Center

336 North Avenue
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