

the Buzz

A place at the cable

THE BUZZ HAS GROWN ACCUSTOMED to the annual Gay Pride Month celebrations on edgy, arty cable channels like Sundance (running a variety of films, from *Chuck & Buck* to *Persona*, in June) and Bravo (offering a *Gay Riviera* miniseries and a RuPaul profile). But who knew the always entertaining (yet generally grandma-friendly) Turner Classic Movies would get in on the act?

TCM's celebration runs every Wednesday in June, starting June 6 with gay-inclusive classics like *Strangers on a Train* and the oh-so-retro *Tea and Sympathy*. Gay and lesbian stars, writers, and directors get their moment June 13, with films like *Dance Girl Dance* (directed by Dorothy Arzner), *Giant* (starring Rock Hudson), and *Suddenly, Last Summer* (a grand slam—starring Montgomery Clift, written by Gore Vidal, from the play by Tennessee Williams). June 20 gives us lesbian-themed favorites like *Queen Christina* and the original *The Haunting*, and it all wraps up on June 27, marking the anniversary of the Stonewall riots with four Judy



Taylor, Hudson: Close your eyes and think of Clark Gable.

Garland pictures. (Find links for all three networks at Advocate.com.)

Maybe next year we'll get Fey Sidekick Day, honoring the contributions of Franklin Pangborn and Edward Everett Horton, and they can throw in a butch double feature of *Caged* and *Rebecca* for good measure.

Wilde stories

DISCRETION WAS CLEARLY NOT THE BETTER part of valor for Oscar Wilde. Witness statements being sold at Christie's in London on June 6 detail a very open, very wild life indeed for the famous playwright and wit.

These documents—52 pages of eyewitness observation and seedy speculation—were compiled by lawyers for the defense in the famous libel trial that led to his ultimate jailing on charges of "gross indecency."

Bound together by pink string, they were purchased in a junk shop in the 1950s and are now expected to bring roughly \$17,000 at auction. The sexually explicit material—most never before seen, even by scholars—include an apprentice electrician's description of Wilde giving him oral sex, a voluble

Savoy Hotel chambermaid's claim that she saw a "rough" lad of about 14 in Wilde's bed, and the testimony of a 20-year-old named Fred

Atkins, who states Wilde got him to curl his hair and took him to Paris as a "secretary" but quickly tossed aside any pretense and "made improper proposals." Most of the statements were not used at the trial, so any witty rejoinders from Wilde will have to be imagined.



Saucy Spices

WHILE GERI HALLIWELL AND EMMA BUNTON may be off doing solo projects, they've still got Spice-y tongues.

Haliwell, during a recent appearance on BBC Choice's provocatively titled *That Gay Show*, told an interviewer that she's going through "a gay phase," adding, "I find women sexy. I find men sexy...I like male company but without the penis threat." She went on to out her dog Harry as bisexual and to say that pal George Michael is like an older brother whom she asks "for advice when I'm in deep crap."

Meanwhile, the artist formerly known as Baby Spice shared with British magazine *Sky* that "I wish men had boobs, because I like the feel of them. It's so funny—when I record, I sing with a hand over each of them. Maybe it's a comfort thing."

We await future revelations from Victoria, Mel B, and Mel C.



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