



A fresh take on the iconic Boy Scouts of America uniform.

Boy Scouts of America v. Dale Ten Year Anniversary of the Case By KAI ANDERSON

Today marks the tenth anniversary of a landmark trial. Ten years ago today, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Boy Scouts of America vs. James Dale. The case, which took part in New Jersey, was focused around the dismissal of James Dale from the BSA, because of his sexual orientation.

James Dale was a long committed member of the boy scouts. He was a part of the BSA for almost his entire life. He was a recognized member of the boy scouts, as he achieved the highest ranking, eagle scout. Soon after he became a troopmaster, he was dismissed from the Boy Scouts because of his sexual orientation. The case was argued in the

Supreme Court over the span of about two months. Finally, by the date of June 28, 2000, a decision was reached. The ruling was very split in the court. One vote decided the outcome of the case. In the end, the court found in favor of the Boy Scouts. They stated that the actions of the BSA were justified under the first amendment. Chief Justice Rehnquist stated in his court opinion that, "Applying New Jersey's public accommodations law to require the Boy Scouts to admit Dale violates the Boy Scouts' First Amendment right of expressive association." Although the BSA severely violated the state's laws on discrimination, the court had no choice but to find in favor of the BSA, because finding in favor of James Dale would be unconstitutional.

The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual community, also known as the LGBT was severely impacted by this trial. They have risen up to fight for

their equality in the years since. In the past ten years since the case, their rights have improved, with few roadblocks in the way. The LGBT are facing the same hardships as any minority in a power-struggle for equality. They do not have the right to marry whomever they chose, and they are limited by their sexual orientation. Their rights are slowly improving and are slowly becoming more accepted. Events like the trial of the BSA v. Dale are shown to motivate change in people. There are now twelve states that accept gay marriage as legal, the District of Columbia included. State legalization is a huge step in the direction of federal legalization. Federal Legalization could make gay marriage legal anywhere in the United States. Over the last ten years the BSA has increased its tolerance for the LGBT community. They are no where near becoming fully tolerant and accepting, but they have shown baby steps in the direction of acceptance.

James Dale: The Path to Equality The Ten Year Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America v. Dale Case By ANTON CUJEC

"[Boy Scouts] was the thing that I did when I was younger. To have them suddenly say, 'You're gay, you're out,' was painful...I also felt anger...seeing those words in that letter, I wasn't going to walk away from it."

James Dale was born on August 2, 1970. At the age of eight, Dale joined the Boy Scouts of America. He worked hard to reach the rank of Eagle Scout, one of the highest honors and at the age of 19, Dale was approved for an adult membership. Shortly after, he enrolled in Rutgers University and later came out as gay. He joined the Rutgers University Lesbian/Gay Alliance and soon became co-president. In 1990 Dale went to a seminar about the physiological and health needs of lesbian and gay teens and in early July of that year, a newspaper published an interview with Dale's photograph. In the caption it identified him as co-president of the Lesbian/Gay Alliance. Not long after, Dale received a letter terminating his membership with the BSA because they, "specifically forbid membership to homosexuals."

James Dale fought for re-entry all the way up to the supreme court. "I was pretty much doing what I was taught in the Boy Scouts," Dale explains, "...to get involved, take a leadership role,

to be active, to be visible." In the end, it was ruled five to four that by, "...applying New Jersey's public accommodations law to require the Boy Scouts to admit Dale violates the Boy Scouts' First Amendment right of expressive association" says chief court Justice William H. Rehnquist. This means that the BSA would not be forced to accept gay members. "When I was a gay kid growing up in suburban New Jersey," Dale reflects, "...the Boy Scouts made me feel good about myself. They taught me to have self-respect and how to be a leader...It allowed for individuality...They let me be myself."

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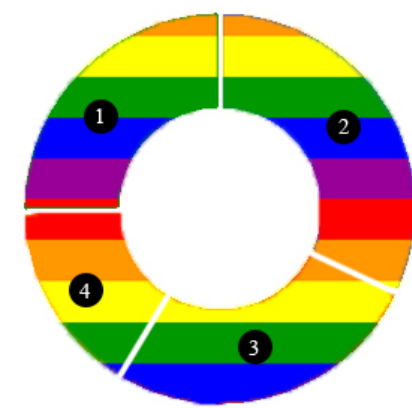
James Dale, June 22, 2010

Homosexual Households with Children Are Same Sex Couples Good Parents? By BROOKLYNN BUCKY

In a recent study, conducted by sociologist Michael Rosenfeld at Stanford University, found that children with same sex parents have the same success in school as children with heterosexual parents. The 2000 census showed that seven percent of children raised by heterosexual parents were held back a year. Nine and a half percent of children living with same sex parents repeated a grade. Some argue that same sex parents put pressure on their child and this leads to behavioral issues, lack of attention in school and can not thrive. Some anti-gay parents believe that the children are embarrassed by their parents relationship. However, in the Stanford study, Rosenfeld claims that there is absolutely no deficit in the same sex parents with their

children. He is concerned that it is not same sex couples who are not doing a good parenting job, but instead is the state that is negatively affecting these children's school careers. "We have missed the point" according to Rosenfeld. He believes that children in orphanages, shelters and foster homes feel the lack of family more than children with gay parents. Also, we should work towards moving those children in foster care into loving homes whether or not the couple is two females, two males or a male and a female. The data shows that these children do fine in school compared to children with heterosexual parents. This study was based on a sample of over one thousand kids which showed the power of family is not affected by the sex of the parents. No matter your religion, family values and beliefs, this study was done to prove that children want to be loved and accepted, no matter the sex of their parents. We need more adults to remove those children, who are doing far worse, in foster care.

Homosexual/Heterosexual Household with Children



- 1 25.3% Lesbian Co-habiting
- 2 32% Heterosexual Married
- 3 26.6% Heterosexual Cohabiting
- 4 16.2% Homosexual Cohabiting

The Gay Liberation Front and the Man Who Started It All The Novel, Stonewall, Featuring an Interview With the Author, Martin Duberman



By EVAN MORRIS

For the 10th anniversary of The Boy Scouts of America vs Dale supreme court trial, I interviewed the author of Stonewall, a memoir focusing on the lives of the people involved in the 1969 Stonewall riots following the raid and closure of the bar. Martin Duberman was a gay rights activist in the 1960s, helping form

groups like the gay liberation front. The origin of which is the stonewall riots. The Gay Liberation Front advocate for family and society's ideas about sexual and family roles to be dismantled and rebuilt without defined gender roles. We talked about his youth and growing up being a gay man in the 60s. Our first question was asking him to describe his early days:

"Well, when I was growing up the psychiatric profession overwhelmingly believed that homosexuality was pathology: You were sick; you were disturbed; you were ill. The good news was supposed to be that you could be cured by presenting yourself for psychotherapy and cutting off all your escapes hatchets."

What would you say is different about coming out now opposed from then? "I suspect it depends on where people are located. There is a huge difference between the large cities and small towns or rural areas. Well, lets see. I'm so old. It's a long story. The gay consciousness has had many decades to evolve."

How did you come out to your parents, if you did?
"I did not ever come out to my par-

ents." What about other members of your family? like your sister?

"Yes, she was a close friend of mine when we were growing up. I told her when I was in my late teens or 20s. There were very few gay bars then, but I'd take her to one of the earliest dance bars—the Grapevine—which was both men and women."

Was this in New York?
"Yes, I think it was pre Stonewall. I don't know for sure. At the time, we all regarded Stonewall as the only place where you could dance, and that was almost exclusively a gay male bar. An occasional woman would appear, but she was probably attached to somebody working there. At the time, Stonewall was my bar of choice because I love to dance. I was there two or three times a week at least."

Martin's first glimpse into the gay community was at the bar stonewall, a primarily male gay bar in New York. His book however was not just about him, it was about a culmination between several people who would eventually form the gay liberation front and fight for gay rights in general.

Gay Pride in New Jersey The Festivities and More By PERLA RAMIREZ

Saturday, September 11th, 2010 through Sunday, September 12, 2010, New Jersey's Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Transsexual community will begin to celebrate this years pride weekend. Kicking off the weekend will be the first annual 21 & up New Jersey Miss Gay Pride Pageant, it will be held at Fiso's Lounge on 1439 South Street from 4pm-8pm. The pageant will be followed by the 3rd annual the New Jersey LGBT Pride Festival on Sunday. The festival will begin after the Equality walk from 9am-12pm at the Cooper River Park. The festival is from 12pm-7pm and very family friendly. Some activities include games, food, live entertainment and fun activities to

keep all ages entertained. There will also be face painting, psychic readings, speed dating, and a drag show. There are going to be special guest appearances, giveaways, and Ms/Mr. Southern New Jersey beauty pageant. many gay bars, as well as restaurants, hotels, and shops that are popular in the LGBT community will have special events and parties throughout the pride weekend.

New Jersey offers a festival that will make you proud to bring your children to. Its attendance rate has gone up 400% in the past 3 years, bringing over 3,000 visitors a year. That includes parents, children, pets, and grandparents. The weekend events were arranged to allow the LGBT express the honor they take in their sexuality and let other New Jersey residents show the support they have for the LGBT community.

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