

HOST BUSTERS DEPT.

Daytime TV is filled with talk shows, each competing to have the sleaziest, silliest, smarmiest (and therefore most watched) program! Despite this, all these shows' topics somehow manage to never conflict with one another on a day-by-day basis. How is this scheduling marvel accomplished? Through secret, scary and often rancorous missives which we like to call...

TALK SHOW MeMo Wars

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MEMO FROM DONAHUE



8/22

Dear Oprah,

I've heard that the topic on your show this Friday will be "Cross-Dressing Park Rangers Who Live With Wolves." This will conflict with MY show that day, "Bisexual Chocoholics Raised by Coyotes." Surely you can reschedule your "Wolf" show for next week.

Seriously,

Phil

A Few Words From



OPRAH

8/23

Dear Phil,

Your little "memo" had me laughing so hard I almost forgot to have lunch. Maybe you're forgetting last year when you double-crossed me by running your "Sado-Masochistic Neo-Nazi Nudists" show the day before I went on the air with "Bondage and Discipline Fascist Flashers".

Even so, I've contacted Sally Jessy Raphael. If she can move her week of "Sex Starved Paleontologists" program to later in the month I'll think about rescheduling my "Wolves".

Don't dis me,
Oprah



from the desk of

Sally Jessy Raphael

8/23

Phil (or should I say Mr. Marlo Thomas?)
You really steam my glasses! Do you expect
me to reschedule my "Sex Starved
Paleontologists" series just because you and
Oprah are haggling over Wolves and Coyotes?
My "Horny Dino Diggers" stay where they are,
unless you can get Geraldo to save his "Sperm
Donors Who Joust" until after ratings sweeps
month. Then I could juggle my schedule so I
can bury his "Fathers Who Breastfeed" with
"Mimes Into Phone Sex"! Otherwise, NO DEAL!

You're pushing it, gramps

Sally Jessy

FROM

Geraldo



8/24

Oprah!

I received a memo from Phil this morning. It's
clear he, you and Sally are plotting against me in
a shocking conspiracy! Not surprising, since none
of you microphone jockeys has MY credibility!

Back in April I BEGGED you to move your
"Secretaries Who Snort Liquid Paper" so it
wouldn't clash with my "Xerox Repairmen Who
Mainline Copy Machine Toner." But you wimped
out, lard lady! NOW IT CAN BE TOLD... I'm not
rescheduling anything!

Hasta La Vista, Baby Fat!

Geraldo

P.S. - If you're not doing anything
Friday and Stedman is out of town,
maybe we can get together and...?

MEMO FROM DONAHUE

8/25

Geraldo!

Or should I address you more formally as
Señor Slimeball? Oprah just faxed me a
copy of your 8/24 memo to her, although
the "P.S." was all crossed out.

You say you have more credibility?
I STARTED this talk show format! Don't
mess with me, you boff-and-tell
autobiographer, or you'll be EXPOSING
YOURSELF all over the pavement!

To show you I mean business, I've gotten
Maury Povich to move up his "Born Again
Gay State Troopers" so it goes head to
head with your "Desert Storm Lesbian
Commandos"!

Trim your 'stache, Pancho!

Phil





from the desk of

Sally Jessy Raphael

8/26

Maury:

Geraldo messengered over a memo he got from the white-haired sleaze (Phil to you) about moving the date of your "Born Again Gay State Troopers". If you do, it will be on the SAME DAY as my "Catholic Detectives By Day/Chippendale's Men By Night"!

Why are you playing cozy with Phil the Swill? I understand he warms up his audiences by telling Connie Chung jokes! Wise up, Bubby, or you'll be begging for your old job on A CURRENT AFFAIR so fast your Adam's apple'll be spinning!

Tell Connie to give Dan Rather a big wet one from me.

Sally Jessy



maury's memos

8/27

Phil, you mean-spirited maniac with a mike, A little bird with big red eyeglasses tells me you've been smearing my wife! Well get this, every Monday I'm going to feature nymphomaniacs who've abstained from sex by keeping a picture of YOU taped to their refrigerators!

The only way you can possibly hope to make peace is if you move your "Rabid Goldfish and the Dogs Who Bit Them" this Thursday to next Thursday because I'm putting on my "Clairvoyant Chimpanzees and their 900 Phone Lines" which is sure to give my ratings the boost they need.

My wife's still cuter than yours!

Maury



Monty's moving mail
a missive from the mind of Montel Williams

8/28

Just a quick note to advise you that I'm postponing my "Brotherhood of Talk Show Hosts" program. I know you were all looking forward to this very special hour of love, fun, friendship and mutual respect, but my producer informs me that next week is sweeps rating week and he's lined up a really hot topic -- "Crossdressing Chocoholic Park Rangers Who Live With Wolves and Coyotes". Hope this doesn't cause a problem for anyone. If so, let me know,

Best Wishes,

Monty

