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WHERE THE MEN ARE

Summer is in full force and, if you're like us, you're ready for your big opening-scene-from-Grease-makeout at your Fire Island summer share. Unfortunately, your annoyance with the pretentious atmosphere of the clubs (as well as Pink's "U + Ur Hands") has kept you at home. You'd check Myspace.com but you find that too many of the men on there are looking for hook-ups. Where should you turn for your summer lovin'?

Fortunately, there's the 22-year-old Manmate.com (and its founder/chief matchmaker Grant Wheaton) to help you find your future honey. Forget that tranny dressed as Carol Channing you met in the Village last Halloween, Wheaton is the real Dolly Levi—with an upcoming book titled *Practical Advice from the Gay Matchmaker* to prove it. After an in-depth interview, Manmate personally hand selects the most compatible guys out there for you. And if you want to increase your odds, you have the option to go on a date with not one, not two, but seven other men on the Manmate-sponsored Dinner for Eight. According to Wheaton, most clients choose to sign up for both options.

"For the one-on-ones, my client has me looking through his eyes at the entire base for his most compatible man," he explains. Dinner for 8 is also a good choice because "[the client] can then assess who he'd like to date or be friends with and let us know, so that they can set up a meeting one-on-one." The success stories are wide and varied, but almost all give full credit to Manmate. "Something happened recently that was amazing," says Wheaton. "I left a message for a new client to set up a meeting. At that moment, he was coming into his office with a gay couple who were new clients of his, and he was asking them where they met. They told him they met through ManMate about 10 years ago, just as he started listening to the message from me. Needless to say, he joined."

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