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SPEAKERS

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J Jimmy Carper 00:02

The lovely bill in our Ark, who keeps us abreast of what's going on in the court and Bill keeps your supper and I have a little story I want to tell about the colonies closest

S Scott Lewis 00:12

Jimmy's ever been to a breast.

J Jimmy Carper 00:16

I've been with the switchboard now since 1987. And around the spring of 87, we went on a bar tour because a lot of people who work at the switchboard, don't maybe go to all the bars and we need to know about bars to tell people about them. While we were at one, I picked up a court newsletter. Now I read through it and then it was a full page ad promoting the gay and lesbian switchboard Houston. And I was really surprised because I hadn't seen anything like this before. So I asked everybody, you know, well, okay, what's this court business? No one at the switchboard knew. I, you know, I don't know how long the courts been around. But we had no idea what the court was all about. So I made it my business to find out. I was quite impressed. I mean, just a bunch of people out there, working their tails off raising money and having a good time while doing it. But really working in raising a lot of money and doing a lot of good stuff for a lot of good folks. So since then we got hooked up with Bill and Bill always keeps us abreast of what's going on. And we always talk about it on the show and keep everybody no one about it at the switchboard

D Diane Williams 01:36

in our I met Bill Bill used to be the theater critic for TW T magazine. And I used to meet Bill and host Bill when Bill would come to Risky Business cabaret theatre when I worked there. Yeah,



Jimmy Carper 01:50

I first met Bill here. He came in to do a story about buddy and I know three years ago or so, and found out he was involved in the court. And so we've got a pipeline and we wanted to talk about everything that y'all are doing. You bet



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and we're back. Are we we're back. I'm back. I don't think Nancy's back.



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I don't think she's back either. For days Nancy's



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back. Nancy



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never left.



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Where's this guy from 45 North Why are you calling me tonight?



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I want to talk to everybody in Friendswood I also want to thank everybody calls. Friends with calls all the time.




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I want to do of course are going to call Sonics closed. Oh,




Diane Williams 02:46


the Exxon computers have turned down. And you know what? They're straight people in Friendswood that listen and care. It's true. It's out of Dallas. No more towards Galveston


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to Juarez

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or Sakura Suarez. Okay, Nancy, what we think about all that court stuff?


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What court the court a single star

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I'm so darned impressed.

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Did I get them all? You got them all? I get all the initials, all the initials, right? PPS, oh, they're real cool. They have all these fundraisers all the time. They make a lot of money for the community and like they they said they have fun doing it. And oh, yeah. Here's to him. Yeah, I think he's great. Because I know Fergie. I know they don't know lady died. For now. My friend

 Diane Williams 03:37
Susan, my friend Susan, and I have this pact going. Hi, Susan. Hi, Susan. I hope you're asleep right now because you don't need to be up listening because you have a sore throat and you have to teach so if you're up, go to sleep. The story is, yes, she likes die. I like Fergie. We have a pact if they ever get divorced. We're going to London and capture them.

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Diana Fergie

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sounds like a plan. It's just one of those things. Man So what are you up to? What are our schedule

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I am working I swear I am always working work and if you're not working once you're working it I've got I've got a real fun show coming up in fact on this very street on love it at the love it in on October 4 I'm going to be hosting Tropicana. I'll be there a fundraiser for the Montrose activity center. Yay among it's October 4 It's a Sunday afternoon at four o'clock here at the love it in right here on Lovett Boulevard which is real close to disco Kroger, okay. 501 It's 501 Lovett. I've got I've been watching the map right here that was gay crochet. Gay crochet is right down the street from disco, Kroger, Tropicana. It's going to be a big fundraiser. A lot of talent is going to be there. It's going to be a lot of fun. We're going to I'd like this Esther Williams, swimming ballet type thing that I are going to be doing often that Nancy yes as a matter of fact I'm going to be doing we're in a two piece or one piece. Yes. Three, three piece with a big cabana goggles. They're gonna do this water ballet thing and I'm going to do the color commentary. It's going to be fabulous. So you need to be there. October 4. Tropicana. Charlie Collins is involved involved with a Charlie if you know him that the dude from BRB is cool. He's got a nice voice and everything nice but not that I noticed those sorts of things but you know a man a man told me that he's got a nice but what do I know from good but I was hoping that you would know from good. I read a lot. So anyway, October 4, try to be there. Love it in four o'clock. It's going to be happening where tropical attire tropical attire. I've already got my grass.



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We know it is heading up on one o'clock and I do have something really important to say.



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Go to bed. No. Kidding. That's what I was doing. Kidding.



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What I have important to say is okay, happy birthday. Oh, happy birthday. Okay.



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Can we think to her? Happy birthday to you? Happy birthday to you. You know, we're gonna get put off the air. Happy? Birthday, dear. Okay,



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Michael Jackson owns the rights to you.



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The FCC



Scott Lewis 06:36

suspends our license. Now you'll know why.



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Until we love you even more. That's right, et cetera, et cetera.



Scott Lewis 06:42

You know, if it was one o'clock on my birthday, I don't think I'd be home and I bet ks not either.



Diane Williams 06:48

K isn't home. As a matter of fact, I don't bet where the heck get ready wanted this moment. She might she might have the radio on at one point or another. And if you are okay, once again, happy birthday. She has a party and I didn't go to it. And I'm so sorry. But the reason I had really good reasons, and I'll talk to you about it later. Okay. But happy birthday. All as well.



07:08

Hello, we're back. They're hacky. You know. Nance. Yes.



Scott Lewis 07:12

What is all this about these pride awards? Oh, let's get a load of this. First of all, congratulations, because I hear that you've been nominated for a Pride Award. And of course, the category would be



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female entertainer, and which is a big surprise in itself are a female.



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Very entertaining.



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Thank you very much. So what exactly what are the pride awards? Okay, the pride awards are

these awards type things are clear that I'm getting to it. It's like the fourth annual so this would be the fourth one they've done four years in a row and every year in a row, one after another. And they're awards given to people who promote pride within the community. Be Gay and lesbian community of cool you certainly have done the Hungarian community that's me. Oompah. I am in demand and the Hungarian community I want you to know now in the endless lobby things. Yeah, we'll talk about that later. Now. It's like October 10. At the tower theatre, October 10. There's community voting all day at the tower theatre. So if you happen to be there, like at Big Frank's getting a hot dog, or like at two pesos there on the corner of Montrose and Richmond blockbuster, wait a minute blockbuster. Excellent, excellent choice. Eckert just come right up to the tower, which is true system.



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Alright, Charlie's and you know who you are.



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So does everybody else come up to



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the tower theater? Vote for the people you think you want to vote for basically, but but more importantly, at seven o'clock, there's going to be a big fundraiser a big show with a lot of talent, a lot of fun. A lot of surprises. And the money is going right into the pride awards fund. Cool.



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It's too not self serving to



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do the to do the pride awards. We have to buy those old plaques though.



Scott Lewis 09:04

Do you want the tower theater which is expensive? I



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know there you go. There you



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go. You know Sophie B. Hawkins has been sold out there every night for a really long time. Do we haven't



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she's not even in this state. Could I do my Woody Allen impression? Finger Ready? Ready? Yeah, I got mine ready my impression of Woody Allen Okay. Damn, you kiss just like your mother.



09:30

Was the song I swear.



09:32

Thank you. Tell your friends. We're here all week.



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Okay, we're breaking and you know why we're breaking because Nancy is out of liquid and the producers telling us to. So



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Scott Lewis 09:45

it's one o'clock and we're gonna take a break. KPFT Houston 90.1.



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And I invite you to join us every Saturday more The 9am to 12 noon is deeply the delicious music from India, right here on KPFT FM 90 Saturdays 9am to 12 we bring to you a little bit of India right here in Houston



B

Brian Nunes 10:14

incandescent parents, pink dolphin and half the medicine known to man. This is the rain forest. Every second, another acre is destroyed forever. The World Wildlife Fund needs your help. For information on the rainforest rescue campaign. Phone one 800 ca ll WWF. World Wildlife Fund



11:29

Thank you. I love it when you push my



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buttons. Well, not necessarily when I push your buttons, but Well, that's



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true. You haven't pushed my buttons in a long time. Scott.



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I tell you



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it's good to be back. You know,



Scott Lewis 11:39

this is the first time we've done a radio show together. It is not you lie. Well, I mean officially with me as one official and official radio person with my own radio show. You should see his uniform. Well, it's naked radio radio.



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The only thing he's wearing is Bill Clinton button and asked me how he hasn't on



Scott Lewis 11:58

five to six KPFT to find out.



12:01

Okay, well you know, Nancy, you're such a busy girl.



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I am a busy girl. You are so



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busy. You know what I know



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if I'm not working, I'm sleeping. It's a whirlwind.



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We know it. You know I happen to know that on one of my favorite days of the year. You're gonna be doing a show



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National Coming Out a new guy dressed and tell me where it is October 11 at ms bees at Plaza 9200 Plaza 90 Dad's vendor and yes, it sounds like a spaceship doesn't



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it is a drag racing place that you go and ride go karts there well



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there's there's often drag racing there as a matter of fact, but you gotta watch really close for now. This is a show I'm gonna be doing my combat a show out at Miss B's on October 11. About eight o'clock or so. And I hope y'all come out and it's going to be a lot of out for National Coming Out Day comedy, music sex politics, religion. You know me



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and you know what, Nancy? We love sister Nancy. Thank you. Tell us about Sister Nancy. How do you think her up and who the heck is she



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sister Nancy Immaculata Our Lady of the perpetual Screaming Orgasm. Well you know Sister Nancy is just kind of this nightmare that occurred to me I've got a lot of Catholic friends me personally. I'm Presbyterian so to nothing sticks.



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Yeah, my preacher now says Presbyterians the frozen chosen



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the frozen chosen How funny. So sister Nancy is is like this this character that I do. It's a lot of fun. It's a lot of improvisation. And and I get dressed up in a nun's habit and a various accoutrement. You'll just have to come out and see what what how I accessorize this nun's habit. You know,



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one of my favorite jokes, though, not many people seem to get I mean, I think you have visual visual.



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That is that Pope joke it's that old jokes, the pope blowing smoke joke,



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you have to know how they signal that they've chosen a new pope.



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That's why I absolutely insist that anyone in my audience has read a paper at least within the last decade. It's truly



Scott Lewis 14:09

and most of them are pushing those limits.



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Pushing push in the envelope we



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know that all the intellectuals read, right? That's right. We know that all the intellectuals listen to the radio right?



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Sometimes they listen to the radio without moving their lips right.



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with their eyes closed even isn't that a good morning? Everyone? I want everyone out there right now to close your eyes for just a few moments.



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Imagine for a moment this is reality.



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What do you think this isn't reality?



Cindy Friedman 14:39

That's the joke.



Diane Williams 14:42

Okay, open your eyes. Don't go to sleep. Don't go to sleep yet. You know why? Because we have lots and lots of interesting info Meishan coming up later. But 115 We have this way out National Gay and Lesbian news. No Excuse me. Not national galas. We news intro National intro national international because you know what Scott and I we were round the world did you see the producer when he went like this? This is an arm gesture to mean round the world when I said national he's done that before round the world we were heard in Australia we were heard it in Russia said amazing



Scott Lewis 15:19

sent me I might get a date with an Australian I doubt it



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I doubt it talks about your down under



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that's the joke. I doubt it.

that would be date for me I don't think



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plays at this point you know my mom



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is not getting a tape of this showed my mother and mom if you're listening right really?



Scott Lewis 15:41

You know a character you do that? I love what would that be Scott it would be the bro Weena with this character kills me what kills me dead.



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Berlina is such a lovely person. But Weena is a woman who's been working on her thesis for about 23 years on lesbian life in the 20th century. She's going to have to move right into the 21st century. In a moment she's a serious grad student she can't quite decide if she's in the closet if she's out of the closet. Or if she's in one of those cardboard wardrobe things you get at Kmart and shove under your bed



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a closet more like a cedar chest



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she's more like a cedar chest case she is but she's cool yeah relation to beyond beyond no beyond I guess you're referring to beyond a shadow



Scott Lewis 16:30

that's a drag queen by any chance.



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Well, she's just another character that we have conversations with. beyond a shadow of a doubt it's it's a little French village a doubt south of French. French south of France. She speaks French how 45 North Colin plays quick five to six KPFT now we're just talking about

different little characters here it's so hard to describe though on the radio when they can't see this visual you know yeah beyond is like the the ultimate nerd NO NO NO Berlina ultimate nerd



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beyond a is is a is a bizarre character. I've never met her very fascinated.



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Berwyn is far more interesting as matter she wears these little glasses with grandma capes in the middle, like like a bandaid in the middle over the nose like these. But she recently got contacts. So she has taken the band aid from her glasses and put it actually on the bridge of her nose. It's very hip. Very Texas optical very cool.



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You know what Nancy? Yes. I want to talk about you.



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Let's talk about juicy know what what do you want to know what



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to talk about you what do you watch middle name? Love.



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Nancy love Dr. Ford. That's me. And my middle name is Susan I'm named after my two grandmother's in fact.



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Okay, I just wanted to ask you that wondering if you've actually tell me even though that I knew it, I have nothing to hide.



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Okay, actually that bra and other boys out



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Diane Williams 18:07

in the open it was it was not hidden wiping my brow from Okay. I want to ask you this. I know that you do have a personal life and that you have had for some time. Specifically I want to ask you your personal coming out story. Do tell. This is reality Ford. I don't care how long ago was or what it was or anything else. I have to know. Inquiring minds want to know.



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Well, basically I built a comedy routine about it. And if you've ever seen my my comedy show and of watch real closely, that is basically my life. I'm basically telling you the truth when I when I'm talking about coming out and things like that, of course I embellished somewhat my personal my personal coming out story. I knew I was gay. When I was in seventh grade and I went out on a date with Cindy Martel, the head cheerleader of our junior high football team squad. We went to see Sword in the Stone, a Disney animated. I opened the theater door for her we held the same box of popcorn. We went to the pharmacy pharmacy to share like a chocolate soda afterward before my dad picked us up. I was 12 years old. I knew I was home. I knew of course I did have to go through like a marriage and and you know several broken hearts before I actually realized how to manifest the fact that I am a gay woman. And I'm very comfortable with it now. In fact, I've basically based my career on it. There is job opportunity in the gay and lesbian community.



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I think so.



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So that's me. That's that's basically me.



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So how long have you been out? How long have you been actively pursuing lesbians?



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This is like turning into a math 12 I was 12 Will you pay attention? Hello? No, well, I don't know I've been in during the Marriage is what was happening. I've been in Houston since about 1981 82 or so I came down with the big, big oil boom and was of course here for the oil bust that that followed. And basically everywhere basically, I knew when I moved to Houston that I have found my community and as wherever you want to be, and this end God and it's true. I mean, I love all of you know, it's true. I feel like I have this huge nuclear family if that's even possible. I mean, people like people from like, Deb, who was here a little while ago from the Royal imperial court. I mean, all these people who work together in the community, everybody else

who's been been nominated for a Pride Award. I mean, we all work together like a community. That's right. You know, that sounds really corny. And I know you're expecting some kind of punch line to come to jumping out at any minute.

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Diane Williams 20:50

That's why I asked you because I didn't necessarily want there to be a punch line. Well, it's true. I love you. And you're I think you're incredibly you know, people want to know more. We want to know the real Nancy, Susan Ford. It's yeah. Okay, I have have this other date on here. Let's see. You are going to be at Berry

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Hill, Berry Hill, which is up on 1960. A women's club up on 1960 and Kirkendall.

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Can we can know are you gonna fly Kuykendall? Are you taking the bus?

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That's how it's spelled. I don't know. Actually, I'm rounding up like a Winnebago. Maybe maybe to haul me up there and take care of I need a roadie every Wednesday night at 930 Berry Hill, everyone stay in October. Comedy, music sex politics, religion call.

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Scott Lewis 21:40

It's all and you could just sum that up and shorten it by saying Nancy Ford. It's the same thing. It is the same thing.

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And you have I gotta tell you, you have just a band of women that follow you around. I mean, you have Nancy Ford groupies.

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Where are they? When I need my oils changed? That's what I want to know. Where are they when I need some

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Scott Lewis 21:59

automated your oil change now? We'll just get I don't like that. No, no, like I'm gonna do I look like I'm gonna change your oil



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and got ready lube here waiting for me. Yeah, as a matter of fact, I could stand to have my oil. Oil changed at this moment. Marijuana can be like that,



Scott Lewis 22:18

where it's an automotive thing. We just need somebody to come on down then to the KPFT studios and change Nancy's All right now.



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Come on down. I'll show you my lug nuts



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Oh, it is a risky night. He didn't say we are just pushing those boundaries. But you're



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making an ass out of me the whole of you?



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No, no, no, no. Do you think we could say tail haul is that that? We talked about that earlier? Tail?



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Sounds like something on an airliner? Yeah. The flaps on the tail haul or down? The



Scott Lewis 23:00

tail is that little hole in the bottom of the toilet back in the tail



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danger Will Robinson

danger with Robinson



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danger. You should say this. But you can't sorry I'm doing



Diane Williams 23:17

the robot impersonation here on naked radio. Swinging arms can be hazardous to your lesbian health. Sorry. I think so. You have a tape. k.d.



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I was at I was at that concert. She wanted us at Lange wanted me I don't know what is this? She wanted me. Tony. I have never been in a room I contact or 3000 Lesbians all had an orgasm all at the same time. But at the k.d. lang concert, it happened



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pretty darn amazing. It was an amazing thing.



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I loved it. You know Madonna is hot for now. You know that? We're doing k.d. lang where she did she said if she were a man she'd marry her. Oh, serious.



Diane Williams 24:01

Talk about this talk about this. Okay. i Well, he knows what I'm gonna say. I'm blushing just thinking about this at the k.d. lang concert. She was on stage. She was you know, looking at the audience and she was looking at me know Nancy Ford. She was she was looking he was looking at me. And you know, she was just being all sexy and everything and shaking her head and stuff. And she was singing. She was about to saying, wash me clean. Oh my dear Lord. Yes. And she touched her hand to her forehead and lifted her hair just briefly and then glanced behind her to the side. And I thought every woman was going to die. The room started quaking.



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Diane started taking moaning and groaning and



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shaken and she got into Wash me clean. I think we were all just about ready to be washed clean ourselves. is pretty darn intense.



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You know cleanliness is next to God. This



Scott Lewis 25:01

so yes, let's listen to wash me clean by k.d. lang I love her slick



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about it



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did squats or shooting trans with gay men and lesbians in Colombian and Ecuador these are the most dangerous situations where you've written



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a song like glad to be gay then there's a limit to how many times you can write son I'm glad to be gay glad to be gay strikes back right we a part three and four.



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I'm not for them. I'm not trying to legislate discrimination. We are trying to stop the political gender of the homosexual community.



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What is real is that these jerks want to control all aspects of my life. What else is real is that I'm going to get these jokes out of my life. Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Lucy Chappelle.



Greg Gordon 26:10

And I'm Greg Gordon, queer bashing Republicans create an outing backlash, Latin America receives a Human Rights Report Card and The Big Lie gets resurrected in Oregon.



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All that and more because you've discovered this way out.

B

Brian Nunes 26:35

I'm Brian Nunez and I'm Cindy Friedman with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the weekend in September 12 1992. The US Republican Party's anti gay and lesbian platform is encouraging outings in the community press. Q w has published what it calls an open secret that leading anti feminist homophobe Phyllis Schlafly son is gay. John Schlafly lives with and often travels with his mother and advises her on some financial matters. In the advocate, Louisiana's US Representative Jim McCreary, was outed by a former longtime lover and others. After beginning his political career as a Democrat, recovery became Republican. His voting record on lesbian, gay and aids issues changed from moderately supportive in 1989 to opposition in 1991. McCreary married his wife John at in 1991, and is taking a strong so called Family Values position in his current reelection campaign.

C

Cindy Friedman 27:35

Tammy Baldwin could become Wisconsin's first openly lesbian state legislator in November after winning the Democratic nomination for the seventh eighth district assembly seat in a primary election on September 8, Baldwin took 44% of the primary vote to beat out three other contenders.

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Brian Nunes 27:54

Gay and lesbian rights and aids organizations tried unsuccessfully to defeat homophobic US Senator Jesse Helms in his 1990 North Carolina reelection campaign, leading the conservative campaign fund to file a complaint against them with the Federal Election Commission. The Commission's decision in the case of Robert Coons and his oral majority, was finally made public late last month, Congress was vindicated on most charges, but was merely admonished by the Commission for failure to identify himself and his independent committee on anti helms buttons and flyers.

C

Cindy Friedman 28:26

The Louisville Kentucky Board of Aldermen defeated a lesbian and gay rights measure late last month after 10 months of debate. A \$50,000 opposition campaign generated so much interest that attendance at the voting session had to be determined by a lottery.

B

Brian Nunes 28:43

Regardless of California Governor Pete Wilson's actions on lesbian and gay employment rights bills. Another court decision has denounced discrimination. Superior Court Judge Richard

Hubbell ruled that open gay rod Roberts does have the right to bring suit for anti gay discrimination against his former employer, the entertainment trade paper Daily Variety, based on fundamental public policy under California's constitutional Equal Protection Clause, although a case 10 years ago applied equal protection considerations to lesbian and gay government employees. The current ruling extends equal protection to private employers for the first time, they leave varieties expected to appeal the decision.

C

Cindy Friedman 29:25

In reviewing the 9091 9092 session of the US Supreme Court, the Washington blades Lisa Kean determined it was one of the four worst years for lesbian and gay rights since the High Court began to consider such cases 35 years ago. But Keene also made the surprising discovery that Justice David Souter, whose 9090 nomination was stringently opposed by most liberals took supportive positions in all 10 cases relating to lesbian and gay rights

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Brian Nunes 29:57

and unusual paternity dispute in Asheville, North Korea. Elena affirmed the parental rights of a gay man who provided sperm for the artificial insemination of a lesbian mother. Before the insemination, both parents signed an agreement granting the mothers sole custody and the father of visitation. Once the child was born, the man exceeded the visitation agreement to such an extent that the mother is sued to deny his legal fatherhood. Although North Carolina law explicitly denies paternity to donors, in the case of married couples using artificial insemination District Judge Gary cash believes the donor retains parental rights in any other situation, as in this case of an unmarried mother.

C

Cindy Friedman 30:38

New York City's new Direct Action Group Lesbian Avengers took its first major action this week to demand lesbian visibility. Five local school boards had rejected the New York City multicultural curriculum called children of the rainbow because it included lesbian and gay material. The Lesbian Avengers aimed their protest at an elementary school and one of those districts Queens public school 87 in districts 24 children arriving for their first day of school on September 9, were greeted by lesbians distributing balloons imprinted. Ask about lesbian lives.

B

Brian Nunes 31:15

Gays, lesbians and bisexuals in the Phoenix Arizona area can now volunteer to serve as Big Brothers Big Sisters. Although a child's parent can still refuse them based on sexual orientation to other Arizona groups, big brothers of Flagstaff and Big Sisters of Northern Arizona adopted non discrimination policies back in 1988.

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Cindy Friedman 31:37

The United Methodist Church and Indiana has ordered clergy not to perform same gender weddings. The holy celebration of a holy covenant between two men with the help of five clergy

weddings. The gay celebration of a holy covenant between two men with the help of five clergy, caused an uproar in the denomination. Indiana area Methodist Bishop Leroy Hodapp issued the order to clergy with the unanimous approval of the north and south Indiana conferences of the church while denying gays and lesbians the participation of clergy or even the use of church facilities for quote, any ceremony which resembles the rite of marriage and quote, the same order continued quote, our congregations and pastors are urged to be in ministry to gay persons, and quote,

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Brian Nunes 32:23

in England, the new caselle concise English dictionary is believed to be the first major English language dictionary to include the contemporary lesbian and gay definition of the word queer. It also offers queer definitions of out in pink, and a definition of homophobia.

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Cindy Friedman 32:40

The ninth annual convention of the International Association of gay square dance clubs in Albuquerque, New Mexico last month, drew 1100 men and women from the US Canada and Japan. Next year's convention will be in Seattle, Washington.

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Brian Nunes 32:56

The 16th annual gay softball World Series was held in Los Angeles last month with 80 teams from 25 cities in the US and Canada. The winners were Boston's Fritz team in the A division, Philadelphia's Woody's in the B division Atlanta's pair garden team in the C division, and San Francisco's the pocket women in the women's division, all profits from the five day series of benefit aids charities.

C

Cindy Friedman 33:21

The broadcasting Standards Council in England recently criticized a March edition of the TV sitcom in sickness and in health for the tone of the descriptions applied to lesbians in the course of the dialogue. The anti lesbian remarks were uttered by the lead character ALF Garnett, after a friend lost his wife to another woman. The Standards Council wrote that quote, mockery of the kind familiar in this television series may from time to time come close to a point where it can assume a different aspect, in this case, menacing and the terms used about a minority and quote, a BBC spokesperson would say only we have taken note of what the council has said, in sickness and in health was the model for the 70s us hit all in the family.

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Brian Nunes 34:11

And finally, US TV viewers have had to watch closely to catch the gay character Matt on Fox Network's new drama of the 20 Something generation Melrose Place. Here's what Entertainment Weekly's Ken Tucker had to say about him. Given the size of his role so far, I get the feeling we won't be meeting any of Matt's lovers until Fox gets around to premiering its 21st century show, Melrose retirement community.



Cindy Friedman 34:40

That's us wrap for the week ending September 12 1990. To follow the news in your area. An informed community is a strong community.



Brian Nunes 34:49

This rap is compiled and written by Cindy Friedman. For this way out. I'm Brian Innes and I'm



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Greg Gordon 35:00

In the career of openly gay British singer songwriter Tom Robinson spans three decades, and he's far from packing it in this way out. Rob Atkinson talk briefly with one of gay Rock and roll's pioneer performers before a recent show in Vancouver, British Columbia,



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Tom Robinson, welcome to Vancouver. Thank you, your newest album, we never had it so good for a long line of albums. And could you give us a description of how your music has evolved over the three decades you've been in



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the business, I kind of started out in the sort of punk New Wave explosion in Britain, which was 1314 years ago with tob and 627. So it's kind of GarageBand. Right? And the Sex Pistols and the clash, trailblazing there seemed like a good time to put your heart on your sleeve and lay things on the line. So those bands I was involved with were supporters of rock against racism, and also women's in gay lesbian, right. So as a kind of automatic part and parcel of the package. You have



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been known to be a political activist in the gay community in Britain over the years, I was wondering how Has anyone in your musical career particularly influenced you, and as a consequence, influenced both your music and your politics?





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think all of us in has been gay bisexual community have experienced the thing of growing up and to keep you're the only one, because we're raised by heterosexual parents. And suddenly we find out we're different than them. And it isn't till we discover each other that we find there is a community. And one of the ways that you can reach those isolated and lonely people is through the media and through music. So David Bowie, for me, kind of got that little message across. And I thought, well, that is me, that that's about my life, not about somebody else's life. For the first time. I thought, if I can do that for somebody else, then, you know, in any small way I can with my music. And that's what I'd like to do.



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Did you find that you as you start to express your music that your political influence became greater?



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I think it's important to establish a musical base first and foremost, my first, practically my only hit two is 2468 Motorway in 7778, which is just a straightforward car driving song, you know, a summary rock song. But because that was a success in my home country, that gave me a kind of platform from which the other things became interesting. The first couple of years worth of albums were sort of political, in content, but I think when you've written a song, like glad to be gay, then there's a limit to how many times you can write son I'm glad to be gay, glad to be gay Strikes Back, glad to be a part three and four. So through the 80s my songs have been love songs, life songs, just songs about getting on with things, with a gay sensibility, perhaps but not overtly political. Other than that,



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what would you advise gay and lesbian musical artists who want to pursue their careers and perhaps garner some fame along the way?



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I think we deserve the best you know, we have to make it as great musicians in our own right because the music is great not asked for special treatment because we belong to this group or that group or whatever. The reason black music rules the world in terms of pop music leads the way the way it always innovates from jazz r&b right through to rap and hip hop is simply because it's great, you know, and if lesbians and gays can get out there and make their greatest music in the world, the world will be the past to our door.



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Tom Robinson Thank you very much for joining us and good luck when you get back to England on your next turn is appalling efforts. Thank you.



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Hi, this is Tom Robinson reminding you that you're either listening to discovering for the first time or tuned right into this way out the international lesbian gay radio magazine with Lucia Chapelle and Greg Gordon.



Greg Gordon 39:23

You might want to get out a pen or pencil and your 1993 date book for this next item from Cindy Friedman.



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question today is are you going into Washington DC



Cindy Friedman 39:32

if I have to walk on my hands to Washington, I'm gonna be there. The 1993 National march on Washington DC for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights and liberation hopes together a million queers in the US Capitol on April 25 1993. A national office has been opened and activist Deborah Bell hired as national organizing facilitator. The marches still looking for a national development court neater bids for production of official merchandise and applications from performers for the rally. Since the two earlier lesbian and gay national marches on Washington were grossly under counted in the media. The 1993 March office is asking those planning to attend to register with them for an official count. The toll free national March office telephone number in the US is 1-800-832-2889. Again, that's 1-800-832-2889. Their mailing address is 101 2/14 Street Northwest suite 705. Washington DC, two triple 05