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And I think that lesbians and gays are offended by it. But most fairminded Americans are going to have real difficulty with a presidential candidate who says that simply because you're gay and lesbian, you can't have a high ranking job in my administration. He said that he didn't want to create controversy and take away attention from the job that say any individual cabinet member would be carrying out. Well, one of the jobs that we would hope the government would get to work on is ensuring full civil rights for lesbians and gays. And he adds to the controversy by suggesting that somehow because of who we are, we should not serve in hand the government



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reporter Don Rush Talking with Gregory, King of the Human Rights Campaign fund. And finally, Irwin, no editor of the Madison, Wisconsin based progressive magazine sums up the perot candidacy this way. That's about



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the massive and pervasive disillusionment with the major parties and their candidates for the presidency. In that sense, it has very little to do with parole himself, except that he happens to be the available alternative, or what people perceive to be the available. My hunch is that if Kermit the Frog, had been clever enough to announce himself for the presidency, this year, he would be leading in the polls right now. He's certainly relatively well qualified as was perot.



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Joe Stephen was a star athlete singer and student at the US Naval Academy at Annapolis at 22. He was selected as a battalion commander, making him one of the Academy's 10 highest ranking midshipmen. He was also selected for the Navy's elite nuclear power program for submarine officers. Two months before his graduation in 1987, Stephen learned that the naval investigative service was looking into allegations that he was gay. He confronted the

Academy's administration concerning the investigation and came out based solely on his own admission, and with no evidence of any actual sexual conduct, Stefan was forced to resign from the academy, Stephen talks about His coming out process with Todd Wilson.



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I know that I've been gay all my life. And it's much easier for me to recognize that I was gay, even before I consciously accepted it. I think that our minds are extremely powerful. I was in a very conservative environment. And don't doubt there were a lot of things going on in my inside my head that were simply repressed. And so I have no question that my sexuality is as innate a trait and is unchangeable a trait as the color of my eyes in something that we don't have any choice over. And I think that the advancement of understanding in that regard will only help us gain the rights and equality that we've been searching for.



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Can you talk a little bit about your coming out how that happened



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at Annapolis, the whole coming up process in two minutes or less? Basically, the Reader's Digest version, then military has determined through its own studies that the median coming out age, if you will, is about age 20. So when I was actually 20, I guess I came out to myself I began to resolve the confusion or ambiguities that I had, and I accepted the reality that what I was feeling was attraction to other men. And I worked to to increase my own acceptance of my sexuality. I eventually decided during my senior year to come out to to friends, and apparently, whether it was malicious or unintentional, that information was leaked, and an investigation was started. And it was based on that investigation that I was actually as a result of that investigation that I decided to confront the administration. And I was asked, Are you gay and I have responded truthfully, that I am and it was based on that, based solely on that statement. I am gay, that I was discharged from the military and I have since file a lawsuit overturn the policy.



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You have a book coming out in September. What's it about?



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The book is called honor bound. And it's basically my story. It talks, a great deal about Annapolis in my coming out there and sort of personally coming to terms with my sexuality. In many ways, it's a coming out story. But it also talks about the lawsuit and about the whole process and the story of the litigation, which is interesting in and of itself. I'm really, I guess, I'm

happy with the book because it has many different facets. And it not only talks about unique and mysterious institution, it underlies a common experience of all gay men and lesbians, the process of coming out in a context, I think, which is very unusual.



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If you win your case, and you're accepted back into the Navy, would you go?



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I think I would, I think it would be interesting. And I wouldn't be the only gay person in the military, which is what people often overlook. The reality is unlike the integration of blacks and women into the military, that there are already as many gay men and lesbians in the military as there ever will be. And the military admits, even in its own studies that about 10% of the military is gay. So what we're really talking about is not integration. We're talking about simply accepting the reality that we're already there.



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What would you say would be the most influential thing to affect change, change, changing people's attitudes against gays and lesbians,



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as I have said, and will continue to say, to my dying day, the ultimate thing that anyone can do, is to be visible. If you look over the history of the gay and lesbian movement, nothing has been gained, that hasn't been gained through visibility. People often try and convince us that our goal should be not to challenge society's stereotypes and ignorance, but to simply try and assimilate, to quietly assimilate into society and to just sort of be hidden. I think we learned as a result of the AIDS crisis, that quiet assimilation gains us nothing, and that if we remain invisible, then people will never question the stereotypes that are that they are confronted with. When we're out to our friends, and we're out to our family. And we're out. As much as we can be out. People will see that the stereotypes in the ignorance are false. They will see us for who we are and for what we are, and will realize that we're just people like they are. And when the day comes, that we are all able to be visible, we will have the equality, and we have the acceptance that we've been fighting for.



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That was Todd Wilson, talking with former Naval Academy battalion commander Joe Stephen.



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I'm here. This is after hours and continuing tradition. KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. And you were

here with Diane Williams. And we're sitting around talking about various things. Diane is at the moment in our production room doing a couple of PSAs for us. We'll be hearing those on on several the gay pro programming. If you're not aware, we have several gay programs. There's an after hours program, there's, excuse me, there's a breakthrough program, there is a Wildenstein program. So if you're interested, you can get a hold of somebody at the station here. And they'll send you a program guide. And you can tell when when each of these programs are on what they're going to be doing this month. Some of the things that are going to be going on and very shoot soon, I think are of of relative importance. And I thought we would spend some time this evening talking actually this morning talking about some of the things that are going on. First, I'd like to let you know that Gay Pride week is from the isn't it? I think it's the 20th through the 27th. Let me see real quick, I think it's the 27th and it's a time when our community gets together and has meetings and lectures and parties and benefits and a lot of events go on and a lot of good times had by all and a lot of help for you People who need help, can be worked out at some of the benefits. So if you are looking for something to do in the next week, there's a lot of stuff. And some of it is really, really interesting stuff. Of course, all of this is culminating at the end of the week, next Sunday with the parade down Westheimer. The parade will start at Woodhead again this year and will work its way down Westheimer and it'll stop at Whitney. And I imagine that at that point, it will disperse. The official after parade party is not going to be where it was last year. So I thought I'd let you know that it's going to be in the parking lot next to Mary's that's right there next to wha and right on Westheimer. So if you're going to if you're looking for something to do after the parade, that'd be a good place to stop in and and spend some time. Just prior to that, I believe there's going to be a rally or something I'm not real sure a pride post a post pride rally, and it's going to be there at Mary's and naturally naturally. And if you're looking for some way to get really revved up for the parade, that would be a good place to start. Some of the things that I found really interesting in in the lineup is the That's what friends are for which went on tonight tonight. And I'm sure they did very well. It was at Western gallery and it was a very Hi, Nancy. Yeah. Hi, Nancy. Nancy for just here this evening hosting the or participate one of the host I believe of the festivities there tonight, they were honoring Liza Minnelli and Dr. Adrian Rios. Dr. Rios is a local doctor. He works with people with AIDS. And it's a cool guy. Yeah, it's a real nice man and a very deserving man of this particular honor.



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He's humble. He's very humble. He's



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rich, but he's out. He's rich, he's richer. And let's see Thursday night, the cast some of some pieces of the cast some persons in the cast. Lane is Rob are going to be doing a Les Miz After Midnight Show at the tower theatre. This one, this one's pretty expensive, it's going to be a high brow event it's going to be the cast are going to be doing. I believe I read they were going to be doing it and play a series of scenes. So it's going to be a real treat for our community to see something from these fellows.



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So Joe watch group is doing some theater this week, too.



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Oh, yeah, it stages it stages. And that's gonna that's gonna cost a little bit not quite as much as the event at the tower. But if you want more information about the tower, and the Lamia is after Miss midnight, you can call 5285070. That's 5285070. And if you're interested in the stages production, it's going to be three one act plays portraying gay and lesbian lifestyles. You can reach someone to find out more information about that at 5222204. Again, that's 52222041 of the things that I will not miss is going to be the big carnival that the gay and lesbian switchboard is going to be putting on. And it's it's one of the things that are going to be happening, it's going to be free. Let me repeat that. It's one of the things happening free so it'll be at 1000 Missouri Street Grant and it will be mostly all day from battle live until early evening about four days before the parade imagine and there'll be games and food and raffles and face painting and incredibly cool booths and I believe they're even going to have a dunk a dike booth and all right, I remembered one of your suggestion several weeks ago about bobbing for cucumbers think they're gonna be bobbing for cucumber. So if you're looking for a good time and a good clean time, join us at the carnival I think I'll probably be there doing something. So look for me, I'll talk to you.



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Or close your eyes and walk around and listen listen, right.



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Also on that day, when you when you're finished at the carnival, from 9am to three. There's a private garage sale going on at the venture in on 2923 North Main. And that's the kind of garage sale I would not miss.



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The VPN is so much fun, go there and have a great time have some of their draft beer.



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Yes, they have a nice little patio in the back too. Very nice for your intimate view. Are quaint. And that garage sale is free and it and they're also open to sell things for you. So if you're interested in that you can call 52969795296979. For those of you who are young and are looking for some place to be, to talk to people and be with other people your age, and to get some stuff off your chest about how it feels, and to let people know what's going on. There'll be a town meeting on lesbian, gay and bisexual youth at the First Unitarian Church all day. On that Saturday Also, bring your parents Yeah, it's, they are going to work out yeah, they're going to discuss goals and issues of young members of our community. So if you're, if you're not old enough to go to bars, and you don't know what you know what's going on, you want to connect with people. And some people with common ground like yourself, this might be a good place to

start. If you want more information about this, it's 52836435283643. There's also in just a, for those of you out there listening to our program, not yet, having come out, there's a coming out workshop going on that day. And I would imagine that would be a lot of help. The sponsors of that are the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and I've been acquainted with that group for a long time. It's a very healthy, supportive group. And they know of which they speak. So that's a coming out workshop, it'd be from two to four at the Grace Lutheran church that's on Wall drive. And they will take donations, but there's no charge to this. And you can find out more information about this at 8679020. And for those of you who are into a little heavier stuff, there'll be a daddy auction and a leather jock harness halter party, going on the venture and later that day, it's an awesome too, it's an awesome going to be the auction is going to be a benefit to local charities. And it sounds like it's going to be fun, and it's going to be free. On Sunday, the 21st early in the morning before all the activities get going on. There will be a seminar on gay and lesbian issues from seven to nine at 900 Love at Sweet 101 in the sponsors of that the Human Rights Campaign fund, so they'll be discussing goals and strategies of the Human Rights Campaign. And the it says of the nation's largest gay lesbian organizations. To find out more information about that you can write you can call 52110005211000. Okay, that that takes care of your weekend. Now on Monday, they're having a named Project workshop. And they're going to be talking to you about making a panel and how to send your panel off to join the the great quilt that travels our country. And you can go there, and they will help you with your panel. And that will be its name at the names project building at 1410, Fairview, and there'll be open five to eight, Monday through Friday. And for further, further work on your panel. There'll be a couple of couple of plays being going on during the week, a couple of concerts and we'll tell you about a couple of these things, as is which is an exceptionally good play. We'll be playing at the downtown grounds Coffee House at nine await wood at San Jacinto. And it's going to be a benefit performance of the bond Broadway play about AIDS. And the money's going to the Milan house. I believe that Michael house is just just a squeak away from being open. And it's another hospice that you hear in the city. And we relieving the load off of some of the other hospices here. But as soon as they open the door, they're behind for more. So if, if this would be a good way to help them and help other places like this, if you it's 7pm and Sunday at three. I imagine that means the next week. You can see this and it costs \$5 Let's see Tuesday. There's a gospel concert for those of you who are into gospel music at 730 at 501 East 18th Street at Columbia. That's 501 East 18th Street at Columbia. and it's going to be various churches putting this together. And I think I went to one of these about three years ago with some friends from Donna faith. And it was really very good and they had a potluck previous to this. It was very good. I was a I was a real happy I went that evening. You can find out more information about this concert at 88092358809235.



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Diane want to choose There you go. Let me let Diane read some of this.



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When am I reading? Pride I scanning celebration. Eight to 10pm am what day? Tuesday June 23. The Galleria ice rink, which is it 5015 West Harlem in the middle the Galleria, sponsored by the lambda Roller Skating Club, Houston outdoor group, and the chain gang Bicycle Club. For 50 is the cost and it does include skates and all that kind of good stuff. At the girl ArrayList and you guys okay, um, let's see ice skating event with free skate lessons available for your

information. 5236381 girl Rhea, y'all are too much. Wednesday, June 24, making our voices heard. Seven to 9pm at the Montrose palace. That's 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth sponsored by the Lesbian Gay rights lobby and of Texas and the Ades equity Lake and that is free. Let's see. Thursday the 25th there is a play by William Hoffman as is which is 7pm Except the Sunday three I think you read this pretty much. Downtown grounds. Let's see. Friday the 26th T gra Texas gay Rodeo Association Association pride night. That's gonna be from 7pm to 1am and E Jays and that's 2517 Ralph Texas gay Rodeo Association is sponsoring that. Also there's going to be a night in Monte Carlo from 9pm to 2am and x TC that's 9200 Buffalo Speedway next to the ranch and kingdom Community Church is the sponsor of that let's see also at the venture in that same night Friday the 26th and night in black leather 10pm They're doing a lot of stuff this prime Yeah. In LA is really grown a really come a lot I'm really proud of what NLS is doing especially recently within the community. That's a nine black leather sponsored by the National leather socation at the venture in Saturday, Saturday morning the 27th a bagel blast 10am sponsored by the new group that



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is can't pronounce that we can't pronounce have to have Marla on.



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Mala please come on the show and pronounced this force or at least tell us how to say it. I'll spell it for you real quick. Miss potshot I was him. I don't I have no idea. I'm so glad that I even tried that. Mi s ch, Pa ch A T. And then a li Z I am hoping I didn't which nasty,



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which is a new Jewish support group, their friends and family. What



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a bagel blast. And for your information you can call 5207977. There's also going to be a parks bike tour at 10am. They're going to meet at heaven at the parking lot of heaven, which is specific in Grant and that's sponsored by the chain gang Bicycle Club. So it'd be great thing to do a Saturday to think that'd be good. Also, the ranch is sponsoring the Texas pride Invitational golf tournament. Now I know if you guys have never been to a golf weekend, golf weekend, all is all these ways a lesbo party I'm telling you, this is a great thing to do. 11am Hermann Park golf course 6201 Golf Course drive sponsored by the ranch and bad girls golf. I like that a lot. And then, you know you can you can pay to actually be a member of the tournament, you can just go out there and watch. So that's gonna be a lot of fun. I know. And the parties to follow I'm sure will be exciting. Okay, the NLA national notary Association has a symposium also that Saturday from 2pm to 5pm. At the Montrose Palace, that's again 1505 Nevada Commonwealth sponsored of course by NLA. And for your information 5260444 There's going to be a bar to bar fun run that evening 6pm And it's it's been to the BRB 2400 browsers not sponsored by front runners. That's a non competitive running event from bar to bar. Okay, let's see the Lesbian

Gay Pride Week 92 concert is going to be at 8pm at Rich's it's 2401 San Jacinto sponsored by the Lonestar symphonic band and the MCC our choir. That is going to be a lot of fun. There's some good folks there. Let's see.



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Let's let's it's just a few seconds after too and we need to take a station break before we we do that and, and we'll be back with more of this information



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Armstrong, Ellington, Holliday, Parker, and Davis. milestones along the dynamic continuum of jazz. Join me miles Willis, as we touch upon these and other points of interest will also keep up with new markers being set by today's young practitioners and jazz is straight ahead tradition. Live Marlon Jordan and Roy Hargrove. Listen to milestones every Monday evening from seven to 9pm. And let the music take you away on KPFT 90.1 FM



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This is Nikki frog and this is one of my very favorite places a forest. You know, forests are home to lots of animals and they give us wood delay, keep our water and air clean. Unfortunately, these days our forests are in trouble. They're being threatened by development and people who don't treat them with respect to find out what you can do to help right to forests, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, DC 2036. Remember more than three?



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Okay, we're back. And this is after hours, and a continued tradition 90.1 FM KPFT Houston. And we've been going over some of the events going on at Gay Pride Week. These are the big events, the we're just scratching the surface they'll be practically every place, every business, every bar, every political organization is going to have something going on some hoopla going on in the next week. So get out and take part in some of this. I think Diane left off at the ballet 92 which is at the Sheraton Astrodome at the Sheraton Astrodome, and it's at 9pm. And it's sponsored by the Gay Lesbian Hispanic Unidos. And it's a dance ballet is a dance featuring the sound of Elza Garcia and company with the DJ Adrian Vizcarra. If you want more information on this, you can call 27045482704548. I know that's gonna be great. I know they just had a great success with their big convention was here recently. So this will be on the tail end of that it'd be nice. There'll be and this is for those who are once again into the into the the other to the wild side. There'll be a leather and erotic art and fantasy nine at the venture in are we is the venture in beginning to sink in out there at 2923 main. And it's sponsored by again and very involved national leather Association. And it will be local and state artists putting together this leather and erotic art and I will not miss that. And it will be free. And if you want more information about that you can call 52604445260444. And that leads us up that was a Saturday. That's the Saturday before the parade. And this is the Sunday the 28th and the day of the parade and the rally. The rally starts at three and it goes till 830 It will be going on while the parade goes by. And if you've ever been next to Mary's during the parade, it is the place to



be and if you have an extra my own secret spot. If you have an extra buck, I'm sure the guys at Mary's the people at Mary's will let you go up on the roof and watch the parade. From there. It's one of the favorite spots to see the parade in our community. And that's going to be the rallies going to be next door at from Mary's there. And there'll be entertainment speeches and community booths. So if you want some information that's going to be a good place to go pick up a pamphlet, find out about a group or an organization that's gonna be the place to go be broadcasting



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from the roof of Mary. So I don't think you're gonna be able to get up on the mirror on the roof of Mary's this year.



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Oh yeah, broadcasting thinks they're gonna be really surprised have



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their speakers stuff there I believe if I'm not mistaken.



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Well ask them at the door when you go by later that evening at five o'clock is going to be the parade and I've been talking to some people who've been on the parade committee and it is going to be the biggest and the best parade we've had yet. They say it's going to be the loudest parade we're going to have in a long time, and there'll be blank bands and, and floats and they have fun written down here much, much fun. And you can find out more about the parade at 5296979 and early and bring a lawn chair. That's right, a lawn chair and your VCR of your video recorder. Let me tell you, I've had the best fun every year taping this parade and then playing it in my parties. I have the best parties, everybody loves to come over and see my video of the parade because it's a great, great place to see it again. And to relive that experience in those summer when when you sitting by a log fire watching the parade on TV. It's a great way to re experience it. And to touch old friends that you haven't seen in a while and to you know, it's a great way to spend a lazy afternoon day, right remember the day that evening after the parade. And once again, the parade begins at Woodhead and down Westheimer paths Montrose it'll be ending at Whitney, and then I'm sure it will head towards Mary's at later that evening at seven at Pacific street 710 Pacific, there's going to be the loading dock 92 with pride, which is the bash from what I understand it's the bash, it's the one you don't miss



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if any of you out there remember the old loading dock which I was not allowed to get into at that time. Not only because of my age, but also because it was a woman and they they had some weird policies as as regarding women at that time. But Pacific street doesn't. Pacific

Street is a great place. Jalen is the owner, and he's a wonderful guy very supportive of the community. And this party is a great party. I think the NLA is sponsoring that particular party along with Pride Week, maybe. And it's too hot and the word there is hot. It's gonna be a great time.



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I'd like to hit that part too. Don't. I'll be there. We'll be out. Yeah. So these are some events that are going on. Like I said earlier, these are not the only things going on just about every bar and business is going to be doing something to celebrate the Pride Week. So this would be a good time to have used some of your system to use some of that money you've been saving for a rainy day. I'm I've been handed something that looks like it's been written



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by a three year old. It says



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The information for take back the street, okay, okay



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here. I couldn't see the T's take back the streets will never be silent again will be July the 11th. It's a Saturday and it will be at 830 in the evening. And they will be meeting at West Drew and Montrose and follow the same route that they took last year walk to the corner of West West timer in Montrose. And this year, we're going forward. We Ville May, I think you ought to read this. V. This is looking more and more like a foreign language.



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You know, this is what happens when you write fast I'm sorry. And over the phone with someone this year is it's called Take Back the streets to and will never be silent again. And this year's theme is kind of the fact that we're going forward we're not going to go back to the way it used to be we've made many gains just by simply standing up and saying who we are. And things must continue to go forward. We won't go back. Many dignitaries so to speak have been invited Mayor Lanier has been invited to come and stand with us and speak with us. As well as all the council members, including Vince Ryan, release and Ryan bring your lovely wife at least all those guys are being invited. We don't know if they're going to make it or not there. There are weekly planning meetings. You can come to queer nation to discuss this or you can

call scooter at 5241934 and they're discussing you know how that's being how that's going to be taking taking place. I'm really excited about they're expecting a lot of people and just know that's going to go over well just if you live in Montrose walked down there. See the side stand up for your right.



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That's right. Take part and you're in in what's going on and be apart in a few moments, we're going to go to a taped interview from last year, just prior to and during the Pride Week that Jim Carper visited with some our community leaders and people of importance in our community, and got their opinions and feelings about pride and where they came out. And well, it's an interesting tape, I don't want to give it all away. But in the meantime, I want to take a few minutes to do what I do. Every week, I want to dedicate the show to the men and women. It's a barren Care Center, home to me and to many and a pleasure and an honor to work for. I also want to say good luck to Ricky and Jerry. I want to say goodnight to Steve and Gary. And Janie, if you're listening go to bed. And Linda and Terry, we know you're out there driving around somewhere.



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I haven't home I hope you girls are on your way home already. Thanks for saying Hi Linda.



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And a few other things that are going on as far as



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people and friends is the care center will be the care center Friday had an art exhibit it for those of you might have caught it. It was extraordinary. It surprised me and I watched them do it. When it was put together. It was something out of a museum it was it was wonderful. And I was impressed.



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We're being handed notes notes



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again to a called write a letter to producers of Northern Exposure. Oh, that's right. For those of you who did not see that episode of Northern Exposure, you certainly certainly miss something. Make sure you catch it in reruns. There was a episode of Northern Exposure where those women were. And very it was great. It brought tears to my eyes and several places. They were

two women who if you follow the storyline where the founders are founding founding when it comes to filming mothers for mothers of Cecily Sicily, that little town in Alaska, the story set in and it looked at their lives and how they put the city together like it is today. Well it



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dealt with their homosexuality very casually. It was very just nonchalant and that was wonderful. It was very overt and open but it was just very casually accepted everyone knew that these two people loved each other and it was just no big deal and the



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love was the love that they showed in this was a very very tender very I mean the the portrayal of the affection between these two women is very real was very real and was



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we're pressing buttons and we're pressing me a favorite role. I haven't asked you to wrestle papers this week. You please wrestle paper. Thanks. I love that papers. sound sounds okay.



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So if you did see it, if you didn't see it, try to catch it if you did see it, write a letter to the producers let them know you liked that let them know that that's important to you and that you were watching and that it will remind them that you to spend the money on the advertising that supports that particular show. So if if you saw it write a letter and let people know that you liked it. We are now going to go to the tape that we have and the tape is titled. That's the way it was