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- [** [Introduction] 00:38

The preceding was brought to you by the National Committee to save unborn queer baby whales, which wanted you to hear and think about this message
- S** Speaker 8 00:53

Another programmer named Bill put that together just for our show. Isn't that great.
- S** Speaker 3 01:01

As began to wonder about you, you know, what were we gonna hear next? The partridge families greatest hits their Christmas. Oh, Baba.
- S** Speaker 8 01:09

I mean, you know, I'm not for killing dolphins or anything like that.
- S** Speaker 4 01:14

I hope not because you're gonna with the phones right
- S** Speaker 8 01:16

No, but in your heart of hearts. And after seeing all those flipper episodes. Aren't you glad that you heard that?

**S** Speaker 3 01:26  
Yes, it reminds me that when I was a child not always had a crush on the Father. In flipper, he could snorkel with me anytime.

**S** Speaker 8 01:35  
Yes, yes, yes. Yeah. Oh, Mercy.

**S** Speaker 4 01:38  
Do you just have to stand in such a long line to get to you? Oh, yes,

**S** Speaker 3 01:41  
He will. Yeah.

**S** Speaker 4 01:45  
You hateful bitch, don't slap me.

**S** Speaker 3 01:48  
Why? Your face is there. My hand fits it.

**S** Speaker 4 01:51  
What do you want to bitch about now? We're Adley in 93 of the Year of the soapbox continues.

**S** Speaker 3 01:55  
Do you want to start it this way. Let's now say You know what, I think that everybody that self proclaims themselves, whether it's in the closet or out in the street needs to realize that 1993 is the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. And that this last year that just passed is indeed the last year that we're going to live the way we have been forced to live throughout history, that 1993 up to from today, up to the day that we march a million or more people in to Washington needs to be the year that goes down in the history books as being the one that 25 to 50 million gay men and lesbians came out of the closets demanded their equal rights, not their special rights. And this is not going to happen by virtue of someone else's work. But all of ours together work, together in our unique and our diverse ways. And it is essential to our survival. I'm hearing people saying today that well, all of our problems are over with. Bill Clinton was elected president, all we have is 10 more days and he'll be sworn into office and

everything will be bright and rosy. And I think that's part of the problem. queers for all too long, have thought that one day, they would wake up and someone else would have taken care of all their problems for them. And the world would be pretty and pink. Well, Mary, it ain't gonna be that way. Look around the religious right is stronger now than it has ever been. It is well organized and is extremely well funded. They elected 3000 persons to school boards and county judgeships and things of that nature. In the last election. 2000 more ran for office. We saw our president and one of our two major parties, sell their souls to the devil, so to speak, and gave a platform of international prominence to organize bigotry right here in Houston, Texas, during the Republican National Convention in August. So I don't know where anyone gets off thinking that we have finally arrived. We have no work to do. It's often at times when you have the most to lose that you have to fight the hardest. And that time is now. 25 years ago, a bunch of disenfranchised drag queens, people of color, got together and said no more harassment of us. We're tired of this. We're tired of having police of New York City, invade our bars, harass us, place us in jail, add to our unjustified criminal record and try to remove our dignity. They fought back. It's now our time to fight back. If you haven't noticed lately, we're going into the 12th year of an AIDS crisis that has decimated our community, that has lessened our numbers, that have taken away our lovers and our friends. And for anyone that's sitting out there that thinks that we're that close to a cure, you're only fooling yourself and costing someone else, possibly their lot. This is all our problem. And we need to do something about it in our own fashion. But sitting back, and moaning and bitching, and complaining is not going to do it. I know for a fact. If they come to get the queers and they come to get the aides to put them in the gas chambers, or something of that sort, I'm gonna start pulling some of you folks out because I'm tired of you sitting on your lazy butt. So get up, become involved and do something. Save your own life. Thank you.

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Speaker 4 05:43

and in the spokesmodel category, that was Brian Bradley.

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Speaker 3 05:46

Now then other than that was the contestant for Miss Congeniality. Wow, Robert Rosenberg just walked in the video. Robert is a personal close friend of mine and Houston attorney and he's with the Texas Human Rights Foundation. They had a fundraiser tonight at the Alley theatre for Terrence McNally's play, teach together lips apart, or lips together teeth apart one or the other. And Roberts a fine example of someone that the gay and lesbian community can be very proud of. He's there. And he's involved. He's committed and I just love him to death. Hi, Robert.

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Speaker 5 06:20

Hi Brian, everybody. The play is very good. And I wanted to give it a pitch I was out coming back from my TV show, which is on phonus scope, cable conference, right? Slumber Party, the Slumber Party live Colin show,

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Speaker 4 06:36

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he still has his pajamas. But anyway, oh man, your age shouldn't be wearing that.

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Speaker 5 06:41

I did want to give the play a pitch for those of you who don't normally go to the alley or follow these things? Terrence McNally, the playwright is, you know, openly gay guy from Texas. And he's writes about relationships, lips together, teeth apart. I don't know if you're gonna go this, but it's about family coming to grips with the death of one of their brothers. And it's done in a comedic way. Although it's a serious subject. And it's it's very, very funny. And certainly we're seeing and it was a fundraiser for THRF, Texas Human Rights Foundation, which, as most everybody knows, I don't know if he'll talked about this before, while I was on the air. But we did have oral arguments on 2106 before the Supreme Court, this week. And what Brian was just haranguing everybody about is true. versus, you know, go ahead, no.

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Speaker 4 07:48

It's a movement already. Two people think the same way. Oh, my God.

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Speaker 5 07:53

No, I just wanted to make I mean, I'm an uninvited guest. I just stopped by on the way home. But I do want to make the point that even if we prevail on the Supreme Court, and 21 and six is thrown out, the fight is not over. It's a fight really began. You know, they're still gonna be fights over whether or not lesbians or gay man can have custody of their kids. And they've always used 2106 to say, Oh, they can't because they're criminals. Well, now you have something to fight about with a little more teeth. And if we in fact, prevail. It just it opens the door to more rights, and they have to be used and they can't be. They're meaningless unless people are willing to go on the line. And--

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Speaker 3 08:44

But also put, they're known for more problems from the people that oppose our very existence, right? Therefore, the need for us to be ever vigilant and more strong now than in the past.

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Speaker 5 08:54

Of course Brian, you're always right.

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Speaker 4 08:57

That's why I like you so much. Thank you.

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Speaker 8 09:00

But what it does, right is give us a place at the table. That's right now, we need for the past few years we've been sitting around, you know, doing protest work now. Now we really have to come up with something.

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Speaker 3 09:13

It's time we started sitting at the table and eating and not just arranging the flowers on it. Robert pressed, if you can stay around, you can join our next topic that I really, really wanted to get to tonight. I don't know how much we can do as Texans or Houstonians, about supporting the boycott in Colorado aside from not going to Colorado and skiing and things of that nature but not mining very quickly. On election day, an amendment which was number two on the ballot for be it municipalities from having laws that protected gay people against discrimination. 54% of the citizenry that voted, voted to repeal take those cities rights or those cities ordinances away from them, and it is legal in Colorado, to discriminate against gays and lesbians,

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Speaker 5 10:04

Right. It's legal to discriminate against gays and lesbians, and almost every state in the country and almost every municipality, I found it really odd the other day when on Nightline they had a show on this with Baby Chanan, who's Pat Buchanan's sister and ran his campaign. And then the guy who is the president of the Council of mayors, and his own city probably doesn't have a gay rights ordinance, although the Council of mayors supports the boycott, but you know, our mayor is a member of the Council of Mayors. Our previous mayor was president of the Council of mayors for a number of years. And we don't have an ordinance protecting us from discrimination. Why is that? Well we need to do is go to our mayor who has been supportive of us in the past, and say, hey, now is the time to push an ordinance for us here. But it's an exam isn't the time.

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Speaker 8 10:58

What have you. I remember what happened?

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Speaker 3 11:00

Well, I think it is the time I spoke to the lady who is the head of the Boycott Colorado, do Friday, she's sending me a large packet of information out by the end of next week, if not the beginning of the next week, I'm going to have approached each one of our city council members and ask them their opinion on supporting Houston boycott of Colorado. I want to know who our friends are. These people on city council asked for our vote every two years, and I'm tired of giving it to them for nothing. I don't I don't I think this is a management decision with Houston. It's not a decision that the citizenry necessarily needs to make. It's the right thing to do. 567 major cities, 100 Different businesses are supporting it. And I want to do away with this attitude that this is a problem in Colorado. This is not a Colorado problem. This is a human problem that prevails throughout America.

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Speaker 5 11:58

While it wasn't at the time, I mean, what can we lose other than be slapped in the face? Again? I mean, we're slapped in the face every day. Why not take a shot at it? I mean, if you know after we we, THRF lost and the federal courts, people regrouped and filed a case in the state court. I mean, you know, if everybody sat around and said it's not the time yet, it's not the time we've got to sit on our hands. What would get done? I mean, what are you waiting? What are we going to wait for? Till every 49 states have it? I mean, where's Governor Richards on this? Thank you. Um, you know, the great friend of the gay and lesbian community, what in the world has she done for the gay and lesbian community? I haven't seen a whole lot. But you know.

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Speaker 3 12:43

And what has been done sort of addresses, Michael and last week's topic, a lot of it's done behind the scenes, and I for am, getting increasingly impatient with Ann Richards. I know what she thinks she's going to do serve out the rest of her two years in this term. And she'll tell us well, in my second term, which legally will be my last term, I'll make great strides for you. But Ann, wake up and smell the coffee. Some of us are not going to be alive in two years. We want to have some liberties and some freedom and some justice today, I want to sit down and be an equal partner in life. Now.

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Speaker 5 13:20

I don't believe that she has an executive order for her own staff that there has to be no discrimination.

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Speaker 3 13:25

No she doesn't.

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Speaker 5 13:26

Gary [unintelligible] has one. She doesn't have one.

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Speaker 3 13:29

Well her comments recently, when she was in South Texas at a military base when asked by a member of the media, did she supports the removal of the ban of homosexuals in the military. She says, oh, there's gay people who have been in the military for years, you know, leaving, they shouldn't be left alone, they should be allowed to do it. Well, what is your position on removing the ban? The reporter asked her and she says well, I really I don't know enough to say anything. What that said was, she did not want to go out on the limb as being a governor. Right? She want to take a risk. She's ever increasingly becoming just as much a good old boy, as the rest of them.

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Speaker 5 14:04

She was was a good ol boy. Well,

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Speaker 3 14:07

We just might have to miss her do it in the next election or something. But no, this is a this is not a Colorado problem. This is America's problem. It's the world's problem and write Governor Roy Romer in Colorado and tell him that you support there being a lawsuit to overturn this amendment two. Don't go skiing in Colorado. Look on products that you purchase and see if they originate or are somehow corporately tied to Colorado. Look in magazines, almost all magazines are solicited out of offices in Colorado. Take them, write boycott on it and mail them. They already have a postage metered stamp on them. Be innovative, you're queers, after all, think of what you can do. Spend \$1 to call Chamber of Commerce tell them that you were coming to go skiing, but you're not going to now and for--

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Speaker 5 15:06

Write Coors a letter and tell them how much you just loved Coors beer, you know, and after years of not drinking it because their political stances and then they got a little looser. Well, now you're back to where you were before and you're drinking Miller Lite.

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Speaker 3 15:20

One last thing before you start that tactical CD. A week ago, keep going. A week ago on CBS national news. We finally got one of the major, the first National Broadcasting Network in American history ran their first story on gays and Colorado, we've come a long way baby, okay. And they showed straight people such as Barbra Streisand and Liza Minnelli standing out there fighting for our rights. And speaking up for us. They showed a few brave men and women associated with gay and lesbian organizations in Colorado, working in cramped little offices, no money whatsoever. And then they showed this pristine white mountain with people skiing on it. And this queen, she's shoved down the hill, and she stuck her little poles in the snow. And she pulled up her \$500 sunshades and says, I have the right to have fun wherever I want to. Well, that's part of what I want to say about 1993. Being a gay person, a lesbian, a queer is not only about having the right to have fun, or to sip cocktails, it's about having the ability to walk down the street without getting your brains bashed in. It's about having the right to have a job, be in the military, have children own property together, have spousal benefits, insurance. That's what life is, life is not a cocktail and a sex acts only. And for Queens like that. They've got a rude awakening coming. And they really need to quit killing themselves and taking us with them. Yes, he has the right to have fun. But there's a hell of a lot that needs to be done before fun is ever even contemplated.

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Speaker 8 17:06

Okav. ma'am? Well. well. not only that. not only that. there's been the argument that. well. hev.

there's a lot of gays in Colorado, and there's a lot of gays and small businesses and all that. And my only my only retort to that is I remember years ago with the orange juice controversy. And I'm sure there were gay people who worked in the orange juice field--

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Speaker 3 17:36

Like we were talking earlier, the majority of the bus drivers in Alabama were black and the majority of people that had to not have transportation to work and I had sore, tired feet from walking more blacks, but they didn't get anywhere until they hit a white guy in the pocket book.

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Speaker 4 17:52

That's exactly the same thing with South Africa and Apartheid.

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Speaker 8 17:58

it's really not only just gay rights, it's human rights.

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Speaker 3 18:01

This is a human rights issue. I'm so tired of hearing special rights, special rights, if you want to call them thank you, you know, I don't think it's too special that I'm picked out is the number as a person in the group that's bashed and beaten more than any other group in America. Right. There's nothing special about that. So anyway, do something about Colorado before Colorado becomes Texas revisited.

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Speaker 5 18:30

Citizenry on a more local front. Yeah. When we're talking about boycotts, I watched Rush Limbaugh for the first time Friday. And you know, there are people out there straight gay, black, Chinese, you know, Hispanic, everything who watched Rush and think that he's just a real card and a big joke and fun. Well it was the most hateful thing that I've seen on TV and it's shocking to me it's on there. I personally called channel lovin said you know, what is the show on here for, there's no, there's not even a counter viewpoint on I mean, anywhere on any TV station that I'm aware of. Other than of course, Slumber Party on Phonoscope but, no, but I mean, seriously. One thing I would like people out there to start thinking about is to mount the boycott. I've been calling different human rights organizations around town, and they're all checking you know, watching the show for the week or two and you know, we're going to check with their, to see if their policy would would allow that but it's something that people need to at least start calling channel lovin and registering compliant. I haven't seen or read anything in the gay community papers about Rush and a need for a boycott.



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**S** Speaker 3 20:05

Now might be a good time to do that their production manager, Executive Director has just resigned in that and they're going to be in an upheaval anyway. So they won't be afraid of offending someone.

**S** Speaker 5 20:17

But it's also done in a sort of insidious way. You know, a lot of it is visuals that, that not just words, but you see these things as sort of subliminal messages like his, his audience is all white from what I can gather. And then every time he wants to attack, somebody who usually has a man on the street interview, that happens to be black person, and then they cut back and the audience is clapping and cheering, and then Rush goes to his attack. And, um--

**S** Speaker 3 20:50

The other night, he was showing Anita Hill as he does I watch it frequently. I mean, she's a personal un-favorite of hers, but the sexual entendre was just sickening. And everyone thought it was fun. And they've talked about gays in the military just recently. And of course, Hillary and Bill Clinton are the number one source of their humor nowadays, but so you suggest calling channel 11 cable and calling me and say you don't want this junk on?

**S** Speaker 5 21:20

No. I mean, that's what I suggest is people call it okay. And register compliance.

**S** Speaker 4 21:26

It's the only way to get anything done.

**S** Speaker 5 21:29

Well, you can't do it by just turning on the TV.

**S** Speaker 8 21:31

No, we have to be sort of like a boycott. Yeah, sort of like that. And we have to be the squeaky wheel. You have to be the squeaky wheel, if you want to get it done.

**S** Speaker 3 21:44

Well, and he went from radio to now he's on the best seller list.

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Speaker 8 21:48

That's the nice thing to do is just, you know, okay, I'm going to turn off my TV, and I'm not going to watch it. But that is not enough. No, you have to register your computer.

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Speaker 5 21:59

And the process of going different groups I call the Anti-Defamation League of the Bay. And they're very much aware of Rush and the staff is not happy with the Rush Limbaugh show. But as I said to me, Well, you know, you're like one of the first complaints we've had.

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Speaker 8 22:14

Well, what's GLAAD doing?

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Speaker 5 22:16

And I haven't heard from GLAAD on it. I mean, it really sort of seems to be just out there. The guy, it's amazing. I mean, he has 25,000, 25 million listeners on the radio, and probably, you know, 10, 12 million, watch them on TV, and it's it's phenomenal. And it sort of okays you know, hateful things. I mean, that's the other speaker.

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Speaker 3 22:46

I think that's the connection that people are not drawing is that yeah, he's this jolly guy who sits up there and says, you know, skating things about liberals and Democrats and homosexuals and but he only means it in fun. But no, it's not fun. It's not fun to be made fun of. And it's not nice to promote that type of behavior. Maybe Rush Limbaugh will never act on his ignorance. But Joe, Billy Bob Bubba out there somewhere will, and he won't be Hillary or Bill that are attacked. It's going to be that anonymous, anonymous queer out on the street.

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Speaker 8 23:21

That's exactly right. Just just like Amos and Andy shows are not funny anymore. This is not funny anymore.

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Speaker 3 23:31

Well, Robert, it's been great to have you come out here and tell us what to do as if I didn't know how to do it.

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Speaker 5 23:37

I mean, I didn't mean to disrupt you--

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Speaker 3 23:40

I'm glad you came by if you hadn't, we'd had to listen to some of this bad music.

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Speaker 5 23:43

I was I was. I was you know, at Kirby and Richmond and I heard you were getting ready to play Madonna and I you just rushed over to do whatever I could to stop it. Anybody I actually K.D. Lang, I saw a little blurb of K.D. Lang was on and the [unintelligible] see her on. On what's his name?

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Speaker 8 24:09

Somebody share?

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Speaker 5 24:11

On 10 o'clock on--

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Speaker 4 24:12

Jerry Springer. No, no Arsenio.

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Speaker 5 24:14

Arsenio Hall Show on this week. She was in a huge yellow party gown herd that was a big giant hairdo.

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Speaker 3 24:24

Supposedly I heard she's dating Madonna. That's the latest. Listen, I know some lesbians. They told me this. It's true. But no Madonna and K.D. Lang are supposed to be seeing each other. They were both seen twice coming out of some restaurant or whatever. And I just think that would be great if Madonna were dating K.D. Lang. Wow.

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Speaker 5 24:45

I was shocked.



Speaker 3 24:47

And you're not easily shocked. Are you? What Scott? What are we going to talk about next month.



Speaker 4 24:57

I can only imagine. I can only imagine what We will continue Bradley in '93, the year of the soapbox.



25:04

You can send your checks in if you need want to shut me up. We have we have to do the station fun right we're slowing down we



Speaker 5 25:12

would have sent him to the THRF that is coming out that was HRF three addresses in the back of twit.



Speaker 8 25:20

That fundraiser for the station is coming up January 21. Oh and it'll run through January 29.



Speaker 3 25:28

Okay make them check it out.



Speaker 8 25:30

Bet You bet we need the Bucks baby at World Radio KPFT Houston 90.1 FM













Speaker 4 25:39

All right Miss Tang. I think we just about wrap this up when go home and go to bed borrow



Speaker 5 25:45

Somebody to apologize to poor Chris Baker. Oh, Chris.

-  Speaker 8 25:50  
Oh, he's he's he's smart President again. That's enough for her.
-  Speaker 3 25:55  
Just wait til everybody sees that tiara that was on his head the other night.
-  Speaker 4 26:00  
Chris wouldn't be listening right now, anyway. After hours--
-  Speaker 8 26:12  
Oh, the hateful queens are at it again.
-  Speaker 3 26:14  
Are we gonna talk? Are you gonna let them hear this music?
-  Speaker 4 26:17  
This is, this is called bad music. Brian, I know you wouldn't know anything about that. But because--
-  Speaker 3 26:22  
I happen to have a tape to have bad music. I make my own. Thank you, Scott. And it's completely spot on memory.
-  Speaker 4 26:30  
Isn't it supposed to be in the background or something? Yeah, it's
-  Speaker 8 26:32  
kind of like in the background. And you know what, it's probably we've got like four minutes to the end of the show.
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And it's an honor of you tonight. And Bradley and 93 the year of the soapbox. It's the B52s. tell it like it Ti is.

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Speaker 3 26:48

You know what we didn't mention tonight, and I don't want to let come and go without doing it. The queer community and the cultural community lost a great this week, Rudolph Nguyen certainly died from complications from AIDS in Paris, France. And he's the hero we need to look up to him the man defied his country and its laws and affected and he expressed beauty in his performances and the world of smaller place without him and it's just one more dead from AIDS. So thanks Rudolph.

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Speaker 8 27:24

Dance became beautiful when he came over here

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Speaker 4 27:33

turn the movie on. You're welcome. Give us \$10 that'll pay for our breakfast at Charlie's or new hairdo one. Clippers enough fixtures.

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Speaker 3 27:44

I can think about having a fundraiser I'm tired as long hair will sell you know wax you know we'll have a whack off or something and then let people-- Oh, Jim's just excited because he wants to know the location.

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Speaker 4 28:00

I mean, it just went right out there. Nobody thought nothing about it until you started shaking that little finger around like that. The word whack is not necessarily a bad word. No women to actually take a pair of scissors and whack my hair off and take \$10. That could be whack off.

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Speaker 8 28:17

Oh! Oh, okay!

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Speaker 3 28:18

But unlike most other workouts, you're involved in, I'm not gonna give you 30 minutes to piss. Oh anyway, Scott, as always, it's been a great pleasure. And hopefully you will not be hit by a bus between now and next month.

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Speaker 4 28:42

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