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I am what I am I have my own special creation so come to give me the all the Ovation it's more that I want little pride in my old and it's not a blade lives not worth a damn to you can say



Scott Lewis 01:09

hello and welcome to after hours a continuing tradition here at World Radio KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews and music geared for the gay and lesbian community. Just as Gloria Gaynor says in this song, it's time to open up your closets. We had after hours urged everyone to come out of their closets. By our definition that means standing up for yourself and taking responsibility for your own life. But if you feel that you can't come out right now because of your age, your job or whatever reason. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back relax and enjoy this week's edition of after hours



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I need no excuses. I do my own deck sometimes it's woven open up your damn till you can shout out



Scott Lewis 02:40

Hi, this is after hours. This is Scott Lewis here with

B Brian Bradley 02:43

some of the graphic images that we spoke about in the disclaimer earlier how the hell do you show graphic images on the radio I want to know

S Scott Lewis 02:53

if you if you've

B Brian Bradley 02:55

it's Geneva Kirk Brooks, all you people out there getting your jollies in radio land looking at Madonna and her new sex book pornography in Houston libraries never never Mr. Lanier.

S Scott Lewis 03:06

Oh, isn't that wonderful? I love it. I love it. All the news stories. You can now have sex at the Houston public library. That's what they all said their sex at the public library. The book that is

B Brian Bradley 03:17

if you walk in and see Geneva Kirk Brooks, you won't want any. Did you see the picture in the post last week with Geneva Kirk Brooks showing city council members and the mayor they how to use a condom brochure with condos to it. That was courtesy of the people with immune systems disorder, a group that I'm a part of and I think actually I'm the one that gave her those condoms. Geneva learns to use them before the 9095 expiration date.

S Scott Lewis 03:43

I don't think she'll need I've seen Geneva Kirk Brooks I don't think she's gonna need to use them before the expiration well

B Brian Bradley 03:50

she gets a new perm maybe.

S Scott Lewis 03:54

But you know, I think she uses a helmet. Helen Huey Sarah dressed her so I don't know if there's any hope.

B Brian Bradley 03:59

I'll Turtle Wax on.

S Scott Lewis 04:01

Anyway, we have. We have

B Brian Bradley 04:04

speech problems. We have speech. We have

S Scott Lewis 04:08

so much plan tonight we it's going to be busy. We're in our new time slot from one to three. And we are going to have this way out from 130 until two o'clock and after that we're going to have some people here who are going to talk about infiltrating the Steven Haute see meeting.

B Brian Bradley 04:24

Ooh, the infamous whackers

S Scott Lewis 04:27

whackers and others who infiltrated a Stephen Hawking meeting. I think it was Thursday night, Wednesday night or Thursday night had some interesting things that they heard to talk about, among other things. I remember hearing that hotsy said our wonderful governor was a slit who could be head for \$1

B Brian Bradley 04:45

It was \$3 I don't know what he meant. Would he know

S Scott Lewis 04:50

so those they're going to be here shortly after to First thing we're going to do though is do you want to set this up at all? Brian, I

B Brian Bradley 04:58

want to talk about the governor having to boyfriend did you say that in the newspaper today?

Well, it seems as if Governor Richards was at some type of political meeting and she met the governor of Tennessee, Governor McWhorter. And she seems to have fallen in love with him. They were single bird hunting this weekend. Is that romantic?

 Scott Lewis 05:15

It's the single he's a widower. And does he have \$3?

 Brian Bradley 05:18

Don't think that's any of our business?

 Scott Lewis 05:22

Well, it sounds like a match to me.

 Brian Bradley 05:25

She could be the governor of Texas and the first lady of Tennessee at the same time.

 Scott Lewis 05:28

So you know, even and, you know, and I love and even a kid has a boyfriend. And you and I know,

 Brian Bradley 05:36

well, I said they went bird hunting. I didn't say she held a gun on him purpose. You've done that before.

 Scott Lewis 05:42

I've had to do to get a date. First thing we've got to go to. I'm excited about I'm glad. You know, not that I'll ever have an opportunity to use anything in this book. But there's a new book out that I'm really excited about having got to read yet. But I have my

 Brian Bradley 05:58

elbow. Reason for the excitement, though, is obviously the pitchers and I wish you would put it down to be an intellectual discussion.

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Scott Lewis 06:07

The new joy of gay sex? Yes,

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Brian Bradley 06:09

I remember the old joy of gay sex, then, which I'm sure is a lot different. Well, yeah, we don't have to, you know, nevermind. You wouldn't understand anyway.

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Scott Lewis 06:19

I am too young. But you had the opportunity to talk to Dr. Silverstein today at his hotel. He's here in Houston.

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Brian Bradley 06:26

Well, now you're just ruined my type. My interview is tight as if it were he was sitting here right now. And it was going to be live. So when I sound like a fool, and approximately 45 seconds, it's your fault, Scott. Thanks.

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Scott Lewis 06:37

Dr. Silverstein is here. And Brian is gonna

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Brian Bradley 06:44

We're so glad you could be here. Not that kind of doctor. But then was his finger there?

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Scott Lewis 06:50

When do you have a rectal thermometer because I need my temperature taken? Anyway, three. It's gonna we have an interview with Dr. Silverstein, and I'm excited about it. So let's go to it and see what's going on

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Brian Bradley 07:07

with the new joy of gay sex. Good morning, you're listening to after hours on KPFT 90.1 on your FM dial. I am Brian Bradley, and I have the pleasure and honor of bringing and welcoming Dr. Charles Silverstein to you this morning. Dr. Silverstein is a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist who has a practice in New York City. He founded two counts from the Centers for gay people, the Institute for human identity and identity house. He is also the founding editor of the Journal of homosexuality. Dr. Silverstein was the psychologist who made the

presentation before the nomenclature committee of the American Psychiatric Association that ultimately led to the removal of homosexuality as a mental disorder. However, to most people, he is probably best known as the co author of the 1977 book, *The Joy of gay sex*. Dr. Silverstein is here in Houston as part of a national tour to introduce his latest book, *The new joy of gay sex*. Welcome to our program. Dr. Silverstein, we're very glad to have you here in Houston.



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My second trip to this



Brian Bradley 08:18

and as I said earlier, I apologize for the weather that we're having and hope that you don't hold us personally responsible for it. But perhaps the next time you come back, it'll be more sunny for you. And now your presence here in Houston and what you had stood for in your professional career. And your literary career has always brought a lot of sunshine to us. We gave people that are oftentimes living in darkness. And as someone who read your book in 1977, as a 16 year old, I want to tell you how much I appreciate the candor and frankness. Your writings bring us.



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How did you get the book as a 16 year old?



Brian Bradley 08:57

Well, I was openly gay at 1314 and my mother is a very strong proponent of reading with no censorship at all. So I found someone who had it and read it and relished it and lifted it from a shelf. Very lucky. Yes, I was very much so for our listening audience tonight. More importantly, I think sometimes in others, I would like to start out with what could you say at this point to the gay youth that is that are listening now who perhaps will not be able to get a copy of your book *The new joy of gay sex*? What could you say to them? That could perhaps hold them over between now and when they do obtain a copy



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to hold them over well, enjoy yourself. Remember that safe sex is very important and if they should practice saying know, when someone wants to do something that is unsafe. And certainly one of the messages of this book is that people shouldn't have sex should enjoy as much as they can, as long as they do it safely.



Brian Bradley 10:18

And I think that's probably the most important thing that you could have told them. Thank you. I

deal with youth on quite a frequent basis. And the most disturbing thing they still tell me is, they don't have the abilities to say no. And they don't have the appreciation of what risks that plugs them.

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Love them, we're afraid to say no, they're afraid that the person who they're with will be turned off. I hear young guys sometimes say to me, that the only way they can prove that they love their boyfriend, is by letting him do something that's unsafe. But I think that's a very strange form of love. And I don't think it is love. And I think it's exploitation, and you have to be a saint. There are a lot of things that two guys can do together. Lots of it can be pretty adorable, don't have to do something in the book shows a lot of different ways of exploring different kinds of sexuality.

Brian Bradley 11:27

I've been hearing a lot of comments about the illustrations, and there's eight pages of paintings in there, favorable, very favorable. There. I've heard them compared to Madonna's book, and you've won out over Madonna. People are saying, some arms Beauty and the pictures are very hot. They're very interesting. And Oheka pitcher never hurts happy, especially if you're just learning. Most often the comment that I've heard since your book was published is how is it different than the 1977 edition edition? You know, the attitude seems to be that gays and lesbians, primarily gay men, should have invented a completely new way of having sex since 1977.

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Well, in some ways, that's true. There are a lot of differences, the books are completely different. The only thing that still saying is the A to Z format. First of all, there are a lot of things we couldn't have written about 1977. When those years were much more impressive, and then a lot of things that at writing, I'd wanted to write that the publishers were not allowed to be printed. Exactly. That is teenagers, we were not allowed to write that we wanted to write about teenagers. And so there's no essay that little, there's no, the essay on bondage was very short. And a lot of other things that we had written that will literally just cut out with a pair of scissors. And I think some of the seven, I think they need to we could write about anything we wanted. There was absolutely no censorship by publishers. So that we could write about anything we want. And so the the sexual information from that point of view is more comprehensive now than it was 1977. Also, a lot of things have changed. And the rise of all the telephone sex lines, computer sex piercing has become very big in New York is almost everyone's appears for a number of places on how it is done here in Texas. And

Brian Bradley 13:45

that seems to have been something that's just happened all of a sudden, one day, I didn't see anyone walking around with the visible signs of piercing other than their ears, until up until three or four or five months I've ever now seek tongues, and even my baby sister has pierced

her nose and she lives in rural Mississippi, and I'm going you know where they're coming from?



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Well, they're going south of the border also. Yes, they are. So the point is a lot of different kinds of things are happening and some of the person is just cosmetic, and some of the sexual. So we have been talking about in addition to that, a lot of aspects of the gay community that are not terribly knowledgeable that they think certain things like domestic violence, racism, unwelcome sexual contact between fathers and sons. And it's things that we write about in the book that we did not like about religion because we really didn't know very much about and then things like that. conducted children in 1877 is a thought that we would know and believe it'd be possible sometime in the future that gays would be adopting children, you know, 1000s, all over the country, to really have been loved. And of course, that was problematic. change has been made. And in the 1977 book, there was a long essay about sexually transmitted diseases. And now there is that, plus HIV disease. And of course, we talked about various aspects of



Brian Bradley 15:40

really appreciated the amount of HIV related time you gave to the subject in your book. And was very typical of being a member of actif, incoordination myself, that you encourage people to be involved no matter what, almost as a obligation, you know, become involved in acts up or Queer Nation or volunteer to aid service organization, but to be doing something for those people who went before us and are not around



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anymore. I come from a very political background, in terms of gay liberation. And I think that everyone has a responsibility. When I first became active in the Gay Activist Alliance in New York City, things like having demonstrations and breaking down doors, and barricades and things like that. And that's what we have to do. And that's fine. And I think that there's still a lot of work that has to be done. And I'm glad organizations like putting an act up around all the HIV organizations as well. I don't think that everyone has to become the kind of activist is going to be shouting on the streets. But I don't think that everyone has an obligation to serve their community, and to find a way to so that they can,



Brian Bradley 17:05

how can persons across the country that are perhaps recognized as being leaders in their community, the gay and lesbian community, how do you think they can convey to the broad gay and lesbian community a need to fulfill that obligation is I agree with you 100% Yet, we have dues to pay, I think, for enjoying the benefits of today's society. Perhaps our younger viewing members tonight, don't realize that when your book came out first, and I can 77 it was banned in countries it was burned by governments. And it was a very bold thing for two men to write the book and identify someone that



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was burned in England, I sort of brag that I've had two of my books burned today. It was shredded in France. And it was confiscated. In Canada, there was an interesting trial in Canada, where I testified was the customer. They lead they bookshops forth the customs. And the judgment heard the case ruled against the customs and all of that book be loud. And he wrote to write a book about homosexuality. excluded in intercourses would be equivalent to writing the history of music, or maybe Mozart, a great



B Brian Bradley 18:38

you must have been a Democrat, and some sorts. There's over 100 topics or entries into both essays. Were there any topics that got left out here and simply for lack of space, or?



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No, they got left out because we forgot, or during the book is a complicated thing. And if you're doing an illustrated book, and we have to be involved in the illustrations, it gets complicated, and sometimes, things just get left out. There's no real excuse for a couple of weeks ago, I was chastised by someone in Philadelphia, because we had left at feet. And it's true, I confess, left out feet. It should have been in there there are some people who are in defeat. So they're entitled, innocent enough. But we left it out. And someone else criticized us because we should have had animals as a separate entity instead of having a pot of waters for someone criticized today that he thought fifth thing was a little too negative. And all of these creditors are probably correct. I mean, No one's no one's perfect.



B Brian Bradley 20:03

I don't suppose the book is any blueprint that you're suggesting anyone follow I interpreted as being a book that validated and encouraged gay men to explore their sexuality and to not be ashamed of it and to not, you know, not necessarily follow word by word or act by act, it's just an explanation of the various types of



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triads. So I it's a book that I hope will, people will enjoy from a number of different points of view. And I hope that there are people that will find it erotic. And I think, I hope that some people will be inspired to one ride home and rip off the clothes of one's lover and say, we're going to do page 62, or whatever it is, and enjoy it.



B Brian Bradley 21:00

But the book is more than just a list and an explanation of various sexual actions, but also including practical advice, such as choosing the right position. Wheels, if you're HIV positive, a lot of emphasis on condom use, which a lot of people still see as a medical problem and or

situation and not a matter of sexuality. What condoms, condoms.



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This is there's a Yiddish expression that when translated, said when it says, when the penis is hard, the brains are soft, the fan, this is certainly true of some people. And before when that happened that got you clapboard syphilis. Today, it's something that's more serious.



B Brian Bradley 21:51

In your book, you touch up on older gay people. And I think that older gay and lesbians are often shut into the sides as well as adolescents in our culture. Is there anything of particular importance that you would like to say to the members of our viewing audience who remember your book when it came out the first time and perhaps have seen their labs changed dramatically, just because of the passage of time?



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Well, I'm, in fact, the research we have is that older gays are fairly happy. The Depression, the bad gay life is usually associated with younger guys. And Ultra ones. The older ones are generally feeling happy. They lead reasonable lives, they have a certain amount of financial security, or they develop a social network, which is very important. And they feel happy with things. And as time goes on, things get better. In some cities, like New York City, there will be a service organization holed up. In New York, there are two organizations one called Sage, which is for older gays and lesbians. And the other one is called prime time, which is from them for the adult. So that one starts is in development and cities all over have launch gay service organizations. And this is just terrific. All this happens in opposition to that he raised the question, what do you do with some guy who lives in East Pokedex? You know, 50 miles away from fabulous city, by the way, Houston, and what does he What does he do? And it isn't open that the woman has one of the problems. So question about that. But what they should do is to develop a network of people who are confident they can rely on an alternative point of fact that may in fact, be more loving and helpful.



B Brian Bradley 24:06

Do you find as gay people become older, and that sex perhaps doesn't take you? That was the roof falling. Do you find that as gay men and women get older that sets becomes perhaps less intense or less important and their social network?



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Wait in general the sex declines in sexual interest declines with age. They probably never stops. But it doesn't have the meeting the demand and the call the craziness that it does with young guys. If they don't have sex this weekend, we will go into incredible depth pressure.

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Brian Bradley 25:00

And then perhaps sex might be more enjoyable as a older gay person than it was when you were young. In some

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ways this is true depends on it. Certainly, it is certainly true from a social point of view, that the ability to have sex to have some kind of social relationships. Rather than having sex with the certainly much more relaxed.

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Brian Bradley 25:29

I noticed a entry into the book that was very glamping to my heart, because it brought back some very nostalgic things in you. And that was the entry on camping. For years, that was just the regular way of talking and acting and displaying ourselves and throwing back the hypocrisy into the heterosexual space. And seems as if we reached a point where to be Nelly, or if your camp was not acceptable, or totally correct, but I'm beginning to see it come back, especially with my friends that are enact up in queer nation. It looks good. It says a lot I think for our history that a lot of younger people are not aware of and I was glad that it was in there. Do you think it's a dying art or a dead art?

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I think dying. There, there certainly is not a lot of camping going on. I come from New York City. And so what I know best, though, are the way things are there. I don't know how things are in every section of the country. And then there are regional differences. But the the great humor people often can was one of the strengths I think of the gay community. But what I think has happened is that, you know, there's a lot of bitterness in that universe. And the love of that anger has been projected outwards, against society, rather than inward. And that's why Ken has been dying. But it'd be it'd be nice if

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Brian Bradley 27:09

I think it's coming back. But especially with my activist friends, I've seen it with them because they seem to have more of a desire to be in your face. And I think that was maybe the drag queens of the 50s and 60s in search for the original in your face activists and we just haven't given them credit enough for that such as, you know, sparking of the modern day civil rights movement for gays was from street hustlers, and transvestites.

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Weekend in New York City, and you're right that the Stonewall was a bar that was frequented by hustlers and drag queens. And they were really the ones who attacked the police that night, knocking them on the head, knocking them to the ground with their persons in high heels. And

KNOCKING THEM ON THE HEAD, KNOCKING THEM TO THE GROUND WITH THEIR PERSONS IN HIGH NEEDS. AND they were the ones who started gay liberation.

 Brian Bradley 28:12

Were listening to Dr. Charles Silverstein. And we will conclude this interview after this way out in 30 minutes. Thank you for tuning in and listening and we'll see you soon. Once again, we're listening to Dr. Charles Silverstein.

 Scott Lewis 28:55

That was Brian's interview with Dr. Charles Silverstein, which we're going to have to interrupt because we have to go to listen to this way out here in just a minute. You know, Brian, that was really interesting. Some of the things that Dr. Silverstein was talking about, what would you Was there anything that surprised you that he I mean, we're I mean, because you're an activist, was there anything that he said that educated you

 Brian Bradley 29:20

today? I know you want me to say yes. Got so you can go across the room and fix that type that flubbed but no actually didn't. So get on back over and talk. Actually, I was real impressed with his attitude of himself being current with politics of the day and what people think about sexuality and being in tune with needing to write a book such as this and, for instance, he came to Houston as a partial reason for a fundraiser with hatch and We talked a lot off the tape about teens and HIV and the special problems that gay youth experience before they leave home and everything. And he was very much in tune to that. And it's refreshing to see someone that's been around as long as Dr. Silverstein has, that is aware of all the problems that we that we've got.

 Scott Lewis 30:29

Okay, we're gonna have to go. I'd like to talk some more about this. But we have some more tape. Have you with him? Because that interview goes on a little longer.

 Brian Bradley 30:39

Are you saying I talk too much?

 Scott Lewis 30:40

No, I'm not saying you talk. Well. You said it. I didn't. Anyway, now we have to go to this way out. So we will see you in about half an hour.



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Florida, we challenged the Riverside initiative, and we won last year, we challenged the Concord initiative in one and we filed a lawsuit challenging the Colorado constitutional amendment. I'm very hopeful that we will continue the same trend and we'll be able to set that aside.



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It's devastating to hear that an employer can get away with cutting personnel from the insurance coverage that they've been promised. We're all at risk here.



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My generation I'm 52 it's a big deal. And we don't understand it. So if we don't understand something, we're afraid of it each time



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you love, love as deeply as if it were for ever. Only nothing is eternal.



Greg Gordon 31:56

Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon.



Lucy Chappelle 32:02

And I'm Lucia Chapelle. Revised catechism repeats history,



Greg Gordon 32:06

Clinton's battle of the band take shape, and marking the passage of a warrior prophet. All that and more because you've discovered this way out.



Brian Nunes 32:25

I'm Ryan in and I'm sending Friedman with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending November 21 1992. The Vatican has issued the first major revision of its catechism in 400 years, but the new version pretty much restates current policies regarding lesbians and gays. The new catechism describes homosexual acts as intrinsically disordered and against nature, and urges gays and lesbians to abstain from sex. The Catechism does state that sexual orientation is not a choice, and asks others to treat gays and lesbians with respect, compassion and sensitivity and to avoid unjust

discrimination. Third party procreation the use of sperm donors or surrogate mothers is called quote inherently dishonest because it breaks the link between the sexual act and procreation and quote, the new catechism also affirms the church's current positions against masturbation, sex outside of marriage, birth control, abortion and the ordination of women. Now available in French, the Catechism will be published in Italian and Spanish next month and in English and German a few months later,

 Cindy Friedman 33:34

ripping up a picture of the Pope and calling him our deepest enemy. US National Book Award winner Paul mo net stole the show at the Creating Change Conference where 1200 gays and lesbians from across the US gathered to plot political strategy. Before mo net followed in the footsteps of Sinead O'Connor. There were three top issues at the annual National Gay and Lesbian taskforce event. One was whether to officially boycott the state of Colorado in response to the state's passage of Amendment to the ballot initiative to prohibit passage of civil rights protections for lesbians and gays and to overturn the existing rights laws in the cities of Denver Boulder and to Aspen. While a number of gay and lesbian organizations have already canceled plans for events in Colorado, the Coloradans at Creating Change stood firmly against a boycott until other actions have been thoroughly explored. For example, the annual gay ski week in Aspen in January has not been canceled, but this traditionally social event will be more political. The City Council's of Aspen and Boulder have already voted unanimously to join a lawsuit challenging amendment to a second issue was organizing to counter further homophobic right wing organizing at the state and local levels. Florida, Idaho, Maine, Missouri Ohio and Washington are expected to be targets for more measures like amendment two. Another issue was how to see that President Elect Bill Clinton keeps the campaign promises he made to the lesbian and gay community, particularly ending the ban on military service by gays and lesbians.

 Brian Nunes 35:18

A gay sergeant who was discharged from the US Air Force last month because he is gay, has filed a lawsuit against the US Department of Defense and the Air Force seeking reinstatement. Doug Menzel has that story from Phoenix, Arizona,

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28 year old Tom Pannell csse, seeking a preliminary injunction that would allow him to return to the Air Force while he fights his discharge ban. A CEO who was stationed at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson says he's worried that President Elect Bill Clinton will have problems overturning the ban against gays in the military due to opposition from military leader their opposition is based on something that's unfounded, otherwise known as homophobia, and it's ridiculous. There's no empirical data to support this policy whatsoever. And that's what this is all about. It's about fairness fantasy, it says he wants to rejoin the airforce as soon as possible because he plans to apply to become an officer before he reaches the age of 30. Doug ninefold Phoenix,

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Cindy Friedman 36:11

US government efforts to remove a gay sailor from the Navy ran into procedural snags in Los Angeles. Federal Court Judge Terry heter said he could not rule on a motion to reverse his reinstatement of Keith Weinhold Andy Friedman reports.

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The Navy will have to wait for the judge to make his final decision on whether gay sailor Keith mine hauled can stay in uniform. government lawyers asking the judge to reconsider his earlier ruling reinstating the discharge Navy man, but mine holds lawyer Chris Rhodes says it's nuts to exclude gays like mine old from the military keep serving the military for 12 years. Everyone knew he was gay. He did a terrific job. He was always rated among the Navy's top enlisted personnel. The Navy says including gays is bad for morale, but President Elect Bill Clinton will likely force the military to include homosexuals, Andy Friedman, Los Angeles,

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Brian Nunes 37:02

the US Navy seems determined to get in its last licks before the ban is lifted. The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps ROTC has created a new affidavit for it's more than 7000 midshipmen to sign the affidavit states that they can be discharged and forced to pay back their scholarships if they are found to be homosexual. The average cost of ROTC training is almost \$53,000. ROTC has always asked applicants if they're homosexual or have engaged in homosexual activity, but the new affidavit appears to signal a general crackdown on collecting training costs from discharged lesbians and gays. Among those protesting the new form to defense secretary Dick Cheney was Congressional Representative Patricia Schroeder, who said I consider this inquisitorial affidavit a totally unwarranted intrusion in the private lives of these American citizens. Schroeder is a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee. Auburn University

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Cindy Friedman 37:59

has dropped its requirements for signatures by campus organizations on a pledge not to promote sodomy. Several organizations had protested this approach to complying with Alabama's five month old law denying use of university facilities and funds to groups encouraging violation of the state's sodomy law. In withdrawing the pledge requirements Auburn President William Hughes said he regretted the lack of support from student groups and that he was setting up a committee to develop a new plan for compliance. The International

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Brian Nunes 38:33

lesbian and gay youth organization held its General Assembly in mid October in Brussels. 50 delegates attended from Belgium, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United States. The organization is composed of gays and lesbians less than 26 years old, and primarily works to change age of consent laws. It will be adding Secretary it's in Eastern Europe, Western Europe and the United States to its current headquarters in Brussels.

C Cindy Friedman 39:06

World AIDS Day is coming up again on December 1. The World Health Organization hopes that this year's observance will encourage individual communities to make a commitment to working on the pandemic. The WHO estimates that Worldwide, there are 2 million people with AIDS and 12 billion infected with HIV.

B Brian Nunes 39:27

And what do you wear for World AIDS Day? high school junior Thirza Hargrove tried wearing a dozen packaged condoms as decoration for her clothes and hair. Unfortunately, her school principal at the Elmira Free Academy in Elmira, New York, thought it would be distracting to other students and yanked her out of class, threatening her with suspension if she wore them to school again, reactions from students were mixed.

C Cindy Friedman 39:52

And finally, after a series of rejected membership applications, the gay and lesbian positive Metropol halogen Community Church this year sought only nonvoting observer status with the National Council of Churches, the leading us ecumenical organization, but the outcome was the same. Their General Board voted 90 to 81 to deny the primarily gay and lesbian church even limited participation. The council called it one of the most painful decisions in their history. Unofficially 12 of the 32 member denominations might have fled the council if MCC had been admitted. The gays and lesbians didn't go quietly grabbing the mics to express their rage at being sacrificed to the council's unity, said MCC is Reverend Nancy Wilson. It's easier to get into heaven than into the National Council of Churches.

B Brian Nunes 40:53

That's news wrap for the weekend in November 21 1992. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman,

C Cindy Friedman 40:59

follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community. For this way out.

B Brian Nunes 41:05

I'm Cindy Friedman. And I'm Brian newness.

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round then challenge them to second round, get a lawyer follow the torch. Drag their asses back into court. That's one way you can buy.



Greg Gordon 41:35

Right on Northern California Superior Court has struck down a controversial measure that would have done away with civil rights protections for gays, lesbians and bisexuals in the San Francisco Bay Area City of Concord. The High Court ruling also prohibits the Concord city council from passing similar laws in the future. Deborah Sullivan has the story.



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Last November voters in Concord approved measure n a ballot initiative that deleted protection for gays, lesbians and bisexuals from the city Human Rights Ordinance. The anti gay rights measure advanced by members of the traditional values coalition passed by a narrow margin. Judge Ellen James ruled that the measures provisions violated both the state and federal Constitution by discriminating against a certain group of people. She stated that the measure is virtually identical to a proposed measure in Riverside that was blocked by an appellate court last year. Mr. Ahn proponents argued that gays and lesbians pose a public health risk because of their sexual practices. But deadstein stated in her ruling that there was no basis for these claims.



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The ruling really couldn't have come at a better time Matt calls a staff lawyer at the ACLU using initiatives as a form of gay bashing has become the new fad of the new right. We had an attempt to do this same thing in Riverside last year. We had the attempt to do this through measure m and Concord last November. And the same people supported a similar initiative in the state of Oregon and this November and one which unfortunately passed in the state of Colorado this November, we challenged the Riverside initiative and we won last year, we challenged the Concord initiative and one and we filed a lawsuit challenging the Colorado constitutional amendment. And I'm very hopeful that we will continue the same trend and we'll be able to set that aside.



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Concord City Attorney Michael Martella said that the city was bound to defend the measure in court but that it is unclear now whether the City Council will choose to appeal the decision. This is Deborah Sullivan back dock dock dock dock.

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Lucy Chappelle 44:14

By refusing to hear an appeal of a lower court decision on behalf of a man who died of AIDS related illness, the US Supreme Court has opened the door for employers to reduce or eliminate health insurance benefits for people with catastrophic illnesses. Jason fear has more.

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Most people believe they can depend on employer provided health insurance if they get sick. In 1988, John McGann learned he was infected with the AIDS virus when he tried to file a claim with his employer H and H Music Company in Houston. The company reduced its coverage for AIDS from \$1 million to 5000. H and H was able to do this because of a loophole in federal law that allows companies that insure themselves to cut benefits that well. At least 34 million workers are covered under similar self insured arrangements. McGann took h&h to court to force the company to pay his claims. But after two federal courts ruled that the company had not broken any federal laws, the Supreme Court refused to hear the case. Philip for NAC is an attorney with the whitman walker clinic which specializes in AIDS treatment. Basically what that means is people who work for a large employers have no protection against arbitrary changes in their benefit packages. Most companies make good on their promises to provide insurance to employees. But rising healthcare costs and economic problems are forcing many companies to cut back.

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I think this practice is on the rise. Cheryl Nichols

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is Legislative Director for Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy group,

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I think most companies try to make a good faith effort to cover their employees. But if they're self insured, and they don't feel that they can afford it, they're going to take this out and the fact that the Supreme Court has declined to look further into it is just going to encourage these companies.

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While the Supreme Court refused to hear this case. The attorneys say there was a possibility that the Americans with Disabilities Act may protect people with AIDS against employers who want to cut their health insurance coverage. Business Analysts say the issue is more complex. Kristen bass healthcare spokesperson for the US Chamber of Commerce says that federal courts have so far viewed the issue as an economic one rather than a question of discrimination.



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The court ruled that this company didn't necessarily seek to discriminate against someone with AIDS, what they did was to react to what they perceived as a potentially costly financial outlay as a result of this disease and cut the coverage. accordingly. This could happen in a cancer case, it could happen with neonatal cases in which someone has a premature baby. It definitely underscores that our nation's healthcare system is grossly expensive, and that there are a lot of folks who are at risk of not being covered when they really need the insurance most.



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AIDS activists say they are discouraged by the ruling. And they say the most important issue is how the courts actions will affect the hundreds of 1000s of people in America with AIDS. Cornelius Baker, Director for Public Policy for people with AIDS says the ruling has increased the level of fear in a community already ostracized by society.



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I think for many people on a personal level, what it does is it keeps them out of the healthcare system. It keeps them in fear of having their employers know it keeps them from getting appropriate care, because they're afraid that if they come forward with this or if it's revealed on claims that they will either find themselves unfairly discriminated against in their insurance or that the employer will outright fire them,



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again died two years ago, but his family continued to press the lawsuit. Their attorney Suzanne Goldberg says the court's decision has had a serious impact on the McGahn family. She adds the result shows that people who think they can count on employer provided health insurance may be wrong,



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it's devastating. It's devastating to hear that an employer can get away with cutting a person out from the insurance coverage that they've been promised. We're all at risk here. And nobody knows whether or not they can count on their insurance if they're covered by a self insured plan.



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I'm Jason fear in Washington.

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Lucy Chappelle 48:39

You're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Greg Gordon, I'm Lucia Chapelle. I think what you're doing with this way out is incredible. William Weyburn, Executive Director of the gay and lesbian Victory Fund,

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I can remember when you guys first started, there was only just a couple of radio stations taking you on a feed. And now I know every time I travel, I hear about your program. It provides people with the ability to stay in touch with what's going on in our community. And there are young people all over this country with those earplugs, listening to your program, who are understanding what it is like to be openly gay and openly lesbian and to lead their lives in a positive manner. And you have played a major role in that. And I know that there's now some cable programs going on around the country, and I applaud their efforts, but it does not have the impact that radio does. I think it's important that everyone who listens to your program know that it is incumbent upon us as members of this community to support our own institutions. And that includes our ability to disseminate our information in a timely manner so that it is meaningful and that we can react to it, and I certainly will do whatever I can to ensure your success.

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Mike, you serve this country well, when we went to fight the world, and these letter from his lover he locks it in a drawer, which centers McCarthy's demand. did. What I'm trying to said is Love is the best in

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Greg Gordon 50:10

US presidents elect Bill Clinton has promised to overturn the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. But it's clear that the situation is a bit more complicated than a mere stroke of the pen by Clinton after his inauguration on January 20. Don rush explains

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President Elect Bill Clinton carefully approached his pledge to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. That was a pledge he made early in his presidential campaign and one he seems intent on keeping. But nonetheless, during his first full fledge news conference since the election, he was careful

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when I want to do is to come up with an appropriate response that will focus sharply on the fact that we do have people who are homosexuals who served our country with distinction who were never kicked out of the military. Others are being kicked out of the military, one of whom

has just been reinstated by court, and that the issue ought to be conduct. Has anybody done anything?



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Clinton says he will consult with the top military brass before he lifts the ban? This he says is to come up with a good mechanism for implementing a new policy. There is a chance that such consultation could delay lifting the ban but Tonya Domi legislative director for gay, lesbian and bisexual veterans dismisses such concerns. I



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think you do have to talk to senior military officials. You just don't walk in, take the oath of office, sign an executive order and say Okay, here it is implemented.



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There is also the issue of reinstatement and back pay for those gays and lesbians who have been forced out of the military because of their sexual orientation. Clinton has said he would look at reinstatement on a case by case basis. But when it comes to backpay, that could be tough to come up with nice fiscally austere times. Currently, the military bans gays from serving in uniform, both Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and the Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell, have come out squarely against lifting the ban. They argue that allowing service personnel to openly declare their homosexuality would be disruptive and lower morale. And public opinion polls Americans have expressed support for lifting the ban, although it is still unclear as to how deep that runs. And inside the military service. Some guys say there are conflicting responses from their colleagues. Some games suggest there may be more of a generational difference within the service on the issue of homosexuality. Chuck Magus is gay and served 20 years and the military. He left the service in 1980.



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There kids coming in today, the service 1718 1920 know people from their high school class who are openly gay doesn't tend to be a big issue with them. I don't think in those lower ranks, the younger people, it's going to be such an issue but my generation I'm 52. My generation, it's a big deal. And we didn't come from that background. And we don't understand it. So if we don't understand something, we were afraid of it.



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The prospect of Clinton lifting the ban has given many in the gay community hope especially for those who were forced out of the military service. The struggle in the courts, by many gays and lesbians to get reinstatement should become moot if Clinton does lift that ban, Don rush Washington.



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whose death shall we mourn in the forest? unburied winter has come and the children are dying.



L Lucy Chappelle 53:48

poet, novelist, essayist, educator and activist Audrey Lorde died at her home in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands last week after a 14 year struggle with cancer. Lord was born on February 18 1934. In New York City. Her mother was from Grenada and her father was from Barbados. She graduated from Hunter College and Columbia University School of Library Science. Lord went on to become a professor of English at Hunter College, where she held the Thomas Hunter chair. She also lectured widely throughout the United States, Europe, Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Lord served on many literary and editorial boards was active in many political organizations, and wrote more than a dozen books of poetry and prose. Amy Goodman visited Hunter College Lord's alma mater and the site of a poetry center named in her honor



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to have him back and return your papers on late



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in the afternoon at Hunter College, the city school where Audrey Lorde graduated and later taught. A dozen students are talking about Lourdes writing and how she influenced them who need Carell is a senior



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If the poem that meant the most was for me was for each of you, because it gave a lot to me, it made me think about love



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for each of you. Be who you are, and will be each time you love, love as deeply as if it were for ever. Only nothing is eternal. Speak proudly to your children, where ever you may find them. Tell them you are the offspring of slaves. And your mother was a princess in darkness.



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Across Manhattan at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, author BLANCHE WIESEN Cook is preparing to give a talk on Audrey Lorde to the Center for Lesbian and Gay studies. Audrey Lorde, was a very great leader, a wonderful poet and chronicler of our times a

great activist against injustice. She very often introduced herself as a black lesbian poet, Mother warry, a woman. Recently on St. Croix, she was given the African name gumba a DISA, which means warrior, she who makes her meaning known. And I think that's what Audrey Lorde was most known for a writer of enormous power and stature. Blanche Cook has just returned from St. Croix, where she said goodbye to Audrey Lorde, her friend of 35 years. Meanwhile, over at Hunter College, Lourdes alma mater, the students are planning a memorial service to say their own Goodbye. I'm Amy Goodman

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Lucy Chappelle 56:50

in New York. I have Femi for Lyon is a Los Angeles black lesbian writer and commentator who took inspiration from Lourdes life and work.

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Certainly Audrey Lorde is one of the preeminent poets of our time. She was a mentor for me and a role model for me as someone who integrated her political life and beliefs with her creative work. I think one of the quotes that I use from her a lot is, what are the silences that you swallow day by day, if we wait until we are not afraid to speak, we shall be sending back messages from the grave. Certainly she had the courage to speak her words, to talk about issues that we're hard for people to listen to, in really powerful and prophetic ways. She talked to the women's movement, about their racism, she talked to the African American community about their homophobia. She challenged us to build bridges and make connections with each other wherever we find ourselves. Her works are certainly going to inspire generations to come.

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Before we were broken apart, we dreamed the crossed swords or warrior Queens while we avoided each other's eyes. And we learned to know lonely like the earth learns to know dead. Harriet, Harriet, What name shall we call ourselves? Now? Our mother is gone.

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Lucy Chappelle 58:53

Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Freedman Brian newness Deborah Sullivan Jason fear Don rush and Amy Goodman contributed program material. Thanks also to Rose Gordon and Graham Underhill.

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Greg Gordon 59:08

The rascals and Randy Newman romanovski and Phillips and Sweet Honey in the Rock performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. This way

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Lucy Chappelle 59:17

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Greg Gordon 1:00:08

to which we know you'll stay tuned

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Scott Lewis 1:00:24

and we're back. This is Scott Lewis here with Brian Bradley. You are listening to after hours on World Radio 90.1 FM. And we're going to go back and finish up the interview that we were listening to earlier between Brian and Dr. Charles Silverstein. And we'll be back with you right after this.

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Brian Bradley 1:00:49

Once again, we're listening to Dr. Charles Silverstein, the author of the new joy of gay sex, who is in Houston on a national book and speaking tour,

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and also to help raise money for Hatch.

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Brian Bradley 1:01:03

I was going to mention that you had participated in a fundraiser for Hatch. You arrived Friday

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Saturday night, no Friday night fancy cocktail party for them at crosswords market. And then I spoke with a meeting a match. all day Saturday, I did the workshop for Houston area, mental health professionals. And the funds for that went to hedge and then Saturday evening, there's \$100 Replay dinner that I'm going to the person's Guest of Honor to raise that money. And then Sunday, from two to four is a book signing. For my book at crossroads. We'll be there for two or three Florida cycles.



Brian Bradley 1:01:59

Crossroads is a relatively new, gay and lesbian oriented business for here in Houston and for those who don't know where it's at, and we'd like to obtain a copy of Dr. Silverstein's new book. Crossroads is located at 610, West Alabama. And the book is also available at Lobo which is at 1424 C Westheimer. And actually, the book is on sale at Lobo. So whichever store you choose to go to, it's there it's available and I would encourage everyone to come out Sunday from two to four at Crossroads meet up Silverstein and perhaps have him sign a copy of the



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