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SPEAKERS

Speaker 6, Speaker 4, Jewel Gray, [Together], Jimmy Carper, Speaker 5, Diane Williams

D Diane Williams 00:00

I think that, I think there's an element of burnout that for women who want to keep working, I know that I did all that Gate 4 Astrodome stuff. And I was involved with the Republican National Convention and all that other stuff and you get tired, you get tired, not seeing any progress. And I think that a lot of women didn't want to give up. They wanted to keep going and just work through burnout. And I think that there's a staggered, kind of lack of growth, you know, there's a staggered kind of drop out as opposed to a specific day and time where people say, oh, I think I'll take this month off. I think there's a kind of a staggered burnout. And I think that's lucky. But in another way, it's not because we don't have the great surge in research that you've seen or

J Jewel Gray 00:46

Experienced that way.

D Diane Williams 00:47

That's right.

J Jewel Gray 00:48

And we're always struggling. Our movement is always struggling with inexperienced people trying to do big jobs, right. Oh, well.

D Diane Williams 00:57

Well, I think that the there's a definite place out there for Lesbian Avengers, and I think that there's

J Jewel Gray 01:01

Me, too.

D Diane Williams 01:02

There's a two sided

J Jewel Gray 01:03

I wanna take myself to Kathy Whitmire's house. I wanted to do that for years. But now I have an excuse, that somebody told me the day. Jewel, Kathy doesn't count anymore.

D Diane Williams 01:11

Kathy doesn't count anymore. I know where she lives.

J Jewel Gray 01:15

Oh, so do I. You know, I was just about to make a stalking joke, but I think maybe I better not. Yes, let's not say we did.

D Diane Williams 01:26

You know, we could change ourselves to Elyse's house or something and chain ourselves to a rose bush.

J Jewel Gray 01:30

I tried chaining myself Elyse once. And yes. Oh, it was great. I had these handcuffs. We were playing ball. She was playing. She was doing coaching team and we were out there and I had these handcuffs. And I had them on my wrist and she came over and I snapped her into somebody else. I've always had a thing for Alice, when she was down here for the show, I just barely could contain myself. If her lover hadn't been there, I'd have been upset.

D Diane Williams 01:53

You said Annise. You're thinking Anise. I said Elyse. Meaning Elyse, the mayor's wife.

J Jewel Gray 02:00

Elyse. Oh, no, no, no, no, no. No. Did you love with that lesbian comedian? What was her name? Tony. At the rally said about Clintons wife.

D Diane Williams 02:11

Tony? I have no idea who talking about.

J Jewel Gray 02:12

Lisa. No, that was her name.

D Diane Williams 02:13

Lea DeLaria.

J Jewel Gray 02:14

Lea DeLorea.

D Diane Williams 02:15

Lea DeLaria.

J Jewel Gray 02:16

Do you know what she said at the rally?

D Diane Williams 02:17

I did but I can't remember. Clinton's life. We finally have a woman in the White House we'd want to date.

J Jewel Gray 02:22

Yeah. I love that. Elyse is definitely not that. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

D Diane Williams 02:27

Actually, I met her and when I met her in in Mayor Bob's office, she was wearing jeans, a brown

suede jacket, and boots. And she came up

J Jewel Gray 02:36

Sounds like a Stepford, a Stepford mayor's wife.

D Diane Williams 02:39

And she came and shook my hand and she's trying to be all tough and everything. Hi, I'm Eliyse Lanier. You know, I'm whatever. I was like, hi, I'm a lesbian activist.

J Jewel Gray 02:48

She took her hand back, didn't she?

D Diane Williams 02:50

No, she didn't. She still shook my hand and she gave it a real hearty shake. And for just a moment there I was enthralled but I'm over it. I was in her house.

J Jewel Gray 02:58

The great near grade.

D Diane Williams 02:59

I was, I was

J Jewel Gray 03:00

That's when you went to vote wasn't it?

D Diane Williams 03:01

No, I was in the house that we went there for a party for the AIDS Equity League, a full fundraiser thing and I'm not going to tell you I stole towels out of the bathroom but I did get the mints

J Jewel Gray 03:14

All the sirens. I see the lights going off now. I'm calling right now. I don't know exactly what I

AMONG FRIENDS, I SEE THE RIGHTS GOING ON NOW. . . . CALLING RIGHT NOW. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I DID. BUT YOU KNOW, I GAVE HIM A MINT, MEMENTO. YEAH.

D Diane Williams 03:24

I'm telling you I wanted to have sex in the bathroom, but I wouldn't name anybody, couldn't do that, couldn't do that. Okay, silent. Okay. What do you have, Jewel?

J Jewel Gray 03:34

Well, you know, I was thinking about a segue into this because it's a little, you know, heavier than then what we've been kind of talking about. But, you know, recently in a couple of shows, people have called and asked questions about homosexuals in the Bible, and church and all this stuff. You know, we talked a couple of weeks ago about the GOP thing and how the church is. Some of the churches are now building law schools

D Diane Williams 03:58

Religious right.

J Jewel Gray 03:59

Law schools, so they can train the lawyers to you know, twist and manipulate the laws. And so it's kind of frightening. So, I was trying to think of a segue and I couldn't so what it is about is the Bible doesn't speak of gays, it doesn't speak of gay people at all. It does speak of homosexual acts, but only as part of idolatry, sacred prostitution, promiscuity, rape, seducing children and violating hospitality. It doesn't say anything about you know, this kind of new program the religious right has been digging it.

D Diane Williams 04:34

Well, there's, there's, uh, what we're getting at here, we have, once again, flyers, many different ones. One of them says it's a point of view and it says the Bible and the homosexual, and the other one says the Bible does not speak of gays and it's a news release. Basically a little press release telling you about one opinion on the Bible's view of gay people and homosexuals. And then we have a listener that brings us stuff have occasionally who

J Jewel Gray 05:01

Roy.

D Diane Williams 05:02

Rov. Rev. Rov.

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Jewel Gray 05:03

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Roy.

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Diane Williams 05:04

And we have a little pamphlet, one of the many handouts that we get, a little tract. And this tract has to do with, the very first part of it says the Baptist faith and message. And he believes that, let's see, proof of right wing fundamentalist conspiracy to have a theocratic government in the US. And this talks about how the Christian and social order, there's different chapters here. One of the chapters is called the Christian and social order. And it says, every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life and in human society. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of principles of righteousness truth. In order to promote these ends, Christians should be ready to work with all men of goodwill in any cause, being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyal, loyalty to Christ and his truth. And in in written in here says as Baptists perceive it, and it also talks about religious liberty and the state oath, every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends, blah, blah, blah. Um, the Christian, city civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience there to and all things not contrary to the revealed will of God through the Bible. So basically, what all the stuff that I've just read you means is that certain people, this is the Baptist tract, I'm not going to dare tell you that all Baptists believe this way. But this says a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, they believe that the Christian ethic, the Christian ethic in their way of being,

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Jewel Gray 06:54

Should forced on every person.

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Diane Williams 06:55

Should forced on every single person and should be,

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Jewel Gray 06:58

And that they should appreciate being forced into.

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Diane Williams 07:01

That's right, and they should appreciate it. And, also, I mean, we can talk about religion and homosexuality in the Bible for days and days and days. There's lots of it. In TWIT you'll find an article called "Gays, Religion and Psychotherapy" by Sharon Stone.

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Jewel Gray 07:17

Who is very, very good therapist.

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Diane Williams 07:20

But yeah, and by the way, tonight at the banquet, she was wearing some shorts shorts and letting her legs show and she's got some good ones. She's very tall woman and I just had to mention Sharon, she's very tall. You're very tall and you have very, very long legs, Sharon, and yeah, I mentioned that to her. Everyone's laughing now. Yeah, a little light banter. Okay, okay, we have two or three different things here that's happening. We have

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Jewel Gray 07:47

I'm wondering where Laurie is.

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Diane Williams 07:50

I know. She fell asleep. She told me she was going to call and then she called and said, listen, I'm very tired. I'm gonna go, you know, can I call you early, and I said sure. Early, no problem call. And now, Laurie, you've taken a little nap. She knows how long we'll be here. It's fine. One thing we have here says the Bible does not speak of gays. And it mentions when people are, if you're out there, and somebody has said to you, God hates gay people. God thinks that gay people's wrong, we love you anyway. But we don't want you to be gay because being gay is wrong, and it's an abomination. I think that that's wrong. It's wrong. I don't think that's a very Christian. I don't think that people should love people. Anyway, I know my mom's still I think my mom is still kind of in the vein of loving me anyway. And that's really hard for a lot of us. That's probably one thing that I wish, she didn't love me anyway. And I think that some of the verses and the different sections of the Bible that they use to, to make those statements

J

Jewel Gray 08:51

Are usually taken grossly out of context, extremely out of grossly out of context. And what happens is people sit in a church and let someone interpret the Bible to them without ever having read it themselves.

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Diane Williams 09:01

Right.

J

Jewel Gray 09:02

And they believe it. And that's that, and you know, people can manipulate you

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Diane Williams 09:07

Context.

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Jewel Gray 09:08

Yes.

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Diane Williams 09:08

Time of, time of the year. I mean, look how long ago, this wasn't what they were doing, nomadic tribes fighting for their very survival,

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Jewel Gray 09:15

There are a lot of laws or there are laws that we do not follow that were set down as absolute laws.

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Diane Williams 09:21

Mixing fibers, if somebody in that same day and age, if you mixed the fiber that you use to weave to make your clothes, you could be put to death. You could be stoned.

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Jewel Gray 09:31

You couldn't touch a woman who was menstruating because, and you had to have some

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Diane Williams 09:36

It was unclean.

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Jewel Gray 09:36

Yes, it was unclean.

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Diane Williams 09:37

No shellfish, I'm telling you, no shellfish, there's all kinds of stuff that can happen here. And those laws were

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Jewel Gray 09:44

No pork. And when you hear that, that rule, the no pork rule. The reason for that has changed throughout the centuries. And to the point right now where we don't have to worry about the same reason that they even laid that law.

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Diane Williams 09:59

Bacteria?

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Jewel Gray 09:59

We took, take the wiped, what, wi--wiped off the planet. The reason. Well, not completely wiped off the planet, but we've stopped the reason from

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Diane Williams 10:06

Educated ourselves.

J

Jewel Gray 10:07

Right, so that we don't have to do that anymore. But that's one of the laws that are also laid down in the Bible. No pork.

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Diane Williams 10:14

Well, I mean, a lot of religion, sex, believe in no doctors, you know, yes.

J

Jewel Gray 10:18

No doctors, prayer.

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Diane Williams 10:20

And, you know, it's like that story of the diabetic, you know, Christ told me that there was going to be an answer, and then he would save me. Well, fine. Have you ever heard of diabetes? You know, have you ever heard of the insulin?

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Jewel Gray 10:32

Right.

D Diane Williams 10:32

Who says that that's not your your promise and your Savior right now.

J Jewel Gray 10:35

I think they stop at their philosophy stops without a reason, at a point where, where they pick when it end, when, if you follow the train of their logic, I mean, trying to logically follow the train of their philosophy, you would also acknowledge that the God that they know, put us all here, and also put gave his brains to, you know, figure out things for ourselves to put that virgin in our path, and then to be able to triumph over these things that, that, if their philosophies follow to the end, but they don't do that, they stop where they, they're convenient,

D Diane Williams 11:13

It's comfortable for them.

J Jewel Gray 11:14

Yeah, convenient.

D Diane Williams 11:15

Well, you know, some of the some of the passages in the Bible, Deuteronomy, Leviticus, things like that.

J Jewel Gray 11:22

And how many are there? Like maybe there's six, six where it directly talks about

D Diane Williams 11:25

There was actually and you know, there's no translation, there is no word in the Bible for homosexual or homosexuality. They didn't know what it was, they didn't know it existed. It's been translated and translated, originally, most of the Leviticus I think was written in Greek. And it was translated. There's some more that's been written in Hebrew first, but they were all written in different languages first, and all translated into one language, ours. So there's many different things happening at different times it was written, different seasons, and for different reasons, letters of Paul. And there's one thing in here that strikes me and has always struck me

amazingly, is this. This whole issue about Jesus, you know, in the New Testament. I'm from, I'm a, I'm a gay Christian, I am a Christian, Christian, Christian, Christian. That's me. I'm a Christian. Let me say it again. The one thing that we, hello,

J Jewel Gray 12:25

If that wasn't an omen, I don't know what was, right.

D Diane Williams 12:28

God, a sign from above. There, there seems to be a lot of conflict here when the New Testament was written, the whole thing is there's a new covenant, covenant, covenant and it's a new promise

J Jewel Gray 12:39

And it's a new covenant too.

D Diane Williams 12:41

And you ignore the old stuff or you learn from the old stuff and you take the new stuff and it says here, this

J Jewel Gray 12:46

Sounds like AA, take what you like and leave the rest.

D Diane Williams 12:52

I don't know about that. Let's see, this says Jesus never spoke directly of gays or homosexual acts, but he did speak of eunuchs. This passage is from Matthew.

J Jewel Gray 13:03

Say that again, Jesus never spoke about gays or homosexuals in the Bible anywhere.

D Diane Williams 13:11

That would be Jesus, the Christ,

J Jewel Gray 13:13

The Big J.

D Diane Williams 13:13

The word that where we get the word Christian you know, where we get the the basis of the Christian faith. Never

J Jewel Gray 13:19

Which I admire greatly.

D Diane Williams 13:21

Yeah, cool. Well, it says Christ was speaking of marriage and divorce, it says all men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given for there are some eunuchs which were so born from their mother's womb. And there are some eunuchs which were made eunuchs of men and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it. And it's just

J Jewel Gray 13:45

I think that says it right there. One, a quote by Jesus that supports the gay, lesbian movement. It is, read that again.

D Diane Williams 13:54

Oh, God.

J Jewel Gray 13:56

That last couple of lines.

D Diane Williams 13:58

Okay. I'll read it.

J Jewel Gray 13:59

That last couple of lines.

D Diane Williams 14:00

He who was able to receive it, let him receive it.

J Jewel Gray 14:05

There you go.

D Diane Williams 14:05

Works for me. And that would be translated from the Greek.

J Jewel Gray 14:11

Would you know?

D Diane Williams 14:13

I would know yeah. Jimmy, you know?

J Jewel Gray 14:15

Jimmy, let's ask the expert here.

J Jimmy Carper 14:17

Obviously, Greek passage, right.

D Diane Williams 14:20

That would be Greek passages, the New Testament was written in Greek from the Hebrew oral tradition.

J Jewel Gray 14:29

Yeah. Are we on a roll or what? Right.

D Diane Williams 14:35

Anyway, there's more.

J

Jewel Gray 14:37

There's much more. And what we're suggesting is that you take a little bit of what we hear and find and educate yourself. You can find a lot of stuff at the Montrose Library, which is especially designed and geared toward gay and lesbian community.

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Diane Williams 14:51

Near Richmond and Montrose.

J

Jewel Gray 14:52

Yes, and they have gay and lesbian publications there like they do it other libraries where you see time and you know, socialist review. Oh, it's time for one of those. Oh Jimmy's given the old break your neck.

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Diane Williams 15:05

Finger pointed at. Okay, this is 90.1 FM KPFT After Hours, a continuing condition blah, blah, blah, none of that.

J

Jewel Gray 15:13

See, now see, I thought I was the only one who blew that. You made, I was the only one who ever blew that, you have to say

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Diane Williams 15:22

KPFT Houston.

J

Jewel Gray 15:23

Houston, Texas.

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Diane Williams 15:24

Got it. Let me try the Houston let me try this again. You're listening to 90.1 KPFT Houston World Radio for the people, a continuing tradition

J Jewel Gray 15:37

After Hours. Okay, we're here at After Hours.

D Diane Williams 15:42

We're here, we're still queer and we're here for you, listen up, folks. We'll be back right after this.

S Speaker 4 16:01

It's Saturday night, or is that Sunday morning at three. You're wondering what that is, creeping up on your right now. Why it's Eric and you're tuned to the carbon dating game where I'll bring you a mezzo tunes from Precambrian to Neo Wave right here on KPFT Houston.

S Speaker 5 16:48

Must be Sunday morning because you're hearing a solid blues block on 90.1 FM KPFT and Houston Texas from 6am until noon. You told us what you want on Sunday morning, it must be Sunday morning.

D Diane Williams 17:45

And we're back, actually, I was still here. Jewel is not back yet. She's having a cigarette. I don't know. I thought she was

J Jewel Gray 17:55

Doing the Madison's.

D Diane Williams 17:57

Doing the what? Doing the what? Jewel Gray, what did you

J Jewel Gray 18:00

You know, I love that song. I'm giving away my age. I loved that song when it came out. I, there was just something about that song, I loved the tune. Probably not. Thank you.

D Diane Williams 18:17

You know, I love you. You stop it. Actually, I have an autographed picture of her.

J Jewel Gray 18:22

Oh yeah? There were some good stuff she had out back then, I really enjoyed her stuff. That's about same time I first got into Glen Campbell. I don't tell everybody that. Now the whole world knows. Oh yeah, that was the album I got into, it had the Galveston, Wichita Lineman. And before I get to Phoenix or whatever it is for Phoenix, whatever it was. Yeah. Oh, yeah. And I have great memories of that. I actually wore a groove through the record album, literally.

D Diane Williams 18:54

Can I tell you what I did? The first concert I ever went to ever in my entire life.

J Jewel Gray 18:58

Now remember, you're telling lots of people, okay.

D Diane Williams 19:01

Glen Campbell at the Astrodome at the Rodeo. Rhinestone Cowboy.

J Jewel Gray 19:06

Yep. Oh god, you that, ooh, Rhinestone Cowboy? How old were you?

D Diane Williams 19:10

I don't know, I was young. Yeah.

J Jewel Gray 19:12

I was old when that came out. Lie.

S Speaker 6 19:24

We're the same age aren't we?

J Jewel Gray 19:27

Lies on lies. Nobody's willing to give that out. Well, I'm 38 years old and I'm proud of it.

D Diane Williams 19:33

I'm 26, am I 26? I'm 26.

J Jewel Gray 19:36

Look at her look at her lover and say am I 26? I have to, you know how I figured it out. I figure it out because my mother is 18 years younger than me. And I always know how old she is because he's always reminding.

D Diane Williams 19:50

Younger?

J Jewel Gray 19:51

No, older.

D Diane Williams 19:53

My mother's 24 years older than I am, I remember that. But that doesn't tell me how old I am because I don't know how old my mother is. What is this? What is this microphone falling here? I must be needing to do something somewhere, I don't know.

J Jewel Gray 20:06

Well, that's a good place where we can remind people that marathon is coming up, marathon. They've asked us to do our, yeah, it's not a race. Yes, it is. It's a race. It's a race to get this show and keep the show on shows like this on the air. To my, to my, my, my girlfriend, I'll give you my mic.

D Diane Williams 20:21

No, thank you. I'll just speak,

J Jewel Gray 20:23

And the management has made, seen fit to put out three pieces of paper, I guess we could probably save money on three pieces of paper, when I would've read this, if they just had a bulletin board, about money time coming up, it says, our listeners will be asked to support KPFT

with dollars, and they're asking us to come up with \$2,000. If that means 2000 of you out there give us \$1.

D Diane Williams 20:50

That works.

J Jewel Gray 20:51

That's pretty easy.

D Diane Williams 20:52

That works.

J Jewel Gray 20:52

And we know there are at least 2000 out there, I have at least that many friends who I know are listening. So if yes, 2000, really.

D Diane Williams 21:01

You know, I'm thinking we need to come up with some prizes and some fun stuff. We need to have like an auction.

J Jewel Gray 21:06

Now, you know, this stuff can be written off. And what they're really asking us to promote this year is the challenge grants that get people who have businesses, organizations, who can match someone else's stuff so that we have these matching donations.

D Diane Williams 21:22

So if the Women's Action Coalition wants to donate, you know, \$100 or \$2, and they want to challenge the Houston

[Together] 21:29

Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

D Diane Williams 21:32

That for that, girlfriend.

J Jewel Gray 21:33

Right.

D Diane Williams 21:33

To donate some money.

J Jewel Gray 21:35

That would be cool.

D Diane Williams 21:36

That's be appropriate.

J Jewel Gray 21:36

Yes. And that's what we're kind of hoping that we can do is get ,generate some matching dollars for the money that you, our listeners, send us. Last, last marathon that we actually did, we did quite well, for one night show. I think we had \$900 for a one night show. And that was great. So what we'd like to do is top that up for the night. That would be everybody. Yeah, everybody. Now, I mean, it's \$1. It's like, you know, stuff, a pack of cigarettes.

D Diane Williams 22:14

Please sponsor, what gay and lesbian person to be on the air. It's the price of a cup of coffee a day, just in 25 cents a day. Until, until when? It's a bag of chips in the seat of your car,not in my car.

J Jewel Gray 22:38

I want to follow this by something I read the other day that really has a lot to do with this kind of radio, this freedom that we have on the radio. A couple of the political parties, the political party. Oh, yeah, let me remember that. He handed me, yes. The political wrangling about public radio is about to begin. I read that, I can't remember, is it Dole? Dole? It's Dole who's ranting about the public radio is too liberal and too free, and they're going to be putting up a major battle to try to censor public radio and if they censor public radio, it's very likely that shows like this will be off the air, if not censored out of any value at all. So if you

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Diane Williams 23:31

Say sodomy.

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Jewel Gray 23:32

Right. If you have,

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Diane Williams 23:34

What other the words can we say? Tell me some words, Jewel.

J

Jewel Gray 23:34

Or call Bob Dole as asshole.

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Diane Williams 23:39

Did you just say asshole in regards to a Republican politician?

J

Jewel Gray 23:42

I sure did. I sure it. I saw that shirt the other day. That's why I said it. He's thinking, he's going through the list, he's going through the list. Is that on the list? Is that on the list?

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Diane Williams 23:53

Come on, Jewel, do it again, do it again. You know all the words.

J

Jewel Gray 23:57

They can't do the list. But they're going to be challenging the free radio airwaves, there are only, what is it, five stations, Jim? We have five stations public, Pacifica stations in the country. And

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Diane Williams 24:14

Anymore, thank you very much.

J

Jimmy Carper 24:16

Yes, that's LA, San Francisco, New York, Washington, and Houston.

J

Jewel Gray 24:18

And Houston. That's right.

J

Jimmy Carper 24:24

And it's, it's actually the CPB, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Where most of that money goes to television. You know how much radio gets?

J

Jewel Gray 24:37

Very little I'm sure.

J

Jimmy Carper 24:38

Pacifica's Foundation gets about a million dollars.

J

Jewel Gray 24:41

Wow.

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Diane Williams 24:42

Apparently, that's squat.

J

Jimmy Carper 24:43

You know, that's, that's, like a million dollars when you're talking federal budget, that's lost in the round, right?

J

Jewel Gray 24:49

Yeah, that's pennies.

J

Jimmy Carper 24:51

And they're putting up a. what does Dole think he's gonna say. right?

...and she's passing up a, what does Bob think he's gonna say, right?

J Jewel Gray 24:55

It's not, I don't think that's what it's about. That's what they're gonna say it's about.

D Diane Williams 24:59

The cost of a toilet and Air Force One cost more than that, okay>

J Jewel Gray 25:02

Yeah, that's the coffee pot it. Yeah.

D Diane Williams 25:07

The doorknobs on

J Jewel Gray 25:09

So I want you to keep aware of this. Cindy, I know you're out there listening, you keep aware of this and let us know what's going on.

D Diane Williams 25:15

Hi, Cindy.

J Jewel Gray 25:17

There was somebody else I was supposed to say hi to.

D Diane Williams 25:19

Supposed to say hi to Ernie.

J Jewel Gray 25:20

Ernie and Eddie Murphy or Eddie Murphy. Yeah. Did she tell you about Eddie Murphy?

D Diane Williams 25:25



Diane Williams 25:25

She told me but tell us over the air one more time.



J Jewel Gray 25:27

Well, I really don't know much about it.



D Diane Williams 25:29

Well, I heard the story.



J Jewel Gray 25:30

Tell us about Eddie. No, no.



D Diane Williams 25:32

Do you want to come on the air and say hi, Eddie?



J Jewel Gray 25:33

She went down to there to purchase intimate lingerie.



D Diane Williams 25:37

And a lovely lesbian woman shopping for intimate apparel for her person.



J Jewel Gray 25:42

Her significant other.



D Diane Williams 25:45

Her significant other, I'm trying to think of a way to say spouse, girlfriend, lover, etc.



J Jewel Gray 25:48

Partner.

D Diane Williams 25:48

Partner, that works.

J Jewel Gray 25:53

And that was sign language and we will not translate, and met, and was, there was no one there and had to call a guy over to

D Diane Williams 26:05

There was only men in the store in a women's intimate apparel,

J Jewel Gray 26:08

Right. Which is kind of go figure, go figure right? And had to call this guy over to help and this guy,

D Diane Williams 26:15

I would have been testy.

J Jewel Gray 26:16

Turns out this guy was family and was very helpful.

D Diane Williams 26:20

Does that mean he was a lesbian.

J Jewel Gray 26:23

Yes, he was a lesbian. And we wanted to thank him for his help and

D Diane Williams 26:28

Support in the case of sexism or

J Jewel Gray 26:31

That's right. Hey, that was cool. You know, he sees Nelly Queen coming over holding up, no not,

no, not Nelly. It was just the picture I had.

D Diane Williams 26:38

I don't know. You might be a really butch guy, Eddie. But we don't know, we never guess.

J Jewel Gray 26:42

That's right. What store were we at? We may, maybe that might be pushing it. Let's just leave Eddie out there anonymous.

D Diane Williams 26:47

Yeah. Could have been anywhere. But no, we're everywhere. Are we not everywhere? We are everywhere.

J Jewel Gray 26:55

And when there are only men in ladies' lingerie.

D Diane Williams 26:59

You'll notice Eddie and Eddie is there to help. Did he pick out something nice? Did you bring it home?

J Jewel Gray 27:03

Yes. It was very nice.

D Diane Williams 27:06

And is it in your size, Jewel?

J Jewel Gray 27:08

Nice. And yes. It was in my size. Yes.

D Diane Williams 27:10

And what do you think?

J Jewel Gray 27:12

It was, it was nice. I have it on today.

D Diane Williams 27:15

I, see now, I got something from a catalog.

J Jewel Gray 27:22

Sarah's getting flustered here.

D Diane Williams 27:24

No, it was nice, too. But you know, the thing was

J Jewel Gray 27:26

Frederick's? Is that the guy?

D Diane Williams 27:29

No, we went to the catalog. We went to the catalog desk to pick it up. And the woman there, picks it up, picks it out and shows it to me. Is this what you ordered? And the two of us are sitting there going, uh.

J Jewel Gray 27:43

It's for a friend, for a friend.

S Speaker 6 27:45

That's when you go up there and say I don't know, let me try it on.

J Jewel Gray 27:48

Scoot over.

S Speaker 6 27:50



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You shame me, I'll shame you right back.



D Diane Williams 27:53

And let me walk on your table. Okay. Anyway, bottom line is, we're everywhere. We're everywhere. We're everywhere.



J Jewel Gray 28:01

We were supposed to be thanking people and thank you, Eddie Murphy, Eddie Murphy, Cindy, Roy, for helping us with the information. And I'd like to say at this moment, that the show and every show that I participate on at KPFT is dedicated to the men and women at the Bering Care Center.



D Diane Williams 28:18

And I want to dedicate the show tonight for MCCR because you know why? I haven't been there. That's why. I'm a member. I love that church and I haven't been there because I've had other priorities. And things always screw up. You know, things always screw up things, bad things. But



J Jewel Gray 28:33

I want you to say that to Carolyn, I have other priorities. Carolyn, she had a good story for you, girlfriend.



D Diane Williams 28:38

I haven't.



J Jewel Gray 28:40

Read you in a minute.



D Diane Williams 28:41

This is my sermon right now. This is my sermon. I've had other priorities. And and things happen, bad things happen, good things happen. But when I let there be another priority besides my church, I personally feel the consequences within my body. I don't feel, you know, as solid as I do when I'm doing church things. And with that regard after talking bad about church things,

J Jewel Gray 29:05

We got more bad or good?

D Diane Williams 29:06

No this is some good stuff. After

J Jewel Gray 29:08

There are occasions where after bottom church organizational denominate, nondenomination, nondenominational religious organization is supportive and very, no, I hate to use the word tolerant. But I guess that's what it is.

D Diane Williams 29:23

It's a little more than tolerant, I think. Accepting is even better, accepting.

J Jewel Gray 29:27

Yeah, there are some places like that.

D Diane Williams 29:29

There's two things that I want to read that's very positive. I'll read them very quickly since they're long articles, but this first one says Episcopal leader empathizes with the President, and I believe that this is from, I think this particular one is from, it is, it's from a religious paper. It's from the religious report or something. Anyway, this is from the religious news service. And it says every time President Clinton seems about to turn a corner during a difficult start in the Oval Office, something else falls out of Heaven and clobbers him, says the top Bishop of the Episcopal Church. We are witnessing an intense round of what I call the politics of gotcha. I'm right, you're wrong, both political parties regrettably, it's for part of the church life as well.

We're under the sway the politics of gotcha when those holding different points of view take on as their main work the dubious activity of making the other side look bad. When this happens, there's a risk of losing sight of where our efforts are meant to point toward. Let's see, part of the, part of the thing it says my heart aches for President Clinton, says Bishop Browning, in response to question. In response to questions, Bishop Browning said he does not think the Episcopal Church as a whole has made up its mind about whether practicing homosexuals should be ordained. But he said he doesn't think there's hostility toward discussing the issue that there once was. He said he doubted there will be a vote in favor of ordaining gays at the 1994 general convention, reported he'd found a recent trip to Haiti a very strong desire on the part of Haitians for the return. It is, okay. This is, they're talking about different issues that the President has had to face that the President needs to deal with and how they feel about him. And I think that the the big question of this particular article is, it talks about sexual abuse

within the church. He's not, it says Bishop Browning says he's not proud of the problems, but he's proud of the way the church is facing them. We're trying to make the church a place of safety where vulnerability is a gift, though it may, though it may lead to the cross. We're also trying to educate ourselves about boundaries, about what it means to be in a position of trust. We're trying to look closely at who we place in those positions. The other one is an article. I believe it is also, let me see, the National Christian Reporter. This is on the front page of the National Christian Report. It says religious leaders to Clinton keep promise on gays in the military. Representatives of seven religious agencies urged President Clinton last week to stand by your principles and keep his promise to lift ban on gays in the military. It is immoral for the nation's largest employer to discriminate, the group said. It is immoral for the government to force people to lie. It is immoral to rob people of their human dignity in the way that the military has been doing. This letter comes as President Clinton and Secretary of Defense [unintelligible] approach a decision on the specifics of how Mr. Clinton is to keep his campaign promise to lift the ban. He faces stiff opposition in Congress blah, blah, blah. We know where this is gotten us. It's right before the decision, took it to the Congress, I guess. Let's see, it says we know from personal experience that there is a price for leadership on this issue the religious official says. We are also know that there was a greater price for the nation for failure to meet the very basic rights. The officials told Mr. Clinton they are very aware of how divisive the issue is for the nation adding the, that divisiveness exists in our churches and in our synagogues. The letter which will also be sent to members of Congress was signed by officials from the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, Interfaith Impact, the Union of America, Hebrew congregations, the United Church of Christ, the Christian church, Disciples of Christ, and the United Methodist--Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church USA. So that's some of the strongest, certainly some of the strongest religious leaders in the country saying that Clinton should keep his promise and not deny basic human rights to people regardless of their sexuality and yet this issue, this whole stance has been totally, completely ignored because of the religious right. Because the religious right are looked at, looked upon as Christians when in my book, they're the pseudo-Christians, they are not real Christians and they're evil and must be destroyed.

J Jewel Gray 33:59

Oh, God now they have real weapon, Diane's voice saying they're evil and must be destroyed. Christians, every church we're

D Diane Williams 34:09

God is gonna get to wherever, Robert Tilton, if gods don't get you.

J Jewel Gray 34:12

Oh Robert. Oh yeah. Now he's gonna, and people gonna be looking close in his finances.

D Diane Williams 34:18

And he's gonna have some some stories to be telling. Also real quickly, while we're on the subject, I ran across a death notice in the post, and I'm not going to read you his name because

Subject, I ran across a death notice in the post, and I'm not going to read you his name because I don't know that much about him. I've seen him but, so basically what caught my eyes just the fact that this guy just, he was Mr. Perfect. This guy is Mr. Perfect. His name is Joe. And let's just say that he was a name, says once he was Joe and once he's Joel, so I have no idea what his real name is. It says he was a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University New Orleans Baptist Theological, oh, here we go, right here in the TWIT. Is this this week?

J Jimmy Carper 34:58

Yes, yeah.

D Diane Williams 35:00

Let me read this to you. This says Joel Bridges, it says memorial service will now be held Sunday, August 22, tomorrow. So it was, yeah, it was an update at 2pm. At MCCR. This has changed from the original date for those desiring Joel requested memorial contributions be made to the building fund of MCCR. He was known alleged in the community definitely. But I'm just gonna read some of this stuff. I'm going to briefly go over this, it says he was. He's held a number of positions in management with the nonprofit sector. He was executive director of the private sector initiatives, representing private sector leadership in Houston. It targets his efforts toward housing and neighborhood revitalization, child care and employment and training. He may be remembered from his prior positions with the United Way, the American Red Cross, he served on the advisory board of U of H Graduate School of Social Work as president of the Texas Association of School age care. He's survived by about a million loving people. And a special friend also in Houston. Let's see. I mean, this guy is just Mr. Wonderful, there's an obit, there's an obit for this young man, pages and pages long and he's, he was 45. And lives like this get overlooked because of the way that people think about gays and lesbians. And I just am here to tell you that this man obviously led a full life, I don't know anything about whether he was a good person or not.

J Jewel Gray 36:26

Did it say what he died from?

D Diane Williams 36:27

He died of AIDS.

J Jewel Gray 36:28

Right and there's another life that would have been of such value to us or many more years had it not been for For disease. For disease.

D Diane Williams 36:38

That could have been cured by now. Thank you very much.

J Jewel Gray 36:41

It should have been.

D Diane Williams 36:42

Should have been cured by now.

J Jewel Gray 36:43

But along with his manufac I just like to mention along with Joel's name in the TWIT, there's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 obits this week. And a couple of these people I'm familiar with. And these are people who are in our communities, made a difference and who are a positive force in our community that we're losing.

D Diane Williams 37:04

We get tired of reading these. We get tired.

J Jewel Gray 37:08

Let's get angry. Let's get let's take action. Let's do something. Act up.

D Diane Williams 37:12

Fight back. Fight AIDS.

J Jewel Gray 37:15

That's it, fight back. Listen, I want to take a personal moment. Do please. And tell people in my capacity as the person responsible for public relations and media at the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, that this Saturday there is a fundraiser. There's a carnival going on at TG--for TGRA carnival going on.

D Diane Williams 37:40

And what's the TGRA?

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Jewel Gray 37:41

Texas Gay Rodeo Association carnival and be in the parking lot of Bacchus from 11 till six, I believe? That it? Eleven until six and the G, the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard will have a booth there. So please stop by. And for the following night, right after steak night at the B, BRB, there is a benefit for the gay lesbian switchboard and the TGRA is sponsoring this benefit and throwing a big show and the Switchboard will profit from that. The reason that this is important right now is because the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard is in a bad place. I know some of you read about it. In, in a bad place. I know some of you read about it. We've kind of flooded the media with information about the Switchboard being in a current crisis right now, so that these fundraisers are important to get on the air tonight because they're important to the Switchboard, keeping it running. If you've ever called the Switchboard or you connected with someone down here, who has been with the Switchboard, we would really appreciate you taking a moment and helping the Switchboard by making donation or volunteering and you can reach someone at the Switchboard at 529, 526-3211.

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Diane Williams 39:00

529-3211.

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Jewel Gray 39:01

I know that and I call that number, it's not the business number, call that number, 529-3211.

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Diane Williams 39:07

Right. I've known that number since I was about 15, by the way.

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Jewel Gray 39:10

You can also get more information about these, both these events, the carnival on Saturday, the 28th and the fundraiser Sunday night, the 29th by calling the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard and saying hi, I want to know about the TGR carnival. So I got that out of the way. You have an interesting tape that I'm, I'm really fascinated to hear someone I connected with on her first album and knew immediately that she was a lesbian, and waited many, many, many, many, many, many, many, and I don't want to go into how many years to hear her say it and to be out and

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Diane Williams 39:47

From the right off, we knew it.

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Jewel Gray 39:49

Yeah. You got to tape about Janis Ian that looks good and you got something you want to play before we play that? Afterwards. Okay, and we're going to play this interview that includes

before we play that. Afterwards, okay, and we're going to play this interview that includes excerpts from her new album *Breaking Silence*, which is appropriately titled I think this is about Janis Ian.