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Lucy Chappelle, Cindy Friedman

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And we won't back down. I know that's right. Okay, we have some guests here in the studio with us tonight. Carolyn Molly IMC see ours. Reverend elect, Reverend like she's nodding. We're on the radio Carolyn speak.



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Well, good evening. Morning. Good morning. Yes.



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Good morning. We also have another guest in the studio, a queer my queer brother from queer nation queer Michael Crawford, my



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queer diet. Will you?



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Love you're glad y'all are here. Thank you. We're here for reason. Our reason tonight is to talk about what it's like being different. Don't we all know that we all know. I think we do. Some of us are a little different than others visually. You know, larger, smaller, better, skinnier, taller, shorter, whatever. Some of us have more pronounced differences than others. I know most of my adult life and most of my child life actually. I've always been considered Hispanic or Italian people are like what are you? I'm a mutt, honey. I've got I don't know some Cherokee me. I don't know my parents got busy I guess. I'm dark skin. So we're here to talk about what it's like

to be different visually. I guess. I want to talk about a couple things. And I want to ask you both one question to start off with I want to hear coming out stories. I know I love to ask that cold too, because people just go oh god. How old were you can even tell me calling out stories.



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There's always so many levels to coming out.



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Okay, let me ask you this. When did you first get an inkling to coin phrase? Yeah, get



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an inkling I love it. That was very, very early, probably preschool was very much in love with my babysitter before I started what to do. And I used to tell everyone I was gonna grow up and marry her. And it was recued. As long as I was preschool, the first



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second third grade, I was a closeted guys.



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Shortly after I got in school. Of course, I was told never to say that again and just kind of started. A lot of things I couldn't do anymore. couldn't climb trees anymore. I used to do that. No tomboy, things had to go by the wayside couldn't wear pants had to wear a dress. It was boring. But that was the first. But my coming out, you know, certainly happened much, much later. Came out to myself pretty much in high school. I was writing love letters to girls here and there and falling in love all over the place. But knowing enough to keep it Hush, hush. You're very loving person. Well, thank you, let's meet the real coming out. came as an adult when I came out to my mother, right after college and started getting into relationships for the first time. I mean, really, really relationships getting into really real relationships. Yes. Michael's giggling. Yeah. I can imagine what that was, like 22 or so. So it's been like really going well, since then. Really going, wow, wow. Well, just coming up more and more from telling my mother to tell them pretty much my siblings and then coming out to the world because I was kicked out of a job that kind of, you know, kicks you out of the closet. So it's like, hitting the streets from their



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public. Being that you are a reverend elect, what kind of religious background did you have? And did that play an effect? I mean, briefly, you know, yeah,



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I grew up Baptist, black Baptist in the south, and worked for Southern Baptist Convention before they asked me to leave. Of course, I said, job. Serious, serious. But my faith has sustained me actually, it was what kept me sane. And I guess coming out to God was something I did before he became to myself that was a big, so really, so once you know, God is on your side. It's like Who else matters? My mother was cool. Really was nobody that matter after that, so the whole world could know.



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All right. Well, Michael, tell me about you. How old were you when you first got an inkling? Or I might say, a Lobo of things.



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I think I was about five when I realized that. I wanted to do things with boys that I didn't want to do with girls. Yeah, me too, I guess.



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Did you tell anybody?



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No, I didn't tell anyone actually. While until I started actually doing and then only the people I did them with that I came up with I began coming out as a gay person when I was 17. Yeah. I think that was about the time I met my best friend Eric, who's sitting right next to



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me. I didn't know that. How long have you known him as 17? Yeah, for you?



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Yeah, we're sisters. And a couple of years ago, I began coming out as a queer. And I think now that's a lot more important because I no longer consider myself gay, but queer.



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Yeah, I know. We talked about having a show dealing with having a queer identity. I think we'll do that sometime in August too. I think that's really important. Let me ask you something.

There's a real white question, you know, and I'm gonna ask it anyway, I don't care. Go for it. My white question is I know that being queer, being a lesbian, being gay being a pick your label of the day in high school. I, you know, I had, I came out pretty early. I mean, I came out when I was like 14, and my schoolmates knew it, my girlfriend knew it would hope so my, my sister principal knew it and had been suspended from school several times because of that, and solely because of that, thank you very much. There's a lot of things that I can relate to a wide experience in that my religious community made up of mostly white people. They shun me, because because it was different. And my question to you is, I know you got all that. Do you think you got anything different or more? Because of the color of your skin?



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No, because I mean, even though the high school I went to was primarily black, except for the program that I was in, which was racially mixed. And people just didn't care. I mean,



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okay, thank you. That's it for our people going. Through. It's great. No, that's wonderful to hear.



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They didn't care. I mean, I admittedly my parents weren't too thrilled, and my brothers still aren't thrilled. But



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family, it takes family while and you know, people love you, people love you because of who you are. And if who you are changes in their eyes, then they're not looking at you the right way. You know, we all grow as people, we all change, we all change our identities, change our identities of the moment grow as individuals have crawled back in our shell as individuals. But you know, I think that all has a lot to do with it. Specifically for me. I grew up in a actually I grew up in Houston. And because of the way I was raised my mother, my grandmother raised me in Houston. And during the summer, when I was out of school, they didn't have any money to keep me or send me to daycare. Capsuleer here to take care of me. So I went to live in a really small town name. Hey, that's Mexia for all you Texans out there. And by Yankees that's my head Texas. Basically, that town, you know, there was a side of the tracks that was railroad tracks, and there was the east side of town and there was a west side of town. And that's really southern thing. I don't know where you from. Michael Are you from the south from Houston? It from Houston. Really? What neighborhood what area?



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Fifth Ward Fifth Ward where I'm raised. What high school? Do you go to fucking I went to Jones High School.



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Did you I went to art Park. I went to Robby Lee High School at Southwest Houston, I suppose. And Carol, you're from



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Florida? Yeah. What would you talk about? Sounds like, you know, whole question of discrimination is a



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discrimination issue. It's racism, pure and simple. Yeah. Basically, when I'm wondering what I know to be true, what I'm wondering is the cultural differences between saying I'm gay in one cultural setting and saying I'm gay in another cultural setting question, the reason I'm asking that I'm asking for a couple of reasons. I'm asking it for the reason that when I go to coordination meetings, and when I go to MTCR, and when I go to lesbians in business, you know, I see predominantly white people, and actually, the people I see in power anywhere are predominantly white people, predominantly white males, whether you're gay or straight, predominantly white males. What I'm asking you is how much has that affected your perception of being gay? And secondarily, how much has that affected your perception of who you are as a person? You won't go first.



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Yeah, well, I think that's that jump on it. One of the reasons I no longer consider myself gay, okay. When I see the term gay, or I see the term gay community, for me, it speaks of heterosexual acting white men, over 30. Okay. And for me, because these, these are all these are always the same people that you see in power, for example, and gRPC. Which, if you went into one of their meetings, you would not see a person of color in sight.



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Let me ask you Does that smack of ageism, or is that okay with you?



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I don't think it's a just it's, I think that, in a sense, a lot of the people who are empowering in what they call the gay community, now, they are ageist. If you're young, I'm 23 Then you're young, you're radical. Yeah. And you have nothing to say you you throw temper tantrums, and you wind and what you say has no value because they claim that you don't know the history here. If you're over 50 Then you don't matter because you're out of commission, and you might as well just go out to pasture



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if you ever 50 You're a miracle in this community because you're still alive. Yes, true, which is a very sad and



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true statement. And if you're alive, we unfortunately tend to neglect the That's right. We don't



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treat you with enough respect. Carolyn.



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Yeah, let me get back to the the question at hand in terms of how does it affect one to come out in a different community. I grew up in black community, and I was aware of my sexuality very early, as I stated a minute ago. And even though I didn't come out in terms of becoming sexually active until after college, I was certainly falling in love with girls and women in church and all this kind of thing, even as a high school student. That was really, but I guess, I think that that the same, I felt the same pressures that probably you felt or any other lesbian felt growing up, no matter what community you in your own people discriminate against you as far as when it comes to sexuality. Black folk can be the most cruel to other black folk who queer is, especially in high school level. And as you're growing up, and stuff like that, that get a little bit more sophisticated with time you get into young adult life and you become professional or whatever, you have black friends who want to be cool, you know, so they can accept you a little better when you come out to them in your 20s, and maybe even 30s. But it's interesting to look at that whole phenomenon of prejudice and discrimination against people as it relates to sexuality, and kind of compare that to discrimination and prejudice around the issue of race. Michael is right on time about the gay lesbian community as it exists now. And as the leadership exists, this is not well integrated at all, there are far more people of color, who are gay and lesbian, and we're just not represented in leadership that much in the gay lesbian community. And that's interesting what you said about defining yourself as queer kind of because of that, my own sense of it is that more of us need to come out. You know, it's clear that black people are not being treated better. By being in the closet and and being in the black community. We all need to come out for ourselves, just to be whole, you know, a complete person, and that if we can move in that direction, we'll find ourselves really getting treated better all around.



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Okay. I want to finish this issue up real quickly. But I also want to address the phones kept taking break, they're just go on break, break, break. Like I don't know what that means. We're about to take a break. And the break is you're still listening to KPFT 90.1 After hours, a continuing tradition. And we're gonna go to break



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Jodie Foster, Jodi This is Nancy. You know who this is Nancy for Don't pretend you don't know who I am. And if you're listening, you know you're listening to after hours a continuing tradition here on KPFT Houston 90.1.



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How was that for



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a break? Cool. Sound good to me. Okay, so



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we're waiting on the Q Patrol to call back. I think we're having some phone problems again. I wanted to ask you, or I wanted to talk to Michael to briefly. I know when Michael and I first kind of got together at Q Patrol at Cubitron. Like we're names and we were really interested in the United Colors of coordination, and making sure that people of color had a voice in qn. And I think they do. Don't you think that there's a bit of a voice? But the problem is,



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I mean, I feel more comfortable in coordination than I would in any other group. Well, I do to

Frank. Yeah, I mean, not just for being queer, but also for being black. I think the people in queer nation are more open to issues relating to race, gender and age than someone for example, like, GOP see,



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right. Specifically, though, I know that we tried to get people we tried to outreach, we tried to go to different places and say, Look, you know, it's okay to be a person of color, or qn really come on and join us. And they're like, Yeah, right. I don't see any people of color, you know, okay, one, you know, there was like, two, two token people of color to token women. And one of those was straight. You know, it's just, it's like, we, you know, we have our token people. And, in a way, that's okay with me, because as long as you have you, let's label it token. As long as you have a voice, then maybe another voice will step up and feel comfortable because that one voice is there. And I have learned over this past year of trying to get people in, you can't just say, Oh, look at me, especially me as a white person. I just can't say, Come on black folks. Come on in Hispanic folks, come on Asian people, we love you. They're gonna say, Yeah, you're a white person. You know, you don't know why liberal. White liberal is guilt is guilt. I know it is. And the deal is that what you have to you have to do you know, you have to show by doing? No, you can't say it's okay, you have to you have to be there.



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That's really true. And I wanted to just mention to you that MCC AR is another place where people of color can be I mean, and find more than one or two, I think it's real significant that this church would bring me on staff in a leadership position. But there are others in the congregation. We have recently begun a group called coalition of colors. What a fun group. It is, and it's growing. And it's an opportunity for people who are of African descent people who are of Hispanic descent, whether Puerto Rican and Mexican, whatever our rap, white people healing racism. That's right. All the people together, the Coalition of colors is why we chose the name to indicate that it's not just African Americans and white people, but Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, all of us together, working towards same goal, and



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we went to a party Juneteenth Miller out door. That was fun. That was fun. While we're here real quick, I want to take a call from key patrol. You got it. line one. Thank you, Gary, is that you? May Hey, Gary, how are you doing?



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I'm doing fine. Enjoying a little bit of your show while I'm holding here.



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Great. Gary grant with the Q Patrol. What's it like out there tonight, Gary? How many people

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you got? It's non-existent. That's because we can't. It's still there. You coming back? Maybe yes. Now? No. Okay. Well, we'll try it again. Call back, Gary. It's nothing. To go back to the issue while we're waiting for Gary or count of 1010. Okay to get back to the issue. United Colors of queer nation is a viable group of working people. And when I say we, I mean the United Colors of coordination joined. The coalition of color and MCC are for their Juneteenth Festival at Miller outdoor theater. And it was a lot of fun. We're gonna see if we can do this one more time. Gary grant Q Patrol. We'll try it again. Gary. Yeah,

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we're obviously looking for donations coming by a better mobile phone.

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That's ride work those donations.

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Very busy night this evening. We've had a lot of name calling faggot queers, which you know, a lot of us take as compliments but it's still passing. And we've had one of our people shot with a BB gun this evening. Oh my God. Is

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everybody okay? Are they getting better?

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Everybody's fine. We have a foot out and two models. It's just been a very busy night for the homophobe.

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Let me ask you a question real quickly. I was driving by earlier and I saw a bunch of people out there blowing bubbles they had. big bubble may goes and it was at the corner, Montrose and Westheimer. And I didn't stop to see what they were doing. But I wanted to I mean, I want to look bubbles up pretty, you know, I wanted to go over there. And of course, I was headed towards a radio station and didn't look like church. Church folk, to me look like a child law in action. What do you think?

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We're not sure what it was. We also enjoyed the aesthetic value of it, but didn't get a chance to

none in on who they were. They definitely looked at us, and we don't pay a whole lot of attention to people blowing bubble.



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That's right. Aesthetically, it was pretty cool. Yeah, what? You said you've had some problems. Yeah, we've



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had quite a few people we've had to follow up out of the neighborhood this evening. Quite a few people shouting epithets at our people at foot patrol and at our citizens are good citizens here in the TROs. So we've been having a brisky thing,



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I noticed there was a lot of foot action out there. When I was driving, there was a lot of just folk walking around, I did see both Q Patrol vehicles, on my way from 10, and Montrose to the studio KPFT. And I just wanted to say, Thanks, I'm really proud and pleased that that y'all can be out there. I know that you're probably looking for volunteers and donations, is there a phone number where people could call to get involved? Wrong time for the for the phone to mess up? I'm gonna find that phone number. And Gary's can call us back with the phone number any moment, I'm sure. And obviously, we need those donations so that we can get a new payphone a new cellular phone, we have a number. Michael, do you want to give that number for the key patrol?



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Yeah, the number for Q Patrol for information and scheduling is 5245110.



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And you've been on The Q Patrol Michael in that, right? Yes. And did you have to go through I don't have to go through a small orientation and training session, I



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had to go through orientation and training and I had to go over the rules to be sure that I could follow them. And it's cool. It's great. That it feels good for



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our people. Yeah. That actually helped protect everybody really, because there are many there

stripe people that do the Q Patrol, right? neteros. Yes. Yeah. Also, I know, Poppy Northcutt walks, yes, there are a couple of notables that walk in, I want to say thank you to them, because it's, when it's you, when it's you, when it's you, it counts. Say it again, when it's you it counts. You know, when you have HIV, you work with AIDS, when you are queer, you do queer things. When you're gay, you work for gay rights. It's something special to be a white person working for racism. It's something special to be a heterosexual working for gay rights, queer rights, it's something special to be a man working for women's rights. So I'm really pleased. And I thank all those people, all those family members, honorary family members that we get to know now it was a personal private note. Nothing, nothing. Gary Cole, he said the number did you read this number is this number. You agree that when again,



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the number I gave, it's a number for the for Keith,



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and number for Keith. This is another number for Q Patrol. Q Patrol 6455252. So there's another number, please do call, please call and sign up. It's a hoot. It's a lot of fun. It's very important. It's a very good way to meet people and to feel empowered, especially



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the cute boys who walk up to you and ask, what does that cue mean, on your T shirt, you can tell them, you can show up.



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And if you can't do something, if you can't walk, you can donate. If you can't walk, you can, you know, do fun things. There's a certain number of people that have donated time putting those metallic signs on the sides of people's cars. I mean, we've got all kinds of stuff happening. Back to this issue. By the way, thank you, Gary Grant, we love you. Thank you for doing this. Gary Grant queer parents. He's beautiful. And what a babe to as a lesbian, Gary, I think you're gorgeous. Like you patrol. Yeah, thanks, everybody. To this issue. I know that what we were really saying right before we went to the full Q Patrol break is important to me. And that is show by doing? I think is that like a Christian thing that I learned in Sunday school growing up. I don't know what the golden rule is kind of part of that golden rule. I'm getting more notes here. Basically, I think it's really important for everybody to get involved with things that are important to you. I think it's important that not only do you get involved with things that are personal to you, you take a stand for everything that you know is right, you might want to say do the right thing.



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Do the Right.



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Carolyn case, do you know when the next meeting time for Are coalition colors is



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for the month of August. We'll be meeting on the third Friday night in August. I think it's August 21. But I'm not real positive third Friday night in August, at seven o'clock at the church in the fellowship hall MCR at 9019. Decatur,



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and the phone number is 8619149. Yeah. Also, Carolyn, I know you do the the education and MCR to the fall education. We do a



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series of Christian education classes at least twice a year, usually once in the spring, and once in the fall, maybe some special ones in between. But after Labor Day, about mid September, up until the end of October, we'll be in our next series of classes.



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And I'm going to plug the homosexuality in the Bible course. Because I'm telling you, if some pseudo Christian is persecuted you and if you are, I'm gonna say it pissed off at Christians. Thank you. I mean, I'm getting the nod. I'm not getting the finger. The NOD is important. If you are pissed off at Christians, if you are pissed off at people persecuting you go to this class. I mean, I know the Carolyn's probably shaking in her shoes. And I'm saying this is great. Good because it's important.



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And it's important for people to know that when they get pissed off with with Christians and the church, you know, they need not be pissed with God, and they need nothing God has pierced with them. Yeah. And



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everybody has their own idea about spirituality. You know, and I think spirituality is important for everyone, no matter what that may be, you know, whether you're Jewish or pagan or whatever, of course, you know, I'm a Christian. I'm going to espouse that because that's me,

but you know, whatever you may be bound your own mind your own spirituality is very important and be

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informed. So that's really good to do that classical homosexuality in the Bible. It will be offered again at MCC er we usually put it in the publications and galas we community. Great.

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Michael, any any last parting comments, anything you want to, to espouse also, I want to say briefly, while while you're still here, too, I know you're probably gonna stay with us for a while. Now going to heaven. You're going dancing. Okay, fine, fine, fine. Okay, well, so since you are leaving, I want to miss an ACT UP. ACT UP. I'm gonna go into in detail after this way out, which is going to happen just instantaneously after this. But ACT UP is reforming. And we have a meeting at

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Charlie's at 730 on Monday, right? Come prepared to act up

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here to act up and prepare to act up, fight back fight AIDS. I'm getting another note, who heads it. This is the question of the hour, we can address this or we can not I'd love to address it myself. Let's

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address it. Let's

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go for it.

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We have effectively voted Leslie out

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Leslie Perez. We call the meeting of Tuesday night and but what 50 People said down with

Leslie Perez, and she does not espouse our way of thinking as act up people. And as people concern with the plight of the immunosuppressed

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from this day forth act of will be run in a democratic manner. Thank you act. We will fight back we will fight AIDS and we will target John Lindsay as enemy number one.

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Thank you. All right, just the way Johnny Redondo is no longer in office, we hope to do the same for Judge John Lindsay at least get him out of the AIDS business. All right. I want to thank both y'all for coming. It's really important that everybody stays active with whoever you feel comfortable acting up, in and with. Please do so. Make your voice heard. If you feel you have no power, you do personal power. If you feel that you have no power, talk to your spiritual self and you'll find some power there. Do whatever you can to make your voice heard to make your concerns heard. And to make your reality a pleasant one.

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Thank you for having us tonight.

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Thank you, Carolyn. mobile NCCR Thank you queer Michael Crawford, queer nation

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like you queered I am.

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Back with a guitar.

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Yes, Carolyn, come and play for us because you gave a stirring rendition at that rally. Take Back the streets to rally. Thank you. You always stare me when I see you. I love you so much, darling. I really do. It's mutual. Good. I'll do that. We'd love to have you will make and thank you both for being here. Stay tuned. Boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen. Transgender girls, people of color, bisexuals, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. Wait, am I waiting? I'm getting

another pointing at this note who heads act up? Is that who you're asking? Who has this way out? Is it 115 That's what you're pointing to? That's what I'm going to you silly man. Right now. It is 115 This way our national news on KPFT 90.1 FM after hours a continuing tradition



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one of the worst parts of homophobia one of the most oppressed served part is when we are told we are not fit to be around or help raise children couple



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of the women that were at the meeting so thank you very much for caring about us again that's a Texas patriarchal concept of wanting to protect people their



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commitment has remained steadfast and that means something to the community I think it should the feeling on the part of a lot of people in San Francisco is money from Barrows. Welcome as Blood Money.



Lucy Chappelle 30:38

Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine,



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I'm Lucia Chapelle. And I'm Greg Gordon. European tourism seeks love under money



Lucy Chappelle 30:48

borrows welcome mat for ACT UP New York and parenting platform and patriarchy pumped up US presidential politics, all that and more because you've discovered this way out.



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I'm Cindy Friedman,



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and I'm Mark Sacramento

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Cindy Friedman 31:12

with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending July 11 1992. As the US presidential election campaigns heat up, George Bush has finally come out explicitly against lesbian and gay parenting. In a recent exclusive interview with The New York Times. In a question following up on vice president Dan Quayle's recent remarks criticizing family as a term for gay and lesbian households. Bush said, quote, I can't accept as normal lifestyle, people have the same sex being parents. I'm very sorry, I don't accept that as normal. And quote, Bush went on to state his belief in the traditional family values. 119 87 report estimated that there are 4 million lesbian and gay parents in the US. The Bush campaign had already alienated many lesbian and gay Republicans by first denying their representatives the opportunity to testify before the Republican platform committee, and then by canceling a scheduled meeting between Bush and the National log cabin club.

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The National Committee's draft the Democratic Party's 1992 platform, by contrast, may be the most far reaching major party statement yet on lesbian and gay and aids issues. It calls for civil rights protection for gays and lesbians, an end to discrimination based on sexual orientation and anti discrimination by the Department of Defense and aggressive prosecution of hate crimes. It does not however, mentioned state sodomy laws, any specific bills before Congress or an executive order to end the band on military service. The platform also calls for adopting the recommendations of the National Commission on AIDS and for full funding of HIV and AIDS services through the Ryan White act.

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Cindy Friedman 33:06

And independent presidential candidate Ross Perot is struggling to repair his relations with lesbians and gays, after having told a national television audience that if elected, he would not appoint a lesbian or gay to a high ranking position. Glenn Reeder reports.

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The San Francisco headquarters of independent presidential candidate H Ross Perot introduced their liaison to California's gay and lesbian community. Deborah Olson, a lesbian Beverly Hills real estate investment specialist. Olson was introduced as state campaign civil rights coordinator, a label some critics present felt hid the issue of gay rights, but what she defended as including gay rights, Olson was exuberant about a meeting she attended in Dallas with Perot, his wife Margot, and lesbian and gay rights activists, including gay rights attorney Gloria already, Cheryl Somerville, who was fired from her job with a Cracker Barrel restaurant chain, and dusty Pruitt discharged from the army, both for being lesbians. Olson defended perot's controversial remarks during a recent television interview where he stated that he would not hire lesbians or gays for a cabinet position because of the controversy involved.

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Couple of the women that were at the meeting. So thank you very much for caring about us again, that's a Texas patriarchal concept of wanting to protect people, you know, which I understand I mean, it's not like it's coming from a bad space. It's just an educated that we would want the opportunity to be offered the Cabinet position.



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When asked why the Lesbian Gay community should believe parole more than any other politician Ulsan responded,



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You know what, it's a sense, and it's trusting remember, trust and we still have it when we were little. I know we're forgetting these things in the world. But to me mean, it's an it's a very, you'll see,



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often said she believes perot wasn't aware of the extent of gay oppression in the US, but that he is willing to learn new ideas. Olson said perot is disgusted with the current bureaucratic boondoggle and AIDS research that he is already assembling panels of top flight scientists and that he is willing to commit whatever it takes to find a cure. Olson expects a statement within the week on perot's position on gay rights. She believes perot will state that the ban on gays in the military is an outmoded concept. Olson said if perot disappointed her on gay rights issues, she could no longer support him. In San Francisco. I'm Glen reader.



C Cindy Friedman 35:34

On July 8, Perreault, did issue a four paragraph statement, including, quote, I have always prohibited discrimination in my business, and I have no intention of changing that policy. If elected president. My policy for the nation will be that each person should be judged on merit, and any discrimination based on gender, race, religion or sexual orientation will not be tolerated. What people do in their private lives is their own business. No one should have to lie about who they are. No one should have to live their life in secrecy and quote, perot also called for vigorous prosecution of hate crimes, but made no specific mention of overturning the ban on military service by gays and lesbians.



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Growing European consciousness of the gay market reaches the US with promotions designed to increase tourism to the Netherlands. The Netherlands board of tourism the Amsterdam Tourist Board, Martin air, Holland and Euro dollar rent a car have jointly hired a New York City firm with a specialty in marketing to gaze to place print ads in 10 large US markets to encourage visits to Holland. The campaign will run through July as the International Conference on AIDS meets in Amsterdam.

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Cindy Friedman 36:51

And just how welcoming is the Netherlands for gay man. D gay current reports police threats to close a highway rest area but not for the reason you might expect. Authorities told the local press they don't care what's going on in the bushes there. But the badly parked cars are ruining the traffic flow.

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The Lesbian and gate Stonewall union is struggling to get a booth at the Ohio State Fair. Even though it's been part of the fair for 14 years. Fair general manager Billy Inman has said he doesn't want them there, particularly because of their distribution of the newspaper gay beat. Inman denied weeks of request by Stonewall for booth application until the FERS commission specifically voted to grant them one. But a special committee is reviewing stonewalls literature for legality. Status Assistant Attorney General and an American Civil Liberties union representative agreed that it would be unconstitutional to deny Stonewall access to the fair.

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England's Direct Action Group outrage last month took a light hearted approach to protesting section 28 prohibition against the promotion of homosexuality. Parading outside the Conservative Party Center and the House of Commons with signs such as gay sex, it's the real thing and take the queer challenge. The demonstrators claim to offer the politicians a free trials sample.

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A bulletin board service run by the French gay magazine gay pa has been threatened with disconnection by France Telecom. The phone company complains that the service is using language offensive to good morals when children can access the bulletin board.

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Cindy Friedman 38:37

Lesbian Christina shank the only openly queer member of Germany's wonder Stog has further come out as a sadomasochists. shank is a physicist from what used to be East Germany.

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You wouldn't expect good news for Lesbian and Gay Pride marches to stem from an affiliate of the Ku Klux Klan, but courtrooms make strange bedfellows. The US Supreme Court a year ago refused to hear the complaint of Columbus, Ohio gays and lesbians about city fees for staging their annual Pride March. But late last month, the Supreme Court ruled on a case brought by

the Georgia nationalist movement voting narrowly that even small permitted police security fees charged by local governments were an infringement on the right to free speech if those fees vary depending on the views expressed.

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Cindy Friedman 39:27

Pride event News continues to come in. Irish lesbians and gays held their second pride celebration in Belfast. San Francisco's 23rd Pride March drew about a half million people in New York City 40 to 60,000 marchers in more than 200 units paraded past hundreds of 1000s of spectators. When crowd pleaser was a man in a Boy Scout uniform who adhering to the scout slogan of be prepared wore not merit badges but conned thems a more permanent expression of pride was the city's installation of George Segal sculpture, gay liberation in a public park.

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Over 105,000 participated in Chicago's 23rd annual Pride March, which had 225 units and broke last year's attendance record. Minnesota had its biggest Pride festival ever in Minneapolis St. Paul attended by about 30,000 people. Washington DC also had its biggest pride parade ever with an estimated 17 to 20,000 people. And 10 to 12,000 people participated in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is third annual lesbian, gay and bisexual Pride Parade and Festival. Bert Weiland was there

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a marvelous party on Philadelphia's Delaware River waterfront in beautiful balmy weather was marred temporarily by an overzealous city official, who declared a kissing booth closed for fear that kissing activity could spread disease, although no disease was specified. City officials swiftly declared the booth reopened when it became evident that their thinly disguised aids phobia threatened to explode into a full blown media circus. festival organizers did however, later declare that gay lesbian and bi pride had become contagious in Philadelphia. I'm Bert Whelan for this way out.

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Cindy Friedman 41:24

New Jersey's first Pride Parade and celebration was held in Asbury Park, for Virginia's summer Pride weekend drew about 600 celebrants to Old Dominion University. About 5000 people joined Lansing Michigan's Pride march on the state capitol demanding equal rights 1000s marched and rallied in Denver, Colorado to protest that state's ballot initiative against legal protections for lesbians and gays.

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in Olympia, Washington about 250 people marched for pride in the Puget Sound area. And the rally afterwards National Guard Sergeant Richard Curtin came out in protest of the US ban on military service by gays and lesbians. And finally, among the 1000 people who joined the Pride

march in Seattle, Washington were about 20 women whose banner proclaimed them to be women frequently mistaken for men in public restrooms.

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That's news wrap for the week ending July 11 1990. To follow the news in your area, and informed community is a strong community

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news wrap is compiled and written by Cindy Friedman. For this way out. I'm Mark Sakamoto and

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I'm Cindy Friedman.

 Lucy Chappelle 42:44

A surprising collaboration between New York City members of act up and their primary Nemesis has recently been announced the borough's welcome drug company target of some of the radical advocacy groups angriest protest demonstrations will enter into a joint project with act of New York. Matt binder has the details

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with a \$1 million contribution Burroughs welcome is the first and the largest donor to act up New York's AIDS education fund. The donation is all the more amazing since act up New York spearheaded two direct action confrontations with the company in 1989, and occupation of a Burroughs Wellcome office and a disruption at the New York Stock Exchange. Both were protests against the high cost of AZT the AIDS drug manufactured by Burroughs welcome. The partnership is upsetting to some other act up members. This is Rob Lowe, the media representative for ACT UP San Francisco

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but failing on the part of a lot of people in San Francisco. You know money from Barrows welcome as blood money.

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Mo says that a \$1 million contribution is an insignificant amount since Burroughs, welcome sells over \$300 million worth of AZT every year. He says the company should reduce the cost of the

drug if it really wants to do something for people with AIDS. Lo thinks the company is bribing act of New York to get the activists off their backs. But Peter Staley of act of New York says his organization