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Scott Lewis, Jimmy Carper, Brian Bradley



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I am what I am I am special creation so come to give me the all the Ovation It's my little pride in my and it's not a blame lies not worth a damn to you can say



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I am what I am I don't want praise I don't want pity bang my own drum something in bangle things from a different angle God life is a sham to you and shout out



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I am at what I need no excuses. I do my own deck. Sometimes he says no no deposit not down till you can shout



Jimmy Carper 02:39

Whoa it must be Saturday night at midnight because you're listening to after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews and music hear for gay and lesbian people. Just as Gloria Gaynor says in this song, it's time to open up your closets. We at after hours urge 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 am what I am and I do my own deck. Sometimes



Scott Lewis 05:00

Hi, this is after hours a continuing tradition on KPFK 90.1. And this is Scott Lewis here with Brian Bradley, who's not in here right now, but he'll be in in a few minutes. And we have tonight our show is going to be about family values. John Schlafly, You savage, take your hand off my leg. Anyway, John Schlafly is here with me. And he's proud about it and loud about it. Anyway, tonight we're going to be talking about family values. We're going to have somebody here from PFLAG Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and possibly someone here from the Houston area tiene coalition of homosexuals, as well as John Schlafly. And maybe Phyllis will drop in and talk about her family values. Nancy Rodriguez was going to be here, but she has taken ill and she won't be able to make it. But Chris bacon will also be here, about 145 After this way out to discuss the controversy about Andrew Sullivan speaking at the political caucuses annual dinner is that what you call that their annual dinner? That's right. And which I won't be at because I am a poor, poor girl and don't have the \$50 that it will take to attend. And after that, Brian and I will just be going at each other. And right now we're going to have Jim Carper doing the queer music zone, lots of fun, queer music. What do you have for us tonight, Jim?



Jimmy Carper 06:28

Oh, gosh, I've got oh, gosh, I've got a little bit of KD Samar of the flirtations on their new CD, and maybe a couple of older things.



Scott Lewis 06:44

Well, what you would know something about more so than I would.



Jimmy Carper 06:49

On the contrary, I've seen your dates



Scott Lewis 06:53

where those cats were the cats, we need the cat



Jimmy Carper 07:05



Jimmy Carper 07:05

not for the whole show, I can tell it's gonna be one of those shows. Right, Brian?



Scott Lewis 07:17

So I'm gonna turn it over right now to Jim Carper, to do the queer music zone, and we'll be back at 1230.



Jimmy Carper 07:25

Chair bits. Thank you. Hello, this is Jimmy with the QMZ query music zone. And this evening, like I said, we're gonna have a little KD little flirtations, and a couple other things. And QMZ this week, like every week is dedicated to those men and women out there on our streets tonight. The Q Patrol. Thanks, guys. And if you're listening, give us a call and let us know how everything's going out on the street. So we miss hearing those reports. So this is a song that is a favorite of the women on after hours. And normally we play it kind of later in the evening. So for those of you who can't manage to listen to after hours until the till three o'clock, we thought we'd try it earlier in the show. It's KD and she sang it when she was here in Houston. And as I recall Diane saying she kind of ran her hand through her hair, and all the women the audience just melted. Then she started singing this song called Wash me clean. Hear k.d. lang Wash me clean from her new CD called ingenue. And since she just recently came out, a lot of the songs have a whole new meaning to them. Next coming up is the flirtations with their new CD called live out on the road. I want to do let's see, number six here, one of us on their first CD, the flirtations have had little liner notes. It said one of us, one of us, two of us, you know, talking about what has happened in their lives and it seems that they continue this, their their road shows. So I want to do this and then go into a song that they do that Michael Callen wrote in did on him his first album, so listen very carefully because it may be a little hard to hear a couple of these guys. This was a live performance.



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One of us was a US Army MP. One of us came out of the closet at 37.



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One of those went to his high school prom, but with his boyfriend.



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One of us was a high school cross country champion, and one of us was a high school crossdresser and it wasn't me. One of us coached high school wrestling



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as teenagers two of us attempted suicide,



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all except one of us are single, and available.



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And bitter. desperate.



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I only date pro feminist men, so it kind of you know, narrows it down. That's why you're so long. No.



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One of us believes that size matters. And four



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of them are lying.



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One of us ran away from home at the age of 14,



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two of us had been repeatedly arrested for civil disobedience.



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One of us had a former girlfriend who died of AIDS as a result of a blood transfusion. One of us is a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. One of us was fact bashed with a two by four. One of us has been living with AIDS for 10 years and he's tired of it.



Jimmy Carper 10:28

Yeah, the flirtations with the Michael Kellen song, living in war time. And coming up next, QM Z, which this week and every week is dedicated to the Cupich role is a song by a recently stricken

man with AIDS, and has died Joe Braco. He put out he was a friend of Ron, Ron romanovski and Paul Phillips. And so their record company put out this cassette of John Joe Braco songs. Under the title of true to myself, he's got to kind of a couple of funny ones, a couple of serious ones. But since we were talking about living in wartime, how about a job brocco? Tuned tell us how to even up the odds on that war time. It's called friend in my pocket. Joe brocco. Yeah, Joe Braco friend in my pocket, and everyone out there, man, woman, dog and frog ought to be carrying a friend in their pockets. Coming up next song that we've done before on the QM Z, and I've had requests for it again. So this is some something we found in the archives. Actually, it's not that old. But it's a couple of women out of Boston called Oh, God called lab ris. And if you've been listening, you know, we had that controversy about lab risk. Let's elaborate. If you don't know, give us a call 5265738 We'll let you know. And they're titled cut from that record. And it was done in what year? What year what year? For sure. You can't find it. Or will. It's the late 80s. Anyway, so it's not horribly old. So laboris by labrets. All right, that was labrets with the title cut from their album, and this has been the QM Z queer music zone with Jimmy this week and Every week dedicated to the men and women out there patrolling the Montrose the Q Patrol. We've we've had some communication Scott and I about music on the QMZ because we want to feature gay lesbian or bisexual artists. And if you have a favorite gay, lesbian or bisexual artists do you want heard? Give us a call? Let us know. We've In fact, we've had a discussion tonight about the B 50. twos. Scott,

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Scott Lewis 15:32

we've been discussing how queer are the B 52. Scott to queer for words really? Way too queer. See, I think everybody knows that.

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Jimmy Carper 15:41

I must be an old fart or something. You know, cuz I had no idea.

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Scott Lewis 15:45

I remember when Fred did that solo album with the big hit monster in my pants. Didn't you see that video? Yeah,

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Jimmy Carper 15:52

no, I didn't see the video. In fact, I played monster in my video. Somebody thought he was the monster somebody on their knees or something?

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Scott Lewis 16:02

No, I thought you were the monster. Oh,

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Jimmy Carper 16:05



Jimmy Carper 16:05

how rude. Was that? Okay, where are those?



Scott Lewis 16:10

Now that was Ray OCAD. Hi. That was a real scratch your eyes that with their with their claws cap?



Jimmy Carper 16:18

Well, this has been Q MZ with Jimmy and I will hand over the show to Scott and Brian.



Brian Bradley 16:27

Oh my god, it's right. Yeah,



Jimmy Carper 16:30

I know. I know. One of these days, these two queens are gonna do nude radio, and I'm just gonna have to leave. I just won't be able to stand it. Anyway, you are listening to after hours a continuing continuing tradition on KPFT Houston. And now here's Scott and Brian. If we



Scott Lewis 16:49

heard if we ever did new radio, I think they'd have to clear out about a three block radius because that's how far men run when I take my clothes off. I hate when that I was



Brian Bradley 17:05

wondering for was it gonna shoot from behind only



Scott Lewis 17:08

you always do. Tonight, as I said earlier, we're going to be talking about family values.



Brian Bradley 17:16

whose family values? Well, and that's a family values,



Scott Lewis 17:19

or what our family values?

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Brian Bradley 17:22

What is the family?

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Scott Lewis 17:25

Well, these are all good questions. And why don't we ask them when we have somebody here to help us answer those questions. Michael Kuhmo. Is did I come anywhere? Como como que he's I have no clue. I can't even spell it.

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Brian Bradley 17:42

Sort of like Columbo.

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Scott Lewis 17:47

Nothing like anyway, Michael's here, Mike, as you prefer I think from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays an organization that you can talk about family, family and family value what is the family value?

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Well it depends on where you're coming from. For right wing it's a family just like Warden June Cleaver and but for no one that works that has a family now does it really apply to some family values are legit and some are legit according to right wing parents and friends of lesbians and gay say that family is includes everybody in everybody in relation with others families of origin

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Scott Lewis 18:39

what does that mean families of origin families of origin are

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the biological parents who actually represent probably an intact families are very few in this country now with after unless you consider divorced families and think free in the ranking. Yeah. And the Reagan's aren't one of them. No, they weren't or they

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Brian Bradley 19:02

were such a fine child abusers weren't

were such a time. Child abusers weren't.



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Look at those eyes.



Brian Bradley 19:09

The bushes have raised their children well to except for stealing in such as some of the little brown



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ones. Oh, yes. Parents and Friends embrace their gay parents and parents and friends of lesbians. Gays embrace their children. And I've learned very similarly in the coming out process. Like gays and lesbians themselves, learn to accept and after accepting embrace the diversity of their children. That's that is a process. It doesn't happen immediately at all. When I told my parents it was the difference. I had to recognize that it took me 10 years to come out so I had to give them a little time and coming out to



Brian Bradley 19:56

do you think the right wing allows for the family? Did we gay and lesbians form on our own away from our biological families?



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Right wing? Absolutely not. I think this is a crucial time with the upcoming election and regardless, because the questions being called, we have to worry and protect each other. Because I think, regardless of who wins the election, there's going to be an increase in gay bashing. And we've already seen it. And it's going to be, I think we need to look out for each other quite a bit.



Brian Bradley 20:30

Well, would this be an inappropriate time Scott to, since we're speaking about traditional American values and the right wing to allow Miss Phyllis Schlafly to join the ranks of the outcast? For everyone who did not see today's edition of the Houston Chronicle, Phyllis Schlafly son John, who's 41 years old and still lives at home, has admitted in the San Francisco Examiner that he is loud and proud. And I can only say there is a God. Phil is still at the hairdresser's. get tangled right now.



Scott Lewis 21:12

getting teased. I'm sure. So Michael, when what is your organization? How does it handle Okay, Phyllis Schlafly son has come out, right? And he said, Mama, baby as a queer. Phyllis is going crazy.



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So let's your call one 804 family that will put you in touch by phone number that will put you in touch with Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays hotline, which will direct you to the local chapter in your area. You'd be welcome. We are. We stayed at the outside of every meeting that we are supportive of our gay children. And we are a place for you to learn about homosexuality. So we recently had a couple of sessions on religion, and gays and lesbians and Phyllis would have done wonderfully at those. We had some people who were just not ready to accept that. The Bible does not condemn us. But by and large people are learning the people who come to PFLAG want to learn and want to understand and not be narrow minded. They open their minds and their hearts. And that's, that changes the world one step at a time.



Brian Bradley 22:37

Speaking of steps, I would imagine once someone comes to PFLAG, regardless of which chapter across the country, that it's a mini step process. Quoting Mrs. Schaeffler in today's Chronicle. She says that she acknowledges and disapproves of same sex marriages and extending civil rights, protect civil rights, protection to gays, when a parent comes to you, and they are lamenting the fact that their child is gay or lesbian. And at the same time, disavowing this child, what is the first thing you try to teach them? Do you try to teach them that their child is still their child, irrespective of this new knowledge that they're gay, and you try to teach them at the exciting time that there needs to be recognition of their union with other people and that civil rights, or you just try to get over that initial distaste and hatred and distance that they put between their own children?



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Well, the first step is usually a hug from a parent who's been there. And we have parents who come from immediately accepting two parents who've taken years and years to accept two parents who didn't accept until after the death of their children.



Brian Bradley 23:45

How many are you finding that?



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The last? Yes. Not as I don't, not as common as you would think. I think the the second one where, where parents over time, start understanding and start accepting. I think that's the more regular but we do have fathers who, who did not you know, it was not a masculine thing

to have a gay son, or you know, it's, it's all that can't say the word all the things that they were brought up with. And they have to basically learn a new way of looking at the world. So when a parent first comes, they are if they call the hotline, our local hotline, then they will be they will get a phone machine and they will be that phone call will be returned within 24 hours. Yeah, that number is 86790208679020. They will get A a phone machine and that so they will not talk with someone immediately that lessens the the threatening pneus of it. But then, when they are called, when they are called back, they will ask about they will be asked what their situation is. And then we try to link them with someone who's been in that same type of situation. So another parent who, for example, if a fundamentalist parent calls in and just wants to define a group that will support her condemnation of her child, then they usually will link her with another person in the group who came from that same perspective, but has grown beyond that. So or if somebody says, but my son has children, how can you be gay, then we might have might have them contact a gay man with children. So we try to match people so they can find someone who has been in a similar situation and gotten through it. Again, always been the support being the utmost.

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Brian Bradley 26:00

How important is it? Do you think that the parent comes in with their child? Or is it most more important that maybe the first contact the adult has with PFLAG that it'd be without their children?



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It depends on where the parents are. As a matter of fact, we have we have some parents also who come in before their children accept themselves before their children. And I have told them we had one lady a couple of months ago, who came in and said, My son, I've confronted him on it. And he says, No, I'm not. And yet he is HIV positive. And she wants to care for him and let the other people in his life, help care for him, but he's in denial as far as his family goes. So sometimes parents are ahead of their kids. We have another parent who, who's who wants to become an activist, Orion, exactly. She's ready. And she's only known a couple of months and but her son is not ready for her to be an activist, and doesn't even live here anymore. But he has a reputation around here.

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Brian Bradley 27:05

Well as parents need to learn that they don't own their children. Perhaps children need to learn they don't own their parents. So I encouraged that mother to become the actress she can call we get her



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license, we actually suggested that she means her son has been making his needs known to make her needs known as

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Brian Bradley 27:22

well. Definitely. You mentioned being HIV positive. Do you have a component of the local chapter of PFLAG not personally being HIV positive but one of your clienteles child being positive? I should clarify. Do you have a component of PFLAG here in Houston that deals specifically with the issue of a child being HIV positive? You have your local version of an expert within PFLAG, I should say that carries the HIV issue.



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And no, actually, we're looking at how we're going to deal with certain internal issues. For example, parents have different issues with then siblings. For a parent, it's what did we do wrong for a sibling? It's often well, I have to look at my I have to re examine my relationship with my brother and my sister. We also have people. So we're looking at activists as a subgroup. And we're looking at HIV parents as a subgroup. But those are all information. Our group is basically recently been expanding quite a bit. There's been more PR, we really appreciate your having us. And there's been a lot more, I think, and perhaps in reaction to the positiveness that parents sometimes feel they're starting to want to come out themselves. So we're starting to develop those subgroups within PFLAG.

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Brian Bradley 28:55

Yeah, I think it's great. Being an AIDS activist for more than a week, you you learn to, to become tired very quick. And it's nice to see other people take what I considered their responsibility and act on it and take some of the burden off of the people that are have been doing the job all along. It's very nice to see that very diverse age group, and ethnic group and family familial hierarchy and structure components of it all.



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You know, I think that a very powerful a very powerful force in the coming election could be the parents when people are called. There was a town meeting a couple of nights ago on Nightline type and they're they're accusing the media of being liberally they didn't they throw the family values at us at the media and and throw it out. I would just like to have a PFLAG mom or PFLAG dad stand up and say, Hey, what about my family? I think it's more powerful coming from them than coming from us. From the point of view of the general population, because then everyone looks at looks at that person say that could be me, even if I'm not gay or lesbian myself. I could have a member of my family and a lot of people, one out of every four families, right, as a gay member,

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Brian Bradley 30:17

we've had a lot of fun with traditional family values, Murphy Brown, Dan Quayle, and all of that, since Mr. Coyle stuck his other foot in his mouth, but I remember my first reaction to that being one of four children that was raised by a single woman, not more than just a few years ago, it was very insulting to me, Dan Quayle called my very strong, resilient, resourceful mother,

something bad when he called Murphy Brown. When he inferred Murphy Brown was what she was that she had made wrong choices. And so it is a very serious issue. And it is important that the parents that raised children on their own stand up and say, you know, no, I take exception to what you're saying. And above and beyond that, my gay child that I raised, is just as loved and welcomed as my non gay children.

 Scott Lewis 31:16

We're gonna take a quick break. We're gonna do a song from Romanovsky and Phillips, and we'll be right back with Michael and another Michael from the Houston area teen coalition of homosexuals. Right after love is all it takes.