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[No Closet by Jamie Anderson plays]



Zachary Steele 02:21

and you've tuned into lesbian and gay voices the program that brings the gay and lesbian community as close as your radio station. Today is October 14 1994. And this is Zachary Steele. I'm normally the program engineer of the show. Jack Valinski is out of town



Sara Dipalma 02:38

Deborah Bell is also out of town. My name is Sarah DiPalma. I'm one of a handful of transgender activists here in the city of Houston doing some filling in work tonight.

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Zachary Steele 02:48

And Sandra Bernhard was scheduled to perform at the Arena Theatre on October 21. That concert has been canceled and we will not have that interview as previously announced.

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Sara Dipalma 03:00

Suzanne will be -- Suzanne Anderson of course will be talking to the inventors of a game called the Rainbow Game, Penny Rose and Dr. Andriana Jovan

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Zachary Steele 03:09

Cynthia Gabba reviews the play Bent at the skyline theatre through tomorrow night.

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Sara Dipalma 03:14

And let me see here we have Dee Macaluso and Deborah Hope from the Kathy and Mo Show. They'll be speaking with Brent Shockley.

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Zachary Steele 03:22

Also Melody Blake will be interviewing author entertainer and therapist Joanne Lou --, Joanne Loulan, Hey, say that three times fast. We'll be speaking here in Houston at the live meeting next Friday.

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Sara Dipalma 03:35

Of course, we're going to have our regular features Mary Helen is going to hear music for us. We'll have our news wrap from this way out and of course our ever famous calendar of events. But I guess we should probably start with Suzanne Anderson.

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Suzanne Anderson 03:48

This is Suzanne Anderson speaking out for lesbian and gay voices. In Denver. The anti gay rights amendment that set off a nationwide boycott of Colorado was declared Are you ready on constitutional Tuesday by the state Supreme Court, which said it denies homosexual an equal voice in government. The right to participate equally in political process is clearly affected by amendment to keep justice set wrote in a six to one majority amendment to which would have struck down anti discrimination ordinances in Denver, Boulder and Aspen was never enforced. It was challenged immediately after his passage, and has been a subject of court battles ever since. After amendment two's passage gay rights activist launched a nationwide boycott of Colorado's tourism and they said that it cost Colorado over 120 million and laws convention

business and I know it lost one little ski trip for me. The ruling is a decisive authority affirm an affirmation of lesbian and gay rights and a crushing blow to the radical rights efforts to curtail important constitutional protection. said Suzanne Goldberg, who was an attorney at the gay rights organization, lambda, Legal Defense and Education Fund. Also speaking of these crazy amendments, I'm going to read you sound gave me a copy of the Idaho code, which is up for vote now get this, provided that no state agency department or political subdivisions, shall grant minority status to persons who engage in homosexual behavior, providing that the same sex marriage and the domestic partnerships shall not be legally recognized, providing that elementary and secondary school educators shall not discuss homosexuality as acceptable behavior, be providing that no state funds shall be expended in a manner that has the effect of accepting or approving homosexuality and on and on and on. It's absolutely disgusting. This is going to end up in the United States Supreme Court and that's where it'll all be decided out and the way things have been going so far in these amendments, they've been pretty much the government's been working in our favor, so hopefully the Supreme Court will do the same. out of Washington, the Justice Department officials Thursday we're studying the weekend murder of two gay men in Laurel, Mississippi, in an effort to determine whether the FBI should enter the case. National Gay rights activist meanwhile, claimed that the local authorities lacked the will and the competence to investigate violent crime in the county. That has been the side of anti gay confrontations. The 16 year old student is now in custody as the suspected killer. Gay Rights Advocates reported that one victim that the victims can't wear down around his ankles. Well, I think that's a pretty good indication that maybe he was sexually abused. However, they're saying that that just happened when the body was dragged. At the Justice Department Civil Rights Division lawyers were making information about the crime with federal civil rights statutes and a 1990 law giving the FBI jurisdiction to investigate so called hate crimes. Now right now hate crimes are limited to violent crimes against person the person's because of race, color, religion, or national origin. Sexual orientation at this point is not covered by the statutes. Gay rights advocates, however, have long sought to have sexual orientation included. Also this week was coming out week or next we had Coming Out Day on I think it was Monday of this week and Amanda burst, who last year announced that she's a lesbian and gauged encourage claws of homosexuals to reveal their true selves Tuesday and Thursday, during National Coming Out Day. It sets them up to be more visible in the gay community and to be more honest in their own lives. And of course, she's one of the stars and Fox married with children. Her quote is, it's wonderful to be all of you, all of you and whoever you are. In Maryland, David Cay North can visit his three daughters for several hours on the weekend, during daytime only, no holidays, no overnight visits. That's because a judge doesn't believe that the gay HIV positive North who's now living with his lover can be trusted to hide his homosexuality from his children. Notice the appeal of that 1993 ruling has given the more Maryland court of special appeals, its first chance to decide whether homosexuality is a reason to limit the rights of parents. Nora's former wife had sought to terminate his visitation rights completely after learning that her ex husband get this a former Baptist minister was gay. Currently in 21 of the 25 states where the issue has been decided at the appellate level, courts have ruled that a parent's rights cannot be limited solely because he or she is homosexual and living with a partner. This week, John capers 36 and AIDS activists became the first person in Georgia to be quarantined because of a drug resistant strain of tuberculosis died of AIDS. He was a registered nurse and he was placed in involuntary quarantine. Last April. He had contracted the deadly drug resistant type of TB in 1991. The two month quarantine sparked criticism from eggs activists and others who contended that the confinement was unnecessary and discriminatory. The confinement was lifted on May 18. On a local level, the first judicial candidate David Jennings Willis, asked that an endorsement from the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus be withdrawn once he got it. He said he didn't want it. Then he changed his mind. So will us a Republican running for the Harris County Civil Court bench will appear on the caucus lever

letters and then Aren't Smith cards after all? Well, let's talk to the gay rights group weeks ago about his candidacy against Democratic incumbent Carolyn Marks Johnson. But after he won the endorsement, he wrote the caucus on Tuesday saying that he was deciding this. He was declining the support, because the group's policies differ markedly from the views, opinions and values of many Republicans. He then sent a copy to GOP county headquarters and of course, that's Dr. Steven Hautes. Who's a Christian I hate to use the word like Christian conservative, he's a crypto fascist later, who opposes gay rights. But on Tuesday, Willis decided to accept the endorsement after talking to caucus members. I don't know if you've kept up with all this. It's a little bit confusing. His quote was, it's unfortunate that the Republican Party is not more broad minded in all of its aspects. There was an interesting picture and an article in the Sunday paper about Marguerite tech camera Meyer, after being similar early dismissed from her post as an Army National Guard Colonel, for acknowledging that she was a lesbian. She took the military to court and won back her job. Can't remember 52 was a 26 year veteran and a recipient of the Bronze Star, which is the highest ranking woman ever discharged for being a lesbian. And she's telling it all like everybody else in serving in silence. There's also going to be a movie coming out and Glenn Close is going to play Marguerite Park. When she was asked about what she thought about Glenn Close playing the part she said, Well, some people would say that there are similarities between the two of us, but obviously not enough. I wish you could see the picture of Marguerite and Glenn, I, there may be similarities, I'm having a little bit of trouble putting the two together. We were together for 22 years, and I never dreamed he had AIDS until I read it on his death certificate. Sally is one of the dozens of lower income black women who are HIV positive. And like many other she has never used drugs or prostituted herself. But her test for the AIDS virus shows that she was positive. She said that she tried to find a support group where she could talk to women like herself, who faced the same problem. And she was told by local agencies who care for HIV patients and churches, that there were only support groups for gay men or for people who are prostitutes or HIV users. Apparently this is a growing problem and it's not getting the attention that it needs. And it could have been predicted years ago in 1991. Two medical groups studied heterosexual couples in which one member was HIV positive, and found that men infected their female partners 15 to 20 times as frequently as men infected men, as men, as women infected men. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has for the last three or four years reported the rapid spread of the virus and heterosexuals on a local level. Houston's health department has shown a steady rise in positive tests and women with minorities especially blacks leading in the numbers. As long as heterosexual continue to think casual sex is safe and as long as their partner doesn't look sick or gay, they seem to be keep having unsafe sex. The AIDS virus is spreading among the low income blacks and Hispanics for the same reason that the drug same reasons drug use users, poverty and lack of education. A woman who worries about paying for groceries is not going to ask a man who buys the groceries to get a blood test. This is Suzanne Anderson speaking out for lesbian and gay voices.

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Zachary Steele 13:56

Thank you Suzanne and stay tuned because Suzanne will be right back she'll be interviewing the inventors of the rainbow game and now for some music 1234 Lovers

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Suzanne Anderson 14:14

Good evening this is Suzanne Anderson again and I want to talk tonight about some a game that's out called the rainbow game GA YM II. A while back I got a call from my niece in San

Francisco area and she told me that her mother in law and her mother in law's lover slash partner slash spouse of 20 years had invented a board game that I should know about. So Crossroads market ordered up the board game and that's what we're here to talk about. Tonight. We have the one of the two women who originated this game. Let me tell you a little bit about it. Before we put Dr. Joe ban on though, the game is first of all, it's an absolute Glass. It's a game where you roll dice, and you hit on different spots, kind of like you do in Monopoly. And when you hit on a spot, you pick a card. And I think there are four, maybe five categories. And then you answer the the question on that particular card. And each different of the four categories has different things that you do. For instance, in picture this, you draw a picture, and the rest of the people have to guess what the picture is. And if they guess in a certain timeframe, then you get to take another role. And one of the questions for picture, this is coming out of the closet. So if you can imagine drawing something, I think I could handle that one. Also, there, one of the cards is an act out. And an example of that is the silence equals death. So one of the things that I found out, it's a great way to get to know people because you find out things about people that maybe you would never otherwise have found out. One of the things that we found that was real fun, one of the questions was which person in this group is the most Butch and everybody has to write it down. And the person who happened to have wrote on that square, you have to guess actually what they would say. And one of the interesting things happened when I partner and I played it was she and I put down this other woman and this other woman and her partner put down me. So anyway, a few words were exchanged, and we went on. Anyway, I would like to welcome tonight. Dr. Andriana giovane. To the show. Hi, there. Andriana. Well, we'll try it again. We're having a little bit of communication problem as we tried to put Andriana on have we have we lost Andriana Okay, we'll go to a break. Come back. Stay tuned. We'll learn all about the rainbow game. That week.



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There she is sweet. I don't think



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she has a number. Oh,



Zachary Steele 17:07

there they are.



Sara Dipalma 17:27

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FM Can't wait to meet you tomorrow this is a lesson

FM Say goodbye to your 20s tomorrow I've got a lesson



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to write really.



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We're gonna climb the top of the roller coaster and look down



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let me ride in the front car. You run by my snap shot camera



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do you get those evil Monday blues? Do you have further complications of post lunch let down. Listen, I have good news



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this is Rick Gardner, your host for the Monday afternoon portion of the midday show. clips that 90.1 FM button on your radio every Monday at noon. And join me for three hours of music tangential to the mainstream music to keep those toes tapping music to perk up your afternoon. Music to keep your brain from sifting out your air like danger. Come on over to our corner of the dial KPFT in Houston 90.1 on your FM listener sponsored radio. It's therapy for your ears



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Oh



Suzanne Anderson 19:41

you've been listening to oh baby I love you. So buy and read. And we're gonna try again to get a hold of Andrea -- Andriana Jovan who is the originator or the inventor of the game games Andriana Hi, we've got to Congratulations Um, just as a brief introduction again in case somebody just tuned in Andriana and her partner Penny Rose invented what's called the rainbow game, which is GAYME. And what it is, is five of your favorite board games all put into one and directed towards lesbians and gay. There's Pictionary, scruples, gay trivia, charades, famous, quote, crowds, all in one game. What ever made you think of doing this Andriana?



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Well, you know, Penny and I have always enjoyed playing games and with our friends. But we got tired of some of the games being oriented just towards heterosexual. And we wanted to have something that we could all have fun with that was positive together. So we thought why not have a gay and lesbian board game? As the as it evolved? We did. We tried to decide, well, what would be fun, and of course, we'd never invented a game before. So it was like fledglings out trying to fly. And we we played so many games, I can't tell you how many games we played, trying to figure out how to make a fun game for us all. And what we decided is that games that had a lot of action to them, and a lot of personal interaction were the most fun. So from that evolved the idea of having the five games in one,



Suzanne Anderson 21:27

how long did it actually take you to first of all, determine which five you are going to pick and then more importantly, to take those five games and get the questions?



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Well, of course, anybody who's ever done anything new like that realizes that it just is time intensive. When we started out, of course, the really hard work was having fun playing all those games. We did that for about three months. And as we were going along, not only were we deciding the games, but the concept of how we wanted the board to be designed and the rules, all of that started to emerge that took about three or four months. And then we did another nine months of research into getting all the information. There's a lot of history, famous quotes about our community, a lot of information on books that has been written just a ton of material that we went through, and the four of us, our two friends who helped us invented to end and ourselves would sit in front of the computer on Saturday nights, you know, with our feet up and having coffee and dessert and we'd be sitting there laughing ourselves silly, try to come up with some of these ridiculous questions that we have in the game. But one



Suzanne Anderson 22:47

of the things you had an in she said, he said, which is a category you've got. The question is I could never be gay. I'm a lousy dancer, and dresser. And the she said is Sally Jessy Raphael. And then he said is Phil Donahue? And of course, the person who's participating has to figure out which one actually said that? Where did you get a question like this?



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You know, we pored through magazines and books on quotes about our community, and found this particular quote, which we thought was just hysterical, and that and many, many more that we have in there. And then we had the right answer, but the real challenge was trying to come up with the wrong answer. I'll bet you know, who do we once you decide who it is that really said it? Who's a viable alternative? It's kind of another quote that we had was in that same category was, I think extreme heterosexuality is a perversion. That is a great quote. And then

did she say it, Margaret Mead? Or did he say it Leonard Bernstein. And again, it was a matter of locating the quote in one of the pieces of research that we did, and thinking this is incredible that someone as noteworthy as one of these two people, and we don't want to give away the answer right now. Right? Say something like that. So so it was we learned so much about our own community and doing this and we realized in putting the game together, that other people would also have an opportunity to learn. There's over 500 questions in the card deck that comes with the game 500 different questions and activities. And this particular game has even been used

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Suzanne Anderson 24:45

we never got bored you know, we found it just so much fun and getting to know people and you have to answer questions about other people. One of the questions under Group growth was your lover has just given an extravagant gift To illustrate restaurant, you are overwhelmed with joy, do you demonstrate your affection publicly, quietly, slip the gift into your pocket or slip into the bathroom for a quick kiss. And you have to determine what the person who is on this particular square what they would say. And it's really, you know, it's really interesting to find out, you know what other people are thinking.

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It really is, you know, super interesting, because we've gone around the country with the game and played this game with people from that we've never met before all over the country. And this game actually is in many countries as well. But what we've always found is that in playing this game, we learn so much about one another turn, and by the time we leave a stranger suddenly become a friend and somebody whom we we can actually answer questions

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Suzanne Anderson 25:52

about. Exactly right. Well, it makes for a much more entertaining evening than just sitting around. And this thing, again, about kind of nonsensical things. We just found it to be a ball. And I'm just delighted that we got to meet a couple of weeks ago, that you have your game here, you can, you know, we found the game and Crossroads market, and you also have it available by an 800 number. And if people are interested in calling for the game, and that they happen to be out or you don't want to over crossroads, the number is 1-800-944-2963. So again, we're talking to save me to Andriana Joe van who she and her partner, Penny rose invented the rainbow gang. And she's kind enough to talk to us tonight. And tell us a little bit about the game, which I think again, is just a hit.

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You know, it's been an interesting experience for us as well, because it's given us the opportunity to meet an awful lot of people. We brought the game out for the March on Washington in 1993. And that was the first time and the first 1000 games that we brought out, of course, you cross your fingers and hope that they will find the game interesting and fun. And we sold the first 1000 in three months just by word of mouth and being at events to amazing.

And then we are now carried in over 100 stores across the United States. We're in Australia, people have bought games, and taken them around the world, even people who speak foreign languages. There just isn't an awful lot about our community was so positive and so much fun.

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Suzanne Anderson 27:38

I think what you did was real gutsy, like a lot of nerve. It takes a lot of money that most of us don't have. I mean, you spent an incredible amount of time and you did do something positive. So congratulations. And I don't think you were related your niece's mother in law

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related to you as well.

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Suzanne Anderson 27:59

I appreciate that way. I think you're delightful. Thank you for taking the time and again, if you want to get the game you can get it over Crossroads market or call Andriana at 800-944-2963 we thought maybe we could get some tickets away or something with the answer to this. She said he said we don't have anything tonight. But again the person who said I could never be gay. I'm a lousy dancer and dresser was it she said Sally Jessy Raphael buttocks up show host or he said Phil Donahue, what do you think? Phil Donahue? Phil Donahue. You're right. Bingo. Thank you again. I look forward to seeing you and I appreciate your taking the time talking to us. And then another game while and while we enjoy this one.

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What's for new card decks. We're in the process of putting some new ones out. So if you already have the game, keep your eyes open for some new material refills.

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Suzanne Anderson 28:49

Thank you. Thanks, Suzanne.

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Sara Dipalma 28:51

Good night, Andrea. Thank you Suzanne. This is nice. KPFT 90.1 F m, the home of lesbian and gay voices. We still have coming up on the show this evening Cynthia gather, who will review the plate bent at the Houston Skyline theater. But next we have Mary Helen and music.

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Hi, Sara. Heather. Good to have you tonight. Oh, thank you come to lesbian and gay voices and

and thank you, Zachary and Suzanne, enjoying your part of the show while getting ready for my part. Good evening. My name is Mary Helen and I do the music portion of lesbian and gay voices here on 90.1 FM KPFT. About the only place in town where you're going to hear music openly identified as being the voices of gays, lesbians and transgender people of transgender gender. We're going to start out tonight with something that I know you all be excited about. There's a new album out by romanovski and Phillips we've played some previews. have of that album called brave boys, and we've played that title track. But tonight we're gonna hear something else off the album, we'll probably hear a couple of things because romanovski and Phillips, are coming to town. So you'll, you'll want to get in line for tickets for that. But the first selection, we're gonna hear off their new album, brave boys. If there is a God, he's a queen.



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We've been traveling around a bit, and we get to have quite a perspective on things because we get to go to so many places. And while I generally feel like the gay 90s are here, and things are starting to change, the anti homosexual movement is sure going full force to and the propaganda that these groups put out is like so out of my reality. I mean, like they're always talking about the homosexual agenda,



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as if gay people could agree on anything for one minute, right.



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I'm about that. When I hear that I always picture millions of little memo boards on the refrigerators of homosexuals throughout America Mark queer things to do today. And another thing oh, they're always talking about special rights. I mean, okay, there is a little bit of truth to it. I think we deserve some special rights, you know, like, parking. Just some little thing triangles next to the handicap spaces.



Zachary Steele 31:21

That's all I'm asking for.



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My life has been a little difficult. And I would help



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you know, but I'll tell you the thing that really pisses me off about these people is that they always talk as if they own God. So we'd like to add our two cents to this discussion.



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Oh, a little bit of Halloween a little early this year. And so I think we should hear some more romanovski and Phillips because they're going to be here at Rice University. Pretty soon, coming up October the 25th, which is a Tuesday night at eight o'clock at Rice University. So hope that well, let's try romanovski and Phillips that was not Romanovsky and Phillips, that was obviously something that I did not preview all the way through. So anyway. Sorry, kids. We should have had a little disclaimer before that one about the age of the audience. Hope that you'll get over it. I hope that I will. October the 25th romanovski and Philips will be here for one performance. They have often been referred to as the gay Simon and Garfunkel. We play them a lot here on lesbian and gay voices KPFT. So hope that you enjoy this next song from the dynamic duo, lesbian and gay voices the name of the song is living with AIDS.



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Very powerful song from romanovski and Philips, a remake of a song that they've previously previously released. This one's off Bray boys, the best and more of romanovski and Philips brand new album out by them. They'll be here at Rice University October the 25th. And speaking of right oh tickets are at Inklings and Crossroads market. Speaking of Rush University tomorrow night at Hammond Hall, Ross University campus Heartsong will be performing shared hopes new directions and shared hopes the name of their fourth solo concert. I'll be there. I hope that you'll be in attendance. You can get tickets at Inklings or Crossroads or luteus garden. Tickets are also available at the door tomorrow night 730 The concert starts get there a little early so you can get good seats. And I'll see you there heart song performing at Hammond Hall and Houston women's Community Chorus and right now something from another women's choir. This is from anacrusis they're the women's choir in Philadelphia. This is off their 1993 release called fresh cut. The name of this song which was written by Fred small you It's called Annie



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gene and gene Millington are couple old timers in the world of women's music, lesbian music. They first came out with a rock group called Fanny years and years and years ago one of the first all female rock bands around. You're listening to KPFT Houston 90.1 FM, this is lesbian and gay voices will be with you until eight o'clock. So stay tuned for much, much more. Coming your way right now. Cynthia Gabler will review the plate bent which is now staged being staged at the Houston Skyline theater. And so Good evening, Cynthia. Okay. Awesome. She comes rolling in here like almost had to drive right into the studio to get here but we saw we saw you pulling up we need make it. We had faith in you. Thank you,



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Mary Helen. Inside Out productions and the Houston Skyline theater present the final weekend of the run of the play band by playwright Martin Sherman, directed by Bob Maddux sat in pre World War Two Nazi Germany, where the war within had just begun. Bent follows the lives of three gay men who one by one succumb to the social purification process that would

eventually be known as the Holocaust, though afforded some privileges and protection during the initial stages of the Nazi ascension to power, homosexuals eventually fell out of favor, and were hunted and often killed. If taken alive, gays were sent to encampments like dark owl, where the second half of the play takes place, and imaginable as it is there that there would exist a hierarchy and a human abyss like Dachau, one does exist. And at the very nature of the hierarchy lies the homosexual prisoner. Though there are a few records and accounts of the treatment of gays in German concentration camps, it is generally agreed that gays were given the most dangerous jobs in the camps. That among that the average life expectancy of a homosexual prisoner was significantly shorter than that of other classes of prisoners, and that the designation of the pink triangle of color chosen because of its suppose it effeminate and weak nature represented the lowest most disdain member of the cast of camp prisoners. The play band opens in the comfortable if modest, flat of two gay men, Max and Rudy, who are living together in Berlin. We soon learn that men are partners and that the goings on of the previous night have involved a third man, Wolf, who emerges from the lovers bedroom, much to the surprise and dismay of Max who seems to have suffered from an



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their lives in Berlin and live on the run, until they are finally captured and transported to Dachau. Though the scenario of the cruel Nazi has been referenced repeatedly as the archetype of evil, Martin Sherman strokes upon a more philosophical and intellectual examination of a Nazi war victim, and though it is never even suggested that we know or understand the motivations of the captors, Sherman does more than to explore the relationship of the captor to the captive. He offers us an understanding of the relationship with a prisoner to himself. Through the character of Max, we come to question the many dichotomies of our own existences. Who are we really, when are we gay or are we gay always? When is it love and when do we choose between love and survival? And are we our own captors? Director Bob Maddox has except has assembled an excellent cast to provide the full dimensions of Martin Sherman's brilliant play. The performances are passionate and electric. Travis Ammons is mesmerizing as Horst and Joel Stark delivers the story of this play with great integrity and range. Special kudos go also to Alex feitelson and Ken codename for switch hitting and filling the shoes of four completely different characters. Director Maddox is pacing and staging set a tempo that never affords the audience and emotional exhale. And the set for the final act of Ben is effectively disturbing. Inside outs production have been achieved theatres, highest aspirations, to inform, to tell a good story and to evoke feeling, which this play does in great measure. Curtain time for the final weekend of performances for Ben is eight o'clock this evening and tomorrow evening. For ticket in from Meishan you can contact the Houston Skyline theater at 7590701 The number again for Houston Skyline theater 7590701. Following the run event, the Houston Skyline theater will present divine and musical comedy. You can listen for a review of divine on an upcoming edition of lesbian and gay voices. This has been Cynthia, for lesbian and gay voices.



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Thanks, Cynthia. And we'll have more lesbian gay voices with Sarah and Zachary coming your way in just a minute. Or sounds like beds in in the Houston Skyline theater sounds like they're doing a lot of gay oriented theater.



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Yeah, this upcoming production is gay oriented as well and band. This is the only the second time it's been performed in Houston, was performed more than a time it ran on Broadway with Richard Gere. It's very, very powerful. I really highly, highly recommend it



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sounds like sounds like it, maybe bring the Kleenex or so. Yeah,



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you will definitely walk away with a few few things to think about.



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Thanks, Cynthia. We'll be back with Sarah and Zachary in just a moment.



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Where the flirtations



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and we love lesbian and gay voices on



Sara Dipalma 41:44

Welcome back, welcome back and next on KPFT is news rap.



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I'm Cindy Friedman.



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And I'm Brian Nunez with news rap,



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a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week

a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending October 8 1994. Homophobic remarks by one member of the Canadian Parliament has spurred another to come out as a gay man. It was while the Canadian Parliament was debating a hate crimes bill, that Liberal Party member Roseanne scopes said, homosexuality is not natural, it is immoral and it is undermining the inherent rights and values of our Canadian families and should not be condoned. It was not the first time Scott had made such remarks both inside and outside parliament. But this time New Democratic Party members spend Robinson. Up until now the only open gauge that serve in the Canadian Parliament demanded that the Prime Minister eject her from his own Liberal Party caucus. Robinson called a news conference where he said I think it's shameful that she continues to sit as a liberal Member of Parliament while she continues to spell out this kind of thing. If she'd said this about any other group, she would be out of the Liberal caucus in a minute. In joining Robinson is called for Stokes ouster. Block Keba Swan Member of Parliament rail Menard said that he was speaking for the community to which I belong. When the media asked if this was a public statement that he is gay. Menard said yes, it can be interpreted that way. That is what I meant. The next day, Menard said, what I want people to remember is not that I'm gay, but that there is a social minority that is deprived of fundamental rights. But Menards gesture failed to impress either scope or Prime Minister John Chretien, who has refused to discipline scope. pitchy hands on plans to propose legal protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation have caused a split within the Liberal Party.



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Several 1000 gays and lesbians marched through the streets of Johannesburg in early October, celebrating pride and the protection from discrimination they are granted under South Africa's new constitution. Although the new constitution has slowed the formerly vigorous prosecution of sodomy cases, homophobia remains a force to be reckoned with. Activists estimate that there are three gay bashing murders in South Africa every week.



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In RB Shan capital of the Ivory Coast, the mainstream newspaper Eve was SWAT was a target of direct action by transvestites after a reporter and a photographer crashed a private gay party. Those two news men were said to have been beaten when their identities were discovered. But some of the party goers took their outrage to the offices of the boss wall as the paper reported it about 10 Young creatures dressed in bright cloth be jeweled and with appropriate hairdos spilled out of three taxis that got the The attention of the editors who met with demand for two hours.



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Or you Dina's gaze for civil rights organization held a news conference this week to call attention to police abuse. Amnesty International joined their protest of civil rights violations. Most of their complaints centered on police edicts ordering the arrest of transvestites and bar owners who allow same gender couples to dance together. Police in Argentina raid gay venues and were also accused of making death threats against the leading lesbian activist. The day before the news conference, police had beaten the man apparently because he had AIDS. Gays for civil rights claims that the courts and government do nothing about the abuse.



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In the first US immigration decision since Attorney General Janet Reno recognized gays and lesbians as a sometimes persecuted social group. A Pakistani gay man was granted asylum at the end of August, I would be a dead man testified to Pakistani who was identified to the media only as a leader. In Pakistan, a sodomy conviction can result in a sentence of two years to life imprisonment, while Islamic law which can also be enforced legally provides for as many as 100 lashes or death by stoning. Elise said he was one of four men who were in a private home when police broke in arrested them and beat them. His own father then threatened to kill him if he was in fact gay. Alia has been living in Kansas City with his lover a US citizen.



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A US federal jury ruled in mid September that the 1992 seizure by San Francisco police have copies of the gay and lesbian newspaper Bay Times was a violation of the civil rights of lesbian publisher Kim Corsaro. The jury ruled against officer Tom un inspector Gary del Agnes, and then Chief of Police Richard hunky still, it was hunky Stowe who ordered the confiscation of more than 2000 copies of one edition from free distribution racks and action which got him fired. Not only did the addition in question contain an article highly critical upon these still, it's covered showed hung Ystos head on the body of a lesbian and police uniform, holding a nice stick in a suggestive position with a caption Dix cool new tool martial law. Although the jury declined to award in punitive damages, Corsaro was awarded \$36,000 in general damages because the police were acting under orders. The city of San Francisco may also be liable for attorneys fees incurred by both Corsaro and Hongyi. Still, totaling hundreds of 1000s of dollars.



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Homophobic US Senator Jesse Helms has finally been defeated in his effort to defund any public school districts offering teaching counseling or materials relating to homosexuality. He'd previously succeeded in placing this condition on almost \$13 billion of federal funding through an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, while his Republican colleague Mel Hancock won a similar amendment in the House of Representatives. The anti gay and lesbian provision was then removed by a house Senate Conference Committee, which returned the revised version to the House and Senate for approval. Despite helm's threat of a filibuster, the Senate voted by a three to one margin to deny him the floor and pass the revised version on October 5.



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In another legislative close call. Under Virginia law, private acts of sodomy between consenting adults of any gender are still a felony punishable by up to five years in jail, and a fine of up to \$1,000. But at least there is the possibility of parole. Virginia's Republican Governor George Allen recently proposed a bill to abolish parole for all felonies. And it took a major last ditch

lobbying effort by the gay and lesbian civil rights group Virginians for justice to remove consensual sodomy from the measure before it passed in both the State Senate and the State House on September 29. forcible sodomy and incest are covered by the no parole provision.



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But a past conviction for a gay sex act won't prevent Michael Turnbull from being named Bishop of Durham this month. Turnbull is now the fourth ranked official in the Church of England, where he has been a vocal opponent of the ordination of openly gay priests. But 26 years ago, while married and serving as chaplain to the Archbishop of York, Trumbo was convicted on a charge of committing an act of gross indecency with a male farmer in a public restroom. Although that conviction was recently publicized by the tabloid News of the World, the church was already aware of it, and both Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey and Turnbull himself believed the past should be forgiven and forgotten. The British group the Lesbian and Gay Christian movement called Turnbull a hypocrite.



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You Apparently the British charity Save the Children that can't handle the idea of a lesbian mother. TV comedy star Sandi Toksvig had been scheduled to appear at the charities annual National rally. But when organizers discovered that toxic has three children by artificial insemination, and that she is raising them with her partner pentylene Stewart, she was dropped. A statement from St. Louis Children's ruling council said for appearance might distract from the event, but instead it was angry members of the direct action group Lesbian Avengers who created the distraction. They had to evade security to get into the hall where they scattered leaflets calling the council members homophobic bigots. The Avengers were ejected from the event, some claiming they were kicked and punched in the process. The events headliner with Princess Anne,



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ABC, the American Broadcasting Company, this week became the first US television network to extend health insurance benefits to the domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees. Capital Cities ABC has more than 20,000 employees, making it the largest single employer in the entertainment industry to establish domestic partner benefits. ABC was also the first US TV network to adopt a policy prohibiting employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.



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Openly gay playwright and actor Harvey Firestein had this to say about his continuing gay character on the new US TV sitcom daddy's girls. CBS really wants me on TV. That's their aim. My aim is to have an all gay sitcom someday with heterosexual as token guest stars. Let them be the next door neighbors for a change.



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And finally, when the US Christian coalition held its recent conference in Washington, DC, the gay and lesbian press was there and at least one of the coalition volunteers knew it. He warned a woman wearing a dress and heels that three lesbians were there from the Village Voice, which he identified as a homosexual newspaper, although it's actually a more general Alternative Press offering. He said they'd been Harrison conferees and pointed out a woman photographer in jeans and a flannel shirt. He was confident there were no other gay or lesbian reporters because he said, I'd be able to tell the woman he was talking to was Sheila Walsh of the gay and lesbian newspaper, The Washington blade.



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That's news wrap for the week ending October 8 1994. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman,



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follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community. This way out. I'm Cindy freedom



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and I'm Brian Nunez.



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I think he's



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and thank you, Percy, Percy Tourette that is that's I think he's gay off of her CD. And coming up, Prince Shockley will be interviewing the Cathy and Mo show them Kathy and Mojo is back after playing to sold out houses at theater lab, Houston and garnering critical acclaim at this year's Edinburg Theatre Festival. The Cathy and Mo Show is Back for unlimited return engagement. The Cathy and Mo show parallel lives. It's a boisterous ly funny and often touching evening of theater in which two extraordinary actresses portraying an array of lovable and offbeat character starring Deborah hope and the Macaluso. It's October 30, and 29th. Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm at the heights theater you can call 8698927 And now for the interview with Brent.



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Good evening, KPFT. Listeners it's my pleasure to welcome you to the art part the new feature of lesbian and gay voices on 90.1, which provides insight into the current theatre and arts events of the week that are a special interest to our community. I'm your host Brent Shockley

events of the week that are a special interest to our community. I'm your host Brent Shockey. I'm a local Houston actor and I serve as the theatre and arts critic for this week in Texas magazine. On tonight's program we will celebrate the return of the Kathy and Mo show to Houston those zany and talented girls Steve Macaluso and Deborah Hoke are back with a new home the heights Theatre in Houston and much to our delight our our guests in the studio this evening. Welcome, ladies. Hello. They're fresh from a three week run at the Edinburgh Theatre Festival in Scotland D and Deborah reprise their acclaimed roles and the hysterical yet potent play the Kathy and Mo show. Written by Kathy Najimy of Sister Act fame and Mo Gaffney. The irreverent romp depicts the two comedians in a series of sketches in which they struggle Go through the common rituals of modern life. Though categorized by most critics as feminists, however, they understand that you do not agree with this label.



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I guess some people could consider it feminist. I think that I know that it was written by two women and performed by two women. And it's about a women's perspective on relationships and life situations. And it's it's very funny and satirical and as you said, poignant at the same time, so if if some people consider that feminist I guess it is but it's not heavy handed politically, it's mostly a women's funny viewpoint on life situations.



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One of my favorite pieces in the show is period piece and in this piece it you parody to macho guys is that they were active they were forced to endure menstruation. Although you poke fun at the male gender and the Catherine mo show. Do you think it's appealing to men?



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Yes, I think it's appealing to men. I think it's appealing to everyone because I think that when you whenever you parody anyone, if someone can see themselves in a cartoon character, I think they get a big kick out of it. And that's pretty much what these are the you take real people and you just kind of exaggerate them a little bit to make the joke out of it. And, and I don't know that we're poking fun at people so much is we're showing the funnest funny side of human beings and men love it. Women love it. Children lie love it.



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Lie. I love it.



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To you. I was especially impressed with your ability to play convincing male characters with ease. What is your secret and skill as an actress?





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I'm really a guy to know, when you don't look like you were a guy.



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I've had a lot of changes. I've gotten to a no, actually, you'd be surprised there are men everywhere on this planet that you can use as role models to play male characters. So it wasn't that much of a stretch for me. My dad was a man. My brother had were guys. And they're everywhere. I was married to one I mean there's so there's no shortage of male models to to imitate as characters. And I think I do have some male aspect. I think we all have aspects of both sexes in us and and I can appreciate what, what it's like to be someone in a situation. And so I just play it from the inside out. I feel it and then it it manifests outwardly.



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Well, certainly all of our listeners have both male and female aspects with them. I really liked your Hank, there was the drunken bar room. Hank can give you a little bit of Hank. Oh,



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thank you very much. And I do have to tell you, Deborah, that you look very, very pretty today, but it's that new eyeshade who you're wearing. Hey, hey, hey, Timson wins that balls many years ago will take you to ta hoody



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tidy. Ed I invented it and I never went a year



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that Jake for currencies both main goal take kurta ta Hedy, she gonna bring me back a couple of ladies. Hey, Adele, you better make room next to that velvet picture. Elvis, we gonna have some postcards from Tahiti. Hey, baby. You look very, very nice. And you'd like another drink?



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I'd like several. That's great. That's just great. Well, although you do numerous mail impersonations and Kathy Modi, I believe your favorite characterization is a late middle aged Jewish American princess named Maddie. Is that correct?



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Yes, I love Maddie and she's in there too. Somewhere in me, I must believe in reincarnation,

because somehow I feel like I've been all these people. And maybe it's just because I've always had keen powers of observation. Even when I was a kid, I would look at people and I would make up stories about them in restaurants or the airport. And it's really easy for me to feel like these people, and I need



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to be Shirley MacLaine.



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Our listeners will especially enjoy the heartwarming monologue which Maddie proclaims her love and acceptance of her gay nephew. I think that's a wonderful piece. Thank you folks will enjoy. Deborah, who's your favorite character in the show and what do you like about her? Actually, my



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favorite character in the show is Matty's counterpart. Sivvi she's the the other Jewish American, older princess. She's wonderful. She's open and honest and will try anything her development was arrested at the age of 13. As far as her her lust for life and just everything around her is new and wonderful and exciting and she She will be young until the day she dies and I just I



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love her



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hopefully we all will be young. Give us a little bit of city and Maddie chair.



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Okay, all right. Oh darling. Yes, we're here with the this is Maddie and Sivvi in a lesbian performance bar that serves health food. And they've never been in a place like this before but they're ready to try it and they're talking to the waitress darling we're here to see Holly and Molly sing sister woman sister wheel with the women's studies field trip department Junior College extension program. Oh, we love it. Yes, we've been there tell her the story though. And she doesn't know us. Okay, a couple of years ago Maddie and I decided to go back to school and go again why the hell might we want to take a real estate course but all the classes are filled out so what we did was we went down to the registrar's office and we looked in the book The high viscous the big book and see what they had to offer because we did not we didn't get on that and we see biggest day of women's studies and we think oh how we have the

prerequisites for this go out there you go. Oh, tell her our favorite one the human sexuality human sexuality our favorite class choices choices choices, it's a whole new world what what the choice is now day one with your boy sexists and you're less bunnies don't forget to sell a bass sticks who have no sex whatsoever, not a drop God long kiss everybody marches to their own individual drum cycle.



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I'm okay. And you're a delightful and you got



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that you are your most delightful I think arm seller seller bass stick or celery, celery basket, which on celery, I



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love them.



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They're great. Well, um, although both of you have strong roots in stand up comedy, you're both quite diverse as actresses. Is this script to play? Or is it more of a comedy act?



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Think it's more of a comedy act because there's so many different skits that you do sort of like a Carol Burnett, our you know, deep.



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We were talking about this earlier. And it is a play in that we're very true to the script, and the characters and the characters. But I think that the way Cathy and Moe originally wrote it was as a somewhat improvisational piece because I know that it did transform somewhat for them as they performed it. And so we've added some little ad libs and asides to the audience, and probably some character manifestations at least if not in the script itself. But



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cooties you get on us all right, yes. Little manifest. Well, you guys had a very exciting summer performing at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland, which is the world's largest Theatre Festival. Did you find the cultural differences between American and British humor to be a challenge? And if so, what did you do to adapt your performances to the British audience? Well,



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I think once we realized that the British audiences were not laughing at anything we did, being the intelligent Americans that we are, we figured, maybe we need to change something up. They just weren't getting it. So we we did we made a lot of we made huge changes in the script. We did a lot of ad lib, we did not stand up so much, but just a lot of joking with the audience, very audience interactive, they love that. A lot. Once we saw something that worked, we just we just went whole hog with it. And they



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would look at us like dogs look at you, when you're yelling at them. They would just kind of tilt their head and stare at us on stage. Until we started talking like this. It was one that they got everything. They understood what we meant. I think it was just a language barrier. At the beginning. You know, once we learned the language we were we were fine then.



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Well, the director of your show, Ron Jones has been on a row with a string of hits at Houston's very popular theater lab. What do you feel is the secret to his success? And why do you like working with him?



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Well, I love working with Ron because he hires me all the time.



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And that helps



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pays the rent. But



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and also because he's the type of Director He's not a heavy handed director. He's very, he has a knack for picking great scripts. He has a knack for picking great actors in his parts. And he lets them go find, find what you need to find in this character. And I'm here in a minimalistic way, just kind of guiding you where you want to be guided.



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He kind of comes in and turns on the lights in the rehearsal stage.



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So that yeah, that's pretty much what he does. He



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finds good scripts and good actors. And then he's very supportive. He creates an atmosphere where he lets you know that you are wonderful. I pick the most talented people I could find for this role. And I trust Your instincts and your talent will take you where you need to be with this role and and in that environment an actor is feels very comfortable and free to create and to experiment saying you suck he'll say to us



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now we could probably find something different about that couldn't so but what it means is you suck but he just says it's so nicely said that to me



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and my acting I'm usually the opposite. I want the director to tell me what to do it I'll try to do that. And I'm also a codependent dude that's another show that seems to work for me and another story but Dean Deborah, thank you so much for joining us tonight on the art part. It's certainly been a pleasure. We wish you the best of luck with the Kathy and Mo show. Our listeners can catch the Macaluso Deborah hope under the direction of Ron Jones and the hysterical yet poignant play the Kathy and mouse show at the heights theater. And that is 339 West Night street through the month of October performances are Friday and Saturdays at 8pm. And there's no performance on October 22 for reservations called the heights theatre at 8698927. That's 86989 to seven. You can read more about the Catholic and most shown the current issue of my column in this week in Texas magazine. D Macaluso and Deborah who share their own brand of improvisational comedy with Houston on Sunday evenings as well at the boatyard. That's at 3839 Morningside for more information on that. That's 9427774. We thank you for joining us on the art part this week. I'm Brent Shockley, and I'll see you at the theater



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and thank you, Brent. That's the Cathy and Mo show parallel lives. You can catch that at the heights theater 339 West 19th Call 8698927 for reservations again, there's no performance on October 22. Coming up we have melody Blake, talking to author entertainer and therapist Joanne Liu land, but first, a quick break.



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Suppose my voice were HIV and listening could infect you. You wouldn't listen you change the station or turn off your radio. Am I right? But if I took a latex condom and put it on this microphone, ooh, you couldn't hear me good you so you are protected from HIV. That's exactly what latex condoms do. To remember, sex without a latex condom isn't always safe listening to me, on the other hand, always safe. Call one 803 428 for a free brochure.



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Okay, next up is Melanie Blake with Joanne Loulan. Joanne Loulan is a best selling author, sex educator and psychotherapist and she specializes in sexual and emotional concerns of lesbians. Mellody Blake interviewed her by phone this morning at her office in San Francisco,



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professional urine author, a psychotherapist, a sex educator. And besides that to a really funny person and a mom.



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Thank you very much.



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Yeah. Do you identify with any of those professional titles more than anyone else?



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I would get the professional titles. I probably identify with being a psychotherapist first. Because that is what I do in my real life. I do long term, reconstructive psychotherapy. And so I do that three days of my week and have for 20 years. And so I think that I that I relate to that as being my primary career and then my authorship and public speaking is sort of a secondary career, although it's equally as important and exciting to me. So psychotherapy is probably what I identify with the most and you.



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For our listeners to know about they're available at Inklings bookstore, and Crossroads market, and of course, the erotic dance also. And, you know, back when you were in here in in 89, you had a really big audience at the University of Houston. And you know, this this time, you're coming in and it's around National Coming Out Day, and we just went through, you know, our

next step. And back in 89, you suggested to us that our next step in coming out was as lesbians to offend people with our lesbianism. You said go out there and offend 15 people a day with your lesbianism. Would you like to comment on that?



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In my thing is that you know that the what the homophobes would have us believe that any of our displays of affection holding hands kissing Looking endearingly at each other on talking about lesbianism out loud in front of people making it clear that we're either with a group of lesbians or with our lover, or we're with our friend who's a lesbian, you know, is offensive. And so that was what I what I meant by that is that I just feel like it's so important for us to let them know that we're here to end that we're everywhere. And, you know, I think that it's just a crucial part of our movement. Because I think that the more they see is, the more they go on, it looks just like me and my boyfriend or whatever, you know. And, and I think kids need to see teenagers need to see it. And I, and I feel like it's really crucial that they know that we're actually physically out there. I was at the mark on in New York City this summer in June, and we the Dyke March was on a Saturday night before the big march on Sunday morning. And we took over Fifth Avenue. At first, the police wanted us to go down one lane assist Avenue. And we finally just said, oh, forget that and took over the entire street. And it was great. It started at about five. And there were all these women especially coming out of the fancy stores on Fifth Avenue on their way home from their day shopping. And I just kept going up to them and saying, you know, we recruit. And it was so great to watch their faces just looking at all these wild women walking down Fifth Avenue. And I just can't just plant these little seeds all the way down Fifth Avenue, you never know who's gonna come with us.



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Kind of in your face.



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You know, we recruit I don't need to go up and say, How come? I do wonder that though?



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They're missing so much. We always do wish the best for them. Don't wait, no, I



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do I do.



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That night back in at the University of Houston, we participated in a survey that you were doing

for the erotic dance. And you're writing that? What did you find out? You know, like, what, what results did you get from that survey?



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A whole chapter on it in less than erotic dance. So for all of you who filled out a survey should definitely go check out how you fit in with everybody else. What I asked people to do, my main thing was I wanted to try and find out what were our notions of what I consider to be the obvious lesbian erotic designations in lesbian community. So I wanted to find out who identified as androgynous, who identified as Sam, who identified as Butch, who identified as none of the above. And did other people have other names that they gave themselves were in some sort of relationship. And it was, it was really fascinating. You know, for one thing, one of the things I think, that people always think is, oh, there's different sexual activities for different people and the androgynous women are off is the 50s and each do everything exactly the same. And that turned out to be true. In fact, of these four sort of major designations, there were absolutely no differences between any of the four like who initiated dancing who took care of kids who took out the garbage who fix cars, you know, all that stuff that we have these fantasies about, that set us up into a what I consider to be sexist. It discriminations within our own community. So it really none of it turned out to be true. None of the stereotyping we have of androgynous women that are the stereotyping we have put women in a stereotyping of STEM women turned out to be true. When people reported about themselves, and when they describe themselves in relation when they use words to describe themselves or when they use words to describe others in those designations. Like I'd ask androgynous women. What was it Do you would you use to describe some women or butch women or androgynous women? It was interesting that what ended up happening is in the survey people divided those up under extremely sexist lines, and I was fascinated by it. Now, in the IPF, a list of words that is used on the BIM survey of androgyny, upstander BIM survey that describes what characteristics we ascribe to female male and androgynous people completely fell out exactly as one might think of in a sexist society. So ever since then, I've been on this one person campaign if I go around the country to really start to push up against our concept of one gender, which is really what I'm working on now my gender Jael book. So I really wanted to say what makes anyone think a butch woman has anything to do with being male. And what makes you think Any femme woman has anything to do with a heterosexual vision of the passive female I haven't met a passive them in my life. And then I also wanted to know what people why people put androgynous women in essentially sexless roles. So, I've really been pushing up against the whole concept and trying to come up with fluids and trying to come up with language and, and that's really what I'm talking about now, lots of different ways of describing that. A lot of different ways of trying to shake us up and look at what we've, what, how we are truly sexually, not how we have a mythology that we are not how the outside world influenced us. But really how lesbians are. So that's really what my, my passion is today.



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Wow. So you're calling a gender jail? Yes. Which which precludes that we're prisoners.



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Exactly. Because I think it's practically impossible for us to relate to gender in any other way,

besides dichotomous oppositional male female roles. Now, a lot of people flip out when I say that law, lesbians go wacko when I say that, and yet, I hear all the time about butch lesbians, why does she want to act like a man? Well, in my opinion, she's acting like a man, she's acting like a butch, lesbian. And when androgynous women talk to me about the fact that sex isn't important, and I, and I don't believe them, and I feel like our movement was made to be the sort of sexist political, androgynous movement, and I just don't think it's so I think, and I think that there are truly androgynous women, it's not like I'm saying androgyny doesn't exist. And I think that my reputation is sort of preceding me around the country where people think what I'm saying is everybody needs to choose up a roll and get back to the 1950s. And that's not at all what I'm saying. I am saying that we have we pushed out the Butch femme role concept, because we decided that it was heterosexism. And it has nothing to do with heterosexism, in my opinion, and it's, in my opinion, is two of the erotic positions in our lesbian community arm that there are many, many more, including anthrax. So like, one of the things that come up is that I've been using idea of how is it that you actually relate sexually, like who initiate and how do you initiate so? And then I also want to know, who does Who do you do her more at the time? Or does she do you more the time? If you're the queen of everything? How would it work? You know, we have this mythology and lesbian community that we're all 5050. And when I've been going around asking audiences to actually show of hands or stand up and say, you know, which percentage are you? And do you do her more than get done? Or do you get done more than get it then do her? It's fascinating, because one to 5% of the audience is truly 5050. And, and yet, that's all mythology that we're all 5051, we're not. So I think that this subtlety, the gray areas, the ways in which we are that we have sort of more of a circle, you know, I'm saying when you're doing who's doing when someone's doing you, are you getting done? Are you doing them, I always think, you know, when we offer ourselves to someone, we're really we're really doing them. lesbian sex, that's what's so exciting to me about lesbian sex is it sort of just keeps going in this circle. And that's what I that's what I find so thrilling about the fact that I sort of say, you know, like, The New York Times is the newspaper of record. Lesbians are the people of record, we are the ones that are challenging every gender concept in the world. And we have been for many, many centuries, probably, certainly, since the turn of this century, we've pushed all the boundaries about gender lesbians out loud in that, right, and we are also the ones that have have spent endless hours processing content, trying to deal with these topics that are really crucial to the culture in general. And I want to keep in my book, I'm writing my book for mainstream for anyone, and my and I'm using lesbians as the example. I'm interviewing lesbians on how they see themselves in their gender differences. I am interviewing lesbians and I am putting out to women in the world. Look at this is what lesbians have done around gender. There is every option in the world available to us. So that's really what I'm, that's really what I'm talking about and talking about the fact that lesbians are the in the forefront. We may not know that we're revolutionary. But we truly are.



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And, and our sexuality is really on a continuum from one extreme to another, and we can fit in anywhere we fit in. And it's basically about giving permission to be ourselves.



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And, and I want I want to hear in depth with yourself. Who are you attracted to? And why are you attracted to that? I really feel that this construct hang up in this constant. Processing ourselves in relationship to heterosexual culture has done us. And I think it's part of why we

don't have sex, I think it's part of why we don't see ourselves as sexual or sexy. I think it's part of why we aren't putting that out there is because we have this fear that either they're going to think that we one of the phrases that the goddess gave me on stage, I always say that, you know, I opened my mouth, and the goddess pours words out of it. And one of the great things that the goddess gave me on stage last year, I was in Oregon, where, of course, they're fighting, terribly good fight against that horrible organization that wants to outlaw queers in all shapes and forms. And I was on stage and saying, you know, what, I don't get they think that we want to be men, and that we hate men. How can it be both? We can't want to be men and hate men. And I think, of course, my dad said for many years, the big scary thing is that we are indifferent to men. It's not men, it's about women, that our lives are focused on women. Our lives are in worship of women, our lives are with women. And it's not the we hate men. We don't have to live with them day in and day out, like straight women, do I you know, I don't have them why? Why would I do it? You know? And so it's, it's looking at how is it that we can explain who it is that we are without getting constantly hung up on and stuck with this heterosexism dichotomous language?



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Yeah. And it's the same kind of thing that happens when you're on a talk show when you're on Oprah or Geraldo, and how they you know, the first when you're on Oprah years ago, and the subtitle was women who hate men. And then when you were on her all though, it was lesbian chic, look at these beautiful women who happen to be lesbians, and then how Geraldo tried to trick you and bait you into your relationship against men. Well, we're looking forward to seeing you next week. We're going to have lots of people over at Rice University, and at your workshop next day. And thanks so much, Joanne for talking with us. I'm looking forward to seeing you. This is



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what I'm gonna do at the workshop. The lecture you know, they only they call me a stand up psychotherapist, because even though this topic is intense, and heavy, I do, make it fun, dry, make it fun. And Saturday, at the workshop, we're going to be talking about all the issues of gender and how it relates to our sexuality and I mean woman genders. And it's going to be about how all the different ways that we express our, our gender, and how it impacts our sexuality, and some real practical ideas about how to either improve your sex life or have more fun with your sex life? And how are these deep seated issues really impact our sex life in our self esteem, our feelings of self worth? So I'm hoping that I'm gonna see a lot of women there on Saturday and a lot on Friday night as well.



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Very good. Well, we're looking forward to seeing you. Again, a good time to interview me but this is Melody Blake for lesbian and gay voices.



Zachary Steele 1:23:52

And thank you, Melody that was her interview with Joanne moulane. Quite interesting with the

And thank you, melody that was her interview with Joanne Modica. Quite interesting with the things they came up with. But do stay tuned. We'll be back with more lesbian and gay voices.

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Sara Dipalma 1:24:13

Who among us has not had a relationship like? I love that that's called codependence by heart line. I think just about everybody in the audience has had that happen to them one time or another at least once, at least once? Well, we're coming toward the end of the show, which means it is time for us to do our news. And first of all, I would like to thank the the various members of the transgender community who are tuning in for the first time tonight many of them have had an opportunity to speak to several organizations here in the city and I hope that they will continue listening. We need their support and spread the word. Let people know. That's right. In fact, we won't pay you anything to spray to spread the word but do it anyway. Yeah. In line with that I have we have our news and one of the first things that I have has to do with something the International Conference on Transgender Law. In its time Texas a political organization is involved with. And with the support of several state legislators, we have drafted a new law that would require judges to permit gender in name changes on the driver's license, as long as they're supporting documentation. If you are in a situation right now, where you have a driver's license, which does not reflect the way you look, you could have a small problem with the policeman. So we suggest that you contact the Texas Association for transsexual support and they haven't they have information and being able to tell you what to do and how to get the proper ID. They can be contacted their voicemail is 8275913. Our own Deborah Dannenberg is sponsoring this bill in the state legislature. Great and as this goes along, we'll keep you posted that,

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Zachary Steele 1:26:07

okay, and here's an interesting tidbit. Coming up in this Sunday's Houston Post is going to be a pro gay and lesbian message. It reads can you find the gay man or lesbian in this ad, it's going to be the first in a series of a gore media projects designed to educate people about lesbians and gay men, who make up about 10% of the population. It's really interesting, it says the gay lesbians vote pay taxes and are concerned about crime education and opportunities for all people just like you. Their contributions play a vital role in making our world a better place. Perhaps they are like you, except they happen to be gay or lesbian.

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Sara Dipalma 1:26:50

Yeah, I remember what it was like to think that I was the only queer in the world didn't have that.

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Zachary Steele 1:26:56

Oh, back in those old days. Speaking of which, we just have national coming out to and the more people that come out as gay or lesbian, maybe we can show that we are at least 10% Or maybe even more than that.

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Sara Dipalma 1:27:08

I happen to catch part of Pat Robertson's program the other day, I guess I needed aggravation. And, and they were using the new SEC survey to say that it is as they expected all along. Gays and lesbians are a much smaller minority than anyone had ever led them to believe. And of course, 3% of the population doesn't matter is if this is really about numbers, you know?

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Zachary Steele 1:27:33

Yeah. caught me off guard.

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Sara Dipalma 1:27:37

Oh, I'm sorry. Next thing that God hears for the Women's Action Coalition, and they have their meetings on Wednesday at 7pm. And if ever there was a political action group there it I know many of these folks and they're serious about it. So if you need more information, you can contact them at 8679581. And they even their their new meeting place is at two Ps coffee Cafe, which is an 1830, West Alabama.

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Zachary Steele 1:28:09

Also coming up as the first National Gay and Lesbian business expo that's going to be on October 29 through the 30th. It's sponsored by the Stonewall Business and Professional Association, the advocate, Apple Computer and American Airlines. The Gay and Lesbian business expo will be held at the Dallas Convention Center on Saturday, October 29. From 11am to 6pm. And Sunday, October 30, from noon to 6pm. There's going to be more than 5000 consumers and 100 national and local businesses. There are the expo tickets are available at in Dallas at Crossroads market and American Express Preston center. If you can't purchase advance tickets, they've enclosed the discount certificates up for us. But apps, there's a number you can call and they are at pay 1-800-826-8759 Again, that's 1-800-826-8759 for the first National Gay and Lesbian business expo. The

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Sara Dipalma 1:29:10

National Gay holiday is soon coming upon us that sometimes known as Halloween, and the lib Halloween party, that's lesbians in business will be Saturday, October 29 1994. Of course, it's from nine to 1am at the Magnolia ballroom which is at 711 Franklin it's \$12 in advance \$15 at the door. If you're here and you're queer Halloween is for you.

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Zachary Steele 1:29:38

And a renowned gay music comedy duo will be appearing at rice that is of course romanovski and Phillips from their Calypso don't use your penis for a brain to a do op Diddy. What kind of self respecting Fagin, am I their music combines humor and current issues to reach out to Gay

Lesbian and Straight audience. Tickets are \$12 at Inklings bookstore or at Crossroads market, there are \$15 at the door if you can't get them in advanced and seating is limited. Romanovski and Phillips performed at the Rice Memorial Center grand hall at 8pm on Tuesday, October 25.

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Sara Dipalma 1:30:17

And I think it's probably time to talk about next week. Yes. Next week we have Halloween magic. Brent Shockley will be talking about his new TV series *Daddy's Girl*, and which features are openly gearing writer and outrageous person here, Harvey Farzin. And next week, I'll have the first part of an interview with Karen Karen, the president of its time America, which is a transgender political action group, and I think you still have something else.

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Zachary Steele 1:30:45

Yes. Melody Blake was interviewing Joanne Moulin earlier. There's going to be some workshops creating the sex lives we want and deserves, will be at the Innova building Saturday the 22nd from 10am to 5pm. The live meeting will be Friday night at Hammond Hall at Rice University. Tickets are available at Inklings and Crossroads. For further information call 5290077.

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Sara Dipalma 1:31:14

We'd like to thank Suzanne Anderson. Cynthia Gaber Brent Shockley, Melody Blake, Joanne Loulan and of course, Mary Helen for music. Laura Newman, who's our studio assistant. I'm Sarah and

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Zachary Steele 1:31:28

and this is anchor still. You have been listening to gay and lesbian voices here on KPFT. But of course, mostly there's lesbians and just one little faggot that's me here. You can catch us Friday evenings from six to 8pm on 90.1 FM

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Sara Dipalma 1:31:43

stay tuned to KPFT for off the clock right after the BBC News Update.