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Scott Lewis 00:21

You No, I'm just saying I just want to warn the guy that Jimmy said he was going to take it out in trade make and take his dentures out first. That is an experience. Hey, and throw an ice cube in his mouth. You talking about a hell of a good time?

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Kirk Keevert 00:32

God, I can't see. See Jimmy, you you are why we get a bad rap about coming on the street people. It's you.

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Scott Lewis 00:41

He's straight.

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Why? Of course he is.

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Scott Lewis 00:45

What do you mean of course, there are people probably in like, well, maybe tuna, Texas that might take us straight. I can't think of any other city in the nation.

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No one No one. I've made it a point.



Scott Lewis 00:58

Yeah, it's not a big point. But, but it's made often at the French. Please. So we have exciting news.



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After our Oh god. Are we talking to?



Scott Lewis 01:10

We're talking to each other? And the three people listening? And it's because they're in a car together. Okay, so



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So at 5265738 God



Scott Lewis 01:22

Oh 2657 Is that the number here?



Kirk Keevert 01:24

It's the this is what we do. Jimmy we talk we will we will get around



Scott Lewis 01:28

to introduce that name foolish. Yeah. How many times have you given the guy you just blew at the French Quarter your name? Say not very often. She's gonna come in here and visit us. We're not given ours. They come running after you. Hey, your teeth, your teeth. So anyway, you're listening to Miss Scott Lewis corsia Jimmy's in Jimmy's in the background. Kirk's here



Gigi 01:54

and Miss Gigi from Barnett



Scott Lewis 01:59

and we have some exciting news to talk about first thing most important Michelle fill us in the



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results are in on the runoff election Anisse Parker has won



s Scott Lewis 02:09

the first openly lesbian or gay person elected to City Council in the city of Houston. It's well damn time.



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You are right.



s Scott Lewis 02:21

So you know that relations, you know that her and Kathy are celebrating right now?



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I'm sure they are. You're



s Scott Lewis 02:29

an Asus. It's so wonderful that it's a nice because she's probably the most qualified person in our community to sit on city council. I mean, the things that she's done civically for the city in the last 20 years, I don't know that there's anybody besides outside of maybe Ray hill that could match up to that. So she's gonna find real, a real positive light on our community.



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When you go and look at the endorsements that she had. She had I read endorsements across the board, every everybody every group



s Scott Lewis 02:59

that endorsed endorsed a nice, everyone that says,



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I have a quote from a nice oh, this is what she said on channel 13. She called us

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Scott Lewis 03:11

as soon as she was declared the winner. She called us first. But

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more importantly, this is what I picked up off of channel 13. When they interviewed her, the first thing she said was that I am very proud to represent the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community good for her even more

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Michelle Meyers 03:37

proud to represent all the people of Houston. Wow. That was the quote. Fantastic. Very cool. Let me give you some numbers. And he's got a little over 144,000 votes. And fish got just under about 105,000 votes. So there's about a 40,000 vote. Difference. That's the total number for this election for this runoff was almost 250,000 votes cast for position. Number one thing that's really interesting that I went and ran the numbers on this evening as I went back and looked at what happened during the general election, and the total number of votes for the general election. For position number one for all the candidates was a little under 237,000. So we had more people voting and the runoff election for position number one than we had in the general election. This is

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Scott Lewis 04:41

more significant of a win because the niece was not running in quote unquote the gay district she was not running for district see this was an at large position representing the entire city. Yes, and she will represent the entire city. Well hats off a nice and yeah, great victory and a giant step for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered community of the city of Houston. Yay. Did when I saw the news about 11 o'clock. It was just so close between Brown and mosbacher. Did they? Brown

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has one good. Musburger mosbacher has conceded. Good record. concession

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Scott Lewis 05:17

I was gonna say he is conceited or he Oh no, for both Wow,

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Kirk Keevert 05:25

we can just say he's conceited because that takes that he has and he writes it he



Scott Lewis 05:31

had an interview in the Houston voice this week defending himself about people saying that he was anti gay he wanted to say that he wasn't which I found interesting. Not enough to read the article but Chris Bell also one good. Chris Bell has been great to our community. I



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think Chris Batson a great counselor 63% of the vote in his runoff. Very cool.



Scott Lewis 05:55

Did the GOP see endorsements pretty much went across the board I support. Wow, that hasn't happened in a long. Impressive. That's an organization I have to take my hat off to if I were one, which I should because my hair is thinning so quickly. You fell and it's been under this past leadership that it's had the past few years, the GRP see has really dramatically. I don't want to use the phrase turned around because I don't think it was ever a bad organization. But they've just moved so far forward in such a short period of time. Yes. And especially I think Lane Lewis has been an incredible leader of that organization. I've watched some of the things that he's done, and how much dedication he's given to this election and especially to an ace and very exciting. Very exciting. Did you ever think you'd lived to see this J day Jimmy? Never say needed week? Absolutely.



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Never. I'm just overwhelmed. Yeah, we



Scott Lewis 06:52

didn't think you'd be here either. Well, quite 167, for grinding



Kirk Keevert 07:02

loud. But listen, we do have to We should point out here that this is the one year anniversary. This is a special night. This is the one year anniversary that Jimmy was late for the show. Because of Dickens on the street,



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yes. As a matter. Anyway, we

 Kirk Keevert 07:19

did. He made it back tonight

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we made about Yes, I got back plenty, plenty of time tonight. But I also want to mention we got a call from a caller who said Montrose is not in District C district

 Scott Lewis 07:31

D I'm sorry. Did I say see? Okay. Oh, hey, we have a listener. And they're actually intelligent things going for us here. Thank you. I'm sorry. They

 Kirk Keevert 07:43

should count as two listeners. Wait. Yes, they are. They should count. Yeah. Because

 Scott Lewis 07:47

not only are they listening, they're intelligent. So that's, that's two points. Okay, great. We don't have that every week. So what are we doing tonight? Jimmy besides each other?

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It's your show. Oh.

 Gigi 08:03

Well, later Miss Gigi is gonna have a safe sex workshop on the air.

 Scott Lewis 08:08

Barbie dolls again. I brought all kinds

 Gigi 08:11

of stuff.

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We've got Philip from the project Caesar boys coming in to, to kind of corral it,

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Kirk Keevert 08:19

I think Oh, yes. No. Project. Caesar is

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Scott Lewis 08:23

just from AFH. Right?

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Excavation Houston, say for sex boys. Philip is a guy kind of a short, real short, short hair. Yeah.

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Scott Lewis 08:31

Oh, honey off there. I've got tea on her. Oh. And she's had tea on her to, you know, hot tea. But anyway.

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Kirk Keevert 08:42

Let's at least wait until the guests get in the building before we start offending.

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Anyway, I'm still thrilled about the nice thing. You know, we have been trying to do this for 1520 years now. And it's finally succeeded with with actually the best person for the job and about one of the only persons who could actually really do it. Right. Or other people. I

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Scott Lewis 09:09

don't want to say that right? It would have to have been Hurray, I think yes. Yes. Yes.

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Because they have been around they know the people they know how the system works. And, and I don't, I don't think they're gonna back down or no, no. And the thing about this, I think I mentioned that last week. You know, we we're in an era where no one trusts politicians anymore. Absolutely. Very true. But time and time again, and nice has shown that we deserve her trust, right. And so I sit around and wonder why she wants the job in the first place.

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Scott Lewis 09:44

You know, I think so many times I think that politicians like lawyers go into the job with the intention of making a difference with such a good heart and such good intentions to help people and make a difference. And then you get into the inside and the corruption and I A jadedness the cynicism of all of it overwhelms them. And they end up being jaded and cynical themselves, you know, and they see that in this now

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she's worked. She has worked and she's been wonderful circles for 20 years. And she is not jaded now.

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Scott Lewis 10:13

Another person that I've heard that said about his Lee Brown, yeah, I don't know Lee Brown at all, I met him at the black tie dinner. I have heard and read that he is in man of incredible integrity, honesty and His Word. And that in every job he's had, that he's always kept his word. And that's somebody to unite all communities. That's

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pretty damn important, because we've got politicians lying to us right and left.

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Scott Lewis 10:39

So they I mean, what can they offer you but their word? Really, right.

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Now, I also want to remind people, that a nice is probably gonna make some votes that the gay community might not be happy with. But she is, you know, it's it's, it is representing an at large, which is all of the the entire the entire city. It's a

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Scott Lewis 11:01

lot more than the gay candidate. Right. But

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Gigi 11:03

I'd like to say one thing out so impressed with the turnout. Yeah, I mean, we are showing our colors and showing our power.



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Talk about that turnout. Yes, I mentioned that. There were more people voting for the large position number one during the runoff than they were during the general election. And I think that's really good. That really says, everybody was pretty disappointed at the turnout in January,



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right? But but looks like they got the people out. Everybody



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came out. That's, I mean, that's what I get from looking at the numbers. And



Gigi 11:39

I think it's so impressive that, you know, we we can show our powers that community, yes. And we can get out there and be counted and just did.



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And, and people may not know this, but I know it and I'm going to say it over the air that the transgendered community has been like numero uno, in supporting a nice and doing all the backbreaking work and doing the phone work and putting together the signs and doing all of that kind of stuff. the transgender community has been there for her.



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Yeah, there were a lot of people apathy, always up at her headquarters, working the phones backing the computer doing mail folding, whatever had to be done. They really did a fantastic



Scott Lewis 12:24

and what a great statement for the her first quote, to have included the transgendered community, because I know so often that community is ignored by this community or dropped out, or, or we love you and you know, we're with you and stuff. And then when push comes to shove, or when the limelight, the camera lights on, that word drops out.



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And I want the naysayers to you know, the ones who want to exclude this group and that group from the gay community, I want them to know this. You

 Scott Lewis 12:51

know, I've never understood that about the gay community. The racism in the gay community has always amazed me because I've always said if you if you took a queen and a black man and an Asian man or woman and Hispanic men or women and all different races and a gay man, and put them out in the woods, and put a bubble with a rifle out there to shoot one of them, they're going to pick the gay person first. That's their most hated person. And so who is a gay person to have the audacity to think they're better than these other races? It baffles me

 Kirk Keevert 13:23

soapboxes creaking.

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Put on a couple of hills, part of it is human nature. Even then the Nazi concentration camps, there was a hierarchy of people

 Scott Lewis 13:34

speaking which need to talk about meant. Oh, yes,

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sorry to No, no.

 Scott Lewis 13:39

If I don't say it, I will. I'll forget. So remind me. But no, I don't think it's human nature. I think it's learned behavior. I don't think you're born racist. I don't think you're born hating.

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You're right. Yeah, you're right. But still there's this thing to the it's easier to make yourself feel better by putting somebody else down by act then by actually improving yourself. Right.

 Gigi 14:02

And I think it's also fear of what might be inside and not being like that. Absolutely.

AND I THINK IT'S ALSO FEAR OF WHAT MIGHT BE INSIDE AND NOT BEING LIKE THAT. ABSOLUTELY.

 Scott Lewis 14:07

Absolutely. And

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fear of the unknown, because you don't know a minority or you don't know a gay person. And so you're you

 Scott Lewis 14:15

think you don't think you in the gay in the gay

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transgender community too, right.

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I mean, I personally have never felt any type of discrimination, or I've always felt very comfortable with the community here in Houston. With the gay, lesbian and bisexual people that I've known, so I don't see that. I mean, people tell me about it all the time, but I personally have never seen that. But I have seen sometimes even in the transgender community, a lot of argument of We're okay. Wow, who's on top? And who's on the bottom? And not sexual?

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Bitch. And I think we have to get away from that. Yeah, right.

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I read that article by Vanessa and attach newsletter. And I was thinking as I read it, wow, the transgender community has come a long way. They're about where the gay community is now. Because we're, you know, we're constantly fighting, you know, who's, who's better the twinks, or the, or the, or the leather people or the Cowboys, or you know, this group or that group,

 Scott Lewis 15:38

but the transgendered community has done it in three or four years. And the gay community took so long to do it. Yes. And I don't know that we're even there yet. And



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it's the bigger you get, you know, when you're in a small town, there's one bar and everybody goes to it, and they all get along, right? Now you get to a bigger city, then you got a lesbian bar, you've got a gay bar, or you have a leather bar, and you have a cowboy bar, and then that's where the division comes from. And that may be what's happening with the transgender community, you're getting bigger. So you're diversifying? Ah, actually,



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actually, I think the the problems have been there, they've been there for a long time, I think there are two things that are beginning to break down those arguments and discrimination within the transgender community. And those two things are the leadership. Those people who stepped forward and do things, and secondly, the neck, the internet, because there is a lot of communication. Sure. And so when something is said, and somebody and, and let's say a transsexual says something nasty about the drag queen community that gets on the internet, and that whips around real quick, and people get swept back into line. So I think this open communication, more like, you know, the sunshine, or more or less, you know, everything is out in the open. That really helps. Yeah,



Gigi 17:20

I think also education is a key because you know, the, and that's the other component of the internet, you get on the internet, and you learn about other cultures, you're exposed to things that you wouldn't be exposed to otherwise,



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this is great. We covered about 20 subjects in 20 minutes.



Scott Lewis 17:37

And we haven't even gotten to your wardrobe yet.



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Oh, I liked I liked your colors. Oh, thank you. Oh, look at that champion.



Gigi 17:45

Just glowing.



Kirk Keevert 17:47

Lavender Santa beer is what it is. Isn't it? A little Santa beard that you have there? Yes. I'm babbling. Oh,



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let me just mention one other thing about the internet that I found. And I found What's your address? Pardon? Teasing. I thought on AOL about a little more than two years ago. And



Scott Lewis 18:12

it had to been two years ago. You can't get on there anymore. It's always busy.



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And I went to the transgender community forum. And that was within the gay and lesbian community forum. And so I think that's, you know, that was they, the gay and lesbian community forum gave up part of their space for the transgender community. And that's what I saw. And that's what I continue to choose to say. That kind of cooperation



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well, for everyday all Carpenter, we have a carry low bail. Yes. Oh,



Scott Lewis 18:49

and on that note, and I would like to say that the transgendered community one thing I see and respect about it, some of y'all have got some in credible leaders. Yes. You have got some incredible leaders, Sarah DePalma. Yeah. I mean, just Phyllis Frey. I mean, y'all have got some great women run in that community. Men and women. Yes. Just in case. Not



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forget the man. Yeah.



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And the men are becoming involved more and more.



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Scott Lewis 19:19

I remember a couple of years ago, we had a Do you remember Jimmy? We had a show where we had transgendered and I think this was before we even brought Sarah on board with her own show. And we had a transgendered man and a transgendered woman.



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Uh huh. No, that was Sarah show. Well, that was one of our earliest shows and champions when you get old Yeah, forget things. At that time, she went she asked 20 Different transgendered men to come on the show and she got one.



Scott Lewis 19:46

And you got one too because you went home with him. Wow.



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And now it was just last month or the month in the month



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before last. We had



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four or four or five? We had a panel. It was great. Yeah. And these are not from Houston. Yeah. And these men are getting involved in their community. Wow. Yes.



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How quick they've come so far it's great. Yeah, there was a conference in Boston at the M conference called Path of the hero or something like that. There were like 400 F two M showed up all day conference 400 off



Scott Lewis 20:35

let's do Oh, okay, let's do a song and come back and talk more Okay. Talk about bent a new movie coming out about a gay couple in during the Holocaust. I want to talk about Ally McBeal Ally McBeal, which is a fabulous show with the woman from the the daughter from the birdcage. Ellen who got her own radio show this week as a kind of did you see that? No, I didn't know she was just crazy. bitchy, outrageous irate on a talk radio show coming up with topics

like stray dogs hungry people the solution seems obvious calm that was cute. And, and all sorts of other things coming up here in a minute. I thought it was kind of clever. Anyway, guess what I got what?

 Kirk Keevert 21:25

I go let me let me give it a shot. He

 Scott Lewis 21:29

clocked me in the hall already.

 Kirk Keevert 21:32

I have something that you're gonna love. Oh, let me guess. Martha wash music.

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Oh, Martha wash put up a new album.

 Scott Lewis 21:42

Oh, you just I couldn't have written this better. Well, actually, Martha has put together a new album. Yes, but it won't be released until Tuesday. January the 27th. Are you shocked?

 Kirk Keevert 21:52

Whoa. And you have

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an advanced copy? To

 Scott Lewis 21:56

a madman Are you excited?

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I'm saying it all just go to hell. It's called Catch.

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Kirk Keevert 22:13

Cool. Yes. Cool. Can we announce that? Yes. That a nice Parker is coming to the studio. Yeah, we can. You are just dizzy with excitement.

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Well, we had called in niece's campaign headquarters because we wanted to have a few words with her on the air. That was my idea. Yes, it was. And we just got we just talked I just talked with her. And she says she's a she's a little giddy right now from from everything. And I can just well imagine. So between now and three, she's coming by the studios here and when she does, we will put her right on the air. Fantastic.

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Kirk Keevert 22:51

Isn't it? Sweaty thing.

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Scott Lewis 22:54

Hey, watch it.

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I can't wait. Fabulous. Yes, it is fabulous. You're listening to after hours Queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke o s College Station. At we're here at 5265738 Um, Jimmy Carper. Scott Lewis, Miss Scott Lewis is here called her Keever her

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Scott Lewis 23:15

curls faster than ly? No, not really. No. Wait. Certainly not after a joint. Hey, are you still using that? What is that thing? You got it sears?

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Web TV?

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Scott Lewis 23:29

No, not the vibrator. The web TV do you still use that? Because I was thinking about getting them somebody just like really went off on me and said Don't spend your money. Don't waste your money. Well, I didn't get it.



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Well, it's cheap and it accomplishes what you want it



Scott Lewis 23:43

My thing is so are you but



Kirk Keevert 23:47

my thing is, I took a look at it. And I said okay, so what would I do if I had if I bought a computer if I spent the 1500 bucks and got a computer? Well, I would want to surf the internet. Yeah. And I mean, no one would email me all that happy crap. Yeah. And I would play games.



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Oh,



Scott Lewis 24:05

so why in relationships Okay,



Kirk Keevert 24:06

so why not? Get



Scott Lewis 24:11

good? Ah, work with me. I haven't been on the air in two months. Yeah, you are fall you bitches are in for a ride tonight. Strapping what is it? Fasten your seat belts. It's gonna be a bumpy ride.



Kirk Keevert 24:28

So instead of spending 1500 bucks on a computer, why not spend 300 bucks on a web TV and 200 bucks on a Nintendo? It's a third of the money and it does what I wanted it.



Scott Lewis 24:36

Okay, stop. Rewind, stop play. You need a Nintendo to get on the internet.

 Kirk Keevert 24:43

No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. What I was saying was I'm

 Scott Lewis 24:46

just making a point. Go ahead with your story. That's it. That was it.

 Kirk Keevert 24:49

It's okay. Here's something interesting I found on the internet today.

 Scott Lewis 24:54

I hope it was that nude picture of me on my website. Oh, God. I know. See? It was I was going to talk about having a real quick talk about having to scroll down a screen so what did you find today?

 Kirk Keevert 25:08

Okay, in this news group called all dot showbiz dot gossip. Ooh,

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I can't imagine why you were attracted to that.

 Scott Lewis 25:18

Well, should I've seen some of the stuff he's been attracted to.

 Kirk Keevert 25:22

So anyway, so um, so a lot of it, a lot of it is all this stuff where these people in news groups go back and forth and just be, you know, computer geeky to each other. You know? Well, if you were trying to make this point, well, then this is what you should have said. And

 Scott Lewis 25:38

you missed the motion. The motions of him popping zit. Why don't you just geeking with each other in 45 years. which.

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Kirk Keevert 25:47

but there's some interesting showbiz stuff in there once you weed through it. Yeah. Like this. This. I found kind of interesting. And you may remember this.

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Scott Lewis 26:00

Well, I don't mean it. Like that name was Betsy Ross. She was making this quilt yummy. Just Dinah Shore. Okay. Dinah Shore. Oh, everybody remembers that you will say yeah. Let's see. We don't remember that.

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Kirk Keevert 26:16

Show. Right. So the point of that was, okay, so the god and the rumor is yeah, that she had when she was married to Robert Montgomery. She had a black child. Yes, there was a rumor.

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I remember that room.

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Kirk Keevert 26:31

See, I told you he'd remember that. And that ultimately, what it came out was not that she had had an affair. It came out black ultimately, her the baby. Her mother had had an affair with a black man. Oh, and so she was so Dinah Shore was half black. What was she? That's the rumor.

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Scott Lewis 26:53

Like an imitation of life. Yeah, exactly. Exactly. Hey, you know what I was wondering about Kurt. Remember, last year on New Year's Eve? Well, not actually on Wait,

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Kirk Keevert 27:01

wait, hold on, because we've got one more. There's one more that I just found. I had never heard this before. Okay, this guy has got this whole list of celebrities and alphabetical order, and little gossip bits about them. And it's all the standard stuff pretty much. As far as you know. Dennis Rodman is a freak and yeah, Madonna has slept with this, but

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Scott Lewis 27:27

that kind of this is exciting to us. Because Okay

WHAT KIND OF THIS IS EXCITING TO US. BECAUSE OKAY,

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Kirk Keevert 27:29

one, the one that was that that I had never ever heard before. Had Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward, both being gay. I've never heard I've never heard I had never heard that before in my life. And I was like, what? Die? Hell. You people are making this stuff up. But

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Scott Lewis 27:49

they'll say that about Cindy Crawford and Richard Gere. Yes, they did say that which Richard Gere's leads back to bent, which we're going to talk about

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soon. Yes. However, someone has just walked into the studio. I know. I thought it was repo. No, no. Turn on her mic.

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Scott Lewis 28:06

Which one? I don't know. Yeah. Down. Only RuPaul that bitch only route pocket turn Christmas into a self promotion? Was it RuPaul? The red nose drag queen? Oh, go to hell. I mean, you have the worst. Look. Tranae does a normal accent. She's just well, you. We can hear it is

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on. Okay. Tranae. How are you doing? Hey, how are you? I am great. Where have you been denied?

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Tramae Chardon 28:36

I had to think at the barn for There was never the benefit. The new barn, the new benefit, they head over to my head and benefit. I'm sorry, I don't even know the name of it. I'm so sorry. Well, I do want to do a cheers for queers. Because Glen barns put it on. Yes. And he asked me to come and sing. And I went there and did that real quick. And what did you do? I forgot.

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Scott Lewis 29:01

What are you drinking over there? Did you Lord

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jetlag. I see. Yeah. You look great. Thank you.

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Tramae Chardon 29:11

I seen you around. Yeah. I got my new manager. Yeah. I got really Yeah, I'm trying to do with Q entertainment. Okay, straight boy. Hey. He's, he was one of the rave promoters here and he was

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seeing you at city streets girl. Yeah.

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Tramae Chardon 29:33

Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Q entertainment. His name is Quint. And I signed the deal. I signed a deal with them because what happened was they he had done a deal with a power tools. It would Dean over Houston said, Yes, we are. And they got together. They had some promoters and stuff and he was putting on a raise. And he didn't know me. But quick call one of my shows out of town. They had done a right Even San Francisco when I went to San Francisco and he did a rave, and Edwin happened. They went to the rave. Yeah. And I was there. Nobody knew about it from Houston had come to San Francisco for his re party. Oh, I just popped upon and did a number girl. You gotta get to San Francisco to get discovered and you say but they forget. That's my stomping ground honey. And I would have been sunshiny and they were here. I was I was so there's like, alternate alternate, you know. And so, one thing led to another so the girls got me I got back with girls. Yes. You were saying that? Yeah. Oh, yeah. Everybody. First house? Yes. Brenda's back with us. Oh, good. Yeah. She's going part time a Moveable Feast. And it's

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tiny, aren't we?

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Tramae Chardon 30:39

She's still working at Moveable Feast. Yeah, then we got Madonna. Yes. And I got a new girl from the Houston Grand Opera. Dominique. She's Africa. Oh, she's a big girl. She's a big woman.

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We had well, we were playing Martha wash before. Oh, did

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Tramae Chardon 30:55

Tramae Chardon 30:59

you? Yes. Well, you know, I just love I just love it. Yeah.

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New album and her new

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Scott Lewis 31:01

album to take it away. Yeah, yeah. I love taking away your that's my that was written by Sylvia. Yep, yeah. Wow. That

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Tramae Chardon 31:11

was written back in 1977. Whoa, how can I tell you so good because I was trying to catch the Greyhound baby

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girl. In 1977.

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Tramae Chardon 31:22

I came here and 70 I came here and 77 and, honey, I don't know what happened. But I missed the bus. I went home. I went to New York and said hi to everybody. Yeah, I'm the new album. I was I'm not going to tell you anything. Because my new manager didn't want me to tell them anything. But But you

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Scott Lewis 31:43

brought a tape. No.

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Tramae Chardon 31:47

I'm doing better than them. The The new album is called windows of opportunity. Okay. It's on drag House Records. Okay. Um, you know, Tony Powell?

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Scott Lewis 31:56

No, of course. Everybody knows Tony.



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will be talking. Yes.



Scott Lewis 32:02

Tony pal, Tony and EJ credit him with her career. Yeah, Tony



Tramae Chardon 32:06

is doing my remix him and Frankie Knuckles. They're doing a remix. I'm doing a remake. The to every single will be out in February. And in your DJ, Steve Underwood. Yeah. And I can't tell you the name of the single because I'm hosting themselves. I'm supposed to surprise everybody. But I'll give you a little hint. It has bales in it.



Scott Lewis 32:29

Okay, that didn't tell us a whole lot because so does Jimmy.



Tramae Chardon 32:34

Know, the seagull will be out. We're coming out with the 22nd first and then the whole the whole album comes out in the summer. But Tony's doing. Tony and Frankie Knuckles are doing the remixes. Wow. Frankie Knuckles. Knuckles. She's a she's the queen.



Scott Lewis 32:47

They all are. Well, Miss Knuckles is a big I'm



Tramae Chardon 32:51

glad to be home and I got a chance to to take a break and do some things. And yeah, he is tiny. And my voice matured a little bit. You know, I went through my



Scott Lewis 33:00

puberty period.



Tramae Chardon 33:04

I was depressed for a while. Tranae

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You have always been a great entertainer and a mess.

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Scott Lewis 33:09

She's always been a mess. Well,

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but when it's showtime Tranae is on.

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Tramae Chardon 33:15

Oh yeah, I try to do my job hunt. Yeah. Yeah, I was rough tonight. What the turnout over there was pretty big over there. But I hadn't been on this since it was Bacchus.

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Yeah, they got a good crowd over there. Yeah, it was one night. Yeah. Yeah. No, but but I always like to have you on once a year because, yeah. Well, at least once a year. No. No, at least once a year. Because all

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Scott Lewis 33:41

the time. There's that sign that he took down tonight. Put it back up as soon as you leave. You know

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Tramae Chardon 33:46

what to be very honest. I'm only home once a year. I just realized, I come home, I come home to pay meals and I lay around and get fat and then I disappear.

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But you always have a good message to to teens and young folks out there when we talk about the dream. You know your dreams. Follow your dreams because you have done it. And you know, okay, so you stumble and fall a couple of times. But I mean, you're still in it and you're gonna make

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Tramae Chardon 34:14

you know what, what's amazing thing? A lot of times I'm not average. I've been in the business 20 years. Yeah. Personally, a lot of people don't really know who I am. I can't believe it. If they've seen you want the reason why is because, you know, it's the voice thing. Yeah, it was your own voice was the image thing also, you know, I was seeing it in a time where it wasn't a wise thing to be gay and be open.

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That's true. And you were doing Tina Turner? Yeah. When

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Tramae Chardon 34:42

I was singing in Vegas and singing backup for people see a lot of people. I could almost testify to what Martha was went through because I'm a living example of what can happen in the industry. If you're if you are gay. I came out in the 70s and for 10 years, no one will ever know that I saying back A lot of songs, they will never know that until I come out and say, Well, that was me that did that. You know, it's it shocks a lot of people today to say that song back when I told you about some backup as a vessel, they look at me and go, How old are you? And I go, honey, I'm 36. Honey. I was there, but you know, look it and and and I, you know I did. I'll admit I didn't get a credit. I don't get a lot of credit for the work that I have. But one thing I could say that God has blessed me with, I have the ability to I've had steady work. Yes. For 20 years to this date. I have had steady work as a as a backup singer, and a recording artist. And I may not have had had a hit record, you know, but that doesn't mean it doesn't faze me to have a hit record of millions of dollars, honey, it paid my rent. And I was able to perform and do what I like to do. Yeah, so really, that was already if you had a million dollars, you get I just liked. I mean, you started museum for drag queens or something.

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You know, you were just I mean,

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Tramae Chardon 35:57

speaking of doing something, I did something, I took a chance and I decided to do something I thought was really, really important. I went over to a place called streetwise. Yes, yes. What happened was what made me I made some new changes in my life. I've been clean and sober for a while good for you. I used to do drugs and I used to I used to was heavily into drugs. And I'm dealing with some issues in my life codependency and things like that, and abandonment issues. And I got clean and sober. And we had and you're more

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wild now than you ever were I



Tramae Chardon 36:35

must be there roadside cookies.



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You didn't need those drugs for inhibitions girl.



Tramae Chardon 36:44

I was acting out what actually happened was, um, I haven't went to any treatment centers anything for being clean and sober. I actually went back to God. You know, I just went to the Lord. And what actually happened was the Lord brought somebody to me. That was 17 years old. And he is dying of AIDS. And it was just so see, you know, I tested positive two years ago. Yeah, I never told him about it. And I kept it for secret from him. Now I can be open with it. I'm more comfortable. Because I wasn't able to tell everybody that I was HIV positive. I'm positive now for two years. And I'm just lucky that I met somebody I met. When I was singing and stuff traveling. And I brought him to Houston. I didn't know he was positive. And he couldn't tell me. And I just thought we just found out that he was HIV. And on the other scale. I think the sad part of it was I started thinking back to when I was young, and I was a little while Queen running around. And I just realized how old I really was and how the times have changed. Yeah, he's really devastated about HIV. It just took him so quick. And um, it just made me stop thinking I thought, you know, he's so young. Yeah, he's 17 he spent he's about to turn 18. And I'm still starting his life. Yeah. And I thought Damn Hana you. You're not even nowhere near my age. Yeah, I felt like I was gonna get it anyway. But this child hadn't even you know, even got a chance to and he was just so touching. He just told this story. And so what happened was, I took him I went to St. Wives, call hippie. Yeah. And I went over there. And I told him, I was gonna put together a benefit concert for them. And I'm gonna ask a few of my friends to come down and sing. But I also want you to also to volunteer to go in there. And I thought it was I thought it would, I would feel better. If I go in and talk to the younger kids sure. about the dangers and the thrills of being gay. We as older gay and mature people, we more or less know the reasons what homosexuality and being gay means to us. Sure. It's a strength for us. It's not a weakness for us, right? It has made us very strong people. And we're we're not weak people at all. And I think a lot of these younger kids don't look at homosexuality when we look at it. When we say we're gay, we know what it means. They say they're gay. Is just for them. Some lipsticks, some blush, eyeliner, a pair of heels, you know, they're thinking of it as a joke and they don't understand all the girls that paved the way for other people that actually made it possible for us to be where we are today and Halloween hunting. It's life you're showing and you ain't no day at the beach



Scott Lewis 39:24

not that outfit honey. Meet



Tramae Chardon 39:27



Tramae Chardon 39:21

meet me coming from New York. Yeah, I could actually sit down and tell people some stories, you know of things that can really enlightened a lot of people and I just thought it was time for me to kind of you know, I gave to my my gay brothers and sisters. You



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have as long as you and



T Tramae Chardon 39:43

and I felt that I needed to do some things to like a I guess you call it getting some closure. Um, when I lost Naomi when I lost his teeth when I when I when I lost Ramona when, when each one of the girls started dying. And I really felt like it was nothing more for me to do anymore because I felt like were they not here then what can you do? But you can carry the torch. There you go. Remember something that Naomi had told me a while back and she said it was our job, whoever was left, she said of us to carry the blood stained Bama. She always kept saying to the girl just carried on just carrying on. And I never really realized what she really meant. Until as the years went on. And I would lay and I'd sit and I started thinking about it. And I can say Miss Tranae You just can't sit here just wait to die. No have to do science, right, you know, so I felt it necessary to go to these young kids and talk to them. And you know, I don't want to preach. You know, I don't want to tell them that it's wrong, to have sex and all of that kind of stuff. You know, that's the one thing about me I'm not a hypocrite. I don't believe in going around telling people that this is the way it's supposed to go. And you know, don't do this and don't do that. Can we



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put you on hold for just a minute and nice Parker has just walked into the studio. Did you vote yo did I have



S Scott Lewis 41:02

to that So today she gonna clap cuz I'm gonna tell a nice if you didn't we're very excited. Nice one by a huge I don't know if you saw the numbers. Huge March 16 17. Points. Well, we have a



T Tramae Chardon 41:18

new mayor, don't we? Yeah. Les Brown. You think he's gonna use just this? Is this good for the city of what



S Scott Lewis 41:24

I think so. I think we better than Rob mosbacher.

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Kirk Keevert 41:29

I think I think certainly better than linear quite,

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Tramae Chardon 41:32

you know, it's just so amazing how that campaign went, how it just was so much mud being slung around.

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Scott Lewis 41:37

Well, I read an article that that's what you have to do. You have to go to mud come in, sit down if you you have to they desperation leads to mud. What an incredibly proud psyched to see. Quit whispering congratulations not only did you win, but by a huge margin sic was 16 points. 17 points. Huge margin. Absolutely.

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Congrats. We opened the show talking about you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I was in Galveston tonight at Dickens got home to hear that at 10 o'clock that it was 57% and I was just screaming. Yes, yes, yes. Because I knew that was it. If you voted for you