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SPEAKERS

Cindy Friedman



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This is afterwards for the week of December 9, I'm Frank White. Harris County Judge John Lindsay revealed the names of the HIV health service planning council on Wednesday, December 15. This panel will decide on how the initial \$1.8 million of the Ryan White money is to be spent and will be responsible for submitting a comprehensive plan of action to the federal government in order to receive its share of the remaining \$43 million in federal funds. Houston will be competing with 16 other cities for this remaining money. Sue Cooper, head of the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance said in an interview on Wednesday, that the panel's composition will not reflect the county's current caseload as far as representation by those affected most by this disease. She further explained that there were specific guidelines placed on John Lindsay, by the federal legislation. All members of the panel were hand picked by John Lindsay, because he is the elected official that handles the largest number of cases of AIDS in Houston. Afterwards acquired a copy of the memo listing the names of panel members. This memo was sent to sue Cooper by Ron Dear John and that is John Lindsay's assistant. The member the memo list names and gives a breakdown of the 12 categories that the federal legislation requires represented. While the Hispanic community is happy with the list of appointments. And with their representation on the panel. Gay men have not been adequately represented of the 20 health care providers represented. One I repeat, one is gay. Our community has many health professionals working directly with people with AIDS. I asked Mr. Lin the Why were the people most familiar with the problem, not asked to participate in the decision making process that will affect their clients. Of the eight non elected community leaders, none are gay. Our community has many outstanding leaders. And we'd like to know if any of them had been approached by John Lindsay to sit on the panel. Whereas Reverend Annette Jones or Reverend Gill of MCC, er, they are the spiritual leaders of the gay community in Houston. But we're but there was no room for them on the panel. I want to know where Ray Hill is, or su level or newer Norman Guttman, or any past president of the gay and lesbian Political Caucus, they are our political leaders, whereas Jean Harrington and John Paul barnidge, both lawyers and leading the way for equal and fair treatment of people with AIDS. John Lindsay had no room for people like them. To my knowledge, there are 12 homosexuals on the panel. Under the category of hemophiliacs, and Pediatric AIDS, there are 16 appointments. In the state of Texas there are only 30 cases of pediatric hemophilia with AIDS. And in Houston, gay men still represent 90% of all AIDS cases. Will Houston's gay community allow this panel to sit? Or will we send a loud and

clear message to Judge John Lindsay, that this panel is not acceptable? If knowing about this panel makes you angry. We have a chance called John Lindsay and voice your opposition to the makeup of this panel. John Lindsay does not have gay people's best interest in mind. John Lindsay has been piddling around with AIDS in Houston. The Greater Houston AIDS Alliance is a monument to the inefficiency of John Lindsay's leadership. The Greater Houston AIDS Alliance is plagued with conflict of interest from Lindsay down to the service provider organizations. Nothing new has come from that organization since their failed insurance plan. The organization that Lindsay has set up guarantees more of the same. Like the old cliche the squeaky wheel gets the oil indicates it's time to squeak talk shout demand efficient and equal representation within Houston's health care delivery system. The United States government is spending \$70 million a day on the Middle East Desert Shield. The Coalition to Stop US intervention in the Middle East is calling for the immediate withdrawal of all troops and military presence in the Persian Gulf region and further demand that the \$70 million per diem be used domestically to fund quality health care, education, housing and other humanitarian programs. 2106 homosexual conduct a a person commits an offence if he knowingly engages in a deviant sexual intercourse with another individual of the same sex be an offence under this section is a Class C misdemeanor. Tomorrow December 3 will be the day a Travis County judge will hear the case involving state statute 2106. Judge Paul Davis who some consider to be liberal judge will hear the important case. The Texas Human Rights Foundation filed for a summary judgment which stated that 2106 is constant unconstitutional. In Ireland plans have been made to legalize homosexuality. This is part of a 10 year plan to modernize Irish society. Two years ago, the European Court of Human Rights ruled that Ireland's ban on homosexuality was a breach of human rights.



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ABC News Nightline aired the controversial Madonna video justify my love on Monday December 3, the controversy stems stems from MTV decision to ban this video. The basis for the band is not yet clear. Madonna believes that the problem arises out of her depiction of bisexuality and homosexuality. To paraphrase Madonna, a double standard seems to exist. Madonna believes that this kind of video is no more obscene than the ones depicting violence, degradation and sexism. She said that she believes sexuality is is beautiful, and that she really question what she really questions is the violence being portrayed in other music videos. She said that she believed that showing a body being ripped to shreds or Sam Kinison, spitting on a woman was obscene. When she was asked about the problem of children viewing such a video, she answered with a series of questions. Do you think it's okay for children to view violence and killing? Is that all right for them to see degradation of another human being? This is what is wrong? Maybe this video would open a dialogue between parent and child about sex so that they could be taught what was real and what was fantasy. The interviewer then made the statement that Madonna was going to make a lot of money off this video, to which Madonna replied, lucky for me. Madonna is an innovator and believes in personal rights and the right to free expense suppression and opposes all censorship. Lucky for us.



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Last week on afterwards, we reported on a case involving officer when Zell Houston Police Department and Albert RIVERA RIVERA had been chased down by Wednesday Well, his head pounded into the concrete handcuffed and then while handcuffed was tasered with a 50,000

volts stun gun. Rivera was acquitted of all charges stemming from this arrest. This week afterwards tried to find out what disciplinary action if any, has occurred to Officer Wenzel, the mayor's office wasn't familiar with this case. And the police publicly Information Office informed us that it would be necessary for us to subpoena this information. afterwards. We'll attempt to get this information this week and report our findings to you next week. The city council was greeted by the Grim Reaper on Tuesday to December 4 community organizations attended the public forum to address the issues surrounding aids as a protest and individual appeared dressed as the Grim Reaper carrying a sobering placard reminding council that 3127 people have already died of AIDS in Houston. Jean Harrington of the AIDS equity lead pointed out that Houston doesn't have a plan and to date has spent no local tax dollars on AIDS. He called on the City Council to take responsibility. The Pompeii exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston was underwhelming. The artists acts themselves are beautiful. However, the reconstruction of the garden area lined with mums was poor. I've seen better displays in the middle of Foley's downtown. The vegetation was allegedly authentic vegetation discovered in petrified seeds at the site in Italy. I read the list of plants found on the site and failed to see mums on that list. The computer graphics were fantastic as was the bronzes and handblown glass. They made it worthwhile. Go see the exhibit just don't go expecting to be whisked off your feet to the foot of Mount Vesuvius. founder's Park ventures plan was released this week. This plan calls for the gentrification of the Fourth Ward in North Montrose. The plan guarantees low income housing to replace those homes lost to the redevelopment of this area. However, they are proposing a 25 year timetable to replace this housing. The replacement units don't have to be in the area either. The Housing Authority tried to build housing out in the suburbs a few years ago, and were met with stiff opposition from people who would be relocated, as well as residents in the neighborhoods where the housing would be located. This is another attempt at the same plan just with a different angle. The plan also says that homeowners would be permitted to stay but it doesn't say whether they could stay in their own home or would they be renting from the developer. If the residents do get to stay many of them would lose their property because of the tax rate increases in the area. American General has been making offers in the area for properties that are laughable. And this is without condemnation power. Imagine what it will be like if they are granted condemnation power by the tax increment district. The development will be built, we can only hope that a fair solution to a complex problem will be forthcoming. Dennis Spence of the gay and lesbian Political Caucus said at the meeting on December 5 that a decision had been made to host the convention of elected gay and lesbian public officials for 1991.



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This is the calendar for the week of December 9. living with AIDS in Houston will be a special programming program airing on PBS, Dr. All Baylor physician explains that some people think AIDS is a great disease, we're getting rid of the undesirable population. They don't realize that this disease is going to affect us all. I've seen so many people who've said Fine Let them die. Suddenly their nephew or their brother or their cousin shows up with AIDS. Watch for this informative special on December 11. At eight on channel eight, the HIV Advisory Council of the HERSA Grant Harris County Hospital District has scheduled a series of public forums on AIDS services and funding. The Montrose location for the forum is the West grey multi service center on December 11, between five and seven if you're tired of the way things are show up or shut up. The March on Austin meeting is scheduled for today so you're gonna have to leave now. Stead scheduled for today December 9 in Austin. Plans are being made for the March which will be held on March 17 of next year. Day father's of Houston father's first an evening of dance lessons with the daddies will be held December 13 1990 at the BRB from seven to 10. Toys and

nursery items are needed. There'll be this is a benefit for the children's home hospice for children with AIDS. Donations can be at will be accepted at the door for further information or alternative methods of donation call the president elmora at 8637826. A silent Chris Christmas auction benefiting art will be held on December 9 from four to four to eight at the Missouri Street Station. This is for the AES Response Team. That's our that's been hardened stands for the Montrose singers present a season for us all and December 15 At seven Already at St. Thomas University's Jones Hall, the American gay atheists gay and lesbian atheists annual winter solstice celebration will be held on December 15. At eight o'clock Inklings. We'll be celebrating their anniversary this month stop by and pick up a schedule of special anniversary events and support Houston's leading gay and lesbian bookstore. A holiday Oh, a holiday tradition. This is great. Well, we'll continue with the annual lighting of the Mary's Christmas tree that's going to be held on December 16. So stop by the bar and check it out. There's going to be a craft show today at the First Unitarian Church on fan and from 930 till two, you should go by and see what they've got. The Gay and Lesbian switchboard of Houston invites you to attend its second annual Christmas auction featuring Doug Tolman, Mr. T gra 1991. I guess that's the rodeo people that were used to be here. So that's Sunday, December 16 330. There's a preview at 230 You get to preview him at the Brazos River bottom 2400 Brazos on December 15 at EJ days Mr. E Jays Giovanni presents the USO tour Christmas show for lady victoria lust PW a Christmas fun and then act up is having today demonstration and it's going to be at 1030 this morning and it's going to be in front of Sacred Heart cathedral they're protesting the Catholic Church and that their non response to AIDS they do Catholic churches refusing to teach safe sex and use of condoms I think that's it for the calendar.



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And Frank Wyatt is the graphic artist at the Houston Chronicle



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this is after hours on KPFT Houston stay tuned for this way out with Greg Gordon and Lisa Chapelle.



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Have you ever been so overwhelmed by play that it changed your vision of the world or in their speeches by the power of an art exhibit, or seen children's spellbound as they watch their first ballet? Likely none of it would have been possible without grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. But now the arts are under political attack by right wing extremists like Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and Senator Jesse Helms. They feel the power that art has in our lives. They want to control art, they want to control freedom of expression. That's why they're campaigning to restrict the National Endowment for the Arts. But if we allow them to silence the voice of the artist, they have silenced the Voice of America. This is Kathleen Turner. Please join me in fighting back. Call or write to your member of Congress today. Or urge them to support the National Endowment for the Arts. Let them know that freedom for the arts is freedom for everyone.



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if we don't teach our children hatred and prejudice, they just might not learn them at all. A message from this station in the National Conference of Christians and Jews



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for office was the best thing for my internalized homophobia. People responded to me in a wonderful open heartwarming way. That was good for me it was probably good for them but it was also good for me.



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Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Lucia Chapelle,



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and on Greg Gordon, marriages made in heaven are now valid in SI Dom, meet NHANES main lesbian and listing rugby is not a trivial pursuit, all that



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and more because you've discovered this way out.



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I'm Cindy Friedman.



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And I'm Mark Sakamaki.



C Cindy Friedman 23:30

With news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending December 2 1990. Same sex weddings are in the news again. In the Netherlands, the city council of se Dom has voted overwhelmingly to conduct gay and lesbian marriages, a step not explicitly forbidden by Dutch law. In Southern California, the pastor of the biggest Episcopal congregation on the West Coast has announced his intention to perform church blessings for same sex couples, despite the denominations judgment that such rights are inappropriate. But in Denmark, the one country now providing for legal same sex marriages. A years experience has shown problems can arise. Danish officials routinely cross checking marriage licenses discovered that one woman who married another woman in January 1990 had not divorced the man she'd married in May 1989. This month, the woman was sentenced to four months in jail for bigamy. Her lesbian marriage was dissolved during the trial.



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The gay and lesbian rights organization comunidad homosexual or cantina, Cha continues to be targeted for harassment. Earlier this year, the group was denied legal status, thereby preventing Doing any organizational activities, including collecting money and renting office space. That decision is under appeal, but the legal process has led to publication of personal data about members in a major Buenos Aires newspaper. Several weeks ago, the home

addresses and identity card numbers of the eight member Cha board of directors were published. Most have lost their jobs as a result. And recently, a similar listing of 35 members was published. Cha is calling for protests at Argentine embassies and consulates around the world. During the weekend of December 7, eighth and ninth as an international demonstration of solidarity.

Cindy Friedman 25:45

The USSR has been developing a new edition of the Soviet criminal code, but it's the same old story for lesbians and gays. The Moscow union of lesbians and gay men reports that the new code retains the old article one to 1.1, which subjects consenting adults to up to five years in prison for homosexual acts. The Moscow union is working with the Leningrad cultural initiatives and sexual minorities Defense Foundation, and US activists to supply prisoners convicted under the article with food condoms and literature. They're also calling for an international letter writing campaign, asking Soviet President Gorbachev to abolish the article.

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In Petro Shining Path gorillas were responsible for the murders of 30 gays in 1989. According to the news magazine, gay Piette Moscato got a che of the movimiento homosexuality De Lima says the guerrillas send letters to gays in rural areas demanding they change their sexuality. If two such letters don't bring compliance, the men are shot to death and left with a note saying this is how the bourgeois die. hairdressers and village shamans are favorite targets. A Shining Path leader has been quoted as describing homosexuality as a creation of imperialism, which must be annihilated.

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Cindy Friedman 27:19

A few weeks ago, it was widely reported that Polish solidarity leader luck valenza had stated a desire to eliminate marginalized elements, including homosexuals. The story stemmed from the editor of the Polish gay news magazine Philo, who now says he had it on hearsay follows his press secretary and the Washington DC Polish embassy had both issued denials. A BBC transcript of the Valencia speech in question does not include such remarks.

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Over 700 Lesbians and Gays attended the third Creating Change Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota earlier this month. The annual event is organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and may have been the country's largest gay and lesbian political conference ever. The American Civil Liberties Union held a concurrent Strategy Session dealing with anti gay and lesbian discrimination in the military.

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In other news from around the world, the Eastern bohemian town of radish Karlova in Czechoslovakia has its first gay club, which will offer discussions, videos, disco nights and a

Czechoslovakia has its first gay club, which will offer discussions, videos, disco nights and a male stripper.



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In England, the gay times recently succeeded in getting the British press council to ban usage of the words puff and puffed her. Now the gay times is demanding an apology or retraction and damages for libel. From the tabloid News of the World for calling the gay publication, a pedophiles Bible.



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About 800 women and men from all over South Africa marched in Johannesburg last month in the first lesbian and gay pride march on the African continent. Activist Simon and Coley reported about 70% were white and 30% people of color. Only one white gay organization, Christian community refuse to participate. A second March is planned for October 1991.



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Pete Townsend guitars for the rock group who identifies himself as bisexual and new book by Timothy White called rock lives, profiles and interviews. Townsend describes his 1980 Song rough boys as a coming out an acknowledgment of the fact that I'd had a gay life and that I understood what gay sex was about. Hey



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Townsend has been married since 1966 and has three children.



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And finally, how is the condom like a bomber? In case you haven't heard? This seemingly frivolous question is now being given serious consideration in the United States by the Federal Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. an enterprising manufacturer wanted to trademark the name of a new product, the stealth condom. The giant aviation contractor Northrop Corporation, challenged the trademark application on two grounds. Northrop's first concern was that consumers might confuse the condoms with their experimental Air Force stealth bomber, intended to be invisible to radar, considering the latex product weighs half a gram, while the ultrasonic jet weighs 1500 tonnes, this concern is hard to understand. Northrop also claims that the bomber would be belittled and brought into disrepute by the slogan plan to market the prophylactic, they'll never see you coming. countered a spokesman for the condom manufacturer. We have a healthy respect for the protection both products



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That's news wrap for the week ending December 2 1990. compiled from publications and broadcasts throughout the world and written by Cindy Friedman.



c Cindy Friedman 32:16

Remember, an informed community is a strong community. Find out what's happening in your area by monitoring your local gay and lesbian media. For this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman.



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And I'm Mark sock Romano. Over 100 countries observe the third annual World AIDS Day on December 1, a day to focus international attention on the epidemic. Mary van clay has a report on the special theme of this year's event aids and women.



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The World Health Organization estimates that of the 6 million people worldwide infected with HIV, about a third of those are female. In New York City AIDS is the leading cause of death among young women. Colita Reed with the women's aids network in San Francisco says the number of infected women is on the increase.



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Even though the numbers of men who have AIDS are much greater than those of women. Women are the are the fastest growing group and that means that we have a chance to keep women from being infected.



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In the United States, most women with HIV have become infected through sharing dirty needles. But heterosexual transmission of the virus is an increasingly dangerous risk factor. Dr. Lisa Kaplowitz, an AIDS researcher at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, so she can't count the number of female patients who've told her they didn't know they were at risk.



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We've known for most of the past decade of the 80s that it's clearly a problem in Africa, in terms of women acquiring HIV infection through sexual contact. But I hear over and over again, people in this country say well, that has nothing to do with us. That's a totally different issue.

They've got different problems over there. Well, the writing spin on the wall and now we've got the problem here.



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But many physicians still don't know which infections are common in HIV positive women. And Dr. Kaplowitz says there's not enough research on treatment.



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Many women with AIDS face extra difficulties because they're also taking care of infected partners or children, and most having no medical insurance also face poverty. Organizers hope this year's World AIDS Day will alert women about the special risks and concerns they face as the epidemic enters its second decade in San Francisco. I'm Mary van clay.



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you've tuned in to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Lucia Chapelle and Greg Gordon



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Queens



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you feeling warm all over Northern Ireland



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collecting bits of the gay and lesbian past from the footnotes in any windows in mainstream history can be a tedious task. Unless of course you approach the material with a little humor

and a lot of creativity. That's what Dell Richards does in your book lesbian lists from Allison publications. His way out to David Lam will talk with Richards about her lists and some of the historical lesbians she discovered



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lesbian list as a rather special way to get into lesbian history. How did the idea come to you?



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Actually, Sasha Allison called me and asked me if I would do the block. And I thought about it for about three days and thought, how can I handle this? And then I realized that I love trivia. And I love gossip, because I think it gives us a picture of lesbianism and history that we don't usually get to have all those kinds of details. So I thought it'd be a really fun way to sort of show our



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history is seen in a series of grocery lists Almost, almost. There are artists



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and, you know, patrons of the arts and novelists and lesbian queens and aristocrats and, you know, a paragraph per woman, but basically, it is names that is lists. Yeah, very sort of quick overview. One



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of the ones I liked was women commonly thought to be lesbians who probably weren't



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pretty women who are called lesbians who probably weren't, because any uppity woman is called a dyke. That's how you keep a woman in her place is to say she's a lesbian. And so she gets nervous, and you just want to be called that. And she'll Shut up a lot of times. A lot of times, of course they don't. There are a lot of women like that. How much research went into this? I worked with about 100 books that have been written since 1978. God gay and lesbian scholars have done since Stonewall. And basically I just took names. You know, as soon as I had a name to put on the list, and I went for my next name, because I it was a huge project. And, you know, there's over 1000 names.



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What was the most surprising discovery in the course of compiling the list?



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Well, you know, what was really surprising was not the individual names, but just the massive amount of lesbian superstars that have existed in the past. I was just shocked to find out that I had been totally robbed of my history. Like Jane Addams, for instance, the social reformer, she was a lesbian. She had a group of women she lived with all of her life. They had their studies, they had their crushes. Also, Lillian Wald, another woman in the same era, who started the Henry Street settlement. And just lots and lots of women like that, that have been totally forgotten, or that we know of them, but we don't know they were gay. You know, Florence Nightingale is another one that was quite possibly a lesbian. She never married, she was considered quite Manish in her day. And she had incredible proposals to I mean, if she had wanted to marry, she could have married somebody who was would have been the prime minister of his day. But she didn't want to and she had that she said, there was one woman that she loved, most passionately of anyone throughout her life.



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How far back into history. Did you go? What's the earliest recorded lesbian superstar, other than the obvious ones?



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Actually, I did go back to the Amazons. And even though I couldn't find a lot of individual names, I did find a lot of information about Amazon history, cities that were founded by Amazon's countries all over the world where there are myths and there are tales of Amazon's and we think that you know, there was an Amazon culture.



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Another thing that the Lesbian Gay History Project here in San Francisco uncovered LM therapy and others was the women who had crossed dresses men totally paths in ordinary life as men in some cases were lesbians.



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Yes, I found that to in fact, I held us hell whole section on crime. was dressing because if women wanted to do anything other than be a wife or a, you know, a governess or a servant, or, you know, sell it on the street, she couldn't work, there was nothing they could do. If she wanted to be a soldier or sailor or a doctor, she had to pass as a man. And a lot of women did that. And then a lot of those women also took wives. So they look like lesbians, even though we can't quite prove it, you know? Because I didn't leave documentation to the effect that yes, I'm, you know, sleeping with this woman, they don't fit into the modern day conception, even though they look like a bunch of vampire a lot of them.



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Are you getting some feedback from your readers? I know frequently, when you do a book like this, readers will send in suggestions and historical items of their own that can be as valuable as your own research.



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Oh, yes. And anyone who wants to send anything that please do, just send it in care of the publisher, because we're going to be revising and updating and, you know, this information is just invaluable.



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What about historical figures like Queen Christina, that later played by Garbo, and made into this legend in the movies? What what's the history behind her?



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She is one of the most openly gay monarchs that has ever been in history, she abdicated her throne, rather than Mary and produce errs, which is what she was supposed to do, you know, as the Queen and she said, No, I can't do that. Queen Anne's another interesting one, in that regard. Queen Anne married and had children, but she had two women lovers or women, romantic friends will say, because that's really the correct term. All of our life. A lady Sarah Churchill was one of them. And that's where the Churchill's got all their wealth, because Queen Anne gave them the states and they gave the daughters, you know, annuities and trust funds and all these sorts of things. So she did very well, ladies, Sarah, out of the whole thing.



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Did you discover any differences when you got to the Victorian era and the women who lived at that time?



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Well, it's very hard to tell about the Victorians, because, you know, everybody assumed that they would not have sex, that women did not have sex if they didn't have to. So you have something like the two women who were the Scottish school mistresses, who were accused of being lesbian and the judge said to a middle class women cannot possibly have sex. So this cannot have happened. You know, the Lillian Hellman wrote the children's hour about that the same time you have, since women can have sex, they're allowed to have romantic friends. People assumed it was completely platonic. And they were allowed to be affectionate and public. They were allowed to write passionate letters to each other, and they wanted to go off

and live together if they could. And the ideal was ladies of Llangollen, which is this Butch femme pair, you know, Lady Eleanor and Sarah Ponsonby. I don't remember which one was the one and top hat and tails, but they were the ideal, you know, so you have a lot of really interesting stuff going on in the past that I think we've sort of really lost. The book really skims the surface. I mean, it really sort of flies along and people have said to me boy, I really wanted to know more about so and so. So that's what I'm gonna do next.

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That was this way as David Lambeau talking with Dale Richards, author of *lesbian wrists*.

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If I only had an hour with the women who live the lives that inspire the songs of women working by eating great gray just preparing.

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The State of Maine will swear in its first openly lesbian state senator this month. Using an aggressive issues oriented campaign, Dan McCormick managed to unseat a conservative Republican incumbent in November's election.

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Peter Twitchell has

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this profile.

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Dale, McCormack is relaxing by a woodstove in a house she helped build. This energetic 43 year old has just finished a grueling 11 Month campaign for a seat in the Maine State Senate. Why would someone who initially rose to prominence in Maine, as President of the Maine lesbian and gay political alliance even consider challenging a conservative Republican who has represented his district for the past 10 years? Two reasons. Several years ago, Shirley Chisholm gave a speech here in Maine, urging more women to run for elective offices. McCormick heard and was inspired by that speech. Also, the Supreme Court's recent Webster decision convinced her that in the next decade, state legislatures will become the focus for debates on major issues such as reproductive choice, the environment in healthcare,

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our national politicians have abrogated a lot of their ability to get things done and state legislatures are where it's at



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McCormick's race was one of the most hotly contested in the state. Her victory is a tribute to an effective campaign and to her strength as a candidate. Her credentials speak to Mainers for example, she's a journeyman carpenter and was the first woman in the nation to complete a carpentry apprenticeship. She is author of two books on Home Repair and she's on the governor's apprenticeship and training Council. Most recently, she has worked as founder and director of a women's job training program at a local technical college. McCormick's opponent Norm Weymouth had promised not to make her sexual orientation an issue but early in the campaign, Weymouth a 57 year old retired teacher circulated a fundraising letter claiming he was being targeted by homosexuals. Weighing this brother Chester publicly accused McCormick of being an insult to motherhood, because she has never endured the pain of childbirth. A flurry of angry letters to the local newspaper pointed out that Chester himself has never endured the pain of childbirth. McCormick says she wasn't surprised by the attacks. But our whole



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strategy was to raise people's comfort level. In voting for me, they we knew we knew that, that it was a new thing. And nobody had an open lesbian had never been on a ballot before. And that it might be a problem for some people. But we wanted to just make sure people knew that lots of their friends and neighbors were voting for me and we also wanted to get the issue of my sexual orientation out early in the campaign so that there was time for people to talk about it and talk about with me or talk about it with their friends, and get comfortable.



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Using this strategy, McCormick was able to keep her sexual orientation from dominating the campaign. Instead, she focused on two key issues property tax relief and state health insurance. One political analyst attributes McCormick's win to her attention to these issues, and lots of hard work



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and I visited about 6000 houses, if from March of this year till November. I did that daily for eight months.



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McCormick captured 53% of the vote and took 10 of the 12 towns in her district. Despite the challenges of the campaign, McCormick says the most formidable barriers were those within

herself. For years, her own insecurities had prevented her from even considering running for

herself. For years, her own uncertainties had prevented her from even considering running for office



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running for office was the best thing I could have done for my internalized homophobia. Because people responded to me in a wonderful open, heartwarming way. And they didn't respond to me as a type or as a stereotype. And that was good for me. It was probably good for them. But it was also good for me.



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Missed the start of the new legislative session. Dale McCormack Maine's first openly lesbian state senator will be looking out for the good of her 35,000 constituents.



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I think the voters are ready for people who do what they say they're going to do and are specific about it and upfront and are not following a parade but are leading a parade and that's what I hope I will never lose



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in Portland, Maine for this way out, I'm Peter Twitchell.



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revolutionize our everyday lives



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Teaching



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Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Friedman marks like a mono Mary van clay, David Lambo and Peter Twitch all contributed program material. Thanks also to Mike alkali and Gary Taylor.



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You heard music performed by Holly near and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.



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now Y'all stay tuned.



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You know, styles of music really don't benefit from being pigeonholed. I'm Michael Leone and on my eclectic program Carioca, I tried to break down some of the artificial walls between different types of music. I told you to vote part of his program to a particular artists but I also have several continuing series by a varied list of musicians. Each program also features some long forgotten but still fun recordings from the 78 RPM era. Or the way the name periodic comes from a dance featured in the 1933 film flying down to Rio, and I tried to call it by the 1930s Hollywood musical and most programs, Carioca is unique and it might be your kind of program. Tune in Tuesday mornings 3am to 6am and find out for yourself only on KPFT Houston FM 90.1.



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in the heat of the night, we have blues for you

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I'm feeling marvelous, some stop

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covering the boat

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biting into my flesh flowing through my veins.

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their speeches by the power of an art exhibit? Or seeing children spellbound as they watch
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