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Speaker 37, Speaker 36, Jimmy Carper, Scott Lewis, Speaker 35

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Speaker 35 00:03

I was just backstage on the phone with two wonderful artists who are members of our Hollywood community in my community. And they are watching this on television. And they wanted me to say to you how proud they are of today and how proud they are to be members of this community. Love Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner.

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Jimmy Carper 00:34

Yes, that last was Robin Tyler speaking at the March on Washington talking about Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner being members of the gay and lesbian community. They're finally out kids. We knew it all along, but hey, what the hell? And before that was something I bet nobody knew what it was. I could have done a trivia question on that it was from Robert Ludlow's Ridiculous Theatre Company. And only maybe let's see, I'm trying to think Jeff Mackey out there might know what I'm talking about and maybe some other kind of theater people but in gay and lesbian history, Robert, Robert Ludlow, right. Am I saying that right, Charles Ludlum. Oh, boy I don't even know what Charles Ludlum is like the number one in gay and lesbian theater. I mean, he put, he was putting together, writing theater putting together theater when they didn't even have a space to do it. They put out some wonderful things and this was from one of his shows. It was called "Thank God He Made Me a Drag Queen." I think it's a really nice little show number. I've been wanting to do it for several weeks and I never had a place to fit it in. I finally did, finally got some room to do it. Now by request coming up, and I love to get these requests. I really love it. It's Melissa Etheridge. It's, Catherine called in and wanted to hear some Melissa Etheridge and I am so happy to do it, especially on the QMZ, queer music zone because Melissa is out of the closet, played at the March on Washington, was a smash. And this happens to be Catherine's favorite. It's off of the red album as I call it because it just says Melissa Etheridge and has a red background. And it's called "Like The Way I Do." Doug Stevens & The Outband with "Out in the Country." I've been looking for an openly gay Country and Western band for a long time and had to seek as far as New York City to find that. They also played at the March on Washington and their mus--music is available. It's gonna be available right here at Inklings cause I talked with Pokey and she ordered it while I was standing there. So if you want to hear more of Doug Stevens & The Outband, you can pick something up over

there. Before that we had Melissa Etheridge, and that was requested by Catharine, I do love those requests. I sure do. Yes, indeedy. This has been the QMZ with Jimmy, kind of an elongated version, which I kind of like, most of the QMZ's have only been about 10, 15 minutes long here lately.

 Scott Lewis 03:40

It was only thing you've got to offer the too elongated. Hey, hey, I can I'm just like that reporter says, you know how gay men love to gossip like that private I says in Houston Press. Oh, and I've been down around at French Quarter after you've been there.

 Jimmy Carper 03:57

And everybody is walking out with a smile on their face, honey.

 Scott Lewis 04:00

Well, this is true. But their lips are moving.

 Jimmy Carper 04:06

I know that's right.

 Scott Lewis 04:08

Where's those cats.

 Jimmy Carper 04:09

Really. Where are those cats? Now that you need them? So this has been the QMZ. Thanks for listening.

 Scott Lewis 04:15

And we're back like you ever went anywhere.

 Jimmy Carper 04:19

I know.

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Scott Lewis 04:19

He doesn't get far you know, with that walker so

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Jimmy Carper 04:21

I'm gonna leave it with you so I can go out in the lobby and have a doughnut or something, take a break.

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Scott Lewis 04:25

Okay. You're gonna ditch me here. I see how you are.

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Jimmy Carper 04:28

No. Would I do that?

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Scott Lewis 04:32

Yes.

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Jimmy Carper 04:33

Oh, are you trying to tell me to move now, you want my chair and everything?

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Scott Lewis 04:37

Well, that's the only thing you have to offer that I want, is your chair.

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Jimmy Carper 04:41

That's not true. You want all of my jewelry, I can see it in your eyes.

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Scott Lewis 04:44

Actually the coat, remember the coat, the coat that I want? Yes. I want to coat and you are getting older. So I hope you have a will, you know, at your age you would need it at any time and I want the coat it's the only thing I want.

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Jimmy Carper 05:00

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What coat is that dear?

 Scott Lewis 05:02

The mink lined leather bomber like you don't know. Like you have no clue which cut like I want

 Jimmy Carper 05:08

Now you want both of them how you want Brian's and you want mine both?

 Scott Lewis 05:11

I couldn't fit in Brian's, I don't want Brian's. Brian's a little old Barbie doll full length mink coats.

 Jimmy Carper 05:17

Yeah, that might be, you might have a problem.

 Scott Lewis 05:19

I could, I could get it customized, I could get it customized up into a jacket, baby. I want your little leather bomber that's mink lined, is what I want.

 Jimmy Carper 05:30

It's not lined honey. It's reversible.

 Scott Lewis 05:33

Revers-- Well, that's even better. Kind of like your ass. It's reversible. Feels

 Jimmy Carper 05:40

How do you think I got the damn coat, bitch?

 Scott Lewis 05:44

That was it. Um, what's going on in the community? Anything exciting? Anything exciting? The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

J Jimmy Carper 05:55

I mean, after after Pride Week. You know, we

S Scott Lewis 05:59

Shut up. You interrupted me. How rude. I'm sitting here getting ready to do a public service announcement for your favorite organization and you just jump in? How rude. Do I ever do that? All the damn time. I'm sorry. You were saying? Oh, I see.

J Jimmy Carper 06:15

No, I mean, we just had Pride Week and before that March on Washington. Gosh, can't we have a week of rest or something?

S Scott Lewis 06:21

No, there is no rest until I can walk down the aisle and get married with dead Anita Rodeheaver's signature on the certificate.

J Jimmy Carper 06:31

I've been trying to think which of the hundreds of, or would you? I mean, once, I know how you are, once, once you get, once you're able to get married, then you're gonna want polygamy.

S Scott Lewis 06:46

Polygamy. No, I don't like her. I don't find her attractive at all.

J Jimmy Carper 06:54

But what about the Switchboard?

S Scott Lewis 06:55

Probably, probably, moving on from my social life. The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard is pleased to announce, they've told me here in this, for immediate release, public service announcements for you, Jewel. They are, got their upcoming volunteer training classes, where you go in and you get trained on how to work on their phones and so forth.

J Jimmy Carper 07:22

Isn't that in August?

 Scott Lewis 07:23

Uh huh. It's August 7, and 8th and 14th and 15th. And because it's an all volunteer organization, you come in and they explain to you how to work on their phones and stuff. Because sometimes the phones break down and they need people to know how to work on them.

 Jimmy Carper 07:39

No, no, no, no. But we do.

 Scott Lewis 07:42

They've got lesbians for that.

 Jimmy Carper 07:43

That's right. And as a matter of fact, that was great. All the lesbians built the the Switchboard float, I want you to know that I don't think a man touched it. It was all lesbian put together. And it was wonderful. Anyway, we do need to get that word out on the training classes early because, you know, it takes a lot. It takes two weekends of your life to do it. This is intensive training kids. I mean cause, it's all day Saturday and Sunday than the next week, all day, Saturday and Sunday, because that's what it takes to learn how to answer a phone. I'm not kidding. We're just not out there dispensing advice and stuff that, there's training that goes along with it.

 Scott Lewis 08:27

Oh, sure. Because y'all provide business per--, business organization referrals, HIV/AIDS, information, phone counseling, even crisis intervention, not to mention that you have a TDD TTY line for the hearing impaired.

 Jimmy Carper 08:42

That's right.

 Scott Lewis 08:43

Now how do those work?

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Jimmy Carper 08:44

They're great fun, actually, we don't get a whole lot of business on them lately, because they've got some automated system going. But a, it's, it's kind of like a little typewriter and you stick the phone in it. And then you're listening on another phone, while someone is telling you what they want to tell the hearing impaired person who has a machine, right and you're typing and across the top, there's a line of type and that types out what you're saying,

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Scott Lewis 09:16

Well, isn't that just insane?

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Jimmy Carper 09:18

So the hearing person is telling you what they want, what to say, you type it out, and then the hearing impaired person types it back to you. And then you relate it to the person on the phone. It's kind of fun, especially when they're having arguments together and stuff like that.

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Scott Lewis 09:35

And they start typing real fast.

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Jimmy Carper 09:37

Yeah, you know,

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Scott Lewis 09:38

And fierce.

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Jimmy Carper 09:39

Start calling each other names and

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Scott Lewis 09:41

Fast and fierce baby. How can they get in on that? Training.

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Jimmy Carper 09:46

Oh, just give the switchboard a call five to 930 to 11 and we'll sign you up. So we know we have

to get this word out early because we realize that there are people that work on weekends or, or kind of a have to really rearrange the schedule, especially working mothers, or single mothers.

 Scott Lewis 10:06

Kind of like you.

 Jimmy Carper 10:07

Yeah. Right. It's very tough, but it's one of the things we require because we only want A1 people on those phones. Because sometimes, you know, if somebody's in a real bad way, it takes a trained person.

 Scott Lewis 10:24

Oh, sure, sure I can, I wouldn't even want to begin to handle something, a crisis situation without knowing. So you can get involved in that and make a true, really an incredible contribution to the Switchboard.

 Jimmy Carper 10:36

Not only that, but you know, it's it's a great place for people who are still in the closet or feel they can't come out of the closet like school teachers. We have an incredible amount of school teachers who volunteer their time at the Switchboard. People in the professions, just people who are not ready to come out or people who were making that first step to come out.

 Scott Lewis 10:57

So you can support the Switchboard and the gay and lesbian community by being involved with Switchboard by just calling 529-3211 and get involved in that and also I want to remind you once again, that you can get involved in support the Switchboard at Heaven, Tuesday, July 13, Jerry Halliday, puppeteer from Las Vegas we'll be in and all the door proceeds, all the money goes to the Gay Lesbian Switchboard, hate crimes hotline and the 800 Pacific employee emergency fund. I also want to remind everybody that Sam Nuchia, our beloved Chief of Police will be

 Jimmy Carper 11:34

Gag.

 Scott Lewis 11:35

Yeah, well. He will be at the GLPC meeting HGLPC for the 90s and when they get here we'll be sure and send him welcome basket of fruit. HGLPC for the 90s meets, but yeah, well they've already got one of those as a president, the Montrose Activity Center, 3330 Graustark directly behind the Wendy's on Westheimer right there at the curb. So be there if you want to be inside or outside. I think it's essential that we are there. And we show them that we care. It's a lie. It's a scam. Nuchia doesn't give a damn. Oh, I love it already. Um, if you were listening earlier in the program, yeah. Or even if you weren't, let me tell you what we talked about.

J Jimmy Carper 12:26

What did we talk about?

S Scott Lewis 12:27

Here's a, here's the Reader's Digest. I want to do a song.

J Jimmy Carper 12:31

Wait a minute. We never did talk about the rally.

S Scott Lewis 12:36

That's because it didn't happen.

J Jimmy Carper 12:37

Yeah, but I mean, there's a lot to it.

S Scott Lewis 12:39

Okay. So I don't want to do a song.

J Jimmy Carper 12:42

No do the song.

S Scott Lewis 12:44

I'm gonna do your song in a minute. The rally was a complete fiasco.

J Jimmy Carper 12:47

It really wasn't that it was a fiasco it was that the weather had been bad. Okay, it had been raining that afternoon. It was a mud puddle down at the bottom of Spots Park. Then, as the word that got to us was that some truck got caught in the mud somewhere and they couldn't do the fireworks, that it was a problem with that. And I can well understand that because the fire truck did come and was waiting, as fire trucks do whenever there are fireworks gonna go off. And then it waited for a while and then left and then we got the word. The other part was is that, as it was explained to me by Jack, Jack Valinski is that we had a contract with the city for the stage, you know, because we're going to have all that entertainment. And the contract stated that if there were any rain, that the people who put up the stage, take it away, because it's electrified, they came out to put up the stage, it sprinkled and they took it away, and there was no electricity, so we could not have the entertainment. So it was a matter of weather, rather than anything else. So because it was caused by weather, it wasn't a fiasco? No, I'm not saying it wasn't a fiasco. I never said it wasn't a fiasco. Actually, I did have a good time. I saw a lot of people there that I knew. I wish I had seen a lot more that I knew. But you know, there was probably about 10% of the people expected.

S Scott Lewis 14:29

Showed up. Yeah, I was disappointed in the turnout. I was there. I drove by and I just didn't see anybody and it didn't look like anything was going on. And so I made a U turn and went back to the clubs. Alright, see, anyway, speaking of clubs, I want to do this song for all the leather men out there. Just to remind you where our movement started. It started 24 years ago this past month, with some drag queens and hustlers in a little bar in New York City. Probably Not a whole lot different from the ones that y'all hang out in. And if it weren't for those drag queens back then then you wouldn't be where you are today with your Ripcord or your Montrose Mining Company or you rent you're in or whatever. And we have a great new role model drag queen and I want to play her latest single, which is just too fierce. It's RuPaul and "Back to my Roots." An example to us all, RuPaul. Oh, I kind of made a little rhyme why? Didn't I? Can you tell I'm tired and I want to be at home in bed? If you'd like to join me. Just kidding.

J Jimmy Carper 15:45

She ain't right.

S Scott Lewis 15:46

No, she ain't right. Greg Ford is here. Do you want to talk briefly about your participation with HATCH and the gay lesbian Pride Parade?

S Speaker 36 15:59

Yes, I most certainly do. If I can get this microphone to do

 Scott Lewis 16:04



SCOTT LEWIS 16:04

What did, what did you think of the parade?

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Speaker 36 16:06

I thought it was just fabulous. I marched with HATCH, and we yelled and screamed. I don't think the chants that we did were pretty good. I don't think, I thought, I thought I could think of something better. But, but still, that, that's, you know, a small part of it sounds like the, the big, the big, big thing is that, that we were, we were young queers out there saying that you don't have to be a 45 year old man and be a dirty old man to be a queer. Short, short, sweet and hard to beat.

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Scott Lewis 16:40

And you hear a thank you from the background from an old dirty 45 year old queer.

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Speaker 36 16:46

Well, I wasn't making any references to Jimmy.

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Jimmy Carper 16:50

Thank you so much dear.

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Scott Lewis 16:52

But if the if the glass pump fits. Oh, and what are those you're wearing tonight, dear? I see.

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Jimmy Carper 17:00

A pat leatherette number.

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Speaker 36 17:02

Worn out loafers.

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Scott Lewis 17:04

Oh, her loafers ain't all that's worn out baby. Did you go, did, did you go? Y'all, y'all sound like never mind, I'm not gonna say it, miss, never mind.

 Speaker 36 17:22

Ever since that you played that Out in the Country. Right after you played that I had a, even though I'm very punk, there's a streak in me that like country, I had a big urge to go yeehaw.

 J Jimmy Carper 17:41

Yeah, that's what you like about it?

 Speaker 36 17:44

No, come on. You're not gonna tell my secrets are you? Hey,

 S Scott Lewis 17:52

Greg, you don't have any secrets.

 Speaker 36 17:54

Young queers are supposed to be respectable. Not.

 S Scott Lewis 18:00

Oh, and we digress.

 Speaker 36 18:03

Um, but I marched with HATCH, which is Houston Area Teen Coalition for Homosexuals. It's a a gay and lesbian teenage support group that deals with issues of being, being young and gay, or young and lesbian. We meet on Fridays, a certain church

 S Scott Lewis 18:31

But anyway, that HATCH meets at the First Unitarian Church on Friday nights at 7:30 and Sunday's

 Speaker 36 18:38

At 6:30 on Sunday.

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Scott Lewis 18:40

And 6:30 on Sunday, First Unitarian Church. And it's, it's a, it's a young social group. So if you're young, and you're social, and you want to, and you want to meet other people, when I guess you have to be queer, and you want to watch movies and do all the things that young people do,

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Speaker 37 19:03

Do they let bisexuals in there too? Or you have to be

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Speaker 36 19:06

Yes. Yes, we let bisexuals in and and gay supporters for those who want to say, to say that, you know, they're not homophobic and that they don't really care whether you're gay or not. Because guess about a year ago,

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Scott Lewis 19:26

Is this gonna be a long story?

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Speaker 36 19:28

No, about a year ago, the one of the facilitators didn't want straights coming in, and I really got, got really pissed off. I got up and I said, I said, excuse me, young gays are afraid of heterosexuals, a lot of young gays are afraid of heterosexuals and when they see heterosexuals coming in, that are not wanting to beat them up, that will make it make them more comfortable with themselves. You know what I mean?

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Scott Lewis 20:01

Exactly. And that is the gospel according to the young people. Greg Ford, and the representative of young people.

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Speaker 36 20:13

And you are. I'm gonna slap you.

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Scott Lewis 20:17

What's the number for HATCH, Greg?

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Speaker 36 20:19

The number for HATCH is 942-7002 and HIPPY, is Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth, if young gay

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Scott Lewis 20:30

If things get to a point where you just can't stand it anymore in the house, if you're in trouble. You need out, you want out, you don't know where to turn, you don't know what to do. HIPPY is an organization that can probably help you 942-YUTH, kind of like in my cousin Vinnie. Y-U-T-H. Ah, thank you, Greg.

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Speaker 36 20:48

I want to talk about, okay. I want to

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Jimmy Carper 20:59

In the background we've got

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Scott Lewis 21:02

You know, this is for Chris Luna out in the boondocks, and it's Suede singing "Sleeping Pills," which I just flipped through the front of the book and looked at the lyrics and it kind of just jumped out at me and grabbed me. It says don't take those sleeping pills. I don't know. I mean, this isn't dedicated to him because he's thinking about taking sleeping pills, but because he likes Suede. And, and I do too, and the lyrics of this song just kind of jumped out at me. Reminders. Once again Wednesday night, people, Sam Nuchia at the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, HGLPC for the 90s, and

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Jimmy Carper 21:42

Inside or outside and depending on how you feel about it.

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Scott Lewis 21:45

It's a lie. It's a sham, Nuchia doesn't give a damn. You, we've got a run. It's been a lot of fun. And as always, we've enjoyed it and hope that you have to. You have been listening to After Hours, a continuing tradition on World Radio KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. They don't write us stay tuned for the BB--. Please write us please, please, please, please, please, even hate mail if you stumbled onto us from the station next door.

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Jimmy Carper 22:14

 JIMMIE CARPER 22.14

Hey, John. I know you're out there listening.

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Scott Lewis 22:16

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