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SPEAKERS

Bruce Reeves



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And, you know, this year that Pride Week is actually doing the rally after it's not Montrose Activity Center, the caucus. And it's free.



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So why it's open to everybody. And it's going to be a real type of community family events are great those family value events



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so far to all these events and all of our advertisers and come on out,



Bruce Reeves 00:25

do it. Sounds good. We thank you for coming on and staying up this late Carol, we know that was a chore for you. But



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I got free coffee, free coffee be up for another hour.



Bruce Reeves 00:39

So everybody, be sure and come on out. We'll be recapping the Pride Week events in the second half of the show, just to make sure that we covered them all. So if you didn't get them all written down in the first half And give us a call and we'll go from there So you are listening

an' written down in the notebook. And give us a call and we'll go from there. So you are listening to after hours here on KPFT 90.1. FM Houston Oh, Johnny, are you queer by Josie cotton?



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Get on canceling



Bruce Reeves 01:12

I tell you. We were talking earlier. We were this afternoon about this wonderful piece of paper that my therapist gave me and I thought it was well actually Judy thought it was really appropriate. For those of you that haven't really decided yet, whether you can come to the pride parade or not, oh, which paper bag you're gonna wear. Right. And if you wear a paper bag, please decorate it because there's nothing tackier than a brown paper. But it's called risk. And, of course, it applies to a lot of different things, but we thought it might apply to risking to come to the Pride Parade. To laugh is to risk appearing a fool. to weep is to risk appearing sentimental. To reach out for another is to risk involvement, to expose feelings is to risk rejection. To place your dreams before the crowd is to risk ridicule. To love is to risk not being loved in return. To go forward in the face of overwhelming odds is to risk failure. But risk must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing does nothing has nothing is nothing. You may avoid suffering and sorrow, but you cannot learn feel change, grow or love. Only a person who risk is free. I just love that. And that it's really so true. Because I know it was when I finally came out of the closet to myself, it was like I finally felt free. Tell the



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truth. Did you come out when you were still in diapers?



Bruce Reeves 02:50

In reality, probably but in actuality. No, that's what No.



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Never mind. Never mind. He's lost it folks. This is now the Punch and Judy show. You can



Bruce Reeves 03:07

actually was was in 1984. That's not that 1983 1983.



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You can use for that though? Well I

You can use for that enough. Well, I

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Bruce Reeves 03:20

was I considered myself bisexual is I was I was having sex with men any place in time that I could. And I was saving myself for the perfect woman, which was a joke. But



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I beg your pardon. You found the perfect woman, she doesn't bother you at all.

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Bruce Reeves 03:36

But my sister finally said to me one day she said, you know, Bruce, when I was having difficulty with my sexuality, and my sister finally decided she was straight. She's sweet, but confused. But she said my mother told me to you know, if I was going to be gay to be gay, but to do it and get on with my life and quit fighting it. And I found about what she was saying to me that day. And it was like, you know, why am I doing this? And so I had some friends next door there were wonderful, nice, gay couple. And I went and knocked on the door and I said, you know, hey, let's talk here. I can see it all now. And of course, they were confused that I knew they were gay because, you know, it was one of those cases where I was being given a tour of the house and I was showing the guest room and the dogs room in their room, you know, and it was kind of like dogs. Okay, I think I see the handwriting on the wall. But yeah, it's amazing sometimes. But anyway, we regress or digress,



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I digress, but not really. I mean, this is very important. I mean, people who have not had the courage or the strength or the the personal backing from their friends or loved ones to come out to their friends and family are coming out at work is a little more in fact, coming in at work was more difficult for me than coming into my family. It really was and has, in the long run cost me a

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Bruce Reeves 05:12

job is sort of overnight without necessarily realizing when



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things come in and thrown out behind your back.

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Bruce Reeves 05:21

But that's a different story. So and then I just kind of but it's kind of nice now because I can

but that's a different story. So and then I just kind of, but it's kind of nice now, because I can just assume that everybody knows. And if they don't know, well, then I'm sorry. But if they don't know it's only because they haven't been listening. I don't say anything at the office that I don't hear any straight person say five days a week. That's true. So differences you mean. That's true.



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Oh, nevermind. Let's go on to other things.



Bruce Reeves 05:45

I'm going to get in trouble. You stay in trouble. Oh,



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you promise not to tell?



Bruce Reeves 05:52

What's I going to say?



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I don't know. Am I gonna do this to you all evening? Probably. Okay. But anyway.



Bruce Reeves 06:01

You are listening to after hours on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston. And continuing we have a continuing tradition. Yes. One of our CO anchors is going to become a head anchor starting next week. It sounds net Lamport Chachi flanker I don't know Well, it's non sexist. Well, that's true. Wow. Okay. Never Noticed that an anchor that have a sex chips do but anchor is



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one of your co anchors is going to become an anchor person right. Now I had anchor



Bruce Reeves 06:35

Diane will be here next week. I think Julie's gonna be helping to co anchor and no doubt.



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We're gonna come running

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Bruce Reeves 06:45

around in our formal drag on the way home from the Bali. This has been I have to wear shoes. Probably Oh, give me a rainbow bear feet. Oh, well, you'll have to find something you can dance in. I don't know why because you will never get on the dance floor. But



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oh, consider that a challenge you worm

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Bruce Reeves 07:04

okay. But it's it's gonna be a fascinating week. The barley is always great. I love I love it that it's one of my favorites. It's kind of like going to the prom every year and say I missed my prompts. Maybe this is my prom. Oh, I went to mine but I'd have been me or have had a mistake. But I didn't know when I was well off. You dress up in your nice and, you know a lot of people will be dressed up in real formal formal stuff. Can I borrow one of your dresses? Surely which one? I haven't decided yet. I'll let you know finishes.



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I don't think so. Thank you anyway, I couldn't wear those shoes all evening. Thank you, me

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Bruce Reeves 07:43

now just as much as they killed me. But we do. But anyway, we will have this way out coming up at 115 As always, and anyway as to Diane will be here next week. Next you want to you want to be sure and listen to the Wallenstein show on Monday night from 9am till 10pm. You also want to listen to pokey with break through Friday mornings from nine until noon. I'm sure both of those shows we'll be doing Pride Week things this week. Deborah Bell from Wildenstein and myself will be co anchoring the 123 show on Wednesday afternoon Can I come on? Sure so good to me and and then we will also be co anchoring the parade broadcast from foreign to late on Sunday the 28th



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I know I'll be standing out there Sun burning with I do hope everybody has the good sense to dress properly and do all the little greasy things they need to do to keep the sun from killing them and carrying their water bottles. Don't look at me like

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Bruce Reeves 08:48

no I need to find that jet Deborah and I did a wonderful cart when we were coaches a Pride Week.



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Oh help us The Goddess is not smiling.

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Bruce Reeves 08:59

First 30 seconds off in that cart. Finish carving it out and then we can make a wonderful PSA for the week. Well, why



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don't we have a feeling it's probably in one of those little dusty boxes and

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Bruce Reeves 09:11

I'm sure that we're other producer probably has a copy of it somewhere. Anyway, cost lots of ruckus the year we were purchased,



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I think gonna have ambulances standing by for the great ice skating on Tuesday night. Well, I

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Bruce Reeves 09:30

don't know. Why do you think you need an ambulance? I've seen you skate. I've seen you skate too. Shall we talk? I'm just gonna watch I'm gonna cool we should play some more music good. This song is from a brand new album I found when I was in Dallas. I'm sure someone in Houston either sells it or could get it for you if you would be interested. But it's from an artist named Bill folk. The album is called looking for Mr. Right? And this song is called you kept turning me on when it comes Do



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you know me? I have appeared in hundreds of one of other cartoons with that Schooley wabbit who always does to AG. Yet whenever I travel homophobic troublemakers are always telling me that there's no rooms and no hotels, no available seats in the West once and no cause to went, it gets downright frustrating. At first I wanted to cry, what's my sexual orientation got to do

with my being a good customer. Then I got a gay man who can express cod. Now I use it everywhere. From crepes and flats to tropical foods and Hannah woowoo to pick up chicks in Australia, Mike American Express card does it all. Get American Express. Don't be home. Oh, without it.



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Oh, please Elmer,



Bruce Reeves 10:52

I just love that. But anyway, I played that for a very important reason. We had marathon last month in May. And we made her go one weekend and almost made her go the other weekend. But we're a far cry from having all of those pledges come in. So we would like to first of all, thank everyone who pledged money, and then followed that up with with checks or credit cards or whatever. But we'd like to encourage everyone else. You know, if you've gotten your bill or whatever, from KPFT, for your pledge, encourage you to try to fulfill that pledge as soon as you can. And if you'd like to put that on your MasterCard or your visa or your American Express card, be sure in College Station between nine and four ish, Monday through Friday at five to six 4000. And I'm sure though,



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because my little green lights burned down and maybe if they pay their pledges, my little green light will get replaced because I don't know when I'm turned on anymore. Well, I'd like to see the light in the parking lot get fixed. I know that's fine at 3am. But



Bruce Reeves 11:59

anyway, little things, little things, little things, little things for now. This next card I'm going to play is something that Bruce Larry can turn my mic off. It doesn't work that Bruce Larry did at the March on Washington in 1987. And something that you might find interesting, so give it a listen.



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She is our word for the day boys and girls. She she's the word you can use whenever you're really surprised by something like Oh say if you were a straight man and went into a singles bar and met a very beautiful woman and took her home. And then when the very beautiful woman took off all of her clothes, you discovered that the very beautiful woman was really a man. Well, if you were the straight man, you'd probably go she is spelled j s SCHESCHJ. shisha is one of those words that sounds the same whether you pronounce it backwards or forwards, like Otto, or Pennsylvania. But it doesn't work if you try to say Mr. Bruce backwards because what you end up with is E curb Wrexham and who wants to end up with that? I'd like to talk to you a little bit today boys and girls about fear. Fear is something you should never worry about. As one of

my neighbors who later went on to become President of the United States once said, The only thing we have to fear is fear itself. He's dead now. But I remember one time when Mr. Bruce was afraid he was the first time I ever went to a leather bar. Now, you must remember this was many years ago when if you went to a leather bar, it was still there. Actually, it was many years ago when if you went to a leather bar, and maybe we're serious about it. But I was very much afraid I was standing outside the bar to standing outside the bar watching all these ominous looking numbers go in and out. And finally, I summon my courage. I went inside and I walked around nervously listening to conversations. Finally I realized that if I was going to continue going to leather bars there were two things I had to learn about fast opera and cooking. So you see you should never be afraid boys and girls



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if you think queer nation is a bunch of radical queers, think again Doctors, lawyers, teachers, parents, politicians, students, and radical queers queer nation is a group of people joining together to end discrimination in all its forms. Many people are interested in queer nation because queer nation addresses ideals and issues particular to them. Affinity Groups A queer nation include shop suburban homosexual Outreach Program, a program to be visibly queer places where lesbians and gays would not normally be visible. Pissed people with immune system disorders FYI que fine young queers United Colors of Queer Nation, Q patrol the eyes and ears of Montrose, and many, many more. We meet Tuesday nights at 7:30pm 1505 Commonwealth in Nevada at the Montrose palace. For more information call 5292969.



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They say that we are 10% of the population that's what they say. Now we don't stand out here. Everybody would come



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out represent us better. Say for example, sell products to us on television. Product on television, I could see it now I'd be shouting for a letter drag looking very much. I look into that camera and I'd say I drink water and I'm proud. I'm a lesbian everywhere I go, I hear women say out loud Oh my god, like she's a more like she's a bomb. Me How



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inferior I am. What they've done here is I've actually created a Pride Week. This is crystallized our community and we will definitely have more pride this year in Danville than ever before our



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discrimination in South Africa falls on the apartheid system. Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon



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and I'm Lucia Chapelle. Visibility and moods second Asian lesbian conference



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orientation definition fuels Floridian demonstration and



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a glowing report from in Cali, South Africa. All that and



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more because you've discovered this way out.



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I'm Cindy Friedman.



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And I'm Mark Sacco mono with news route,



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a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending June 6 1992.



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The second international conference of Asian lesbians last month in Tokyo June 170 women from 13 countries, while representatives of lesbian organizations complained of lesbian invisibility in Japan, India, Singapore and Taiwan. There are no lesbian organizations in Indonesia or the Philippines. A lesbian from Bangladesh reported that the only other Bangladeshi lesbian she'd ever met lives in the US. By contrast, lesbians from Western nations were more concerned about their lack of visibility as Asians. One organizer called the four day meeting, one of the most significant and least heralded gatherings of Asian women in history.



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Among the results of us primary elections, there was interesting news from California. Openly gay congressional hopeful Tom Nolan finished a distant third in a field of six. Incumbent Orange County congressional homophobe Bob Dornan beat out a more progressive Republican opponent, but the Democrats will be running to women for US Senate seats. Former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein and Congress member Barbara Boxer should both be elected. It would double the number of women in the US Senate boxer has promised to be homophobic Senator Jesse Helms worst nightmare. And we won't have homophobe William Danna Meyer to kick us around. At any more, he gambled his seat in Congress hoping for a Republican Senate nomination and was soundly defeated.



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Two men who had faced the possibility of 20 years in jail under a new law in the Bahamas, are now out of jail pending trial on reduced charges. The charges against Trinidadian Roger Andrei Nelson and Britton, Malcolm Chapman stemmed from a late night sexual encounter on the beach that would have been legal for a heterosexual couple. As the case came up for trial last month, it was postponed when prosecutors reduced the charges to gross indecency. Apparently for lack of medical evidence, the revised charges carry a maximum sentence of two years in prison.



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With the support of her mother, a 16 year old lesbian in Miami, Ohio is suing 16 classmates and their families for harrassing. Her faith Elliot and her mother, Joyce Elliott Welch, are asking the maximum Ohio State law allows \$2,000 from each of the respondent families for actions over a period of months ranging from hitting to taunting that made it impossible for Elliot to attend school to other students settled before trial.



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In Illinois, the state senate has voted against a bill to protect the civil rights of lesbians and gays. However, a slightly different measure is still pending in the State House.



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In California. The State Assembly has passed two different bills in two weeks to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination. Both will next be considered by the State Senate.



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A gay man from Moscow who claimed that continuous pressure from Russian officials made it impossible to live in Russia, and who had hoped to live with his Finnish lover has been denied asylum in Finland.



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The pink paper Britain's only national lesbian and gay newspaper is on the verge of bankruptcy because of damages awarded to an openly gay journalist in his libel suit against the paper. Journalist Duncan Campbell had attacked non medical aids treatments and the pink paper published a series of articles accusing him of harrassing people with AIDS and taking payment from drug companies in the process. For days before Campbell's suit went to trial, the pink paper ran a front page story apologizing to him and admitting to libel. But a jury went on to award damages of 50,000 pounds. The pink paper has already had to lay off two staff members and put out an appeal for contributions.



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Bulgaria has its first gay and lesbian magazine 16 glossy pages called Flamingo. Publishers claim its erotic content is quote especially necessary to people tortured by 45 year long sexless Puritan socialism, and quote,



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representatives of two US National Gay and Lesbian organizations the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign fund, and two aids organizations were among almost 100 witnesses testifying at the Democratic Party platform committee last month. The Republican platform committee, on the other hand, had no gay lesbian or AIDS speakers denying applications from the gay and lesbian Republican organization national log cabin club, the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The Republicans attribute the shutout to a lack of time since they were limiting testimony to 30 witnesses and 150 had applied. They encourage those who did not get to speak to submit written testimony.



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At the urging of members of ACT UP Democratic presidential candidate and Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton has issued a statement promising to ask the Arkansas legislature to repeal the state's sodomy law.



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For more than a decade, the 27,000 member gay and lesbian positive Metropolitan Community Church has been denied membership in the US National Council of Churches, with some Christian groups threatening to walk out if MCC were let in. Last month the council canceled plans for nationwide dialogue between its member churches and MCC turning the gay and lesbian issue over to its commission on faith and order instead. MCC has now decided to apply to become the fourth organization with non voting observers status on the council.



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And finally, the Hampton Roads Lesbian Gay Pride coalition in Virginia take seriously that old mache about cleaning up your own backyard. They joined Virginia's Adopt a Highway program, where in return for a two year commitment to clear litter from a stretch of road, they get their organization name posted on a sign there. They were particularly strategic though in selecting just which piece of highway they adopt. The name of the Hampton Roads Lesbian Gay Pride coalition will appear on a sign right in front of the Christian Broadcasting Network where homophobic televangelist pat robertson produces his syndicated 700 Club program.



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That's news wrap for the week ending June 6 1990. To follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community



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news wrap is compiled and written by Cindy Friedman. For this way out. I'm Mark Sacco mana and



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I'm Cindy Friedman.



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15 people were arrested in Gainesville, Florida last week after city officials bowing to pressure from the Christian right voted to equate homosexuality with beastie ality pedophilia and necrophilia. This revival of Florida's Christian Right promises to inspire a boon in lesbian and gay activism. That's what happened 15 years ago this month, Florida orange juice huckster, Anita Bryant probably did more to advance the cause of lesbian and gay rights than any single activist when she fronted a similar religious fundamentalist campaign to repeal the lesbian and gay rights ordinance in Dade County Florida.



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To my little corner of the world,



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and dream, three in my flanked by a cluster of religious fundamentalists and her ever present manager husband, former disc jockey Bob Green, and Anita Bryant kicked off her campaign to have the gay rights ordinance repealed by showing the press a pro gay flyer and claiming that it had been distributed at a Coral Gables High School. She said that gays were recruiting Dade County's children, with two polls taken showing Dade County voters support of the gay rights

ordinance. Gays faced the June 7 referendum in a spirit of false optimism. Brian's charges were so outrageous thinking rent that few would really take her seriously a gear aren't used. Lady opponent has been shooting from the hip again. In an interview in this month, Miami magazine she stated that because of Southern California town had passed an ordinance similar to Miami's God was punishing homosexuality because she said, Now California is having the worst drought in history. And the reason why homosexuals are called fruits is because God says that men are trees and the new life is the fruit of the womb.



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Rob McEwen was in Miami last week working for the coalition. This MakeHuman held the benefit concert for the coalition last Tuesday night. I don't drink I don't drink the kinds of counties majority has said. Anita Bryant and her fundamentalist followers had been taken seriously. The polls had aired embarrassingly as Miami area voters repealed the Dade County gay rights ordinance by a more than two to one margin.



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June 7 1977. Mark the first time in the United States that the issue of lesbian and gay rights was put to a public vote, and the returns shocked 1000s of gays and lesbians all over the country and the world out of their closets. Demonstrations larger than any imaginable before it took place in New York City, San Francisco, Chicago, Houston, New Orleans, Salt Lake City, Norfolk and in many others cities were a lesbian and gay rights demonstration would before have been unthinkable, betraying our antiquity some of us were even back then producing queer radio.



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Kapow. I'm talking to thanks really one of the organizers of this demonstration. It's unbelievable. How many people you think you're here we have no idea but it's larger than anything we've ever done in Los Angeles before including the Christopher Street West parade. Well, bars in town have closed and many of the owners of them are here urging their customers to come to the demonstration.



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Just turn or burn. Bible, chapter 20 Verse 13. The undermining of Scripture quoting saints,



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telling me how inferior I am



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versus black, then as a woman, and now as a gay woman, and I said, I remember an incident four years ago when I was walking through an amusement park holding hands with my lover and was called queer by the child six years old. And from that day forward, I've been all too aware of who the child molesters in this society are.



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And that's it you can't take the shoes get out of the orchard. In the future. We will we will. We will keep going. glory glory glory glory glory I love glory glory glory glory glory J.



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Returning from June 1977 to June 1992. Florida's fundamentalists are filming about the current controversy in Gainesville. A fairly innocuous request for a gay and lesbian pride proclamation triggered a debate that could lead to a ban on discrimination protections and to a more radicalized lesbian and gay community. This way outs Kevin Lerner