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Mike Miesch 00:43

This is Wilde 'N' Stein. And following Gay World news and announcements. We'll be talking to some people about a gay switch for the getting itself established. And hopefully by that time, art will be in he's reviewing a performance at the alley. And we'll be here as soon as he can get in. I'll be reading some things from a very, very faithful listener Brad Markham on censorship of gay publications and presents, specifically the Texas Department of Corrections. And our very special music patron will be the gay black musician, Blackberry. And that's Wilde 'N' Stein this evening. And in just a moment, we'll be having Gay World news. All right, right now, gay world news.



Ben Zetas 02:15

This is gay world news. I'm Ben [Zetas?]. In Sydney, Australia, a gay rights organization has recommended boycotts of a newspaper and a radio station in Sydney because of anti gay material that was published and broadcast. According to camp of New South Wales, The Sunday Telegraph and station two GB invited Fred now a conservative spokesman to speak on controversial issues. This giving now the opportunity to bash those sectors of the community, which do not live up to his quaint moral notions. Camps intention is to show the management of the offending media that gay people are a large segment of this city, and newspapers and radio stations are just going to have to learn not to offend us. He said the organizers of the boycott, recommend not listening to or reading the media in question nor reacting. They feel that the management's are trying for a cynical ratings increase and reactions will make them feel justified in keeping now in print and on the air. The US Commission on Civil Rights has issued a report titled who is guarding the Guardians, calling for tougher federal laws and increased federal aid to end the serious national problem of police brutality. The Commission noted that since it was founded the number of complaints about police use of excessive force

has increased each year, and the nature of the alleged brute abuse has become more serious. The report concludes that minorities are most often the victims of police misconduct, and that available remedy remedies appear to be either inadequate or poorly applied. According to the Commission, the judge, this department receives 10,000 complaints about police brutality each year. However, only 50 to 100 are prosecuted. And there were more than 21 convictions. There were only 21 convictions in 1980. The report recommends that affirmative action programs be instituted to bring more women and minority officers into police forces and the Justice Department beef up its civil rights division and Community Relations Service. The budgets for these two divisions has been cut by as much as 12% Recently, noted commission chairman Arthur S. Fleming said that civil rights laws should have the highest kind of priority even though we are going through a period of fiscal difficulty. Dykes who are hassled for taking off their shirts of gay Freedom Day parades and similar events. We'll be happy to hear about a recent Tennessee State Court Word of appeals decision, Judge James parrot struck down a Chattanooga city ordinance that prohibits exposure of female breasts and touching or fondling of female breasts in public. Two topless dancers, Janet McCoy and Patricia Combs had appealed convictions of violating this ordinance. McCoy and Combs had each been fined after they're arrested in a night Haven Lounge in Chattanooga. In his written opinion, parrot noted that since 1975, courts have ruled that a woman's right to expose her breasts is guaranteed by the first and 14th Amendment to the US Constitution. ordinances against such exposure are legal only when they apply to establishments that sell alcoholic beverages. French historical philosopher Michel who called 55 Professor at College de France, is making a splash among the intellectuals set with appearances and college campuses. To discuss his extremely influential books on the history of the systems of thought, who caught is especially noted for his writings on individual liberty, and social coercion and interest that grew directly out of his sexual orientation as a homosexual. He became intrigued by the role of government in controlling the sexual behavior of citizens. He told Newsweek that he was never really integrated into the Communist Party when he first tried to join it in the 1950s because he said, I was a homosexual, and it was an institution that reinforced all the values of the most traditional bourgeoisie live. He also had read about arrest of homosexuals in the past and wanted to learn why the state has been so interested in social coercion in matters of sexuality. In his books, such as madness and civilization, and the history of sexuality, is explored new ways of thinking about age or problems. The two remaining defendants arrested during the 1979 riot at San Francisco City Hall. Following the verdict in the Dan White case had been found guilty by Superior Court Judge Claude Rossum, David Waddle 31 was found guilty of felony assault charges against a police officer. Even though the bottle water allegedly threw did not hit anyone. Peter play 28 was found guilty of a misdemeanor in breaking the window of a police car. He was found innocent of of more serious felony charges. The attorney for one of the two gay men characterized them both as scapegoats. Charges against all the other defendants have been, have either been dismissed or reduced to misdemeanors. The other attorney noted that no police officers had been prosecuted, even though numerous police were injured. Numerous people were injured by police action. On the night of the riot. Sentencing was set for December 9. Waddle could receive a five year jail term, just three years less than a sentence Dan White receipt for murdering major Mayor George Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk. Also in San Francisco, the Jesuit community of San Francisco has agreed to pay the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus \$5,000 in damages as a result of months of negotiations, reports gay rights advocates a public interest law firm, the settlement will cover loss revenue and expenses incurred by the chorus as a result of the Jesuits cancellation of performance schedule last spring. In December 1980, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus entered into an agreement with a Jesuit community at the University of San Francisco to use st Ignacio as church for a concert to be held in the spring of 1981. Less than a month before the date of the concert, the Jesuits announced that it was necessary to cancel the agreement. The action was at the behest of the Archbishop of San

Francisco, The Most Reverend John Quinn, who stated to the prefect at St. endosseous church that the concert would be misinterpreted by the many in the Catholic community, and he wanted to board any ambiguous messages to the Catholic people that our diocese. The suit for specific performance of the concert was immediately followed by gay rights advocates on behalf of the chorus. In California Superior Court Judge on Iran refused to order the church to honor its agreement on April 18 1981, just a week before the scheduled performance and too late for an appeal. At that time, attorneys for the church conceded liability for damages incurred by the course as a result of the cancellation. The church has now agreed to pay the course damages do them as a result of the count. insulation, and Don Knutson have come a counsel to the gay rights advocate committee commented that the importance of this case far exceeds the compensation to the corps. Hopefully it will put the public on notice that gay groups and individuals will stand up for their contractual rights as well as our civil rights. March 15, gays carrying signs that said we are God's children marched up State Street and then down to Mormon temple square. There, they circled the temple block and chanted 2468 Gay is just as good as straight to startle church girls on their way home from Sunday services. The October 4 protest was led by Randy Smith, a drag performer whose stage name is Ethyl, and that spelled with a Y is been excommunicated by the Mormon church and went through a version therapy at Brigham Young University to cure his homosexuality. Smith said that the purpose of the protest was to show Salt Lake City and the Mormon church that there's a gay community here, and it's growing. When questioned about the low turnout for the demonstration Smith waxed a bit caustic and said that other gays may have stayed at home to quote, do their hair and nails. This may have been the first gay demonstration to be granted a parade permit by Salt Lake City authorities. And finally, the University of Oregon law school has canceled recruitment interviews by the Federal Bureau of Investigation because the agency refuses to hire gay people. Interviews with six Law School seniors were canceled because of a university policy that forbids recruitment visits by employers who discriminate on the basis of extraneous considerations not directly and substantial and substantially related to effective performance. This, this has been interpreted to include sexual orientation. According to Douglas Herdade, Assistant Dean for External Affairs, law school dean Derrick Bell said he wrote to the FBI asking what its hiring policy was with regard to homosexuals received no answer. And that's the news sources for tonight's stories include the Advocate and the Montrose Voice.

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Mike Miesch 12:28

Thank you. Well, the Montrose singers are certainly busy this holiday season, the Bayou City performing icelake and the Montrose singers of Houston will present a Christmas concert Friday, December 4, at 7:40pm that valley theater before the theaters performance. This is the singer second full season of Christmas concerts around Houston. And this year we'll feature a variety of lesser known Christmas music including Carols in German and Latin. The public is invited, the chorus performance is free and for more information on valleys performance, you can call the ally box office. Also the larger Christmas concert for the Montrose singers is Wednesday, December 9 at 8pm at the shepherd School of Music Hammond Hall Rice University. This is the singers second full season of Christmas concert, as I said earlier, and one of the featured works is one that I enjoy very much Benjamin Britten's a ceremony of carols. The public is invited and if you'd like more information you can call 8683084. The singers will also be performing on Friday, December 18. And the performance will be at the Greenway Plaza underground atrium at noon. And the public has invited and this concert is free. That's Friday, December 18 That noon Greenway Plaza underground atrium. The Montrose Symphonic Band is performing at Burien Memorial Church, December 11th, then I believe that 8pm And if you need more information on that you can call Mary's there was a call to mobilize for the

National march on Washington for lesbian and gay rights to as a part of the National Organization of lesbians and gays at its Coordinating Committee meeting held in Minneapolis. The march will take place on May 2 19. Add to the march was called to mobilize lesbians and gays and their supporters to resist the escalating attacks from the Reagan administration, the US Congress and the far right. events leading up to the March will include both actions and lobbying on the local level. A major lobbying effort has also been planned for the nation's capitol to coincide with the National March, the National March office will temporarily temporarily operate out of the gay community center in Washington, DC. And if you would like any of the contact numbers, you can call us here at 526 4000. And we'd be glad to help you out. Right now, that's announcements for tonight at least. And we'll be back in just a moment. Just heard two selections by Margie Adams. Right now we'll be talking about how to gay switchboard that is going to be getting itself establish. And I have Rick and Bob with me. Good evening. What are some of the things that you're having to deal with right now to get it established?



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Well, we've been working for a couple of months. Right now trying to get our name out and other people were trying to get some money to get operate. And also taking care of the training of our staff. Right now. We're gonna be operating with phones, as well as taking care of the nitty gritty details, getting the office together having phones as well.



Mike Miesch 16:53

All right. What are you doing in regards to training programs? That's something you know, a good bit about, Bob.



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I probably should have Rick talked about this. He was in Philadelphia for a long time working on the gay switchboard. All right. So he's, he's had more direct experience with



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Yeah. ran against switchboard in Philadelphia for about eight years. I've been running the training program down here. The training program is involved in a number of things. Basically, we've been focusing on communication skills and listening skills. The key focus of that is teaching people how to do what's called active listening, which is how to listen and reflect and involve people in what's going on how to get them to understand what's going on, rather than make decisions for the person who's calling up with the problem. We're also teaching skills such as crisis intervention, how to handle an emergency situation where you become a little directive, where you by necessity, and also teaching our staff how to handle things such as how to make legal referral or medical referral, or, and then down to handling the details such as recording the calls for statistics.

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Mike Miesch 18:19

How do you keep track our, log your calls for your own records? Can you talk about that? Yeah, we'll



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be keeping, we'll be keeping log sheets. Basically, we will simply record types of calls, we certainly won't be recording people's names or phone numbers or anything like that. Confidentiality is, is an absolute basic for a service like this. But we'll be we'll be simply keeping track of types of calls I think and duration of calls. In in public service in human services like this nowadays, there's a big focus on things like like how will you utilize your time, statistical counts and things like that? We'll we'll keep track of who we make referrals to because we'd like to know what kinds of calls we get. Mostly it'll it'll be some form of log sheet.



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It will also be used to help us in our scheduling to know when the most active nighttime when the most active timezone. For example, if we find that we get very, very few calls within certain time period, we know we don't need as many people there to handle the phones as when we have a more active time and we're getting a lot more calls



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can be true for times of year as well. Yeah. So we're coming up on the holiday season and I've done a lot of volunteer work and crisis hotline, which is where my background on this is the you see, you see some changes different times of the year. There's, there's more intensity and calls around the holidays.

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Mike Miesch 19:43

That's very true. I've had some experience in working on a switchboard myself and for certain reason top down just after Thanksgiving to be the heavy time because while at least for students because not only do you have the holidays, but you have exams and the eventual Christmas holidays.



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Yeah, there are a couple of things that the holiday season is funny, everybody sort of figures that right around Thanksgiving and Christmas, you know, everybody gets depressed and suicidal. When I worked in hotline there's always been a certain amount of press interest about what kind of call we were getting. We always got a lot of newspaperman and television reporters at wanting to find out how many suicide calls we were handling. My experience is that the worst time interestingly, is not so much Thanksgiving and Christmas. Generally, maybe for gay people are having trouble with their families and feel isolated. But generally, my

experience is that the stretch from Christmas to about oh, I'd say a week after New Year's is the most part. New Year's is a rough one. Because New Year's is that test of whether you're socially acceptable or not, you're gonna think New Year's Eve. It's, it's a real disaster. And I'm not being flip. It's a real psychological blow to be stuck at home Year's Eve when the best you can do is watch Lawrence Welk on television. In the first week in the new year is bad. You sort of look around and say, Gee, I survived a full year. It's great. It's a whole nother year ago. And I get a lot of people getting very depressed about that time.

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It seems remember some research while back suicide prevention service where they said that they got the greatest number of calls actually, in February and March,

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the suicide counts don't go up around the around the Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays.

 M Mike Miesch 21:40

And getting the switchboard started. You have a number at this time.

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Yeah, we have a phone and the phone will be installed. Probably about a week before Christmas wanted to get it and get ourselves operating before this season, which will be five to 930 to 11. And if you call right now, you'll just get a recording saying the numbers not in service because it hasn't been installed yet. But we will have three telephone lines, two incoming lines which will be breached by that number. A third line that we will have will be just available incoming for

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anybody out there who missed it the first time and wants to copy it down. The we anticipate opening around Christmas or the week before Christmas. The phone number is 5293211 3211.

 M Mike Miesch 22:36

What kind of hours will you have starting off? weeks, we

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the scheduling now calls for seven days a week six to 11.



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But with the staff that we have right now we have about 20 people going through training. At this point, we're going to probably open on five nights a week. And what then we're going to do is within a few weeks after that, our next training after that I anticipate will take place over to marathon weekends. So it will be opening within a few weeks after that seven nights a week six to 11. We eventually after that hope to expand the the hours, probably we will want to expand first earlier into the afternoons because there are a lot of young people and also a lot of men married people often married women who are more likely to call in the afternoons at least that was my experience back up in Philadelphia.



Mike Miesch 23:48

All right now, one thing we might mention now is you're looking for various things to supply your office and these things can be donated to you.



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Well, we're looking for all kinds of office furniture, desks, maps, we're looking for anything that would be needed in any office in particular, one of the things that we're looking for is a telephone answering machine. Someone out there who has got one who's not using it or who was willing to donate it to us or send it to us right now that would be very helpful.



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give additional right now we'd settled for a card table and two chairs.



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Certainly the problem that with the publicity is not out as well as it can be people we're going to call up at two o'clock in the afternoon and just find that no one answers and they're gonna say oh, those people just don't ever there, or they're gonna call up at 12 o'clock at night, that sort of thing. So we just want to be able to make sure that people at least find that their calls are answered and then are told that these are not the hours and we also given another number to call and it's if it's emergency They can be referred to prices hotline, for example,



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this this speaks to another function I think we see for the switchboard that is as a sort of clearinghouse for information in the gay community, which has never really existed, I guess except for TWIT. And unless you get to the bars Friday night, you don't see that we, we anticipate that we can function as a source of information about events in the community. And one of the things we could do with a machine like that an answering machine would be to

provide a tape which would say, okay, in the next couple of days, the following events will take place, in addition to saying call crisis hotline, if it's an emergency, call us back between whatever hours are open.

 Mike Miesch 25:43

Like, the questions I got a lot when I was answering the phone in Austin was for those who the out of towners, first, what kinds of bars and then the run through of the various other gay businesses and where can I go if I don't want to go to a bar or those establishments.

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Over the last couple of years, several of us at hotline have put together a gay resource directory, which at the moment is available through crisis hotline by telephone. It has not a complete list of the bars, but a list of some of the main long standing bars, the kinds of bars that are there, that they are things like that. It has a list of gay organizations, and it has a list probably as important as anything in the long run of professionals, professional referrals, counselors, lawyers, things like that we're used to dealing with gays, we anticipate that we will we will make this somewhat more complete. Since its use with the switchboard will be primarily for the gay community for people more or less, more or less familiar with the gay community, which were volunteers. So we anticipate having a expanded and expanded resource directory. We got a committee working on that now.

 Mike Miesch 27:00

All right. One thing I wanted to ask now is, how can people get in contact with any of the people involved to may wanna donate their time with the switchboard or donate materials or funds, whatever.

 Tay Butler 27:17

Anyone who's interested in donating even money, and volunteering, or who have various supplies, could call me at home. That would be in the afternoon or early evening. And that would be 2706286. After Christmas, they can pause at the switchboard.

 Mike Miesch 27:42

Right now, could you talk a little bit more maybe a little bit more detail about training?

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Okay, I have a lot of philosophies that involve training. Now. One of the things that training can do is I can just stand up there and tell people, okay, these are the things that you have to do that I believe that not only does the training have a strong basis, background and theory, but

people also have to have practice working with specific skills. And over the past few years, I've been identifying what I believe are specific skills that people have to be able to do, how to listen, non judgmentally, how to be able to be non directive, how to be able to reflect, reflect when talking with people. And I've developed a series of exercises, starting out with such things as having people becoming desensitized to words that gay people use, and reacting to both the real meaning of the word and also to their feelings about it. For example, if someone were to say the word faggot, this word has all kinds of feelings and they have to be able to be aware of the variety of of meanings that it could have, sometimes be able to stop someone and say, Okay, what do you mean by this word or that word? So there's a lot of investigation, communication words that we use. Then we start practicing on giving specific and descriptive feedback, and being very careful and being objective and communicating with people in simple activities, such as walking up to someone and saying, Okay, your hair is three inches long as rather than saying, you have long hair. The latter statement, if you have long hair has a value judgment to it. And whereas your hair is three inches long, is purely a statement of fact, and teaching people to be objective in their use of words, so that when they're communicating with other people, they're not going to turn them off in any kind of way. And that leads up to where all of these skills are eventually put together to a series of role plays, and the role plays are done. Designed to be realistic situations dealing with suicide, depression, loneliness, dealing with the person who's having an argument with a lover or a person who's confused as to whether they're gay or not versus coming out. These are the kinds of calls that we're going to get very often. And by getting involved in the roleplay, it gives people some practice of handling situations. And it also has people that gives people the chance to see how other people would handle similar types of job, and also helps make people feel a little more relaxed so that when they first pick up that phone, they don't freeze up.

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Mike Miesch 30:37

There's no other kind of call that you'll be receiving that I'd like some comment on. And this deals with the volunteer, and that's the harassment call. All right? Yes. Well, how do you deal with those type of calls? How should one deal with those types of calls? That's really what I'm asking,



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I think the best way is a variety of ways of handling. Sometimes it may, honestly dependent on the time I have, what else is going on? Sometimes, if it's purely harassing call, a person calling up person, even things like that, and my feeling, I can turn that back and be reflective, and a person says you blank. And I can say, it sounds like you're really angry. And that sometimes makes people stop and think and they say, Yeah, really. And sometimes that can be turned into a really meaningful call. My experience



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for those is, I haven't had a lot of success turning those into meaningful, very rarely,



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I haven't dealt with those very well either. Being here and listening to Radio



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challenge people to



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put a stop to it can be it can be done, but not real often, more often, with the rare harassing calls, I think the best thing to do is just hang up on. And if they're the kind who just keep on calling back again, and again. And again, my feeling is, as soon as I recognize the voice, I'm going to hang up on them. And I'm not going to give them any kind of feedback of letting them know that I'm angry at them that I'm annoyed or that they're affecting me. Because they're doing that to affect me in some way. And if they don't know that they're affecting me by any kind of reaction of mine, then they'll get a little tired,



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I expect that the will have to deal with that sort of harrassment. And we'll have to deal on occasion with obscene phone calls. My My own feeling is that I have no particular desire to talk to somebody whose sole function in calling is to really work me over, or to use me in some sort of sexual fashion for their own satisfaction. And I simply want to talk to you.



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Now I'm real careful about deciding what's not the same strong culture, because the person who calls up and says, Well, how would you like to get together with me tonight and ask for a, you know, specific sexual act. I mean, that may be legitimate request, that person may have that need and that desire. And with that personnel to say, you know, look, that's not what I'm here for. We don't meet callers, you know, this is purely a telephone service, and maybe say, how else can we help you here by that, and, you know, if it's, you know, quote, an obscene phone call that can be found out and for just a request for information or a desire that's found out by that, too. I think the third type of phone call that deals in that annoying phone call, or the client calls where they call up and they pretend to be a legitimate caller. Want to really, you know, because sometimes you don't want to turn them off before you're absolutely certain that it really is. And you have to use some certain judgment there. Sometimes you can actually go along with the call, if you've got nothing else to do, there's nothing



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I enjoy for you enjoyable for you. They Yeah, the after a while you you develop a sense of when a call doesn't seem to be going anywhere, it doesn't seem to make any sense. And I think every every line, every phone line of any kind has chronic repeat callers who are calling back over

and over again, and simply getting some kind of satisfaction manipulative or whatever, you can't help them. And for the most part, after a while, you just have to recognize them and terminate calls quickly.

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I would say after about eight years of hotline experience, I think I can recognize probably about 95% of the crank calls within about 510 seconds. And sometimes I may just call them out and say, you know, I may just say something like, it's alright to call us and ask us questions. You don't have to pretend that you're in a certain situation. I'm willing to answer whatever questions you have. And sometimes they will need to ask that. But often they're they're still trying to pretend that they're still in the situation. So I'll give people a chance to turn it into a legitimate call. I'll give anyone that opportunity. At least once, but if they don't take me up on it, then I'll handle it in some other way.

 Mike Miesch 35:07

All right. But now let's run through for any people who are interested in helping you in any way can get in contact with you. And then give the phone number again, okay?

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If anyone is interested in donating money, time, or supplies, they can reach me at home in the afternoons or early evenings, please know calls after 9276286. And we will be opening and after around Christmas when we are open. Any phone calls or request for information or whatnot, can people can call us through our regular number, which will be five to 930 to 11. All right,

 Mike Miesch 35:54

thank you, Rick and Bob for coming by and getting the word out on the switchboard. It's very important, very necessary service. And I hope you get things running smoothly right on time. Thanks for having us on. Chris Williamson and song of the soul. Right now, I'll be reading you a couple of letters from Fred Markham, who's in the LS unit. And the subject that we'll be dealing with is censorship of gay Publications at the Texas Department of Corrections, and I'd like to thank and give treat to Fred for all of this work on this. And we're also being a very faithful listener to Wilde 'N' Stein and the one person that actually gets me the most feedback on the program. This letter that I'll be reading right now was in this week in Texas A few weeks ago. And I'll reread it right now at this time. This letter is an attempt to involve you and your listeners in a saga of gay inmates vs. Oppressive prison. I am the gay inmate and the prison is the Texas Department of Corrections. The oppression in this instance is a routine denial of any and all publications that the prison can determine are homosexual li oriented, then denial actions are violations of the person Amendment of the US Constitution, and should be an outrage to the entire gay community. Let me take you briefly to the foundations of the present situation. In 1971. A lawsuit was filed against this person in an effort by inmates to change the extremely oppressive male handling situation. That effort took nine years to litigate in the

plodding court system. The result was a consent decree in which the person agreed to follow a set of rules that were a giant step forward in the mail handling procedures, as is the case in most prisons and other governmental agencies. As soon as agreement was on paper that was routinely violated. That violation continues today and is largely directed at the gay inmates. One of the rules of the consent decree was that there had to be a reason, a real reason with in a set of guidelines to deny any publication for a period of about nine months gay oriented publications that were not sexually depictive of explicit sexual acts between males were routinely allowed with little more than a frown. In the later part of September 1980. The mailrooms began to use a role that was intended for other purposes, to deny all publications that are detectable as being gay oriented. That role is as follows. A specific factual determination has been made, that the publication is detrimental to prisoners rehabilitation, because it would encourage deviant criminal sexual behavior. With the remarks in quotation, inmates possessing and our receiving publication may be regarded as target for homosexual advances by other inmates. Read that closely and then scream and righteous indignation has dementia and homophobic repression by a state agency. If you are a part of a read a gay publication, these reasons are in effect libelous to you. I have filed the civil rights lawsuit in the US District Court, Southern District of Texas, in an attempt to obtain relief from this specific harassment. That lawsuit will take patient years to litigate. However, there may be a shortcut. The guard though, and I don't know if I pronounced that right lawsuit in the consent decree from that litigation, are still open for review. And an adviser to the presiding judge is interested in this segment of the case. My intention in writing to you is to seek your aid in the form of publicity of the issue, and the assistance from your readers listeners in the form of letters expressing outrage at the present denial policy, and encouraging the court advisor to make recommendations in favor of changing the policy to preclude the person from denying publication solely because they are gay oriented. Letters from concerned people should be addressed to Dr. Sherman de PO Box 4846, Atlanta, Georgia 30302 are me friend Mark them, and I will use them in a collective address to the court advisor and then later action on my civil rights suit. I am hoping for maximum media exposure and tons of concern letters. The courts are responsible to people pressure. This effort only requires a letter, one that you can vent your feelings about a callous, institutional disregard for the Constitution and the stamp. There is another action that publications can take toward the present and future court actions. Send me a copy of your publication. It will be used in a twofold manner to test the person and ministraton on the minutes of your publication specifically, I fully expect that to be denied and to use in later court exhibits as a sample of the gay news media that has been denied. If you're send me a sample copy in the normal mailing manner. To avoid any later accusation of the publication not being from an authorized source. I will forward it on to a holding point A friend of mine in Houston until it is needed. If by some chance it is not denied. I will enjoy the reading. Pass it around to the dozens of other game media starve inmates then send it for holding anyone. If the president denies he must notify you of the denial and the appeal appeal process. If that should transpire, and you choose to make a formal appeal. Please send me a copy to use in later arguments. Please feel free to use my name this entire letter or excerpts in any manner you see fit. If your readers listeners have any questions or suggestions, I will answer all letters. If you have any questions or comments, I will be very pleased to answer as best as I am able. In any case, please answer this if only a note so that I will know that you have received it. The paranoia level races as I drive harder against the institution on this issue in the spirit of gay awareness sincerely friend Markham Ellis unit number 257574. Huntsville, Texas, and the CIP is 77340. And after I read through this next day, I will repeat Fred's address. Dear Mike, I wrote just a day or two ago, but your notes this evening pertains to what I said then it needs an answer. Now. Most of the big question is solidly answered. Since you're planning to address the issue of gay publication denials to prisoners. Which is wonderful. To answer your question, I must say that no gay publications are allowed. The keyword is allowed and the variation to that

is that a couple have slipped through unnoticed. I have not tried to receive The publications that could be construed as visually revolved because it would give the Redneck mentality or lack of it and objective to point a finger at the fact that all of the denied publications have been news oriented, is with the deeper intent of having an issue that will be indefensible. In a constitutional argument TDC Texas Department of Corrections went for the bait and the denials are so blatantly unconstitutional. That even within the administration, there is a struggle, very low key as to rather than analysis or legal by any stretch of the imagination. I have been actually denied the following GCN many issues RFD montross voice this week in Texas, Northwest fountain, Portland, Seattle Game News. San Francisco Crusader, gay Charleston, Ganymede. gala review, TD new TD U news, Milwaukee and gay and Sergent GCN and RFT were the first denials, because that is only publications I was receiving when the denials began. Yes, I said began. About two years ago, the role changes that were a part of the previous mentioned suit, were in effect, and a few of us could see no reason for not getting the gay publications that we had not even been allowed to write to our sent for in previous history of TDC as an aside, but before the suit, the rules were a catch 22 situation, I've not been able to write to anyone, not on the limited individual mailing lists 10 people five before 1974. And quite naturally, you cannot get anyone on the list unless you requested that they be placed on the list, and then waited several months while that was done and the request could only I'm not kidding. That is the way it was as silly as it sounds. The male was closely censored, so writing anything about an official was taboo. Using the word gay got me called down at least a dozen times. Queer was passed without a blink, really when we discovered that the publications would come in most. Most are handled as newspapers and not even open. In the mid summer of 1980, a few started showing up late and half assed attempts to deny as pornographic remade by beat one by asking the same vice blade a bar out of the typical Hunk and leather and cab. As an example, I went and found an ad in Newsweek, that was for jockey shorts, and demanded that he not allow any more Newsweek the publications began disappearing. And I had to have my Kriegel GCN write me a separate note. So I would know when to raise hell about Nike. I cannot read this part. I have not been able to contact the people outside of this unit. Most of the people that were denied publications just gave up. I'm still mad and still trying to get some change. You could be a tremendous aid by getting the Houston gay community interested. The action is protest by letters or any other way that is determined as viable. The hearing before Judge fingleton in January is the front line. If that fails, I'm going to reform my lawsuit with some new aid. And that will be an ongoing effort. Dr. Sherman day as noted in this week in Texas highlight is going to go before the judge at that time, and as he has indicated an active interest in our side of the question. He did ask that further support be given to the contention in the form of some of the denied publications which I have been supplying and argument for that I can screwed what he wanted. Support. So I'm asking that the people they out Side gay community, right Dr. Day direct or vme? I answer all letters of support. As I imagined Dr. Day does awesome. And I send them on to him. To date I have written to several publications requesting publicity such as was given in this week in Texas. The answers have been sparse. I have not the addresses of enough of the gay publications to really get to all the sectors on that I could use some assist from anyone with those addresses. I will list the publications that are mailed to and the ones that I have a response from. On this week in Texas. Highlights article in one letter in response to that date. Montrose voice GCN, ongoing support from Mike Rygel, including some of the postage expended in the early rounds. I would like for you to watch for an article by me in forthcoming bag Greg Olson. Ganymede received a protest letter from their attorney Gala. I'm receiving ongoing support from Dan Sanders, gala Houston, including pumping the ACLU into some action via Stephen presser Northwest founding and receiving ongoing support and articles in each issue. Several good responses from the readers. The gay and surgeon denial appealed of Gi banding with a sharp letter from Daniel saying more support expected. Other list of publications alternative gay sunshine, drummer San Francisco crew

Crusader, Seattle gay news. The advocate for forwarded my letter to Lambda Legal Defense who has never answered the many letters I've sent to them direct the body politic, GP you news Milwaukee. And for Christopher Street and blue boy, Fred's had bad addresses. I have two addresses to write to Midwest magazine and RFD the letter may not be a good address. But I have corrected that. And please update me on the occasionally changing piece of information. I will not accuse the non answering publications of no interest. Because I can be absolute, I cannot be absolutely certain that that information got through them, such as the nature of the beast in the belly of which I'll recite if anyone has more publication addresses. I'd appreciate them. Now, are you ready for the one exception to the ban. The one totally beyond my comprehension comprehends shun exception. And that is black white men together quarterly. They apparently have not noticed what it is. I received number 12. The black white men together quarterly recently. So I know that it is still that old statement. There are at least two of us receiving it. And through the court at Lee quarterly I have met Carl black white men together Houston and several people in faraway places with an explicit a pleasant exchange of words I have received in regards to other publications that have come through by oversized bar around the corner as it were includes the latest Northwest found the this week in Texas that has my highlights letter and Montrose voice number 55. Both AR AR will be circulated and I am encouraging the other gay people here to write to those editors. I don't want anyone to think I'm the only gay person down here. That gives a shit I cannot understand how in the world the Montrose Voice is denied. That is not what I would call an out and out gay newspaper in the outer appearance. It must be denied on reputation. Exclamation mark three question marks. It appears more papers serving a community that includes gay P pool, then the description of an out and out gay paper. But then TDC the same folks that bring you the Jack Heard type mentality. According to some TD si official suppose we're with REG by the queers and Kathy Whitmire is a Duck, Goofy people up here. And then the police departments and the offices of Governor, Attorney General, that sort, et cetera. And ignorance pervades the public domain. And now I feel a rat and coming on and don't have time, nor do you. I do thank you for your concern your continued support and friendship. Love you, friends. Right now, I'll read once again the address of Dr. Sherman Bay and that have bred letters from concerned people should be addressed to Dr. Sherman de Pio box 8446, Atlanta, Georgia 30302 R two Fred Markham LS unit number 257574 Huntsville, Texas, and the zip 77340. And if you haven't been able to write down the address, you can call me here at the station almost any time. And I'd like to thank Fred for all his work. And for a great deal of courage. And just a moment we'll be having a music feature with gay black musician, Blackberry. Right now, like to make a few announcements, I kind of hope raise the listening because next show on an array back to work. And I'm not going to tell them anything about it. I've worked on a tape for next week. And it'll be something Ryan knows quite a bit about. And we'll be hearing another song from BlackBerry at that time that is not on this tape from ravenshead communications. And hold gave him my chance to talk to the listener settling the next week. And our music feature for next week I'll be revisiting someone very dear to a lot of lesbian and gay listeners that have Holly near. And we're gonna be having another sort of very interesting show since next week and the week after that. Those are my last two shows for a while I'll be traveling around the country and experiencing new things and experiencing new things. It's always a real fun growing experience. For the 17th which will be my last show. I will have tape of highlights from various programs, recent programs, and I'll be doing a shorter version of the concert with Chris Tanner and Charlie Murphy. And then there'll be the regular features gay world news uncle Artis neighborhood and hopefully, around that time we'll also be seen the return and place event. On this tape from ravenshead communications, BlackBerry, gay black musician. There will be a brief four minute interview and following that five songs come on now.

 **Tay Butler** 59:12  
It's okay. You better wise up closer to your friend

 **Mike Miesch** 59:18  
and probably his best known song when well the ignorance and listening to KPFT Houston

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right now.

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BlackBerry BlackBerry is a songwriter performer living in the Bay Area. He has recorded two songs on the folkways album walls two roses, and is currently working on an album of his own titled finally, I talked with him about his music and his new album.

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Musical career with two other people I'm Tucson, we had a group together called Brees was a woman in the canter keyboards and acoustic guitar, I did backup vocals, to the vocals, and a bass player, Kirkland, we came here to make music. Without we're going to be an overnight success because we had something that was real different. And a lot of the places we played, they had passed that policy. And, and it was like, I felt at some point in there, when I sat down and thought about it, it was like, we were begging these people who had clouds for a space to beg, right? And actually just meant this new being exploited. But we there was nothing we could do that everybody was doing it and there was no way you could play that it wasn't happening. After we were here for about a year, the group started falling apart. And before the group had totally disband. I started doing solo stuff, I started singing on the streets, getting my chops together, so to speak. And then I went into coffee houses as a soul. I didn't want to have to rely on a band all the time to keep going. So I started building my report my solo experience

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more flexible.

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Would you like to talk about your new album?

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It's overdue for one we had it's been produced by myself and a man named Lee Watson



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he is doing a biggest part of the production right now because it's been gone for a while. And it's had all kinds of complications. That, that things that work that we've gotten done so far, is really been rewarding. It sounds really good. And I'm feel really positive. There are nine songs on it. And there are a lot of different different styles. Get a title. Finally, which might have been a mistake.



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Finally, the album is out.



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But I mean, just the fact that I said finally seems to make me feel like you know that when it's finished, I can say it's finally finished. Because it's been going on since December. And it was supposed to be packaged and out of April.



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And now blackberries music recorded June 17 1979 at the First Congregational Church in San Francisco.



Mike Miesch 1:03:35

Thank you very much, Steve, are the type of blackberry and we'll be hearing a song that is on his most recent album, I don't have that. Name of blackberries new album is called finally, meaning finally he got it out and trying to unlock the title of his record company, BB queen. And the song that we'll be hearing as a part of the special tape. And it has a very special introduction by a well known person, the name of the song and not love the song. And we're gonna have to wait till next week to hear this called Eat the rich. All right, yes. At this time. And last but not least we have uncle Artie



Art Tomaszewski 1:04:24

do our Good evening, folks. Welcome to Uncle Art and Mr. Jack's neighborhood. Run a little bit late tonight I went over the Audi theater to see I went over to the Audi theater to see the opening of House of Blue Leaves. It's a real I would call it a cute little play. It's about 10 years old at this point. So it's not real timely, but it's funny play and definitely worthwhile seeing. Other things going on in town this week is a movie going to be opening up called reds. It's a movie of epic proportions starring Warren Beatty and Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson, and I don't know what to say this movie just floored me. It's grant a movie on the scale of something

like *Gone With the Wind* or *Dr. Zhivago*. And, but this time, surprisingly enough, it's from the point of view of a leftist American journalist Jack Reed, who was the only American to be buried in the Kremlin takes place in the Russian Revolution. And it's just a wonderful, wonderful story. Yeah. It's a long movie about three and a half hours long. It'd be opening up this weekend, and I would recommend anybody to go see it. Okay, well, we're gonna get into some music tonight. I'm going to start off with a cut off of Nina Simone's *Young, Gifted and Black* Album. It's a live album. And this is a song from the musical hair. And it's kind of she's kind of singing the blues, but she's glad about it. It's called *Ain't got no I got life Thank you Miss Nina Simone*. I still think she's one of the best. Okay, now we're gonna go for something a little bit different. I was going to play some angry young man music tonight for a couple of my friends out there that are listening. This isn't really angry, but it's a this is from the New York Dolls off their first album. And this is something that I know something about. It's called *looking for a kiss*. When I say I'm in love you best believe I'm in love, luv. Well, that was a New York Dolls. And we only have a few more minutes here on the Wilde 'N' Stein show. So we're not going to be able to get into this whole song. But this is from a group out of Chicago called *Scott fish*. And this is a song that sometimes I think applies to use and it's called *no liberation here*. There is no liberation here.

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Mike Miesch 1:07:10

Well, that's uncle Artis neighborhood for this week. Artie will be in at his regular time next week huh Child. All right. We hope we'll be having a special show next week. I'll be putting Ray Hill on the spot. And Wilde 'N' Stein is on every Thursday night between pin and midnight. The guy's name Alan Watts, yeah, Alan watt. Somebody who's really good. Merrill, Carol Merrill. And he's, yeah, he's right here in the studio right now. But no, well. Anyway, we'll be closing with Chris Tanner and Charlie Murphy with strengthen these hands.



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