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J Jimmy Carper 00:01

All right, everyone is a minority very diverse. There have been Filipinos and Japanese and Chinese and whites and Hawaiians and Samoans have been living here. And they've all intermarried. So you have very few people have any pure blood anymore. And we have learned how to live with diversity. And you're right. And there's all kinds of different festivals going on all the time where people are excited expressing their ancestry, that Hawaiian language is very strong. And

J Jewel Gray 00:43

I love this Hawaiian Lang Oh, yeah. I

J Jimmy Carper 00:45

love it. Oh, yeah. In fact, they were having some sort of city council type review, because the law in Hawaii is that all streets have Hawaiian names. And now they're bringing up well, you know, there have been people who have been really, really given a lot of their their selves to the to the islands, and it would be nice to honor them with a street name. And but they don't have Hawaiian name. So they're, they're talking about making that would be difficult. Yeah. Yeah, yeah. But it never struck me that there's no majority in Hawaii. I have a gay

J Jewel Gray 01:24

friend who lives there who went there, he got diagnosed HIV positive and decided that he was going to change his life. And he used to work at a hospital here was a nurse and picked up everything and moved to wide live in a commune. Yeah. And when he got there, he was surprised that there was so little social, you know, out public social, like here in Houston, where he could come down to Montrose and wrong. Oh, yes, that's right. It's just one little two block area on Kuhio Avenue. And he said that what he found was that you once you got there, then

what happened is that someone who lived there for some time kind of takes you under your wing, and then kind of introduces you to the society from private party to party. And that that's why a lot of he said that they found that gay tourists had a hard time that when they came back from being there, that they had hard time because they go there, this little two block area, and they felt like that they kind of lost out on something. And what it was, is they're not there long enough to connect with somebody who introduced him to this society because that

J Jimmy Carper 02:32

little two block area is really mainly for the towards the tourist. That's it right? Well,

J Jewel Gray 02:37

when you know, you know, it's like me when I'm a tourist, I go someplace, I want to go where the tourists don't go. So a lot of people,

J Jimmy Carper 02:43

you know, and other publications are only on a monthly basis rather than weekly. Yeah, we have somebody looking for the number for people exchanging power. Oh, pap. And we don't know where they know that number, right. I don't have the number either. So anybody who has that number, people changing power? If John bene VDS comes by later, he might have that? Oh, yeah, that's right. Yeah. It with me? Yeah. I would think where would they be listed anyway? Gosh, would they be listed? I'm sure. They're not a twit. Well, no, it's not really it's it's more it's well known. But it's mostly a street group. So

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oh, that's why I think

J Jimmy Carper 03:27

I don't know. Well, it's a so if anybody out there has the number two pap, please call big Roy at jam KPFT. Five to 65738.

J Jewel Gray 03:39

Jan, I always loved that. You know, I was telling that. Tom before he left that. The Spanish the Spanish legislation. The legislators in Spain, I don't know what they call themselves. I'm just worried about that, too, are also debating the same sex partnerships.

J Jimmy Carper 03:59

Can you believe it? Yeah, I bet Franco is just twirling.

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Jewel Gray 04:08

Spanish parliament is wrestling mightily with the domestic partnership legislation with two timeouts a defeat, a postponement, a reintroduction, and a dissension among the party ranks all in one day. They expect that victory will be by the end of the century. That sounds like hey, yeah, but you know, it's the end of the century. You know, it 20 years ago was a really big thing. But now it's only a couple of years, so that's true. I don't know what we're gonna do. You know, my computer's set for 2000 I keep hearing this. Well, the truth. You know, somebody was asking me about oh my god, it's the millennium. Oh, my God, you know, you know, they've gotten to watching the show on TV Manila, Manila, man. Oh, I love it. Lynnium Yeah, but too, I love the show. But you know, it's raised a lot of people's awareness that what the millennium is and how that you know, the religious groups have established this kind of I don't know this kind of thing is going to supposedly take effect at the end of the 2000. And how you know these because of Millennium millennium, I don't know why I'm having a hard time with that tonight Millennium I didn't drink, I didn't do anything. In the show, they tell you that 2000 was coming on and the prophecies are this isn't this and that all hell's supposed to break loose, you know, the year 2000. And I was talking with a friend of mine, we were discussing the computer stuff. And he said, Well, you know, that's just one of the things about the Millennium coming is going to be, you know, big, you know, supposedly, the end of it, supposedly, the beginning of revelations. Oh, see? And then everything is supposed to happen. That Revelation says, Well, you know, I was thinking that, you know, the year 2000 is an arbitrary number. That's what just an arbitrary number, it has no bearing to anything ever written before. It's just a number. It's, you know, Monday, it will be Monday and Tuesday, Tuesday. And that's it. And that's all it is. And now as far as computers go, yes, they designed computers, because when they were designing all these computers to have, you know, it was 1900s. And they designed them for the 1900s. And I guess they assume that, you know, before 2000, things would change, computers would be different. So the double OT, will immediately when it clicks over from 99 to double out again, all computers will think it's 1900. Yes. And that, you know, it's gonna throw a lot of people off. I mean, you don't are not aware, really of how I mean, every computer, run credit bureau, every, you know, credit card, every government computer, all these things are, you know, the weather computers, the flight computers for airlines, the bank computers, will all be messed up, because they'll all click over to 19. And then, you know, they think that all hell's gonna break loose for that. And I think that that had something to do that. But the two year 2000 is still totally an arbitrary number that, you know, the Roman Greco Roman calendar was, you know, written up and

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Jimmy Carper 07:12

that was the dark ages or something. Yeah, about 1300 14. And said, Okay, this is 2000 BCE, right? No, no,

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Jewel Gray 07:21

it was it was Monday. Probably not a Monday, it was probably moon day. And then the end and as



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I recall, they didn't even when they did it, they didn't get it, right. Because like, because zero was supposed to be the birth of Christ. And they they were off by several years, several



J Jewel Gray 07:38

years. I think they said it was up to me it was between eight and 16 years. Yeah, yeah. So the 20,000 is it's an arbitrary number it ran the religious you know, prophecies and stuff is just another one of those things of hyper you know, like organized religion



J Jimmy Carper 07:54

happens all the time. Yeah. When when 1900 came around yeah, it was the same



J Jewel Gray 07:59

panic people were in St. Monica I'm carrying sign the end is nigh all that stuff. Yeah. People really thought people believed you know, like they're going to be people believing there was a movie just recently about this new thing. Kind of alternate reality what is it called a virtual reality that movie there's a movie out called I can't remember was called but it's about the year 2000 And about the people in the streets you know and and the kind of hysteria that this generates and you know, is just not going to happen. You're gonna wake up and you're just gonna have to get up and go back to work that's all there is to it. It's not gonna be this hair staring in the street in a week off No way. No No your boss is gonna want you there the next day.



J Jimmy Carper 08:47

We got a call from Rainbow Decleor rainbow yes love you. I love you and I know it. He was here last week and missed all a good one. I know well, you know he used to kind of hang out here almost everyone yeah could count. For for a long time there there was Mardi Gras and there was this going on. Plus his his new thing with the flamingos. If you if you happen to see there was a big article in last week's Sunday edition of a flamingos and they had a picture of rainbow because he does the flamingos by the yard where you wake up and there are 50 plastic flamingos in your front yard Happy Birthday. Anyway, he called him to say it's great to hear Jules voice again. It's Thank you Ray, Mary. Sue, and I hope she'll be irregular.



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Yeah, I want to I want to Jimmy and are talking and I really want to be here. And then he tells me he's got the third weekend's open so I got the third weekend open so I can have Yeah. In fact, it looks like you're going to be here the whole the whole show tonight. Yep. I don't have

anything else to do. Two o'clock in the morning. Oh, I

B Big Roy 09:54

gotta want to add a little something here. Sure. Raven was talking to me. He's mentioned he's going to the march tomorrow. All right. Oh, good. And he's what? He's dressing up as a woman. And he's getting a plaque card made up. It says Nixon is the one. And this is regarding Senator Nixon. Oh, the one who just got busted for picking up a female prostitute. Oh, and get getting her pregnant. He says there's also supposedly a contingent of black and white pregnant women that's going up there. Black Guard saying Nixon so I've been rainbow you are one sick puppies. He says I've never been politically correct.

J Jimmy Carper 10:41

No, that's true. That's true. I've always been rainbow. That's right. And Rainbow. I know it. And thank goodness. Yes.

J Jewel Gray 10:48

Tell you if you want if you don't have somebody like that, you have to make them up. We need more.

J Jimmy Carper 10:53

We need more. I've seen rainbow in action

J Jewel Gray 10:58

at like the pride. Other Yeah, the parades.

J Jimmy Carper 11:02

And he just he keeps he makes he keeps him thinking.

J Jewel Gray 11:05

Yep, he sure does. And that's right. We do need we need more people like that more people willing to say the things that need to be said. That used to be me. Yeah. Used to be me. Now, I often bite my tongue. I don't know. I guess it's the thing about getting older. You know, it used to be, I guess, you know, as you get older, you you see more? I don't know, you know? I'm thinking one of the guys on the show used to be on the show. I can't think of his name right now. I can't think of his name Jesus. What's his name? Used to we used to get in this thing about AIDS and, and I was old and had forgotten what it was like And Scott No. And he was

young and out on the street, beaten the streets and trying to make everything happen overnight. And we used to get in a little, a little discussion, little debate about, you know how far we'd come. Michael, Michael, Michael Crawford. And you know, it's just like rainbow. You know, you gotta have Michael Crawford's out there. Do you gotta have rainbows? And you know, as much as I and Michael disagreed? You know, I loved him. And I love him for being there. Oh, absolutely. Oh, yeah. There's no question about it. I want everybody know if you ever thought that, you know, I was thinking about him the other night. If you ever thought I didn't love Michael, you were wrong. If it ever sounded like that. I was not totally behind him. totally supportive of him. You were wrong. I wanted people to know that. Michael, if you're listening, I want you to know that Michael around.

J Jimmy Carper 12:36

I think he knows good. He was in the hospital a few weeks ago. I'm sorry to hear and I haven't heard about his release or anything like that. Scott Lewis informed me and I haven't heard anything, but I sure would like to

J Jewel Gray 12:51

Yeah, that'd be nice. Michael, if you're listening, give us a call. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 12:55

There's a benefit coming up. There's lots of benefits coming up and I'd like to talk about them all because especially with the court and Colt 40 fives I mean, all of these. These folks, these are good folks that deserve your help. But this is a different kind of benefit. This is benefiting Q patrol and it's called gala palooza. Go sounds neat. It's happening Monday and Tuesday night at laughs stop. Oh, now gala Palooza has been going on for a couple of years now. That is Kevin Mae and Scott Kennedy, who have been on the show a couple of times. And they do the gay Comedy Jam. And they've been on HBO and all of this kind of good stuff. And anyway, there's a whole night of exciting comedy. Bob Smith. The only gay comment to appear on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Georgia Ragsdale recording her new CD release, and featuring the best gay comedians with surprise guests. On Monday night, there's going to be a bachelor auction. So I'm wondering what that's the night I'm going on March 25. And 26th at the Laugh stop. And that's located at 1950 to a West grey. Order your tickets now?

J Jewel Gray 14:20

Because they go quick. They do go quick. Yes, they do. And this is a benefit for Cubitron a huge place so they go quick. Yeah, I've never been there. I went to sue Susan Weston Hoffer there. Oh, and they had us in there like sardines, or like, you know, with, with lesbians putting us in like sardines. That's perfect. And, you know, there were a lot of big lesbians sitting next to me. So we were like rolling in the aisles. Literally, you know, every time we laugh, we just got everybody would just kind of intermingle with each other was really great. Oh, that's great. Yeah, it was it was great. And she was really funny. She was really right on that night. And she always she was she's great. I really Commedia I'd seen her on the TV on HBO. They've done a

couple of half our shows for her. And I'd seen her there and when it came up I think it was part of gay. Was it gay Lollapalooza? Yeah. Never gave up Palooza gala palooza. I think she was part of one of those two that night. And it was wonderful, but it was a small place. I think it makes for a very intimate experience. And and I was impressed with the people at the at the last half of last year that I was impressed with the people there. They were very. They're open. Yeah. Well, they're very, they're open. But they were very, I don't know, they it was like, they went out of their way to make us feel comfortable. It was really nice. Good.

J Jimmy Carper 15:38

Good. Because they do this every year, maybe a couple of times a year.

J Jewel Gray 15:41

Yep. Yep. And anytime I get a chance, I liked it.

J Jimmy Carper 15:45

And I really liked the idea that I remember when they did one night for gala palooza. And it has grown so much that they have to have two nights.

J Jewel Gray 15:55

Well, that's what I mean. So really, if you if you enjoy good comedy, and you enjoy good night out and you want a nice safe place to go to have a good time, and there's a lot of nice places to eat right around there. You know, have dinner before or after, because it's open late. And because it starts it's a great place to spend an evening, take a date. It's a good place for a date. Yesterday, let's

J Jimmy Carper 16:16

go to a piece of music. I've got something in the CD right now from Dream. D ream. And this is one that longtime listeners have heard, but I really like to play it. It's it's just a great message for the queer community. It's called things can only ke O 's College Station, I'm Jimmy Carper. And I want to play a piece that came from lesbian and gay voices. Yes. And they've moved there now on Thursday night at 7pm. Seven to 8pm. But this is Joan Devlin and Clyde talking about gay and lesbian signs, symbols. And I thought it was really, really good. So I pulled it off. And it's something to think about. And it's something to know because maybe you don't know where the pink triangle came from. Or do you know what a labyrinth says? Have you ever heard of a Laplace? Well, I think you're gonna find out in the next 17 minutes. It's coming up right now.

J Joan Devlin 17:39

We are back in studio. I'm Joan Devlin. And I'm in studio with Clyde Johnston. And we're going to talk about gay symbols.



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Well, Joe, and I kind of wanted to get across the point that many of the symbols right now, most of the people in the community are a lot of them don't know, actually where they began and what they stand for. And there's become a lot of commercialization lately. People are buying the symbols and don't know what they mean. Because it's cool, or because it's a status symbol to be like your friend,



J Joan Devlin 18:12

right? You know, whenever I see those rainbow stickers on cars, I sometimes wonder, you know, because I have run across people that really don't know what that rainbow sticker means they just see a bunch of other people with the rainbow stick or they think it looks pretty or looks neat. And they're driving around the rainbow sticker on their car. Not you know totally clueless,



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right. And like back when I first came out into the community, everybody seemed to have what they called a twit sticker, which was kind of a silver sticker with the TW i t on the back for this week in Texas. And that was usually a way to identify somebody else that was gay or lesbian. But now we use some other symbols. One of the first symbols I wanted to talk about is the one of the oldest ones, which is the pink triangle, which actually started back during the Nazi Germany times where guys were imprisoned and stripped of their rights. And the actual symbol was a larger triangle than a traditional size triangle to denote that this person was homosexual. There was also a black triangle at that time, which is believed to have been for strictly the women,



J Joan Devlin 19:37

right, but it wasn't strictly for lesbian women. It was used to denote antisocial women and what the Nazis defined as an antisocial woman was a woman who did not bear children that could be unmarried women, prostitutes, sometimes even women just passed, you know, single women that were just past childbearing age, and of course, lesbians,



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right, and there was also a another triangle which you hear very little about, which is a burgundy triangle, which they believe denoted transgendered persons. And many times the black, the pink and the burgundy triangle were used in unison with other triangles such as the

green triangle, which had a criminal status, the red triangle, which was a political prisoner, and the yellow triangles, which traditionally two of them were put together and overlap to form a star of David, to denote that the prisoner was Jewish.

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Joan Devlin 20:35

In the 1970s, didn't they begin to use that one isn't that when they became popular for the gay rights movement to call attention to oppression and persecution,

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right, that's about the time that they adopted the actual symbol again and brought it back out into the open. And then the 1980s Act Up the AIDS coalition to unlace power also used it.

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Joan Devlin 20:58

And then in the 90s, it came to represent pride, solidarity and also a promise to prevent another holocaust. And I think that's the most important because I think a lot of times people don't realize that, you know, we were also, of course, not to as great an extent but we were also victims of the Holocaust. And it could happen again, I seriously believe it could if we are not vigilant,

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yeah, so people really need to pay attention to where their history comes from, and where these symbols come from and what they mean and hold that to heart when they're utilizing the symbols to represent ourselves.

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Joan Devlin 21:36

And then of course, there's the women's symbols, which we don't see quite as much as there's the labrets, which is used to denote worship of Demeter, who was the goddess of the moon. Also, the double headed axes which stood for the two moons. The moon is a powerful symbol for women because of the waxing and waning and Demeter's powers were greatest when the moon was full, and Hekate, who was the underworld goddess, his powers were greatest when the moon was gone, or just a quarter. These were used often for ceremonies, agriculture, Amazon warrior women often decorated shields with them. In Europe, Africa, Asia, many other places where they did have an Amazon warrior woman. Also the army and conquer cities, I have a little note here had something called a double queen roll,

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right, the Amazons utilized a double queen system where one of the ladies was over the army. And the other woman was over strictly construct conquering cities because it was a matriarchal

group of Ancient Tribe of women.

J Joan Devlin 22:53

And then, of course, there's the most controversial symbol which you can tell us more about.

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Well, that's the lambda and originally, that was brought out to represent both women and men. But most of the people in the community strictly felt like they would abandon it because it strictly pertained to the men. And basically, the lambda stands for many different things. In the Greek sense, it stands for liberation, and it's actually the lowercase letter L in the Alpha. It also stands for energy, which means the gay community working together in concert wavelength, where we we all have a similar wavelength that we know how to communicate with each other, because we feel similar. It also contains a meaning of synergy where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, meaning that when all of us get together that we have a greater force than just us individually, do you want to discuss some of the others.

J Joan Devlin 24:06

There's also scales of balance that constant force that keeps opposing sides from overcoming each other. There's the right leg of the symbol which is action or to reach and maintain balance. There was also knowledge shed on ignorance, which was an ancient Roman belief. The main the symbol mainly was used in the 70s created a lavender symbol on a white background, the Los Angeles gay community made a flag and it was to denote Lesbian and Gay Men's concerns together. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, many of the women felt left out of that particular ceremony and the lambda symbol sort of godlike a man only connotation Africa

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and also in the 70s, the New York Gay Activist Alliance utilize the symbol and believe it or not in Edinburgh, Scotland, the International gay rights Congress adopted the symbol representing lesbian and gay rights.

J Joan Devlin 25:05

And then there's the astrological signs which are gender symbols, Roman, those are the traditional Venus is the one women that's the upside down cross with the circle above it,

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right? These are the ones that you see on most of society, right?

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Joan Devlin 25:19

And then the man is the, the Oh with the arrow pointing upward. And then of course, you see the two Venus symbols and the two Mars symbols together to denote to denote lesbian and gay relationships.

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Right and also the combiner many times to denote the transcendent gendered community. Originally, the the men sign was denoted by mercury or Mars and the women's symbol was denoted through Aphrodite and Venus, from ancient Greek and Roman times.

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Joan Devlin 25:54

And then there was the purple hand, which is a group that protested the San Francisco examiner's office, homophobic editorial, the San Francisco Examiner editor decided to get back at them by pouring purple ink on them. And so they turned around and put handprints purple handprints on the side of the building.

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I think that's great. Whatever.

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Yeah, purple.

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And then staying with purple. There was also a symbol called the lavender rhinoceros, which was you utilized as an activist symbol. It pertains generally to the animal, the rhinoceros, where the animal most times is peaceful, but when you provoke rhinoceros, it becomes very ferocious.

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Joan Devlin 26:45

Then there was the green on Thursdays, which just kind of cracked me up especially because I wore green today. And Rome and England, people wore green on Thursdays to denote homosexuality. This was used in America post depression in colleges as a as a means of identifying each other, but it was abandoned in the 1950s.

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And for many of y'all that go to places like heaven and Rich's y'all listen to a group from Sweden if you if you don't realize that named army of lovers, and their particular name is denoted from the sign 338, which represented the Sacred Band of Thieves, better known as the army of lovers. And this was an ancient early gate gay group, which was defeated by another gay group called the Sharon Nia and 338. The see and this is where the three three eighths symbol comes from.

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Joan Devlin 27:43

And then there's lavender lavender is an occult color. It indicates spiritual knowledge of trans spiritual knowledge and transformation. Gay men tend to claim this more than women. It also comes from the fact that in 16th century England, men and women who planned on not getting married were violets.

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Also in the 1920s, a male would wear a red neck tie. This was definitely a sign that this was a gay male. And prior to the 19 hundred's, a green carnation could be worn by male or female on either lapel denoting that this person was homosexual. And an earlier times probably during the George Washington type period. A pinkie ring on the left hand meant that the male was a big poop.

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Joan Devlin 28:37

Leather pride consists of fetishes, male and female they have a flag which is black and blue stripes. Some of the characteristics are leather Levi's s&m, B and D uniform cowboys rubber. This was first displayed by Tony de Blasio Mr. Leather contest in Chicago on May 28 in 1989.

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While some some of y'all may be very familiar with some old symbols that are still used in different parts of the community, the hankie codes, which were typically male, or are typically male, and there are a traditional form of signaling to others what your sacral sexual preferences and interests are. Gay men use this code to commit to communicate with each other in the noisy and distracting environment of gay bars. Although they're not widely