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an ad-lib
speech from
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create your
own from
recent events

SCHWARZY

Doesn't anybody else here care about the rules!?

(BARFEE and PANCH both raise their hands.)

This bee is about as [well-organized as]

(and seeing an opportunity she goes to the microphone and makes a political speech. The speech is re-written at least weekly, a topical ad-lib.

For example: This bee is as archaic as...the conclave process. You know, I've been reading about our new pope, Pope Benedict; and as a progressive, half Jewish biracial child of two gay fathers, I don't believe this pope has my best interest in mind.)

See **APPENDIX #3: Schwarzy Ad-Libs** on page 94 for more examples

PANCH

Does anyone mind if we get back to spelling?

SCHWARZY

I've been waiting for my word.

PANCH

I gave you a word.

SCHWARZY

FINISH

No you didn't.

PANCH

Didn't I give her a—

KIDS, RONA, MITCH

No—

PANCH

My apologies. SLUICE.

(To increasingly ominous underscoring...)

SCHWARZY

May I have a definition?

PANCH

It's an artificial passage for water with a valve or gate for stopping and regulating flow.

SCHWARZY

And are there any alternate definitions?

PANCH

Yes—a channel to drain or carry off surplus water.



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APPENDIX #3 Swarzy Ad-Libs (examples)

From the authors: "Schwarzy's ad libs" are the most topical part of the script and must be rewritten to reference current and/or local news items. As you can see, whatever the topic, she frequently works in her two fathers. These were generally written by Sarah Saltzberg, and added to by subsequent Schwarzys.

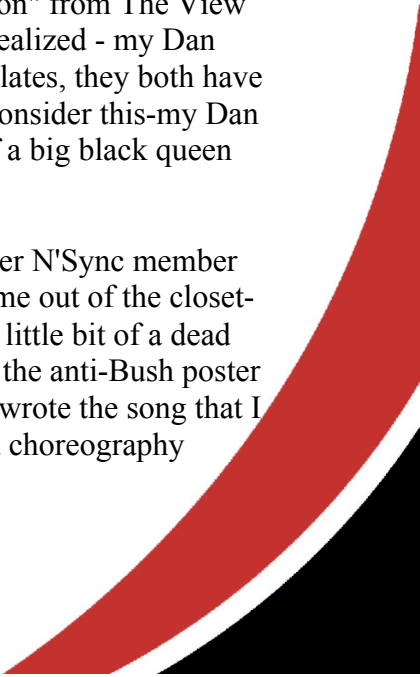
This bee is as confusing for me as Father's Day! As the daughter of 2 gay dads, I'd like to know who scheduled Father's Day and Gay Pride weekend, within 7 days of each other?! Well anyway, to celebrate Gay Father's Pride week, which is what we call it in my family, we went to go see "Cinderella Man" - but it wasn't exactly what we were expecting.

This bee is about as misguided as the current administration! With the Patriot Act about to expire, President Bush was quoted in this weeks NY Times as saying "in times of terrorism, some civil liberties must be sacrificed. But I will do my best to protect them." As a progressive, half-Jewish, mixed race child of 2 gay fathers, I really don't think he's got my civil liberties in mind.

This bee is as confusing as George Bush seeing Brokeback Mountain. Thursday night is movie night in my house, and this past Thursday my dads and I, went to go see a special screening of Brokeback Mountain. My Carl-Dad said he couldn't see cowboys without thinking of George Bush, and then my Dan-Dad said he couldn't see gay cowboys without thinking of Karl Rove and George Bush. And then the man behind us said "yes, and isn't nice to see them screwing each other for a change!" We laughed...

This bee is nose-diving faster than Star Jones' career!! Star Jones' "resignation" from The View sent shockwaves through the Schwartzandgrubenierre household, until we realized - my Dan Dad would be a perfect replacement. They both lost a lot of weight doing pilates, they both have issues with Rosie O'Donnell, and they both married gay men! So Barbara, consider this-my Dan Dad would be an asset to your show, and as my Karl Dad says, he's more of a big black queen than Star Jones will ever be!!

This bee is about as shocking as Lance Bass coming out of the closet! Former N'Sync member Lance Bass literally rocked the nation earlier this week when he proudly came out of the closet-though as my dads pointed out, the highlighted hair tips have always been a little bit of a dead giveaway. Anyway, I applaud Lance for taking a stand and essentially bein' the anti-Bush poster boy-he's openly gay~ he's dating someone with a very foreign name and he wrote the song that I want to sing to President Bush when he finally leaves office-(with boy band choreography singing) - I wanna see you out that door - baby, bye bye bye!!!



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SCHWARZY:

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I hope you can love me, A - me - ri-ca, —

I'm gun-ning for first prize.

(Vib. out)

Syn.

Vcl. (pizz.)

8vb

22

23

24

25

Here's why you should love me, A - me - ri-ca, —

My needs I cannot o - ver-em - pha-size.

Syn, Cl, Vcl. (15mb)

Cl, Vcl. (arco)

+Vib.

(Vib. out)

(8vb)

loco

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27

28

29

I make — my-self cra - zy

be-ing what my dads hope — I'll

Syn.

+Vib.

V.S.

30 31 32 33

be. But what a-bout me, dads? What a-bout

Syn, Cl, Vcl. *p* Syn, Cl. (8vb) *mf* (Vib. out)

34 35 36 37

me? Je - sus Christ, what a - bout

Syn, Cl, Vcl. (15mb) *f* + Drums

CARL: Practice your breathing, Logainne.

38 39 40 41 (to 44)

me?

Syn. Cl. *w/Drs - time w/Syn LH, Vcl.* *8vb*

44

45 46 47

Though I prac-tice Yo-ga I don't breathe. I try not to dis-ap - point, — but still — I

Syn. . Syn, Cl. *mp*

mp
(Vcl. out)
w/Syn LH
(8vb)

48

49 50 51 52

dis-appoint the dads who my friends mock. — Kids are mean, kids'll talk. All my so-called "friends" roll their

Syn, Cl. Syn.

+Vcl. (arco) (Vcl. out)

(8vb)

53

54 55 56

eyes, they're in - cre - di - bly pet - ty. Be - cause my dads are my dads, and, al - right, e - nough al-read - y!

+Cl, Vcl.

(8vb)

V.S.

57

58 59 60

Woe is me, woe is me, which is

KIDS:

OO: MP: WB/CT: (8va) Woe is me. Woe is me.

Syn, Cl. (8vb)

Vcl.

w/Syn LH

61 62 63 64

why I got-ta win this Spel - ling Bee.

Syn. Syn, Cl. Syn.

Cl.

+Vcl.

8vb

FINISH

CARL: (wanting Logainne to pose by herself): Take another one for her B.M.

SCHWARZY: Dad! **DAN:** Don't call her that, Carl.

CARL: Sorry. Her "Birth Mother." **SCHWARZY:** Peggy Jenkins.

DAN: Who'd be very proud if she could see you spell.

65 66 67 4X 68

(Cl. out)
Syn. (RH - start on 4th x)

pp

p

Vcl (pizz.) (start on 3rd x)

pp

w/Syn (starts on 2nd x)

(last time only)

(8vb)