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J Jack Valinski 00:04

Well, that's not quite our normal. We were sort of surprised when we walked in here, finding out that we're in the production room tonight. So besides the fact that Glenn's not here, we gave him the night off because it's cramped in here. And number two were rusty on the board. And I'll probably take most I'll take most of blame for it because it is a different room. It's the production room instead of the On Air room. But anyway, we're here doing lesbian and gay voices. And this is Jack Wolinsky. And I'm John Devlin. And so tonight, even though it's a holiday, we're here live, we're going to be talking to Delia Stokes, who is female Grand Marshal for pride this year, which pride sort of already has started in the sense, although the grand opening is this Friday. And then also, Ken Donnelly will be here talking about the pride book that if you picked up around the community, it's about a five pound book,

J Joan Devlin 00:54

300 pages. Great job,

J Jack Valinski 00:57

he did a wonderful job. And we've been working with a great company. So that'll be going on. And of course, the second hour, we will be doing query music heritage from JD Doyle. So we have a pretty hefty show here. And we are going to go into Nusrat from this way out, but it may be a little bit rough, and I do apologize, but we don't have all the things here to quite queue up everything. We're going to talk for a little bit because it does need to be queued up, otherwise, you're going to be hearing talent.

J Joan Devlin 01:31

Well, talking about pride, since we do have that coming up, I was pretty impressed at the range of activities that are going on this year. I mean, every year it seems to grow and grow and

grow. Our calendar is actually up to 26 pages now. And I would say the bulk of that is pride events.

J Jack Valinski 01:51

And I do want to mention also that there was a service yesterday at the community center for me or Maria Mata coochie, who passed away suddenly a few weeks ago and Maria was very much involved in the community center and taking over as board chair last year and really helped getting it back on stable ground and she was involved in a lot of different groups and sort of bringing people together. And surely she was going to be very well missed. And I understand the service went very well.

J Joan Devlin 02:17

Yes, I did do and we are going to miss her quite a bit. She was pretty much continual presence at the community center. We've had her on the air here for quite some time actually quite a few times and it's just it's hard to believe she's gone. We will miss her greatly.

J Jack Valinski 02:31

Well let's listen to news wrap from this way out.

G Greg Gordon 02:48

Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon, Canadian Supreme given anti gay Schools teacher training a passing grade, multi partnered people preach poly pride and gay cabaret chick rockin out Latin pop from the audio file. All that and more this week now that you've discovered this way out.

C Cindy Friedman 03:16

I'm Cindy Friedman.

G Greg Gordon 03:17

And I'm Greg Gordon with news

C Cindy Friedman 03:18

wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending May 19 2001. The Canadian Supreme Court ruled this week that a private Christian university that prohibits homosexual behavior can qualify its students as public school teachers. Trinity Western universities rules against what the Evangelical Free Church views as

biblically condemned behaviors constituted anti gay discrimination in the eyes of the British Columbia College of Teachers. That provincial licensing body is denied accreditation to Trinity's teaching programs since 1985, requiring its graduates to spend their last year at an accredited program and another school to lower courts upheld the denial of accreditation. But the Supreme Court ruled eight to one that no evidence supported the notion that Trinity graduates were more likely than others to discriminate against gay and lesbian students. The decision said that, in considering the religious precepts of Trinity instead of the actual impact of these beliefs on the school environment, the College of Teachers acted on the basis of irrelevant considerations. It therefore acted unfairly. The freedom to hold beliefs is broader than the freedom to act on them. The diversity of Canadian society is partly reflected in the multiple religious organizations that mark the societal landscape and this diversity of views should be respected. John Fisher, Executive Director of Canada's national lobby group gal equality for gays and lesbians everywhere, called the decision a serious setback, one which would encourage more private religious schools to train students for public sector jobs.

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Greg Gordon 04:59

Romania's Ah Orthodox Church has led the opposition in the long running struggle to decriminalize homosexual acts there, but now it will back off. Prime Minister Adrian Nastasi. This week announced having reached what he called a reasonable compromise after consultation with church leaders. The ministries of Justice and the interior are working on and amended government bill to repeal article 200 of the penal code that will more explicitly defined that only consensual relations between adults will be legal. The amended bill is expected to resemble those of several other former Soviet states, which have been deemed to meet the standards for membership in the European Union. EU membership has been Romania's motivation for decriminalization.

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Cindy Friedman 05:42

The Vatican this week reaffirmed its anti gay sexual ethics with a statement from its Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and a disciplinary action against a liberal Spanish theologian. Roman Catholicism is doctrinal enforcer Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger wrote that the church considers masturbation in homosexual behavior as objectively bad acts, and urged theologians to hold strictly to that standard. The statement came in conjunction with the announcement that Spanish priest Marciano Vidal, a professor at the Higher Institute for moral sciences and the Pontifical University had signed a pledge to revise his writings. Vidal had previously suggested that homosexual acts masturbation, birth control methods which prevent conception and in vitro fertilization are not necessarily morally wrong. Following an investigation that began in 1997 Ratzinger his panel declared that those writings cannot be used for theological formation.

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Greg Gordon 06:42

Some Australian Catholics fear a witch hunt of gay clergy in the wake of George Pels appointment as Archbishop of Sydney interviewers this week confronted Powell with rumors that his associates while Bishop of Melbourne had included some campy young priests known as the Spice Girls. And Appalachian he found profoundly insulting. Asked about the possibility of

gay men among the Sydney clergy call responded, please God no. He considers both heterosexual and homosexual acts by clergy to be incompatible with remaining a priest and said individuals would have to choose one way or the other, although he said counseling would be available for them. The International gay and lesbian Catholic movement rainbow sash called on gay priests everywhere to come out and on Pell to acknowledge their existence and contributions.

 Cindy Friedman 07:31

But Australia's leading Anglican triggered national debate this week with a call to support legal recognition of gay and lesbian relationships and to bless them as committed friendships, if not as marriages Primate of Australia and Archbishop of Perth Peter Carnley noted that it's been more than 40 years since Anglican bishops rejected the notion that all non procreative acts are sinful, and said that recognition of gay and lesbian relationships could prevent promiscuity currently heads the Anglican Church of Australia's doctrine panel, which has released a book of discussion papers on homosexuality in preparation for the General Synod to be held in July. While that panel itself does not agree on what position the church should take its members said that in the process of their studies, they had become acutely aware of the social tragedy of homophobic reactions to homosexual people, and to become aware of the burden of their own misapprehensions and unchallenged prejudice. While gays and lesbians and the Australian Democratic Party welcomed Carnegie's open mindedness. There was immediate backlash from within the ranks of Anglican clergy from the National Catholic Church and from the right wing, One Nation political party

 Greg Gordon 08:43

in Egypt purported gay wedding last week resulted in 55 arrests in Cairo 10, plainclothes state and city police raided the Queen boat disco held weekly on a boat moored in the Nile and reportedly popular among gay men. Five foreigners may have been briefly detained, while 55 Egyptian men were arrested for violating the teachings of religion and propagating depraved ideas and moral depravity, a charge punishable by up to five years imprisonment. reports received by the International gay and lesbian Human Rights Commission suggest that at least one man was repeatedly slapped and subjected to anti gay slurs by an officer in the course of his arrest. The Commission fears that the man who At last report remain in jail may have been tortured in the course of their detention, then were questioned for at least two days and had been held incommunicado. That commission believes there was in fact no gay wedding on the boat, but that that claim represented part of a campaign of defamatory reporting and a nation where homosexuality is not explicitly criminal, but offenses against public morals and sensitivities are, in fact, the State Security prosecution office told reporters the defendants are members of a satanic cult, then maybe tried before a security court that leaves no one civility of appeal. Egyptian human rights groups have stood aside from the case.

 Cindy Friedman 10:05

Elections in Italy saw an open lesbian elected to the national legislature for the first time along with two openly gay men. The far left communist three foundations to de De Simone, head of national group archy last speaker, when a seat in the Senate even though the number of

women dropped in both Houses of Parliament, she plans to introduce bills for legal recognition of gay and lesbian couples, along with full parental and fertility rights. Franco Galini of ARCA gay also a communist and Niki van dolla of the left wing Democrats were also elected, but overall, the solid majorities won in both houses by Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia party of the center right Casa del Lipitor coalition suggest little legislative progress for gay and lesbian rights in the days to come. Although the far right northern league failed to win representation in Parliament, Neo fascist physically attacked gays and lesbians in Verona at a dinner and supportive failed gay candidate Roberto era,

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Greg Gordon 11:05

Canada's first openly gay provincial cabinet member Tim Stevenson lost his post as British Columbia's gay supported the New Democratic Party crashed and burned in elections this week. The scandal ridden BC NDP was reduced from a majority to a mere three seats while the centrist Liberal Party took over. Stephen son lost his heavily gay Vancouver bird writing to another open gay liberal Lauren man courts

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Cindy Friedman 11:31

Chile's parliamentary elections in December we'll feature an openly gay candidate Rolando Jimenez, founder and president of the national group movement for homosexual integration and liberation declared his candidacy this week, saying it represented more than a decade of work by the National Gay movement.

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Greg Gordon 11:48

In the US the Bush administration is losing one of its two open gays. Stephen Herbert's is leaving his consultant post with the Department of Defense. Reportedly in response to objections by leading Republicans,

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Cindy Friedman 12:00

Maryland became the 12th US state to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation with Democratic governor Parris Glendenning signature this week. Glendenning himself lobbied hard for the new law, partly in remembrance of his brother's suffering as a closeted gay man in the military who died of AIDS.

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Greg Gordon 12:18

The Rochester New York City Council this week also added sexual orientation as a category protected from discrimination under its human rights ordinance.

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Cindy Friedman 12:27

But in Royal Oak Michigan, voters rejected by a nearly two to one margin a human rights ordinance that included sexual orientation among a number of protected categories. Opposition organized by the Mississippi based American Family Association lied throughout the campaign, according to their own admission and the city attorney as well as gay and lesbian activists.

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Greg Gordon 12:49

In Britain open gay Graham Norton was a double winner at the British Academy of Film and Television Awards, UK equivalent of the US Emmys. He took best entertainment program for his talk show so Graham Norton, along with his second consecutive best entertainment performance BAFTA. Last week, it was reported that Norton had turned down an offer of 5 million pounds from the BBC after a year long attempt to woo him away from Channel Four. Rather than take the big bucks to host the game show blankety blank for the beep. Norton reportedly accepted almost 3 million pounds less to continue with Channel Four through April 2004.

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Cindy Friedman 13:25

And finally, an email correspondence says the US government has an official definition for faggots. According to the Department of Agriculture's Food standards and labeling policy book. They are a cooked smoked sausage comprised of a combination of beef, veal and pork cured with salt, nitrates and sugar inside sheep or hog casings. The book adds that the sausage is LinkedIn pairs each about six inches long,

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Greg Gordon 13:55

and got some news wrap for the week ending May 19 2001, written by Cindy Friedman, and recorded that the studios of KPFK Los Angeles, follow the

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Cindy Friedman 14:03

news in your area and informed community is a strong community for this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman.

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Greg Gordon 14:09

And I'm Greg Gordon.

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Joan Devlin 14:12

Good evening, you're listening to 90.1 KPFT, Houston's lesbian and gay voices. And I have Dalia Stokes here with us. Jaya is the female Grand Marshal on this year's Pride Parade. And I guess the first question I want to ask you since we've asked this to Mitchell as well, how did you feel when you found out you had won the honor?



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Well, I was stunned. I had wonderful competition, Janine brunches, and I fully expected her to be the female Grand Marshal and was going to the announcement. And so actually, I didn't expect to win and and I was tickled and stunned. And, of course, just being nominated was an honor. So I was already there with the honor but But I was really taken aback by it.



J Joan Devlin 15:03

And the next question Jack is here gesturing? I don't know. Usually we ignore each other, the show goes a lot more smoothly. Um, I guess my next question for you is you've been very active with the PVA project, the progressive voters in action. I've seen you



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block walking block walk forum. Yes.



J Joan Devlin 15:28

How do you think that affected? I mean, what do you think, was if somebody said to you? Well, you're the female Grand Marshal, what do you do for the gay community? I mean, what would be the one standout thing that you think you want people to know you as representative of the gay community?



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Well, I don't know. It's been written up in the pride book and the summary of me that my involvement with River Oaks area Democratic women, also known as red women, great organization, I think has been where I felt like we've made one of the biggest impacts. And it's, it's sort of subtle, it's sort of like the rock into the lake and the ripple effect. But our organization, our executive committee, decided to bring the the failed hate crimes legislation of the 1999, ledges Texas legislators, to the attention of our organization back in August of 99, right after the last session ended. And we're fortunate to have a wonderful panel on that subject. And it was so well received and was so informative that our organization, not just me, but our executive committee, had the idea, let's just do this same subject matter for our banquet in the fall. And so that was the fall of 2000. That that happened. And we did. And we were fortunate to have Judy Shepard as well as the, the James Byrd Jr. Family, including the parents of James Byrd, Jr. And that again, was that was a larger audience, 500 people, and it again, was very well received and time and again, people said to me, I just did not understand the issues. I didn't understand what this was all about, and, and thanked us, me and the organization for making this happen. So I and then some of the members of the Human Rights Campaign, dinner committee, were at that our road women banquet, and from watching that they said to themselves, we really want to do some of this at our dinner and spread this message further, because a lot of people just didn't understand what the the benefits of the

hate crimes legislation, I think is how I'd say it and so so they had the good fortune of being able to have the the bird family present at their gala March 3. And and so it just continued and we honored at the red balloon banquet that some of the legislators who who advance this Senator Ellis as well as Senator, representatives, Senfronia Thompson and Scott Hochberg, so, so I think, right now asking me today, I'd say that's where I think we've had our biggest I've had the biggest impact is kind of shepherding that along and bringing that message to a larger audience. And what

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Joan Devlin 18:21

are your what do you it's a night parade. And in previous years, we've had grand marshals come up with some very interesting ways by which they have been able to light themselves, shall we say, light up the night along with the rest of the Pride Parade Floats, any anything we can expect this year, anything exciting in the way of lights?

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You know, that's a wonderful question. I haven't gotten there yet. I'm still I'm still thinking about vehicles. But no, I need to I need to think about that. Because I've been in walking in the parade the last two years with the road women and the Democrats. And it does get kind of dark in some sections. I've noticed that and then other sections. It's just so light, you wouldn't even notice that their lights on a float. So you need to be prepared for both You're right.

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Joan Devlin 19:11

And are you going to have any special friends with you in the car like Suzanne Anderson brought her to law Kelly Dean when she was the Grand Marshal?

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Well, I'm glad you asked that because I am very excited about that. I don't know if everybody knows this. I love to brag on the fact that Brandon Wolf is the person who nominated me for

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Joan Devlin 19:31

the means. Brendon nominated Mitchell also. Yes. Next year, we get Brandon to nominate Mike.

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There you go. He says he says he's going to retire. He said such success. But he suggested that I invite my family and already I was of course expecting my partner Bobby Bayless, but I said, Well, Brandon, is that okay? And he said, I'm sure and so I asked Jack if that was okay. A and Jack said,

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Joan Devlin 20:01

Jack, was that okay? Jack said,

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Sure. So I did, I invited my daughter who lives in Minneapolis and her family. And so she and her little one and a half year old are going to come in for it. Her husband doesn't think he can make it. I'm still, you know, wishing he could, but he's just started a new job. And my mother who's 86. So I'm really excited about that. So in addition to me, and Bobby will be my daughter, granddaughter and my mother and that'll be four generations of this.

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Joan Devlin 20:35

That's wonderful. And that's what especially I do like about the Eastern Pride Parade because every Grand Marshal brings their own unique persona and perspective. You know, from you know, Suzanne, bringing Kelly Jean to you know, last year, we had color lighted bouquet bouquet how we say that? So I think that's really great. So, Jack, what do you know about the car? Are you telling?

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Jack Valinski 21:02

Well, I mean, we do supply some cars, but it's up to each individual if they want to do something special. Uh huh.

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Okay, thank you supplies, cars that run and I'm okay with it. Didn't

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Joan Devlin 21:15

we have a car that stalled during the parade?

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Jack Valinski 21:18

With the weather and stuff like that, there's always some car that has a problem, you know?

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Yeah, I was just looking at my neighbor's classic car book and you know, these 1907 Rolls Royce, you know, a nice, you know, stately touring car, something like that. I'm thinking Jack, is that what you got lined up?



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I don't even know to be honest.



Joan Devlin 21:41

So since your first time to be Grand Marshal.



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Oh, sure. Yeah, in this bride or any other.



Joan Devlin 21:47

That's excellent. And how long have you been in Houston?



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I'm a native Houstonian.



Joan Devlin 21:53

Oh, that's unusual in this day and age? Yes.



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And I lived out of state for a handful of years in the late 60s, early 70s. But other than that, I've lived in



Joan Devlin 22:06

Texas, in Houston. lol Don and usted.



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Well, yeah, yes.



Joan Devlin 22:11

The How long have you been with your partner?



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Well, that's another fun thing about this whole thing of the Pride Parade this year is when Brandon asked me Would would like to be nominated with a cookie nominate me. I, I hadn't really thought of this. But then as it evolved, I realized that this June is my partner's in my 25th anniversary. Wow. So we're sort of celebrating it in style, I would say, and I didn't see that company or



J Joan Devlin 22:44

Well, that's great. That's really great. Because I can't even imagine myself with someone for 25 minutes nowadays for 25 years. That's quite phenomenal.



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Well, we're really excited about it. And it's just, it's, it's just so memorable. It'll be just wonderful. I think it's wonderful. Even if you're just watching it from the sidelines, cheering people on are walking in as I've done but to be Grand Marshal is just, you know, awesome.



J Joan Devlin 23:10

Lessons. You're a native Houstonian give me some impressions of how you've seen know in your eyes how the Pride Parade has evolved over the years?



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Well, I It's really gotten people's attention now that it's at night, I think and and I've seen some of the reports that that the news has covered it and that the mayor was in it last year I think puts it really off the charts in terms of getting people to notice it. And I I'm not an authority on how many people have watched it over the years but I understand 150,000 watched it last year. It looked like you know 250,000 To me it just was so fun. And people come out have a good time. My neck my neighbors had actually just gone to dinner over at marks and didn't even know that pride parade was going on. And when they came out from dinner, it was going on the the parade was going down the street. And we looked over and there they were we had hi and hi Mike and that way back and we just had the best down with it. So now they've made reservations at marks again with another couple that were they were there last year. And they're going to recreate that only time it just perfectly so they don't miss the front of the parade. That's great.



J Joan Devlin 24:35

Well thank you so much for being on tonight. And I wonder if I could ask you one road woman

Well, thank you so much for being on tonight. And I wonder if I could ask you one road women related question. I don't know if you can speak for them or not. I'll try. Okay. And with the hate crimes legislation, there's been some issues regarding the fact that transgender people were excluded from that. Do road women have any plans to possibly try to change that down the road to make it transgender inclusive? Live?



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Well, I read women have not gotten very active or proactive in terms of writing legislation or getting in on the ground floor of legislation. I think the whole transgender issue is one that I would like to see road women do a program on, just because I think people need and want education on the subject. They're interested, but they don't know where to go and find information, you know. And so I think that we can do something to help that I think it was unfortunate that apparently this year's legislation sets sexual preference instead of sexual orientation. Even so I think there's some cleanup that needs to be done. This is I guess, a good first step is what I'd say.



Joan Devlin 25:46

Okay. Well, thank you again, thank you so much for also for answering that off topic question. And we appreciate you taking the time to be with us tonight. You're listening to KPFT lesbian and gay voices.



Greg Gordon 25:56

While GLBT activism continues to spotlight st gender legal marriage equality. Organizers of the first annual poly pride day in New York City hoped to usher in a new era of acceptance for another way of loving, just what are poly people? Oh Shara Lago have the same question. And Justin Michael and Barbeau, New York of the group polyamorous NYC have some answers.



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What is polyamory? Explain that to our listeners,



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there's a there's a lot of definitions out there. It means a ledger and things to a lot of different people. But I think if there is a commonality among any other definitions, it would have to do with the Greek and Latin bases, which poly means many and more means love. So if you put the two together, polyamory means many loves. And for the definition of our group, polyamorous NYC, we basically say that it is long term romantically committed multiple partner relationships. Now romantically committed does not necessarily mean sexually committed or sexually exclusive. We just say that any enduring relationship that has both sexual and emotional components, but it's not necessarily sexually exclusive as valid definition. To me individually, it means group relationship.



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To me, it means being an ethical slide. I steal that phrase from the book of the same title that was very influential on me, I appreciate what just said about it means many things to many people. I think that's very true. I know one of the ways it was first introduced to me was by think of it as responsible non monogamy. I think there's a lot of people who do non monogamy, who don't necessarily talk to their lovers about that. So



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it's called cheating. There you go.



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So I think this could be a really different thing where you can make room in your life for exploring relationships with more than one person be a sexual romantic, as far as creating family together, but do it in a way that's honest and open and respectful of other people involved. A lot of people are always really concerned about jealousy. Like when you say you're dating multiple people, people want to know, like, well, whatever, don't get jealous, and you're seeing someone else. Right. So you know, that's one of the things we can talk about there. And I know like a lot of us laugh about that we learned a new word since we've gone to the polygroup, which is conversion, roughly translated, I guess as the opposite of jealousy. So that if you have someone you're involved with, and you find out about another relationship, and then if instead of feeling jealous, you find that you're having a reaction that's more like you feel happy for them the same way you might if they get a promotion at work, or you know, something else that they're happy about you might feel Compersion is that you



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share in their joy when they go through a happy moment. Basically, polyamorous NYC is here to affirm the belief that it's okay to love them more than one person at the same time. And we do that through a social discussion group, which meets at the lesbian and gay community center, and through other events planned throughout the year. And coming up. Saturday, September 15, we're going to have the first ever Polly Pride Day in Central Park on great hill.



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So I some people can make it bring all your friends and lovers.



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Ideally, we're trying to bring together people who have alternative ideas on how relationships can be created. And we hope to share these ideas and create a larger poly community



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when I came out. It was kind of in the context of like the lesbian community and was very segregated. The lesbians were doing this and then gay men were doing this. And I think especially in New York City, we have so much there's so much that's organized in the gay community. It's so kind of specific. And this group, what's great about it is it's open to all genders and all orientations. So it's a really diverse mix of people. And it's a great opportunity to, you know, like I love getting poly tips from cute gay boy couples who have experience with it. So it's neat in that way,



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it's not just a local phenomenon either. It's growing nationally, and we're a relatively new group. We've only been around since June, but there's quite a few other groups that have been around for a long time. and particularly online, there have been a whole heck of a lot of like Yahoo groups, which used to be EEG groups, and there's new ones sprouting up almost every day. And they're everywhere in every major metropolitan area we're growing.



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How would you say polyamory is relevant to the gay, lesbian, bi transgender community as a whole?



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Well, for me, as an individual, being gay and poly go hand in hand, well, not everyone who is gay is poly. And likewise, not everyone who is Poly is gay. My method of being Poly is with men as another man and my method of relationship as a gay man is committed non monogamy, preferably in a triad. I think anytime you have three or more people in a relationship together, if it's completely sexually equal, there will be some level of homosexual or bisexual behavior. At the same time, that doesn't mean that if two straight men are in bed together with a straight woman, and either touch or even give each other pleasure that these men are gay, or bi, I think many of the sexual barriers we experience are artificial walls that we have constructed for ourselves. I think many in the poly community would like to deconstruct these barriers which are unnecessary. If I were to have sex with a woman's involvement, even if she were a close friend, I would still be gay, because I'm only physically attracted to men. But polyamory is an inherent part of the gay and lesbian community, it adds to our diversity. One of the primary things we hope to do with the group is to build bridges between the gay communities and the poly community. This way gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people don't have to leave the gay community in order to reach the poly community and vice versa. There should be many areas where we overlap.



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Okay, let me get personal, used to be people have asked gay people what made you gay? What went wrong? Let me ask you folks. So what made you poly? Why are you this way?

Went wrong. Let me ask you, tons, so what made you poly? Why are you this way?



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You know, that's, oh, can



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I blame my mother?



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You know, I really, I don't know how to answer that. It's, it's something that's always been innate within me, I think it's something very much like being gay. And that, you know, I didn't necessarily choose to have the feelings that I do when I'm with more than one person at the same time. But they're definitely much more intense than they are with one on one. And it's a very integral part of my life and my identity, who I am as a human being. I've tried for a long time, I think to kind of fit into the monogamous model and try to live up to everybody else's expectations. And in the end, I think what happens is that a lot of people end up getting hurt. What do you think the



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gay, lesbian, bisexual transgender community has in common with the poly? Well, I



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think there's actually a lot of similarities. We both have members of our communities who are closeted, and if they don't necessarily feel ashamed, do not feel comfortable in bringing that information out and discussing it, both in their public lives. And sometimes even with, you know, other family members. That's a shame because a lot of times, these relationships are very meaningful and very powerful parts of our lives, and they're things that should be shared with people who are important.



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I think as a whole as far as other people's perceptions, you know, we're all just a bunch of perverts in a way, you know, I mean, I claim that title, a pervert with pride, but like if you're a woman who's in a relationship with another woman, or if you're a man who has a wife, but then you also have a secondary lover, who you see once a week, in certain people's mind, you're all kind of in the same boat as being unacceptable.



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Most importantly, we're human beings. You know, we might be a little different and that's okay. Just because we, we want to be with more than one person. Doesn't mean that we're not entitled to be treated like human beings.

G Greg Gordon 34:07

That was Justin microman Barbeau Nero of polyamorous NYC in conversation with OSHA or go for more information online about Polly pride. Check out www.dotpolydashnyc.com

J Jack Valinski 34:24

Ken Donnelly is with us this evening. And Ken is publications to what exactly are you? titles don't always mean everything as we know

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I am Jack of all trades as you probably already realized.

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Yeah, well, he's jack of all.

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Technically speaking, I think my official title was editor of pride magazine.

J Jack Valinski 34:47

Okay. Well, and the pride magazine is out. It's been out for about a week. I understand. You just can't keep enough of them out. No, actually

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I've filled the bars at Jr's Pacific Street Money company. several times now, for example, I dropped off a harsh shipment last night and by the end of the night, they were gone. So I guess they've been well received.

J Jack Valinski 35:09

And you distributed them, but about 100 different locations in Houston?



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Yes. Over 150 different locations in Houston. And then this weekend, we did something different. Something we haven't done before is we took the pride magazines, to other cities within Texas, we distributed about 3000. Magazines this weekend in Dallas, San Antonio and Austin.



J Jack Valinski 35:32

Okay, well, let's describe what this is the pride the pride book, what exactly is it?



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The the long and the short of it? Is it as a share of magazine that we share with New York City, sorry, New York City, backed up this year, San Francisco, Los Angeles, DC, Washington, DC and ourselves. And basically, it's kind of a sandwich type concept where we maintain or we create the local content that goes in between shared content that all the committee's had agreed to back in October. So it's, it's an amalgamation of both the National Content and local content.



J Jack Valinski 36:21

And this was put together I mean, it was published by a national company,



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yes, by profile pursuit in New York.



J Jack Valinski 36:28

Okay. And so all the organization, all the four cities basically agreed on to the content and sort of had some editing approval on this or,



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well, basically, for two days, we, we hashed out ideas, we hashed out stories. We had complaints sessions about last year's magazine, what we liked what we didn't like, what we need more representation. About, for example, this year, we said that one of the big issues for all of our committees was racism within the GLBT community. That became the cover story. We also said that this year, we wanted to focus on transgendered we wanted the story on transgender, which is another one of the the large stories that was in the magazine. So it was, it was a almost a negotiating process for about two days. Then after the editor came back with content for us. It was simply a matter of the committee's either agreeing to or not agreeing to that local content. And from what I gather, there really wasn't any disagreement. I think we did

a pretty good job. Coming up with exactly what we wanted. The editor really felt that he had a good grasp of what we were looking for. And the results proved it. He pleased all the committee's. Well, let's

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Jack Valinski 37:56

talk about the local content, basically. You created it shaped it and designed it.

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Yes. Yes. Like I said, I was Jack of all trades and your jack of all trades, I was Jack of all the material in the magazine this year, a lot of it was what you'd call standard information that we would put in any of the pride magazines. That was information about the grand marshals about the pride organization. What the different events are. So those are those are standard pieces that went in last year's magazine went in to the pride guide. years before that, what was different this year, and last year was wanting to get more of a human focus. We wanted to get more of a Houston feel. For me personally, I wanted to create some pieces that would make people think so for example, the the faces of diversity, I wanted to show some individuals or some couples that provoked you into looking or challenging your perceptions of diversity, your perceptions of people, and walking away with the feeling of there's there's something else besides the way I see the world. In an open letter I wanted to challenge people to it was kind of a double edged sword. I wanted to challenge people who are not accepting of us to look at us as were your neighbors, Where were your brothers and sisters. But then also, the flip side of the coin is that are in our own community. If we don't come out, if we don't show individuals who we really are, then they will simply fall back on the stereotypes and we leave ourselves open to more repression open to misunderstandings. So that was that was those are examples of where I wanted to make People think the resource guide the Community Resource Guide, which is, which is something that we publish quite frequently. And we look at it as a means of bringing the community together, I want to expand on that concept as well. The Resource Guide tends to be more facts and figures where we meet what's the do's, addresses, telephone numbers, but this year, what I wanted to do was add some spotlights, so put the human face to some of these organizations. And we have everything from from serious discussions with the, for example, Jewish Family Services, and an opening of being Jewish and gay, in that particular community, to something more lighthearted, such as the the bowling league, and the convention that they're going to be putting on how all the, the gay bowlers from around the world will be coming to Euston in the near future. So there's a wide range there. But I think it really helps to put a face on some of these organizations. And I hope that we can continue with that trend in the future.

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Have you got any reaction?

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Well, initially, when I was delivering them, I got that's big. And a lot of surprises, a lot of interest in the cover. The cover was very artsy. And initially, was that risky? I felt in Houston

INTEREST IN THE COVER. THE COVER WAS VERY ARTSY, AND I THINK, WAS THAT RISKY? I TALK IN HOUSTON... community, I wasn't sure how well it would be accepted. But so far, all the emails that I've been receiving all the comments that we've that we've been receiving, have been very well received. Very professional, some of the comments that we hear. And so far, so good. I think that there's a lot of content here, it's going to take a while for everybody to digest everything that's in the magazine, before we really get to some of the nitty gritty feedback that I'm looking for. Good, bad or otherwise.

J Jack Valinski 42:05

Okay, so it's where you get one.

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Everywhere, ah, no, um, basically, most of the what would be considered GLBT. Businesses organizations throughout town, the big spots, such as Kroger's low above the all the bars, some of the small little mom and pop coffee shops and convenience stores. So I try to spread it around as much as possible. But if anybody needs one and doesn't have the availability, availability to get to one, just send us an email info@producing.org. And we'll tell you where you can get one or we'll make arrangements to get you one. The interesting dilemma that I have now is where last year I thought 20,000 was too many magazines this year, looks like 20,000 is going to be too little. And the I'm gonna run out well before the demand runs out for them.

J Jack Valinski 43:13

And what did you get out of doing this besides being tired?

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Oh, that is an interesting question. I think what happened in the beginning, when I first started off in October, I had a lot of preconceived notions, especially with the theme, this year's theme of embrace diversity. And I had my idea of what diversity was, and how I was going to go about expressing that in the content in the magazine. And by the time that I had finished the magazine, my views of that diversity were 180 degrees in the opposite direction. It really opened my eyes and interviewing different people and speaking with different people, it really opened my eyes about what it means to embrace diversity, and then to embrace it in yourself. And I think that's what people miss a lot is that you don't need to go out and find diversity exists in every one of us as is so simply accept that accept it and others and so I think that personally, I actually grew quite a lot. Yes. And then I'm also just tired from writing and distributing and and everything else that I've been doing. And

J Jack Valinski 44:40

you know, you had to talk to a lot of people and people you know, did some articles or supplied art and all that type. Right You know, I mean there's there's a very nice variety there.



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Yes, we had a number of the organization's supply their own spotlights which were very helpful. Some Artists that supplied some of their art, their expression of embracing diversity. And I think that just looking at that as a good example of diversity in itself, just the perceptions of what diversity means to these artists vary from every poem to the different paintings, different works of art that are that are represented. So I was very, very happy to see the the broad spectrum of art that I received for that particular piece.



J Jack Valinski 45:36

Well, I got an email from the bar owners of Dallas, and they said, they they picked up one of the books, and they said, it's just they said, We wish we could be doing something like this. And I think that's an incredible compliment from, you know, ours, you know, we're always trying to outdo each other, sometimes between the two big cities in Texas. And when somebody just comes out and said, This is a great, you know, this is a great thing,



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right? But I think, for me, it's it's not simply a matter of, if the magazine is considered great, or if people look at and say, Wow, this is very professionally done, or, Oh, it's very colorful, or look at the pretty pictures. For me, it's always been the same reason why I joined the pride committee is I want to be able to help others. And this is my way of hopefully reaching out to people who, maybe they're in the closet, or maybe they're unsure of who they are. Or maybe they're having difficulties because we all go through these difficulties of just simply accepting that we're, you know, we might be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered. And that this piece, this, this work that I put together here, is my way of reaching out to the community. And hopefully, it's also my way of getting our community to come together to think about who we are as a community. And by the time we get to the to the parade day, we've we've gotten just a little bit closer.



J Jack Valinski 47:10

Well, can I certainly want to thank you for what a great job you did, and then coming over here on a holiday and letting everybody know about it and the price guides are out. The price books and also the Texas triangle, which is the prides Event Guide is out this week with a listing of all the events and it's also listed on their websites and it's listed on the all the events are listed on the pride website, which is pride ustun.org Ken, thank you very much and you're listening to lesbian and gay voices.



G Greg Gordon 47:38

New features multi flavored cabaret, acoustic guitar on the rocks, and Latin pop with international spice. Are the tasty Words and Music served up this month from the audio file



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There were never such devoted sisters never had to have a chaperone. No sir. I'm there to keep my eye on her caring, sharing every little thing that we awaring when she wore the dress and



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I stayed home, the CDs, cabaret standards and a little jazz, new songs by friends of mine. I like to blend pop and jazz and a little r&b and musical theater all together into one sound. And I think that I'm in a place right now where I feel like I'm telling good stories. Like and that's really important to me. New York performer



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D and McBride takes a playful, campy approach to traditional cabaret on his latest album Love and other distractions. Hi, I'm Chris Wilson.



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I'm JD Doyle and you're listening to audio file whether it's new or classic material, D and McBride gives it his own personal touch



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To learn more about dn McBride and love and other distractions. Go to www.dnmcbride.com.

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Texas native Jade Esteban Estrada has been called the diva of Latin pop. He delivers his blend of flash and style on his debut release called Angel.

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My musical style is Latin pop. My particular kind of Latin pop encompasses Euro pop, American pop and Latin rhythms and we mix it all together and we kind of get what I do.

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Pretty Baby give me

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what you tell me you got me looking forward to me either shaking

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and Estrada is open and proud of all aspects of his life

J. ESTRELLA IS OPEN AND PROUD OF ALL ASPECTS OF HIS HERITAGE.



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I'm very proud of my Latin heritage and also my gay heritage. We have a very rich history and culture that I'm very, very proud to bring to different other diversities to.



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to find out more about J. Esteban Estrada at WWW dot get jaded.com that GE t jdd.com.



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and I'm JD Doyle keep listening



Greg Gordon 52:36

thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week

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Jack Valinski 54:02

And this community radio station of course is KPFT Houston, a Pacifica foundation station. I'd certainly like to thank our guests tonight with daily Stokes and Ken Donnelly coming by here talking about pride stuff and more pride stuff is going to be coming out of course the film festival is going on all weekend. Their website is Houston. It's the letters H L U S lesbian gay Film Festival dot e ff.org. With all the films listed there. This Friday is a kickoff party at Sonoma which is on California. And Saturday is pride day at AstroWorld Six Flags Over six flags AstroWorld I guess they're calling it now. Tickets you can buy in advance at basic brothers for \$30 or the day of the event you can buy them for \$35 and that is includes I guess also riches that evening and Waterworld the next day and include In that, of course is lunch and the concert of the village people, right? So all that stuff is going on, you can check out the website of pride Houston.org For other pride events and there's over 100 pride events this year. And certainly, you know, have a good time.

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Joan Devlin 55:16

Right and I wanted to throw in real quick because we are going to go to JD here in a couple of seconds. But if you did pledge during the last two weeks pledge drive, please remember to pay your pledges. We appreciate your pledging, but you have to pay him to make them count.

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Jack Valinski 55:29

Yes, and JD Doyle has an hour's worth of his special career music heritage, which includes

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Joan Devlin 55:37

that's Betty Davis don't even be waving that around. That's actually he's got Charles Pierce on there though doing some, Whatever Happened to Baby J.



Jack Valinski 55:44

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