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you discovered after hours of continuing tradition on kpsc



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What my goal was want to I don't want to bang my own drum noise pretty good god live here first jam until you can shout out I am at what I need to do my own deck sometimes knock knock down till you can shout out we must destroy the Miss Watson's ROI shatter them we must continue to speak out and most importantly most importantly, every day versus



Harvey Milk 03:11

you must tell your immediate family you must tell your relatives you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends, you must tell your neighbors you must tell the people your work you must tell the people in the stories who stop you once they realize that we are indeed their

children no we are indeed everywhere. Every every lie every innuendo will be destroyed once you are so much better.



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am what I do my own deck sometimes You may all come out where will you be? When they come?



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Yeah, right, and this is this is already back. And I want to thank Corey Stewart, who is a student who is using our billing every month system to pay his pledge. Is that thing feed? Am I hearing feedback? Okay, oh, I guess this is the thing coming up. So I really want to thank anonymous and Matt and Corey for supporting the radio that they're listening to. And, you know, you're the people who make the First Amendment work. And thank you for letting me speak here. Thank you anonymous in the control room there. And I will see you all next week with you. And stay tuned to after hours. Alright, alright.



Judy Reeves 07:17

Well, one of us is on. I don't know which one of us. Good morning, everybody is everybody with us now.



Jewel Gray 07:23

It's usually song like that. And marathon everybody's with us. And we're all just sitting right here waiting to hear you hear from you this evening. So join us. Dude, he's



Judy Reeves 07:32

got some stuff she's gonna read here and may release more music. Well, I just kind of wanted to give everybody an idea of what was going to be going on tonight. What we're doing. I still hear Phone's ringing back there. That's a wonderful sound in here. Yes. Um, we have an interview coming up this evening with I'm going to flow this shade, I believe is how she pronounces it. And if not, I want to apologize in advance for that. And at 130. We have this way out coming up. And later on in the show. We have a special program on remembering Stonewall.



Jewel Gray 08:05

Great, great excited to hear I think I'm just barely old enough.

J Judy Reeves 08:12

I wish I could say I wasn't.

J Jewel Gray 08:13

It'd be interesting. I mean, I'm always interested in hearing new things about the Stonewall Inn and talking about that, because it's more of our history and how strongly I feel I know about letting people know our history and keeping it out there. Flaunt interesting facts in our history. And Stonewall is one of our greatest moments. I know. That's right. That'd be nice. And I think we've got all kinds of music

J Judy Reeves 08:38

planned out for the evening. I do want to make one little bitty announcement here, if someone will just give me 30 seconds of their time. Well, we had a guest here a couple of weeks back. Ron Sparks was here with a gentleman and unfortunately, I don't have my notes with me. And his name escapes me for the moment. But they were talking about a new group in Houston that they're trying to start up called Smile. Yes, I remember I was here that night. Well, I talked to Ron a few minutes ago. And he said they have as many as 30 people attending your meeting, why Oh, we love that. And it's a youth group I for younger people to start getting involved and start finding out what's going on around them and what's their options are and what's available to them. And I want to give anyone who might be listening and interested in that phone number they can call Ron or smile at 5237242. And that's really exciting. I'm just I'm always excited when I start seeing the younger crowd have places to go and things to do and things to see and getting involved with our history as it were or making it themselves when you switch

J Jewel Gray 09:43

borders out there who heard that phone number might tack it on the board at switchboard or Jimmy or I'll take it down there tack it on the board of the switchboard and so we can pass that information out to anyone who wants to get that number again

J Judy Reeves 09:56

30 people and so I've been what I'm excited.

J Jewel Gray 09:58

Oh yeah To that he's evening. It was a it was a wonderful interview. And he was a visiting young man from Northeast I think Washington, Washington. Yes. DC? Yes, I'm DC. And he was visiting. And I think his name was Michael. He was a very informative and organized young man. I was really impressed with the group and the promises they were talking about and the future they were hoping

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Judy Reeves 10:27

for. I sit here with all my gray hair and watch these kids pass by and, and there's so much more informed than I was when I was their age. And I am now talking about that this evening. How sad.

J

Jewel Gray 10:39

Yeah, so there was a sketch sketch on Saturday Night Live tonight about an older bunch of people going to a Van Morrison concert. And it was really interesting.

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Judy Reeves 10:48

Let's get to beat watching the president throw up on somebody's shoes. Yes. Yes. Yes.

J

Jewel Gray 10:53

What a wonderful event. I'm telling you this earth shattering news. Every news camera in the world was catching our president throwing up. I played it back at this. I was real grateful after a while where they just cut that part out and they were just picking him up. Yeah, I was real grateful. After a while I've started seeing it. Get real. Oh, did you catch it? Do? You didn't catch it? You didn't catch it? Oh, well. Okay. So what are we? What are we going to do now? Do we have a song going on here? Some music. We're queuing up? Well, what are we going to be doing? To have this romanovski and Philips great romanovski. And

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what are they going to sing for us? When heterosexual ism strikes again, I don't think I'll try to repeat that just. And this is after hours,

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Judy Reeves 11:44

a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM and this is Judy. And I think we had a little glimpse a few minutes ago. We want to thank Jim Vaughn, not Jim Carper for running our boards for us tonight and Bruce's illness and absence. Oh, definitely. And we have with us also.

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Jewel Gray 12:05

Jewel gray. You I bet you didn't know it was Gray. Did you know I did everybody knows nobody. It's just jewel.

J

Judy Reeves 12:12

Well, I'm just Judy. Well, we

J Jewel Gray 12:14

have quite a list here. I want to read to identify the last two songs. Of course we all recognize what's your name by the Depeche Mode? And

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What show are we listening to anyway?

J Judy Reeves 12:26

KP F T's after hours. All right. Thank you.

J Jewel Gray 12:32

All right. Now we read. extravaganza did the Malcolm McLaren deep and Vogue was the last one we heard. And it's a special tribute to all the houses of New York including the houses of bear with me, extravaganza. Ebony Dupree Adonis, magnifi Fields Omni prina Varus love Bay, St. Laurent. These are the houses in New York that that song was a special tribute to so yeah, like that kind of a kind of a reggae

J Judy Reeves 13:07

catchy out of your chair.

J Jewel Gray 13:08

Yeah, boy, it's an interesting evening outside. Have you seen have you been out much this evening? Well, it

J Judy Reeves 13:13

was really interesting. I went out about 10. And it was nice and clear and crisp and cold. And I went out at 1030 and it had been raining and sprinkling and I came up here about 1115 and it was windy as you know what so I can't when there's one or

J Jewel Gray 13:26

here or what I think it's gonna stay like this for a while. Probably so I really like it. Some of the things that were going on tonight that might tie into the show later is Urvashi was given a what

Welcome to Houston party over the love it in earlier. So we're hoping to see her in a while she's out there and listening, we would love you to come on and talk with us a few minutes. And help us with marathon. This is this is marathon week. I know you know that but we're going to tell you again and again and again. That we we here are volunteers and some of us more volunteer those than others on team and we are not paid and there are very few paid staff members here and what money that is collected and during marathon is spent in production of shows and the production equipment and very little to the staff. So it's really a hardware station and instead of a people wear station and that's what gets paid for around here. So if you what's the number let me see 526-573-8526 KPFT I don't

J Judy Reeves 14:47

know if you're aware of this July was appear on Monday evening doing some telephone volunteer work. And it was really interesting because I walked in the door about five minutes to seven in the afternoon and Oh, I knew that we'd been off the air off the air off the air oh no five hours a year think of those people who turned on their, their radios on their way home from work or were listening to it, you know and all of a sudden they had all this dead I mean just nothing, nothing there. And of course, everybody blamed it on HL NP and the wind and this and the other never fails there's always some kind of something that glitch in the air and they're especially very marathon. But for five hours we were off the air.

J Jewel Gray 15:34

So we have five hours to make up for that what I'm understanding Well then, let's get out there and and beat the drums and tell people about us tonight.

J Judy Reeves 15:42

Why don't people think for just a second what what their evenings would be like if they turned off that that volume up on their radio station and got nothing? Just dead silence.

J Jewel Gray 15:55

While I'm sure there are places in the world that we will mention this evening that probably that's exactly what they hear and look what it got them dull, drab lives.

J Judy Reeves 16:04

That's true. That's true. You were talking about Urvashi a minute ago or Bashi I do hope she comes just so she can tell me how to pronounce her name. I've had one of those names, and it's not fun to have people constantly mispronouncing it.

J Jewel Gray 16:22

I've enjoyed rolling across my tongue this week. Yes, right.

J Judy Reeves 16:26

Nevermind, back back back to marathon here. Let's keep keep on task here. We did have some interesting premiums we can offer people tonight. If they feel like they can dig down into their pockets and call those numbers one of those numbers. What are they again? 252657385

J Jewel Gray 16:44

to six KPFT

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four? Oh, there's the one 800 Number. What are those outside the 713 area? Code and is one 800 333 K p f t

J Judy Reeves 17:02

well thank you Jim. He's always said to help Yeah,

J Jewel Gray 17:05

well, we're back to those people in Beaumont wouldn't be able to help

J Judy Reeves 17:09

what about all those people that well we have people called Louisiana Kansas I'm surprised it's amazing

J Jewel Gray 17:16

how I'm surprised how far this actually reaches because I have difficulty four blocks down the street. I can't see inner city is the inner city struggle you can't get a the radio stations.

J Judy Reeves 17:27

Well actually, you know, on the on the subject of of Marathon and how to get these things in and so on. It's the more we do get it marathon Yeah, we if we can put out a stronger signal we can hit these people all the time. People like me who work in a superstructure and and I can't get KPFT while I'm at work and it really bothers me. And one of the reasons is the kind of

building I work in and the amount of power we're able to put out that little little bitty thing out there in the in the midst of that. Rice Paddy is it costs a good what \$30,000 A year on that thing. That's an amazing amount of money just poured in the AHL MPs pockets just so people can hear us. So if they want to dig deep into their pockets tonight and give us a call we have a few extra little added gifts in the in intrigues for them for \$90 or more and we can offer them a special premium. We have some \$20 gift certificates from logos which could be real interesting for some people. Yes, I've

J Jewel Gray 18:40

already spent mine

J Judy Reeves 18:42

and we have a few gift certificates from Lucci is which is a wonderful but oh yeah, that may get my attention. Best owners in town I know. That's right. And we have separate for two at a Moveable Feast. Now I've I've heard of the place I know people who've been there. I personally have not been there. But we do have that. And for \$40 or more we have some cassettes from the best of Judy Garland and Judy Garland in The Wizard of Oz and Adam ants manners, oh a little Batman and wonderful. And we have some CDs of Adam Zahn to Adam and excuse me I always tell that Essen there just has to be you know, but we also have some romance game Phillips LPS

J Jewel Gray 19:32

calling and get your romanovski and Phillips LP Right now traveling

J Judy Reeves 19:36

paradise emotional roller coaster. I thought you'd be taller with this. I just love it. And we have Tom Wilson's all American boy. So if that's not incentive, what is

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that have to describe this t shirt thing we have? Oh, it's wonderful. It's bright purple. Right the t shirt is bright purple. And on the front of it it has the the KPFT diamond Doctor Who looking logo things are wow you know and they're in three different colors that they are. Okay now everyone has given their interpretation of the colors of this thing. So here goes mine it is one of them is blue green. And the second one is yellow. And the last one is hot pink righteous.

J Judy Reeves 20:25

He describes his T shirt is bright purple. I kind of think of it as a sunset purple. I mean I don't think of it as bright I think it's a beautiful color and I have a feeling the logos glow in the dark

but I don't know that for sure. But it's a wonderful t shirt.

J Jewel Gray 20:41

I would like to now I'm thinking about giving up my tape and going for a T shirt.

J Judy Reeves 20:47

We're in trouble now. She's indecisive this evening. Yes.

J Jewel Gray 20:50

So what's been happening this week? We got some are we are is that the signal that we're ready to play that music. Okay,

J Judy Reeves 20:59

is this music or service sheet? We're

J Jewel Gray 21:01

gonna play Rivas. Okay. Interview with Urvashi.

J Judy Reeves 21:06

And it's Jack Valinski did the interview. And by Unbeliev, they played it on Wildenstein this this last week, and they were kind enough to let us have it since Urvashi, obviously, is not going to be able to make it here this evening. Unfortunately, she has a very busy schedule, which will cause

J Jewel Gray 21:20

Urvashi and tell us how to pronounce your name correctly. So we do you write

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the wall design collective? And we're talking by a tape to Urvashi that, and I'm not sure I said that right? Did I?

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You said it perfectly well, you get the you get the 99 to metal for saying it perfectly?



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Yes. I'm sure that goes around the country a lot. With with a name like yours.



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Yeah. I had to spell it about 18 times a day. But but that's the way it is. It's my real name. I



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was born with it. Because I was born in India. It's no radio on it anyway, or she is Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. And she will be here on the 19th. Actually, we'll be here on the 18th and the 19 for a number of community events, including together we can which is going to be happening at the heights theater at 7pm. And we're going to be giving a speech talking about the status of our movement nationally. Yeah,



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I am. And it's a very exciting time in the lesbian and gay community all over the country. I think it's it's both a time of opportunity and tremendous crisis. As Dickens wrote, it's the best of times and it's the worst of times, the opportunities exist really a lot at the local level. And at the national level. At the local level, we're seeing cities pass gay rights ordinances, hate crimes laws, good work is being done with police departments. Some communities are in the throes of domestic partnership initiatives at the city council level, like Washington, DC, for example. There's even movement on the sodomy law repeal funds around the country, including Texas. That's something we haven't seen since Hardwick. on the national level, I really think that we're, we are entering this election year, more in a stronger position than gay people had ever been. Because candidates on the Democratic side of the ticket, at least, are actively courting the gay and lesbian community. They're taking positions on gay issues. Already, when has founders Great. Harkin and Carrie has very good voting records in the Senate on gay rights issues that have come before them. On the Republican side, it's a little more problematic with Pat Buchanan. But the nice thing about the candidate that he makes George Bush looks good.



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To David Duke,



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I suppose. Yes, I'm sorry. I just I could go on and on because I really think that there's tremendous activity and advancements happening on the civil rights front at every level. The downside, though, Jack and really should, you know, wouldn't be complete, to talk only about

the good thing. The downside is that community around the country our communities, experienced tremendous problems. And number one, I think on the list is discrimination. Employment Discrimination is rampant and pervasive attitudes, derogatory attitudes, defamatory attitudes towards gay men are pervasive violence against lesbians and gay men is so pervasive, it's frightening.



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And a lot of its underlying especially like discrimination in the workplace. Many people may not see it, your you may raise to a to a plateau and not getting higher even if you're out.



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That's exactly why there's a glass ceiling sometimes there's a If you don't get promotions you don't. You don't get hired. And we've just completed a survey of the NCL T 's membership that we're going to be releasing in a couple of weeks. It's in the final stages of adulation. And it's showing fairly high levels of reports of discrimination. We asked questions about employment discrimination, because you know, what we're getting as we try to pass gay rights bills around the country. And certainly at the federal level, we'll get asked, Well, where is it, show it prove it? That's what we had to do with violence. For NGL, to get started collecting the violence statistics back in 1982 8384, we were asked, well, there's no problem with anti gay violence doesn't really exist. It's just you know, people go out to bars when



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you come back. Well, that was definitely the problem here in Houston in 1984, when the the Civil Rights Ordinance was passed and repealed in 1985, is that we weren't able to show statistics. But isn't it also very difficult to show that in a community like ours,



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it is because you have a hard time getting a large enough sample to do a randomized study, but and also people have a lot of fear of responding to surveys reporting accurately. So you have to qualify that. But there are surveys that have been done on the city level, a couple of statewide studies, and and now our national membership study. I mean, I think we just have to begin data collection, the way we did on the violence issue, we just have to start with local projects with hotlines and just say, look, all we need are to some some of the vivid examples like Cracker Barrel corporation in the South. You know about that? Absolutely.



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Absolutely. We talked about it on Wildenstein, but working on a national level for a constituency that is very urbanized and very much probably isolated from each and each city is set up so differently today to set up so differently. That must be a very difficult task to do.



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Well, it is where our movement I like to say is like the Milky Way galaxy. It doesn't have an organizational chart, just 1000 Points of Light, coin, overused metaphor. But we, you know, but the movement isn't just in major cities. I think it's a mistake to think of gay communities as urban, the urban the urban communities are the most visible and partly the best organized. But you know, in rural Washington, I was I spoke before a gay organization in Snohomish County, Washington, which is, I don't know, a couple of hours outside of Seattle, very rural counties. They had a conference, their second gay and lesbian pride conference, they had about 500 people who are nominal, since that kind of organizing happening all over the country. You know, New Orleans, is where like a major, major metropolitan city, but I mean, no one doesn't think of it necessarily as a hotbed of gay and lesbian act. No, no, they just have the gay rights bill last month, and then we have openly gay candidates running. They're absolutely lotteries from formally and informally on the board of the task force. But I'm just trying to say that we, the popular perception of, of gay and lesbian community is remains LA and Francisco, New York, Chicago, Houston, Dallas. But you've got many other midsize and large cities at Columbus, who have which have extraordinary gay organizations that are that are very mainstreamed and working really well with the great organizations.



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So when you come down here, what do you plan to be talking about? Well, I've



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got a lineup that



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just won't quit. And it beats George Bush's probably?



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Well, I don't know. I'm just my hope, in this visit is to meet a lot of different activists in Houston to establish some working relationships with different organizations, from the women's community to the CWA groups and AIDS activist groups, and the queer nation and the National Association. Yes, National Weather Association, the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus, gonna be meeting with a lot of different folks. And I'm really excited about it because you have some fine activism to do.



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Well, you know, a few years ago, it was seemed like there was about five people that, you know, changed all the head, you know, wore all the hats in the community, but it's this year and especially after the brutal murder of Paul Bussard on July 4. that grenade Shouldn't was the

and especially after the brutal murder of Paul Bussard on July 4, that grenade shouldn't was the well it wasn't born then. But it really became very active. And now we have a lot of young people involved. And that's really exciting. It's really exciting to see young people. And last week on our show, we talked to some gay teenagers, and that might never happened before. So, you know, things are starting to get really excited in our community.



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That's great. Is a very exciting place. Your host states. I did an interview with somebody in the media, industry, President Dallas, and he was kind of fishing around for me to say that Texas was kind of behind the times. And I said, you got it backwards. Texas is one of the few states which is elected and openly gay state legislators. You know, you've got a mayor who's a governor who's supportive. You've got several mayors who were supportive. There are strong organizations in virtually every major city. There's an annual lesbian constant, state of Texas. I mean, the list goes on and on and on. It's just a minute to think of Texas, as you know, behind the times are lagging behind New York, you ahead of New York.



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Well, let's take it let's take a little break and we'll discuss things a little bit more. We're talking to a rushy bad of the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce.



J Judy Reeves 31:19

And this is after hours of continuing tradition on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM, that was Jack Valinski, or is Mullins will get you out of the chair, if nothing else will



J Jewel Gray 31:35

talk to you. We're here to say we need your mind. We need you. We need you to pledge we need your money to to keep the station running we How important is this program for you? Is it important enough that you're awake? And tuners in every Saturday morning? I mean, Sunday morning. I mean, you're here. Oh, going out to the lobby. I'm so seeing signals here going out to the lobby fingers.



J Judy Reeves 32:07

Hello, Jeff. Are you with us?



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Sure I am. I've got someone to thank to Charlie. Good. And thank you for judge. And we're glad to see that you want to support us. It's important enough to Charlie to that we need to stay on the air and how important is you know, gay and lesbian affairs in in Houston. You know, how

important is this to you, we've got a court trial coming up of one of the kids that was charged with proper SARDs murder, you know, we need to get into that courtroom and we need to stand out in front of it. We need to make ourselves known that's wrong. And there's no reason in the world that that should have ever happened. It's February 28. I believe we need to be there. We need to be in that courtroom, we need to be sitting down. We need to you know, actual, we need to be standing up making ourselves heard five to six KPFT 5265738. Or if you're outside of Houston, 713. Area code. It's 1-800-333-5738.

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Judy Reeves 33:12

Well, thank you, Jeff. And thank you to the caller that you mentioned. And it is important. I mean, there's a lot of people who wouldn't even know about that trial, if they didn't tune in to this show every single week and hear us talk about those things.

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Jewel Gray 33:29

That's right. And the real thing is not the version that the media wants us to have or the or the authority, or authorities want us to have but really what went on what what's going on, and what the people in this community feel about it. I think that's the most important thing is to pass on information about how the community is responding. No one can speak up for us, but us well, what are we going to do now? We're going to go to the rest of that interview. Is that what we're going to do? All right. Let's listen to that.

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We're back and you're listening to Wildenstein? What you see Urvashi as you travel around the country, and apparently you're doing a lot of traveling, aren't you? Yes, I am. You see things progressing, as you said earlier? And is it happening more on the local level? And you're talking about even local levels in the rural area as opposed to and I know this might be a bias question since you're working on the national level. I guess it goes hand in hand, though, doesn't it?

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It does. Certainly the passage of the federal hate crime statistics act couple of years ago opened a lot of doors for state laws to pass on hate crimes and opened a lot of eyes in the police and law enforcement community at the local level. So it does come down from from national, but I think I think different things are happening on the local level. Both are happening on the national level.

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Are we working together? That's, that's sometimes the question. Sometimes, you know, we may not be working together.



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Oh, there's no question in my mind, Jack that we are working together very, very well. And we're learning how to work together even better. I think that the gay and lesbian community had to coalesce in the 80s. We had to because of the AIDS crisis, right. And we just we had to organize ourselves into an effective lobbying force into social service agencies into support groups into all sorts of networks.



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And what about people of color? Are we doing a good? Are we doing the job? Or do we do need to do more?



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Well, people of color organizing has taken off in the last five years. The organization's in different communities of color, from the Latino lesbian, gay organization, Diego, to the black lesbian and gay Leadership Forum, to the National Native American Coalition that exists to the attempts of starting a National Asian Pacific Islanders foolish. They're happening. parts of the country and our networking nationally, I think you can see between now and the next March on Washington, which is about one year and a half away, hang on. IBM doing an interview?



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That's okay. Do it again. This is specific radio and things like that happen? Well,



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we're saying was that between now and the next March on Washington, I think you could have even more concrete organizing in the people of color communities. The problem of racism does not disappear in the gay and lesbian community because we're gay. I mean, we have it too. Yeah. So that issue is something that we struggle with justice, we have sexism in our own community. But that, I think that the way I choose to look at it is that gay people of color, lesbians are getting more and more involved in gay and lesbian organizations. And organizations like the task force at the national level, are being transformed by that involvement. It's a much more of an intrinsic process. It's something that like, I looked at our conference that we do every year creating change,



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Deborah Bell, who is our co host, here, a co producer on Wildenstein just couldn't say enough about the conference. And I was at the first one. And I know how good that one was. And you know, it's wonderful that you put on such a great conference, and it's gonna be in LA this year, I understand.



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Yes, it is December, the, the 11th, to the 15, really with pre conferences to to just keep expanding. But the great thing about this conference is that it's it's the Conference of the grassroots gay and lesbian political movement. And who comes there are people like you, and the other activists around the country who are working in different organizations. And it's very exciting what's happening there, because people are coming together in a whole different spirit of cooperation, of willingness to work on issues, and struggle, you know, and not be stopped. I like to say in my speeches that I think the thing that we have to do when we talk about racism and sexism is to not whine. You know, I just think that's the worst thing we can do whining on both sides. The fact is, these problems exist, the question becomes, how do you work on it? How can we effectively work on it because we have a very diverse community to be gay or lesbian. I mean, you could be anything under the sun, any color, any class, anything,



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from vegetarian to atheists, to everything around,



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all religions are embraced all political persuasions, are embraced and, and that's what makes the game. So exciting. It's the bet.



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Well, that's great. Now, how was it gITF national game Lesbian Task Force doing? Are you strong financially? Can you use more help? We



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can always use more members. Our strength is our membership base. And anybody can become a member.



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Just as you could join the ACLU or their organization, join us for 35 bucks a year. And also joining Pacifica radio, which we're in the midst of a fundraiser as we



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speak. Oh, that's wonderful. Pacifica provides some of the best news about Scanlon community around the country. Certainly, our local Pacifica stations there he does that



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Yes. Well as let's let's put the let's talk about the event. It's called together we can and you're going to be the guest speaker there but also Tim Miller who's a performance artist out of Los Angeles with ACT UP LA and one of the naa for and I know you're a big Stand up, Tim.



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Oh, Tim is fantastic. He is he's he made me cry in this this one man show that he did Washington recently and it was just so powerful. He's brilliant. And I would encourage everybody to come out and see him. He was banned. I mean, he was one of the four artists awarded a National Endowment for the Arts grants. And after the percolation of Jesse Helms, the, you know, the NDA, God is suddenly sensitive to openly gay artists to not just openly gay, Tim is proudly gay, a defiantly gay, you'll see that throughout his writing and his work and the yank the grant, to him and to Holly's us, and to John Fleck, and to Karen Finley. So, Tim is really great. So he's got he's very funny.



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Okay. We will be talking to him next week. But the event is called together we can and it's going to be at the heights theater on the 19th. Sunday. That's this Sunday, and also Urvashi you're going to be all around town. At different you're gonna be at the women's group on Sunday. And I'm sure this reports done on tape. We'll have more information on the show on Monday. But we want to thank you and we're looking forward to seeing you a Hershey bar she that is Executive Director of the National Gay Lesbian taskforce and thank you very much for talking to us. Well, thanks



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for having me on the show.