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In Washington, President Clinton has expressed continued support for Mr. Yeltsin's reform policies. Voters in France go to the polls today in the first round of a general election, in which the socialist government is expected to be defeated. Opinion Polls indicate a win for the right wing alliances led by Jacques Chirac. And the former president Bel Air, he was just got this and that's the end of the world news. And you never see a picture of Margaret Thatcher strapping on a dildo.



[Introduction] 00:33

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Jimmy Carper 01:07

must be Saturday night at midnight because you're listening to after hours. A continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews and music here for gay and lesbian people. Just as Gloria Gaynor says in this song, it's time to open up your closets we at after hours urge everyone to come out of their closets by our definition that means standing up for yourself and taking responsibility for your own life. But if you feel that you can't come out right now because of your age your job or whatever reason that's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back relax and enjoy this week's edition of after hours



Jewel Gray 02:09

I am what I am and I do my own deck sometimes. To use and shout. Okay, we're here you're here with after hours this evening. This is Jewel Gray. I'm here with Chris Dorman. Chris is our our new addition to the show, our new co host, and Chris is going to tell you some of the things we're going to be doing tonight. And then we're going to do one of our regular little features with the qmD. Here's Chris.



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Okay, we've got quite a few things lined up, and we're gonna get to them as time permits. We'd like to talk about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the amendments, the original meaning and how do they how they apply to us today and how it alters our point of view and see maybe we'll take some calls. And when we talk about that, yeah, I think we ought to think we ought to get some public opinion. So your questions, comments and concerns will be most welcome. When we get to that portion of the show. We'd also like to talk about the Westheimer colony Art Festival, which is coming up the 17th and 18th of April. As you may be aware, it's got a new location. So we will want to talk about that and all the issues surrounding that. And we'll also want to remind you about the March on Washington. Give you a few things off our community calendar. Tell you about the Montrose activity center space moving are acquiring space, I should say. That's exciting. Yeah, it really is. And talk about some issues that have have occurred in the past week or 10 days that maybe open for discussion, and maybe we'll open up the call in lines for that as well.



Jewel Gray 05:09

What are the numbers here for Colin? KPFT? Isn't five to 6k PBFT. So if you're gonna give us a call, that's your number or two, six KPFT. Later, we'll be taking some of those calls when we're talking about some of the constitutional issues Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence. Going to Chris where was yeah,



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that's about it. For right now. We've got some other stuff to cover, but we're going to do it as time permits. And of course, we will be taking those calls after Jimmy does the QMZ. Jimmy



Jimmy Carper 05:41

YES, YES. YES. It is time for Q MC. I'm Jimmy. And do you know, Q MC, which is the queer music zone. We feature artists that are gay, lesbian, or bisexual. And, or other and this may be the category for our first artist this evening. It's RuPaul. Yes. RuPaul. She's back. I've heard something about Paul, that 104 has stopped playing RuPaul because somebody complained about them having a drag queen or something.



Scott Lewis 06:28

Get over it. I know.

**J** Jimmy Carper 06:31  
I know. We have to play her twice as much.

**S** Scott Lewis 06:34  
She's She's number one on the dance charts. I don't care who's upset who called Pat Robertson. Did pat robertson

**J** Jimmy Carper 06:40  
call probably. Can you imagine? Can you imagine? So? I've been told that RuPaul has been taking taken off the playlist.

**S** Scott Lewis 06:49  
Well, we need a call. Can we call them right now? Let's call them let's let's call Okay. Let's just call it a four and ask her about it. We'll do that while the song is playing. We

**J** Jimmy Carper 06:58  
said okay. Well,

**S** Scott Lewis 07:05  
Jimmy has been so long since you had to push anybody's buttons. You're losing practised? No was incredible. One thing to say how? Okay. Oh,

**J** Jimmy Carper 07:29  
Scott. You call it 104?

**S** Scott Lewis 07:33  
Yeah, I talked to him over there. They said. I told him who I was and where I was. I bet they were impressed. Yeah. Well, you know, I'll be sending an eight by 10 glossy autographed over there. I'll have my Press Secretary do that. But they said they're real bright over there. Jim. They said, Oh, no, we haven't taken it off our playlist. As a matter of fact, if you're listening, we just played it five minutes ago I said hello. I said I'm doing a show down the dial. I don't have

time to listen to your show. I'm calling and asking you a question. And so anyway, point of the story is they said that they have not taken Rupal off their playlist they are playing it okay. Playing so

**J** Jimmy Carper 08:13

that was a rumor of false basis.

**S** Scott Lewis 08:17

But you know what we're hearing after hours, we're gonna hunt them down. We're going to track it down to the source. That's right out. Because we have responsibility. Don't try to boil us. That's right.

**J** Jimmy Carper 08:27

Ooh, okay. Along that line, though, Ron Paul, I want to play something for the women and it's a favorite here at after hours. A continuing tradition that gave Houston it's a group called glabrous and I kind of discovered this and the KPFT record library and I really really like it that couple of women and it's sort of electronic and it gets you get you going Llanberis? Who laboris doing the title cut from from that album, lab wrists. I like that. I really what do you think Scott?

**S** Scott Lewis 09:24

I like it too.

**J** Jimmy Carper 09:25

Thank you. Thank you. That's very nice of you to slap her,

**S** Scott Lewis 09:32

you know, promises promises. My sex life's dwindled off you might excite me.

**J** Jimmy Carper 09:37

Oh really? Oh, well. Oh, well.

**S** Scott Lewis 09:41

And they will let me in the French Quarter.



Jimmy Carper 09:43

Why not? Because too many people know you there. Wow. That won't let you wait.



Scott Lewis 09:52

They'll let me in but I I don't know when those people come around and start asking me questions. I can embarrassed and leave it Have never embarrassed me. I want all those holes in the walls they need to remodeling.



Jimmy Carper 10:06

It took us a long time to get those holes in those walls.



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Half of those holes in those walls are yours. I know it. I know it. So much for holes.



Jimmy Carper 10:18

Speaking of holes, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, that was gonna talk about Michael



Scott Lewis 10:25

Crawford. Yeah. Oh, we're in trouble. I guarantee you that phone's getting ready to like,



Jimmy Carper 10:29

my segue for my polls.



Scott Lewis 10:33


I guarantee the phone's gonna light up either there. He's hopping on the next bus with a sign. And a couple of fans. Sure.





Jimmy Carper 10:40


I'm sure. But now he and Eric are going to be doing some new poetry next week. And well, I kind of thought it was going to be this week. So I had geared all the music for Michael. You know, Michael, like, I've been you know, I've been reading ziens I've been sending off and


getting zions you know what scenes are? Magazines? No, they're it's, it's well, without the Magaz. It's like,


 **Scott Lewis** 11:10  
input our magazine.


 **Jimmy Carper** 11:14  
zions are like these really cool kind of Xerox booklets that people put out. They're very personal.


 **Scott Lewis** 11:25  
Is there a point to this story? Yes. Because

 **Jimmy Carper** 11:27  
I've been sending off for gay and lesbian scenes. And I've been finding out all kinds of things about gay and lesbian people. Like, like, here, let me let me get a couple and I'll show you. I mean, out punk. Out punk out punk. Yes.

 **Scott Lewis** 11:50  
And where do you get that?

 **Jimmy Carper** 11:53  
Oh, from? This one's out of San Francisco. Ooh, surprise, surprise. It's also a record label. Because we punk as a record. Yes, yes. But in it. You know, we're talking about gay and lesbian people in punk music like Gary Floyd, who used to be from the dicks and he's now in SR double happiness from the who the decks, the decks.

 **Scott Lewis** 12:17  
If I had been in that, if I had been in the decks previously, I would probably be SR Double Happiness right now myself. That's another story skit

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from the big boys and probably all the like fun to all three members of Husker do. So next week, I'm going to play some Husker do and probably so let's go

 Scott Lewis 12:40

do it at a breakfast it how surprised so this is like a little somebody has put together a little Xerox. They put a magazine together on a Xerox machine. That's the whole idea. Are there personals in there? Hey, I'm in the market personal was that oh my lord. Yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 13:00

pictures and everything. Yeah. So out punk. And they're talking about other bands that have queer members.

 Scott Lewis 13:09

Would that was entertaining? Color? The F word. fellatio. Is that

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what they're doing? But there's I want to read off all of these other bands that have queer members, the Buzzcocks the lewd MDC, the apostles go pollution circus. The parasites angry kid the Eesti girls we knew that happy flowers you can hear happy flowers on that other show that I work on.

 Scott Lewis 13:39

Oh the one where you think people think you are?

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No no no no esoteric adventures we play Happy flowers all the time. Fifth Column Joan Jett is missing foundation junction mud women and Batmobile

 Scott Lewis 13:54

while the missing foundation when the house like

 Jimmy Carper 13:56

collapse? Who said a house was on it?

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Scott Lewis 14:00

That's a pretty picture.

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Jimmy Carper 14:01

I see. Okay, anyway, we talk about a better pitch. Women Yes, yes. I see you're not a friend of Frank's then. She hates female mud wrestlers. I think she's lying about it. Anyway. Oh, isn't that a nice segue for the next song we're going into?

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Scott Lewis 14:21

You know, we came from holes to Michael Crawford to candle in the wind that by Elton John. No, this I you know, maybe this is why we're not over at 104

J

Jimmy Carper 14:33

Well, this is kind of a this is kind of a weird pumc tonight because I thought I was going to be doing queer punk music so but I wanted to do candle in the wind. But I liked doing a lot of Elton John. I've got a new one by him that I'm going to be doing week after next. But what's great about Elton John, now that he's out as a gay man, it's great to go back and listen to all of his music with that gay perspective and especially candle in the wind. I mean, you know gay icons like Judy Garland and I know not everybody relates with Judy Garland but, but female divas. Certainly like you. Yes. Certainly Marilyn Monroe counts and so you can see how this song was written with a very gay very clear perspective in mind. I

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Scott Lewis 15:27

see it all I see Marilyn Monroe Judy Garland you I say that I say a perceptive question. Can I can I, Jim to Judy, Judy, Jim. Hey, Jim, is that Judy Garland or Judy Jetson? Because Jimmy has a blonde wig just like Judy. Were you? Yes, I do any work last week? Can I Can I steal this and dedicate this song to to a young man that listens to our show every week? Yeah. We've dedicated songs to him before. He's 14 and lives out in the boondocks. Oh, yeah, our favorite. Yeah, absolutely. Chris, who listens every week has been listened for a couple of years. And he was working in his school play tonight. And I think I think candle in the wind to me, reminds me of him. And what all the all the people that are 14 15 16 17 and up to 25, or whatever age that are in the closet and are struggling with the issues or just coming out and dealing with their parents and so forth. Because they're very, they're at a very fragile point in their life, like a candle in the wind

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Jimmy Carper 16:36

that and say, Hey, we can't, we're not ever going to say, come out because you're at an age that you you were really dependent on your parents. Absolutely. You know, there's too many cases of folks kicking their kids out into the street because they can't deal with it. So we're not

ever going to tell you to do that we're going to tell you to be proud of what you are. And that you can listen to us and to lesbian and gay voices Friday night. Rite Aid, right here on the same station. And you can get you can kind of find out about your routes and and that may help help you to kind of be more proud of yourself. I'm not going to say Be proud of yourself because as if you're not now because we know you turned on to after hours. So there's some pride there. So here we go with Candle in the Wind Okay, we're

 Jewel Gray 17:48

back. How was that? I like it when they do the Q and Z. It's the only time I get to tape any game. Game music on the air is when they make a block of music for us to listen to various artists. That's what I call my tape when I make a tape. It's called various artists. Gay music. There are a lot of you like that. Gay music various artists. Let me see where's Chris? K tail? Yeah, I'm gonna put that out. Chris has got the list here. And he just he just wanted to get him soda. Here we go. Beverage refreshing beverage, just not a soda. Oh, let's see. Oh, yeah, I wanted to say once again, the phone number here is 526 KPFT. And we will be taking calls throughout the part of the show probably the early part before we go into this way out at 115. That's correct. Still, isn't it? They changed so many things. While I'm not here. I don't know if it's 115 or 130. anymore to conspiracy jewel. Yeah, no, it's just a just a bug me. Keep me on my toes. So make sure I'd come down here to meetings, be here be here, quarter to 11 for meetings. There's a lot of interesting stuff going on. And in our government and not necessarily politics, but politics are included. And some of the stuff that I've been listening to on the TV lately has made me a little more curious about our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence. And there were some things I wanted to talk about these things. I realized looking at them that I had some misconceptions about what they were what they said because I had allowed people to I had allowed people to tell me about it rather than read it myself. I did read it. I don't want you to think that I'm a moron or anything. I have read it in school. But it's been so long and it's one of those dry, tired things when you read and you're in school that you just like put in the back your mind forget, right and

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we as adults, we capture a whole new meaning from it when we read it again as adults,

 Jewel Gray 19:51

and we hear it and we are able to look at each individual article or amendment And, or part of the Declaration of Independence, you know, and be able to sit down and say that, you know, there are some things that that don't fit in, in my lifestyle, that don't apply that apply too much, that tend to want to stifle or choke my personal choices and lifestyle in America today. People are using it both ways. They're using the information in both ways. So the idea is that the more we know, the better armed we are to defend ourselves with our Constitution, and the bill of Bill of Rights. Some of the things I wanted to point out, one of the first things was in the first paragraph of the declaration independence, which is, was written for, originally when there were only 13 states. So it was written by what would that be 13 states out of 50 would be what a fifth? Well, not quite a fifth, just a little over six, yeah, just a little over a fifth of the states had something to say about the Bill of Rights. So these days, and that wouldn't be enough to carry

anything, you wouldn't be able to a fifth of the state's voting in one block wouldn't be enough to carry anything. And it's interesting to know that only 13 states were actually considered for the declaration independence. And in the first paragraph, I want to read the first paragraph, because to me, it is the meat of the declaration, the rest is kind of filler that tells you about more about what they're talking about in this paragraph. And it begins when in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the Earth, the separate and equal station, to which the law of nature and then and of nature's God entitle them a decent respect, decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. And this is about actually breaking away from England, that they felt that this country was unjust and didn't suit them and justly represented. Exactly. And that it, it broke with the laws of the natural laws, which were the philosophically speaking, most of our government representatives at that time, had been trained in real heavy philosophy in their schooling and theology. And they were talking about the natural laws and the natural laws being those laws that that everybody, and that's what they describe later on, that we hold these truths self evident that everybody, all men are created equal. And that's what this is about. They wanted to make sure that they built a country or a land, where everybody had the same possibilities and opportunities as everybody else. Whereas in England, there were different caste systems. They didn't call it that. But there were different social systems. And people were treated differently legally and economically, and religiously. And that's one of the reasons that they wanted to get away from that kind of confining, pure, puritanical. Country controlling government that had absolute control. And they wanted to come to a place where the people had the control the people made the laws, the people were the ones the country was for, not for the, the rich. Yes,



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they were they were tired of being ruled by an imperialistic entity and wanted the right of self determination. A lot of their schooling, a lot of those forefathers schooling came from England. And a lot of the laws that were brought over and a lot of the laws that we had today are descendants of the laws that were adopted and enacted in England,



Jewel Gray 24:23

part of our Constitution is almost verbatim parts of their constitution, right.



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But they wanted to have their own rule. They wanted home rule, right, because they did not want some foreign king were not foreign king, but they didn't want some king across the ocean to tell them how they should run their business when the king had no idea what was going on over on this side of the Atlantic,



Jewel Gray 24:50

and what was happening in our country at that time. 13 states was that people were being taxed. You heard about the the Boston Tea Party they had tea tax. They had tariff taxes that

taxed. You heard about the the Boston Tea Party they had tea tax they had tariff taxes, that everything had Stamp Tax. They had every just about every kind of imaginable tax put on them without any representation in in the, in the Council of the government in England, and they were being taxed. And this was not part of the deal. When the Pilgrims came over here, they came over with a philosophy that they the pilgrims, were running from religious persecution. But by the time that the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and those individual government documents that we revere so much today, by the time they were being put together, the religious freedom had been forgotten and what it was now was a social and economic freedom that we were we hadn't been forgotten don't misunderstand me, but it had been put on a back burner so to speak, and it was the economic and social freedoms that we were really in the the war with England about and it was these freedoms that have been built on and, and buffed up and cleaned up and now are the same freedoms that we we hold almost take for granted now. certain freedoms that back then that didn't exist because they had a different kind of government. But I wanted to move on to it about this declaration and pennants want to get through this. We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are the light, our life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Now, there you go, we, we've been a lot of people read into this, a lot of things this has been this one piece in the declaration of penance has been run over by truck tractors with, with a lot of fervor with different groups and, and everyone can find something that espouses their belief system. But the truth is, what I believe that says is that we all have the same right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And it says so on our Constitution, and things like the amendment to in Colorado, that proposed amendment nine in Washington, the possibility of an amendment and in Alaska, and a few places like these who are trying to get rights taken away from a group of people because of their sexual orientation, here is our protection, that we have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, the pursuit of happiness being determined by the person that has that right. The Pursuit of Happiness is very subjective, it cannot be my happiness cannot be your happiness, it's just too unique, my happiness, and your happiness would be totally unique to the happiness that I would want. And in this little piece right here, I believe is the protection of homosexuals, or any group that had been ostracized by the moral majorities, and I'm not, I don't, it's not moral majorities in quotes, it's moral majorities who try to curtail and limit freedoms and, and privileges of groups of people because of their belief is different, or their lifestyle is different. And here it is, our our ring of freedom is the life liberty and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That means that one vote, you know, one person one vote, that we will decide what those laws are, we vote on that we vote on representatives who go up into Congress into the house and, and make these laws and that our representative is elected by us is part of that. Just powers from the consent of the governed, and that would be us. That's why we're allowed. That's why we vote. That's why it's so important to vote because our whole our whole government is based on that, that that particular part of this. The consent of the governed our whole government is based on those few words that that everybody in this country has an equal say everyone above the age of 18 has an equal say and above the age of 18. And, and not a felon, committed any felonies. There are a few restrictions, but that everybody in this country over 18 has a right to voice their opinion on how this country is governed. And the way they do that is by electing officials to go to Washington and do the governing and that is supposed to protect us that I'm going to skip some of this and I want to I want you in some future time to take few minutes and read this. It's It's powerful. It's a it's our shield to protect us and It has been used and ripped apart and taken out of context to hurt us. So you learn what this is. And you will be able to defend yourself in a philosophical, metaphorical way with these words that were written by some extremely intelligent, very insightful people to protect everyone, everyone, not just the Jerry Falwell's not just the religious

right, not just the politicians in office, not just the local authorities, but everyone that means you, that means you, your sister, your brother, your mother, your cousins, your aunt, that these laws were designed for us.



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And they were also written not just to address the needs of the people that were breaking away from England at that time. But these, these laws were written to withstand the test of time, and to last for 200. And more years, throughout today. And you'll find that many of these radical I should say reactionary, religious, right groups, are taking bits and pieces of the Constitution, and twisting them to their own benefit, and using just little pieces of the Constitution to say, Oh, we can exclude this, we can exclude that, instead of taking the whole Constitution as it was presented. I mean, those original 13 colonies had a choice, you either accept the entire constitution, or you reject the entire cost trial, an all or nothing thing. And every state that was admitted to the Union after that was to accept the Constitution as it was. So it's really a fallacy for anybody to sit there and take any particular part of the Constitution and say, Oh, you see this phrase here. This phrase here means that you can do such and such a, you can't do this. And so



Jewel Gray 32:10

while the rest of not the rest of it, but nearly the rest of the declaration, penance, which was written in July 4 19, I mean, 1917 76, is in reference to the current king of Great Britain at that time talking about because this actually was a letter sent to the king, saying, We are not part of you any longer. We are drawing a line here. This is what we feel. This is why we feel that in the breast of the Declaration of Independence is statements about why they feel that about the king has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people unless those people would relinquish, relinquish the right of representation. He is kept among us in times of peace, standing armies without consent of our legislature. It's just a list of criticism about what about how the king has treated the colonies, and how that, you know, not acceptable any longer. And it's signed with John Hancock, president of the Congress, and by 55 of the representatives of the 13 states of the United States of America. And you can find this on almost any good American government book as part of the appendix. Appendix, yes. Uh huh. And you can simply sit down and flip through it and find the parts that pertain to you. Like the Constitution of the United States was written September 17 1780. Well, it wasn't written, but it was signed in 1787, September 17, and