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Houston is 90.1 KPFT, the sound of Texas at Pacifica network station KPFT Houston.



Jack Valinski 00:14

Welcome to another edition of lesbian and gay voices. This is Jack Valinski.



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I'm David Sanders.



Joan Devlin 00:20

And I'm Joan Devlin.



Glenn Holt 00:22

And I'm Glen Holt.



Jack Valinski 00:23

And we are 11 hours away from the opening of voting here in Texas if you didn't already vote for early voting. So if you're registered to vote, you should go out and vote. If you're not registered to vote and you're qualified to vote, you really shouldn't be listening to the radio

show, because we're going to be talking a lot about that tonight. David Elliot will be joining us from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. We're not sure whether he's in Washington or Atlanta, but we'll find out

J Joan Devlin 00:48

right, and this is a very critical election. So we're going to be as the as Jack said, we're going to spend a little bit of time on it this evening. Oh,

G Glenn Holt 00:56

David Elliot with us, and he's on hold right now.

J Jack Valinski 00:58

Oh, okay. Well, we're going to him a little while because we have news wrap first, but we'll be talking, we'll be talking about the endorsement card that the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus put out, and also on the show.

J Joan Devlin 01:11

Also, we have the silly and I will let this silly give you his last name when he comes on because I'm not. It's a little hard for me. He's going to be talking to us about independent filmmaking. He teaches an independent filmmaking class here in Houston. And then we have it was going to be Paul Guillory from the men's gathering, but he sending in a replacement, but they're going to talk to us about the men's gathering, which is a new group for gay men of color. And it's in Houston. And then of course, at 930. Donna Garrett will be on to talk about her newest venture, which is a poetry CD called it's a God thing. Okay,

J Jack Valinski 01:45

so we have a pretty full show tonight. We should go. Right now to news rapid listen to the news that happened this week.

C Cindy Friedman 01:55

I'm Cindy Friedman, that I'm specialty news rap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending November 4 2000, Namibia's Home Secretary geria condo led a shameful homophobic outburst on the floor of the parliament during discussion of a human rights bill this week, Member of Parliament resident nemesis of the Congress of Democrats party was urging the National Assembly to enact the ratification of the protocol to the African charter on establishment of African Court of Human Rights and people's rights. She criticized the SWAPO government's human rights record, and warned that the rights of minorities including gays and lesbians faced extinction in Namibia. The reference

to gays and lesbians was enough to set off a con Joe and his allies in the ruling SWAPO party. They repeatedly disrupted the debate with shouted insults despite repeated warnings from Assembly Speaker most at Dondero. chiptune Darrow asserted that all human rights were respected in the house and that name calling and offensive expressions were unacceptable at condo was entirely undeterred and unashamed justifying his outbursts with Namibia's law against sodomy.



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In Brazil, an anti gay campaign failed to prevent a near landslide victory for sexologist Marta su PC. In a runoff election for mayor of Sao Paulo. Former Mayor Paul may LWF had used posters showing so please see in a photo with men and drag captioned Don't let these women win. Gays and lesbians unfurled a giant rainbow flag above the huge crowd who gathered in the streets to celebrate so please seize victory during her term in Brazil's Congress of Deputies, so please see sponsored and fought a losing battle for a bill to give full legal recognition to gay and lesbian couples.



Cindy Friedman 03:40

California's gay and lesbian non biological co parents can qualify for an income tax break under a first in the US ruling published this week. The state provides a head of household category for unmarried couples with children where when partner provides for most of the cost of a child's upkeep. The state's Board of Equalization ruled three to two that it was only fair to extend this category to gay and lesbian families, particularly since they lacked the option to marry. The state's Franchise Tax Board can still appeal this ruling, but its publication means that a precedent has been set. The victory went to Helmy hissrich, who has been the sole supportive or partner of 14 years and the daughter her partner war by artificial insemination historic has not yet been able to legally adopt the girl history had to do most of the legal work for herself, but was driven to fight for respect after a Tax Board attorney told her you can't claim your friend's child as your own.



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legal recognition was denied this week to an English trans woman and her husband of almost 20 years. Elizabeth and Michael Ballenger actually had an official civil marriage by a registrar who did not examine their birth certificates. The London high court judge who heard their case appeared understanding and sympathetic to the plight of transsexuals in Britain who can only marry someone of the SEC is opposite the one shown on their birth certificates, which cannot be amended. The court seemed to agree with the bellandur argument that the 30 year old definition of sex in the marriage law is outdated and unreliable. But the judge found the issues involved to be so complex as to require comprehensive reform by the Parliament, rather than piecemeal change through court rulings. With elections expected in about six months, politicians are in no hurry to take up the issue.



Cindy Friedman 05:28

Israel's Parliament reformed its age of consent laws about three months ago, but the measure

Israel's Parliament reformed its age of consent laws about three months ago, but the measure was buried so deep in a sweeping update of the Criminal Code that even the chair of the Knesset Law Committee didn't realize it was there. The National Association of gays and lesbians agreed that this had been the best strategy for enactment, but issued a press release this week to advise gay and lesbian youth that their situation had changed. The age of consent for all sex acts is now 16. Well previously, acts other than heterosexual intercourse were legal only for those at least 18 also extended for the first time to Acts other than heterosexual intercourse is a provision that cases involving 14 and 15 year olds will not be prosecuted for age of consent violations if their partner's age is no more than three years different from their own.



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Hawaii's Board of Education braved political consequences this week by adopting a new anti harassment policy just days before most board members faced re election and amendment to delete sexual orientation from the protected categories of the new policy was defeated by a single vote. Board Member Keith Sakata cast that swing vote with tears in his eyes, his commitment to protecting students having barely prevailed over his deep religious objections to homosexuality. But the crowd of citizens attending the meeting greeted the new policy with cheers and applause. Although it all began with more general legal advice that the board needed to adopt a stronger policy against sexual harassment to avoid liability. That goal was soon obscured by controversy over the explicit protection for gay and lesbian students. For months, the board had been flooded with testimony with the same sentiments and many of the same players as the state's bitter 1998 campaign against gay and lesbian marriage.



Cindy Friedman 07:17

Romanian gay Gabby Rodman this week lost illegal appeal for asylum in the UK. The court agreed with the home secretary's office, and especially adjudicator that his experiences at home did not rise to the level of persecution as defined by the Geneva Convention. Ragone was in his senior year of university education towards becoming a physical education teacher. When his sexual orientation became known. He was called up before his student assembly and pronounced to have brought shame to the school. Administrators said he could complete his degree but would never be allowed to teach because he posed a danger to children. Once outed, he became the target of taunting every time he left his home, becoming a regular source of public entertainment in what was described as free theatre.



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Publicly identifying as gay also continues to prove costly in two high profile cases in the US. Charles Carpenter, the chaplain of the Arizona State Legislature, who used National Coming Out date to declare he is gay has had his long standing clerical ordination withdrawn by the Church of Christ. Although the unsigned one page letter advising him of the decision did not explicitly refer to his sexual orientation. It did mention his theological U turn. Carpenter is protesting the revocation by refusing to return his certificate of ordination as requested. He's also seeking a new ordination from his new affiliation Phoenix's gay friendly community church of hope. Carpenter had already lost his Chaplain salary from the nonprofit he himself founded to fund it, and may well lose his chaplaincy after the legislature reconvenes in January,

 Cindy Friedman 08:57

Len Lanzi, the executive director of a Southern California Council of the Boy Scouts of America, who mentioned he is gay while defending the scouts before a county commission has been fired after 14 years of exemplary employment. Despite his lifelong love of scouting, his attorney says he will pursue every avenue to reinstatement. Legal experts are divided as to whether June's US Supreme Court ruling allowing the scouts to exclude gays as volunteer leaders and members will extend to paid employment.

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There was a happy ending for the story of West Australia's annual pride celebration, which has been a political football all year. Last year's lack of support from the Perth City Council nearly drove organizers to move the event to Subiaco. But public protests turned them back. The legally questionable addition of pride to a Perth ballot turned out to show strong support for the March in its traditional home. But that didn't seem to shake the opposition of Lord Mayor Peter Matrice. Yet none of this seemed to matter as the 11th annual parade went off this week bigger and better than ever. With more than 3000 marchers and 54 floats. The crowd was well in excess of last year as 100,000 Lesbian and Gay Pride co President Carrie mcgucken called on the Perth city council to embrace the parade in the same way Sydney has embraced Mardi Gras and to market it as a major tourism event. It's already the biggest night of the year for the shops of the northbridge neighborhood and pride organizers are commissioning an economic impact study to drive the point home.

 Cindy Friedman 10:31

And finally more than 15,000 people marched in Johannesburg this week in the African continents main gay and lesbian Pride event. But the show was stolen by the unexpected participation of two officers from the city's traffic department. It's not so long ago that police were present to Harris marchers instead of protect them. But these two officers put a poster on their vehicle reading, come out, come out wherever you are. And rather than detaining suspects, they use their loudspeaker to play the late Freddie Mercury's I want to break free.

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That's news wrap for the week ending November 4 2000. Written by Cindy Friedman and recorded at the studios of KPFK Los Angeles

 Cindy Friedman 11:13

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





Glenn Holt 11:25

What is Q patrol? You've probably heard the name. It's a nonprofit corporation operating a volunteer citizens watch patrol in the greater Montrose area. Our patrols have been a successful deterrent to crime over the past five years, and we'd like to be even more effective. I'm Glen hold the president of que patrol asking you to donate just one night a month to make our community a safer place. Get your exercise walking on a foot patrol, rollerblading or bicycling or if you prefer, you can drive or ride in a mobile unit. Q patrol is a great way to do something positive for yourself in your community. Call us at five to eight safe. We need community minded people like you. That's 528 safe. 52872332 patrol is affiliated with the Houston Police Department's citizens on patrol program.



Joan Devlin 12:22

Good evening, you're listening to KPFT lesbian and gay voices. And we have David Elliot from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force on the line doing his usual first Monday of the month update. David, are you with us?



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I'm with you, Joan.




Joan Devlin 12:37


And this is exciting first Monday because it is the Monday before the Tuesday election.





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Well, you know, Joan, in less than 10 hours is all begins and it begins to end. We've endured the snows of New Hampshire, the long grains of Iowa. We saw Pat Buchanan bolt from the GOP into oblivion. We saw so so many candidates fall by the wayside during this presidential campaign. Remember Lamar Alexander? Oh, yeah. Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer, Liz Doyle, Bill Bradley, Paul Wellstone, I think I'm leaving out some candidates there were so so so many, you know, we saw George W. Bush visit to Bob Jones University, and Al Gore's visit to his personal closing assistant. We watched John McCain Straight Talk, express, and talk he did on and on and on. And we saw Al Gore in that first debate where he sighed on and on and on. We saw Al Gore's Big kiss with the tipper on stage at the Democratic National Convention. We heard about George W. DWI, 24 years ago and cannon Berg Berg. Cannon bunk port main, you know, somehow our democracy will survive all this. They say that, that which does not kill you makes you a little bit stronger. So now, starting at 7am, tomorrow on the Eastern Seaboard, we are going to the polls, an estimated 80 million to 100 million Americans strong. So now, Joan, I have three segments that I can offer up to you and I want to know how you want me to proceed. I have a potential four minute segment on what's at stake on the ballot tomorrow. I've got another three or four minute segment on a viewers guide for watching the election returns. And then I've got a short three or four minute segment on possible outcomes and predictions concerning tomorrow's election. So you tell me what you want to know. Let's


 Jack Valinski 14:38
just Let's just talk about some of this stuff. First of all, are you in Washington or Atlanta?


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I am in Washington. I will be flying to Atlanta for our annual in glTF Creating Change Conference late tomorrow morning after I vote


 Jack Valinski 14:51
okay because you're going to be staffing a command center down there to discuss the gay and lesbian voting

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yes check we're going to have Election Center. 2000


 Jack Valinski 15:02
Wow, that's that's exciting. Will that be on the web also,

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we will be updating our website as quickly as possible. We don't know how quickly the returns are going to come in, you know, we've got the four ballot initiatives, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered ballot initiatives we're looking at. And you know, we'll be looking at the presidential race and control of the House.

 Jack Valinski 15:23
There's, there's so much going on. And I mean, even as junkies, I'm sure even you will get are getting tired of this over, you know, you know, just all this stuff about the presidential race, which is very, very important. It's very, very close. But there are so many other things. You know, there are Senate races and congressional races, and there's local races. And let's talk about those ballot initiatives. What is at stake tomorrow?

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Well, exactly. We're facing a record number of ballot initiatives tomorrow. We have ballot initiatives in the states of Maine, Oregon, Nevada, and Nebraska. And just to briefly talk about each of these. Main is a positive ballot initiative, voters are being asked to extend the state's


civil rights law to cover sexual orientation. We're going to win pretty handily there, we're gonna win overwhelmingly, somewhere between 10 and 20 percentage points. Wow. A big victory. Maine will become I believe the 12th state in the United States to extend civil rights protections to sexual orientation. Oregon is the most contentious of the ballot initiatives. We call their ballot initiative, no promo. It's a sweeping ballot initiative that would prohibit any positive or neutral mention of sexual orientation in the public school classroom, up to and including community colleges.

 Jack Valinski 16:54

You know, there was discussion on NPR this afternoon over that. And it's like, you know, it's this is so hard to define.

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Oh, yeah, in effect, it's a gag rule. It would require that textbooks in the library that mentioned HIV or AIDS prevention be removed, it would prevent counselors from referring, you know, gay and lesbian, bisexual questioning students to appropriate counselors. It would do a whole whole lot of damage. And on a political scale, if the right wing wins in Oregon tomorrow, this sort of initiative effort is going to be exported to a lot of other states to now. This is the closest ballot initiative, Jack this this is our toughest, our closest fight. I think we're going to win in Oregon tomorrow.

 Jack Valinski 17:48


Well, that would be great.

 Joan Devlin 17:50

Here's my question. Do these people honestly believe that if they just make it illegal for anybody to talk about us, we cease to exist?

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See, no homos here? No homos? You know how that goes. It's it's a throwback to the not just the previous decade. But really back to the 1980s and the 1970s. If we can win handily, tomorrow in Oregon, it's going to put a wet blanket on a lot of similar efforts in other states.

 Jack Valinski 18:18

Yes. Now, that can't be done in at least at this point. Texas does not allow that type of initiative. Texas does



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not have initiative and referendum. You will face your fights in in the Texas Legislature, which is another thing that's at stake tomorrow. But no, you will not face any initiative and referendum like this.



Jack Valinski 18:39

Right when we were talking about stuff at stake. And it's what's at stake in the presidential race, the Congressional and the Senate race. Of course, not only that the Senate, but reapportionment is also at stake.



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Well, let's talk about that for just a second Jack. And let's look at Texas as an example of what's at stake.



Jack Valinski 18:59

Right. Texas is probably going to gain one congressional district I think



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get one or two perhaps. And you know, in Texas, the Senate is currently controlled by the Republicans by a 16 to 15 margin. Now there's this one Senate seat in East Texas, a rural seat where between 3 million and \$4 million is being spent by the two parties combined. It's a very, very competitive seat. And both of the parties think that whoever wins the seat is probably going to control the the Texas Senate now



Jack Valinski 19:35

and that's incredible because I think that the senator in the state of Texas gets paid like \$600 a month. Yeah, I



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think it's 620 months. So work that out for a year. Now. Why is Texas so important? Here's why. In Texas, the congressional delegation is made up of 17 Democrats and 13 Republicans, even though the state is now a staunchly Republican state. If the report Kids can completely control the redistricting process in Texas, it would result in a likely pickup of six seats in the United States Congress for the Republicans, that six seats in just one state alone. Incredible. Yeah, you can see it would have profound impact control of the state legislatures can have on Congress over the course of the next decade. In fact, it's not just Texas. In New Hampshire, the state senate is deadlocked 12 to 12. In Washington State, the house is deadlocked 49 to 49. In

Pennsylvania, the house is deadlocked, 100, Democrats, 100 Republicans, two vacancies in Vermont Republicans are trying to take both chambers in was what is being said in some quarters to be a referendum on civil unions and on and on and on.

 Joan Devlin 20:48

Now, how does it look? And this is just me getting your predictions, not just presidentially, but for any opportunities for the Democrats to take back the House or the Senate or to capture some additional seeds?

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Well, you don't don't it's breaking out to be very, very, very interesting. And here's a prediction that might surprise you a little bit. Because of the heavy number of absentee ballots that have been requested in California. And because three or four seats in the US House are at stake. In California alone, we actually might not know who is going to have control of the US House until Thursday or Friday. And Joe and that's not just a possibility. When I'm looking at some of the numbers that are coming in, in California and Washington, it's actually a probability, you know, I'm going to be up watching these election returns come in until two, three o'clock in the morning, Wednesday morning. I don't think when I go to bed that I am going to know who's going to control the House. In the last 24 hours, some polls have shifted minute lean airway, I am still looking at control of the House falling within a two to three seat margin within either party. That's how incredibly close and scary frankly, this election is.

 Jack Valinski 22:17


Well speaking of scary, what is the prediction on the presidential race? Oh, my gosh.

 Joan Devlin 22:23

He knew that was coming. Well, you know,

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yeah, yeah, I think I hear my other phone ringing right now. And I have to run now. Look, in the Electoral College, their 538 Total electoral and I

 Jack Valinski 22:40

hear they never won a football game.

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Better. You need 270 electoral votes to get elected. Bush's locked up 209 of those 270 votes. Gore has locked up 196 of those 270 electoral votes. That leaves 135 electoral votes up for grabs. It's those votes that will decide the election. Now, I'm predicting based on weekend polls, that bush is going to win the closely contested states of Arkansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Tennessee, Wisconsin, in West Virginia. And I'm predicting that Gore will win the closely contested states of Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Washington. So that's how I think it's gonna go on a state by state basis and you know, Jonan check, I assume that you to have your pocket calculators out in handy.

 Jack Valinski 23:42

Oh, sure. Pacifica issued calculators here

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with Pacifica's big budget. So here's where it comes down. And if I have a chance to elaborate on this, I'd like to because there's really two models that we're carrying, I'm following the optimistic model. But there's also a pessimistic model at work. My prediction the way I look at all of the states, you know, I've gone through all 50 states have looked at polls from everywhere. My prediction tomorrow night, Al Gore 276 electoral votes. George W. Bush 262 electoral votes.

 Joan Devlin 24:25

I hope you're right.

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Well wins, but it's so close. Yes.

 Jack Valinski 24:29


With that, let's just take a little break. And then we're going to come back and talk about the endorsement card here, the caucus. And David, I'd like you to stay with us to, to maybe shed some light on some of these. I know you don't know some of the locals, but certainly you probably know some of the house people and the Senate endorsements. We've got something here from the Capitol steps which I think will play into this.

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And people who say we can handle anything that comes along? Well they just don't know dick



Jack Valinski 25:11

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and of course, that was a little play on things with Capitol steps that was a take off with Hillary and before that it take off with Dick Cheney.

 Joan Devlin 25:20

Hillary's gonna win.

 Jack Valinski 25:23

Let's talk about the, you know the actual actual things if you don't know where you're voting tomorrow, you have your voters card, the Houston Chronicle will publish the polling places in Harris County. Harris County is the third largest county in the country. The website that you can find out also is [www.sceeto.harris.tx.us/see Clerk as in county clerk slash elect dot htm](http://www.sceeto.harris.tx.us/seeClerk.asp?county=clerk&elect=elect.htm) and David the website for en

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glTF [www.in gltf.org](http://www.ingltf.org).

 Jack Valinski 26:02

And my understanding that the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus will be staffing their office most of the day tomorrow. Now they only have one phone line. So it may be busy at time, their number is 713-521-1000. And going through their endorsement card for president vice president, they endorsed Al Gore and Joe Lieberman, the Democrat and in the Senate race because there wasn't a strong or a good candidate on the Democratic side running against Kay Bailey Hutchinson. They endorsed Doug Sandage of the Green Party. There's probably not much hope of him winning but you know, we just don't completely give in the house. There are seven districts that that are in Harris County and some sort for the house. Number seven is Jeff shell, SEL Jeff SEL SEL L. I don't know if you're familiar with him, David.

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I'm not actually okay.

 Jack Valinski 27:01

House nine is Nick Lampson. He's a self proclaimed moderate, and he has served in the House since 1997. I'm not familiar with him also, of course, we're all very familiar for house 18, which is Sheila Jackson Lee, which is the Barbara Jordan district as we refer to it down here. And I'm sure you've interacted with Sheila Jackson, Lee David,



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a real hero, a real civil rights hero.



Jack Valinski 27:26

Absolutely. The one that's probably the biggest contender here in Harris County is house 25th, which is Ken Benson. It's it's a sort of a funny shaped district. It includes the NASA area, and it sort of curves around on the east side. Ken Benson and the guy who's running against him is Phil Sudan, who has just been flooding the Houston market with really, really terrible advertisements.



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In fact, that is, this house seat, in a nutshell demonstrates the danger of a George W. Bush juggernaut in Texas. There are no stop errs on the ballot, you know, after you get under the presidential race in Texas on the ballot tomorrow. And there's a real danger about what kind of coattails George W is going to bring. If there are any listeners out there today who are wondering whether or not their vote counts tomorrow. That how seat is the argument. You know, the Ground Zero argument is to where why they need to come out to vote.



Glenn Holt 28:33

David, this is Glenn, I have a question about voting. Let's say that, that I voted a straight party ticket, you know, I punched the button at the top of the card to vote straight party ticket. But I wanted to make a couple of exceptions. If I voted a couple of exceptions further down on the ticket, does that work?



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No. If you punch straight party ticket, then it's straight party ticket.



Jack Valinski 28:57

I think you need to ask the Election Judge when you go in there tomorrow, because I could be wrong. But I think that if you vote one party, but then you punch individual races. I think it overrides it. But I'm not an expert on it here in Texas, because they are punch cards and it goes through a computer but I could be wrong.



Joan Devlin 29:15

Don't vote straight party ticket. Yeah. Just don't do it.



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Oh, to gay party ticket.



Jack Valinski 29:20

Yeah. And that's exactly what we're talking about. Let's continue on house 29, his Gene Green. He's been in that ever since that that district was created in the last reapportionment on the Texas Railroad Commission. And this is a very important seat because it controls a lot more than just railroads. It can it controls the oil and stuff like that. The caucus is recommending that you vote Green in both of these. There's an unexpired term, which is Charlie, Malcolm and Doug Gary Duggar, which is for the full term of both green. The rest of it is a statewide races or local and The Texas Supreme Court has been levy that's green. Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Presiding Judge Bill Vance, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals place to William bar Democrat and then the Texas Senate race 15. John Whitmire, which is Democrat. As we go to the to the other. They've got this wrong here the other Senate. No, this is this is House. The House races 13 is fed Fred Lundgren Democrat 132 is Scott Hochberg. Democrat 134 Is Mike Schatten, Democrat 137 which is Montrose which is Deborah Dannenberg. This will be like her ninth term I believe 138, which is a very contested race up in the we call it the lesbian heights district up around 290 and the North Loop Ken Yarborough progressive voters is working very hard to help in that race. Ken Yarborough is the endorsed candidate, Democrat district 140 Kevin Bailey Democrat 143 Joe Monroe Democrat 144 Donald's superior to Democrat 145 Rick nori Tara, Democrat 147 Jessica Farr, Democrat 148 Garnet Coleman Democrat, Texas District Judge 337 Gary Hardaway Democrat, Texas first Court of Criminal Appeals place to Mary Thompson Democrat Harris County District Attorney Jim Donnelly Democrat harris county tax collector, John Webb Democrat and here is the lone Republican Harris County constable precinct to de la Vela Republican. Harris County constable precinct seven Perry Wooten Harris County school trustee position three, John Boogerman. Republican that's the I'm sorry that so that's two Republicans. So if you need a copy of this list, you can go by the caucus, I believe they'll be there tomorrow in that community center at 803. Hawthorne, hopefully there'll be at some of the polling places, or they'll either be there or have some of their endorsement cards. I know I still haven't received mine in the mail yet. Their phone number is 713-521-1000. And this is in the current edition of the Texas triangle. And I think it's also in the voice right, not mistaken.



Joan Devlin 32:29

Okay. Now, David, back to you. pessimistic prediction for tomorrow?



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Well, you know, it's really tough, Joan, you know, I've talked to a lot of people, both inside the beltway inside DC and across the country today. And there seems to be if you'll excuse the phrase, this mass psychosis, that bush is going to win. And in point of fact, I think that there is a a likely outcome, a possibility, perhaps a probability that we will wake up Wednesday morning, and see Republican control of the White House Republican control of the US House Republican control of the US Senate. Now, there's also a slight chance I'd say about a 20% chance that there will be Democrats control and this is what makes this election so so unusual,


that we can see democratic control of the White House, the US House and the US Senate. Now, I give it more than a one in three chance that we're going to see some sort of divided control prep score winning the White House, the Republicans hanging on to the US House or vice versa. But it's certainly very, very hard to predict. And I should mention, very briefly, there's a new poll out tonight, and John Zogby poll, which he does, or Reuters and MSNBC, that shows Gore up by two points in the presidential race. This is well within the margin of error, but it represents a five point swing since last Friday. On Saturday, Zogby had Gore picking up two points against Bush, and then he had him picking up another point yesterday, and then another couple of points, three points and all today. And so it's interesting, but the national polls haven't all gone that way. There has been some tightening. There's a little bit of a suggestion that there's been a minute shift toward Gore of the last 48 hours, but it's not a strong enough suggestion to be considered conclusive.

 Joan Devlin 34:52

Well, it looks like it's going to be an exciting day tomorrow.

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A little bit too exciting for my tastes.

 Jack Valinski 34:58

And just Yes, so We want to remind everybody vote because, you know, these are just predictions, things can go either way. And, you know, if we lose, you know, just think that you may have been able to make the difference, if we when you have made may have helped us make the difference. And quickly, David, when is creating change and where is it

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will creating changes in Atlanta, Georgia this year? You know, this is the largest national gay, lesbian bisexual, transgendered activist conference, we're gonna have about 2500 delegates. We'll kick off Thursday evening, with a plenary that's entitled, what's next, we'll be talking about the election results. We'll have creative Scott King on hand, and I'm going to be getting up really early tomorrow voting and then he's heading for the airport to fly out there.

 Jack Valinski 35:47

Well, and I just got back two weeks ago from the pride Conference in Atlanta, and Atlanta is a real fun city to have a conference in. David, I know you've got a long couple of days ahead of you actually about a week ahead of you. With all this stuff going on. Thank you very much for joining us. David Elliot is communications director of the National Gay and Lesbian lesbian taskforce and we're going to continue on with this way out.



Greg Gordon 36:14

Even as Sydneysiders continue to bask in the afterglow of what was by most accounts, the city's hugely successful hosting of the Summer Olympics. The governing body of the International Federation of Gay Games arrived there this week for its annual general meeting, during which they all tour potential Gay Games venues and pitch corporate sponsorships to Australian businesses. CEO Gary Gibson talked with reporter Greg Redding, during the Olympics about the lessons learned there by lesbian and gay volunteers, and reaffirmed the participatory spirit of the first Gay Games held almost 20 years ago,



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having this test event on two years out from our games has been very useful for us. It's been a wonderful opportunity. The Olympic Games are have truly fantastic and Sydney has turned on a great show, I think, for the world. And that learned us good in marketing the Gay Games in two years time because we've been letting the world know that a lot of the venues that they can see on television with the Olympics are where we'll be putting on Gay Games events.



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How much has involvement has there been from local gay sporting groups and with the Sydney Olympics



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are a lot of the people in gay sports clubs have been acting as volunteers in a number of the events. I know in particular, the gay and lesbian running club front runners has been working very hard on the marathon. A number of people in both the cycling and running clubs have been volunteers with a triathlons that were held in the first weekend of the Olympics. And in a range of other sports and organizational aspects. We've had people who are working with the Gay Games, volunteering their services and gaining the big event experience from the Olympics.



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What's been your highlight of this Olympics?



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I think I've the opening ceremony was truly fantastic. And a great statement about Australia and where we come from and who we are as a people. But it's just I mean, I think Sydney has just been fantastic. And all of the different sports have been great. I've had the opportunity to go to a number of sports, I was a spectator of the triathlon men's triathlon, I've been to the beach volleyball, I've been to the swimming, I've been to the tennis. I've went last night to the

water polo and going to see some track and field and a couple of days time. So I just think it's a buzz and the whole city is so alive. There's so many things happening. And I think we've we're doing really well.



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Back to the 2,002k games. We've got quite ambitious plans. Right now we've got to pay an executive, your staff, person and other paid workers. Can you tell us where the money's coming from, because there's not a lot of infrastructure in terms of a few, a handful of key sporting groups out there?



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Well, most of our income at the moment has come from corporate sponsorship and corporate sponsorship will be probably about 1/3 of our budget once we once we finish with the games. We're a privately funded organization, we don't get direct cash support from government. Therefore, we've had to secure the income ourselves. And we're doing that through a range of means mainly through corporate sponsorship. But the other thing that needs to be understood about the Gay Games is that the participants fund the games themselves, they pay to come and as a significant proportion of our budget will be coming from the registration fees that participants from all around the world will pay. Plus, of course, the tickets that they'll buy to various events. They'll be buying tickets to some of the sporting events, which would be great spectator events. Plus, we'll be having a lot of cultural events, the ceremonies, a few parties some good times, so those ticket sales will help fund In the event, merchandise sales as we get closer to the games, they'll be an important source of income for us. So there's a range of different sources, we get a lot of support from government in kind, they helping us logistically and in a range of different ways. And that's been very important to us at both federal and state level. But we have to build the cash income ourselves.



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And what lessons are we learning from the Olympics in terms of handling Gay Games? How will the Gay Games be different?



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Well, we don't have the same size logistic needs as the Olympics them in the Olympics has huge crowds to try and handle it has huge security issues to manage. And it's yeah, it's being an elite sporting event. It has a huge pressure on it to make sure everything goes absolutely perfectly. The Gay Games is a very participative event, we will have elite sports men and women participating. But we're not an elite sports carnival. As such, we are not an event where only the best two from each country or each city in each particular sport can come. That's the beauty of the Gay Games that anyone can have a go from the world class champions through to the weekend warrior that wants to have a go, and who just wants to join in? That was the founding principle of the games when it first started back almost 20 years ago. And it's still very much the principles that we operate under today. And so we don't have those types of

issues. But what the Olympics has given us an opportunity to see is the way in which the venue's operate the bumping in and out of sports, the way in which the competition is managed, how spectators are handled, what opportunities spectators are given a lot of the logistics sports stuff, our sports director has been checking out quite closely. In looking at those venues. We we have also learned a bit about the way in which the Olympic Arts Festival is operated in tandem with the with the sports with the Olympic sports. And I've learned some lessons from that. We won't have the same transport issues, but what's been a great success I think of Sydney has been the management of the transport. I think Sydney's transport system has done this proud and, and we've handled a lot of that. And so that's important for us because we'll be using the public transport system together in and around Sydney as well.



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Okay, well roll on 2002 Yes, thanks, Carrie.



Greg Gordon 42:27

That was Greg reading talking with Sydney Gay Games. 2002 CEO Gary Gibson. This week, organizers asked the government for direct financial assistance, but premier Bob Carr turned them down promising organizational health but not financial support. Gibson called cars decision unfair and unreasonable warning that not having immediate cash was severely limiting his ability to hire needed staff. Up to 15,000 athletes and 25,000 spectators are expected to flock to Sydney during the 2002 Gay Games, which, according to organizers, will bring almost \$500 million into the Australian economy.



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come and help people out. excited about it.



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Glenn Holt 44:03

You're listening to lesbian and gay voices.



Joan Devlin 44:07

Hello, I'm Joan Devlin, and I'm in the studio with my Celia for Dave, and facili. And David Sanders is here also, by the way, just as an aside comment, this is David's last show. He's abandoning us for Missouri,



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Gateway city in St. Louis. Brotherly Love.



Joan Devlin 44:24

Whoo. Yeah, right. Okay, but back back to the topic at hand. Wassily you teach an independent filmmaking course here in Houston. Why don't you tell us a little bit about that, please.



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That is correct. And it is a it's a independent and short filmmaking course. And while I was waiting in the, in the hall in this station, I opened the newspaper called Houston press and on page 53, there are so the advertisement for Houston lesbian and gay community center. They offer several creating courses and bold dancing courses. But if you look up on the screen page, it's advertising for my film course. And it says silence is the best training for the language of film. And I have hands on writing, directing and producing a short film. And I encourage my students to short film be about four or five minutes. Any genre, any subject, whatever is

important for you just tell a story. We shoot it in one month, my courses last for two weeks. The remaining two weeks over the month is shooting time. So basically, I started the new class in November tomorrow in the evening. Oh, great. It's gonna be exciting for me.



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What kind of cameras and film do you recommend? someone starting out using?



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Well, I personally shot on film and digital, I teach this workshop I teach how to shoot digital films. And I basically have developed this course to shoot on digital video. Okay, well, of course, we applied the film aesthetic to that. That is, you have to tell the story. Whatever the story you decide is your story. Do you have to tell it?



Joan Devlin 46:25

And why is independent filmmaking so important?



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Well, I make films because I cannot not make them. That's, that's bottom lines. I just make it I been making films for the last six years. I lived on here in Montrose six years, and that's how long I've been making and doing it.



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Plus some something about independent films is you have a voice that gets out there that the mainstream would not let go.



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That is very true that in, for example, in the community where I live right now, I'm developing a feature film, which is independent, and it's going to be comedy. But it's also very, I would say sad subject because the people who are involved the characters, they it's about AIDS, and to comedy. So I feel that's important for for us to speak how the people who go to the hospital and how they've been treated in the hospital and the basically the action takes place in the hospital, in the entrance to the hospital in the hospital rooms. And that's a feature film that I'm working on right now.



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Okay, something and filming an independent you have to you have to have a place to film at a

location. How would somebody who is in your class? How would they go about picking a location? Or like your film that you're interested in? How would you go about getting a location of a hospital?



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Well, we go I encourage as as do it by myself, just go and ask. This is what we're gonna shoot this as we're gonna do if the doors the worst could happen to you is just say no. Then you go to another hospital ask then you go to another place you ask. And there has been in my experience that there will there was always someone who would help. Who would provide the location I would go sometimes as restaurants for food. Yeah, and I will 20 restaurants, we have three will donate lunch. Yeah, well, breakfast. So and that is actually that's what I teach in my class how to produce a short film. Since you making movies in the low budget or no budget, and courage, go to the restaurants go to the community and say this, you're making the move in the community. After all, it's here in Madras. Every film that we shot in my workshop, we shot it somewhere in Montrose here.



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So you have to be real creative on the location. Yeah. And likewise, you have to be creative on the talent and get the talent from pretty much anywhere.



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Basically, the talent was Houston talent, that I will employ Houston talent. And also what I encourage my students is go around and look at locations and location could tell a story itself. Eat it there is some kind of connection or when you feel there is connection to the location and the director. And of course the student is the writer, director and the producer.



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They own short film because the whole place could tell a whole story.



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Yeah, allocation could tell it could tell a story.



Joan Devlin 49:49

Now how much film I mean, your classes a month long the students produce about a four or five minute film about how much footage do they have to shoot before they actually We're able to, you know, I guess edit it down or get it to the point where you've got five minutes of say good film or what you consider to be good film.



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Of course, there is no rule how much footage to shoot, but I encouraged not to shoot a lot. Because it becomes an editing nightmare if you have lots of footage, but usually, on a five minute film, you end up with now an hour and a half footage. And if you shoot on film, actual film, you're very sensitive to the price of stock and development causes involved. So you create develop a discipline not to take many takes maybe two or three takes the most That's it. Let's roll over. But in digital when you should you can lose the discipline then shoot and shoot and shoot and shoot and coverage. And then all you ended up with coverage but no film a lots of footage but no film. So there is a balance between the extremes. And I covered that in class too.



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What about a storyboards? Do you recommend using a storyboard to kind of pick out your point of view shots and which would be good and bad before you actually put down the stuff on film.



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Storyboards are very important. And the I would encourage everyone to make storyboards to draw. For me the storyboard is basically when I draw the storyboard is something that I later not to choose not to use. I know that's what not going to use. In the past, I have used probably 10 to 5% of the storyboards and it's a good process in there kind of eliminating what you don't need. But I from the past experience, I had short films on film. So I use the video camera and I call that the video boring so determine the angles and work with actors and just block fringe call it meson sin I just we in America and you just simple blocking.



Joan Devlin 52:11

Now if someone's interested in taking your class, two things First, do they have to already have some kind of experience in filmmaking? Or is your class friendly to people who maybe have always wanted to do this but have never really pursued it? Or should they come in with some background?



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I had people with experience and people have no experience I developed it in such way so I start with a little history a little bit theory a little bit the statics and then it's progresses progresses in the last four hours in the last class we go and study a lots of heavy subject and big Messrs like Fellini very interesting filmmaker we study that calls give Saudi Busan will look outwards movies I like American director album and Robert Altman. I like Belgium Chantal argument, for example, we study in depth those. And also, you don't have to have experience because 16 hours out of my workshop, I devote to hand the camera to a student. And we've

spent two whole days shooting on the streets. And they learn how to point it out how to, you know, frame the shot. Why close up would be more important than the wide shot for example of a medium shot, or why is not more important. Just making Directorial Decisions.



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And shooting a shooting day is how long is your shooting day with your course I encourage



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actual film shooting is no longer than one day. And it should not be just a one minute film just one they



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didn't care but shooting days usually like 12 hours.



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No, not Not really. The last film that we shot was actually about seminar was and the other you know, another school most shot in September was about eight hours. But it was well storyboarded and the student Wan and she shot she blocked it. She knew exactly where everything goes. We just went on location which had the film.



Joan Devlin 54:27

Now if someone's interested in taking your class, what do they have to do? Just call



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me. Okay, your number 713-942-8320 That is again 713-942-8320 Or email me v A v f at PDQ that net that is V V app at PDQ that net.



Joan Devlin 54:48

Obviously I want to thank you very much for being on our show tonight. Best of luck with your class and your film. We look forward to seeing them and this is lesbian and gay voices



Glenn Holt 55:15

At 90.1 FM This is KPFT in Houston, the sound of Texas and now more of lesbian and gay voices



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Hi there and we have Dauphine Robert with the men's gathering. And if one of you could tell us a little bit about it and what your group is,



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okay, I will, I'm gonna Safi the men's gathering. I'll read the purpose of it. Okay, the purpose of the men's gathering of Houston is to come together as African American, gay, bisexual, and same gender loving men, to dialogue about issues that are important in helping us to form healthy relationships with ourselves and others, and join in walking the journey of self understanding to live a more empowered and authentic life.



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Okay, how long have you been having your group?



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Okay, the group. It was started in March of 1999. It originated in Dallas, Texas, where I live before there was a men's gathering of Dallas. And when me and my partner moved here to Houston, they challenged us to start a group here. And so that's how it began.



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And where do y'all meet? And when and all that kind of



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business? Okay, right now we meet at the community Gospel Church. And we meet there every two weeks.



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And that's a run Lillian out near the heights, correct? Yes, sir. Oh, you don't have to call me sir. I'm sorry. Just out of ignorance, and what would be an issue that would be unique to an African American gay male couple, than it would be a Caucasian or Hispanic couple?



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Well, there are a lot of different issues that we deal with. And we deal with issues that are common to African American men. Say for instance I give you a perfect example I'm dark

common to African American men. Say, for instance, I give you a perfect example. I'm dark complected. And my lover is very light complected. But when you look at him, you're not sure what nationality he is. And so when we go places, people look at me, but they look at him more in a respectful manner, as far as talking to him, is like, I'm just tagging along, and I'm not getting the same treatment that maybe he would get. And, you know, when we go different places, I see that a lot of times, you know, he's black, but he's very light. And so he has not went through a lot of different things that I have went through.



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And this would be in both the African American community as well as the general community.



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Yes, it would be.



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Okay. How does HIV figure into this, because I know, HIV is very much a big part of the gay community as a health threat and, you know, a health crisis that we've had to deal with. Whereas, you know, a lot of the drugs and such has been marketed and tried on mainly gay, white male, and I know that the African American community has been kind of slow to do that. Does your group talk about those issues as well,



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we have had some discussions on there. It's a very sensitive subject for a lot of people. But it's something that we can't ignore, we need to take advantage of the opportunities. And just in my personal opinion, I am a person that is HIV, and my partner is negative. And that's something that we deal with too. But it's not anything that I'm ashamed, because I had been positive for four years, and I'm undetectable. And it's because I'm I do what I'm supposed to do. And there are a lot of people that don't do what they're supposed to do. And there are opportunities out there for everybody. It's just a fact of you taking advantage of it. And HIV and AIDS. It is real. It's real high in the African American community. I think a lot of people are in denial or maybe even be a shame. But you know, it's time to wake up and get out there and do what you're supposed to do, because I'm living proof that you can live with it.



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And plus the men's gathering kind of helps people talk about this stuff.



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One of the things about that we have in common with the African American and the Latino community is that they There is still a very much a shame on discussing HIV issues and gay

issues in general. And that's one of the things that we that the men's gathering is all about is bringing those issues out into the open so we can deal with them as a group.



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Something else and you see this more in the media, when the media portrays a flamboyant homosexual, or it's always a Latino, or an African American, it's very, not so often the, you know what I'm trying to get out,



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I understand what you're saying.



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I mean, it's like, it's okay, if you have a gay Caucasian lawyer, and with the exception of the guy on Spin City. But even him, he's, he's something that would never exist. He's a black Republican, that's gay, that would never exist, I don't think and I could be completely off base, but you're looking at me funny like that could happen.



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It could happen. It definitely could happen. Personally speaking, not myself, but I've met some men who are black and Republican, and you know, who have those, you know, who have those beliefs? Okay.



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So getting back to the men's gathering, about how many people show up on a regular basis are,



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we have anywhere from 30 to 5060 people. The most we've ever had was like 70 people. And that particular meeting was about HIV and AIDS, and there was a presentation, then by the whole project, where they came in, they demonstrated how to put a condom on and just answer different questions that people had. And we also did a panel of positive negative couples, and just different things. And we answered questions from people that need it that had questions.



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And it's is it for couples? Is it for singles? Is it for guys who are looking to hook up as?



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Well, we don't advocate for people to come to look for a man. I mean, because there are all different avenues that people can go through. But this is is a dialogue setting. And that's what we encourage, you know, if you meet somebody, they or whatever I mean, that's good, but that's not why we get together. Anything like that it's not an orgy or anything like that now,



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well, I wasn't implying that Oh, no, no, why were you smoking?



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Well, we do have members who come there for that purpose, but it's not the primary purpose. You know, our primary purpose is to discuss issues that are unique to African American, gay, bisexual transit, transgendered men.



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Okay, so other than prejudicial issues, what would be other issues that would, you know, would focus about



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domestic violence? That's something that's prevalent, and people don't always see the signs, that's something that we've been discussing,



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are more serious topics that we've discussed, is that real prevalent? Very, very much. So



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it's on the rise.



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And I bet that would create, you know, more shame to, you know, even talk about it, because you don't want people to know when,



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sometimes, but it's, it's really safe, this group that we have, because everybody feels really comfortable. You know, I mean, we don't nobody comes out to be exploited or anything like that. So it's a safe atmosphere.



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One of the things we insist upon in the men scaffolding is that everybody gets a chance to talk who wants to talk, and there are no interruptions when someone is talking, you know, we're very serious about that.



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And that's good. It also kind of validates, you know, someone opening up and it also validates them as a person that they're being heard.



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Everybody's feelings should, you know, are validated in our group.



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And y'all are located, y'all meet when, again?



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Well, we meet every two weeks, and right now we're meeting at Community Gospel Church.



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And is it like, the second and fourth, whatever or fifth every two weeks? It's every other Saturday? Usually? every other Saturday? What time? We start at



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630? Yeah, 630 to 930.



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Okay, 630 to 9:30am Somebody wanted to get in contact with yellow, how would they do that?



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Well, we have a phone number that they can call the man's gathering of Houston, the number is 713-528-4461. Or you can email the man's gathering@yahoo.com To get more information.



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Okay, how would they? What is the email address@yahoo.com?



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That means gathering it's one specifically set up for that.



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Okay, so it would be the men's gathering@yahoo.com and the phone number again,



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is 713-528-4461.



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Okay, and we have Duffy, we've been speaking to Duffy and Robert. And I'm David Sanders and this is lesbian and gay voices.



Greg Gordon 1:05:17

In the arms of Africa is the story of noted anthropologist Colin Turnbull, who studied and embraced pygmy culture, became an unlikely friend of African heads of state studied with the brother of the Dalai Lama, and lived his life not as a factory as an openly gay man in a long term interracial relationship during a time when all that was more than a little queer. Biographer Rory Richard rancor reveals some fascinating details about the life of this little known but pioneering gay activist who would never have described himself that way. In this interview with Buck Roland,



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the more I learned about him, the more I learned that he led an incredible life that went far beyond the best selling anthropology books that he had written. Sure he had electrified these readers with his descriptions of the pygmies and Viq of Uganda. He goes to the African

rainforest in 1951. And all of a sudden he's building the boat the African when he leaves, Africa and on the way out, he's mistaken for one of the famous Soviet spies of World War Two and is arrested by British authorities. i He Wow. He takes a job in 1959 in New York City, and immediately people believe that He is the author of alien, who wrote such mysteries as Eiger Sanction Shibumi and other things. He went to Uganda and ended up knowing Ed Amen. He went to Zaire and ended up knowing Patrice Lumumba, who was a postal clerk later to become the Prime Minister, first prime minister of the independent Sire. He just had this capacity to sort of find himself in important places with important people. So to sort of a Forrest Gump quality, if you will. That's great. Forrest Gump I suppose. You go



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rain Forrest Gump. That's beautiful. Well, let's talk about his academic pursuits with the pygmies and how that affected his life. He



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ended up becoming so fascinated with the way that the pygmies dealt with their world with passion, and with love and romance, that he decided that he would apply that not only to his work, but to his life.



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Tell me a little bit about the pygmies what it was, in the pygmy life that so fascinated him and filled him with such joy and attachment to those people.



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Well, I think there were two things. The first was that the pygmies seemed to embrace their life with, with with joy, they loved the rainforest, they saw the rainforest as their mother and their father, it didn't have all of the prejudices and pressures that Turnbull felt in Western industrial society, we I was raised to think that, that people in Africa were primitive. It's just the opposite. We seem so primitive in England, compared to the pygmies who seemed to have embraced life and are enjoying themselves. And the second thing that he loved about the pygmies, they could express affection much more easily, affection between mother and child, father and child, men could express affection with one another, even physically, without any stigma attached to it without any thought that there was anything wrong with it. He thought that they were a brilliant people, and that he could show the Western world that underneath this society that looked primitive, that looked simple, and Savage was, in fact, a highly sophisticated society that had figured things out in a way that nobody else had.



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He took that attitude and his love, and was apparently very open about it. Is that correct? At a time when that was just not seen.



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He never made a big deal about the fact that he was gay. He didn't talk about being gay. But he didn't hide it either. Within the first few months of knowing Joe, and this is 1959. He brought Joe to parties and two meetings and introduced him as his partner. Joe was black and he was white. And people



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were outraged by that, what a pioneer, a social pioneer



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to put it in context. I, he and Joe met a few weeks after Walter Jenkins, who was one of Senator Lyndon Johnson's top aides, was arrested because he was found with another man and He was arrested for homosexual sex. And the New York Times editorial page wrote, there can be no place on the White House staff for a person of markedly deviant behavior.



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He got involved with Joe hotels, and they took wedding vows and continued to live as a couple until the death of Joe, is that correct? Yeah, in 1988. And how did that affect Colin Turnbull,



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he was devastated. Joe was his life. Turnbull felt he was dead, too. He held a double funeral in which he bury Joe in a coffin and then laid a second coffin next to him. And the tombstone says that they both died on the same day. And he abandoned his name. He abandoned all of his friends and family. And he left to go to India, where he became a Buddhist monk,



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you document that he even studied under the brother of the Dalai Lama, is that correct?



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Well, the brother of the Dalai Lama was his mentor. He did have a falling out with the Dalai Lama, his eldest brother, when this man found out that Turnbull was HIV positive,



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just by living the way that he did that made him an incredible activist



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couldn't avoid it to some degree because people would look at his life and they would look at the things he wrote one of the areas that's not that's completely unknown until this book about Turnbull, I think is his influence on death row. He did a project in the night started a project in the 1970s, to look at death row inmates and to look at executions. And so this thing we think of is very standard right now treating the inmate showing how they were victimized by our society. That was very much influenced by Turnbull.



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There were a lot of complexities with the relationship that Colin Turnbull had with picnics, you even write that he sang some popular songs in their native language for them when he



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did that. And then I did it, too. Oh, did



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you really? Oh, yeah. I



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brought a little Casio things made by battery operated keyboards. And I translated songs. And I mean, I can tell you what the was there were some songs that were hit, what songs were there. The song that was the most popular was the strong fire by Bruce Springsteen. Okay, well, your sisters did it. Yeah. Maybe you're familiar with that? Oh, absolutely. And I translated that I had to change a few words. When you know, when we kiss fire, translated, would make people think that these individuals actually explode in flames. You know, change that when we when we kiss hot or when we kiss. There's heat. There's a lot of evidence that John Coltrane and other jazz musicians were listening to pygmy tapes and pygmy yodeling techniques. In the mid 1960s. There are even pygmy yodeling techniques in Madonna and her behind Hancock today. Colin Turnbull did have an amazing life he, he fought in World War Two and died of AIDS. But what is even more amazing, I think, is the love story. And when I look at this book, I don't see it as free. I don't see it as two books, partly about his professional life, partly about his love life. I see it as a single life, both his professional and his love life were intertwined. This is a real love story, a real love story also, between two gay men, and there aren't enough stories like that out there.



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Well, I thank you very much, Richard.



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I really appreciate the opportunity.



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To learn more about the book about Colin Turnbull's life in the arms of Africa, go to author Roy Richard drinkers website at [Colin turnbull.com](http://Colinturnbull.com). That's c o l i n t U R N B . Y o u I l . c o m .



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There is something about her that makes me want to pretend. Pretend that she is mine. Pretend that she is my can. Her differences so profound. They say she is street. They say she hates what I am. I am a lover of women. She is a woman so I pretend pretend I am on her mind. Pretend that I occupy her time. wish with all that I am that she could love me. What is it about rejection that would make me forego a chance. The fear of no keeps me in a trance I have got to summon something from deep inside of me. I can't keep pretending silently. I close my eyes and allow my fantasy to come alive. I pretend I see passion in her eyes. Oh, I don't give a damn if she is straight. She's too loving a woman to ever hate and a war to lose her as a friend. But I cannot see myself continuing to pretend. I just can't see myself continuing to pretend.



Glenn Holt 1:15:39

Donna Garrett, the poet laureate of the gay society, in Houston. Joining us in the studio now live on lesbian and gay voices. Welcome back. It's great to have you back. Hey,



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thanks. It's always good to be back. Always good to be back. So what happened and girl, when I tell you, I'm trying to connect the dots. You know, I've got a lot of poetry. And I want to do something different. I'm trying to this is what I'm working on. Now. I'm trying to get a CD together. I've been trying to get a CD together forever. Yeah, I finally have a producer. And someone that I met a couple of years ago that we just kind of clicked and she has some good ideas. She's got this business thing going, I got this portrait thing going. Maybe we fuse, we can get it on out. You know, I had worked on a demo, which I'm I don't know, I'm trying to get past the demo. Try. And it's such a learning process. Sure. This whole thing is just a learning process. And I'm taking my time, good. Not in any hurry, but I'm working on it.



Glenn Holt 1:16:47

Well, you're a sweet lady, and you deserve all the success you can get.



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Well, thank you, thank you, I I'm trying to put together something of one woman show that maybe I can get around and present in the theater theaters, you know, I'm looking around trying to see who would be interested in hearing the spoken word from Donna Garrett. Doing pretty good at it, you know, it's my, the thing that I really want to do is, is to bring spiritual storytelling, sensual, literature, poetry, visual art work, I want to bring it all together, you know, that way I can address the whole experience. And so it's important to me that I expand. I mean, I've been reading my poetry and I've got a nice following of fans and people that enjoy my work. And I think they're gonna enjoy what I'm trying to put together now. Yeah.



Glenn Holt 1:17:46

What direction are you headed in now?



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Oh, the direction, I gotta get the CD out. You know, I can't keep renegeing on that.



Glenn Holt 1:17:57

Right. But I mean, with your, with your poetry with my



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poetry, I'm trying to, to put the portrait together so that it'll present a story. I'm trying to get into something that something of a one woman show, I want to tell my story, relate my poetry and see if I can hold your interest for about an hour. You know. So that's what I'm working on. Now. I'm in the writing process. I've had some experiences myself that have made the writing really interesting. I'm trying to do something about I have. I'm taking interferon now. And I know that's almost an epidemic out there. But yes, I am. And I'm writing about and I'm writing about the spoon experience good. And maybe people will be able to relate to what's actually going on with me. I want to tell it in a comical way because it's really all it is not that the experience is funny, but I've got some funny things going down with the experience of hepatitis. And I want to be able to relate that and so that's the piece I'm working on now. And



Glenn Holt 1:19:07

hepatitis is the other epidemic by the way. It is



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kind of catchy kind of caught me by surprise. But hey, that's right. It happens, you know? So I'm gonna try to put that into words and I'll present it to people. No, no, it's gonna be a lot of folks that can relate to it. Yeah. it just it's just what's what's going on with me. And then

that can relate to it. Yeah, it just, it's just what's what's going on with me. And then

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Glenn Holt 1:19:29

well, of course, your most famous I think for your erotic, sensual poetry. I remember one of the previous times that you were on I thought for sure we were going to get a pink slip from the MCC. But you've got some really powerful stuff there.

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This first CD is going to be erotic Abu Oh yes. We're gonna do the whole thing. We're gonna do some erotica on there. And because that I have a lot of requests for that, you know, people will just like Hear me do that thing. So they I'm gonna give them what they want, particularly after they've waited so long for, you know, but um, this studio thing is another whole experience. It's another whole experience and it's a learning experience, believe me, everything that I'm doing is just a progression to get from point A to point B. And what can I say?

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Glenn Holt 1:20:24

Well, some of your, especially some of your erotic poetry must be based on life experience, you must have a good love life.

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I'm 50 years old, I had a good old. I won't go as far as to say that, you know,

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Glenn Holt 1:20:41

that you do have a relationship now, though, right? Yeah.

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Madly in love. Surely, everything's going smooth. As matter of fact, if I can just keep that smooth, it keeps the pencil flowing, keeps the ink flowing. Yeah. So but she's a wonderful support, supportive person. And, you know, we've been together about seven years now. Wow. Yeah. You know, that's quite a bit, you know, what's the secret? The secret is, what is the secret? I guess I should have access to the secret is just putting

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Glenn Holt 1:21:15

up with Donna Garrett.



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As good as good answers in it. So yeah, she's like, she's a very wonderful person. And I do, I just love her, you know, she suits me.



Glenn Holt 1:21:29

And she is the muse for some of your poetry,



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the muse for a lot of my blood. To be perfectly honest, you know, before I made sure I really wasn't documenting or writing, you know, within a real zeal. But after I met her, and I was inspired, I mean, the people asked why they erotic stuff came in, because I was just truly inspired. And so yeah, she definitely is the muse.



Glenn Holt 1:21:57

Now, I would have thought, you know, just from my own experience, that when you're a teenager, or in your early 20s, with your raging hormones, and all that, that you fall in love very deeply and passionately. And that as you get older, you kind of get a little more. I don't want to say jaded, but just experienced at life and don't experience all of those things as intensely. But I found out a couple of years ago, when I was in love, at 40 that I was in love far more intensely, far more deeply than I ever thought possible. And that really surprised me.



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Well, you know, I've found out that with age comes the knowledge of what love is. I mean, early on in life, it was just I didn't have a clue. But now I know, understand the commitment, understand commitment. Whereas before, it was just some heterosexual idea that was in my head, but to actually be involved in a relationship and be responsible to the relationship. It comes with time. So it doesn't surprise me that at 40 You know, you had a strong love because you know how to love you know, you didn't been around the block a couple of high Yeah,



Glenn Holt 1:23:30

well, I guess, in the sort of the archetypal sense of the world. You're becoming you're, you're moving into that role of the Crone. The the traditional sort of mature woman who leads by wisdom and poetry.



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the spoken word, yes. The spoken word I'm getting there. You know, the more I do this, the more I enjoy doing this, and the more natural it comes to me. So

 Glenn Holt 1:24:03

well, let's do some of it. Okay,

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we can do that. Yeah, I call this piece connecting. Why I can't add touch you can feel your skin. But touch that part of you that could touch that part of me is so off limits. If I am there touching you deep inside of you, then why don't I know. This has nothing to do with hands. This has nothing to do with scan. If I touch you there I could feel it here inside of me at that place that wants to touch you so bad feelings touching that's what it's about. Where is the satisfaction that comes with satisfaction? Where is what comes with such touch? I wouldn't have to wonder if we were connecting.

 Glenn Holt 1:25:07

Donna Garrett, the poet laureate of the gay society.

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That's a wonderful, that sounds wonderful to me.

 Glenn Holt 1:25:18

Well, and best of luck with putting together a live appearance at many venues, I know you've done it before, at Empower and that sort of thing. And so we are all looking very much forward to seeing you live again, and hearing your wonderful voice and your elegant poetry.

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I'm telling you, I'm looking forward to it. So keep the EU's peel, you know, and listen for the advertisement because I intend to advertise heavily. And whenever we decide to do it, which will be on about the Christmas holidays. Oh, good. So we're not talking about a long ways off. We're on about the Christmas holidays, I will be doing a show. And on November 17, I'll be at Hawthorne Community Center, the gay and lesbian community Senator went out on we're going to do some erotic poetry over there. So me Miss Simone Cunningham on the stand is going to be shared the bill with me. It ought to be really fun. She's really good.

 Glenn Holt 1:26:16

They said That's November 17. November 17.



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So everybody, come on, let's fill up the house and let's have some fun.



Glenn Holt 1:26:24

And he thought of of doing like maybe an erotic poetry workshop.



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Ah, why not? Yeah, why not? You know, and that's another thing. I would like to have something come together. That's own the that's a lot like Lilith fair. You know, remember, women came together? Well, we want to do some portrait like that. We want to get the spoken word out like that we want I want to get with other artists. And email me at D 500 one@aol.com. If you're interested in such a venue, D 500 one@aol.com. Okay, looking forward to hearing from you.



Glenn Holt 1:27:03

There you go. Okay, you're listening to lesbian and gay voices. This is lesbian and gay voices and taking a look now at what's been happening in the news. On this election, Eve, George W. Bush is drawing criticism from the gay community for another appearance at a homophobic right wing College. On Friday morning, Bush gave a campaign speech at a conservative university that bars gay and lesbian students and classifies homosexuality as a form of immorality, akin to lying, stealing and cheating. The appearance at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids Michigan, drew fire from the Human Rights Campaign, which said the speech aligned Bush with the far right and undermined his attempts to paint himself as a compassionate conservative. The Log Cabin Republicans who have endorsed Bush accused the HRC which has endorsed Al Gore of using a double standard in judging the candidates. Log Cabin Republicans spokesman Kevin Ivers pointed to an appearance made by Vice President Gore earlier this year at Tennessee's Union University, a Baptist institution with anti gay policies similar to those of Cornerstone some gay and lesbian rights activists said Friday's appearance recalled Bush's controversial appearance earlier this year at Bob Jones University, a school notorious for anti Catholic rhetoric and for banning interracial dating. Bush was widely criticized at the time for not speaking out against the discriminatory policies. A month later, he later expressed his regret for not doing so. Yet in Friday's appearance, Bush gave his standard stump speech and made no mention of the university's policies. Bush either has a short memory or finds nothing wrong with courting those who discriminate, said HRC's political director when he stopped Schulberg quote, through his vigorous courting of Bob Jones, Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell. It appears Bush has a talent for uniting those that divide, whether it is opposing hate crimes legislation, or not standing up to those who discriminate. Bush has a terrible record on civil rights issues, and particularly issues of concern to the gay and lesbian community. Bush never strays far from his extremist right wing roots at a triangle foundation Executive Director Jeffrey Montgomery. Quote, his visit to Cornerstone says a lot about his regard for the government he hopes to lead.



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Tomorrow four states will be putting gay issues to a vote. Oregon has measure nine, which would bar classroom instruction about homosexuality bisexuality, and would apply from kindergarten through college. Proponents worried that family values are eroding. They argued that activists use schools to indoctrinate children into gay and lesbian lifestyles. Opponents deny that children are fed a pro gay agenda. Instead, they say the measure threatens policies that provide counseling for gay students pertinent library books and protection from harassment. Of course, you don't want people teaching homosexuality in the classroom. But that is not happening now said Sean Cox. For us Northwest a support group for students affected or infected by HIV. He said his group only teaches diversity and tolerance. also faced facing voters tomorrow, or Nebraska Nevada proposals to amend their constitutions to say only marriage between a man and a woman is valid. If approved, the amendments would bring to 36 the number of states which have enacted a ban on recognizing same sex marriages. And voters in Maine will once again vote on whether to adopt explicit civil rights protections for gay men and lesbians, as are now found in 11 states and the District of Columbia. Among the four member measures Oregon's causes the most alarm. Elizabeth Toledo, who runs the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said, quote, a measure that tries to ensure that homophobia is passed down from generation to generation is something we have to take very seriously. The proposed law has Oregon divided while the measure is backed by such religious organizations as the Oregon Christian coalition, it is under fire from others. Earlier this month, some 400 members of more than 30 churches and synagogues met at a Portland church for a measure nine protest rally. A mid September poll found that the voters were evenly split on approving or rejecting the measure.



Glenn Holt 1:32:07

A transsexual in England who became a bride after a sex change operation has lost her high court battle to have her marriage declared legal. During the hearing last month, Justice Johnson said he was sympathetic towards Elizabeth Ballenger. But Thursday he said the law as it stood prevented him from declaring the marriage valid. Mrs. bellandur, who is aged 54 And who married her husband Michael at the Southwark register office in London 19 years ago, is one of a few transsexuals in Britain who have gone through a marriage ceremony. She brought up the five year old daughter of her husband with the approval of a judge. For nearly 20 years only her husband knew her secret. But two years ago, she went public in an interview with The Guardian at the start of a campaign to have her marriage legally recognized. The couple who live in Lincoln were not required to produce their birth certificates to the registrar who married them. Mrs. bellandur, who had previously been married as a man was described as a spinster on her marriage certificate. Her High Court petition was opposed by the Attorney General who argued that under British law she had never been female, and therefore the marriage was invalid. for illegal purposes, the sex which appears on the birth certificate remains a person's sex throughout their life, except for cases of ambiguous genitalia where the wrong decision was taken that birth, quote, the law and the evidence I have of the present state of medical knowledge, lead inexorably to my dismissing her petition, said justice Johnson, Bella Andrews counsel, Ashley Basten had asked the court to redefine what was meant by a man and a woman, because the law was, quote, outdated and unreliable. Based on said the test of sexuality was laid down and law 30 years ago, in the case of April Ashley, and depended on chromosomal go Natl and genitalia criteria, but it had now proved scientifically and accepted medically, that it was possible to have all of the characteristics of one sex but the physiological makeup of the other. Only four countries in the Council of Europe, Britain, Ireland, and Dora and

Albania still do not legally recognize transsexuals. The Attorney General had argued that development of the English law by a series of court decisions would not provide solutions to all the problems caused by changing social attitudes. The submission was that this is an area of law in which reform needs to be comprehensive and should be left to Parliament. Just as Johnson said. The mother



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of Barry Winchell is appealing the Army's denial of her \$1.8 million wrongful death claim. Patricia Goodles believes in anti gay atmosphere in the Army led to the killing of her son, quote, we have to do this for our son's sake. could said he died and I want his death to be meaningful. I want other mothers and fathers to have not to have to go through this could sent an appeal to Army Secretary Lewis Caldera last week. It is her last chance to seek redress under the military claims act and administrative procedure that allows people to seek reimbursement from the military for injury or death. Colonel John S. Belzer, chief of the Army's tort claims division denied Goodles original claim in September, ruling that, quote, no legal basis for it, he said the Federal Tort Claims Act a procedure for seeking compensation in civilian courts is the exclusive remedy for negligent or wrongful acts or omissions by the United States or its employees within the United States. But Belzer also indicated Goodles could not win in court because of a Supreme Court ruling, limiting the kinds of claims that can be brought against the military. It would be more of an uphill battle in Court acknowledged Adam Patcher one of Goodles attorneys Patcher said he believed the military claims act is designed for cases such as this one, and they should not be trying to throw up procedural roadblocks when the claim is clearly within the scope of the statute. Patcher said previous court testimony has shown that fellow soldiers believed PFC Winchell was gay and harassed him for months before he was beaten to death with a baseball bat while sleeping in his car on July 5 1999. At Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Private Calvin Glover is sulphur Oklahoma was sentenced to life in prison for the murder. Another soldier was giving a given a 12 and a half year sins for lying to investigators.



Glenn Holt 1:36:41

Arizona legislators Steve May has launched another attack on the Army's campaign to drum him out of the reserves. on Don't Ask Don't Tell charges. A panel of three US Army colonels ruled in September that first lieutenant Steve May should be honorably discharged from the service for violating the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy. Last week, Mays civilian attorney Christopher Wolf filed a letter of deficiency and request for reversal of administrative discharge with convening authority Major General John Scott, who will review the case and the findings. Meanwhile, 108 members of Congress have signed a second appeal on Mays behalf, urging President Clinton to overrule the army on the decision to dismiss Steve Mays attorney was the legal counsel for Master Chief Petty Officer Timothy McVeigh. He won the only federal lawsuit in which a branch of the armed services had been found guilty of violating the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy. Mays attorney wrote in the appeal, that the Army's action violated both the US and the Arizona constitutions as well as the department of defense's own regulations and procedures. It all started in February of 1999. When representative May responded to the homophobic testimony of representative Karen Johnson, during a legislative committee meeting to consider a bill restricting benefits to the domestic partners of state government employees. The Don't Ask Don't Tell investigation was initiated based on made statements to that committee. However, at the time, May was a civilian, having already been honorably discharged in 1995

and had been an openly gay man throughout his public career. Later in the same month, May was called back to duty in the Army Reserves. According to Wolf's letter, the federal and state laws provide immunity from civil or criminal prosecution based on words spoken in legislative debate. Secondly, Wolf pointed out that DOD regulations do not authorize investigations based on statements made by inactive personnel. Wolf also claims procedural errors were made in the previous hearings on Steve May's discharge. Finally, Wolf argued that the board's determination was arbitrary and capricious, as a matter of law will set individuals who are homosexual are not barred from service and those who are found to be homosexual may be retained under DoD policy and regulations. Quote, The Army must at the very least live up to the letter of its own law, said Stacy Sobel, Legal Director of the service members Legal Defense Network, the SL dem, quote, we urge General Scott to retain Lieutenant May. The army should be fighting to keep qualified men and women like Lieutenant May in the services, not working to kick them out. On the civilian front, gay Congressman Barney Frank and Representative Christopher Shays, a Connecticut Republican, have released a letter signed by 108 of their house colleagues, urging President Clinton to reject F It's by the army to expel May. In the letter lawmakers also pointed out that May has an exemplary military record, and that comments made about his sexual orientation should not form the basis for a decision to dismiss him from the army. While Steve May continues his legal battle financing for the effort has nearly run out. For more information, look up the Steve May legal defense trust on the internet or visit www.idn.org.



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And what's believed to be a US first, California has ordered its income tax authority to recognize gay and lesbian families. The State Board of Equalization on November 1 published a ruling that a lesbian non biological co parent who was the sole wage earner supporting her partner in the child, her partner bore by artificial insemination should be afforded the same head of household status for income tax purposes, as would an unmarried heterosexual in the similar situation. The ruling sets a precedent that means other California gay and lesbian families in similar situations can claim Head of Household status as well. A spokesperson for the IRS said that the federal tax law would not allow for similar Head of Household status on federal tax returns. Shannon mentor of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, who assisted the family in their appeal said quote, what this is really saying is you can't on one hand, say that same sex couples cannot marry and at the same time, you cannot benefit law. Laws does desert designed to protect unmarried couples. We can't be shut out of both marriage and the system to deal with unmarried couples. dissenting members of the California Board of Equalization said they feared extensive litigation in law state income from other groups of people seeking to take advantage of this ruling for gays and lesbians. dissenters wrote quote, in the example of a similarly situated heterosexual couple, the decision removes an incentive for the couple to marry or for the male partner to illegally adopt the child. But as a member of the board's majority, Johan class told reporters, these two people are taking responsibility for their child, and our tax laws must encourage and support parental responsibility.



Glenn Holt 1:42:23

And finally, you can just imagine what Halloween would have been like in the Castro district of San Francisco? No. Well, here's some dirt. John Fisher a 38 year old bookseller from Lafayette, Indiana made a special trip to San Francisco to mark the Castro's 20th Let your feather boa

down Halloween bash in the streets. All those miles later. There he was. Alas and everyday blue jeans in plain shirt. He wore no heels, no sequins, no rhinestones, no fishnet of any kind. Not even a hint of rouge on his cheeks. Quote. Those bitches have all year to put themselves together he explained. I'm just having a great time. I'm a gay man in Indiana, so this is paradise for me. Tuesday night's paradise party seemed like paradise for many. More than 200,000 people had gathered by 10pm and police were expecting as many as half a million before the night was out. From drag queens to nudists and camera toting gawkers from over the bridges under the tunnels and around the world. It was human gridlock. The city had attempted to prevent that from happening by sanctioning a party at the Civic Center. That idea apparently went over like a lead balloon. In 1996. The downtown tight drew an estimated 250,000 people and the Castro was nearly empty, but this Tuesday, it was the civic center that resembled a ghost town. With just a few 1000 ghosts and ghouls and the streets the party was packed with clusters forming around especially saucy queens or dancers. Tourists took pictures of to elaborate man Geisha has a boyfriend girlfriend order of sushi, and a Las Vegas showgirl from Reno, who changed into different handmade costumes throughout the night. I love it. You get to be something you're not said James Kephart of Sacramento, who dressed as Fred Flintstone. His boyfriend was at his side as Barney Rubble. As the pair stood on Castro Street. A masked man stopped cold in front of them and gasped. You two are so adorable. Oh my god. That's why we do it. Kevin Hart said Charlie, I feel like a movie star. Jack

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Jack Valinski 1:44:43

Welch okay. You know, we talked about some very important stuff going on tomorrow. remind people that the website for Harris County's election is www.sceeto.harris.tx.us OS slash C clerk slash e l e c t dot htm. That's where you can find out where your voting location is, in under information about voting. Their booths are a voting booth in Harris County, and Texas open 7am to 7pm. It's going to be a long night. The Political Caucus you can call them tomorrow, supposedly, there's going to be somebody there most of the day. 713-521-1000 There should be endorsement cards around this Saturday, we'll be a mail out for the newsletter for the pride committee 10am of starting at the community center. 803 Hawthorne, there's a movie opening this weekend at the allogenic broken hearts club.

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Joan Devlin 1:45:39

That's right, the broken hearts club. It's about a group of six gay men living loving and being friends in West Hollywood, California.

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And those of you who remember Dean Cain of Superman fame a few years ago was in this. That's your eye candy.

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Jack Valinski 1:45:53

And I saw Billy Elliot this past week. It's an absolutely fabulous movie. Yeah.

J Joan Devlin 1:45:57

Do you want to see that? There's a there's a few movies coming out. And of course, as Jack had said, almost famous is still out. Meet the Parents is doing well, which I really didn't like that film. But apparently people find it funny. For women who wants some eye candy Charlie's Angels came out this last Friday. Although, you know, frankly, we've all seen Drew Barrymore's breast more times than we care to admit. But Lucy Liu and Carmen Diaz might be

J Jack Valinski 1:46:24

I think, hopefully within the next couple of days Han it will sort of quiet down. Never, with all that. Yeah, there'll be something else. But Joan works every Monday night to put together the calendar. And we publish that on hand net, which is used an activist network available through E groups on the net on the internet, if you want to look them up, ie nets.com, I guess it is, it's a groups.com. Okay. Used to an actor this network. There's also a few other lists in Houston. But that's probably the biggest one

J Joan Devlin 1:46:56

been very active the last few days, as you can imagine, getting about 100 emails a day, roughly coming in in the morning to about 100 in my box, and then maybe getting another 50 to 100 in the course of the day. And how many of

J Jack Valinski 1:47:09

those to respond to not too many actually all learned our lesson. Yeah.

J Joan Devlin 1:47:13


Well, actually, you know that the situation is here. It's very at this point, it's just like, you know, I'm ready to vote, I'm ready to watch the results be tabulated. You know, that that's the way it goes.


J Jack Valinski 1:47:28


And we want to thank David for his help in this show. And


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this has been a real big adventure, and I'm looking forward to take what I've learned on to St. Louis, and if I find any guests, I will send them your way.


 Glenn Holt 1:47:42
Well, David, we we have an assignment for you. You have to start a gay and lesbian radio show in St. Louis. There is one is there. Really? There

 Jack Valinski 1:47:50
is a community station in St. Louis. I don't remember the call letters.


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I don't either, but I remember driving past it.


 Joan Devlin 1:47:57
We'll see. There you go.


 Glenn Holt 1:47:59
We'll give you a recommendation.

 Joan Devlin 1:48:01
Now, Glenn, he wants to get hired. Okay.

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But something about St. Louis that I thought was really interesting. They have a bar up there called the loading dock. Now what kind of bar does that sound like?

 Glenn Holt 1:48:13
Sounds like the bar that used to be here is called a loading dock. Yes.

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That doesn't that sound like men in Berlin? Yes, but it's not. It's like a s&m bar like Jr's standard model. Okay, the name of their leather bar is magnolias.

 Jack Valinski 1:48:28


Oh, that's, that's bizarre. Ray Hill wants to describe the raid at the loading dock where people crawled up into the rafters and stuff like that very real Minister, I think it was in one of his play. Yes, yes. Speaking of which, Ray Hill is going to have a another it's not a place where it can be a chat a week from Sunday at the community center at 7pm. We'll talk about that next week. So you know, go out vote tomorrow, if you haven't already voted it early voting, it is really, really important. Even though Gore does not have a chance to win in Texas. Your vote does count in so many other of the races.

 Joan Devlin 1:49:03

That's what I'm saying Gore is not the only person you're going to be voting for tomorrow. Keep that in mind,

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and especially vote for Ken Benson because his seat is very volatile. Yeah. revival.

 Jack Valinski 1:49:13

Yes, that's the US House number 25, southern part of Houston in eastern part of Houston, I believe.

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And I almost want to say vote on it in this area. If you did early voting, you voted for him, as well.

 Jack Valinski 1:49:26

Yes. And I personally am not voting. I didn't vote for either one of those stadiums or the Olympics. But that's my personal opinion.

 Glenn Holt 1:49:34

Well, you know, we say that the popular vote for president doesn't really mean anything and officially it doesn't but I think it sends a good message to the candidate. You know, we support you even even if the if it if it doesn't count in terms of electoral college votes.

 Jack Valinski 1:49:51

Yes. And that college had never won a football team. Big game.



Glenn Holt 1:49:54

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