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Jack Valinski 00:14

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



Joan Devlin 00:19

And I'm Joan Devlin.



Glenn Holt 00:20

And I'm Glen Holt.



Jack Valinski 00:21

And it's that time again three times a year, we come to you and ask you to help us out. But first, I want to thank some people who pledged for the last program, we have Ted, Rita, Josh, and David, who gave very generous pledges for the last hour of the world, which is a co production of WGBH, PRI, and the BBC. So you got your film news and incredible news program. And now it's time to get some more information about the gay and lesbian community. And you can do that by pledging to us here at KPFT. At 713-526-5738. There's a lot of things going on, we understand there's a big election coming up a referendum. But still, you know, this station has been with you for 30 years, and most of those 30 years, there has been a program like this on the radio station. So we're asking you to call, call us now and make a pledge. There's many

different ways we can do it. And there's many different bribes we can give you for listening to you know, for pledging. There's some great things out here. And hopefully the real thing, the reason why you pledge is because you like the type of programming that's here on KPFT. So call us now so we can get right on with the show and do the things that we really want to do. But first, you need to raise some money to help pay for this thing. And as you know, there's no commercials on this radio station. You know that most of the commercial radio stations in this city play 20 minutes of commercials an hour. That's 1/3 of the time. We don't do that we go right into programming, so call us now 713-526-5738.

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Cindy Friedman 02:01

I'm Cindy Friedman, and I'm Christopher golf news rat a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the weekend in October 6 2001. A chord in the Canadian province of British Columbia this week rejected a lawsuit seeking equal marriage rights for gay and lesbian couples. The constitutional challenge was brought by eight SAME GENDER couples with the support of the national group a gal equality for gays and lesbians everywhere. Justice Ian Pitfield ruled that the sweeping impact of striking down the common law definition of marriage as between a man and a woman dictated that any such change should come through federal legislation rather than the courts. But he also declared that denying legal marriage to gay and lesbian couples is discriminatory, a statement believed to be the first of its kind by any Canadian court. However, he believes that discrimination is justified by marriages role as an institution for child rearing. He wrote that the gain to society from the preservation of the deep rooted and fundamental legal institution of opposite sex marriage outweighs the detrimental effect of the law on the petitioners. The judge noted that gay and lesbian couples have already gained almost all the legal rights and responsibilities of married couples, thanks to a ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada and provincial legislation in BC. The plaintiff couples intend to take their case next to the BC Court of Appeals. Similar lawsuits are scheduled to be heard in November in Ontario and Quebec.

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A US federal appeals court last month upheld San Francisco's pioneering equal benefits ordinance that significant legal victory for gay and lesbian couples was not widely reported because the ruling was delivered on the day of the attacks on the World Trade Center in the Pentagon. In 1997, San Francisco became the first city in the US to require its contractors to extend the same benefits to unmarried employees registered domestic partners that they offer their legally married employees spouses. While hundreds of contractors complied with the law. The Air Transport Association challenged it on behalf of air carriers contracting for use of San Francisco International Airport. Previously, a federal trial court had found that federal laws regulating the airline industry took precedence over the city's law for purposes of so called economic benefits, including health care and pensions. But the trial court had also found that the air carriers must comply with the city ordinance for so called non economic benefits such as bereavement leave and spousal fare discounts. The airline's appealed that part of the ruling hoping to avoid having to comply with disparate local ordinances in the various cities they serve. But the Ninth Circuit US Court of Appeals upheld it in a two to one ruling. Los Angeles and Seattle followed San Francisco and requiring city contractors to treat employees domestic

partners as spouses, and a similar measure was introduced this week in Atlanta, Georgia, Broward County, Florida gives preference point two bidders extending spousal health care benefits to employees domestic partners.

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Cindy Friedman 05:05

Despite the federal appeal, almost every US airline has by now extended full spousal benefits to its employees, same gender partners and they're hardly alone. The Human Rights Campaign reported this week that more than 700, US employers extended spousal benefits to the partners of their gay and lesbian employees in the year ending August 2001. That brought the total to almost 4300, including 145 of the Fortune 500 companies, with an increase for the year of 20%. From 1999 to 2001. The increase was 50%. One recent landmark was the New Orleans City Council's unanimous decision in September to extend domestic partner benefits to city workers.

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But that doesn't mean the benefits are no longer controversial. Sedgwick County had announced last week that it was to become the first county in Kansas to extend them to its unmarried employees beginning October 1. But this week, the county commission unanimously voted down the move by the county manager, citing numerous complaints from residents

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Cindy Friedman 06:08

to US cities have joined the ranks of those prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Last week, the Bangor Maine City Council voted eight to one to prohibit sexual orientation discrimination in housing, employment, education, credit and public accommodations. Those who feel they've experienced discrimination are empowered to file civil lawsuits. Religious groups are exempt. This week, the normal Illinois City Council voted five to two before a capacity crowd to add sexual orientation as a protected category under the city's human relations ordinance. The ordinance prohibits discrimination in housing and deployment with an exemption for religious organizations in the course of carrying out or furthering their religious activities. Those who feel they've experienced discrimination can complain to the city's Human Relations Commission, but the

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September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon are significantly impacting the progress of gay and lesbian civil rights in the US. After years of observing National Coming Out Day on October 11. The National Human Rights Campaign has cancelled any national event because the date marks the one month anniversary of the attacks. Instead, individuals are encouraged to honor and assist those gay lesbian bisexual transgender Americans who have been affected by the terrorist attacks. And on Capitol Hill gay support of US Senator Ted Kennedy canceled a hearing scheduled for this week on the employment non discrimination act or ENDA. Kennedy said that both ENDA and a measure to empower the federal government to

prosecute anti gay hate crimes have been shelved until next year. The move is hardly unique. The federal government has postponed almost all domestic issues not relating to anti terrorism and relief efforts. The US

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Cindy Friedman 07:53

Navy this week followed the Air Force in temporarily suspending most administrative discharges, but not those relating to the so called Don't Ask Don't Tell policy on gay and lesbian service members. The so called Stop Loss policy is intended to maximize the number of personnel available for combat. This specific exclusion of so called gay discharges from the Navy and Air Force policies differs from all the stop loss policies issued from late World War Two through the Gulf War.

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The Bush Administration's appointment of open gay Michel guest to serve as ambassador to Romania has ignited considerable debate there. Two conservative Romania nationalist groups, the cradle of Romania party and the league for combating anti Romanian manifestations, wrote to Washington and to the Romanian press, expressing disgust at the appointment and calling it an affront to Romanian traditions. But Romania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs responded this week with a statement that intolerance and questioning someone's private life are not at all characteristics of the Romanian people, and are against the values of democracy, human rights and individual freedom. The Romanian ambassador to the US saw in DeCaro, called guest, a highly respected diplomat affirmed that his government had been aware of guests orientation well before his confirmation but had not viewed it as an issue and had issued visas to both guests and his partner Alex Nevarez. Romania's national leadership has been struggling for years against homophobic nationalist sentiment to bring its laws up to the European Union standard of equal treatment for gays and lesbians.

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Cindy Friedman 09:28

The Council of Europe's executive body has issued a statement in support of gay and lesbian civil rights for the first time in the half century since the council's founding, the Committee of Ministers composed of the foreign ministers of 43 nations, said in statement that homosexuality can still give rise to powerful cultural reactions in some societies or sectors there have, but this is not a valid reason for governments to remain passive. On the contrary, this fact only underlines the need to promote greater tolerance in matters of sexual orientation. Leaders of ILGA the international lesbian and gay association called it a strong statement, given the number and diversity of countries involved, and noted that never before of so many governments joined and attacking homophobia,

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and this week the annual conference of Europe's liberal party's ELD our unanimously adopted a resolution calling for equal marriage rights for gay and lesbian couples. The resolution was proposed by the Netherlands D 66. Party and included an amendment by Belgium's VLD party

explicitly calling for equal parental rights.

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Cindy Friedman 10:37

New Zealand's Georgina Beyer, the world's first openly transsexual Member of Parliament and previously the world's first transsexual Mare has decided to stay in politics after all. In April, she'd said she would not run for re-election when her current term in Parliament ended. But the leaders of her labor party worked hard to convince her to continue, particularly since she represents a traditionally conservative rural district. Bear said it's a woman's right to change her mind, isn't it?

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And finally, Korean trans woman Harisu made a triumphant homecoming to the all male high school she graduated from six years ago. Earlier this year, Ha a model actress and singer became the first transsexual ever to appear in a commercial on Korean TV and brought the nation's dialogue on gender issues to a new level. The students of her alma mater knock saying High School in Seongnam voted her the public figure they most wanted to meet. They cheered as she sang at the school's annual festival moving house so deeply that she contributed 10 million won to the school scholarship fund.

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Cindy Friedman 11:41

That's nice wrap for the week ending October 6 2001. Follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community news rap

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is written by Cindy Freedman and recorded at the studios of KPFK Los Angeles for this way out on Christopher gall. And

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I'm Cindy Friedman.

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Glenn Holt 11:59

And you are listening to lesbian and gay voices this week. Jack?

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Jack Valinski 12:03

Yes, it is awfully quiet out here in the lobby. In fact, we're too busy out here gossiping, but that's why we need you to call us because otherwise we'll just be busy gossiping and talking

about stuff. And there's always things to talk about. But we'd rather be talking to you rather hear you call us and tell us. You know, tell us Do you like the show? Do you not like the show? Do we need to talk more? Do we need to play more music? Do we need to be more serious? Do we need to be well, whatever? Or do we need to be more professional, maybe that's what we need. But you know if you remember what it was like growing up when you thought you were the only one. And this may have been the only way to cross that barrier cross that closet door. This was the voice that carried beyond you know, before the internet before, you know there was willing grace on TV. This was the only open piece of media for our community. And of course, we've grown a lot. There's a lot more stuff out there. But still, I think this is important to the people who don't know about those other things. And so we're asking you to make a pledge for them. For the people who are just finding out about this community, questioning their sexuality, help them by supporting this program and this radio station, call us at 7135 to 657387135 to 6k p f t, we try to cover a lot of different issues. I mean, from talking to David Elliot every month to talking to the different community groups around here talking about plays and about movies. And sometimes just chit chatting a little bit. We think all that is important that our stories get told. And it gets told here on lesbian and gay voices because you have supported this radio station in this show. So call us now at 71352657387135 to 6k p f t.

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Joan Devlin 13:57

I am on the air. This is Joan Devlin. I have David Elliot on the line. David, are you with us?

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I'm with you, Joan. Good evening to you. And good evening to you, Jack.

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Joan Devlin 14:07

I'm so glad you could call in tonight even though you did try to get out of it. We'll talk about that. You have quite a few things to discuss with us this evening. What's going on? Well first, give us a little update on what's going on with you. And then let's go into your topics for this evening.

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Well, you know, the message that I really, really want to impart to your listeners tonight is to please support lesbian and gay voices tonight during this important fundraising drive. And I would like to tie this in if I may, with the events of 911 September 11 and explain why this is important. Now, I recently ran across a phrase pinned by a British journalist. He wrote of madness is afoot that Brooks no reason. Let me repeat that because I had to Read the phrase twice and really think about it. A Madness is afoot. That Brooks no reason we know what the madness is. The madness is the conditions that lead to terrorism. The madness is the despicable, despicable murder of more than 6000 innocent civilians. The madness is war and whether we will be able to respond intelligently, deliberately forcefully. The madness, quite frankly, is also our fear. Here, where I'm at in our nation's capital, there is a published report that there's been a run on gas masks, apparently, there's a shortage, they're no longer

available. You can't buy him anymore. A lot of people are trying to buy a mid cap. You know, we're united right now, this unit the comforts me, our president has something like a 94% approval rating. I have criticized our president on this show in the past, and I will probably do so again. But now is not the time for partisan politics. And yet, in this unity that we're seeing, there is a danger, a danger that unity may actually become the enemy of civility. At our nation's best moments, we practice civility, we accept each other despite our differences. Our differences may be religious or political. They may be based in ethnicity, or gender or sexual orientation. Yet we embrace these differences. As Martin Luther King said, we are all tied together in a single garment of destiny, an inescapable network, an inescapable network of mutuality, I can never be what I ought to be until you are allowed to be what you ought to be. Tonight, there are more than 500 Arab Americans and Eastern Asians detained behind bars in our country. three murders that I know of have taken place apparent hate crimes against people thought to be Arab Americans or Eastern nations, Arab Americans in Eastern nations are being yanked off of planes because of nervous passengers. This is wrong. These are difficult times that we need not panic, nor succumb to our darker demons. Today, we lift up not just the national anthem, no raise the American flag, because these are mere symbols. Instead, we recall the values that these symbols represent freedom, democracy, and liberty and justice for all.

J Joan Devlin 17:39

So what is the mood there in DC?

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Well, you know, I've driven by the Pentagon, I saw the giant flag that that has been unfurled, there, you know, I've been to Union Station Union Station where you know, which is our train station is twice as busy as normal, because of the, you know, people taking the train because they can't or won't fly. I'm supposed to take a flight to North Carolina one week from today. And I don't know if it's been scheduled or canceled or anything in the travel agents don't know. You see more police. You know, but it's in the media, there's a hysteria, but among my friends, you know, working in the nonprofit sector and on Capitol Hill, I have to tell you that it's sort of business as usual.

J Joan Devlin 18:33

And how does this affect other issues? Right now, everybody's very focused on the war very focused on fighting back for the terrorism that happened on September 11, which is understandable. But where does this put say, ENDA, where does this put, you know, gay civil rights? Well,

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that's an excellent question. Sometimes when history is happening, we're not actually aware of history happening when it's happening. We have to look back later on and see and be able to say, Oh, wow, you know, I can't believe this was going on. But the fact of the matter is, this is

an incredibly historic time for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender movement. We have seen more breakthroughs in the past month. I mean, let me just give you a few examples. We saw Senator John McCain, eulogizing Mark Bingham, the brave man who reportedly helped take over the cockpit of the United Airlines plane that crashed in Pennsylvania that was thought to be headed toward Washington. We have seen the US House of Representatives approved a District of Columbia budget for the first time that recognizes our community's desire to offer domestic part are benefits to employees of the District of Columbia government. You know, it's not law yet. It's still hung up in the Senate. But you might recall the conservative Republicans in the House had hung that up ever since 1994. And now you when there is a vote on it about a week and a half ago, 42 Republicans joined Democrats in supporting basic fairness and equality for gay and lesbian employees in the District of Columbia. We've seen other things too, we saw President Bush elected, excuse me, appoint an openly gay person to be Mrs. baster of Romania. And, you know, the religious right, screeched and hollered and moaned about it, but nobody paid any attention to them. We saw the Reverend Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, blame the terrorist attack on gay and lesbian people as well as feminists. And I think pagans, he said, and they were repudiated, fiercely, fiercely. So that fall, we'll had to issue a very loud and vocal apology the next day. Today, I was looking at his story in the Deseret News, out of Salt Lake City, Utah. And the Reverend, I don't even want to call him a reverend. But the crazy guy out of Kansas was with itself, Fred Phelps was there, and what his message was, quote, God hates America, unquote. Because America supposedly embraces homosexuality, and the police had to be called out to protect him against everybody who just could not stand to that message. I mean, that's the one beautiful, great courageous thing that we're seeing come out of this unity, that people are really embracing all of our differences. And gay and lesbian people and bisexual and transgender people are standing up and being heard and being respected. I think it's a really historic time for a movement Jen. David.

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Glenn Holt 22:21

Yeah, this is Glenn. I was doing a couple of other things offline. I don't know if you mentioned it. But Candice Gingrich, the the manager of the National Coming Out project, released a statement talking about National Coming Out Day on October 11, which coincides with of course, with the anniversary of the attack. Right? She said, quote, we encourage you to mark these coinciding anniversaries in the manner that feels most comfortable, comfortable to you and your community. And she went on to say that National Coming Out Day provides an opportunity to show America that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people are part of the fabric of this country. And that in the days following the attacks, America was reminded of that fact.

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Well, it's certainly true, you know, when we look at the fact that, uh, one of the airplane pilots, for instance, so the plane that went into the Pentagon lives, only eight blocks from where I'm sitting right now, you know, openly gay, he lived in Dupont Circle. You know, we have the, the Catholic minister in New York, who was killed who went back to the World Trade Center to try to administer last rites to a firefighter, and the building collapsed on him and he was killed. And of course, there's Mark Bingham

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Glenn Holt 23:40

and the co pilot David Charlevoix. Right, right.

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Exactly. He listened to Pont circle here in Washington, DC. And, you know, and today, you know, it's not just about sexual orientation, it's also about gender equality. And I was reading a feature story today that was filed from one of the US warships or aircraft carriers or what have you. And I was reading a excerpts from the speech that the executive officer of one of these ships gave to her crew. And I was taken aback when I saw the gender reference that it was a woman because, you know, we're not used to executive officers being women, but the fact of the matter is that our military is changing. And there are now women and men and in you know, filling these important combat roles, and so it's, it's a real, it's a changing time. It's a difficult time, but it's a time that's revealing that gay and lesbian people are certainly part of the fabric of this nation's defense.

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Joan Devlin 24:45

So what do you see in the future do you think?

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Then it's difficult to we're going to gradually see a return a return to normalcy, you know, we Have the election coming up in Houston the first Tuesday in November, we have important governor's races and for Jigna. And New Jersey looks like the Democrats are going to win each one. There is a fear of additional terrorist attacks in response to our response to the original horrific terrorist attack. And we're in a new age here. And it's really hard to predict what's going to happen. But I do believe that there will be a return to normalcy, but with a little bit more of an appreciation of this country's diversity and differences in a willingness to embrace differences. So I think that's what I I'm looking forward to in the future.

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Joan Devlin 25:52

And how do you think the honey think things like Don't Ask, Don't Tell are going to change in the wake of this war?

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Don't once the war ends, eventually, I can't give you a month. I can't give you an ear a year. Don't Ask, Don't Tell is headed for the dustbin of history. Don't Ask Don't Tell will be no longer it is going to go away, it is going to go away quietly. Maybe there'll be a little bit of screeching and hollering from the religious right political movement, but it is toast.

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Joan Devlin 26:30

Well, David, I want to thank you so much for taking the time to be on the air with us tonight. I appreciate you calling in. I truly, truly hope that your positive predictions about Don't Ask, Don't Tell come to pass.

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In June. Before I go. There's I'd like to make a little pitch here. You know, yeah, I used to be the communications director at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, which is an important organization, just like HRC is an important organization and Lambda Legal Defense Fund and glisten, and, and PFLAG, and service members, Legal Defense Network. All of these are important organizations. But all of these are relatively small, you know, organizations in inside the beltway in Washington, DC with relatively small staffs. The fact of the matter is that the center of gravity of their movement exists not in Washington, DC, but in Houston, and to a lesser extent in Dallas and Austin, and our other big cities across the United States. And that is why for everybody listening tonight, please take out your checkbook. Pick up the phone, call KPFT. Call lesbian, gay voices, make a pledge, because this is where the grounding of our movement is, this is where we're going to achieve victory or defeat. So I just like to encourage everybody to do that.

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Joan Devlin 28:01

Well, David, thank you. And to do that call 7135265738713526 KPFT you're listening to lesbian and gay voices?

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Glenn Holt 28:20

Here at KPFT, we have wrestled with the question, how do we ask our listeners for financial support when the United States is in mourning and fighting back? There are no simple answers. We are trying to balance the effect that September 11 has had on all of our lives, with the financial needs of KPFT needs that must be met in order to continue to bring you the programming that you depend on. Now more than ever. In the end, we have decided to trust that you our listeners will respond as you have so generously in the past 30 years. Please go to the phones now and pledge your support for independent commercial free listener sponsored radio call 7135265738713526 KPFT.

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Greg Gordon 29:26

Your photos of lesbian and gay rights have been highly visible in the weeks since the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington DC. But to what effect this way out solution Chappelle reports on the latest homophobic twist in the aftermath of the tragedy.

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religious rights campaigner Lou Sheldon of the traditional values coalition got his moment in

the post September 11. media spotlight this week. wny calling on terrorist attack relief agencies to deny assistance to the surviving members of lesbian and gay relationships and a prepared statement coalition's Next person Steve Aiken said we do



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not believe that this is a proper time for homosexual activists to attempt to push their agenda to redefine what a traditional marriage is. No surviving parent, child or family member should be denied benefits in accordance with law or policy.



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But the Reverend elder Troy Perry of the universal fellowship of Metropolitan Community churches, says that the tragic events require looking beyond simple legality.



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I believe that love the private family, nothing more, nothing less. Just because at this time, the law says I can't marry legally in this country. It doesn't mean that my relationship isn't as real as anyone else's. We have one member of our church in New York City, who has burned over 40% of her body is in a coma is not expected to live. And certainly her spouse and her son certainly deserved to be helped during this crisis.



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Still, the traditional values coalition insists



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this is not the time to attempt to establish new marital benefits for homosexual partnerships. Those that are trying to promote this are involved in a very cynical manipulation of a great tragedy.



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The coalition's attack on aid for gay and lesbian victims families came days after it announced its intention to take part in a campaign to repeal Maryland's new law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. It's the third wave of headline grabbing anti gay rhetoric since September 11. The first wave was led by Reverend Jerry Falwell,



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I really believe that the pagans, the abortionist, and the feminists and the gays and the

lesbians, the ACLU People for the American way, all of them, I want the thing in their race and say you help this happen



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no sooner than Falwell had retracted those remarks. Conservative groups such as Concerned Women for America and the Family Research Council launched the second wave with complaints that pro lesbian and gay legislation was being moved behind the scenes while the nation was in mourning. However, their PR storm appears to have been a false alarm. Since anti terrorism related measures have now taken precedence over everything. Several National Gay and Lesbian organizations have indicated that they understand the situation. They are joining with other civil liberties groups who have called on Congress to be cautious in guarding constitutional protections as they respond to terrorism. For this way out. I'm Lucia Chapelle.



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G Glenn Holt 33:01

You are listening to lesbian and gay voices and Joan has some guests in the studio.



J Joan Devlin 33:08

i Yes. Good evening, and I have the men's gathering again. And you had a quite an event this weekend. And I have Paul Guillory Daryl Fitzgerald, Daryl Fitzgerald I came and taught. So talk about the gathering. You had perfect weather for it



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when we had a perfect weather for it. It was called our black explosion weekend. Actually, this was our second annual picnic. And since we had gone online, and we had about 2000 Yahoo club members, we decided to expand it to give some out of towners an opportunity to come in to Houston for a weekend and have something to do. So the black explosion weekend started Friday night. And it basically it was a combination of thing. There was a smaller group of us that went to the great Caruso earlier to see a play one more time, and other people were gathering at DJs. So it started, you know, there it was night of clubbing. And that's what happened Friday night, and I did get a little intoxicated, but I survived that. And Saturday, we started off we had, we had five hours of poetry and seminars, we had two hours of poetry and seminars starting from 12 to two o'clock. And that was led by Aaron Coleman. And we had people like Charles

Harvey, Chris Turner, Kelvin Douglas and several other people that participated in that. And then following that this was at the hawthorn suites. And all of this, these events were free. Following that, I did a workshop on Spirituality of Imperfection and empowerment. And then we had Lovera twine from American Express financial that did a financial planning overview, and specifically with some of the concerns that gay and lesbians would have in financial planning. And then To cap that off, we had William Mayo, and he's with the HIV prevention agency. And he specifically deals with MSM is in Louisiana men who sleep with men, and for the whole state of Louisiana deal with a lot of the populations in the rural areas. And he did a presentation on HIV and the black community. And also, to cap that off, we had ADA Edwards, who also made an appearance there.

J Joan Devlin 35:28

Well, she's going to be here tonight to really seeing her again,

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she did, she did speak to us. And you know, hopefully, one of the one of the things that came out of that is that what was absent from our group was the youth. And so we hope to do some work, work with her and to start some initiatives to reach out more to the 19 to 25 year old population. And then to cap it off, we had service at MCC, our 11 o'clock service and a handful of us attended that. Then after that we had our annual second annual picnic, and it was at Tom bass Park. And I would think we had somewhere between 120 550. So total, we had about 200 people that participated in the explosion weekend and we did have some people from Arkansas, Miami and people from San Antonio. So we did get we did a track a few out of towners, that's great.

J Joan Devlin 36:22

And Orleans, and boy, God smiled on you because you had the perfect weather for that picnic.

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It was great. And it really it just saw it was a seed that was planted. And we hope to to make it a bigger event next year. And we even had PVA out there recruiting for their efforts.

J Joan Devlin 36:39

Oh, that's great. But that's what Houston is, you know, it's all about community.

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That's exactly right. And it's the beginning. I mean, people are discovering who we are. And we feel good about the fact that we can find, you know, people who are interested in what we're

doing, and I think it'll just, it'll just get better.

J Joan Devlin 36:56

That's great. So what are your plans for next year?

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Okay, well, before next year, I think what we're going to do is we we actually plan that in about three or four months, we're gonna go ahead and put a committee together, starting off like in January, so that when we plan it for next year, it will be bigger and better. We want to expand some of the seminars and seminars turned out really great the poetry. Next year, we might include some type of music, you know, festival of some sort, we have a member Samuel cash, who's very interested in that particular piece. And since we're one of the few I think we're one of the few groups that actually are including in our pride. I'm calling it a pride event, but in the men's gathering like explosion, educational seminars since they went over so well. We may expand those also. But the picnic will be again at Tom bass Park and the weather was so perfect. It will be either in late September or early October.

J Joan Devlin 37:55

That's great. I'm glad you had a good turnout. And since I'm hungry right now talk about the food.

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Okay. You want to relate to food so

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you want to tell them about naszej too much of the food. We do we did. Texas barbecue, Barbecue, barbecue, potato salad beans, what else? Rib tips?

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Chicken, everything was everything like sausages.

J Joan Devlin 38:23

I know Glenn and I are like

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Glenn is I'd see him smiling at the link sausages. Smacking



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who did the caterer?



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I can't remember her name, Mrs. Mrs. Catering or something like that. I wish I had her her card with me. But I'm great. Just I want to really thank the picnic committee and help me here, Darrell. Antoine Powell, Aaron Coleman, Lou burns, Lou burns, a Robert Lewis torlon, Daffy, Ron Winbush. Duffy Robinson, and a handful of other people that really, I mean, it was it was an incredible event. And I have to tell you about this the national, the National Society of Black Engineers were out there. And they came over to start a volleyball game, they actually won. They played the men's gathering. And they actually won three out of four games. Well, they knew we knew who we were playing, but we're not too sure. They were playing. But when you look at the mixture, you couldn't tell the difference. So it was it was kind of interesting that these two groups came together like that. And despite sexual orientation, that was a non issue. People were just having a great time.



J Joan Devlin 39:36

Well, that's good, but that's the kind of vibe that picnics give out. Yeah, I mean, it's hard to be starting trouble when everybody's just it's a pretty day and there's good foods there's good company.



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Yeah, what was interesting, you know, our group is specifically for those that don't know, for African American men who are gay or bisexual are men who sleep with men but non heterosexual however, the picking equals for everybody. And the security guard came up at the beginning of the, the event and wanted me to tell all the men that a sorority was meeting at pavilion one in case any of our men were interested in afterwards, and I thought that was kind of cute. Yeah, sure, I told everybody, but there were no takers, I was gonna



J Joan Devlin 40:23

say I don't, I don't see anybody wandering over there. But maybe if I had had a chance to come, I don't want a cup, we



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did lose a couple to



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Clemson, they're yelling, there was a lot of flirting going on. So that's good. I was gonna



J Joan Devlin 40:39

say think there was some, you know, friendships made bonds established things that are going to extend out here.



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I would say this, there are people that would never come to a meeting, that got to experience the people that we attract to the meetings, and I think their perception is changing. So I think after the picnic, some of them may say, Well, you know, I think I might, you know, go there. And once people find out what we're really about, things change. Oh, I left out unimportantly, we did have a special meeting for the men's gathering. And it was Saturday night. And this one was we had a topic, just what's on your mind. And what came up a lot was this whole thing with HIV, and AIDS, and how it's really impacting the community. And we had several people giving testimonials. We had like an expert from Miami and expert from Louisiana, and expert here from Houston, and other individuals, and they were looking at the you know, it's still better to know, and ultimately, it's each person responsibility to take care of themselves. And so we can't, I guess we can't say that enough, because of you know, because of the explosion of HIV in the increase in percentages in the black community. And so hopefully, the awareness that took place this weekend, is that us as advocates will continue to do more of that. And we had Haoran Hall from the Watkins Foundation, Dr. Gates, organization, is a gets Donald Watkins, Donald Watkins. And he was there to pass out a letter, just tons of literature on the different STDs, and also information about HIV, and also the condoms and everything. So we really wanted to make sure that I guess the men's gathering is seen, as you know, advocates for a lot of things we're not we're not just a social organization, but we care about the health of our community.



J Joan Devlin 42:37

And what are some of the other things you have on your plate now coming up?



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Okay. Coming up, like next Saturday, we will, we're going to have our next topic. And our next topic is going to be racial harassment, and sexual orientation, harassment. And then following that on the 20th, I think is our next open meeting at Rice University. And those are taking place on the slide every other Sunday, during the school year, and we're going to we're trying to figure out how to get people there. And those are smaller meetings, those are open to the public. And so we're going to start some portrait readings. And we're going to start looking at

possibility of reviewing some books and just doing some different things with that. And I don't know if we're gonna have any type of holiday event, but with Antoine Powell, you just never know.

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Joan Devlin 43:30

That's great. Well, that's wonderful, I wish you the best of luck. I'm glad to hear that the picnic and the meetings went so well. Whatever, you focus a lot on HIV, and that's understandable prevention. What are some of the other things that you think are important that you want to kind of put yourself behind for the men's gathering?

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We do a lot of focusing on on relationships. Also, I think that's a very important topic for, for, for African American men. And actually, for gay men period, and we do focus a lot on that trying to get healthy relationship started.

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And to expand on what Darrell is talking about. One of the things that that I think is, is something that we can we can talk about forever, is you know, a lot of people say they want relationships, and then you wonder, well, why aren't people in relationships. And I think it's important for people to be honest with themselves, but also to recognize that in order to have relationship, you have to really take a look at yourself. So what the men's gathering is about is really identifying those obstacles, to help people really have the courage to look at themselves and to identify the various ways in which we medicate. Whether it's medicating with sex, drugs, alcohol are relationships, right? A lot of times it's relationships. And so it's increasing that awareness. So I think, the emotional and the spiritual health Here's what the men's gathering is about in everything, you know, whether the way that manifests whether it's dealing with relationships, our HIV, our other type of issues, you know, harassment, looking at the the shame issue, the guilt issues, the resentments isolating, you know, coming out being proud. All of that is what we're about.

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Joan Devlin 45:24

And if people want to get in touch with the men's gathering, what do they need to do?

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If you want to get in touch with the men's gathering, and you want to contact by email, you would type the men's gathering as t h e m e n s, g a t h e r@yahoo.com. That's the mins would an s gathering@yahoo.com. Or you can call 713-528-4461.

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Joan Devlin 45:54



JOAN DEVLIN 45:54

Thank you so much. We've been talking to Paul Guillory and Daryl Fitzgerald, they are with the men's gathering. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices. Then hopefully, there's some phones ringing out in the lobby. Jack, are their phones ringing out in the lobby? Do we have a Jack in the lobby? Maybe Jack is actually answering the phone.



Glenn Holt 46:13

Now Jack is running back and forth



Jack Valinski 46:15

out here. And actually, you probably thought he wasn't paying attention or you weren't true. But the real truth is, we have some very generous thank yous to give. One is for John. One is for Jim, and one is for Jana, and there's another one on the phone right now.



Joan Devlin 46:32

Oh, and if they're gonna have a J name, too. We're on our way



Jack Valinski 46:35

up there. But we still got a ways to go. So please call us at 7135265738713526 KPFT. And we've got all types of neat things you can charge on any one of those credit cards, and some neat thank yous T shirts, hats, CD boxes, all that type of stuff. So please do call us 7135 To 65738 Keep this type of programming here on KPFT. You know, it's an incredible mix of stuff that goes on to the station, and you're all part of it.



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There is something very insidious and portraying the history of the war for independence as a parade of the founding fathers, it seems very patriotic, but we shut out the voice of minorities, you shut out the voice of the 18th century version of gays and lesbians. The novel is no less a fiction than our traditional historical narrative is to say



Greg Gordon 47:30

you're on a Red Bull. No, we are wrong to change. As we discovered last week, all of us yay has put the revolution back into the American Revolution. With his well received historical novel last refuge of scoundrels. You told this way out. So Rita Gonzalez about his nearly 10 years of research into the period, and how we found that the diaries of everyday participants in the US war for independence put a whole new spin on the spirit of 76. According to RCA, most of the iconic us founding fathers were a self interested Gentry in contempt of the common people, with the one exception being general and soon to be first US President George Washington.



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In order to win this war, George Washington was forced to live cheek by jowl, elbow to elbow with the tapestry of America, people from all diverse walks of life that he not only had to support and work with and cooperate with, he saw fit to embrace. He not only was indulgent of cross dressers, etc, he embrace them. And so George Washington embracing these people ushered our way to independence. And these people formed a critical, pivotal role. And among those people, of course, my two lead characters John and Deborah.



G Greg Gordon 48:50

In the conclusion of this two part feature interview with author Paul last year, we learned that one of George Washington's most successful envoys to France was a self described faint man, and that one of his most trusted strategists was a cross dressing female soldier.



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Tell us about the basis for the character Deborah Simpson.



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Deborah Simpson is a composite of three women. Deborah Sampson, who fought as a male soldier under the name of Robert Shurtleff saw action at Yorktown. And when news got out at the end of the war, that there had been many such women dressed as men, George Washington dishonorably discharged her but look at this, she anchored to the road and in a precursor to vaudeville dressed as a man told the world, the colonies have her stories of the American Revolution. And it wasn't till about a decade ago that we began to realize and accept the fact that her stories were true. She's a composite of this woman, who by the way, did get her military pension later on in life because Paul Revere at the behest of again, George Washington, after discharging or George Washington snuck back into her life and earned her her military pension. And although she was never ever seen dressed as a woman again and she was a decorated military hero in the first of our country. So my character Deborah Simpson, is a composite of Deborah Sampson, who I just described, and two chief spies of George Washington. They both only had numbers not names. One was three, three 3.33, which represents the first expenditure Washington made in Cambridge, which we now know when to a female crossdressing spy, and the other was another woman 693 point 26. Not a crossdresser but a master of disguise of all kinds who languished and died on the Jersey prison ship. These three women form Deborah Simpson, and all of the cloak and dagger machinations, all of the clever ruses and disguises that she availed herself of in the book are true. I did not make one of those I couldn't I couldn't be that clever, they are true. Well, I



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did look them up.



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And her partner in crime is John Lawrence, who is again is not a composite, the only Liberty I take with John Lawrence Rita as I bring him to the war earlier than he actually was in real life. He didn't come till 1777, but I haven't been 1775. He was an eighth of George Washington's who hated the sound of gunfire, was of his own admission, a Fae man was a very gentle spirit and gentle soul, George Washington, soffit, at the end of the war, as you saw in the book, to actually send John Lawrence, this Fae, androgynous man to France, to appeal to the king for arms, which Congress had been loath to provide, and Benjamin Franklin was not able to provide and he sent this 28 year old. And I don't go I don't use the word in the book, obviously, because it's an eight it's steeped in 18th century idiom. But if we're to France to appeal to the king, and as a result of that audience, John Lawrence came back to the colonies with a ship laden with golden cannon without which our victory at Yorktown wouldn't have been possible. And that is not a fact, by the way that any historian disputes that. And furthermore, John Lawrence was given a porcelain snuffbox by the king, upon which is written long lived the American Revolution. Now, where's that little porcelain softbox? It's in the Smithsonian under jewelry. And you can bet if that was given to a one of our apotheosized Founding Fathers, or a man that history was more comfortable with because he more conformed to a military hero, that would not be in a marginalized cabinet of jewelry in the Smithsonian, it would be a cultural relic.



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Now, at the end of the book, you state that the war is over, but not the revolution. What did you mean by that?



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What I mean is that the revolution is now and what I mean by that is even the common man who lived at the time when we want at Yorktown, there were riots all up and down the eastern seaboard for fear that the revolution would not be one, that we would be content with having earned independence from England, and that we would go back to a state of civil strife and equality and no commitment to emancipation. So that struggle lives on, and the spirit of those revolutionaries who were disappointed in Yorktown and feared that we would fall back into sort of an aristocratic British hierarchical, exclusive elitist bias culture, their suspicions have been borne out. And so in their honor, we fight on and in their honor, the spirit of the American Revolution must live on.



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I love the book. Thank you. Why do you think this novel is particularly appropriate for a gay audience?



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Well, first of all, I think there has been no question that what this is a story of is how this

country owes a huge debt to characters who represent include and embody queer spirit. And ultimately, when you see the way George Washington embrace these folks of queer spirit, when you see how critical their perspective was in the struggle for independence, and when you see how triumphant we were, as a result of their contribution, there's simply no question that gays can look to the core mythology that defines patriotism in our culture and say, Guess what? I belong, and I will not be marginalized any longer because the history the story clearly shows that I was there and you owe me that recognition.

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Greg Gordon 54:15

was offered both of us in a conversation with his way out to read a consolidated last refuge of scoundrels from Warner books is available at most bookstores and online

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Glenn Holt 54:26

at 90.1 FM This is KPFT in Houston, the sound of Texas and now more of lesbian and gay voices. Here's something that was recorded live at the Houston Pride festival. David Hall something there is

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something I love the wall that was down I knew is I know you've got your order and I know you got to watch your signs oh no but I have been there to live to chill

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love the wall and once it is I know I know you see your neighbors and I know good fences make good neighbors it's I know how I know for I have built the wall in many ways one by one each with a smoking gun shining against the sky they're marching to buy to you and they will run us to my love to cry three by three cheated on you and we will go willingly give me a kiss goodbye bye

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we're gonna bring us back to if we don't soon bye

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guess I knew yes or no you've got your reason is I know Araya to spoken to trees yes I know I've walked over and I've seen it via heatwave a smoking gun shining against the sky to body to you they will run to prepare to cry they're marching three by three marching on you willingly give me one kiss good bye



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bye bring us back which also by week



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marching



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love to see it



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wants to see.



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Glenn Holt 1:02:09

You were listening to lesbian and gay voices.

J Jack Valinski 1:02:12

So what's going on?

J Joan Devlin 1:02:14

Well, I'm reading a lovely book. It's called John Adams.

J Jack Valinski 1:02:18

Oh, yeah, I heard about that. Yeah, it's pretty interesting. I

J Joan Devlin 1:02:21

like it. And I've got a whole ton of gay books. I just read one today, which I forwarded the review to Nancy. It's called How to assess your risk of breast cancer. And it's by Dr. Patricia T. Kelly. And it goes into great detail about breast cancer, the risks, what the what the actual risks are, what the true statistics are, you know, I mean, it really cuts through a lot of, you know, the myth and the misinformation, and really, lets women know what their risk is and encourages them, because it is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and it encourages them to, you know, go for an exam. And breast cancer can happen to men too. Yes, it can. And, you know, examine, you know, self self exam, go to your doctor, have your mammograms. You know, it's very simple procedure. It's not difficult. It's not scary. You know, I personally enjoy it when my breast but that's just me, okay. But no, it is very serious advice for the Cure will be happening this coming Saturday. Oh, okay. the Susan G. Komen Foundation will be sponsoring that if you have not already purchased your T shirts in your packets, that's not a problem. You just go there, it's get there early, they expect you to the race starts around 730. So get there around six 630. And you can buy your packet ride on site. You know, you're free to race, there's two different races, there's the five kilometer race or you can go ahead and do the one mile family walk, you know, or you can just stand there and cheer people on, you know, but come out come out for the race for a cure. It's it's an important thing.

J Jack Valinski 1:04:01

And on Sunday, well, actually, it's on Saturday and Sunday. But in powers this weekend, at three o'clock on Saturday, they will have a community roundtable that means anybody who's a member Well, you don't even have to be a member of a group. You can just show up and it's basically going to be an open discussion about things going on in the community or things that you'd like to see or whatever, whatever on Sunday in power is from 11am to 5pm at the George R brown Convention Center. I guess they got the racing cars out of there by now. And it's basically Well, it's not I mean, you think of it as a business expo, well, it is an expo but it's open to everybody. And there's you know, there's they have entertainment and a lot of different stuff and you get a lot of freebies too. So there's going to be lots of different organizations down there within the community. So that that'd be really neat.

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Joan Devlin 1:04:50

has really come a long way from first started out. Yes,

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Jack Valinski 1:04:53

I mean, it's pretty neat to be in the George R brown convention center. Then a week from this weekend is the Westheimer street festival in exile, meaning that it's on Allen Parkway. And then the following weekend on Sunday is a women's Music Festival at Garden heights up on fake and just off of wall drive. And that's usually a lot of fun. Right? October is a busy busy month and lots of things, lots of things going on. And I did see a movie on Friday during that rainstorm, called our Our Lady of the assassins. Really bizarre movie. It is based in Colombia, I guess it's based on a true story. And dealing I mean, it isn't about the drugs are part of the story simply because it's in Colombia, but it is a game movie. And it is rather interesting, but it's a little bit tough to watch. I do want to wish a couple happy birthdays is just gonna go there. Yes. My friend Troy Christiansen It's his birthday today. And born on the same day was Matt Damon. Damon the actor? Yes. Yes.

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Joan Devlin 1:05:59

Happy birthday, Matt Damon, I'm sure he's not a friend of ours. You know, actually, he's from Cambridge, Massachusetts. Yeah.

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Jack Valinski 1:06:06

Yeah. Well, they've done some, you know, great movies. Oh, yes. Good. Well, haunting,

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Joan Devlin 1:06:09

still one of my favorites. So Troy hasn't done any great movies on. But he's gone to some great movies with us. And shout out to Anderson, we have to do that.

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Jack Valinski 1:06:21

Let's see what else is going on? I mean, of course, the 11th is National Coming Out Day.

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Joan Devlin 1:06:26

Right. And it's also as was pointed out the one month anniversary of the terrorist attacks. National and it's also the premiere of this new season of Survivor.

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Oh great, lov is going

J Joan Devlin 1:06:39
on October 11.

G Glenn Holt 1:06:41

Well, actually, though, I did hear on the news that in the season survivor, the token gay person is actually a bartender from the Throckmorton mining company in Dallas.

J Joan Devlin 1:06:51

Oh, that's interesting. Will he be naked though? Because token gay person last year other than getting voted off right away. Never got naked. And she was kind of cute too. So that kind of bummed. Female

G Glenn Holt 1:07:03

that's that's why she got voted off. She never got naked. In case the token gay person is expected to get naked.

J Joan Devlin 1:07:11

We'll see go and you should try out them.

G Glenn Holt 1:07:14

Well, yeah, but I wasn't all that crazy about going to Africa and eating insects. I you know, I try not to eat insects.

J Joan Devlin 1:07:22

Yeah, that's, yeah, you're right. Not my thing, either. Yeah.

J Jack Valinski 1:07:27

So yeah, October is a very busy month with all these different things going on different, you know, organizations and stuff like that. And, you know, the community organizations do survive on people giving money. Absolutely. And with what happened in New York and the recession

coming out, it's going to be tough for a lot of organizations. So just, you know, think about that. Because, you know, these community organizations, it takes volunteers, but it also does take money to keep them going.

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Joan Devlin 1:07:56

Yes. And you know, as you pointed out, you know, we are commercial free. The people behind this microphone on this program are volunteers, we are not paid for this. We do this because we love what we do. You're crazy. And we're we're crazy what we're crazy. And we love we do. We really care that we care about our community. We want to be able to bring this to you. There is no other program like this on any other radio station in Houston, or I would venture to say in most places in the United States. And KPFT does not only have one gay program, they have to because there's also after hours on Saturday nights,

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Jack Valinski 1:08:35

right? There's even some other Pacifica stations that don't have any JLPT programming.

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Joan Devlin 1:08:40

And you know, when we get I mean, after hours, goes three hours every Saturday night, we go two hours every Monday night, you know, the other stations in Texas where I've heard a game program. I mean, they have 30 minutes to an hour. That's it. They're buried. They're on like 130 to two on a Sunday afternoon. I mean, we're on eight to 10 Monday nights, you know, I mean, after hours is on midnight to 3am Saturdays. I mean, this is

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Glenn Holt 1:09:05

these are not ratings show that that program owns radio in Houston at that time. Yes,

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Joan Devlin 1:09:10

very much doesn't it very much deserves to. But you know, we, in order for us to continue in order for KPFT to continue providing this kind of programming, cutting edge programming. We do need your donations, we do need your support.

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Jack Valinski 1:09:22

So call us at 713526573871352 6k PFT. You know, it's also pretty interesting that they don't tell us what to put on the program. In fact, I can't remember the last time I had to meet with the program director to talk about the show. Usually I meet with program director when they're leaving.

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Joan Devlin 1:09:45

The other thing is we run for

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Glenn Holt 1:09:47

the hills when they were coming our

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Jack Valinski 1:09:49

or they move us I mean, we've moved around a couple times, but that's usually the only time we ever meet with the program.

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Joan Devlin 1:09:54

I will say you know, we've been treated with the utmost respect by KPFT um, right

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Jack Valinski 1:09:58

we have where they're really If

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Joan Devlin 1:10:01

we've not been attacked, we've not been questioned. You know, we don't have to do the, what I call the Howard Stern thing where we know that the morning after the show we get chewed out what the heck did you think you were doing talking about that on the air the night before? And we have covered some controversial topics. Yeah. But we really have covered some controversial topics on here, too.

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Jack Valinski 1:10:21

Yes, this is one of the first. Well actually the sister program or the predecessor, Wildenstein was one of the first programs to talk about safer sex on the air on radio in in the country.

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Glenn Holt 1:10:35

And there was the time a couple years ago when I had the people on from the bareback and club. And I thought that if ever, people were going to come in here with flame throwers, that was gonna be it. We survived that one,

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Jack Valinski 1:10:45

— flame throwers for the next week.

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Glenn Holt 1:10:50

Hey, there's a piece on the wire. This is called the walker wire. It's one of those things that's available on the internet. And this guy Walker is a gay journalist, and he's writing an op ed piece about the gay civil unions law in Vermont. He says it's been a year since Vermont enacted its civil unions law, which grants registered same sex couples. All the state conferred rights of marriage. And Governor Howard Dean says The sky has not fallen or even teetered the institution of marriage has not collapsed. He told the New York Times, none of the dire predictions have come true. There was a big rhubarb and a lot of fear mongering. And now people realize that there was nothing to be afraid of. Vermont officials have conducted two thought well, almost 2500 civil union ceremonies, and twice as many women as men have tied the knot. And gay marriage remains still a hard sell in America. But as the Vermont law and the sky remain in place, opposition will continue to slowly erode.

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Joan Devlin 1:11:57

Oh, that's interesting. Yeah. You know, is we're talking about it's almost like in the wake of the World Trade Center. You know, it's like we're living in a whole different time now. All that other stuff seems so far while trivial, which it is, it's petty. It is. And it's ridiculous that we should have to fight for such a simple thing. Oh, yeah, exactly.

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Glenn Holt 1:12:22

KPFT is making a promise to you, our listeners. In the days and weeks ahead, we pledge to bring you the news of the day from the BBC, and Pacifica Network News studios, we pledge to interrupt our regular programming as needed to bring you breaking news. And as in the past 30 years KPFT pledges to bring you the in depth coverage and global perspective, you've come to expect from independent, commercial free radio. In return, we're asking for your pledge of financial support. We recognize that this is not an easy time, like you our hearts and minds turn to the victims, their families and ours and to the future. But if there is to be a future at KPFT we must ask for your support today. So please call 713526 KPFT 713-526-5738 and call right now with your pledge. This is a local artist His name is Christopher Wilson. He just put out a CD called East mall days a local gay artists there that was Christopher Wilson, his new album, East mall days, and that's available at local bookstore. Become a

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Greg Gordon 1:14:58

For two movies that have stirred controversy had gay and lesbian film festivals across North America may finally be making their way to theaters around the US. This way out Steve pride chats with Li II director Michael Cuesta. And Oscar nominated our lady of the assassins director Barbie Schroeder about their respective films.



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For most moviegoers. The fall season means putting the high concept and car chase films behind us and partaking a more intelligent cinematic fare. Coincidentally, two of the most complex and controversial new releases aimed at gay audiences are both about teenage boys in complicated relationships with much older men.



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Hi, I'm Michael questa. And my film is li e. Also known as Long Island Expressway. The film was about a boy Howie in a space of about a single week, he goes through a series of losses his mother, father and his best friend, my intent was to not say he's gay or straight, but just to depict a 15 year old kid exploring it. Love comes, in many ways, many faces. I mean, I think truly that's what the film was about at its core, the need for that and how it's found and where it's found.



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While how we may be confused about his feelings for his best friend, Gary, a troubled kid who secretly hustles at an LI II rest stop. It's always naive relationship with a 50 Something father figure named Big John, that earn the film controversy, and it's nc 17 rating. I



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didn't go in there's not one mention of the word pedophile in the film, that's something that has been labeled since the film's creation and that's since it's put been put out there.



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Oh, do you have



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16 Oh, what do you 16 July? I Talia What's your way? Five 620 pounds. Well, how do you do all this for your friend Gary? Yeah. What do you know about Gary Howard is a good friend and a cool guy. That's all I need to know about me. Nothing. If you want to know something about me? No offense, but not really.



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Gary's clearly a hustler. So Gary's obviously involved and Gary knows where he stands with big Johnny sex for money, you know, stuff like that. So it's more consensual you know, where how he's obviously a an innocent to someone like Big John, as they say a chicken hawk. And he's prey.



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While Michael quest is film li e is an exercise in subtlety and nuance. Our Lady of the assassins is not so shy. It's also the first Spanish language film from the Oscar nominated director of reversal of fortune, Barfly and a single white female.



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Hello, I'm Barbie Schroder, Director of La Vie handle of sicarios, Our Lady of the assassin it's a joy love story in the country of hate.



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Adapted from Fernando Vallejos 1994 novel, Our Lady of the assassins tells the story of a writer in his late 50s, who has grown tired of living, but who comes alive when introduced to a 16 year old assassin named Alex,



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I don't know exactly how to be a graphical it is, but definitely some of the characters that are depicted in the book exist have made them so I know. I know. It's partly true. And actually I went to see the character who introduced the real young boy to the writer and enlisted him as a head for casting. And he's the one who indicated me the lead actor, he's the one that spotted him for me and I went looking for him for four months because I couldn't find him but he was spotted first by this man who gave a young boy as a present to the writer. That's how the movie starts.



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16 year old Alex is an indiscriminate assassin, shooting rude cab drivers as quickly as rival gang members. Yet Fernando stands by him.



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That's how this boy sees life. That's the world that he's living in. And the main character learns to discover that reality this is the biggest love story of his life. This is one of the most important events in his love life and his face this rider is faced with the choice of not seeing this boy anymore, because this boy is is a killer and he can't be really stopped or trying to control him by staying next to him. And obviously, you know, you choose the second option because his love is too important.



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This is a violent film made more frightening by its documentary feel shoulder shot on high definition video on location and Medellin Colombia with a largely non professional cast.



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Those boys are from the from the poor neighborhoods of medicine and they are from that background that culture. They are not killers. I met a lot of young professional killers. And they're they're exactly this same and they're very charming and they're, they're very innocent and you know they're not going to live long. But I couldn't I couldn't really work with them as a director if something was stopping me. Anyway, the real ones that I met were not good looking enough.



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Earlier this year, Barbie Schroeder won awards at both the Havana and Venice Film festivals for Our Lady of the assassins. Michael questo won the new directors award for li e at this year's Edinburgh International Film Festival. The film also won outstanding American narrative feature at out fest, LA's gay and lesbian Film Festival and was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance. Both films are coming soon to a theater near you. This is deep fried. Thanks for listening.



Greg Gordon 1:20:47

Thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine this week Cindy Friedman, Christopher Gaul, gram Underhill, Chris Ambridge, Brian newness. Jason Lynn Rex Wagner, Rita Gonzalez and Steve pride contributed program material thanks also to Chris Allen and to Aaron grants. And now Abram a free speech radio news. The Beatles sang revolution and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. Remember, you can listen to this way out anytime online exclusively on planet out, just point your browser to www dot planet out.com and click first on multimedia than on radio. Some this way our operating expenses are funded through direct charitable donations from our listeners around the world. For an urgent message about this way outs perilous financial situation, please visit our webpage at this way. out.org Email us at TW o radio@aol.com Or write to us at Post Office Box

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Glenn Holt 1:22:06

And this community radio station is KPFT in Houston, your listener sponsored and publicly funded community radio station, you are as much a part of this team as the rest of us here behind the microphone, our you're part of the team because you support what we do with your pledges. And by listening to the programming, so please do call now at 7135265738713526 KPFT. Here's more of Christopher Wilson from East mall days. What is almost a local gay Houston artist Christopher Wilson from his new album East mall days, which is available for sale at Lobo book shops and probably the other book shops around to and Jack, are you out in the lobby?

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Jack Valinski 1:23:18

Yes, we're out here in the lobby. And we just got one pledge here. And we can thank Peter, and nice pledge. But we still got a little ways to go for our goal. And we would like you to call us now at 7135265738713526 6k p f t. So and why why do we ask you to pledge because we give you the type of programming that you can't get anywhere else. There's approximately 50 radio stations in the Houston market. And of those 50 radio stations, how many carry JLPT programming? How many? Just one KPFT not only once but twice a week. And not only JLPT programming and specific but the different types of programming the BBC absolutely incredibly the pub probably the best journalism on you know that's that is around on radio is the BBC and we get it here. And any of you old timers like me remember the old days when we used to have the BBC on the air, and we couldn't really hear it very well because we used to get it off a shortwave. Well, now we get it off a satellite and it sounds so much better. And the world The world is another great program that's here on KPFT. So we have a real mixture between the news and the music. And we try to keep it that way and we try to give you a real variety of stuff, you know stuff you can't hear anywhere else. So please call us we accept the credit cards. We have nice things to thank you with caps and T shirts and all that type of stuff and we'll make deals here. So call us here at 27135265738713526 KPFT. Want to remind you we've got a referendum come up You know, if you have some spare, spare time do volunteer for progressive voters PVA. And if you need that number, call us we'll give it to you. So call us now make a pledge here at KPFT.

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Glenn Holt 1:25:12

And Jack, I just thought that we might mention again, as we did in the first hour, that National Coming Out Day falls on October 11, which is unfortunately, the anniversary of the weather for the one month anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center. And so this year, because it is an anniversary of that event, Candice Gingrich, the manager of the National Coming Out project, released a message from the Human Rights Campaign saying that we encourage everyone to mark the anniversary in the manner that feels most comfortable to you and to your community. Continuing the National Coming Out Day provides us with an opportunity to show

America that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people are a part of the fabric of this country. And in the days following the attacks, America was reminded of that fact, she said, from Mark Bingham, the brave rugby player to co pilot David Charlevoix, the countless unnamed GLBT firefighters, police and rescue workers. This country was shown in an accurate slice of society, one which is inclusive of all Americans. And Joan, don't know Joe. Yes, Joe.

 J Joan Devlin 1:26:30

Yes. I was in the middle making a phone call.

 G Glenn Holt 1:26:34

Oh, well, it's no see you're not supposed to be doing that.

 J Joan Devlin 1:26:36

Actually trying to track down our next guest aid. Edwards is on her way. Okay. And she will be here shortly. And hopefully, within the next couple of minutes.

 G Glenn Holt 1:26:46

And you were just out in the lobby. Was there anything happening

 J Joan Devlin 1:26:50

out there? No. And there needs to be some things happening out there. We really do need your support. 7135265738713526 KPFT. Give us a call. Give us a pledge. We appreciate it. You know we love large pledges. We love small pledges, we love all pledges.

 G Glenn Holt 1:27:12

And speaking of pledges, we do have thank you gifts to go along with some of those pledges. For example, at the \$35 basic membership level, you can get a bumper sticker. And at the \$60 level, a coffee mug or tote bag, the \$75 level you get a KPFT t shirt, which is gray with a red white and blue KPFT sound of Texas logo. And at the \$90 level, the KPFT CD case, or baseball cap. But of course you're not pledging just to get the premium you are pledging to support KPFT and the wonderful programming that happens here. Because all of this programming is totally listener supported. This is your radio station. And when you're listening to the latest events from around the world, on the BBC, it's because listeners like you have pledged your support and have provided the funding that actually makes that happen. And your funding makes programs like this one lesbian and gay voices happen. So please do call in now at 71352657387135 to six KPFT and say that you will support KPFT and lesbian and gay voices,



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G Glenn Holt 1:30:08

that was for dikes had a row blues from their album, hot flash from this year that was a song called pagoda from Christopher Wilson and his new album, East mall days. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices.



J Joan Devlin 1:30:32

Good evening. I'm John Devlin. And I have eight Edwards in the studio. And I'm so glad you



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could join. I really apologize for being so late. Oh, you're coming district days a large district and we're out in Fort Benton County earlier. And we made a wrong turn. Oh, and so then we got turned around. But I'm glad to be here. And I'd love to be able to come back when we have more time.



J Joan Devlin 1:30:52

Okay, great. Well, you've got a standing invitation. Thank



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you. Thank you. Appreciate that.

J Joan Devlin 1:30:57

I guess want to get right down to business. The referendum? What are your feelings on that?

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You say what am I I think I think that it's time for Houston to stand up and be a grown up city in the year 2001. I think that Utah with the DEP. I think that one it's good business sense to have a domestic partner benefits. I think it's just good moral sense. And so I'm standing here to say that that's what we're here to fight for. I'm hate that it's on the ballot. But we can win it. I think if everyone gets out and votes and votes right away, we can win this. I'm not not afraid of it. But I just I just thought we were bigger embedded city by now. But

J Joan Devlin 1:31:43

and what are some of the things you hope to bring to the table and district day if you're elected?

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One of the things that I hope to bring is is building partnerships between the whole district so that we don't look at each other as isolated neighborhoods. Like I said, I was out in Fort Bend County this evening. And they were talking about the same things that that I've heard talked about it in my chosen in near town in Midtown and Third Ward and Sunnyside that is constituent services. How does a voter get the bang for their buck for being a citizen? And in district eight? What does that mean? How do I get my my streets fixed properly? How do I get my phone calls returned? How do I get good issues? Regarding environment regarding graffiti regarding crime, public safety? How do we get those addressed? So we're looking at programmatically addressing those issues. We're looking at having double D weekends, which means each Friday we'll be in a precinct in District D. And then on Saturday we'll be block walking that district on Fridays will have open office hours where a person can just come in first come first serve various spaces and talk with us about whatever problems then that Saturday with with community people and city club leaders will be blocked walking that district that brings the city government offer back the back into the community. Also, we're looking as to how we can bring more dollars back to district day to deal with our libraries, public places. Dealing with green space, especially here in the Montrose area. How do we keep our green space and how to add at the same time develop low cost housing affordable housing for middle class families? You know, we've got \$500,000 townhomes in Section Eight, but we need a working class family home so that people don't have to move to Fort Bend County and Sugarland and they can stay here in Montrose and buy a home at a reasonable price most people can't afford afford \$340,000 homes. So we're looking how do we how do we get that development done? Also, the issue of public safety in District D. How do we how do we develop that in our young people in District D. So we have a lot of programs. I've been pleased to work with Grant Martin and a nice Parker and Deborah Dannenberg and how do we formulate

programs that bring together communities that so that we're not always isolated and screaming, you know, in the dark, but that when Montrose needs help, that we can depend on people from Fort Bend County and from Sunnyside to be a part of getting what Montrose needs. And when Sunnyside needs help, they can depend on Montrose and Third Ward and Fort Ben. And that takes partnership development that takes somebody who can work with diverse communities and I've been blessed to be able to do that.

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Joan Devlin 1:34:36

That you gained the endorsement of the game lesbian political

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Yay, I'm excited inside it was gonna say how did you feel about that? I'm very excited about that. Because one of the things that I think that that we have to look at is how do we build and take advantage of our diversity and use it to our advantage all across the community. So I'm very honored and excited about that. And I'm hoping to take that endorsement, and to help to build some partnerships and build some bridges in District D, so that we can, so that we can all of us can come out of the closet and be one community. I'm really excited and honored with that.

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Joan Devlin 1:35:14

And you said, you've been working with Grant Martin in a nice, what do you think of them?

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Those are two awesome people grant Martin is is Grant Martens, my boo he is he is an awesome person probably has most integrity that I have ever come across and has a real keen sense for the political scene, but at the same time has a real human element that can then helps you, you know, push programs together. So he's an awesome person. And he's been working very closely with us in developing this campaign, and in helping us raise money. And nice Parker, as probably the hardest working person down there at City Hall. And she has a real knack for public policy and for social policy. And I've worked with the nice. Prior to all of this when the added Delaney killing happened. And nice was one of the people that worked with us about a year after the added Delaney killing, that we fashioned policies and programs for the Houston Police Department that deal with cultural diversity and training and evaluation. So I've worked at the knees for a long time. And I'm a real admirer of her. She's a hard worker, once again, strong integrity, good accountability. And she's a good model for me for how a city council person which should be and will be. And so I'm excited about the opportunity to work with her. And I think us working together, the more women we can get on City Council the better. I think it's going to be an asset for not only District B, D, but for the city at large.

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Joan Devlin 1:36:57

And give us a brief I mean, we're down to time. Yeah, we should and give us a brief answer to

And give us a brief I mean, we're down to him. Yeah, go ahead and give us a brief overview of your political background. What made you decide to run for district day?



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Oh, I've never wanted to be a politician. I've always worked in politics, but never wanted to be a politician. But I got kind of dis hardened with the way the city was handling the HIV situation, especially in the African American community. And so I was whining about it one day, and somebody told me, why don't you fight as hard for change. For implementations, you've always fought to change. I've been a community activist most of my adult life. And so that's what made me get involved with as to how I solved the management or the mismanagement of HIV going. And so I thought we can do this differently, and how we act out public policy. How we bring people together, can look differently. And so that was one of the driving points is how do we how do we, when we fight hard for change? How do we implement that change? Because a lot of times that the change is is is changed when it comes to implementation. So that's what I was looking at. I wanted to to show a different way a different model for local politics. And I think our campaign epitomizes that. We have a database of over 450 volunteers in our campaign. We've talked to over 8000 voters in the district. And we have our campaign reflects the the whole diversity of the district. We have. We have the endorsement and working with PVA. And so we have people from Montrose. We have people from Third Ward, we have people from Sunnyside, we have the Green Party. We have people from the Democratic Party, we have people from no party. We have black whites, we have Young's we have Latinos, we have women, we have men, we have gay, we have a lesbians, we have straight, we have bisexual we have transgender people. All of that is is in our in our campaign. And so I think our campaign is really a model for how we can direct local government here locally, it's really a model for change. And so I'm excited about it. And I'm excited about the partnerships that have been developed in this campaign. And that will continue I think long passes campaign.



J Joan Devlin 1:39:16

Well great. Well, I want to thank you very much for being with us tonight even though it was brief.



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Yeah, I'd love to come back I'm really apologize for being late. But I really wanted to get here and like I say I really am honored with the the endorsement from the gay lesbian, transgender, transgender bisexual community. And I'm not you can depend on me to to stand there be with you in the fight because I think discrimination on any level, be a gender race class is wrong. And there's there's no way that you can quibble about that it's wrong. And I fought against discrimination all my life and so it's not a new agenda for me, but I appreciate being able to be a spokesperson for the community.



J Joan Devlin 1:40:03

Great. Well, thank you so much. You've been listening to lesbian and gay voices

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Glenn Holt 1:40:13

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