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



J Jack Valinski 00:14

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



J Joan Devlin 00:18

I'm Joan Devlin.



G Glenn Holt 00:19

And I'm Glenn Holt. And what's the date today?



J Jack Valinski 00:21

Today is May 7? Yes. Okay.



G Glenn Holt 00:25

Oh, it's nice to have that for the archive. Yes. For all those people recording.



J Jack Valinski 00:28

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J Joan Devlin 00:34

All right, David Elliot. As usual, David is the Communications Director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. And he'll be calling in here in the next 10 to 15 minutes to update us on what's going on in Washington. And

J Jack Valinski 00:45

I got to ask him about some of those crazy people up there in Washington. They're just driving me crazy.

J Joan Devlin 00:49

Yeah, well, we gotta get some of our own in Houston apparently, and we're

J Jack Valinski 00:53

gonna have the Wiseman's on. Next after that. They are the honorary grand marshals for pride this year. And they're involved very much with PFLAG. So that ought to be interesting. In the nine o'clock hour, we have a brand new president of the gay and lesbian Political Caucus, Deborah Rogers will be here talking to us about some of the things that are happening over there. And somebody No, no, he doesn't. He doesn't know. No, he had somebody Yes. They must have broken. Yeah, I asked him if there's a friend or a friend friend. Like I know what that means. A bunch of stuff going on, you know, getting busy time of the year, the Westheimer street festival in exile was up on the Allen Parkway this past weekend. And it was I don't think the crowds were there. I was there before it opened and it wasn't, you know, of course, before they opened, and it's a later crowd there at that festival. A bunch of other things going on, of course in the community. We have a film festival coming up. And Glenn has some news for

G Glenn Holt 01:54

us. Let's right we actually have some some news hot enough to lead off the show with that loud cracking sound that you heard this afternoon. It wasn't thunder. It was the sound of hell freezing over for the seventh time, as both 1000s of the Texas Legislature finally passed a hate crime law with protection for gays and lesbians. The Texas senate passed the bill this afternoon by a razor thin hair splitting vote. But that doesn't matter. Once done is done and it was enough votes to pass. Yes, Virginia, there is a hate crimes law in Texas, or there almost is the governor still has to sign it. And guess what Republican Governor Rick Perry is caught in the dilemma of hypocrisy like any good conservative. On the one hand, if he signs the bill, then he's a republican signing a hate crimes bill, given them pervert homosexual special rats, something the previous governor turned President was very much against and if he vetoes it, then he's a state governor who condones violence not only against gays and lesbians, but also

against African Americans, and who wants a race riot in their state. I'm sure that the new hate crimes law in Texas isn't rather a fait accompli, which means memo to Rick Perry. You're soaking in it maj

J Jack Valinski 03:15

let's do news.

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I'm Cindy Friedman.

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And I'm Donald Herman with

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C Cindy Friedman 03:25

news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending May 5 2001. Namibian President Sam Nujoma has repeated calls for the arrest and deportation of gays and lesbians were rebutted this past week by one of the largest civil rights demonstrations since the nation gained independence in 1990. Despite threats from some members of the ruling SWAPO party, hundreds of people marched through Windhoek and an action organized by the Southern African human rights Non Governmental Organization network, a coalition of 18 organizations known as Sargon demonstrators accused the government of ignoring Namibia's democratic constitution, and its attacks on the judiciary, media and minorities, particularly sexual minorities. Elizabeth Kocsis, director of the gay supportive feminist group Sister Namibia told the crowd that lesbian baiting was being used to divide the women's movement and civil society. Rainbow Nation spokesperson Ian Swartz called for the government to stop its hate speech against gays and lesbians and to admit that homosexuality is not a problem in Namibia or anywhere else. He demanded government attention to burning issues, including poverty, unemployment, violence against women and children and treatment for people with HIV and AIDS. In the wake of new Gemma's pronouncements, many Namibian gays and lesbians had reportedly contacted European nations regarding the possibility of asylum. A statement in their support was issued by the US Black Radical Congress which warned that new Jonah's remarks to signal a new wave of genocidal crimes against gays and lesbians in Africa,

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but the only gay and lesbian periodical in Belarus is free to publish once again. The National State Publishing Committee had revoked form Lambda's registration in early March, alleging its content was erotic rather than educational. Publisher Edward Turetsky denied the allegation and filed a complaint with Belarus' highest court. Just as the court took up the case, the state publishing committee backed down and lifted its ban.

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Cindy Friedman 05:29

There has been a fifth arrest in Egypt of a man using the internet to seek gay partners. 19 year old student Ahmed Ibrahim Abu Elda hub was nabbed by a vice officer pretending to answer his invitation. The first two men arrested were given jail terms that were reduced on appeal, while the second two have yet to be prosecuted.

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Internet giant Yahoo this week dropped its efforts to censor so called adult content in the UK. In the wake of protests from gay, lesbian and transgender activists, Yahoo had removed all search facilities for discussion groups that included the string s ie X regardless of content or context. This had not only barred transsexuals from finding support groups, but blocked information on groups of all kinds in the counties of Essex and Sussex,

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Cindy Friedman 06:14

France this week observed its National Day of Remembrance for victims of the Holocaust and officially invited the participation of gay and lesbian groups for the first time. The inclusion of those groups and ceremonies in Paris, the mom Lille, Lyon and mum pilea followed years of lobbying and rejections from a number of remembrances. But Prime Minister Lionell Jo spa had specifically included homosexuals in urging a week before that, no one should be left out of this act of memory and underscoring the importance of recognizing the minorities persecuted during Germany's occupation of France. While the Paris ceremony itself did not mention specific groups targeted by the Nazis, the gay and lesbian groups placed a wreath at the memorial and were the pink triangles that once identified gays in the concentration camps. in Montpellier, a police blocked gays and lesbians from laying a wreath until Mayor George fresh intervened on their behalf. Overall, the Nazis may have arrested 150,000 gay men and sent 15,000 to the camps. Germany's gay and lesbian Federation this week renewed its campaign for a monument in Berlin to specifically memorialize the gay victims of the Holocaust. They've already won the support of some Jewish community leaders and city council members. But Berlin Mayor Eberhardt deep gun opposes adding a series of monuments for other groups to the huge Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe already under construction.

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Dan lesbian relationships atop the news in Australia this week, the lower house of Victoria state legislature passed the government's omnibus bill to amend more than 40 laws to give gay and lesbian domestic partners the same status as heterosexual ones in areas including inheritance, guardianship, dissolution, pensions, medical care and accident compensation. Passage of the statute law amendment relationships bill require the government's acceptance of some amendments from the Liberal Party opposition, which has vowed to seek still more changes as the bill progresses. The amendments primarily serve to tighten the requirements for couples to qualify for recognition in the state of New South Wales, which had led the nation in adopting a similar law recognizing so called de facto relationships. A ruling was handed down in the first

gay palimony lawsuit filed since its passage in 1999, Daniel diritti had sought more than 300,000 Australian dollars and half interests and two properties from his former partner, Donald Fillmore. But his effort backfired when his Sydney court agreed with Fillmore that the relationship had ended two years before the law went into effect, rejecting duties claimed that it had extended into 1999. The court ordered drishti to pay 110,000 Australian dollars to Fillmore for credit card charges in furniture.

 Cindy Friedman 08:57

The German state of Bavaria made good on its threat to sue to block a new federal law recognizing gay and lesbian couples from going into effect. The law is scheduled to come into force on August 1, but Bavaria this week filed its complaint in the nation's highest court charging that it violates the special status of marriage guaranteed in the national constitution. The state of terenia plans a similar lawsuit

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in the US a proposal to deny legal recognition not only to gay and lesbian marriages, but to their civil unions and domestic partnerships as well failed for the second time this term in the Louisiana State Senate. Both times only 17. Senators supported the bill by Republican Khloe Fantino while 20 votes are required for passage,

 Cindy Friedman 09:41

Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura. His effort to extend health care benefits to gay and lesbian partners of state employees was blocked this week in the Republican controlled state house. The prohibition against the benefits was passed 78 to 54 as an amendment to his state funding bill that passed more narrowly 60 1962 Also this week the state Senate had first voted against the benefits by 37 to 29, only to move the next day to allow Ventura to negotiate for them by a vote of 36 to 31.

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unmarried couples in Arizona, including gay and lesbian couples could soon be able to take tax deductions for dependents. That's one section of a bill to repeal archaic sex laws, which made misdemeanors of all non procreation of sex acts and cohabitation. The Arizona State Senate this week followed the State House and approving it. Openly gay Republican Representative Steve may sponsor the bill. Its fate at the hands of Republican Governor Jane Hall is not clear.

 Cindy Friedman 10:40

Hawaii's gay inclusive hate crimes bill cleared its final hurdle in the state legislature this week, gaining Senate approval by a vote of 22 to three Democratic governor Ben Cayetano is expected to sign it. The final version of this bill was years in the making and itself underwent 11

Different flooring committee votes over the last year, Hawaii will become the 26th to US state to increase penalties for crimes motivated by homophobia. The first time a majority of US states have done so.



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The Rhode Island State House this week passed by a vote of 46 to 41. A bill to explicitly prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or expression. Both political parties representatives were split on the transgender civil rights measure, which will face an uphill battle in the more conservative state senate. Only Minnesota and Connecticut offers similar protections.



c Cindy Friedman 11:32

San Francisco will become the first city and the only government in the US to contribute towards its employees sex changes, the Board of Supervisors voted 92 This week in supportive health care benefits up to \$50,000 for qualified transsexual employees, psychotherapy, hormone treatments and sex reassignment surgery. Mayor Willie Brown is expected to sign the bill which would become effective July 1. The neighboring cities of Berkeley, Oakland and San Jose are considering similar moves.



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In Hong Kong singer actor Leslie Cheung identified himself as bisexual in an interview with the Asian edition of Time magazine. In fact, he said he had specifically chosen to use the name Leslie because it is used by both men and women. Chung is best known internationally for his gay role in the celebrated film, Farewell my concubine. More recently, he appeared in he's a woman, she's a man, in which he had a line he's used since in his own life. I love you too. Whether you're a boy or a girl, he recently scored in the top 10 In a Hong Kong internet poll of favorite gay icons.



c Cindy Friedman 12:36

And finally, New Zealand's Georgina bear who became the world's first transsexual mare in 1993, and the world's first transsexual Member of Parliament in 1999. has announced she will be retiring from politics at the end of her term, Bear said she never intended to spend more than three terms in politics, describing herself as an accidental politician who loved every minute of her brief and meteoric political career, having been deluged with requests for interviews since her election to Parliament, her plans include serving as an independent international Goodwill Ambassador for the gay lesbian and transgender community. She also hopes to revive her acting career, saying, I'm sure my skills have slipped dramatically. Those some say I've been living in the longest running show in New Zealand Parliament.



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That's news wrap for the weekend in May 5 2001. Written by Cindy Friedman and recorded at the studios of KPFK Los Angeles

 Cindy Friedman 13:33

follow the news in your area. An informed community is a strong community. With this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman.

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And I'm Donald Herman.

 Glenn Holt 13:45

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 Glenn Holt the president of Q 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 and your community. Call us at five to wait 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 you were listening to lesbian and gay voices and Joan, I saw you rocking and rolling in there to that screaming lead guitar the fender with the feedback yeah And of course, none of that was real. That's all electronic came from my computer.

 Joan Devlin 15:04

Well, that's very nice.

 Glenn Holt 15:05

I know you'd be thrilled to hear that.

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We thought we were riding elevators.

 Glenn Holt 15:10

Oh, thank you very much.

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Joan Devlin 15:13

We have first jack to say the main thing.

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Glenn Holt 15:15

Well, of course. We have a guest on the program. Yes. David sense.

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Well, good evening.

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Joan Devlin 15:22

Well, good evening. And what were you doing this evening?

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Well, I'm reading a little bit late. I apologize. I have to admit that. I got my calendar a little bit confused.

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Joan Devlin 15:34

We thought you're watching John Travolta again.

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Jack Valinski 15:37

It was the year 2004.

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Well, you know, it's the first Monday of the month thing that throws me it's the seventh. And I don't know somehow I was thinking was the eighth and entered the shows last week. And time flies when you're having fun at the National Gay Lesbian Taskforce. And you know how that goes.

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Joan Devlin 15:57

So speaking of the game, lesbian Taskforce, what is going on?



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Well, you know, as you probably heard, our Executive Director, Elizabeth Toledo, announced last month that she is resigning her resignation will take effect later this month by 18th. And our board of directors has launched an expedited search process, and we hope to have a replacement for Elizabeth onboard. Very, very soon.



J Joan Devlin 16:26

Might I suggest, Jack? Oh, no, no, no, no.



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Jack would be a wonderful addition. You know, we can do the show every Monday from Washington, DC.



J Joan Devlin 16:38

So what else has been going on?



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Well, you know, a happy convergence of events. As many of your listeners know, the Texas Senate today passed the hate crimes bill. And at the same time, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Coincidentally, today put out our monthly legislative update that reports on what's happening on the state legislative front in all 50 states. And there's a lot of good news out there. You know, we've now tracked more than 500 bills during the first five months of this year. And the highlights are Texas where a hate crimes bill eventually will be going to the governor's office, it still has to be reconciled with the House version. In Hawaii, which has never ever passed a hate crimes bill before. There's now a bill sitting on the governor's desk waiting to be signed, hopefully, Arizona has passed and forwarded to the governor, a bill to repeal that state's antiquated sodomy law. Rhode Island, the Rhode Island House of Representatives has passed a law to extend the existing civil rights act to transgender people. So there's a whole lot of good news going on out there.



J Joan Devlin 17:55

That's great. And but there's there's a little bit of bad news, too, as more states are coming up with their own versions of DOMA. I guess in light of the Vermont decision, including one that's pending in Texas,



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well, that is happening in several states. But actually, so far, there's only one state that I can think of that's moved favorably on that. And now actually, I have to apologize. I can't remember

which state that is. Now, the Texas bill is kind of confusing, because it's it's a blatantly political ploy. It does what's already done under Texas law, you know, it's really an organizing tool, so that they could try to get members of the State House of Representatives on record as having voted for this or against this so that groups like the Texas Family Association, and the Christian coalition of Texas can do these legislative scorecards.

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Joan Devlin 18:54

Okay. But that was another thing I wanted to bring up because there was an article today in the triangle that talked about the fact that the the religious right is losing ground. And I wanted to know what your opinion of that was.

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Well, it's kind of an interesting prospect. I mean, the Christian coalition has all but ceased to exist, they still do have power in Texas, almost solely because they happen to have an extremely talented Executive Director down in Texas, named Craig McDonald, I think is this name not not to be confused with Chuck McDonald, who used to be a press secretary under Governor and Richards. But in most states, I'd say in about 47 or 48 states, the Christian coalition has fallen apart. The group's like Focus on the Family and Family Research Council has gotten a lot more powerful. Now, the big story is probably the so called moderation of the Bush administration on social issues. We have a White House here who that is being extremely conservative on business, and regulatory and foreign policy issues. And at least in name on the surface is trying to moderate its approach on social issues. In fact, the White House has angered conservatives, with their their appointment of Scott everts, to be the director of the AIDS office, and also with their education bill, which doesn't include a lot of things that conservatives wanted to religious conservatives wanted to see in there. So it's kind of a complex political landscape right now. And I think we're going to have to wait until the next round of elections to see how this plays out.

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Joan Devlin 20:48

And so what what is the NG LTF? have coming up? What are some of the things you're focusing on right now,

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we're focusing on state legislative activity. We also have our annual fundraising event coming up next Monday, which is called honoring our allies. And this year, we're going to be honoring Congress, Congresswoman Maxine Waters from California, we're going to be honoring Bruce Cohen, who was one of the producers of the academy award winning movie American Beauty. And we're also going to be honoring two activists from Oregon, who were instrumental in defeating the anti gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender ballot initiative that was on the ballot last November. So it's gonna be a really fun event.

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Joan Devlin 21:38

And I did want to talk a little bit about that just briefly, because it's very easy to get captured or caught up in the national issues that are going on. And of course, those are important. But there's a lot of stuff that goes on locally, that, you know, maybe doesn't get the kind of attention that the National things get, but is in its own way, just as important, if not more important.

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Well, you know, Joe, in the past year, the cities of Atlanta, New Orleans and Portland, for instance, have all past non discrimination ordinances that cover both sexual orientation and gender identity. In Houston, there's a potential ballot measure looming.

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Jack Valinski 22:17

Yes, we're working on it very closely. Exactly. And you have

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a I believe it's the PVA the progressive voters align,

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Jack Valinski 22:25

you got it right. There are a fabulous group that are out there, getting names and putting on the list to get people out to vote, working incredibly hard, very well organized, great people that work there. They've been getting lots of volunteers. But of course, there's never enough,

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never enough and we're hoping to be able to work with the PVA and hopefully recruit some activists and actually send them into Houston to help out with voter canvassing knocking on doors, operating phone banks, that sort of thing. We have a number of ballot initiatives to come up coming up this year. You know, Michigan is a hot spot. something truly atrocious happened in Michigan this past week that your listeners might not have heard of. The Michigan Family Association, which is you know, of course affiliated with the American Family Association, has been distributing a flyer in in Royal Oak Michigan, Royal Oak faces a ballot measure on Tuesday, May 15. Eight days from now that is going to decide the fate of that town's human rights ordinance. And the Michigan Religious Right folks have been distributing a flyer that shows a gay white male and a gay African American male holding hands. And underneath the picture, there's the caption. Is this what you want Royal Oaks future to look like? It's gay baiting. It's race baiting. It's terrible. We're hoping that the voters turn out and defeat it.

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Joan Devlin 23:59

Well, you know what they said, I scratched the surface of one kind of bigot. And you're, you're bound to find another kind of bigot.



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Unfortunately, that's so true.



Jack Valinski 24:07

And as you're talking about cities, it's interesting. There's been a lot of write ups recently about the change of population and demographics in the cities. And with this whole thing of the census coming out with reapportionment could, you know, really change the landscape of how we're representative, you know, statewide locally and nationally?



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Well, that's so true. The process of redistricting that's going on right now is going to play a dramatic role in the 2002 congressional elections, for instance, I don't know yet how that's going to play out. And I'm not sure if it's going to play out in a manner that will override whatever the political considerations are at the time. In other words, I'm expecting that the Republicans are going to pick up about a half dozen Half House seats as a result of redistricting. Now, if the economy's in the tank, and George W, Bush's numbers aren't looking so hot, that won't be enough to prevent the Democrats from regaining control of the US House. But if it's a very close election, like the elections that we saw in the year 2019 98, then the redistricting process in and of itself, could be enough to allow the Republicans to maintain control of the US House of Representatives.



Jack Valinski 25:35

Yes, and I understand we've got a Democratic senator who's under indictment now we're about to be under indictment. New Jersey, yes.



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Senator Torricelli would fall under the about to be under indictment category. And then we've got another Democratic senator Zell Miller out of Georgia is really acting more like a Republican. But the good news is we also have a number of, you know, I should insert here that the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is nonpartisan, and we're not talking supposed to talk about things in terms of Democrats or Republicans, but it is okay for us to talk about things in terms of conservatives and progressives. And so I can say that there are a number of conservative senators, such as Bob Smith of New Hampshire, for instance, who will certainly be endangered on the 2002 ballot.

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Joan Devlin 26:30

And the other thing, too, is just to even things out a little there are actually some Republicans who are not conservatives, and who can be expected to vote the right way.

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Oh, sure. Olympia Snowe of Maine, Susan Collins of Maine, for instance. Let's see, I want to say Lehi of Vermont. Certainly there's some moderates who are willing to break with this very conservative Bush administration, and take a more centrist approach toward governing.

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Jack Valinski 27:01

Well, as long as they can play baseball on the Capitol grounds. shall he ball?

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Glenn Holt 27:06

David, I see that you are in the news. Yep. This is about the faith based initiative and the summit of religious leaders.

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Right, the the real government funded religion initiative, as we call it.

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Glenn Holt 27:21

Yes. I see that. By Wednesday, the the Democratic legislators who were protesting the appointment of Reverend Lu Sheldon, and Reggie White, both of those people appointed to be on this summit of religious leaders. And you guys were astonished and even angry that the two had been given positions in a faith based initiatives effort.

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Angry would be a correct characterization. I'm not sure that we're all that astonished by these appointments. But you know, the problem that this points out is, what kind of religion are we going to find? When George W. Bush stood up and announced his initiative, he was surrounded by some two dozen religious leaders, not one of those religious leaders came from a church that is tolerant toward gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. That's the problem, the government is going to be in a position of picking and choosing which religions, it wants to favor. And that's wrong.

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Joan Devlin 28:27

The other thing is, and beyond that, is why should my tax dollars go to support an institution

that thinks that I don't have a right to exist?



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Well, it's true. And you don't have to point out here that what's good for the goose is good for the gander. I have been approached by representatives of the Metropolitan Community Church, which, as your listeners know, is a predominantly gay and lesbian church, who have told me that they do a very good job of offering social services, and they'd like to get some of this government funding. And frankly, that's something that as a matter of principle, the National Gay Lesbian taskforce is going to oppose because if we favor funding MCC churches, then don't we have to be philosophically consistent and say that we're going to favor funding. Southern Baptist churches might not be as tolerant or Mormon churches.



J Joan Devlin 29:22

Well, my other issue with Reggie White, and I'm sure you know, this, is he has proven himself to be very bigoted, as well as homophobic. He has made racist remarks against Hispanic people. He, I mean, he's an ex football player. Where does this come from?



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Well, you know, it's the personality of the cult phenomenon that we assigned to our sports heroes. I think what you're referring to is an incredibly offensive speech that Reggie White made before the Wisconsin legislature in which in a five minute period Did he managed to offend gay and lesbian people, African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans with some terrible, terrible stereotyping? I did an interview not too long ago on your sister station out of Pacifica, your your sister Pacifica station at UC Berkeley, California, in which we were reading portions of his speech. And it was just incredible and was awful.



J Joan Devlin 30:27

Well, you know, that speech got because he made it in his uniform. So the Green Bay Packers actually apologized. And he was chastised and told that, you know, he was not to wear the uniform when he was speaking because they didn't want anybody to think that he was representing the views of the team and the team management. He lost his endorsement. I believe he was advertising for Campbell Soup and lost his endorsement over that speech, but it got him a government appointment. Go figure.



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Well, it's the current environment that we live in sad to say.



G Glenn Holt 31:02

Yeah. And also, this week, the Chicago Cubs pitcher Julian Taveras, is that how that's pronounced. He got into some trouble. Apparently, he made some comments at the end of a game where they lost to whatever team it was they were playing. And baseball commissioner Bud Selig apparently said the comments made by Julian to Pharaohs last Saturday in San Francisco were not only inappropriate, but reprehensible. Mr. to various embarrassed himself, his team and the game of baseball, there is no such excuse for such language and there is no place in our game for bigotry. So imagine a sport showing up the religious religious conservatives on morality.



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Well, you know, that that points to the fact that big business sports organizations are starting to recognize that gets wet, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people are consumers, right? You know, I read an article yesterday out of Los Angeles, the WNBA, women's professional basketball team, the Los Angeles Sparks, is now going to make a concerted effort to market toward lesbian people.



J Jack Valinski 32:22

Well, how brilliant I mean, here and used in the comics, you know, lesbians fill that stadium up?



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Well, you know, it's kind of funny, because here in DC, we have the Washington, mystics, and the Washington, mystics and the Houston comments, which of course, have won three championships in a row, all three of them, right. They're among the best teams in terms of selling tickets. And the Los Angeles Sparks, which, frankly, haven't had too much success on the court, have been one of the worst teams in terms of selling tickets. And so all of a sudden, they're trying this new advertising marketing strategy. And, you know, it says, For better or worse, in this case, for the better that, you know, the almighty dollar speaks in it when something's not working. You have to try something else.



J Jack Valinski 33:16

Right. Well, David, you're certainly keeping busy up there, aren't you?



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Things have been a little bit dramatic and exciting recently. Yes.



J Jack Valinski 33:26

Well, great. I'd so nice that you can join us once a month and let us know what's going on. David is communications director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. And if

somebody wants to get in touch with you or the organization and find out more about it, how can they do that?



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Well, the best thing they can do is to look at our website, which is [www.ngltf.org](http://www.ngltf.org). If you don't have a pencil handy, just remember [ngltf.org](http://www.ngltf.org), National Gay Lesbian Task Force and you can figure out the letters. And you can find all of our staff email addresses on that website. You can read our press releases, and find out about all of our different initiatives. And we'd love to hear from the folks in Houston. Great. Well,



J Jack Valinski 34:08

thank you, David. We'll talk to you next month.



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I thank you all and take care of



G Greg Gordon 34:12

the HIV AIDS circle of friends Memorial Garden in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park inspired the transformation of a quiet corner of an inner city park in Auckland, New Zealand into a beautiful place of remembrance and meditation. Ross Stevenson and Sandy Goodwin of planet FM's g&t Breakfast Show have highlights from the recent dedication ceremony, which included Auckland's mayor and deputy mayor. They also chat with Jonathan Smith, one of the circle of friends trustees instrumental in successfully guiding the project through the machinations of Auckland city politics. Oh, cool.



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Trees you Be sure to wash. I think it's beautiful and I think it's a lovely symbol for the people who live in this beautiful city. Sure, across



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America open Christine Fletcher speaking at the dedication of the Auckland circle of friends. The serenely quiet setting for the HIV AIDS Memorial Garden is Kanika Grove, which overlooks a small lake and the seldom visited corner of Western Springs Park. A century ago, a rapidly developing Auckland took much of its water from this area. Just a 10 minute drive from the central city. The beautifully landscaped park is home to the zoological gardens to an entertainment venue to motet the popular museum of transport and technology which has grown up around the now disused pumping station. And at last thanks to the enthusiasm of a dedicated group of Trustees and the support of a sympathetic mayor and deputy mayor to New

Zealand's own circle of friends. We'll hear more from the dedication ceremony. But first, here's Jonathan Smith, one of the trustees in a live radio interview with Sandy Goodwin a few days earlier.



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Just for people that might not know what the circle of friends are and what this memorial garden she just wants to tell us a bit about it, how it came about.



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Sure one or the other trustees by the name of Todd Andrews and his wife, Kay Wilson. Todd lost his brother some years ago to HIV and AIDS. And his brother's name is engraved on the circle of friends in San Francisco and circle of friends in San Francisco has now been going for about 10 to 12 years. They've got a huge piece of land and Golden Gate Park, which is called the memorial grove. And within the memorial grove is the circle of friends. So it's a circular area in sandstone up in San Francisco laid on the ground. And the names of anybody that have been touched are not those necessarily those people that have died, anybody that's been touched by HIV and AIDS can have a name engraved within the circle. So Todd and Kay saw this concept and were really keen on bringing it down to New Zealand. And they approached me about four years ago when I was the chairman of the AIDS Foundation. So about eight or nine months later, when I stepped down as chair, I contacted cane CK I want to stay hip them. Let's start on it. So here's K and Todd and Maggie Barry got on board. And we started the process and probably the first 18 months of the process was dealing with Auckland City Council, Western Springs Park and also Western base community board. So there was a lot of political wrangling that had to go on. Also, we had to find a site. And we looked around Auckland, we looked at Mount Eden, we got to the domain. We looked around Parnell. But there was something about Western Springs part that kept bringing us back. And we found this piece of land there. And we started working on the planter and wisdom based community board. And I said what we really support this process, but we can't give you that piece of land that you're asking for. However, we'll offer you this piece. Well it was totally unsuitable. However, about two or three days beforehand, I've been down there walking my little dog. And we'd come across this little place called konoka Grove, which is surrounded by native plants about a kava tree at the very end konoka trees on the other side, and one of the smallest subsidiary Lakes at the other side. And I thought this has got to be so when they showed us as unsuitable piece of land at Western Springs, I see. But that doesn't really work. How about this piece, and we talked them down and they said, That's very interesting. For some years now we have not known what to do with this piece in the park.



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We've created this place as a sanctuary for all of us. A place to come together to remember those we've lost, celebrate their lives and to share with each other, the way in which they made our lives richer for knowing them.



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Todd Andrews, Maggie berry present of a popular TV gardening shows another of the trustees, Maggie hosted the ceremony in the park



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finding the right park setting was always going to be one of our biggest early challenges. For months in the winter of 1999. We'd all pile into the car and cruise around the parks of Auckland. Possibly an unpalatable thought to many we even had a car accident on the way. It was a million varied path we tried, tried to get us here and we went into open spaces and banks robberies, and we couldn't find the right place. We really stumbled across this hidden away Kanika Grove by chance when a little dog called buddy pursuing rabbits came on in here and drags her owners Jonathan and Kevin was there. And this place was revealed to us. So by the strangest of coincidences, we've come here. We had tremendous support for many people along the way. But first was Chris Fletcher. We approached her in October of 19 98k. And myself and Jonathan went to her office and she saw our vision right away and shared that with us immediately offering practical help and support hosting a mural launch for us and a generous donation to the instruction found.



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It's a place, I think, now going to be having a focus for reflection, it will be restorative. And it's a place to get grief and memories put into a context. Because when someone has HIV or AIDS or any potentially debilitating critical condition, the impact is widespread. It's not just about that one individual. Just as they come to terms with it, it's hard enough for them. But so tumors partners, family, friends, workmates. So I'd like to say a very special thanks to our parks people who have worked so creatively with the trust. They work with a circle of friends to create something that is truly special a memorial of national significance here at Western Springs,



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the garden Maggie is everything that you said it would be. And I believe that it's going to be a comfort and an inspiration to many. We applied to the Western bays community board as you need to do for permission to construct a garden here. And that initial support from Katherine Hawley and the board that made a great deal to us. They were enthusiastic, they were encouraging, and they agreed with us that this particular part of Auckland City, more than any other was the most appropriate area for an AIDS Memorial Garden, the chair of the Western bays community board, Catherine Hawley



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since November 1999. When the circle of friends first outlined its proposal to us, the Western bays Community Board has warmly supported this project. We saw value in a garden that anyone could visit when they wanted to remember a loved person. Western Bayes has a large, diverse gay community, a number of whom have died of AIDS. It is home to Herne Bay house, which provides residential and hospice facilities to those who need care and assistance. Ponsonby Road is the favored venue for the hero parade, an event that was enthusiastically

welcomed back last month. Many of you involved in the project live in western bays. This beautiful park has many unique aspects and embraces different activities. Here we can find solitude, or we can celebrate Pacifica with 100,000 other people. Now we have another special place within it. The circle of friends Memorial Garden, a place where we can not only remember and grieve for partners, friends and family who have left us but also to rejoice in their lives. I'm reminded at this time of the year as the days draw in, in the clocks go back. That is one leaf falls in the autumn, another will break bad in the spring. So let us also remember and rejoice in the living. It is my hope that this will be a place of peace and love. And like the waters of water, a place of renewal. *Nora keyamo kita Ara ha*. So therefore let us bind together with love.

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Currently on dedication day, there are 31 names inscribed in the circles. And there are a number of memorial rocks. My fellow trustees, Jonathan Smith has devoted his considerable energies to coordinating the inscriptions and the rocks that surround the circle.



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I think it might be a good idea if I give you an understanding of what's actually behind the red ribbon and behind us. On the right hand side your right and inside we've got the remembrance rocks, you'll see the ASB bank hoon main house, which Kathy talked about, and also the New Zealand AIDS Foundation. These rocks have got some form of verse on them and acknowledgement to those people that have been touched by HIV. On the left hand side, in the far corner, you'll see the founders rock, the circle of friends, founders rock represents those people who have made a significant contribution to the circle of friends. And lastly, the circle itself, which is laid on the ground and granite, five meters circular stone. There you're gonna see 31 names of people that have been inscribed, and all those people are dead someone living, which is an indication that this is a living memorial to HIV and AIDS.



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Even with the combined experience of the circle trustees and the circle that we were, we still couldn't quite crack it. And there were days when we thought the political process might intervene a little and might mean that the Skadam never emerged. Without our navigator guide and mentor Bruce hunker that that might have been the case. Even though it was very busy, he still found time to talk to us, and to the people that needed to be talked to. So we've asked Bruce haka to bless this grow for us today. I'd like you to welcome the deputy mayor, the Reverend Bruce Hunka.



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**Greg Gordon 46:25**

Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine this week Cindy freedmen Donald Herman Chris Ambridge, Graham Underhill, Jason Lynn Brian newness Rex Walker and Ross Stevenson and Sandy Goodwin contributed program material Helen Medland saying where you walk at the circle of friends dedication, and you also her Jeffrey Moline singing I remember your name, Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. Some this way our operating expenses are funded by grants from the kicking assets fund of the Tides Foundation, and the CPS this Guadalupe fund from designated contributions by uncommon crowd Visa card holders who've chosen this way out and through direct charitable donations from our listeners around the world. For audio cassette information or with any questions or comments about this way out. Please email us at TW o radio@aol.com. visit our webpage at this way out.org Or write to us at Post Office Box 38327 Los Angeles, California 90038 USA and please be sure to include the call letters of this station. Remember you can also hear 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. For Alicia power and everyone at this way out. I'm Greg Gordon. Thanks for listening on CJ s AP Burnaby British Columbia KPFA Berkeley, California WP kn Bridgeport, Connecticut and more than 125 other stations around the world including this community radio station, stay tuned.



**Glenn Holt 47:55**

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Glenn Holt 49:24

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Joan Devlin 49:51

Hello, I'm Joan Devlin and in the studio we have and I'm hoping I say this correctly Blake Weisner

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Joan Devlin 49:57

you're no wiser Okay, got it and and she is the honorary Grand Marshal and this year's lead actually this year's Pride Parade. And is this your first time? Marshal or honorary Grand Marshal? My

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husband and I are the honorary grand marshals.

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Joan Devlin 50:13

Were you surprised when you found out you were nominated?

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Very surprised, very pleased.

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Joan Devlin 50:20

And who nominated you? Can you tell us a little bit about how it came about?



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Discussion? suno, who is the Secretary of PFLAG has been active for a few years. Ask us if if she could submit our names. And then she discussed with us what we had done. The past years in with PFLAG. And for PFLAG different positions, we've held marches we've been on the political and religious groups we've spoken to.



J Joan Devlin 50:54

And what did you expect to win at that point, or you



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didn't think beyond we considered being nominated? Deonar. We didn't think about winning.



J Joan Devlin 51:04

So when you found out you won, where you just astonished Are you happy? Well, obviously you were happy. Were you



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surprised? Yes, very pleased. But I still think it's more for for the organization, PFLAG that we represent more than for us. More what we do the work we do i because we are out as representatives of PFLAG. But of course, it's our time and our energy. And the way we feel our positions that we take that we're talking about



J Joan Devlin 51:34

is tell us a little bit about PFLAG. What made you get involved with PFLAG. Did you at say 1020 years ago. Do you ever think you would become the honorary Grand Marshal of a gay pride parade?



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20 years ago, I didn't know I had a lesbian daughter. That's what I learned. And I had never heard of PFLAG. So I was in my closet for 11 years. And then I heard a PFLAG when a panel of parents came to Christ Church Cathedral as part of the adult education hour. And I heard a mother say she had a lesbian daughter. And at that moment, I knew that I had found some people I could talk to. So I joined PFLAG, then that was about 10 years ago.

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Joan Devlin 52:22

And did you just get right into the swing of things?

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Just swing of things

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Joan Devlin 52:27

start going out in front and going, Oh, no.

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Oh, no, not it's a first I. I always volunteer to help in any organization. So I did the things like being a greeter and calling. And in a couple of years, I was on panels. I would go to schools and speak to people. Then I became a facilitator. And because I've always been interested in youth, I was the I was on the board as the hatch liaison. And your whole first march was in Austin. And from then on? Yes, I do March. And I do carry banners and posters.

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Joan Devlin 53:22

And what was your proudest moment as a PFLAG mom?

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Oh, my. As a PFLAG mom. I can't answer that I couldn't pick a moment because there have been so many wonderful things that have happened. And it's relationships. I'm on helpline. And as a helpline Mother, you return calls of people who come in, and you bond when they're first by telephone. And later, you get to meet most of them, and to see what happens in their lives, to see families come together, which is what PFLAG is about keeping families together, but to see families embrace when they have been estranged.

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Joan Devlin 54:11

And you've been with the organization 10 years now, as time has gone on, have those phone calls changed? Are you still getting that same? Are people still having, shall we say as much trouble perhaps dealing with the concept of having a child today, when it's much more acceptable for GLBT people to be out than they were 10 years ago, when you first started?

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We hear this? Yes, we hear this. And we know it to be true to a degree. But for the the parents

who are hearing and this is new information. It's just as hard for them there. We feel the public is better educated. But it's public education. It's not in my family. So And it's your daughter, your son, your father, your mother, who is coming out. It's a different story. And there's pain, a lot of pain, fear, misinformation.

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Joan Devlin 55:16

But I'm glad that the the PFLAG representatives are there to help people. And what are you looking forward to the parade? Far?

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Oh, my Yes. We always look forward to the parade and the marching. And it's interesting. I've never seen the grand marshals. I've never seen the beginning of the parade. So this will be new. My husband Gordon has seen because he was a judge last year or the year before last. But I've always been back there marching. So now I will know what happens at the beginning of the parade.

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Joan Devlin 55:53

That's right. You'll be right there up front. Well, that's exciting. It is exciting. And do you have any preliminary things going on prior to the parade?

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I'm trying to find out what we are to do. I think that schedule is being worked out. But we will be available to do the things that honorary grand marshals need to do and would want to do.

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Joan Devlin 56:15

Great. Well, if someone wants to get involved with PFLAG, what do they have to do?

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They call the PFLAG helpline.

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Joan Devlin 56:25

And then what does that numbers?

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I know. I can dial it better than I can say. 713-467-3524.

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Joan Devlin 56:42

Great. Well, I want to thank you so much for being on the show tonight. We look forward to seeing you at the head of that pride parade will be there. And we appreciate all the work that you do and that PFLAG does you

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and thank you for giving me this opportunity to talk about it. You're listening

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Joan Devlin 56:57

to lesbian and gay voices.

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Jack Valinski 57:12

You're listening to lesbian and gay voices. And Deborah Rodgers is with us tonight. And she is the newly elected temporary president of a caucus interim, interim interim until a real vote happens in

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July the 11th. Okay, we normally meet the first Wednesday of every month, but July The fourth is a Wednesday this year. So it's going to be July the 11th.

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Jack Valinski 57:32

And it's my understanding that Shawn Carter stepped down because of health reasons. Yes, he did. So it sort of puts you right into the frying pan, I guess with stuff coming up with the elections in the referendum and a whole bunch of stuff

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quite a bit. There's a lot of activity going on today, we had the passage of the Jamesburg Hate Crimes through the House and Senate. And so we'll see what they do to adjust the differences and then see what Governor Perry does. That's gonna be interesting to watch.

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Jack Valinski 57:58

Well, actually, you're you may be on TV right now on channel 26.



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It's always a possibility.



J Jack Valinski 58:04

So with all this stuff going on, you think you have the community behind you to study, you know, to really, I mean, there's so many issues going on. And having a unified political organization is sometimes a little bit tough.



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That's the difficult part. I think that a lot of people have been under the impression that the gay Political Caucus, the gay lesbian, political caucuses is a very exclusive organization for people who only talk politics, and think politics, maybe even argue politics. And what we're trying to do right now is emphasize to the community, again, that the caucus is for everyone. And we do something, or attempt to do something that no other organization in the community will do, which is to sit down, look at the candidates, talk to them, screen them, try to put out some information about them, vote amongst the membership to see who we would endorse, and then get that information out so that we're trying to educate the community members, so that they actually have the best information they can have, when they go to the voting booth. It's not always a pretty process. In fact, it can get downright ugly, but that doesn't mean that it's ugly in a bad way. So to say. I mean, it's a process of dialogue that has to go through



J Jack Valinski 59:18

Well, the endorsement process of the gRPC has always been sort of a shining thing that can be compared to almost any other political organization, both gay and straight, as being, you know, this incredible thing where people screen, they, they educate, they get the information, they ask the questions. And you know, I mean, is a person viable to even be elected? I mean, if you don't have any money behind you, what goes on endorsements,



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you have to look at all of these things. And the thing that I would like for the community to understand more than any time in our history right now we've got a huge election coming up this fall. That's going to affect numerous City Council positions, we have the possible referendum issues that are going to hit us. And I think that what we need to understand is that the caucus is there for the entire community. The community, we hope needs the caucus. And I believe we do because of the service that we offer. But we also need the community as well. It's a two way thing. And so if we can get people involved and active with that process, they're going to learn a lot. screening process is actually a lot of fun. It's very educational, you actually get to sit down with these candidates, one on one face on face and see what they're like.

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Jack Valinski 1:00:35

And after the screening process, and it's actually the entire membership that votes on who gets endorsed Exactly.

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And our membership is open to anyone, there's really no other organization in this community that allows everyone to come sit at the table. I mean, it used to be in the early 80s, as you remember, and at the beginnings of the caucus, that that was really the only game in town. I mean, if you were interested in in in

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any few organizations that sort of came and went exactly CPAC and, and che and some of these other organizations that endorsed and they'd last a couple years and they're gone. Sure.

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But now all you have to do is get on the internet and hit Houston gay, and you've got 2030 organizations just at the tip of your fingers, catering to every possible interest imaginable, from the political to the academic, to the personal to lifestyle, whatever. And also the community is not as centered as it used to be. I mean, we used to be fairly centered in the inner city, Montrose area heights, various areas around there. We're all over the place. We're out in Katy, we're out in the north side, South Side clear, like everywhere, and you just have to reach a larger audience. What I think the caucus does, that other organizations aren't going to be able to do is we can bring everybody together at the same table. That's that's the way I would like to see the Congress work and the way it should work, and let the membership decide what's going to happen.

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Jack Valinski 1:02:01

Well, what about working with some of the other organizations, I mean, there's a stonewall Democrats was a Log Cabin Republicans, there's some new organizations in there. And then there's also the, you know, organizations within other communities and that with, you know, the black community, Hispanic community,

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exactly, I think it's the duty of the caucus, almost a mandate that we have right now to reach out to other organizations in the JLTV community, such as, you know, our bipartisan side, which is to reach out to both Democrats, Republicans, green whomever, but even other organizations such as Stonewall lawyers, I was talking with John Nachman their new President right now. And talking about things that we could together as groups that would complement each other and

sort of build a mosaic of sorts in the community where everybody comes together, a quilt of sorts, where everybody's coming together, to use their strengths, and help each other, I think that actually will make everyone a lot stronger, a lot more productive, and foster a lot more understanding.

J Jack Valinski 1:02:59

You know, some younger people may think, Well, you know, we have somebody elected, who's you know, from our community, who works very well, not only in our community, but throughout the, and we have a mayor who's pretty, you know, good on our issues, you know, do we need to worry about this?

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Oh, of course, we also have something called term limits, and doesn't mean that someone that is friendly to our community is going to be in that spot forever. We have to encourage other people to run, we have to encourage and support people who have similar ideas and views progressive supportive of the JLTv community, and prepare for the future. Because if you don't prepare for the future, you don't got to have anybody there to step in place.

J Joan Devlin 1:03:38

We also can't really rest on our laurels, can we?

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Not at all. I mean, the thing that I think we're having to go back to, especially in the caucuses is go back to our roots, and look at how we can strengthen ourselves. What so many people forget, when they talk about the things that are going on with the far right elements in our country today is that their process started 1520 years ago, collecting those five and \$10 donations from people and building very basic base sources of of donation and income and just starting from the ground and working their way up. And they are tireless. And they are tireless. Exactly. They just keep on going.

J Jack Valinski 1:04:19

Well, one of the differences between the GLP see and some other groups is that G RPC doesn't necessarily raise money and give money to candidates. They do the grassroots right of endorsing and getting voters out rather than chunks of money.

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Correct. There are a number of things that we can do for candidates and with candidates that we've endorsed. But I think the imperative for us right now is to look at our voter blocks and

see what we can do to get the vote out, especially especially in local elections, where you have voting races that can be decided by 10s of voters, hundreds of voters at the very least. It's imperative that we get out the vote it's still a numbers game. Why comes to election day, it's a numbers game who has the vote out? Well, the other

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Joan Devlin 1:05:03

thing, too is we have many local elections that people don't know a lot about. So if they have that card in front of them, at least they know which of these three or four or five people that you know, whose names are in front of them are on our side.

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Exactly. I think that becomes even more important when you get into judicial races. Majority of the public probably doesn't spend as much time with the judicial races as they would if they realized that what comes out of the courts in Harris County, can affect them directly. Sure. family courts, Family Court expect that's a that's one thing right there. When people say, Well, you know, the only trouble I ever get into is the occasional traffic ticket or something I'm really not that concerned about facing the new da in a criminal court. But there's more to it than that there are several actions through family court. And I would implore and ask every gay lesbian parent out there, who's gone through various custody issues to consider right now who's sitting in family court

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Jack Valinski 1:06:07

or even not wearing a seatbelt and the Supreme Court rule that if you were pulled over for not wearing a seatbelt, that you can actually be pulled and put in downtown and be put in jail or wherever your county seat is. And in fact, Ray Hill is going to have chief Bradford on in the near future to discuss that very issue on the prison program, which is heard here on Fridays at 9pm.

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If I understand correctly, it was a fourth amendment related ruling where they said that it wasn't excessive. I'll you'll have to excuse me here for a second. I normally would know this. But it's true. You basically had a soccer mom up in around the Tarrant County area, I believe somewhere up in northern Texas, pulled over because she wasn't wearing a seatbelt and was cuffed, taken down to the station. mugged printed the whole nine yards. And the Supreme Court has said, That's dual.

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Jack Valinski 1:07:00

And you know, Ray Hill talked about and we knew about not that long ago where the police had what was called fact files, where they used to, you know, raise the bar, take pictures, and they had this file of all these gay people. And now, you know, supposedly all that stuff is gone. Chief Bradford has been a lot more open with the community. And you know, the last time we had

the bar raids a couple years ago, or the big bar raids, he's certainly talked to the community and stuff and stuff like that, and tried to make sure that things were being enforced fairly. And Ray talked about recently, I'm sure he talked about it on his show is that we've got some changes here in the Montrose area in some of the policing thing. Ray went to the Supreme Court on on, you know, basically saying something police officer, but things have changed a lot. It doesn't mean that the war is over with or everything is wonderful. But you know, we've come a long way. But there's still ways to go.



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I think so. And I think the community has to realize that that while we may be in a grace period of sorts, and we don't have the types of IRAs that we had in the past, or we don't have some of the things we did in the past. All it takes is a couple of elections with a new attitude and City Hall. And we could have them again. Right.



J Jack Valinski 1:08:13

And the fact that 2106 is still on the books, it still has been enforced occasionally. And you know, we're still fighting that. So there are ways to go. There's quite



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a bit. And I think if we can get the community educated on this, it's going to help everybody I mean, the bottom line is empowering people, making them realize that when they go to the voting booth, especially in the local elections, they really do have some power that can affect their



J Jack Valinski 1:08:40

their lives. Well, how can somebody get involved?



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Well, they can join the caucus, of course. And I think there's some exciting things on tap for the caucus. Like I said, we have the screening process that's coming up. And that really is pretty exciting. You the questionnaire that we have is pretty thorough, it goes through a number of issues, not just JLT issues. And when you get to see the candidate in front of you sitting calmly or squirming or whatever it is that they may be doing. And you get your own personal vibe of how you feel about this what direction the interview went. It's really quite a learning process. And quite a lot of fun. We've got that we've got general membership, which I'd encourage people to take advantage of because it's it's quite a process to get involved with. General membership is \$30 a year or two years for \$50. But if you're a student, a senior or in a hardship situation, you can get in for 1850. And we have a number of things that we do throughout the year different activities, some of which we'll be seeing announced fairly soon on hand that through the media and hopefully get on your show.

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Jack Valinski 1:09:53

So when are the meetings or how can they find out more.

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The meetings are traditionally held on the first Wednesday. They have every month. The exception to that would be July 4 This year falls on a Wednesday. And I just don't think we get anyone to show up for that one. So it's been moved to July the 11th. But every first Wednesday of the month, we have been meeting at Sonoma, but I believe the future meetings are going to be moved back to the community center. That's something we'll be discussing in our next board meeting. And everyone's welcome. There's no dress code. It's fairly friendly. And, you know, I'll say hi, I'll talk to you.

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Jack Valinski 1:10:36

Okay. And the community centers located 803 Hawthorne, phone number for the caucus. 713-521-1000 It's been that number forever. I mean, that's, that's something somebody got lucky with that number. And if you're interested, you can call and certainly you'll get a return phone call. So and I know there's gonna be a lot of activities going on with voter registration, and some of the other things and in conjunction with PVA, progressive voters, and actually, exactly, they're doing a wonderful job and getting people registered, well, not so much registered as their aim. But Pete getting identified voting, voter identification,

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they're doing an absolutely fabulous service, which is to identify pockets of progressive growth voters in this in this city and county, so that we know which areas to target in which people to say, Hey, get up and get out and vote.

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Jack Valinski 1:11:29

Well, Deborah Rogers is the interim president of the caucus, and you'll actually be running for that position in July, right?

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July the 11th. Election. Yes. Okay. Something I would like to add, we're in transition and so to to guarantee that you do get a call back to that telephone. Let me also give you my email address, and I do return my emails and I will answer the questions that you have. It's D E, BB urz@yahoo.com.

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Jack Valinski 1:11:57

Okay, great. You're listening to lesbian gay voices.

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Glenn Holt 1:12:05

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 Glenn Holt. The president of Cuba 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. To patrol is a great way to do something positive for yourself and your community. Call us at five to wait 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. This is lesbian gay voices and taking a look now at what's been happening in the news. That loud cracking sound that you heard this afternoon. It wasn't thunder. It was the sound of hell freezing over for the seventh time, as both houses of the Texas Legislature finally passed a hate crimes law with protection for gays and lesbians. The Texas senate passed the bill this afternoon by a razor thin hair splitting vote. But that doesn't matter. What's done. It is done. And it was enough votes to pass. Yes, Virginia there is a hate crimes law in Texas, or there almost is the governor still has to sign it. And guess what? Republican Governor Rick Perry is caught in the dilemma of hypocrisy like any good conservative. On the one hand, if he signs the bill, then he's a republican signing a law which gives them permit homosexual special rats. Well, something the previous governor turned President was very much against. And if he vetoes it, then he's a state governor who condones violence, not only against gays and lesbians, but also against African Americans, and who wants a race riot in their state. I'm sure that the new hate crimes law in Texas is a fait accompli, which means memo to Rick Perry. You're soaking in it Maj. Hawaii's passage of a gay inclusive hate crimes law highlights both the progress made at the state level and the continued inaction of the federal government. Once Hawaii's Governor signs a bill passed by the legislature this week, a majority of US states will include sexual orientation in hate crimes laws. Why joins 26 other states and the District of Columbia in enhancing the penalties for crimes motivated by bias against gays, lesbians and bisexuals. The original draft of the Hawaii bill also included transgender people. But sponsors were forced to remove the word in order to garner enough support to pass the measure. Quote, the very good news out of Hawaii demonstrates the real progress we are making year by year state by state, said Tim McFeely, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Forces political director. This progress by the state's McFeely said reflects badly on the federal government's inaction. Quote, despite the fact that an overwhelming majority of the US public supports hate crimes law. Congress and George W. Bush are silent on the issue. The gulf between positive state action and calls for federal inaction grow wider by the day he said the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which would add sexual orientation, gender and disability to the list of categories protected under the federal hate crimes law got stalled in Congress last year, despite the Clinton Gore administration's attempts to get it passed. Only five states Arkansas, Indiana, New Mexico, South Carolina and Wyoming have no hate crimes laws at all. While 19 have laws that don't cover sexual orientation. Georgia and Utah have laws enhancing penalties for bias motivated crimes, but that do not list the protected categories that that covers and Rhode Island may be on its way to protecting transsexuals, and transvestites from discrimination. A close vote in the Rhode Island House of Representatives on Tuesday put that state on track to become only the third to bar discrimination based on gender identity and expression. Quote, this bill would protect the man

who wears women's clothes on weekends to go to parties. It would protect individuals going through sex change operations, from losing a job or having to lie about it said sponsor Edith EO during floor debate. Both parties split over the measure and the 46 to 41 vote did not fall along party lines. Quote without the bill, people can still be fired from their jobs kicked out of homes denied employment. transgendered people don't have any civil rights without this bill said Gwendolyn Spencer who identifies as transgender if passed by the Senate and signed by the governor the law would ban bias based on gender identity and expression by employers, banks, schools and other non religious institutions. The 1995 Civil Rights law already prohibits discrimination based on religion, sex, nationality, age, disability and sexual orientation. protection for sexual identity was originally part of that bill, but that provision had to be removed to gain support of enough legislators to pass it. Conservatives desire to condemn homosexuality has come into conflict with the Washington GLBT public school students needs to be protected from harassment, at least for the time being. The Conservatives have prevailed. A bill designed to address bullying and harassment in Washington state schools has been stalled by religious conservatives who fear that it is a gay rights measure in disguise. The Washington Senate passed the measure on a 3613 vote, but it is being held up in the house by Representative Gigi Talcott. The Republican co chair of that chambers Education Committee, without tall cots approval, her democratic counterpart Dave qual cannot bring the measure up for a committee vote. The bill requires public school districts to adopt policies against harassment, bullying and intimidation. employees and volunteers within the districts would be required to receive training in the prevention of bullying. Rick Forrester of the Christian coalition told the Seattle post Intelligencer newspaper that he feared the measure would lead to sensitivity training around homosexuality. Quote, it looked like it could be used against people who might speak out against behavior he said he claimed the bill would violate the freedom of speech of individuals who wanted to condemn homosexuality. Washington Attorney General Christine Gregoire dismissed such claims, quote, nothing could be further from the truth that would make the bill unconstitutional. She said that she had added specific language to the bill making it clear there would be no First Amendment violation. Talcott said her objections were to the inappropriate use of valuable school time, quote, I would rather use that time to develop respect between students, between teachers and students, between teachers through integrating our universally held values into our life at school. Governor Gary Locke has placed the bill on the agenda of the current 30 Day special session in hopes that it will be dislodged from the committee and voted on by the full house. Meanwhile, Arizona's Senate has moved that state closer to revote. It's sodomy laws and prohibiting discrimination against gays, lesbians and transsexuals and state employment. On Monday the Arizona Senate voted to repeal Arizona's 100 year old archaic laws so called that make cohabitation, sodomy and any non procreation or sex acts illegal, sponsored by openly gay State Representative Steve May. The bill would also allow unmarried couples to take tax deductions for dependents. Quote, lawmakers have finally recognized the inappropriateness of the governor government regulating behavior between consenting adults, said Kathy Gumroad, co chair of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, the statewide GLBT rights group. Arizona's Senate also approved the Arizona employment non Discrimination Act. The Act would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in government employment. Kathy gunnery said quote GLBT Arizonans should be thrilled that the Senate has recognized all government employees should have equal rights and hopes the Arizona House will follow suit. The next Executive Director of the ACLU will be the first Latino and the first gay person to hold the position. Anthony Romero, a 35 year old New York City native was named by the American Civil Liberties Union to be its next Executive Director. Romero will replace Ira Glasser who announced his retirement last fall. Glasser has led the organization since 1978. Romero is a public interest attorney and is currently the director of human rights and international cooperation at the Ford Foundation, where he oversees \$90 million in grants. From this position, Romero channeled

funds from the foundation to organizations supporting the GLBT community. This was a first for Ford, one of the largest foundations in the country. ACLU board president Nadine Strossen said quote, the infrastructure to defend fundamental rights that Ira Glasser leaves us is truly a legacy of liberty. It makes us confident and our ability to manage the transition to his successor Anthony Romero. Romero, who is the son of Puerto Rican immigrants said quote, I hope to begin my tenure as the leader of this vitally important organization by sparking a new dialogue about the bedrock values of American democracy. My overarching goal is to promote a new generation of committed civil libertarians and civil rights activists. The ACLU must do as much for the future as it does for the present and quote, he said he wants to explore the impact of science and new technologies on freedom of expression, privacy and discrimination. Ramiro is a graduate of Stanford Law School and Princeton University. Gay rights activists are asking the German government to erect a monument in memory of gay victims of the Nazi holocaust. Germany's lesbian and gay Federation issued a statement on Tuesday, announcing a campaign to encourage the government to erect a memorial in the center of Berlin to the 1000s of gays killed under the Nazis. The Holocaust memorial for the 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis is already in the planning stages and will occupy a large open plot near Berlin's Brandenburg Gate. A monument to gays persecuted by the Nazis quote, would be a lasting symbol against intolerance, hostility and exclusion aimed at gays and lesbians, said the group's statement. Quote, we want a national monument similar to the Jewish monument, said Albert Eckert, a spokesman for the lesbian and gay Federation. He said the Nazis gay victims were almost always overlooked. Although he favors the Jewish monument Berlin Mayor Abraham deep gun opposes the idea of a memorial mile in the city and memory of other groups, gypsies, gays, the disabled, etc. persecuted by the Nazis. But the proposal for a separate gay monument has the support of some officials, at least in principle. Leah rush initiator of the Jewish Memorial said there needs to be a separate memorial for each group of victims. Quote, a memorial to everyone is not specific enough. You understand too little about each group. Rosh said at a press conference announcing the call for the gay Memorial. She added that each group of victims was targeted for different reasons, and their fates were different. From 1933 to 1945. Over 100,000 men were arrested for homosexuality by the Nazis, as many as 15,000 were sent to concentration camps, of which only about a third survived. Although lesbians were persecuted by the Nazis, the laws against homosexuality did not apply to women. And therefore if you were arrested, or interned explicitly for being lesbians



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disability.



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learning disabilities are just as smart as you and I. They just process information differently. In fact, with early detection and the right help, must go on to do well in school.



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call 1888478 mind and this children's story can have a happy ending, coordinated campaign for learning disabilities. There's no reason to be held back. This message has been brought to you by the Ad Council.



Glenn Holt 1:26:25

You're listening to lesbian and gay voices. The world's largest home improvement retailer is opposing a move to add gays and lesbians to its anti discrimination policy. When Home Depot stockholders meet in Atlanta on the end of this month, they will be voting on a proposal to include sexual orientation as a protected category in the company's existing non discrimination policy. In the proxy information sent to stockholders in preparation for the meeting, the company advises against the proposal, quote, our stated policy is that we do not discriminate on the basis of color, race, age, sex, national origin, religion or disability. This policy mirrors the categories required by the federal laws. Going beyond that it says would open the door to having to list innumerable other categories in order to fully express our inclusiveness, and quote, quote, this is hardly like saying We don't discriminate against people with red hair, said Harry Knox of Georgia equality Incorporated. Knox's organization has a history of working with Home Depot to make it more gay friendly. Discrimination has been documented as a problem and their failure to deal with it just shows that they are not doing all they can to fight discrimination. He said. Home Depot's resistance to the measure runs counter to the attitude of many other major retailers. According to the stockholder proposal, it lists Costco, Office Depot, Sears, staples, target Toys R Us and Walgreens among the stores that have taken the step that they are recommending. Additionally, the proposal points out that more than half of fortune 500 companies include sexual orientation in their policies. Knox acknowledges Home Depot's recent move to give some benefits to domestic partners, but is still working with them to have them made equivalent to those offered to married spouses. Quote, the proof in this case is in the employee manual. Why in the world can't you just add those two words to your employee

handbook the next time it's printed, choosing not to shows that you really don't mean it. We're a big part of their business. And if they want to write us off, that's their choice, said Knox speaking of the large gay and lesbian clientele of the home Oh depot. Quote, it might behoove us to tell managers of the Home Depot. I think I'm going to Lowe's next week. Don Harrison, a spokesman for Home Depot said that they said the proxy said that the company had to say about the proposal, but admitted that fallout from the GLBT community could have an effect on the company's actions in the future. To send comments to the Home Depot, visit their website. And there you can also read the text of the stockholder proposal. So maybe the Home Depot isn't going to be so hormone after all. A nun who preaches tolerance and inclusion for gays and lesbians despite a gag order from the Vatican was to be honored this weekend at Philadelphia's pride fest America. Sister Janine Grimek ordered by the Roman Catholic Church to stop her pastoral work with gays and lesbians last year was to receive the Tom Stoddard national role model award on Sunday. Although she did not stop holding spiritual retreats for gay people. She has refused to honor the ban on discussion of homosexuality and the church. Quote at great personal sacrifice to her career, Sister Grimek has challenged the Vatican and courageously has defended the rights of gays and lesbians to live equally as one of God's children said pride fest America's Founder and Executive Director Malcolm la As in quote with this award, we recognize that in her commitment to God's gay and lesbian children being treated with dignity and respect, she has placed spirituality and Christian love over a career. A member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame since 1960, Grandma started her outreach to the gay community while in graduate school in 1971. She founded the Baltimore and the Washington DC chapters of dignity, an organization for lesbian and gay Roman Catholics. She is also one of the founders of a social justice center that works for the reconciliation of gay people and the church. Gay and Lesbian leaders have expressed outrage that the Reverend Lou Sheldon has been designated as an advisor to the Republican summit and religious leaders aimed at pushing President Bush's faith based initiative. Sheldon is one of those rabidly homophobic Ultra conservatives who wants compared homosexuality to alcoholism. He is the head of the traditional values coalition. Sheldon is an outspoken critic of what he calls quote, pro homosexual legislative madness. He once called for the quarantine of people with AIDS. Another Sheldon esque ultra conservative at the summit is Reggie White, now an ordained minister a former Green Bay Packers football star. It was white who sparked outrage with a racist address to the Wisconsin legislature in 1998. And who has said that homosexuality has run rampant in the United States. The appointments of Sheldon and white to advise the summit, prompted to openly gay Democratic House members representative Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin and Barney Frank of Massachusetts, to file protests with the co chairs of the faith based Summit. news releases heralded the event as a joint effort between Congress and the White House, noting that Vice President Dick Cheney and Attorney General John Ashcroft were to attend the opening reception. But Wednesday the White House distanced itself from the summit. Quote, this is a congressional event. Any questions about the event should be directed to those who organized it. By Wednesday, the Democratic legislators who protested the Sheldon and white appointments were joined by leaders of gay churches and organizations who expressed a ton of astonishment and anger that the two had been given positions in the faith based initiatives effort. Quote, is this the type of religion the government is going to fund? And if so, do I need if I go to a soup kitchen do I have to pray or be prayed over to receive services? asked David Elliot of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The protests are the latest sign of trouble for the faith based initiative proposal, which Bush has named as one of his top priorities. conservative religious leaders surprised the administration earlier this year by saying the money shouldn't flow to groups with controversial views, such as the Church of Scientology. And last month, key senators persuaded the administration to take more time before formally introducing the proposal in Congress. Quote, if there is any perception of intolerance, it is not going to go anywhere, said Simon Rosenberg, who heads the new democratic network, a

coalition of moderate and moderate Democrats. The faith based effort aims to assist the poor by giving federal money to churches and other religious groups to provide services such as drug treatment, housing and job training. Quote, this really flies in the face of what faith based organizations are all about. To have someone on this advisory board who is clearly unashamedly anti gay, more than homophobic, said the Reverend Penny Nixon, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco. The Reverend Ken South working with the Human Rights Campaign, said there could be no mistaking the message sent out by the appointment of religious leaders like Sheldon and white. Quote, Sheldon has made his whole reputation around anti gay issues. They are obviously very comfortable with discrimination, said Reverend South asked about gay leaders concerns Wednesday, Christine Iverson, a congressional spokesman for the summit, said the event planned by GOP congressional leaders and the White House hoped to quote focus on the issues that bring people together, not the issues that drive people apart. On the Sheldon appointment, she said quote, our only criteria is that if you believe in a power greater than yourself, you are welcome at the table. Iverson said the advisory committee had been chosen by a West Palm Beach, Florida minister who Watts and Santorum had asked to organize the event. Sheldon could not be reached for comment on by Wednesday, but questioned whether gay and lesbian churches or ministers had specifically been invited to attend. Iverson said quote, I don't know we haven't made Any attempts to find out? You know what that means. They've appointed vehemently anti gay preachers to the summit, but they haven't even thought about appointing more tolerant ones. Guess where this whole effort is headed? Only those religious organizations like the family values Coalition, which are ultra conservative and profoundly anti gay, are going to get any funding out of all of this. Tom Cruise has filed a \$100 million defamation suit against a male porn star, who allegedly claimed he had an affair with Cruz that resulted in the breakup of his marriage to Nicole Kidman. Cruz's suit filed in Los Angeles on Wednesday, asserts that Chad Slater, who goes by the name Kyle Bradford and his movie credits gave an interview to the French magazine act two star detailing and alleged relationship with crews. In the suit crews attorneys charge that Slater quote, concocted and spread the completely false story that he had a continuing homosexual affair with Tom Cruise, and that this affair was discovered by Mr. Cruz's wife leading to their divorce. Kidman and Cruz are now separated. Cruz filed for divorce in February citing irreconcilable differences. The court documents insists that Cruz had no relationship of any kind with Kyle Bradford, and does not even know him. Referring to the ACT USTAR interview. Cruz's attorney Bert Fields said quote, it is absolutely 100% False. Cruz is a great respecter of homosexual rights, but he's not gay, and he's ready to prove this in court. Tom is tired of it and it hurts his children. It's something that will be there forever and dammit he's going to stop it. At q star has agreed to publish a retraction. Rumors about Tom Cruise a sexual orientation date back to his first marriage to Mimi Rogers. After they separated Rogers allegedly told Playboy that there had been problems between them sexually, but retracted the statement almost immediately. Kidman and Cruz won a lawsuit against the star tabloid newspaper in 1999 after it ran a story claiming that the couple had had to hire a sex coach to pull off the filming of the love scenes in Stanley Kubrick's Eyes Wide Shut. The media's attempts to reach Slater since the suit was filed had been unsuccessful. But on his website, [www.Kylebradford.com](http://www.Kylebradford.com). A message denies the action star report saying quote, I have never been to France I have never spoken with Axios Star Magazine and have never said any of the statements allegedly said by me. And finally Chicago Cubs pitcher Julian trouverez has been fined for making anti gay remarks last weekend in San Francisco. The cubs announced on Wednesday that traverse would be fined an undisclosed amount. The money is to be distributed to charitable organizations with input from the San Francisco Giants to various also was told to undergo sensitivity training. Quote Julian and the Cubs regret the comments made over the weekend. Julian has apologized to the fans and people of San Francisco and some charities will benefit from the fines imposed, said cubs President Andy MacPhail after a loss to

the Giants at pacbell Park to various made a vulgar characterization of Giants fans and gays who live in San Francisco. He apologized for the remarks on Sunday. baseball commissioner Bud Selig, who was satisfied with the action taken by the Cubs said he planned to meet with trouvez at a later date. Quote the comments made by John Tavares last Saturday in San Francisco. Were not only inappropriate, but reprehensible. Mr. trouvez embarrassed himself his team and the game of baseball. There is no excuse for such language, and there is no place on in our game for such bigotry. Well, it's too bad that bigots like Lou Sheldon can't be censored in the same way. Imagine a Sports Authority showing up the morality of the religious conservatives. Need I say more? To AVIRIS is the second professional athlete in a week to come under fire for comments. The anti Defamation League accepted the Apology of New York Knicks point guard Charlie ward for his remarks and a New York Times magazine story that were construed as anti semitic. And Jack and Jones That is our look at what's been going on in the news this weekend. It seems like it was a pretty news heavy week.

J Joan Devlin 1:39:32

Yes, it does. It seems like there was a lot of things happening in in both in town and nationally. Oh, there

J Jack Valinski 1:39:38

were Yeah, I do have one announcement to make. Okay, there is going to be a parade workshop this Saturday. So if you want to know anything about doing a parade or not so much doing a parade doing a unit in the parade, a float, a walking unit, whatever. You can come to the parade workshop which is going to be happening at 9am on Saturday morning at Bering Sea The Church takes you behind the church. It's the service center at 1440 Harold and it is free to the public. So you can find out you can find out more about that.

G Glenn Holt 1:40:10

I would really like to know how to do it, whatever.

J Jack Valinski 1:40:13

Yes, well, we'll show you how to do sort of like doing the show, you know?

G Glenn Holt 1:40:20

Well, you have another three minutes to fill. So, so do like Art Bell and start talking. Okay, okay.

J Jack Valinski 1:40:27

Let's see what we got

J Joan Devlin 1:40:28

going on. Well, Film Festival festivals coming up. And there's quite a few things. The vampire lovers will be shown at the MFA. 12 minutes max is doing some transgender programs. And then of course, Nico, and Danny will be showing it landmark starting on May 26. So what else do you have there? Jack? Jack is paging to the calendar going

J Jack Valinski 1:40:50

through the actual daily stuff, rather than the stuff that happens. Texas gay Rodeo Association meets mo now that's path. Yes, somehow. Skip that one, skip that one. Oh, the Writers Project, the Montrose writers club or the Writers Project

J Joan Devlin 1:41:08

that's going to be called Dreamweavers. Okay, and it's starting up on May 14. And it sounds like it's going to be very exciting. We actually have a published author who's going to be teaching the seminars and the workshops, and he is available for critiquing of works in progress if you want to do that. And it's a new program at the center. And there's going to be two sessions in May and two sessions in June. I think it

J Jack Valinski 1:41:32

happens on Saturdays happens on Mondays. Okay. Oh, so we can't go to That's right. We can't go. We only can talk about it.

J Joan Devlin 1:41:40

And of course, Mr. Ray has his new show that sweeping through the center.

J Jack Valinski 1:41:45

Yeah, that's gonna be happening during Pride, which of course, we'll have all that announcements and stuff going on. And this is like his fifth one person, lifetime story. I love to joke about that. Houston paws party that happens for HIV positive men and their friends is free between seven and 10pm. And that's happening Thursday, the 10th, which is missing up garden and yard society. That's something I know a lot about Friday, May 11. And you can call 667136616378 For more information, and we're being ushered on out of here. Next week. Next week is fun drive here at KPFT.

J Joan Devlin 1:42:30

That's right, and we want to remind everybody to start saving your pennies now. We'll be

having the fun drive next week in the week after and we appreciate your support in advance.

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Glenn Holt 1:42:40

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