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



Jack Valinski 00:15

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



Joan Devlin 00:19

And I'm Joan Devlin.



Glenn Holt 00:22

Okay, I'm Glenn Holt. Yes. I'm



Jack Valinski 00:24

glad we didn't have to tell you is it's getting cold here winters hitting and we're heading into the holiday season. You know, if you don't have anything to do this Thursday, the community center is having a Thanksgiving day dinner starting you too. And it sounds really delightful except for the football games. But there's other things. Yeah. And men can



Joan Devlin 00:44

do something else while the women watch the football game like clean up.



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Well, that's maybe not a bad idea. What are we doing tonight, Joan?



Joan Devlin 00:52

Amy Beth Gill strap from landmark theaters will be on to talk about the different movies that are going to be coming up. We have Sally Huffer and Paul Guillory who are going to be talking about the switchboard and an event called Homo for the holidays, it's how to fight off holiday depression. And at 930. We'll be calling clinical social worker Rick ice and see who has written two books. One is a spoof of the ex gay movement called the God Squad. And the other is called we're not alone, which is about gay youth. And he's going to talk to us about those two books. And we're open at nine but I have a feeling Glenn has some news for us that he's going to do at nine.



Glenn Holt 01:26

Oh, yeah. I went out on the net. And I did my research and I have news. Okay, so let's say sorry, back also, I have a secret that I promised not to tell. So of course, I'm going to blab it out right here. Do you know what it is? You're wearing leather pants? No,



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you're leaving the show? No.



Glenn Holt 01:43

Happy birthday, Leo.



Joan Devlin 01:46

Oh, Leo. That's right. He never wants to tell us what his birthday is. It's actually is actually today, or is it Wednesday?



Glenn Holt 01:53

sometime this week. That's all I know. It's



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close enough for Glenn?

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Joan Devlin 01:56

Well, if he would come back to work at the station, he might get a present.

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Jack Valinski 02:01

You might get a promotion to mean Yeah, right. Yesterday, Ray had his sort of roundtable discussion. It was very interesting. Those of us who couldn't afford to go to the caucus dinner in the annual caucus, let's give ourselves award dinners. He was talking about of course, the controversy about it's been if you haven't read hand that maybe you're better off not reading Han at the past couple of weeks. Ray was supporting

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Joan Devlin 02:31

Derek Attard, who is one of Paul besides killers, and Ray supported him for parole. He talked about that with us last week. Yeah. And there's some in the gay community who do not feel like that was the best thing for Ray to do.

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Jack Valinski 02:44

He gave a very good explanation of you know, and Ray has probably been more intimately involved in that case, and probably almost anybody else. And you know, there's time for closure, there's time for move on and all that other stuff.

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Glenn Holt 02:56

And besides which I just can't imagine Ray being involved in anything controversial. Exactly, exactly.

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Jack Valinski 03:02

So, let's move on to news wrap from this way out.

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Glenn Holt 03:07

And as a matter of fact, yes, I am wearing leather pants.

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I'm Cindy Frieden that I'm filling in for Chase shelter. Yeah, I'm Dean Elzinga. With news wrap a summary

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Cindy Friedman 03:19

of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending November 18 2000. The two gay giants of the internet planted out and gay.com have agreed to a merger. Putting aside several years of intense competition. The planet out Corporation and gay dot coms parent online partners will create a new umbrella entity planted out partners while continuing their separate brand name services. Together they serve more than three and a half million monthly visitors and a current total of 1.6 million registered members. Although the two portals had each found eight figure capitalization this year, investors are expected to find the merged entity even more attractive. Online partners had Lowell Selvan, who will be the chief executive officer of the merged entity said the gay and lesbian community will be the winner in this merger because for the first time the lesbian gay bisexual transgender market becomes a true economic force. planted out head Megan Smith, who will chair the board of the merged entity said that means that we can go to the merchants and demand the products that gays and lesbians need, and gay and lesbian people can demand the respect they deserve. Both underscored their continuing commitment to being good corporate citizens, sponsoring community organizations and events. Although both companies are headquartered in San Francisco gay.com services are available in five languages with specialized content for the UK, France and Latin America.

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German gay and lesbian couples will be able to officially register their partnerships next year, following passage of a bill by the Bundestag last week. Although Chancellor Gearhart Schroeder's ruling red green coalition had promised the partnerships during 1998 elections campaigning, conservative opposition had blocked their advancement. Now the coalition is using a new strategy, separating out those elements of partnerships which the Bundestag can enact without approval from the upper house the Bundesrat. The coalition has a majority in the Bundestag, but conservatives outnumber them in the bonus rod. What the Buddha's talk has passed has been roughly categorized as the legal structure of the partnerships including creating the registry, extending hospital visitation rights, granting resident status to foreign partners, giving partners some parental rights with their partners biological children, extending full standing equivalent to married partners for purposes of tenancy, inheritance, pensions and health insurance and requiring a formal legal process for dissolution of partnerships including provision for spousal support payments. Separately, the Bundesrat will be asked to approve additional financial benefits controlled by labor, tax and welfare codes. While German gays and lesbians celebrated the long awaited move, some conservatives are considering a constitutional challenge to the new law. Predictably, the Vatican quickly issued a denunciation.

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Cindy Friedman 06:17

In Britain, the House of Lords continued its struggle with the Labour government over lowering the age of consent for homosexual acts from 18 to 16, to match that for heterosexual acts. This time conservative Baroness Young used a new tactic reflecting her own vision of equality, proposing an amendment to set the age of consent for anal intercourse of a teen and for all other acts at 16. Regardless of the gender of the parties involved, the amendment succeeded by a substantial margin 205 to 144, including 17 labor peers dissenting from their party. However, the government has repeated its determination to ignore this move and to override

the Lord's with the rarely used Parliament act, promising to set the age of consent for all acts at 16 before the new legislative session begins in early December, that will end a ping pong match that has gone on since 1997, in which the large labour majority in the House of Commons has repeatedly affirmed equalization by overwhelming margins. While the Lords have strongly rejected it. conservatives believe it's wrong to apply the parliament act to a matter of conscience, and some are hoping the parliament act itself can be struck down in a legal challenge. But the government promised equalization to the European courts, which have held off on hearing a lawsuit for equalization which Britain would probably lose.



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The British government is also ready to use its authority to repeal sodomy laws in five of its overseas territories in the Caribbean, and Gila, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. For nearly three years, Britain has been trying to persuade the five territories to repeal those laws themselves. But territorial politicians have declared it would be political suicide even to propose it. Britain needs to bring its territories into compliance with its own obligations under treaties, including the European Convention on Human Rights and International Convention on Civil and Political Rights. Overseas Territory Minister Baroness Patricia Scotland, who has held extensive discussions with many people in the territories this week, wrote to a member of parliament that we said that in the event of formal notification that they were unwilling to pass the necessary measures, we would have to consider making an order in council. I expect to do this before Christmas. Although previously territorial politicians have warned of reactions to forced repeal, ranging from civil disorder to independence, they now seem resigned, saying simply there is nothing they can do about



c Cindy Friedman 08:51

it. Cyprus, another island nation, which is long struggled with decriminalization of homosexual acts. This week celebrated the resolution of a month long crisis in its Orthodox Church. The bishop of Paphos, formerly the most likely successor to Cyprus, aging Archbishop Chrysostomos has since August been vehemently and publicly declaring that his popular rival Bishop athanassios of Limassol is gay. Several men went public with allegations that they had had sex with athanassios 20 years before while they were novices in a monastery in Greece. Even before the Cyprus Synod had concluded its own investigation, Archbishop Chrysostomos called a major sin out of the top clergy and the Orthodox Church internationally. The major sin od convened this week for only the third time this century and only the second time in Cyprus. The major Synod concluded that the witnesses against the Nazis are not credible and cleared him of all charges. The announcement set off spontaneous demonstrations in the streets of Nicosia. The major senate is not taking any action against the Bishop of PA Voce. However, the Attorney General of Cyprus is bringing criminal charges of conspiracy and defamation against at least four people in the case to Archimandrite. He's of the church and to laymen. One man who had made allegations against athanassios and then withdrew them admitted that he had been paid to bear false witness



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in what may be a first for Japan, a young man in Fukuoka has filed a civil lawsuit charging his male former employer with sexual harassment. More typically, such cases appear in criminal

courts in prosecutions for indecent assault. The 24 year old is seeking 3 million yen in compensation, or about 28,000 US dollars, and reinstatement to his job. He alleges that the head of his company, a man in his 70s touched him sexually on four occasions and then fired him after discovering his record of the incidents. The young man claims this tarnished his honor and pride and did irreparable damage that has taken away his will to live. The corporate chief claims the plaintiff's dismissal was based on poor performance. Although he admits he may have touched the young man's waist on some occasions. In order he said, to relieve stress.

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Cindy Friedman 11:12

In Indonesia, a mob last week attacked participants in an AIDS awareness event for gays and transgenders. 150 to 200 people wearing masks and Arab styled garments set up on the 350 to 500 event participants with machetes and clubs, injuring as many as 25. When the participants fled, the mob turned to vandalizing the building the event was held in and vehicles in the parking lot. Yogyakarta police arrested more than 50 people in the case, only to release them for lack of evidence that drew protests from 50 community groups who called on their governor to take action and what they said was their last hope for justice without discrimination. The AIDS awareness event at a Java Island Resort had been organized by the Indonesian Planned Parenthood Association in conjunction with the Indonesian government's National Health Day observances.

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In the Australian state of Tasmania. The Parliament this week voted to repeal a 65 year old law against men dressing as women between sunset and dawn. The move was part of a government bill to delete obsolete statutes from the Criminal Code. It's believed that the ban on drag after dark was originally adopted either to stop outlaws from using disguises or to stop cross dressing sex workers from soliciting World War Two service members. Although the ban has long gone on enforced, it remained a justification for harassment and discrimination against transgender people. Its repeal was welcomed by the gender Council of Tasmania.

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Cindy Friedman 12:47

And finally, while the beautiful could toys of Thailand regularly hold their own beauty contests because Sara porn Duang so on went one step farther, winning a traditional women only beauty contest in the province of Roger burry. After other contestants complained to police who confirmed that Casero porn is male, he was forced to return his crown and prize money. Even when Thailand's last Miss World selection proved less beautiful than the winner of the annual drag Miss Tiffany's Universe contest. Thai women complained that the cross dressers and transgenders had an unfair advantage.

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That's news wrap for the weekend in November 18 2000, written by Cindy Friedman, and recorded at the studios of KPFK, Los Angeles,

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Cindy Friedman 13:31

follow the news in your area. And then forums community is a strong community for this way. I'm Cindy Friedman. And I'm Dean

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Glenn Holt 13:38

Elzinga. And you are listening to lesbian and gay voices. Well,

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Joan Devlin 13:43

Jack, you had started to say something before the promo

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Jack Valinski 13:46

Well, the promo said what I was gonna say. I mean, JD is going to be doing a great Christmas special Christmas Day at 9pm. And of course, regular segment of his music will be on next Monday at 9pm. And he's also up for an award gonna

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Joan Devlin 14:01

say we have to mention his award. We're so proud of him. He's up for an award. What is it?

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Jack Valinski 14:04

It's non commercial radio, community radio, some type of community radio work. We've never been up for it. That's why we don't

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Joan Devlin 14:12

know. Well, he should win in a walk I think. I hope so. I hope so. I think he's he's pretty phenomenal. He's going to be helping out on this way out, too. Is that correct? Yes.

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Jack Valinski 14:22

The audio file segment. I think they do that once a month on this way out. And he he sent an email to me about that he was working with the person who's doing it. And apparently they just, you know, really sort of like each other in the compassion they have for music. So that's great. He'll be heard all over.

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Joan Devlin 14:39

Star is Born. Our very own JD we discovered him. No, Jimmy discovered him he discovered him. Okay, well, let's steal credit from Jimmy. We've done it before. We have in the studio tonight. Amy Beth Gilstrap, who is with landmark theatres has taken the place actually of Sarah Gish, who went on to pursue other projects, and she's going to talk to us tonight about film. So Amy, what's coming up at Landmark?



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this coming Tuesday, I mean, Wednesday before Thanksgiving. At the Greenway, we are picking up, gracious,



Jack Valinski 15:19

broke broken hearts, broken hearts clubs, that was playing at the Jenica. And we actually both of us saw it last week, two weeks ago, two weeks ago how time flies.



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And it's one of the ones that I've actually been very excited about as it came up, because it's not. We're complimented all the time for getting, you know, gay themed films and films, like you were saying earlier, that wouldn't be shown otherwise. But it's one that doesn't hit every stereotype. It could have been any group of people. And they're also very, I know relate to all of those.



Jack Valinski 15:55

Yeah, I noticed that there was a full page ad in The Chronicle when it first opened up, which I've never seen for sort of a gay themed film a full page ad. So apparently, this was opening all over the country, in major cities, where some of the independent film sort of hop scotch around the country,



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right. I mean, for the most part, with a lot of very small distributors, they only have enough money to make a few prints, right, they're gonna jump around and play for as long as they can in one city and then move on.



Jack Valinski 16:23

Which the bad part of that is, is that usually they do national publicity and they do the Good Morning America or something like that, so that the film opens up and it's you're seen everywhere? Of course, they don't usually do that for gay independent films anyway, but but that that's the hard part of hopping around the country.



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Exactly. It's it'll things will open in New York and LA, they'll see how well it does. And you know, what the audience responses and what cities they might want to send it to you. But it could be eight months before it moves on to different markets.



J Jack Valinski 16:55

It's a really interesting film, it's about broken hearts is the name of the baseball team that they all sort of play in. And the the club,



J Joan Devlin 17:06

that they work and know



J Jack Valinski 17:07

the name of the club is Jack's. Because that's the guy who owns it. And but he wants owned it, no, not me, not me. But he owns the club, and they all sort of work there are a bunch of them work there sort of as they go in and out of their different parts of their lives. And it's all about them all trying to form relationships or not, or you know, how they want to live their lives and it is in its, it's very well done.



J Joan Devlin 17:32

It's about your friends to say about, well, yes, friends are there for you, even when, you know, sometimes they make you feel better, sometimes that make you feel worse. But you're always glad for us,



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right. It's something that I think everyone can relate to in building that family of friends, especially those people who don't live lifestyles that they believe their families will agree with, or that their families out now don't. Throughout our adolescence, and then, you know, 20s and early 30s, especially we form these really close family ties that that's what I really liked about seeing that being explored. From a very real perspective and a very human perspective.



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It's gotten very good reviews to quite. So what else we got.



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We just opened what's cooking, which, on the opposite end of that is almost all about women. It's not a movie to see when you're hungry, because it's all about four families in LA, from very different cultural backgrounds, cooking Thanksgiving dinner, and for the most part, what the women in the families go through. It's



J Jack Valinski 18:52

I think I heard about that. The film. It sounded pretty interesting, because and I guess I don't quite understand. I mean, there's like four separate films. How does the film integrate?



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There are many places where it overlaps. The you know, at one point the Asian boy is dating the Hispanic girl and doesn't want his family to know about it because of course it would shame his family. And you know, everyone lives very close to each other than not families that are involved with one another except in very off shoot ways. And to be honest, it almost tries to do too much and show too much. But that everyone is so engaging that you're glad that you got to see all of those stories.



J Jack Valinski 19:36

There's a film that also had to deal with food recently called a woman on top that was very good. I



J Joan Devlin 19:42

just maybe it's been compared to that. It's also been compared to Like Water for Chocolate.



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Yeah, woman on top was definitely compared to Like Water for Chocolate everywhere. This one doesn't have it doesn't have any of the mystical or fantasy aspects of either of those. But, but it's it definitely it definitely plays up the whole food idea, and how the whole and the ritual involved and how that's supposed to be bring the families together, which is something that we all end up dealing with at holidays. But is a major source of stress for all of the people involved.



J Joan Devlin 20:22

And you've still got Billy Elliot playing cry, Billy Elliot,



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JACK VALINSKI 20:25

that's got to be one of the best films this year. And it's a fabulous film. And you know, there's just a little sort of gay theme in there. But it's handled incredibly well. I thought,

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yeah, it was handled very delicately, because I think it's something that they didn't want to delve into too much. It wasn't so much a part of the story, but something that had to be explored. And it was done very tastefully, very humanly. And,

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Jack Valinski 20:56

and the the contrast in the film, you're dealing with a strike a minor strike, and sort of the economy going down the drain in England at the time, and then this young boy who wants to who sort of discovers he wants to dance or be in the ballet. And that was just just very well done in credit has

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Joan Devlin 21:16

to do with the stereotypes. Yeah, because you have these people that are looking desperately for a way out. This little boy is talent is giving him a way out. But because he's choosing his way out in something that's not a traditional male occupation, they want to hold him back and consign him basically to the kind of life they're stuck in.

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Right. It's something that it's so sweet to see him love something so much, and to make the adults understand, right. Which is something that really, very rarely can you find other adults doing only children can make adults understand something different. Because that's what we expect of them, whether than the people around us. And, and I'd say on the first at the Greenway, the first of December, we have boot men, which is another story about dancing and breaking away from steel working. But it comes from Australia. It Was Written and directed by Dean Perry, who started the Tap Dogs productions. And it's sort of a story of how he broke away from still working and, and decided to do something different. But of course, it's much more romanticized than that, than the actual true story. There's a love interest. Andy Garcia plays who was in Coyote Ugly, and starred in the UK stage version of Saturday Night Fever plays a steel worker who decides that, you know, it's not for him, he wants to be a dancer. But it's much more macho than most tap. It's all done to rock and roll. And it's most of the movie is about that driving effort to do something different, just like with Billy Elliot. And start some very good looking men dancing. Well,

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Joan Devlin 23:28

Jack's getting into that. Well, when Glenn heard boot, man, boy, he got happy about that one, he thought there has to be more men and leather running around on the screen. The other

thing I wanted to ask you about is Landmark is doing something special for Thanksgiving. Are they not



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right for Thanksgiving weekend, basically Wednesday, the 22nd through Sunday, the 26th we're asking our customers to bring in five cans of non perishable food for stone soup. And in exchange, I have secured as many posters as we can possibly give away for, for the most of the films that we have, specifically, what's cooking and Billy Elliot, and Requiem for a Dream like I said, all of that will go for stone soup. And I really felt like I wanted to do something different, something we haven't explored that much, which is giving back. The community is very supportive of us. And it's and it's very nice. I haven't been here for very long. It's very nice to hear so many people say we're so glad you're around. And then



J Jack Valinski 24:38

we are we definitely are I mean Landmark theaters, you know, originally was just River I remember one there's one theater, the River Oaks own, you know, and then it split up into three theaters and Broadway used to be owned by AMC. And I think you know, it was just you know, I think they were even thinking about closing and Landmark took it over. And of course you know, use and had some tough times in the 80s too but now I guess the problem though is that Houston is so over theater. They just closed down theaters at on the west loop there at Meijer park might not Meyer Park Meyer land. Yeah. And that's where the World Fest was. And I don't have no idea what's going to happen next year, what WorldFest. But Landmark has also helped out with the gay and lesbian Film Festival. And what's really neat about the film festival here in Houston is that it's on all these different venues. Whereas in San Francisco, they don't know where to go. Now they they basically rented out a three Plex theater for like those 10 days, and they don't know how to expand we're in Houston, we have this nice conglomerate of all these you know, from the from the rice Media Center to diverse works to Landmark and, and the agenda was part of it last week last year to write



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the gay and lesbian Film Festival here is, is almost like a celebration of alternative screens. You know, besides just a celebration of the movies themselves on a festival, you can make a tour of it, which is a very interesting concept and a lot more fun.



J Jack Valinski 26:11

Yes. And it also introduces people to some of these other screens, the the new rice Media Center and the Museum of Fine Arts that we don't always think about, right? They don't have the budget to promote it. Well, even Landmark doesn't have the budget to promote, like some of the other theaters, but it's nice to know that we have that loyal audience here.



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Definitely. It's um like I said, I haven't been here very long. And I went to the River Oaks and the Greenway, when I lived in Houston before quite often, never even made a connection with you know, that they were the same company or anything. But those were always just the movies I wanted to go see. And I joined the company outside of the city. And to come back now and be like, Oh, these are my favorite theaters. And it's something that I feel like I can get behind and and hopefully make other people very excited about too. And if

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Jack Valinski 27:01

you don't know the Greenway theater is in the Greenway Plaza. And the first time you go, there may be a little bit difficult. You just follow the signs to the theater. And parking is free. You just have to get your your ticket stamped. And of course, the original River Oaks is which we call it on Sheppard almost. And West grey almost at Sheppard, it's 2009. Way. Oh, Wes Gray. Well, great.

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Sorry, I was gonna say you can't miss the neon on that. Exactly. And I did want to mention the parking is free at the Greenway. But we are open for Matt neighs on Fridays, and for Thanksgiving. We'll be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday early. At which point you can't park in the normal lot. You have to park catty corner across the building in lot number three, but it's still free. It's just a matter of following signs a greenway is always a matter of following some Yes,

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Jack Valinski 27:55

yes. Well, the amazing thing is even when there's something big going on in the summit, which is now called compact center, using get in and out at the theater with no problem, right? Absolutely. Well, I really appreciate you coming by tonight and telling us about the films. And hopefully you'll keep us informed about all the films that that come up. And I know you send us the information because jump was in the calendar. Right.

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Good. I appreciate you having me. Know, appreciate you being here. We

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Joan Devlin 28:21

appreciate everything that landmark does. You know, we're very glad to have that in Houston.

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That's very wonderful to hear. It's great to hear from you guys and from the people who have come to me, you know, since I've come back into town. And I have encouraged people to seek

me out at the theaters. I'm at one or the other almost all the time, because I love hearing the stories about you know what films they like and what they like about our theaters because we want to make it even more home for everyone.



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Great. You're listening to lesbian gay voices.



J Joan Devlin 29:05

Good evening, you're listening to KPFT lesbian and gay voices. And we are in here with Sally Huffer and Mike Maghera from the Montrose Counseling Center. And they're going to be talking to us about the switchboard. But before we started wanting to also touch on an event that just happened that they sponsored, called Homer for the holidays. And what was this about?



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That was the topic of discussion that that was the topic of discussion at the meeting of the men's network. Last week. The men's Network is an informal discussion group that meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. And so last week, we were talking about what's it like to be gay or bisexual man during the holiday season and dealing with you know, family issues and things that come up whenever we have to go home for the holidays,



J Jack Valinski 29:52

or not go home for the holiday. Right? Exactly have a new family here. I know we've done this subject a number of times over the years. But it's always good to talk about it again, the fact that, especially if you're just coming out, or you just moved away from the family, or you just sort of come out and still in probably even worse if you're still in the same city with them,



J Joan Devlin 30:13

or you just met somebody, and you're coming home as a couple for the first time.



J Jack Valinski 30:16

Yeah, so that really does open up a lot of issues.



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That's right, right. And that's some of the things we talked about, or, you know, how are you with your family? If you're not out to your family, then you're going to have to deal with answering questions about, well, you know, why haven't you found a significant other of the

opposite gender when you're going to get married and have grandchildren, you know, those kinds of things. And then the people that are out have to deal with family members who are saying things like, you know, when are you going to change or, you know, this is just killing your mother, those kinds of things happen all the time as well,

J Joan Devlin 30:49

you're ruining the whole holiday, right. And at

J Jack Valinski 30:51

the same time, I've always heard, it's usually not a good idea to come out during the holidays, because there's usually so much stress going on. I mean, holidays are stressful enough. And then when you add in being out, you know, sort of being different to them. Or letting them know that you're, you know, that that may really mess up things.

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Right, right. A lot of times people think well, the holidays is a perfect time to come out to the family because everyone's gonna be there. But it's probably a really bad idea, because you could really, it's like throwing gasoline on the fire.

J Jack Valinski 31:24

That's a good analogy. Absolutely. Yes. So that that happened. But I mean, it's probably would come up as part of the scope. Well, how does the men's group work? I mean, is it just somebody speaks? Or is it a roundtable discussion?

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It's, the men's network is just an informal discussion group, we come in, sit around in a circle, hang out and chat about whatever the topic is. And we, you know, schedule a different topic for every second and fourth Tuesday. Last Tuesday was home for the holidays or home for the holidays. And the fourth Tuesday of this month, we're talking about sex and intimacy. The second Tuesday of December, we're talking about making resolutions stick, which is a workshop on looking at new year's resolutions and why they don't work and what we can do to make them work. And then the last Tuesday is actually Christmas Eve, I think it's right, right there around Christmas, so we won't be meeting that week.

J Jack Valinski 32:24

Okay. And I know the Counseling Center is a very busy place. I hear you're actually busting at your seams. But yet you still took on some more responsibilities. It's no new, it's no new news. But we do know that the Counseling Center has taken over the switchboard recently. We sure

have. And not only that, but I understand that you're trying to make it a 24 hour switchboard.



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Well, we're not just trying, we are going to do it on December 1, it becomes a 24 hour operation.



J Jack Valinski 32:52

Fabulous. And we we do know the community that the switchboard was going through some tough times and trying to find volunteers. And I think there was even a concern that it might have went out of business, in a sense. And with the internet, maybe it doesn't serve as valuable as a as a thing it did earlier, but it still is very valuable. People still call up and want to know. I mean, it's not only about just finding out where the bars are, there are people who actually do call up asking for counseling.



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But it's also very important when people need to find out where the bars are. And we just hope that if somebody does need that information that they will call the switchboard and we can provide them with that. But then in the future, if they find themselves in a crisis, they can know that they can call the switchboard in that situation, too. Well, let's



J Jack Valinski 33:41

talk about a little bit. So why did the Counseling Center think about doing this was? I mean, was this a good match?



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Well, I think it was a perfect fit actually because of the services that Montrose Counseling Service Center already provides to the community. And then when the opportunity presented itself for us to join with the switchboard, I think, you know, it furthers our goal, which is to promote healthy, happy and homeless, you know, within the community. Okay.



J Jack Valinski 34:09

So I understand that, well, in fact switchboard used to do this incredible training, and it was an all volunteer group and actually, I guess maybe that's that's sort of the Counseling Center is mostly full time paid people. The switchboard was all volunteer. So is there a little bit there the mission of making that all work,



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there is now the volunteer. The switchboard is still and remains volunteer, and we are always looking for volunteers. We just completed our second round of volunteer training and we have about 12 new people who have started staffing the switchboard. Now, their training session is a very intensive procedure covers the course of two weekends. They have a weekend off in the middle, but it's a total of 25 hours and a lot of those courses are taught by some of the counselors and educate are some therapists and case managers from the Counseling Center. And so we use that expertise to carry into the training process.



J Jack Valinski 35:07

And the switchboard was sort of this entity that you never knew where it was, except for on the dial pad. And there was sort of thought about, well, we need to keep, you know, this is a place where somebody who may not be out may be able to volunteer. And also they're concerned about maybe somebody coming by, but this is sort of brought the switchboard to a whole new different level because now it's located at the at the community center. Right, and which is which, of course, I'm a big fan of the community center. It's a great way that organizations have been able to share resources and work together and just be there. So this is really just bringing a whole new life to the switchboard, isn't it?



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We certainly hope so. We certainly hope so.



J Joan Devlin 35:48

Now what is the response been to the the new and improved switchboard? Because I know when I first came to Houston, which has been well, gosh, over almost Yeah, right, less than three. It was really good for me to hear a real person. You know, I called the I got my little publications, and I called the switchboard thinking I'd get recordings about where the bars were basically. And I actually was, yeah, it was a bar was right. And I talked to a real person, and we had and he was enthusiastic. And he told me a lot of things about Houston that a recording wouldn't have told me. And it was just a very pleasant way to get introduced to the Houston gay community.



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Right. And I think that's one of the things that that we hope to continue to provide, or at least to expand because in, you know, recent months, maybe even longer, it's just been staffed by one person, and he's just taken on a yeoman's job, and he's going to continue working with the switchboard. But it will be expanded now. So that hopefully when people do call, whether it's Monday through Thursday, or you know, during the middle of the night in a crisis, or whenever they need to speak to that live person that there will be somebody that they can talk to.



J Jack Valinski 36:58

JACK VALINSKI 37:00

Well, that's great. Let's give out. So you know, we used to give out the hours, but I guess we don't have to give out the hours anymore, because it's going to be open 24 hours. If somebody wants to contact the switchboard, how do they do that?



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If they need to reach the switchboard, they should call 713-529-3211. If they'd like to volunteer for this switchboard, they can call Montrose Counseling Center at 713529 double 037.



J Jack Valinski 37:24

Well, let's talk about the Counseling Center in general. I mean, what does the Counseling Center besides do besides the men's group and the women's group in the switchboard?



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Well, we should probably talk about the Women's Network, because that does meet also twice a month. And I believe their next meeting is going to be about getting through the holidays are taking a break from the holidays, and they're going to have a lesbian Movie Night. And so it's just you know, there'll be some refreshments served. And just kind of, you know, in the middle of sending out your cards and buying presents, and wrapping presents, and returning phone calls, and all of that just a nice time to sit back and relax and enjoy a movie so that that'll be the next one. And you can call the counseling center again, to find out those dates, I don't have them off the top of my head. But so we do have the women's network we have. We provide primarily psychotherapy, case management educational services for Houston's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, as well as persons with HIV disease and their significant others.



J Jack Valinski 38:28

And what about the expense? I mean, it costs money to provide the service. And is I mean, you know, when you think about therapy, you think about it's costing a lot of money.



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Yes, and probably some of us have spent a lot on those services. But at the Montrose Counseling Center, we don't turn anybody away, the majority of our clients are what we would call medically indigent, those who do not have any insurance to cover services like this. And so we don't turn anybody away we have we're a nonprofit organization. And so all of the programs and and, and the services that we provide are at no cost. If somebody you know, meets those, those specifications for the different grants, grants, etc.



J Jack Valinski 39:10

And is this individual or group or how does it work?



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It's primarily one on one unless you're in a program that does, you know, also require, like, for example, the chemical dependency program. In some cases you need to be in a group setting as well.



J Joan Devlin 39:29

And do you get a lot of people at this time of year or maybe more so than usual because of the holidays, you know, having problems with stress with depression, or even people who maybe are on a counseling program, because I have a friend who's been in counseling now for around a year but has really felt herself kind of backsliding as the holidays approach because she said it's just such a tough time for her. Do you find that happens a lot?



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You know, that's probably a good question. I haven't been with the Counseling Center long enough to be able to answer that with my own experience, but actually just based on my own personal experience, I think it might, some people might be looking for more help. But also, a lot of people also might find themselves so overwhelmed that they might stop, stop attending, you know, the services that that they normally would attend at the Montrose counseling center. So it you know, it all depends. And that's another thing, you know, when it comes to volunteer as well, when it comes to the holidays, and you know, making all of your appointments and so forth. That's something that people shouldn't worry about. If you can't show up to your volunteer assignment at the switchboard, or if you can't show up for your meeting with your counselor at Montrose Counseling Center, certainly give us a call and let us know. But you know, don't berate yourself to the holidays, because you need to do what you need to do to get through them.



J Jack Valinski 40:48

Well, what is the first step should I mean you pick up the phone or you walk in? What if you would like to get some advice or figure out, you know, what would work for you?



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Probably the easiest thing would just be to pick up the phone and call Montrose counseling center and then an intake is done. And they determine what needs that, you know, we can provide and then people are put into those different programs.



J Jack Valinski 41:14

Great. Well, you know, you been around for 20 years now. It's, it's been been quite an achievement for the counseling center. So is there anything else we need to know?

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Now I just wanted to let everybody know that the switchboard is alive and well. And and you know, we're starting December 1, going 24 hours, we're going to try to in addition to providing the hotline services, we're going to provide advocacy for some of the people who call the switchboard, if they need to go to the hospital, if they need to go file a police report, if they're in a crisis situation, we we will have advocates that can help them. We also intend to set up a shelter service beginning December 1 with, you know, different areas around the city so that if somebody needs immediate housing, and they're in a crisis situation, we can help them with that too, which I think is something that's very much needed, since a lot of the social services that we have in the city, as anywhere are predominantly you know, based on universal heterosexism and you can't really get the services that you need. And Montrose Counseling Center is completely different. You can get what you need, we will affirm your sexual orientation, your sexual identity, and then move forward. That's not you know, we're not there to cure you. We're not there. You know, we're there to help and to make you healthy, happy and home.

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J Jack Valinski 42:32

Great. Well, Sally, thank you very much for coming by and Michael, have a have a nice holiday season. As we're all very busy this time of year here listening to lesbian and gay voices

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Greg Gordon 42:42

from two women whose band takes its name from Irish folklore, hard edged alternative rockers from Indiana with a message and a singer songwriter whose queer perspective honors our common humanity. They're all featured in the latest offering from the audio file. Found

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the ghost of wil Hubbard

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Sam looking for big red tell me where to go where's Mr. Red?

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cm side Mr. Hi. Will Harvard was a groom and his job was to take care of the famous racehorse man of war. We'll have it sorted as a symbol of for a lifestyle that's been present here in the Kentucky area for 200 years. It's just a way of life. And there's been a lot of irresponsible

development in our area. And that's kind of what the song is about. It's addressing that issue.
Kaya



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Hartwood and Miriam Davidson are wishing chair, a band that combines the traditional folk spirit of the 60s with a contemporary sensibility. Hi, I'm Chris Wilson.



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I'm Pam Marshall and you're listening to audio file kya Hartwood explains how a rock in Ireland called wishing cheer inspired the band's name



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wishing cheer. Evidently when you sit there and you make a wish and your dreams come true, which is excellent metaphor for this band.



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Well, girl if you're gonna go far better quits into the studio. When you're gonna stop to settle down. When are you gone via the new



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cabling suite. Fancy watch.



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TV. For more information about wishing chair check them out at www.dotTerragen.com that's trakin.com



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Taking on social issues. With a completely different musical style is pretty pony in Indiana based hard edged alternative band



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singer songwriter Mark Weigel CD All that matters is a beautifully crafted compilation of ritually told stories which will touch the heart no matter what the listeners affectional orientation



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would say live is down to a floor inspection discussion seismically.



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People who are gay really appreciate hearing their own lives and experiences reflected in songs. I mean, we all know how important songs are in our lives. Like you remember the summer this particular song was on the radio or it's your song with your boyfriend and so for me to be able to offer that to us with pronoun correct lyrics and, you know, people really liked that.



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The title track all that matters tells the poignant story of two men who began their lives together in World War Two



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... your friend. The pleasure is and always will be all these years this bedrock one lead us

was my friend. His clothes in our closet still smell like all these years two bedroom one lead us to one wheel.



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There's so many folks out there who've shared lives together for like 4050 years now your story is about two men or two women who met out on the farm in some small town like when they were teenagers. Maybe you know we waited for our lovers to come home from the war just like straight people did in the movies, right? I'm just really into honoring our experiences in particular with songs.



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You can find out more about Mark weigel@www.songz.com backslash Mark W e i g l e



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and that's it for this edition of audio file. You can write to us at peal box 429 Sunland, California 91041 or online at info at audio file.org That's I N fo at AUD i o f i l e dot o RG This is Pam Marshall. And I'm



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Chris Wilson. Keep listening



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matters to me



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I lay me down next to him



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Hello, I'm Michelangelo Signorelli. And information is power and knowledge is crucial. So listen to this way out the international radio program for all of our sexually diverse communities.



G Glenn Holt 50:32

And you are listening to lesbian and gay voices. Q queue. Well,



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wait a minute. No, we don't have a



J Joan Devlin 50:39

second second. Glenn, isn't somebody supposed to be doing their news right now?



G Glenn Holt 50:44

It's not time for the news yet. You have to fill for two minutes. Oh, yeah. Oh, that's



J Joan Devlin 50:49

right. Because we're on top



J Jack Valinski 50:50

of the hour. You gotta get that hour thing. All right.



J Joan Devlin 50:53

Mr. exactness let's talk about Glenn's leather pants. I don't wear at Sam's clubs.



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It's better than the at the kk k Kmart.



J Joan Devlin 51:02

Well, actually, I think that just means that Sam's Club is trying to start you know, appealing to a whole new segment



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Oh boy, I don't know if I could take that



J Joan Devlin 51:15

image of like Leatherman and drag queens strolling through Sam's Hey, I might actually get a membership then if that were the case. Members Only Yeah, right. All different kinds of membership. If you remember prefetching tonight, he's got a little he's got along with his black leather pants with his black kerchief in the left pocket. He has also got a lovely black pride t shirt on.



G Glenn Holt 51:38

And my black leather motorcycle jacket tonight. Well, actually, if you remember 10 years ago, with the phone in here accidentally. It's good. If you remember 10 years ago, I think when motorcycle leathers first became popular, Sears came out with leather in their catalog. Leather chaps and leather. Motorcycle paraphernalia. And at the time we all thought that that was don't know.



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Are you for loss of words?



G Glenn Holt 52:10

Yeah. I don't want to say anything bad about serious because we know that that's where poverty shops but oh, I mean.



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Well, it's a whole new world now. Yeah.



J Joan Devlin 52:23

And whether it's cool, even if you're not gay, of course gay people look better in it than straight people.



G Glenn Holt 52:28

Well, of course, gay people look better in

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anything than straight people, or better without anything to right click.

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Glenn Holt 52:33

Right, exactly. There you go.

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Joan Devlin 52:36

Those leather pants are coming off as we speak.

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Glenn Holt 52:40

No, actually, I had always wanted some leather pants. And I noticed that Sam's had a pile of women's leather pants about a month ago. So I kept my eye open. And sure enough when I was in there last weekend, they had a pile of men's leather pants. And you got some so I got Miss at 90.1 FM, this is KPFT in Houston, the sound of Texas and now more of lesbian and gay voices. And taking a look at some of the things that have been happening in the news this week. Delphi Automotive Systems, the world's largest auto parts company is joining Detroit's automakers in offering benefits for same sex domestic partners. Delphi is the latest in a growing number of companies in the industrial Midwest and across the country to extend health care benefits for partners of gay and lesbian workers. The company, which is a former General Motors subsidiary, is extending the benefits despite pockets of opposition from some employees. The company also faced pressure from the United Auto Workers Union to offer same sex benefits. Delphi began studying the idea after GM Daimler Chrysler and Ford Motor Company announced their plans back in June. Delphi will provide surgical hospital stays, prescription drugs, medical, dental and vision care to employees and their same sex partners. Dependents aged 25 or younger of partners are also eligible. Benefits such as health care for domestic partners has become an important tool in recruiting in today's tight labor market. The airline industry and the Reverend Pat Roberts legal organization have renewed their attack on San Francisco's domestic partner ordinance for city contractors. A federal appeals court that a first in the nation measure violates federal law. The 1997 ordinance in San Francisco requires companies doing business there to provide employees with domestic partners with the same benefits offered to married employees. Los Angeles and Seattle have passed similar laws, which will likely be affected by the case currently before the ninth US Circuit Court of Appeals. At a 90 minute hearing last week, a lawyer for the Air Transport Association, representing 28 Airlines challenged a federal judge's ruling last year that required airlines renewing their leases at San Francisco Airport to offer bereavement leave, medical leave and discount tickets to domestic partners on the same basis as spouses. The ruling by US District Judge Claudia Wilken did not apply to health and pension benefits, which are regulated by federal law. But several major airlines including United American US Airways and Delta responded by offering a full range of equal benefits to employees domestic partners, an action that they could rescind if they win the court appeal. The regulation of the airline industry is thwarted by this ordinance. Association lawyer Brendan Dolan told the three judge appellate panel, he argued that the San

Francisco measure violates the federal Airline Deregulation Act, which prohibits state and local regulation of airline rates, routes or services. Some of the questioning sounded skeptical, Judge Joni Rawlinson said past rulings have required proof of a significant impact. Judge J. Clifford Wallace noted long lines at airport ticket booths and said it is difficult for me to see how market forces are going to be affected by the ordinance. chief assistant city attorney Dennis after God said there was no evidence that airlines were considering changing their routes or services because of the ordinance. Quote, this is a broad law which with which 3000 Other companies are complying after God said. He said it was justified by the city's interest in distancing itself from discrimination and in getting the best services available by encouraging recruitment from a broader pool of employees. The ordinance was also challenged by SD Meyers and Ohio Company that sought to contract to maintain San Francisco's electric transformers, but was prevented from bidding because it refused to offer domestic partner benefits. televangelist Robertson's American Center for Law and Justice announced the Meyers suit last year by denouncing the San Francisco ordinance as anti family. But Attorney Kevin Thoreau confined his argument Tuesday to a claim that the ordinance would burden interstate commerce by requiring domestic partner benefits for the company's Ohio workforce. After God who was a San Francisco's lawyer denied any such impact, and said equal benefits were required only for workers on contracts with the city. In other news in the latest effort to reduce the number of pills that HIV infected patients have to swallow every day, the government has approved trigger severe a combination of AC T three T C, and ebucks. Saba Vir. Glaxo already sold an AC T three TC combination under the brand name Combivir. Adding the third drug to create true severe means that patients can take just two pills a day, instead of the four needed for Combivir plus ab kavir. However, the three drugs are from an older family of AIDS drugs called nucleoside analogs. The most recommended aids therapy today is protease inhibitors, plus two nucleoside analogs, the Food and Drug Administration issued a stern warning while approving true severe because about 5% of people who try AB kavir, also known as zjin, suffer a serious sometimes fatal allergic reaction. So people trying the new trigger severe run the same risk. Do not take trigger severe if you have experienced hypersensitivity since symptoms, such as fever, skin rash, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, or trouble breathing. After taking zymogen The FDA warned Patients will receive a symptom warning brochure, Glaxo and said Trizivir will be available next month and cost about \$26.60 a day, which is the same price as the three drugs sold separately. lifting the ban on gays in the British Army has not affected troops morale. That's according to a report by the British Ministry of Defence. The ban on gays in the British military was lifted in January A four months after the European Court of Human Rights, ruled that an exclusion breached human rights conventions before the courts ruling some 200 gays who tried to hide their sexuality were kicked out of the British Army every year. But a study carried out among the Armed Forces suggested that lifting the ban had been a solid achievement. Following the ruling, there had been no reported difficulties of note concerning a feared homophobic backlash and no discernible impact, either positive or negative on army recruitment, the report said. Meanwhile, back here in the States, Arizona State Representative Steve Mae said he is prepared to go to federal court to appeal a ruling by the Army General upholding a military court's decision to throw him out of the service after he acknowledged that he is gay. I will not surrender. I and I will keep telling my story to the American public until I am legally gagged May said. In a letter may received Saturday. Major General John Scott of the 63rd regional support unit said he saw no reason to overturn the September decision of a panel of colonels who recommended that may be honorably discharged. The army started an investigation into whether May, an openly gay Phoenix lawmaker violated the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy nearly a year and a half ago, after comments he made during a legislative debate. Military Prosecutors initially sought to have may issued a general discharge. May is next appeal goes to the Secretary of the Army and eventually the White House, but may said he is prepared to go to federal court if he has to. The army was reticent to talk about the decision. May who

remains a lieutenant in the army reserve expects a new decision within two months. May has been open about his sexuality since he first ran for office in 1996. But the army began its investigation after comments that he made during a debate. At the time, however, may was inactive in the Army Reserves. He was recalled to active duty after making his comments. in federal court may said he will be able to argue First Amendment protection as well as protection under the US constitutions Speech and Debate Clause, and that the army shouldn't be able to attack him for something that he said while off the active duty roster. The Nebraska chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union hopes to challenge the defense of marriage amendment initiative for 16 in Nebraska, as soon as possible after the first of the year. The ACLU Board of Directors voted unanimously Saturday to sue for invalidation of the amendment, which bans gay marriage, domestic partnerships, civil unions, and other similar same sex relationships. Nebraska voters on November 7 overwhelmingly approved the gay relationship initiative, which goes further than any other in the country. Opponents of the initiative said the second clause of the amendment could lead to invalidation of legal protections for gay families and prevent companies from offering domestic partner benefits to their employees. Proponents dismissed those claims, saying their intent was to defend marriage from attempts to redefine it through imitations of marriage, like civil unions and domestic partnerships. There was no dissension on the board in terms of what we should do said Tim buzz ACLD, Nebraska Executive Director, the mantra of the ACLU in Nebraska, as its constitutional says that it's constitutionally flawed, and it has to be thrown out. With help from the National ACLU lesbian and gay rights project and the Lambda Legal Defense Fund. The state ACLU chapter plans to first identify plaintiffs who have been injured by a 416. The amendment doesn't go into effect until it is certified in mid December. National Lawyers will also help to refine a litigation strategy with an eye toward being in court just after the first of the year, perhaps by the end of January. Buzz said that grounds for the lawsuit would be the US constitutions Equal Protection Clause. Nebraska's amendment violates that clause but said in this way. If non gay couples live together for a long time and get common law marriage in Vermont, it is recognized in Nebraska. If a same sex couple gets a civil union in Vermont, it won't be recognized in Nebraska. The amendment is setting up a situation where people are being treated differently without a compelling government interest buzz said. Some gay activists have predicted that This will be the equal rights case that will go to the US Supreme Court. So will the ACLU pursue it that far? We will fight until victory buzz says this is not something that the ACLU is going to let slip off the docket. Meanwhile, the New York based blamed Legal Defense Fund is also at work on examining ways to challenge the amendment. Quote 416 is one of our top priorities now said David buckle, a senior staff attorney with the gay organization. Our plan is to work closely with the ACLU to see what might be done. Meanwhile, the British government vowed to push through plans to lower the age of consent for gay sex last week. Despite suffering its third defeat on the issue in the House of Lords. Ministers confirmed that they would use the parliament act to force the Sexual Offences amendment bill onto the statute books after the Lord supported a last minute amendment that would outlaw anal sex for boys and girls under 18. This would mean that anal sex amendment would be automatically overturned party members throughout the Sexual Offences amendment bill to lower the age of consent for gays from 18 to 16 years on two previous occasions, despite the commons overwhelming support for such a change, and a second blow to the government peers later back to move by Tory Frontbencher Baroness Blatche to prevent people in a position of trust, such as teachers and care workers from taking advantage of their role to have sex with a younger person. Baroness young, the Tory peer who has led the opposition to an equal age of consent, bitterly protested at the government's determination to force the measure under the statute books, stressing that it would also legalize sodomy for girls under 18. For the first time. She claimed her amendment was a compromise that would allow gay acts other than anal intercourse to be committed at 16. Quote, this gives an equal age at both 18 and 16. Our concern in putting down this and the

following amendment is to protect children 16 year olds are children in law. By keeping the age of buggery at 18. We protect young 16 year olds from the most dangerous of sexual practices, namely anal sex. I have had many letters from doctors about the great dangers to teenagers of the sexual practice. But leaving aside what doctors have said, the Blood Transfusion Service says that no one who has ever had anal sex is ever allowed to give blood that should say something to all of us about the dangers and quote Lord Ali, the gay labor advocate said, quote, the arguments for change have been one with the public politicians from all parties, and the charities and professionals who work with young people. It is only in this house that change is resisted. hours is a case of principle and equality. It is a case of fairness and justice. We are not asking for you to approve of homosexuality or homosexual acts. I am not even asking you to understand why they happen. What I am asking you to do is remove the penalty and weight of the law from those young men aged 16 and 17. Who consent to have sex with other men. And quote, Lord Davies, another labor advocate backed Baroness Young's amendment, saying quote, we should not take any step which places young people in danger, particularly when the scourge of HIV and AIDS is sweeping this planet. The spread of HIV through animal intercourse was raised several times in the discussion. Lord Walton a crossbench peer and past president of the British Medical Association said that while he aboard the idea of anal intercourse, which carried a much greater risk of HIV, it was wrong for it to remain a criminal offence. He said that criminalization would prevent many young gay men from seeking professional advice. Quote, The evidence is that at the age of 16, an individual's sexuality is established, and is unlikely to be influenced by any of their experiences beyond that age, he said. There was a public relations battle brewing at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, over reports of a fraternity throwing rocks and mud at a gay float in a recent parade. The president of the Sigma Chi fraternity chapter at Vanderbilt has denied those accusations. In a letter published in Monday's issue of the Vanderbilt Hustler, Robert Howard, a senior at Vanderbilt's Peabody College, wrote that Sigma Chi members could not have thrown rocks or mud for on the lawn in front of the house, and that a videotape of the October 20 parade revealed no wrongdoing, quote, since there is not a single pebble in our yard. That is, of course unless someone imported them, imported them from the geology lab, or mud. Considering as of Monday, it had not rained for nearly six weeks. Finally, in reviewing the video of the parade, which was filmed by the Sigma Chi housemother no such events ever took place as the lambda float passed by our lawn. Brett Somerville, a member of the Vanderbilt lambda Association, who was on the homecoming float, scoffed at the letter. Quote, he seems to be saying that lambda lied about the incident, said Somerville. As senior molecular biology major, Somerville said he and several other witnesses may respond with their own letter to the editor Aaron Skinner lambdas President said he Somerville and the other students on the float will file reports with Vanderbilt's office of residential and Judicial Affairs. university administrators have said that they are in the early stages of investigating the incident. Some people in Iowa have threatened to pull support from Iowa's four h organization because it broke ties with the Boy Scouts of America over the scouts anti gay position. Leaders of four h site a government order prohibiting groups that receive federal money from working with organizations that discriminate based on sexual orientation. The order was sent by the US Department of Agriculture and education. Quote, I was a boy scout for many years and I quit, honestly. And I quite honestly, I have to reconsider my support of the Four H organization, said Paul larboard who owns an insurance agency. I get asked every year to contribute and put my money, my company name behind it. This year I will probably say no and call Iowa State University Extension office and tell them why. I was for H receives one and a half million dollars in federal money each year through the University Extension Service. Law. Uber's daughter Katie has been a four H member for five years. She thinks the group stepped out of bounds when it broke, spoke for her on the issue of homosexuality. Iowa four h leaders stand by their statement, but they are baffled by the reaction. Quote, It is not that big of a change in policies said Mark settled Director of External Relations. It is much ado

over nothing and that is unfortunate for H's apple pie to some people, which is why we are getting such a strong reaction. University officials say media coverage has fueled the controversy. Quote, we are not making a moral statement here said John McCarroll, a university spokesman. It was a statement that the relationship is limited. I think it is unfortunate that people expect the worst. And that is our look at what has been going on this week. For LGV news. I'm Glenn Holt. This is lesbian and gay voices. You are listening to lesbian and gay voices.

J Joan Devlin 1:13:25

Good evening, I'm Joan Devlin and I have on the phone with me, Rick ISON see who is the author of the God Squad, which is a spoof on the ex gay movement, and also a book called we're not alone, which is about gay kids in high school. Rick, are you with us? Yes, I

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am. Well, I

J Joan Devlin 1:13:40

want to I wanted to touch on the God Squad first, because it's very timely at this point. You know, everybody knows by now of John pox fall from grace, shall we say. But what was your inspiration actually for writing the God Squad?

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Well, for years, I had seen the religious right promoting its reparative therapy and its promise to troubled gays that they might be able to be released from such torment by accepting Jesus into their lives and becoming born again in heterosexuality. And in from my experience, both as a therapist and as a gay man myself, I can see that a lot of fallacies and that belief system, that there may be some attempt to repress when sexuality for certain length of time that people don't change their sexual orientation simply by wishing that it were so

J Joan Devlin 1:14:43

and I noticed in your book, and what I found compelling in your book was the people who were involved in the ex gay movement, the people who were supposedly trying to change their identity. You know, they had all kinds of other issues. You know, you had the one On that was a child that had been raised in a very fundamentalist religious family and was just so upset by all his teaching, he didn't know what to do. The the main protagonist of the story, Paul, had just basically had no direction in his life and was just looking for something different. You had the one woman, Sheila that was trying to escape from an abusive ex lover, you had the young man Jackson, who had been kicked out of his home. So really, none of the people were there. I mean, with the exception of maybe Perry and Paul, most of the people there were there because it was more of a refuge for them, than then for them really wanting to change their sexual orientation.



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Well, I think that that's sometimes the case that just like any call to hold out some promise for meeting and renewal, you know, these particular the particular characters that you're referring to, of course, are fictional characters. So they're not intended to represent necessarily a cross section of the people who are attracted to such a movement, I would imagine probably more of a percentage, at least from what I've gathered from documentaries and other writings about the movement that I've seen, would indicate that most people are attracted to those movements, really, because they do want to change their sexual orientation.



J Joan Devlin 1:16:28

Well, there's also that, you know, you mentioned the cult, there's also that situation of where you really don't have to think the programs are very regimented. You're constantly told what to do. You know, when you start, essentially backsliding, you know, you're immediately kind of pulled in and re brainwashed if you could call it that. And on that point, what I wanted to get to was in the book, of course, and it is a fictional book, and it is a spoof, but some of the therapy quote unquote, that was was mentioned, what was everything from you know, the women had to wear makeup and dresses, you know, to electroshock. And I don't know about the electric shock, but I had actually heard testimonies from xx gays were that really was the women being forced to wear dresses and makeup and hoes and heels, was really a part of their therapy. Do you know if that's the case? Or were anything?



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Yes, that was that was documented in Francine Residex and Theodore money, Archie's film, one nation under God, where they described, it actually interviewed one of the women who comes in and does makeup or makeovers for lesbians who are wanting to become less but and it's really quite funny in its naivete. Assuming that simply making over a woman in some stereotypical fashion would then automatically change your sexual orientation. And there's similar kinds of things for men to sort of learn how to walk like a man and, and be a little butcher and play football and you know, the theory being that that's supposed to masculine ly masculine, nice you and help you overcome this tendency towards being attracted to people to same sex and it's based on some pretty outworn and discredited notions from psychoanalysis many for many years ago. And even at that it was a considerable stretch and distortion, to come up with these ideas that that would anything could approach changing sexual orientation.



J Joan Devlin 1:18:46

I kind of wondered about that, because I know lots of lesbians who would love to have a makeover, lots of gay men who walk very much



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this total thing of like gay guys to get all hunky in the gym and for, you know, lipstick lesbians

are all the rage of quarters. You know, the whole premise is absurd.

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Joan Devlin 1:19:11

It just amazes me though. The other thing too, that was captivating about the book and the sense I got from it was that in a weird way, these people became family. And even when Paul realize that he's sexual orientation was not going to change ever. It was like he couldn't bear the thought of leaving the family.

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I think there is that tendency I couple of people who I counseled myself who were involved in those kinds of situations and in some of the documentaries that have been done about the movement would explain that there is a sense of finding kind of a sense of home and camaraderie and you and acceptance in a weird way, even though they're not supposed to be accepting that they're gay, they're accepting that they have this problem. And so they're in a, they're in a circle of people who pray together and sing together and eat together and all are fighting for the same cause, and in itself developed a certain amount of camaraderie amongst them. Of course, that is very limited if when steps out a lot, because then you're ostracized and and shunned.

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Joan Devlin 1:20:32

And I had heard too, from more than one person that it was a really good way to meet gay Christians. I mean, seriously, because, you know, a lot of people who really had these religious beliefs did not feel comfortable going to bars and things. So by joining these ex gay ministries, they were able to meet other gay Christians. Yeah, well,

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fortunately, now there's their ex ex gay ministries. And so there's a lot of ex ex gays who still feel very strongly about the religious police, but have had the has been able to understand them in terms that are much more self accepting. And I think that that's really helpful. Now, what

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Joan Devlin 1:21:15

is the response to the book, Ben so far? Well, you

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know, it just recently came out. And so I haven't seen any reviews of it yet. My publicist sent out a number of review copies. So we're hoping that we'll get some, you know,

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Joan Devlin 1:21:31

tech triangle.com, it's in this week's

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Oh, good. Yeah. And, and then I am doing a reading in a couple of weeks different light here in San Francisco. So expect to get a little bit of feedback and sense of things from people at that point.

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Joan Devlin 1:21:48

While I'll be honest with you, I really couldn't put it down. I just loved it. And but it, especially because it was very different, because I read both of your books, one right after the other. So I wanted to move on to the first one. Which was we're not alone. And that one was a much different book. In fact, it was kind of good to have read that one first. Because the God Squad sort of, you know, was a little lightweight after that. Sure. Even though is it still a very serious thing, because we're not alone was very compelling. It's about gay teenagers. And the thing that was rather frightening through the book was the fact that these kids, I This book took place in the year 1999 2000, or whatever. But I saw these kids going through things that I went through in high school back in the late 70s, early 80s. Sure, yeah. And it's it was very upsetting to me to see that as far as we've come as a nation, we're still failing our kids.

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Well, I think that that's often the case that kids are not protected in school from homophobic slurs, remarks and assault that they're often dismissed as having brought it on themselves. And, and it really is still very much of a problem for kids to identify as gay in high school and still feel safe.

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Joan Devlin 1:23:10

And the other thing too, in that book, I noticed, and this was the one I related to was the character of Susie, because she was very strong and self aware. But her strength and her self awareness, actually created problems, not only for her friends, but even among her friends, parents, because all of a sudden, a lot of people had to face a lot of their own internal issues.

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That's right, you know, by her coming out so forcefully, it sort of shook up every one else around them from the gym teacher who is the head of the girls athletic Association, the faculty sponsor to her parents, and then her best friend's parents and all having to deal with this pretty out. lesbian identified, young woman.

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Joan Devlin 1:24:03

And I think what struck me the most was the gym teacher because, believe it or not, when I was in high school, I had a gay gym teacher. And I was not self identified as a lesbian then but believe me, it was pretty apparent. And my best friend and I were pretty inseparable. And this woman who was gay herself, was the cruellest, most vicious, most homophobic person I have ever run across in my entire life. And my friend confronted her on it actually ran into her at a gay bar with her girlfriend some seven or eight years later. And the woman's excuse was, I had to do that because if anybody had suspected I was gay, I would have lost my job. And so that, you know, there's three victims in that mix. The kids that are being picked on and the person who feels like they have to pick on them to protect themselves.

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Yes. And I think that that happens in my life. As teenagers as well, where someone might have similar feelings, but then feels compelled by his other friends to kind of go along, such as the character of Doug and right in the story as well.

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Joan Devlin 1:25:13

Now, I know you work with ex ex gays, do you also work with gay teams?

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Not so much anymore. Although I, I see a few of them that City College where I'm working in the counseling center there. But for a number of years, I ran a group specifically for gay teenagers. I had a lesbian co leader, and for about seven years, we ran this group every week. And, you know, during the course of that time, we saw some of them actually grow up. Wow. So it was really it was very, very touching to be involved with that process.

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Joan Devlin 1:25:48

And are these your first novels or so Wow, did they come out, they're pretty close together.

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We're not alone. It's actually a reprint. It first came out a few years ago, but they didn't do the best job in the world in terms of printing it in the first place. As you saw your self the copy I said to you, but it's been redone since then, it has a fingerprint and nice cover. And it looks, you know, it looks pretty sharp, though.

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Joan Devlin 1:26:18

Guaranteed to get banned at the library in Wichita Falls. Well, I want to thank you so much for taking the time to be on the air with us tonight and share the books. And I will email you tomorrow with the the email address for the triangle, so you can check out the God Squad review. Great. And I did want to ask you one more thing before you go well, two things. First of all, actually, where can people get the books?



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Well, the books are. The books have been published by I universe.com that I have in the letter i universe.com. So people can go directly to their website in order. But you can also order it through your own local independent bookstore. And that actually might be a little faster than ordering it through the website directly. Strangely enough, just because it's a print on demand kind of situation. And so they go through their distributor, and so on. So they could also check out my website, which is Rick eyes and see.com there's a I have a list of all my books, including self help books for gay men love between men reclaiming your life, and a midlife book. And, and then you can click on the cover of the God Squad that will take you directly to the website where you can order it as well. I'm hoping people will order it through bookstores so that bookstores will get used to, you know, trying to keep it on the shelves as well.



J Joan Devlin 1:27:46

And the next question plans for future fiction. Well,



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actually, what I'm working on now is a collection of sort of humorous essays, which are not exactly reality. Or sort of like imagine, since we'd like to see in a sense. And so I'm putting that together right at this point and hoping to find a publisher for that sometime this next year.



J Joan Devlin 1:28:12

Well, that's great. Well, as soon as you do get that published, you send it my way to read it. Right. And thank you so much. Because for your work also in the you know, we'll go into that a little bit too for a second, your field in psychology, you said you're a clinical social worker,



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right? Yes, I'm a psychotherapist. I've been working in the field for the last 20 years in various mental health clinic community mental health clinics. And now I have a practice private practice here in San Francisco.



J Joan Devlin 1:28:40

So you've probably seen quite a bit here in the last 20 years. Yeah, yes. Go? Yeah,



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quite a few changes over the years. And, and it's when we're talking about youth in some ways. You know, it's great for them to see role models on TV now. And it's being spoken about much more openly and so on. In some ways, you'd think in San Francisco, that would make it much easier for teenagers to come out. But it's not necessarily that easy, because there's such a high heightened awareness about issue that anyone who kind of steps out of line can automatically detect as homosexual regardless of whether or not they're really identified that way, or whether they're ready to kind of be that open about it either. And so that creates a certain tension, I think, for young people are trying to figure out who they are. So it's not necessarily all that much easier, even though there's, there are definitely are better opportunities for some kids, especially in schools where they have like a gay straight alliance, where they can have an open forum where kids don't necessarily have to identify which side of the fence they're on particularly they can just kind of explore and question and try to figure out Who they are, because that's what teenagers need to do.



J Joan Devlin 1:30:03

Well, you also have a religious right presence even in San Francisco though. Oh, sure. Yeah. And in fact, you may attract one more because of the per capita gaze.



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Possibly. I mean, they certainly show up at our parade.



J Joan Devlin 1:30:19

Yeah, I did like that in the book, the the parade protests and the signs and stuff. I thought that was pretty funny. Well, it seems we've had some technical difficulties again tonight. We've just lost our Ric eyes and see, so I'll try to get him back and we'll hear some music.



G Greg Gordon 1:30:36

Openly gay British actor and activist Sir Ian McKellen, most recently featured in the hugely popular X Men movie has been in New Zealand during the past few weeks to portray Gandalf in a film version of JRR Tolkien's classic Lord of the Rings, during a wide ranging conversation at the studio's of Wellington's access radio with the BBC Programmes you young, the discussion turned to implicit homosexuality in the literature of 17th century England, particularly the work of William Shakespeare, sir Ian's delightful discourse provides a perspective you may not have gotten in your English Lit class.



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IT'S CERTAINLY TRUE IN ENGLAND THAT IF YOU WERE FOUND COMMITTING SODOMY, YOU COULD BE HANGED. But it's equally true that very, very few people were accused of, of sodomy, and yet a lot of it went on and it's referred to and literature's as good a way as any other uncovering the truth of the situation. As an act and Shakespeare enthusiast, I think one way that I can lead into that sense that literature is a good guide to the truth is by noting, along with academics and, and other theater people that there was a lot of homosexuality in Shakespeare. And of course, he was fascinated by the variety of sexuality as he was fascinated by the variety of attitudes and achievements in the human beings generally. So when you get when you get to play, like to austenite, or like as you like it, or symbole, and many others, in which the leading character, a young woman dresses up as a young man and gets involved in all sorts of amorous escapades as a result of that. And when you realize that that young woman was not played by an actress, but by a young man, in drag, you begin to see that Shakespeare is playing with a nice to the complicated set of circumstances and then using it to his own advantage, I think, which is to eliminate some reassurance that sexuality is quite varied, but it's not underlined. It's just that and I think ready to be brought out and those all male productions, which I've seen, as you like it, turn those scenes between Rosalind and Orlando, in two very erotic scenes, which can appeal to gay people just as much as they can distract. But to apply gay to these relationships, and alter anything else in Shakespeare on the messiness, I think would be misleading and gay is very much a 20th century term and dealing with our sense of what we are. I don't think anyone would have defined themselves happily as being homosexual in the 17th century, but they might well be sleeping with both genders exclusively with their own gender. But to confirmation of that, you'd think you'd have to go to the to the case studies, history books, but look here we are enriched the third and unlikely source of game material you would think, but here's a very short scene if anyone wants to look it up later, it's Act Four scene three when Tyrol. One of Cambridgeshire the third's henchmen, has killed the two princes in the tower to ease Richards journey to the throne of England and Richard says kind Tyrol Am I happy in my news, hoping that he's heard hope he's gonna have here that the princes are dead until says, If to have done the thing you gave in charge but get your happiness be happy then for it is done. Richard but did start see them that I did, my Lord and buried, gentle, terrible, the chaplains the tar has buried them, but how are in what place I do not know. Then listen to this. Richard says, Come to me too soon at after supper when you should tell the process of their death. Meantime, but think how I may do the good and be inheritor of the high desire, farewell till then he's inviting a member of his staff to come to him after supper, you know when the day's work is done, when he will bedtime, when he will be the inheritor of his desire, it seems to me, it's in that way that you can unlock as Shakespeare is interested in people's sexuality is not a wish to third gay or tyrells. He's just saying that to Butch men going about their nefarious business are perfectly capable of talking in a manly erotic way to each other. And acts as the sort of hint that I take that Shakespeare was well aware that of people like us, even though people like us didn't define themselves as being people like us. The King of England at the time, the man who subsidized the Globe Theatre, and the actors are working in it, who did Hamlet and King Lear and all those other wonderful players, and the Bible, and well, he authorized the committee which translated the King James Version of the Bible that was in 1611. Whatever he said in public and publicly, he was certainly against homosexuality. He was behind his back known as Queen James. And here's the letter he wrote to his lover. I don't know how you were taught English history if you were at all but George Villiers, but Duke of Buckingham, was always referred to my school as James's favorite. Well, he was his lover. And when George Willis was 31 years old, listen to this letter from James, who I think was a few years older than that. My only sweet and dear child, notwithstanding, of your desire, he may not write yesterday, I cannot content myself without sending you this present, praying God, that I may have a joyful and comfortable meeting with you, and that we may make this Christmas and new marriage ever to be kept hereafter. For God so loved me as I desire only to live in this world for your

sake, and that I had us rather live banished in any part of the earth with you, than I live a sorrowful widows life without you. And so God bless you, my sweet child and wife, and grant that you may ever be a comfort to your dear dad and husband, James. But what a wonderful letter to write or to receive or to, to read, you know, so many years on. Probably confused, James was but not I think in his clear love of Georgia and she wants to express and others beautifully. We're obviously in a period of intense activity and change. This broadcast is part of it, of people making connections with each other and realizing that underneath the facade of the legal system, and what we've been brought up to think is the right behavior. There are a number of us going about our innocent business of our of living a fulfilled lives, which includes, of course, being affectionate with each other and if it happens to be with the people of our gender rather than the, the other. So,

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Greg Gordon 1:38:16

anyone that was opened the gate actor and activist Sir Ian McKellen, in conversation with you young in Wellington, New Zealand. Thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, Cindy Friedman, dini. Elzinga, Graham Underhill, Jason Lynn, Chris Ambridge. Brian newness Alan wiki Rex Wagner, Hugh young and Chris Wilson, Pam Marshall and Christopher David Trentham contributed program material. Thanks also to Jim waters, Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. Some this way out. Operating expenses are funded by a grant from the kicking assets funded the Tides Foundation by planet out from designated contributions by uncommon Clark Visa card holders who chosen this way out and through direct charitable donations from our listeners around the world. For audio cassette of 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 3832 Southern 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 the Chappelle and the entire this way out our family I'm Greg Gordon. We all thank you for listening on CFB you St Catharines Ontario, que ubo El Centro, California WCB and Ann Arbor, Michigan and more than 125 other stations around the world, including this community radio station, please stay tuned

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Glenn Holt 1:39:57

and this way out is heard every week as part of lesbian and gay voices here on 90.1 FM KPFT. And now, once again, Joan?

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Joan Devlin 1:40:09

Oh, well, we just have we had Rick ICNC back on the line, because we had a little technical difficulty. So just wanted to say, Rick to well finish up your thoughts, finish up what we were telling us about your career in San Francisco, and then give us your website address, and we'll let you go for real this time. Sure.

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That's fine. I've worked as a therapist in the mental health field for the last 20 years or so ran a support group in San Francisco for about seven years with gay and lesbian youth. And I've also seen a few clients who are struggling with this whole kind of ex gay conundrum trying to figure out their way back out of that and into becoming more self accepting gay or lesbian identified adults. And it's really gratifying thing to see people make that transition. My web address is Rick isand see.com. And you can see my titles of my books there and click on the books to go directly to the publisher to order them directly. You can also order them through your local bookstore.

J Joan Devlin 1:41:17

Great. Well, thank you so much. We appreciate you taking the time to be on tonight. The books are the God Squad, a spoof on ex gay ministries, which is hilarious and will be the perfect thing. You know, we talked about holiday stress earlier. Well, this is the perfect book to believe it. And then we're not alone, which is not only a great book for adults to read, but would make an excellent Christmas present for that teenager in your life. Who is looking for something a little more stimulating to read then Heather Has Two Mommies or something. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices. Rick, thank you so much for being on our show. We'll we'll take a short break and we'll be back to say goodbye.

G Glenn Holt 1:41:54

Well, I didn't realize that you were going to expect me to be able to play music at this point. Well, we can always talk yeah, we could talk that's that's actually what I was expecting you to do. Because that's what you do so well.

J Joan Devlin 1:42:05

Well, Jack well, actually Jack does it well, Jack doesn't answer phones.

J Jack Valinski 1:42:10

Today, it was not my day. And John probably won't be speaking to me after today. If you do not have anything to do this Thursday, the community center is great having a community Thanksgiving day feast. It starting at about two o'clock and going on till about six. They have a turkey been donated by Kroger's to disco Kroger's, of course. And they ask that you do call, I believe it's 71352438118. And just let them know if you're coming in or bringing a guest or something like that. They're also looking if you want to donate some time to help set up the dinner. And it's going to happen this year, as opposed to they had a little snafu last year. So that's happening if you don't have anything to do, of course, there's the Thanksgiving Day Parade, the bank United Thanksgiving Day Parade that starts at nine o'clock and it's going to be in a different part of downtown. It's going to be more near the convention center because the rest of Downtown is just torn up. I don't know if you you don't drive much downtown. But Joan, but it is a mess.

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Joan Devlin 1:43:13

I will I tend to mess to stuff. That's right.

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Jack Valinski 1:43:15

Everything is a mess. And I and the interstate 45 going through downtown as you can't find a ramp on it. But anyway, we're not doing the traffic reports here. And of course, there's gonna you know, a lot of things will be going on in the weekend. I'm sure there's a lot of big movies opening up this weekend. That's right,

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Joan Devlin 1:43:31

we well, first before we even get get into some of the movies. Don't forget landmark theater, five non perishable canned goods from Wednesday through Sunday. Bring them to either landmark River Oaks or Greenway, they've got a lot of giveaways but you shouldn't do it. Like we always say regarding pledges here, you shouldn't do it for the giveaways you should do it because it's the right thing to do. It's not that hard to come up with the five cans of food and landmark we'll be delivering them to stone soup on Monday, the 27th of November. So you know, five cans. You're gonna go to landmark this weekend anyway, cuz you're gonna have to get away from the relatives and cans

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Jack Valinski 1:44:12

next week, of course, JD Doyle's music segment at nine o'clock. But at eight o'clock, we'll be doing some special programming about World AIDS Day.

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Glenn Holt 1:44:20

That's right. Oh, World AIDS Day

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Glenn Holt 1:44:24

Oh, gosh. That's right. I'd forgotten all about that. What sort of special programming are we going to do to be announced? Oh, I see. Okay. In other words, we

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don't have a plan yet.

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Glenn Holt 1:44:33

Right. Right. Understand? Did you hear it in the news about the merger between gay.com and planet out?

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Jack Valinski 1:44:41

Yes, that basically means there's one big conglomerate of gay media and us.

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Glenn Holt 1:44:48

Okay, and there's there's also KPFK in Los Angeles that that does our this way out program. Right. Have you have you tried using any of the services on gay.com No, have you? Yeah. They. Okay. I mean, trying to do anything on the internet over a dial up is kind of, you know, dicey at best that you're supposed to do at work. Yeah, right. I'm sure that gay.com is one of those that would one of those URLs that would set off alarm bells.

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Joan Devlin 1:45:25

That's funny, you know, the strange thing is where I work. They're pretty laid back about the whole internet thing, and they don't have any filters. And sure enough, we had one person in one of our offices that was their, their porno party every day. And they were just so amazed when, you know, all of a sudden, they got busted. And it's like, well, just because they let you access those sites doesn't mean somebody isn't the time to check in.

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Just as the show is getting interesting, we have to go now and it wasn't me.

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Glenn Holt 1:45:58

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