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sound of Texas at Pacifica network station KPFT Houston.



Jack Valinski 00:07

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



Glenn Holt 00:19

And I'm Glenn Holt,



Joan Devlin 00:19

And I'm John Devlin.



Jack Valinski 00:20

and it's Pride Month and we're smack in the middle of it.



Glenn Holt 00:23

And aren't you glad that this past weekend wasn't the parade? Oh, yes.

AND AREN'T YOU GUYS TALK THIS PAST WEEKEND WASN'T THE PARADE? OH, YES,

J Jack Valinski 00:27

yes. And, you know, certainly we have all of our thoughts go out to people who have had some real problems, losing houses or vehicles or people. It was just absolutely incredible.

G Glenn Holt 00:38

Yeah, I heard on the news today, they were talking about I guess they were talking with the FEMA people. And the statistics were something like 20,000 houses destroyed.

J Jack Valinski 00:50

It just absolutely incredible. And, you know, I'm very thankful that nothing major, you know, happened to most people. I know. Certainly some things happen. The community center had problems which are in the process of being fixed or pretty much fixed, which is great. And Tim is going to be talking about that shortly. We lost 6000 Pride books. They just went down the well. They floated down. Yeah, they floated actually they they're still there, unfortunately. But they just got all wet.

G Glenn Holt 01:16

Well, yeah. Ed had asked me actually tell you that they need more pride books over there. I

J Jack Valinski 01:20

get a call every day. Yes. Yeah. Well, actually, we're somewhat in luck, because there's a national edition of the the pride book that they're going to be shipping in here on Friday 5000 copies. So we'll have a mixture of the Houston Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington stuff rather than just to Houston stuff in the middle. Okay, great. So yeah, I mean, they were really they're really great. And getting getting that. So we're going to have a giving out book party this Friday and Saturday, if you're interested in doing stuff. Tomorrow, though, of course, it's the mandatory parade meeting at the Metropolitan multi separate Center, which is at 1475. West great at 7pm. So if you're registered in the parade, you need to be there. And if you're not registering the parade, that is your last chance to do it. And it looks like it's going to be the biggest parade ever.

G Glenn Holt 02:06

Well, good. I'm sure that that there's no reason why it shouldn't be. Oh, okay. Flooding, not not to be here considered. Yes.

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Jack Valinski 02:15

And usually this is the weekend of AstroWorld. But luckily, we had it the previous week, he's

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Joan Devlin 02:19

gonna say I'm washed away, you would really you'd had Waterworld, and AstroWorld, all rolled up.

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Jack Valinski 02:23

And what I do need to tell you, you know, Tim is going to be at first to talk about the center, then we're going to be talking about Buddhism, Buddhism. Then g cam is going to be on to talk about their event for the museum, the gay and lesbian bisexual, transgendered museum. And

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Joan Devlin 02:40

Mr. Ray Hill.

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Jack Valinski 02:41

Yes, Ray will be on talking about his event. That will be a week from today since we can't go to it. Yes, he decided to have it on a Monday. It's another one of his history life story episodes. So I'm sure there will be it will be very entertaining. Oh, yes, absolutely. And so there's lots of pride things going on. And unfortunately, some of them were canceled over the weekend. I know the Fun Run was canceled. I believe the interfaith service was cancelled. I understand there's a lot of damage at the MCC are the resurrection MCC church which is unfortunate. A number of places here in the Montrose had problems. So hopefully you're getting your life back in order and things are coming around and we will have a tremendous celebration in two weeks. In two weeks. Actually, we're gonna be talking about it. So it is time for Newswatch from this way out,

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Glenn Holt 03:31

donate I've been looking at the tape and it's halfway in. Yeah, but even still, there's nothing there. It recorded blank.

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Jack Valinski 03:42

Okay,

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Joan Devlin 03:43

Just as fast Tim. Well no we

just go get him. Well, no, we

J Jack Valinski 03:45

you know, we do have we have a CD. Do we have it in here? I don't have it. Okay, Joan is gonna go get the CD. Joan, the slave will go. Well, if she did it when she was supposed to do it, she wouldn't have to go do it now. Would you like to

G Glenn Holt 03:58

live Speaking of which, where's Joan? Where's my coffee?

J Jack Valinski 04:02

Now that is really pushing. Sitting me. JD who unfortunately had some real problems in the flood. I think he lost his car. I think he had some problems where he lives. He still did a CD of a number of the groups that are going to be playing at the festival. Oh, okay. So and I mean, I'm sure that took a lot of research because I don't know any of them. Of course, I wouldn't know these

G Glenn Holt 04:22

people anyway. Now is this the water palooza?

J Jack Valinski 04:24

No, no, no, that is the gay Lollapalooza that's gonna be happening in August. But what JD did was the people who are gonna be forming at the festival, which is June 24. At garden in the heights, between one and 7pm and I wanted to make sure we do play some songs. Because JD works so hard and putting this thing together.

G Glenn Holt 04:43

Okay, cool city. I came across this water Palooza today on the net, which kind of surprised me. Do you know anything about that? Yes.

J Jack Valinski 04:51

Apparently they're traveling. It's like some of the like 80s groups that are going around. I like isn't Depeche Mode on there. Her Pet Shop Boys

G Glenn Holt 05:02



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or Pet Shop Boys, Sinead O'Connor Rufus Wainwright soft sell. Steven Martin magnetic fields.



J Jack Valinski 05:09

Rufus Wainwright has a brand new album out, and they've been playing it here on KPFT. So it's been getting some rotation here. It just came out last week. And yeah, Pet Shop Boys, of course. Makes sense. But Depeche Mode. No, because they just got a brand new album out. So they're like too big for this, but it's going to be I'd sit the Cynthia woods, Mitchell pavilion, sometime in August.



J Joan Devlin 05:32

I believe that's an outdoor pavilion is yes. Well,



J Jack Valinski 05:35

you know, summer gets hot. So



G Glenn Holt 05:38

considering that the Wortham center got flooded out along with everybody.



J Jack Valinski 05:41

Yeah, well, we have some information on the alley too. They're moving their plays. One of them's been moved to stages. And we'll talk about that a little bit.



G Glenn Holt 05:49

Okay. Excuse my ignorance on on this water palooza. But



J Jack Valinski 05:56

it's never stopped you before.



G Glenn Holt 05:57

I know, the Pet Shop Boys. Are they like a gay group or whatever? I don't know this kind of stuff. I mean, that's department.

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Jack Valinski 06:06

Plus, press the start button on the CD. Get us out of here. We don't come on. There we go.

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Glenn Holt 06:27

Beth and Tony's Wedding by David Hall. You are listening to lesbian and gay voices.

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Joan Devlin 06:33

Okay, well, where Tim and I are in here comparing flood stories. Okay, I thought you're gonna go to this way out. I'm sorry. But Tim, speaking of flood stories, what exactly happened to the community center and what is the new updated information?

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Well, hi, Joan. Hi. Delighted to be here. The Houston lesbian and gay community center sustained some damage, although it seems minor compared to damage suffered by MCC er and bearing and even the Counseling Center. But we we have a seller, which I know is a surprise to some people under the kitchen and the reception area. And it took on five feet of water during the worst of the storm. We the landlord started, brought a pump in yesterday and started pumping out water. And while he was pumping water, there was electrical arc in the cellar filled with smoke. So of course, he immediately said, we need to shut down the power which we did. So we were shut up. We shut down power yesterday. And the electricians showed up at nine o'clock this morning. And worked diligently all day. They were a terrific crew. And we had a wonderful crew of volunteers from the center. And we cleaned out the cellar as the water was pumped out so that the electricians would have room to work. And then we just decided what the heck, we'll just clean out the whole darn Center. I'm sorry, the whole darn cellar, which we've been threatening to do for months and finally finally did so the seller is cleaned out pumped out. The electricity was switched on about four o'clock. So we are fully operational. And we are back to our regular schedule. And to thank everyone for their support and their patients. The two activities that were scheduled for this evening, Janine brunches, his mayoral liaison roundtable and Dreamweavers the craft of writing fiction our new writers workshop were cancelled. Both Janine brunches and Don Amer who leads the writing workshop still have host Allison situations to deal with no power, that kind of thing. But those will resume on a regular schedule as well.

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Joan Devlin 08:53

And how about the Tuesday night activities? I mean, is everything go for tomorrow evening.

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Everything's go for tomorrow, Tuesday. Every Tuesday night is lesbian coming out group. It's seven o'clock. And that's back to the regular schedule. We're fully powered up and have air and

everything. So please come please come.

J Joan Devlin 09:11

So tell us you have quite a bit planned for pride.

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We do we've had we have are in the middle of a very active Pride Month is are a lot of organizations and individuals. We started out with a screening of beyond Stonewall the wonderful documentary about gay and lesbian life beginning in the 20s in the United States, and have continued with activities throughout the month in addition to some of our regular events and programming. Coming up we have some more exciting events as we make the sprint toward the parade. This Sunday we kick off Pride Week with dinner at the center which is our regular monthly potluck takes place the third Sunday of the month but we're going to try to make it a little bit special this Sunday with some music and help People come out and join us at six o'clock and bring your favorite dish. And then it on Monday Ray Hill gives his performance which I know he'll be talking about later. So I will let him talk about that. But it's Monday, June 18, at 730. And it's a benefit for the center. Then on Friday, we have parade Eve, which is actually turning into a wonderful celebration with the pride committee. We will have just a reception and party and we're going to show a screening of Stonewall, which is the 1996 fictionalized version of the Stonewall Rebellion. And our special guests will be Roy McCarthy, who I know listeners of after hours know is big Roy, he's he was actually present and participated in Stonewall. Yes, that's a very moving story is a great story. And he's going to speak and we were so excited. And we encourage everybody to come out and hear him and anyone out there who is also a veteran of Stonewall, we invite them to come as our as our special guests. I know, I believe that there are some, some other veterans out there. And then of course, the parade on the 23rd. And we'll have an entry and hope everybody will wave to us. And then on the 28 after the parade, but we're very excited about this theater New West, who are the people who brought dirty little show tunes and bed boys and beyond, is presenting a benefit performance of its new production, which is called Key West to comedy on the 28th at theater, new Westover on snow over on California in the Sonoma building. And it's a benefit for the center \$25. And everything benefits us. And we hope people will call the Center for tickets because it should be a great evening. And then finally we wrap up the month with another benefit. Hollywood frame Gallery, which is a business it's very supportive of our community is having a benefit screen of Tootsie, the great Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange comedy on Saturday, the 30th. And we just encourage contributions and just invite people to come out after all their activities and kind of wind down with a movie.

J Joan Devlin 12:06

Well, it seems like you really are picking it up for pride.

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We really tried this year to kind of take it up a notch. We always have activities during pride as does everybody. But we just thought this year we'd really try to just do a little bit more

encourage people to come to the center and just have a good time and maybe do a few things that could even entertain people and give them a little information as well.

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Joan Devlin 12:34

Well, I tell you when I was volunteering to help with the parade last year, and I mean, the the center was definitely like a little beehive of activity that whole day. It was command post one for the pride committee. And it really was it was very busy. Very active. Very, just wonderful to be in place. Well, thanks.

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And I think it will be again this year because of course we'll have our the community center will have its entry. And we'll be working on that. And I believe that, of course the pride committee is always in high gear over there and certainly will be just leading up to the parade. And I think the Unity committee is putting together its entry there. And I'm not sure about hatch, but I think hatch will be as well, they certainly did last year. And that was great fun having the hatch, kids work on their float on the community center grounds. So I expect will be pretty active in the days leading to the parade.

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Joan Devlin 13:24

And you still have space for ranch at the community center.

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Yes, we do. Thanks for mentioning that we have an office. That is for rent. It actually was the former the office formerly occupied by the pride committee. Pride committee moved across the hall when the caucus moved downstairs, and it is still available. It's a wonderful office with Windows on two sides. And if anyone is interested, I hope they will give me a call at the center 7135 to 43818. And, yeah, either one organization could rent it, or we're very open to two or more organizations sharing the office and splitting the rent.

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Joan Devlin 14:04

And if somebody wants to have an event at the center, what do they need to do

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if you're interested in having an event at the center. And we encourage everyone to think about the center as a place to have parties and private events, commitment ceremonies, even meetings, please give me a call. You can either call at the center 713-524-3818 Or if you'd like you can call me in my office number, which is 713-639-7574. And it's also listed in one of the

mailboxes at the center number so you don't have to remember that. But please think about the center. And if you'd like to come by and just take a tour and see what the options might be. I'd be happy to meet you there and show you around.

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Joan Devlin 14:49

And finally, can you give us any information about the potential new center

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that is a long term project. We are We're definitely committed to being at 803. Hawthorne for this year of our lease. But along that same track, we are thinking about the future. And certainly, at some point we are going to be outgrowing the center, we're already bursting at the seams. Many times, we're at a point where some evenings we don't have enough room for everybody who wants to meet. So we have been exploring over time, a new location, and we will continue to do that, particularly after pride, I think we'll start looking at that, again, we have a task force that has been considering that and we invite people in the community who would perhaps like to be part of that conversation and that exploration to also give us a call, because that will be a real need down the road, as we grow with the community, and want to provide more and more services.

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Joan Devlin 15:56

Well, great, I want to thank you so much for being on and thank you for doing such a valuable service for the community providing us such a lovely venue to celebrate Pride and other aspects of GLBT life. And Glenn, are we now going to go to this layout?

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Glenn Holt 16:07

Yes, after Jack beat me severely. I did manage to find

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I'm Donald Herman and I'm Cindy Friedman with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the weekend in June ninth 2001. Britain's national elections this week saw labor repeat its 1997 landslide in another humiliating defeat for the Conservative Party. That bodes well for gays and lesbians, particularly since the gay supportive Liberal Democrats gained several seats. Labour's six openly gay and lesbian MPs were returned to Parliament, including Peter Mandelson, who was forced to resign his Cabinet posts this year in a scandal of which he was later exonerated. Chris Brian joined the out labour lineup with a win in Ronda, almost 30 other openly gay and lesbian challengers from various parties failed in their bids. Conservative Party leader William Hague followed tradition by resigning in the wake of the party's defeat. oddsmakers favorite to replace him as Michael Portillo, who admitted to gay affairs in his youth before returning to politics in 1999. Portillo pleaded for greater tolerance in the anti gay party at the Tories convention and afterwards,

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Cindy Friedman 17:27

in Italy this week, a retired brigadier general called for increased recruitment of gays for the military. General Luigi Calligaris, unnoted pundit on defense issues and a member of the European Parliament said the problem of Italy shrinking professional force could easily be solved with active recruitment of immigrants and gay men. He noted gays successful integration into British and French forces, yet Calligari opposed increased recruitment of women saying they would always be a minimal component of the armed forces.

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Elsewhere, legal recognition of gay and lesbian relationships dominated the news. Lesbians Kimberly Vance and Samantha Men this week became the first couple in Canada to register their domestic partnership under newly passed legislation in Nova Scotia. Although gay and lesbian couples throughout the country who have gained most of the legal recognition granted to unmarried heterosexual couples, Nova Scotia is the first province to establish a formal partnership registry. It creates a three tiered system with the status of registered couples falling between those of married heterosexual couples and those of unregistered common law couples. Compared to common law status. Registration brings expanded benefits in making medical decisions for a disabled partner and in determination of spousal support and property division on dissolution. establishment of the registry is credited in large part to a successful seven year legal battle by gay Nova Scotia couple Ross Boutilier and Brian Marquette

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Cindy Friedman 19:02

in Australia, the upper house of the Victorian State Parliament this week voted 35 to five to enact an omnibus bill giving gay and lesbian couples status equal to unmarried heterosexual couples. The bill which previously passed in the lower house, amends 43 provincial laws on topics including medical decision making, pensions, inheritance, tenancy and taxation. It replaces the term de facto partner with domestic partner whose definition includes the phrase irrespective of gender, the Victorian government plans to introduce a bill to similarly change another 30 state laws soon. Formal ratification of the current measure by Victoria Governor John Landy is expected to be scheduled for June 26, the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall uprising in New York City, the Victorian gay and lesbian rights lobby called the bill's passage, the most comprehensive legal step toward equality We have yet seen in Australia, but the European

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Court of Justice has dismissed a long running bid for spousal benefits by a gay employee of the Council of Europe's Council of Ministers. The plaintiff is from Sweden, where his registered partnership carries essentially all the legal benefits of marriage. But the European Court of Justice followed administrative panels and excluding even Sweden's long established gay and lesbian partnerships from the Council of Europe's staff policies referring to marriage and spouse. The ruling declare that it is not in question that, according to the definition generally

accepted by the member states, the term marriage means a union between two persons of the opposite sex, the International lesbian and gay Association ILGA called the judgment wrong and not acceptable. And the Netherlands Green Party member of the European Parliament called it astonishing.

 Cindy Friedman 20:54

In the US, the California Assembly this week passed a bill to substantially expand the legal standing of the state's registered domestic partners. The vote was 43 to 29. With no Republicans supporting the bill in the wake of an intensive opposition media campaign by religious right groups. The bill was introduced by openly lesbian Assemblymember Carol Mignon of San Francisco. currently registered domestic partners qualify for hospital visitation. And if they're state employees for health insurance benefits. Megan's bill would give registered partners status similar to married couples for medical decision making health insurance benefits from private employers, inheritance in the absence of a will and wrongful death lawsuits as well as easing second parent adoptions. The bill heads next to the State Senate where there's also a Democratic majority. Democratic Governor Gray Davis told reporters that he would sign a bill to expand domestic partner benefits this year, although he did not specify mignons. Although he signed the 1999 bill creating the statewide registry, he dictated weaker terms than lawmakers had sought, and last year he vetoed three domestic partnership measures.

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A US appeals court ruled in May that extending spousal health insurance benefits only to gay and lesbian couples is not discrimination against unmarried heterosexual couples. The ruling by the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit came in a challenge to the Employee Benefits policy of the Chicago Board of Education by employee Milagros Irizarry. The three judge panel found the policy violated neither her constitutional right to equal protection under the law, nor the city's ordinance against marital status discrimination. The ruling validated the board's concerns that the greatly increased costs, extending the benefits to unmarried heterosexual males would represent. It also affirmed the board's reasoning that heterosexuals could obtain the benefits by marrying while gays and lesbians could not. While saying the board could not be faulted for not wishing to encourage heterosexual cohabitation. The ruling also said that it is not for a federal court to decide whether a local government agency's policy of tolerating or even endorsing homosexuality is sound. The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund supported Irizarry's challenge saying that all families need the protection of employment benefits regardless of marital status or sexual orientation.

 Cindy Friedman 23:21

In other US legal news, the Virginia State Supreme Court has declined to take up a challenge to the state sodomy law, but an Alabama State appeals court has awarded a partnered lesbian custody of her three children, reversing the lower court's decision in favor of her former husband who abused them. The Tennessee Supreme Court in May found unanimously that a lesbians partner should not be forced to leave their home when her children visited, reversing

an appellate ruling supporting her former husband's religious objections. And a California gay male couple of beneficiaries named the guardians of the nephews lived with them all 10 years of his life, overcoming the challenge of his homophobic grandfather who kidnapped him last year



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in judgments of a different sort. The annual Tony Awards were presented this week, honoring the best of the Broadway stage. British playwright Sir Tom Stoppard's, the invention of love about the life and loves of the late gay poet and scholar at Houseman one dramatic acting awards for both its lead and featured actors. The musical lead and featured performance awards went to two openly gay actors Nathan Lane and Gary Beach for their work in *Mel Brooks*. The producers' Beach character is a Queenie director in a show that's been called an equal opportunity offender for its lineup of comic stereotypes. The producers had been nominated in 15 categories and set a new record by winning a dozen Tony's including Best Musical. It stars Lane in *Matthew Broderick* also hosted the Tonys in recognition that the show is Broadway's biggest hit in a quarter century. It's so dominated the award show that when Daniel Sullivan accepted best director in a play for proof, he said, There must be some mistake. I had nothing to do with the producers.



C Cindy Friedman 25:09

And finally, communities around the world this week observed the 20th anniversary of the first official public report describing what is now known as AIDS. It was a note in the US Centers for Disease Control report that several previously healthy young gay men in Los Angeles had been stricken with opportunistic infections seen only in those with suppressed immune systems. The syndrome was first known as GRID for gay Related Immune Deficiency, renamed Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. More than a year later, commemorative events included demonstrations, memorial services and fundraisers. The United Nations AIDS program announced that in the last two decades, 58 million people have become infected with HIV and 22 million have died from AIDS related illness and predicted this is only the beginning. While treatments have enabled some of those who can access them to live longer and better than before, AIDS is still far from being a manageable illness. Yet studies in the US, UK, Canada and Australia all suggest that gay men, especially young gay men, are increasingly failing to take precautions. Using a condom every time can greatly reduce your risk of infection with HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases play safely.



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That's news roundup for the weekend in June 9 2001, written by Cindy Friedman, and recorded at the studios of KPFK, Los Angeles,



C Cindy Friedman 26:37

follow the news in your area, and then formed community is a strong community. For this way out. I'm



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Cindy Friedman. And I'm Donald Herman.



Glenn Holt 26:46

We will have more from this way later in the program. You were listening to lesbian and gay voices.



J Jack Valinski 26:53

And we're in smack in the middle here of Pride Month 2001, which there are approximately 100 different events that are going on, as I said before, that if you want to get a copy of them or see where they are, you can go to the website PrideHouston.org or TXtriangle.com. Or I believe out smart probably hasn't posted by now out smart magazine.com. And all those websites will give you a list of all the official pride events. And we're going to talk about one in particular now Javier is here to talk about the Buddhism practice. And I'll be honest with you, I'm completely ignorant on this. So tell me all about it.



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Well, first, I want to say thank you, Jack for giving me the opportunity to talk to the people listening about SGI on our Buddhism. SGI is the name of the organization that practices that kind of Buddhism, about our practice, which is called Nisha and I shown is Buddhism. SGI is Japanese for Soka Gakkai International. And it means society for the creation of value. And we exist in the United States and in 163 countries around the world. Nisha, and the union's Buddhism is the only Buddhism that believes that everyone can achieve enlightenment in this lifetime. And that is regardless of whether you're a man or a woman, it priests a layperson, gay, straight, transgender. Okay, so this group is open to everybody. Yes. Okay. And I first went to the community center about five years ago, okay. And the thing that I noticed the most when I first walked in, there was the diversity, you know, and I thought, you know, in all the years that I've been here, you know, we all talk about diversity, but it's so rare that we see it. And when I walked into, and I saw that diversity, and I say, you know, if these people can accomplish this, they must be doing something, right. And that's, that's one of the things that really hooked me honestly, I want to go back and I want to learn more, because this is the America that I want to see. Okay. We have two activities that we're doing for Gay Pride Week. Last Last year was the first time that we were on the parade. And this year, we are going to be on the parade again. But we're also having an activity during Gay Pride Week. It's an introductory meeting to Nisha, and as shown in Buddhism, and that is going to take place on Friday, June 15, from seven to 8:30pm.



J Jack Valinski 29:35

So basically, this is for somebody who's curious wants to know more about it. Exactly. And your group sort of a lot of people are probably not born into it. They join it.



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Yes. Okay. We have the first people that came here were from Japan, and they were the ones that helped propagate these Buddhists. And but you all right, we have people that were born into the practice. And we have a lot of people that joined later, like myself.



J Jack Valinski 30:10

And, you know, I have this sort of stigma against a lot of organized religion as a recovering Catholic. So how does this differ? I mean, how is this that, you know, some of the religion just scares you into, you know, doing things or being right, you know, being good? How does this differ?



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Well, I tell you, I, I grew up Catholic too. And having had that experience made me worry of religion, in general. Okay. But I also knew that I also consider myself a spiritual person. And I knew that I had to find some some kind of medium. And I did a lot of reading, actually, in Christianity. And after doing all that reading, pretty much led me to this Buddhism, I looked in the phonebook, I really didn't know what you know where to go. All I remember saying was that, I know that Buddhist people are peaceful people, you know. And so I looked in the phonebook. And I called, and I, and I said, I don't know anything about Buddhism. But I want to learn. If I like it, I go again. And if I don't like it, you'll never see me again. And I cannot say that, because I didn't want the same experience that I had before. And so I want, you know, and I spoke with a woman that was from Japan, you know, wonderful, wonderful woman. And she seemed to answer all my questions even before I asked him, I didn't say anything about myself, but she just know what to say. And I thought, this is very interesting. And I decided to go. And, you know, when I saw how happy people seem, it wasn't like a happiness that people were in denial that there were problems. I mean, I've known I know a lot of those people now. And of course, everybody has problems. But what I learned after going and going through yours is this Buddhism teaches people that they have the inherent potential within them to overcome any problems that they have. And that by doing that, they can achieve absolute happiness. And the way we do that is that we chant Nam, you're holding a kill, and I'm eating Occhio is Japanese. And it means devotion to the mystic law of cause and effect through saya. Now, Nam, you're holding a cue on lotus, you know, Lotus Sutra is another name for the, you want to want to think of it as the Bible of you know, we call it the culture of our Gospel. And it teaches that by chanting, I'm using a key, it's a phrase, what is more than a phrase, okay, because it exists, we believe that it assists in every person, and that by chanting, and I'm hearing a cue, we bring forth our highest level of life. And that by chanting We and doing that we become happy, and by us becoming happy, then we have the energy to help other people be happy. So it's not a religion about me, and just me, Okay, I'm gonna chat, I'm gonna become happy. And that's it. Forget about everybody, it's a religion that focuses on on the individual and in society. And actually, we do a lot of activities in the community, because as part of our Buddhism, that, that we have to help ourselves and help our environment. Another core belief that these Buddhism has is, is a belief of the, the oneness of the person and the environment. And we believe that our environment is a reflection, like, my environment is a reflection of me. So if I'm, if I chant to bring the highest potential in me, even if I'm in hell, because of something

that's happening, maybe I'm having a bad day at work, but because of my life potential that I've reached by chanting, they just won't bother me. Okay. And, and eventually, that will reflect into the environment and I will be able to have an impact on the environment versus the environment having an impact on me.

J Jack Valinski 34:00

Okay, so you're able to deal with the common everyday troubles?

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Yes. Okay. I need he's very effective. And that's, and that's, and that's what I like,

J Jack Valinski 34:09

okay. Is this a big organization? Do you feel lost in it?

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We're big worldwide, but I do not feel lost. It's actually a very What can I say? It's, it's like a family. Okay. I have over the last five years that have been in the organization, I've, I've met most of the people and I see them frequently. We have a lot of activities that go on at the community center. So it is very likely that at one point or another, you will run into somebody that you haven't seen in a while just because there's so much going on. And that's and that's great. You know what you can still be an individual, definitely, most definitely, you know, I believe in the right to gain individual and we have actually this Buddhism has has a phrase, or by Tori refers to Cherry plum dancin, and Africa. And they, it's part of nature in the Schoening. He preached that. And we use that to refer to the fact that each one of those fruits and flowers are, are beautiful in their own way, you know, but they all have their own value, you know that we don't have to be carbon copies of everybody and be the same and believe the same thing, that we can be very different yet, you know, share that with other people and be happy that way?

J Jack Valinski 35:31

Well, one of the other sort of stereotypes of growing up in the sort of religion was that, okay, on Sunday, you're all there, you're listening to it, and then you go off in your own ways, and it's like, none of this stuff mattered or, you know, Are people really practicing what they supposedly believe in?

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Well, I'll tell you, that's, that was my experience growing up with religion, and I said, I don't want that, that is not what I want. And when I went to SGI, I noticed that it was not like that,

you know, if you will have to go to one of our meeting center. And I hope that a lot of the people that are listening really have a chance to to visit our

J Jack Valinski 36:08

community, I think maybe one of the things that people might be afraid of, is that are you going to be recruited? I mean, can you just, you know, go there and maybe get, you know, maybe gain something from it, maybe, you know, this is not for you? Or maybe it's okay. Or maybe I want to come back in two years, you know, or, you know, and that is, maybe I just want to learn something about,

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and that is thoroughly fine. You know, that is perfectly fine. Let me go back to, you know, when I was saying, when I first checked into this Buddhism, you know, I didn't know much about it, and I call that woman and I said, you know, I don't know about this Buddhism, you know, and if I like it, I come back, if I don't like it, you'll never see me again, because I want to my experience before that had been that, that, you know, people want to recruit you. And I didn't want anybody shoving anything down my throat to put me down to put it that way. I wanted it to be my own decision. And when I said that, that woman was very responsive. And she pretty much gave me my space. And every time I had a question, I will call her up, you know, but she wasn't calling me every day. And when she called she, you know, she would call and say, How are you doing? That kind of thing. And when I first joined an assault, the diversity in that organization, and how well, it worked. I said, you know, I'm gonna be a member. No, I didn't say that right away. Because of my previous experience with religion, I really wanted to take my time any and it took six months. But I knew from that very first time that I had seen something that I hadn't seen anywhere else, in all my years. And I said, I want this. And it's been five years, almost five years, and it's the best thing that I could have done. It's also helped me grow as a gay person talking about the individual. You know, I, you know, I don't have a banner in front of me that says, I'm gay. But if I'm talking with anybody, and part of that conversation has to do with my partner, or being gay, it just comes up naturally. It's, you know, I have no qualms about that. And that's great. So I have grown as an individual, in the SU organization, and as a gay man, and I'm proud of being a gay man.

J Jack Valinski 38:19

Okay. And tell us about the center. I mean, is it? You know, my only equation is like a church. I mean, how does it How Does It,

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it's, I'm gonna use my own experience. It's, it's kind of hard to, in a way imagine. Because, you know, like, when I first called, I was expecting, you know, that the big statue of Buddha and that kind of stuff, and we, you know, that's not part of our Buddhism, okay? Because we don't, we don't think of the Buddha as a supreme being, but that we all have the Buddha nature that it is within us, okay. When you go to the community center, it's, it's very, how would I call it?

This is where my English gets in the way. Let's see if I find the words. I would say it's contemporary, it's a contemporary building. Okay. And you know, we have we have, you know, the altar, and we have what we call the Gohan zone, okay. And then we have the chairs and we have, we have a small section where we have, you know, tables for people to sit and a little kitchen and restrooms and an offseason and that kind of thing.

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Jack Valinski 39:31

Okay. So let's talk about the event. That's going to happen this Friday. Okay.

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The event we actually have a very dynamic agenda. Our our meetings are very if for people that have grown Christian, our meetings are very different. They're very didactic, very dynamic, and I think people will enjoy that. We are going to have as part of our activity, a video of Trevor, that's, it was one of those short movies I was in boys live one or two, I forget which one and it was written by an SGI member. Okay, I learned that very recently. And, and then after that we're going to have a dialogue on Buddhism. But we're also going to have some explanation of terms. Like I've explained some of them already, but you know, as Gi, and I'm holding a que en and all the terms, and we're also going to have an experience. I am going to be sharing my experience, and I invite everyone to come, there's going to be another experience that's going to be shared, and we're gonna have a skit. You know, part of our meetings is that we have a skit. So when I say we have a dynamic agenda, we we do have one.

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Jack Valinski 40:45

Okay. And you're also gonna be in the parade this year again, yes. And have a booth at the festival.

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That's right. We are this is the first well this is the first time that the festival is back after a few years. Yes. And we want to participate in that and we are going to have a booth. It's gonna be SGI booth. And I invite everybody to stop by Okay, and talk to the people that are

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Jack Valinski 41:07

well the festival will be June 24. Between one and 7pm. Yes, at Garden, the heights and I understand that they didn't have any damage from the flooding. It just naturally looks that way. It is at Sun fake and just off of wall drive. Well Javier, thank you for joining us. And let's just repeat this as the event is Friday, June 15. This this Friday, at 7pm between seven and 8:30pm. And it's at the SGI USA, USA Community Center, which is at 3465. West Alabama, what's across street



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J Jack Valinski 41:41

low. Okay. And if you'd like some more information you can call 713-622-6181. Thank you, you're more than welcome. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices.



G Glenn Holt 41:52

A so called reparative therapy organization operating through the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, has recently authored a couple of Op Ed pieces which appeared in that city's newspaper. And in so many cases where religious fundamentalists claim success with converting homosexuals to heterosexuality. These claims have been based on circumstantial and preferentially edited data. The Op Ed pieces in question drew the ire of three correspondence, including Ted Packard, who is Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Utah, a Board Certified counseling psychologist and current president of the American Board of Professional Psychology. Along with two others, Packard wrote a response to the letters claiming success with reparative therapy, and the response was distributed on hen net this weekend. Here is their scathing denouncement of reparative therapy and the methods used by the authors in the two letters quoting Dean Byrd, the lead author of a recent Salt Lake Tribune op ed piece called homosexuality the in innate immutability argument, published on May 27, is a licensed psychologist who has been heavily involved in reparative therapy for homosexuals along the Wasatch Front for the past decade, is primary employment is within a faith based institution. To our knowledge Byrd has not been involved in any genetic research. Yet, unfortunately, he along with his two therapists, social work co authors, offers to the general public a superficial critique of genetic research related to homosexual orientation. In their eagerness to claim that science has not proved a genetic basis for homosexuality. Bird Cox and Robinson misinterpret the research they purport to analyze, and use selective quotations in a fashion that belies the scientific objectivity they claim. The beliefs espoused by Bird and his associates seem based more on a priori view of the matter than on the relevant scientific literature. In fact, the argument presented by Bert and his associates is to some extent self contradictory, since these three authors and virtually everyone else admit quote, homosexual attraction, like many other strong attractions, includes both biological and environmental influences. This is the second op ed piece on homosexuality by Bird published in the tribune in less than a year's time, and in both the conclusion is drawn that quote, homosexual attractions can be diminished, and that changes can be made. Thoughtful readers will be struck by the vagueness of this assertion diminished how and to what degree? Exactly what kinds of changes? Unfortunately, because this is a field about which the general public is ill informed bird and company are successfully getting out their message and having an enormous influence. Their theories about changing of sexual orientation are accepted as fact by many church leaders, by some professional counselors, and by some homosexuals and their family members. Over the past decade, Byrd and a number of his associates have worked with hundreds and hundreds of homosexual clients. And yet to date, they have produced no comprehensive summary of their work, even as they continue to promise change. In a published article by Nicola OC, bird and pots last year in psychological reports, only 79 Mormon church subjects are included in a sample of 869 successful reparative clients based on a highly selected nationwide sample. This raises questions on the outcome for hundreds of other

Mormon clients treated by bird and the extensive network of therapists who are following his lead. Even on this most successful group of clients, the overall numbers revealed that 84% report that they continue to experience same sex attractions. Furthermore, the 16% who reported their homosexual attractions have ceased, must also be considered tentative. Because no systematic outcome data were reported at say one or five years post therapy. The bogus claims for change therapy are used to label homosexuals as willful sinners to brand their sexual behavior as perverted and to deny them equal rights. These claims cause families to reject their homosexual members and religious organizations to excommunicate those who act on their homosexual feelings. And homosexuals end up being judged based on the supposition that change is possible if one wants it badly enough, the situation would be viewed far differently. If everyone understood that most individuals dealing with persistence, same sex attraction, really do not have a choice that will allow them to experience generalized heterosexual feelings or arousal. Only a few with bisexual attractions might be placed in that category. Even though Byrd Cox and Robinson report no data on their reparative therapy practice in their op ed piece, the more accurate truth about reparative therapy is gradually coming to light. Interested Readers should consult material on change therapy at LDS family fellowship.org. Furthermore, two recently completed University of Utah doctoral dissertations speak directly to the topic. They are titled The process towards self acceptance and self identity of individuals who underwent sexual reorientation therapy and identity development of same sex attracted gay men raised in the Mormon church. A pernicious aspect of the Byrd, Cox and Robinson article is the suggestion that high rates of suicide, mental illness depression and anxiety disorder among homosexuals are the result not of social treatment, but of living a homosexual lifestyle, thus attributing further blame to already vulnerable individuals. No scientific or therapeutic evidence is offered for this assertion. Until Byrd and others like him are so convinced of the viability of their reparative therapy can demonstrate from their own practice the validity of their claims in professionally juried publications, they should cease advocating a form of therapy based on the illusion that fundamental change in sexual orientation is possible for all or even most of the gay population. While reparative therapy may help a minority to suppress homosexual feelings, and related behaviors, it has had an especially deleterious effect on the many while producing so little real change for the few. In contrast therapy, which is designed to help homosexuals make healthy choices, but not expect to change is increasingly available at university clinics, local mental health agencies, and from various therapists in the Salt Lake area. We acknowledge that all of the truth on homosexuality is not in yet. And yet, based on the extant research, therapeutic practice, and real life experience of the vast majority of people working in this field, the overwhelming evidence is that reparative therapy has not delivered on its promise of fundamental change. And that in fact, negative treatment outcomes are a regular occurrence. And again, that was a response to letters published recently to the Salt Lake City. The tribune Ted packer is a Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Utah, board certified counseling psychologist and current president of the American Board of Professional Psychology. K Packard is a licensed clinical social worker with a doctorate in marriage and family therapy from Brigham Young University. And Ron SHO has a degree in psychology with a minor in Psychology from Utah State University. He is professor of audiology in the College of Health Professions at Idaho State University. You are listening to lesbian and gave wishes. You are listening to lesbian and gay voices one of the artists there who is going to appear at the Houston Pride festival that was shot day with Moon dance at 90.1 FM This is KPFT in Houston, the sound of Texas and now more of lesbian and gay voices.

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Greg Gordon 51:47

From the groundbreaking novel, the front runner to her current bestseller, The Wild Man, Patricia Nell Warren has enjoyed 30 years as a published author. She discusses those books and the several in between, in this lively conversation with this way out. David Bell.



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Welcome, Patricia. It's great to have you here with us. Good to be here. You're celebrating 30 years as a published author now and the front runner is the first book that you published is that correct?



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My first book was called the last Centennial it came out in 1971. And it was not a gay book.



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And what inspired you to write the front runner than the your first gay novel?



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I was 37. And it was really time for me to come out. I had known that I was different since I was 13. And it wasn't just an issue of what I was going to be but what I was going to write about. So in 1973, it was time to do it.



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And after the front runner, you came out with two other novels, Heartland race and Billy's boy, I was wondering, did you feel any sort of connection with Harland that could help you to keep writing about him?



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Well, like all of my characters, he's a very important part of what I want to say to people, both my women characters and my men characters. And so I have a really strong connection with him as a way of telling my stories,



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right, and then Billy's boy, the novels, all three of them take on a different meaning for the time, front runner for the 70s. Right parlons race for the ad. Yes. And Billy's boy for the nine. Do you want to talk a little bit about the 90s. And what Billy's boy helps?



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Well, there is a child born in the front runner who was born in 1977. So it was very clear that the book was going to have a sequel. And I wanted to write about him as a very young teen. So that meant waiting to do that story until I got into the 90s. So in this particular book, I shifted to the point of view of a very young person, and left the viewpoint of Harland because I felt it was really important to give a voice to young people today,



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did that help lead into your activism with youth then, because I know that you've been very visible dealing with gay youth.



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Actually, it would have happened the other way around. I was reading The Los Angeles Times one day in 1994. And I read about Eagle Center, which was this dropout program for gay youth. And I was very curious, I visited the school one day and wound up the kids asked me to come back and teach a creative writing course. So I found myself being a school teacher for six months. And that was how I became very involved with gay youth in the school district and still am. And you still are participating in that program with are not in that particular program, but in different ways, like being a commissioner of education, and so forth. And there's a lot of different ways that you can be involved with young people.



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Wow, that's amazing. Going back to your writing and being an author what started you writing gay fiction,



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my writing, going back to when I was 10 years old and wanted to be a writer. For me telling stories is really the most exciting way to be alive and an expression of who I am and it's always been like that. So starting to tell the stories about gay men and women, you know, in our world was a natural progression of finally coming out,



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right and your whole body of work doesn't necessarily focus Only on gay men, it also discusses women to write.



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I've written probably as much about women as I have about man over the years. And I've also

written about a lot of different other subjects, history and wildlife, and the goddess and many, many, many different themes, because I think they all come together in a certain kind of way. I don't think you can separate out the gay issues and just have them be in one little niche all by themselves.



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But do you feel it a little frustrating that people only think of you as a gay author and only writing of gay men, it's frustrating



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sometimes. But then that's my challenge to simply get on and tell the other stories and keep on doing my own thing. I can't let my life be run by other people,



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right? That's always a great attitude to keep. Now, since you are celebrating 30 years as a popular novelist, our listeners may or may not know that you also write columns as well. That's right. Do you want to talk a little bit about some of those that you've,



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I got started writing editorials in 1991, when I moved to Los Angeles, and I got ticked off about something and wrote to the LA Times, and by golly, it was published a few days later. And I thought, Gee, I could do this kind of writing. And so ever since then, I've really made writing columns, a very important part of who I am what I want to say, because there are things that you can say in editorials in a lot more targeted way that you can't say in a novel novel is a very different way of saying things. So I love the editorial form. I think it's very exciting and very fun.



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So I guess that would lead us back into your activism that yes, that you've been very involved with the gay community. And we were talking beforehand about gay radio and how important it is to you. And growing up with radio,



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radio was so important. When I was a kid, my brother and I were radio hams together, I just had really always loved radio. I've been on a lot of the gay talk shows all around the country, some of which are gone now. And I think radio, in spite of all the effort that the community puts on movies, and television and the mainstream and, and celebrities, and so forth, I think radio is

incredibly important. It goes in places like your car, where television and movies can't go, and it reaches people in a really different way. And I think that the message that gay radio has is incredibly important.



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You have written, obviously, the trilogy about Harland and Billy, but you also wrote fancy dancer, and the beauty queen. And both of those, we're dealing with conservative religious families, or the subject of conservative religion. Now, did you actually see the rise of the religious right coming when you wrote these novels?



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In a way? Yes, in the late 70s, it was really clear, even though it didn't look like it did the day it was beginning to organize, it was beginning to talk and use some of the familiar language and political tactics. And I had grown up in a very conservative Malea, I was raised as a conservative Protestant. And then later on, I became a very conservative Catholic when I was in college, and so I could see it coming. And it had me very concerned even then. And so I dealt with the Protestants in the beauty queen and I dealt with the Catholics and defensive. And I'm dealing with Catholics again, in the wild man, because the story is set in Spain, in the 1960s, when there was a fascist government, right, and I lived there then. And I had a very rare opportunity as an American journalist to see what a country is really like when you have the kind of structure and censorship that the religious right are talking about having in our country, they had it in Spain. And it was not a very nice time to be gay, or even less nice to be out, it was simply impossible and very dangerous. And that is one reason why I've written the wild man is so that the example can be there. And people can sort of draw the conclusion about today, even though the story is set in the 60s and tells the story of two young couples to gay man and two lesbians in that time, living through those dangers and and those awakening consciousness about themselves in the middle of such a strict society.



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And in the novel, actually, in the notes and acknowledgement. You said that you had begun writing the book in the late 60s, why didn't you finish writing it and then publish it earlier? I mean, it would have probably been your first novel, but



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it would have been my first gay novel. And actually, I couldn't, I wasn't out yet. I wasn't mature enough. As an artist, I wasn't honest enough with myself. You have to be really out and really honest, then really mature to write a book like that. And it had to wait



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for 30 years. Do you think that this was the most appropriate time to release it that absolutely. The timing couldn't be better. I do have to say that the book was just outstanding. And I

The timing couldn't be better. I do have to say that the book was just astounding. And I, personally when I read it, I could relate to most everything that was in there because I had grown up in a conservative Christian family. And actually, if I may, there was a quote at the end of the book that really touched me. And it said today with the US religious right, insisting that Americans must junk democracy and get back to God, it is a good time to tell the story of for Spanish citizens and the experience because of Spain juking democracy? Do you want to explain a little bit about that quote,

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to me, it's all about the characters. It isn't just about ideology. And I wanted to tell the story of for people who had captivated me for a long time in my imagination, a bullfighter, about to retire, he's tired of it all. He meets a young peasant guy who was like so different from himself, the social barriers on top of the sexual orientation thing, that to the two women, one of the journalists like me and her friend, and the story of these two people and their families, very conservative families, was just for me a really important story that I wanted to tell. So it focuses on the human side of all of this, not the ideology, but how it plays out in the family, and the dynamics and what the conservative members of the family were willing to do to these four young people in order to keep everything well tied down, as they say in Spanish, being a toggle.

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But did you feel a connection with any one of the characters since it seemed to me that the female character sensors with journalists, and you were a journalist at the time, did you have more of a connection with her or,

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well, I have a connection with all of them and their different connections with them. I love animals. So that certainly connected me with the young peasant guy and his gift and magic with animals. And so I had different connections with them.

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While the book is just amazing. And it's so many twists and turns that I never even saw coming. And I just thank you. Thank

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you. It was a great book, like people will cry. I said, I did that too. That's important. You cry. Did you wrote it? Oh, absolutely. The author has to cry. You have to put in your time in the trenches. Oh, my goodness. I don't cry. You don't cry? Yeah. So I get the cry first. Yeah.



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I understand. And then we all get the credit after that.



G Greg Gordon 1:01:52

That was prolific writer, Patricia Nell Warren, in conversation with this way out to David Bell. For information online about her books, visit www.dotWildcatpress.com.



G Glenn Holt 1:02:12

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J Joan Devlin 1:02:15

Good evening, I'm John Devlin. And we have Jimmy Carper in here, who is actually the producer of after hours, but that's not where I'm here. That's right. Tonight. He's here in his capacity as treasurer of the Gulf Coast archives and museum



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have gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender history comma, Inc.



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That's a mouthful. Yes,



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it is. And we've got



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a large mouthful.



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Let me tell you. We have all of those words on the logo to



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cool. Well tell us what's going on with your pride event.



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We have our Montrose opening on Thursday, Thursday, Thursday, Thursday, June 14. This is, you know, we we've been open for a year now. And a downtown location. And this is not only a pride event, but a grand opening. And we've got a new exhibit new space. And let me tell you, it's really close in we if you draw drew a circle around the whole museum area, we will be right in the middle where two blocks from the Demand No. Well, it's two doors down from Cafe artiste. On West Main. It's 1609. West Main number four. And we open Thursday, June 14, at seven o'clock,



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will tell us about some of the exhibits people can expect to see the exhibit



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that we're opening with is called on stage, past to present and it includes costumes and dresses from various members of our community. Some are infamous drag queens and some some are just absolutely fabric costumes from groups like the crew of Olympus. Miss camp America we even have, I believe, one from the crew of Hydra, which is not even an operation anymore. Wow. Yeah, we've got some incredible stuff. And of course, since rainbow D clown is involved in this, we've got a couple of his stuff. We've got the price of admission. Oh, yes. Yes. And the admission by the way is free. Oh, well, then it's definitely worth it. Yes. Yes. So we're free. We have a tip, you know, little tip jar thing, you know, for anybody who would like to but we, it's important to us that we make this open to everyone in the community. So it's free. It's what we have is someone has rented the landlord has rented to us at a very cheap rate, because he, he understands the need for gay history and a gay Museum.



J Joan Devlin 1:04:52

That's right. And I think it's especially important because people have a tendency to think that Houston really just doesn't have a Big Gay History.



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Oh my god. We have a huge history as we're finding out. Since we've been opened, oh, gosh, a year and a half now. We get calls, let's say after even 50 miles to pick up some stuff from from people who have heard about us, I don't know how they heard, but they did contacted us. And we're getting everything from costumes to books to papers, manuscripts to things, you know, just stage bills.



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Well think about I mean, think of all the different theme nights, the bars have had years, you know, I mean, I have some, some AB fab stuff from when they had their app battery nights, which has already been six years ago. Now. You know, I mean, just little things that you pick up and put in a box somewhere in your closet,

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we want them and we accept them. And we've we've had, we've perceived a whole lot of them. As a matter of fact, being part of this museum has given me a different aspect. Because every time I go to an event, I'm looking around saying, Okay, I want this for the museum, I want that, you know, give me that T shirt. And

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that's important too, though, because, you know, 100 years from now, you know, people can walk through that museum and be like, I cannot believe that gay people in 1995 or so into AB that. But they actually had had that theme nights during gay pride. Can you imagine? Yeah, we've come so far,

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hey, picking up 100 years from now, actually. You might be able to get that reaction in 25 years. Yeah. Because we are doing a time capsule. Cool. And we invite everyone who comes to bring us something, whether it's your recollections of something that's happened or how you feel today or anything, we're going to put it in a sealed container and bury it. And then 25 years, dig it up and see what's come through and what hasn't, and kind of get the real feel of how people were 25 years ago,

J Joan Devlin 1:07:04

well, this is important, because for too long, it's like gay people just really didn't exist. Yes, you know, we were not included in any historical representations whatsoever. It is only now that it's starting to come out that many people that were behind the civil rights movement in the 60s, the women's rights movement in the 70s. And on and on and on, were actually openly gay people. That just wasn't publicized back then. So I mean, but free, you know, I never knew that growing up, right? I mean, you never would have heard that not a million years.

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And I'm much older than you, Jim Jones. So I really didn't hear it. As a matter of fact, I've always said that if, when you don't have the history, you have to recreate yourself every generation, right? And having a history. I don't know it makes you more real. It's it's it's a defining quality.

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It helps young people too, because it makes them understand that they are not the only ones going through this. And I look back even to the 80s, which is when I came out, we have come so far, in that 20 years. And I think it would be great. And it is great that that is being memorialized, so that people 10 or 20 years from now, can look at that and maybe look at old people like me and say, Wow, you had to live through that.

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That's certainly what I hope was going to happen.

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I feel so sorry for you. Let me nevermind, let's let's not move into that direction.

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Let me tell you a couple of other things that we're going to have. First of all, we have some permanent exhibits that are things that are there all the time. We have a trophy case from the Houston area bears, and it it fills up the room. It's huge. And we all want the same size. That's the overflow trophy for the Colt 40 fives. What you know, they get so many. But it's Jerel. McNeal just delivered that recently and fixed it up. And it's it's beautiful. And in between the two of them. We have a shadow box given to us by Don, Don Gill, the fabulous Don Gill, Mr. Everything, and that is dedicated to lady victoria lust. And it has a lot of her stuff. And in fact, people who have already seen it, you might want to come in again, because we've added some more things to it.

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That's great, because I guess these permanent exhibits are constantly evolving,

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constantly evolving. Yes. We have a special deal that we have, we take care, we provide a place for for these trophy cases and the people who have donated them are responsible for you know, changing things out.

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And some of this is important too, because it's important sometimes to look at the names of those who have come before us. Yes. realize they existed the impact they made on the community so many of them are no longer with us unfortunately. And like



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the need a man right we have her crown and it's just been newly repaired. It's beautiful,



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right? And it's important for people coming up to know about these people who fought and entertained and, and we're a visible vibrant part of our community.



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Another thing that we've just received from Dun, dun Gail, Gail, I'm gonna hear about that was the Mr. Prime choice vest for Cal Moran. So we have that on permanent exhibit now. Cool, yeah. See, but we're going to be open, we're trying our best to have some regular hours that were open. So anybody can just drop by, right. And for at least through through July, we're going to be open Tuesday night. And we're going to be open some time weekends, but for this week, we're going to be open six to nine on Friday 10 to six on Saturday and 12 to six on Sunday. So we're opening and we're gonna be open all weekend for anyone to come by.



J Joan Devlin 1:11:07

Excellent. Well, good luck. I hope a lot of people stopped buying because I was at your own location. I really enjoyed myself.



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Thank you. I do want to mention that, of course, like everyone else. There's been some water damage at our archives downtown. And we really have had minimal loss so far. It remains to be seen just how far it goes. Because we still have things to do. But I want to publicly thank Bill O'Rourke, Sue No. And Rainbow de cloud for donating their time, what they've done, they came in and they took boxes of paper, like voices are twists and took they've taken them home to dry out crates, and anybody else wants to do that. Just dropped by 2507 capital. That's where we are. It's just a block and a half off of Dowling. Our number is 713-227-5973.



J Joan Devlin 1:12:13

That little hand gestures there. Well, you know, here's a look at the keypad. Yeah,



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yeah, I have to figure out how I how I

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Joan Devlin 1:12:23

got my fingers. We're gonna hear our final segment of this way out and then we'll be back with Mr. Ray Hill.

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Thanks for Thanks for having me.

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Greg Gordon 1:12:31

This week, arguably leading the cat in an emerging genre in queer culture. New York City based slam poet spoken word performer Alex Olson shows why she's built like that. The title of her debut CD from feed the fire productions with this cut called America's on sale.

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Attention shoppers attention nine to five folk cell phone masses the up and coming classes. Attention sports utility plastic surgery suburbanites Viagra popping Gucci shopping urbanites attention George Clooney loonies promise keeper sheep stockbrokers sleep walkers, big investment talkers Ricki Lake watchers, attention, Walmart congregation Shep to your drop generation, attention nation. America is on sale. We find stocked welfare pantry to restock the Wall Street Gentry economically elementary because values don't. Yes, American dreams are on permanent layaway. There was limited availability anyway. The Statue of Liberty is being dismantled. \$10 A piece does sit on your mantel or hanging on your wall by the small Somalian child you bought from Sally Struthers, sisters and brothers. It's now or never this deal won't last forever. America is on sale. restrictions may apply if you're black, gay or female and shimmers global perspective is 99% off because most of the world don't count do our ethic inventories low because moral business has been slow. The value company is moving to Mexico and all ethics laws go it's a remote control America that's on sale because standing up for justice can't compare to clicking through it from a lazy chair. Answer Jerry Montel Oprah question folks who really care for a million dollars in this new MC veggie burger world or where national health care is 100% off and Medicare's in the 50% bin so you can buy half an operation in America is on sale there's a close out bid to determine which religion will win all those neon flashing signs of sin the Christian coalition is bidding high shoppers us got really needs a high your power when you got the purchasing power each corner and market one human molds That's right. Real family values are being on the nerves so and it's open up things season for the end or a day There's a special Uzi discount. Only today. Gun control, we say, blow it all away, because inflation's up on the CEO ego, and powers depleted it as far as you go. Cuz Nike bought the revolution and law schools bought the Constitution. Tommy Hilfiger bought the Red White and Blue Flag shirt for \$50 the one being burned is you marble bought what it means to be a man like sequels cower, so girl boy. Maybelline bought beauty New York's buying booty MasterCard gold but the national sole Broadway but talented called it cats. The Republicans bought out the Democrats. they liquidated all assets in a fat wake donkey sale now it's by one schmuck get one schmuck free in the capitalist party. And there's nothing left to get in the way of a full blue light blowout of the US there's a no nothing back guarantee. Zero year warranty. When you buy this land of the Fritos ruffle lays this will move the Braves the Chiefs threads the slaves to call

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that was a regrettably censored version of America's on sale. A cut from built like that. The debut CD of New York City based slam poet spoken word performer Alex Olson. She's currently touring the US and she's worth watching out for. You can get more information online by going to www dot Alex olson.com. That's a LIXO I s o n.com.

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Glenn Holt 1:17:05

Well, that's our contribution from this way out this week. I have an announcement here from the alley theatre the shows will go on, although water submerge the alley theaters new house or arena stage this weekend, causing extensive damage to the theater and to its basement levels, which houses costumes, scenery, props, and the rehearsal hall. Currently the alley does not have electricity or phone service. But they do want you to know that the shows will go on the carpet baggers. Children will continue Tuesday June 12 at Stages Repertory Theater. That's the world premiere of The carpetbaggers, children, Horton Foote's new play featuring Halle foot, Roberta Maxwell and Jean Stapleton. Those performances will continue Tuesday again, starting tomorrow at Stages Repertory Theater, which is at 3201 Allen Parkway. And all original tickets will be honored at stages there is no need to call for other arrangements. Again, because the other theaters phones don't work. The Devil's disciple will resume on Tuesday, June 19. At the alley theatre. performances of the alleys large stage production of the devil's disciple have been canceled for the for this week, and will resume next week. The production will now close on Sunday, June 24, which is a week later than originally scheduled ticketholders to canceled performances this week, will be moved into performances of the same day next week. And so for example, if you had tickets for tomorrow, they will be honored a week from tomorrow. And original tickets will for the devil's disciple will be honored at the alley. There is no need to call for other arrangements and curtain times will remain the same. You are listening to lesbian and gay voices.

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Joan Devlin 1:18:56

Well, we have Ray hill in the studio right now. And he's doing yet another one man show.

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But I people are getting tired of that it did for in as many years and

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Joan Devlin 1:19:07

a lot of lives. Yeah, yeah. I



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I've had a very interesting journey as a gay activist as a person had a wonderful family that was rare in its timeframe. And then of course, there's all this prison stuff and and that's different for most folks. Not necessarily undeserved for me and a lot of folks who missed the occasions but but prison is different and, and my analysis of those things are very different. I'm very involved in prison stuff now. I mean, I mean, I think I had four telephone calls from Huntsville this morning about breaking news in prison. And so I'm pretty much on top of all of that, plus dealing with other media. I mean, Betty handy over to Goodwill called in just a high screech panic. Apparently goodwill had a total wash out And the handicap folks over there need more ambulatory volunteers to help them catch up with cleaning up the mess and just go to if you've got some time tomorrow, go to 5200 Jensen.



Joan Devlin 1:20:14

Now what is this show going to be about? Well, the title



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of the show is a stroll through gay and lesbian, transgendered and bisexual history with Uncle Ray. And we're going to talk about things that pieces that we kind of left out of other shows, because it wasn't time to start to do a show. And you get up there, and then you do two or three performances. And you realize, wait a minute, I got too much material here. I cannot keep the people awake for three solid hours. And so you start editing down and you get down to the, to the ones that you get the best audience things. But there are a few stories that I haven't talked about at all, because I'm right heel, all right. I mean, one of the things about being Ray Hill, is that even if you're not out gay, and you get into trouble, there's got to be somebody you can call. And Ray Hills number is, like, easy to remember. And it's listed everywhere. I mean, how can you forget 523 6960 And I mean, it just kind of sticks with you. Even under the pressure of being in jail. And so what happens when you're I minister out at Second Baptist Church, and your congregation discovers that you've got your hands in the the jockey strap of some underage athlete, that the church has seduced to come work out in their expensive gym, who do you call? Well, you need a lawyer but you don't know how to pick a lawyer in this situation. You're called Ray Hill and I help you get a lawyer and, and all of that so that you can can survive the ordeal. And the nice thing about calling Ray Hill is that I never tail. I mean, you can't be Ray Hill and be the snitch it just doesn't work. However, after somebody's had been dead a decade and they've been closeted a lot of years it's okay you know, you can you can I can out somebody who's dead and his wife is dead and and and all that. And in this show, I'm going to out Houston's notorious police chief Herman short, and people roll their eyes in disbelief at that. But actually, I've got I mean, it's it's more tangible than just railed says Herman short, is gay. There's the story that goes with into the story is wonderful.



Joan Devlin 1:22:41

Now, are you going to be doing this at any other time?



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Well, probably um, but I mean, whenever you throw a show up for like Pride Week, what you're doing is you're doing audience testing. You're what they call in the trade workshopping your material. And so I'm going to be workshopping that material. And I'm going to somehow get over into there's a great story. There's this evil character in gay, lesbian, transgendered and bisexual minds, a fella named Metairie, Dolan, who I knew as a friend, and a cruising partner. And that's where you get into the saucy parts. And I don't think you can do these stories accurately, without realizing and confessing that gay and lesbian. And bisexual people are pretty sexually active, or at least in most of my lifetime, were probably the most sexually active people on the planet. And the mechanisms of, of how we cruised and, and how we met willing partners. fascinates me. And it's not just because I'm a dirty old man, which of course I am. It's, it's because this is a part of our culture that a lot of people would like to tidy up



J Joan Devlin 1:24:01

right or deny and you know,



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I remember Deborah den Berg's administrative aide Marina and I left marine marine but just just she she was really loyal and committed to Deborah and she just did wonderful things for her Deborah's political image in Houston. Of course, Deborah works these people to the bone. Deborah has is a real driver. She's wonderful. And Deborah's a perfectionist activation, and Maureen was in the struggle trying to close cuties cute tips, the kind of raunchy bar down here on Westheimer. And so my rain and I were in the discussion and I said, marine, I said, the bar you're trying to close is really the closest thing Houston has to the Stonewall Inn where the Stonewall Rebellion took place in New York in 1969. The other or possibility was that purple place over on the other side of Fairview on Grant Street if it was named after the woman that owned it. But that's, you know, that's where a lot of druggie folks and streetwalkers and, and homeless, baby butch lesbians and drag queens hung out. And and that was the stonewalling. And that's that's where it all started. And of course, Maureen was just horrified at that. She said, No, no Stonewall Inn was this, this middle class bar. And no, somebody had given her a row, relatively creative. But if we don't, somebody doesn't protect that, we're going to lose a lot of that history. And, and you know, and of course, all of my shows, are kind of morality pieces. And all of them deal with, with how I think gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people should be in the first place. Ray Hill was Mother inclusion. I was a real advocate for the desegregation, racial segregation of the gay and lesbian community. I was really strong about women's inclusion, I was really just just do not see any justification for trying to hide transgendered people in drag queens first because I don't think you can do that, not without their cooperation, and I'll Guarantee you they're not going to cooperate, good. And without them, there's a bunch of people out there that would love to just hide those people. And I really don't understand that. And, and in gay and lesbian history, we've had a lot of forks in the road that we could have taken. I and I've been friends with with some wonderful leadership people, Steven Indane and Steven Dane and Brian Coyle, both now deceased. from Minneapolis, Minnesota, were the founders of what is now Human Rights Campaign, which began to as a competition to take a to National Gay taskforce now National Gay and Lesbian has voice. And one of the things they were going to tidy up the image of gay people,

mainstream is make us so that we could be assimilated into society, which meant that we would change more than the people who are prejudiced against us with change. And they thought that would work. And of course, I've been around longer than Stephen Dean and Brian Coyle. Although Brian and I were both active in the anti war movement, he was the Minnesota chapter head for the suit and mobilization committee to end the war in Vietnam when I was the national chair for the student, Moby. And so I had worked with him on that wonderful 1969. Washington moratorium, the largest demonstration in the history of Washington, DC. And we did some wonderful work in that regard. And he and I, and Steve vault, and Barbara getting's were able to get through the gay and lesbian rights platform of the anti war campaign. The year I was national chair. So I've known these people all this time, but they just really were not going to understand that, that this is not a movement of the upper crust. And so that's a principle that has bothered me is because I've always had a problem with inclusion with HRC. And so a lot of my material is going to be talking about inclusion of HRC and I'm, you know, Ray hill I think kind of deserves as long as me I'm a gamma get a foot so I'll have all pieces in places not all of mine originally, but that's not true now anyway. Desert a position of kind of an icon. Because I was here before dirt. And I pioneered, I pioneered a lot of things that we now take absolutely for granted. And so I wrapped myself in my own history and but the problem is, is that I'm out there in day to day debates. I haven't I haven't retired to some kind of gay activists Valhalla, who are a hole up and and and just remember the past. I am concerned about what the communities all of us are doing on a day to day basis. I am concerned about the acceptance Have transgendered people in our fold, I am concerned about not making token offerings to the position of women in our movement, because some of our finest leadership has come from women. And I have no difficulty taking orders from a woman because I believe that a woman in a position of leadership has the same responsibility of anybody else in a position of leadership. And that's to get out there. And there's an F word that I would normally use here, lead. And I expect leadership to take risk, I don't expect leadership stand the middle of a crowd, with their finger in the air, trying to find out which way the wind blows that we can all go with the wind. I expect gay and lesbian leadership to be out in the front, cutting edge, making changes, challenging homophobia and all of that. And right now, we're really honored to have Deborah Rogers at the caucus hand, and she will do that. Oh, yeah, Deborah will get out there and say, Why aren't y'all keeping up. And I'm really excited about that. I wished I could help her more. But I've got mobility problems right now. But the other thing is that in the community right now, an organization that I was really excited about when PVA progressive voters Association came along and started doing the list work that previous administrations of the caucus had not done. registering voters and Bill building lists, which is condition, there's only there's only two states, of communities political efforts, they're either growing or they're dying. There's no static state. Because it's the nature of list, you've got to build list, you've got to check list. And nobody knows that any better than our own beloved Jack Valinski, who is kind of list Meister in the community, while PVA came along. And they were doing all this building. But now they've made a very drastic change in the direction of their organization, they have already endorsed a candidate for district D. And within No, no open process. For four or five people got together in a room and decided we're going to do this, and boom, you do this. That's not how I like decisions to be made in this community. I think decisions should be openly discussed and debated. The decision to endorse before the deadline for people are in so I probably going to wind up running for city council again this year. Because I know that if I'll put my name on the ballot and visit my friends and neighbors in, in the precincts west of Main Street and district D, that I can carry those precincts I've done that so many times in the past. And it's not that I can get elected and and so don't call crying me whenever. Number one, don't give me any money. That's not what I'm doing this for. I don't need money to run, I just need enough money to pay the registration fee. And I can probably raise that panhandling down at the Kroger. But, but in my show, I'm also going to look back and tell these like spicy little

history stories that you may have not heard before. And I'm also going to look where we are now. And I'm also gonna look at the future. Because I ain't through and we're not through until there is no such thing. As a young lesbian in high school who contemplate suicide, we're not through until there is no such thing as a gay and lesbian political figure who is corruptible, in service to the community we're not through. It's very easy to get real excited about the numbers that we're dealing with. Understand when I came out of the closet, and night Dean and 58 Walt Whitman was designed denying that he was queer.



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And was Liberace and Liberace was winning suits against people who accused him of being queer. But the fact of the matter is, as our numbers grow, it's very seductive. For us to like, sell something or see that as a market and that's fine. It's good to market so it visualizing in a market, but that should not circumvent our political processes. It should not circumvent the need to empower gay men and lesbians by letting them all feel they can be a part of the decisions we make. That's really important. That's just not one of those little things. Oh, Ray, you just being so old fashioned. And, and no, it's not. It's real. The lesbian who is dealing with a family that doesn't understand an employer that's looking for an excuse to fire her looking for Trying to dress so that she can assimilate, yet let that pride scream forth. And dealing with all of these things does not have to be told you do what we tell you to do, and you cannot participate in the process of making decision. Mother Hill is is is not going to go there. And neither is this community. So if I get on your nerves sometimes you're welcome. I'm supposed to



J Joan Devlin 1:35:31

want a job description.



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I'm supposed to rub the cat hair the wrong way. I've been doing you know, it's, it's what I really love about working with, with my transgendered sisters and brothers is that we still rub the cat hair the wrong way. The rest of you can.



J Joan Devlin 1:35:49

But you know, the thing is, and it's a reflection to you wrote the cat hair the wrong way. No, you don't. It's other people. Yeah, my guess is if other people would just get off their stupid high horse and stop behaving like the kind of bigots that we have fought against for so many years and just let you know, live and let live. You know, there's no reason to be up in arms.



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But yeah, I'll call to the bus to stop. If I'm under riding a bus going somewhere and somebody tells a homophobic joke or somebody does a religious thing that is at least a bit homophobic. I'll ~~make a comment~~ I'll upset the bus driver. But that isn't difficult at all. You know? No, no, don't

make a scene. I'll upset the bus driver. But that isn't difficult at all, you know? No, no doubt, right. And, and until we all do that, then some of us are going to be cowering in the corner, wishing that the rest of us could come in and rescue him and Hey, honey, we're on our way. Well, let's talk

J Joan Devlin 1:36:43

about you know, one of your little pet peeves the hate crimes legislation.

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Well, the hate crimes legislation has passed its

J Joan Devlin 1:36:49

law does not include transgenders

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it. No, it's not inclusive. The real dangerous part of the hate crimes legislation is that it codifies as a matter of Texas law that sexual attraction is chosen. And I've been screaming about this sucker for more than two years now, since the beginning of the last people's nerve and getting on peoples nerves and saying you really don't want this, this is hastily done. And so now we passed a law that says sexual preference,

J Joan Devlin 1:37:24

and does not include transgenders that include a lot of people are really patting themselves on the back about that,

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oh, they just celebrate it just celebrating. And I don't know what I'm going to do. I'm not, I'm really not willing to go out and test the constitutionality. Because who tests the constitutionality about our challenge to the homophobic hate speech in churches, is subject to go to prison as a felony. And I'm sorry, I've been there done that have no intention of going back to prison and wait for the appellate courts to catch up with the principal.

J Joan Devlin 1:37:58

Well, the other thing too, back to the transgender issue, which is what bothers me, and we've heard for too long, let us get this passed, and then we'll let the transgenders tag along. We'll tack them on the end. Well, okay. The hate crimes laws passed, is anybody actively working

now to get the transgender drugs generated? Yeah, but I mean, but the same people who are present all



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along there, they're a significantly smaller group of people than we were when we started. And actually, please don't misunderstand me there are there is hate crime legislation that I would approve, I did not approve with the enhancement punishment. And I did not approve with this broad slope, broad paint brush that would criminalize a lot of the resistance put up by gay and lesbian, transgender, bisexual people against religious hate speech, but it's all packaged in there. So there's a lot of problems with this legislation. And it'll come to four. I mean, I'm going to me and I hate doing this, but it'll come to the point where Mother heel will pick up the telephone and, and call Diane Hardy Garcia and say, All right, I told you so now come over here and work your butt off raising funds to represent this person who's been elected has been arrested for a challenging hate speech in churches.



J Joan Devlin 1:39:10

Well, but the thing is, you know, all these people that told the transgender community to be quiet, let us get this law passed and then we'll take care of you have suddenly said yeah, we got the law passed and just kind of walked away.



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Well, and but you know, they weren't quiet that transgendered lobby day and



J Joan Devlin 1:39:28

I was, even if they had been, do you think it would have made a difference?



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Let me tell you something. I've been saying this for 25 years. You cannot hide the drag queens, they don't want to get hidden, and they are going to bubble to the verb, the verb run and do that. And what I say is, let me tell you something, it means because we do not have laws protecting X motive motivated by hate and prejudice against transgendered people. It means that we have to some of us and go down here and get blood on her hands, and get dirty, investigate Getting those cases and seeing to it that they are aggressively prosecuted. But



J Joan Devlin 1:40:03

what it also means is that if you're a lesbian who looks mannish, you can still be fired. And that's simply not because of your sexual preference. I'm putting that in quotes. But because like you said earlier, you just don't fit the gender identity,



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gender identity thing. And all of this business of separating us out. Let me tell you something, max out on a good day, we do not make as a community, more than 10% of the total population. I mean, that's all of us that that's the secret did bisexual. That's the closeted homosexual, that's the out people. That's the transgendered people. That's all of us, all of us don't make 10% of it. At one time in Houston, I think we got up to where we were 14% of the voting population within the city boundaries. And that was because a larger percentage of us were registered to vote. And our names were on lists so that we could vote as a bloc, and we were political terror in those days. 14% is an enormous percentage. Very few elections are won by greater than 14% majority margin and so we could beat any politician came up with a heel simply because we had more votes than their margin of victory. Why anybody thought for a minute, that dividing us up and separating ating outside, we don't like those leather people. I don't want to be associated with those drag queens. I don't like those. Those motorcycle people. I didn't do it. I don't like those Butch dies, start separating us out and dividing us up when we're already tiny. We don't need to be any tinier. When you know what radio sandbar you are. You're sick of hearing Ray, he'll talk about what he stands for. Well, it gets one I'm gonna do a show next Monday night. And I'm going to stand for all of those things again, and it's it's a great community center. Monday, the 18th. Showtime I think is seven o'clock that puts publishing. Yeah, I believe. So seven o'clock. And there's an admission. So you have to. And of course, I'll begin by dedicating show to Maria Mina coochie, who was godmother of the community center. And Tim, Tim is over there holding it forth and making it work. And so come out, join us. We'll have a good time. Maybe a few laughs Maybe a few tears. And you'll all be mad at me for the show's over. That's that's guarantee



G Glenn Holt 1:42:38

it right. You had mentioned people standing up in the churches in confronting hate speech. Could you talk to me a little bit about that? That's something new, I haven't heard about.



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Well, no, no, no. Well, if you hadn't heard you hadn't been listening to me, because the part of the broad brush that paid it hate crimes, criminalized a lot of material that would formally be First Amendment protected. You don't have to stand up in the church and make a demonstration on their property. You if you demonstrate against Second Baptist Church, when they're having a service out there. And Ed Young is saying Leviticus says stone queers. And we're being kind to them. We're not stoning them, but they deserve to die. If we hold a demonstration out on the public sidewalks, opposing that hate speech, we can not only be charged with interfering with a church service, which is a very poorly defined statute. But under the hate crimes legislation, it is enhanced to a felony. So we stand the risk of going to prison for that interference. And that'll get worked out in the courts. I mean, the courts will have the First Amendment still good. Trust me, I've been to the Supreme Court with the First Amendment willing to go back again, take 10 years. So if you want to go sit in a prison sales for 10 years, waiting for the principle to be exonerated by the courts. I don't think I want to do that I have 10 years to spend in prison anymore.

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Glenn Holt 1:44:13

Okay, how does the hate crimes law come into play for the situation you described,

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because the hate crimes law provides that any felony I mean, any law misdemeanor or felony that is motivated by conflict, such as by hate or prejudice, or disagreement is such as relief. He doesn't disagree with religious things to the point that you interfere with their service by holding a demonstration on the sidewalk, and they can come in and testify that you frightened people away and that people would have come to church but they didn't. So you were interfering. That's how the case is built. And if you don't think that a deacon of second Baptist Church who also happens to be the district attorney of Harris County, Chuck Rosenthal, can take a perfectly legal demonstration on the sidewalk and turn it into a felony case, enhanced by the hate crimes legislation before the hate crimes legislation, it would have been a misdemeanor. Even if they had raised it to the elevation, that you were interfering with the church service, it would be a misdemeanor, but because of hate crimes legislation, and misdemeanor means fine or jail time, but because of the passage of the hate crimes legislation, it is now felony and you go to prison, awaiting your appeal.

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Glenn Holt 1:45:39

Okay. Where's your show going to be again?

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It's gonna be at the Houston gay and lesbian or Houston lesbian and gay community center at the corner of Hawthorne and Stanford. I think it's 607. Hawthorne.

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Glenn Holt 1:45:54

Yeah. Which, by the way, for those of you who have didn't hear at the beginning of the show, and who did see the notice on Hamnet last night that the community center has been successfully resurrected from the flood. Yes,

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it was waterlogged. The landlord came over and fix the electricity without bombing, bombing it out. And we can't wait for the water to recede here in the basement of KPN. They've got the same problem down here.

J Joan Devlin 1:46:18

Dado three, Hawthorne and their number is 713-524-3818.

G Glenn Holt 1:46:25

Yeah, with the water. I mean, thankfully, the air conditioning works at least in the studio. So

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yes, thank goodness. Well, the air conditioning works. Telephone works. And you can hear us that yeah, that the last time that flooded, all the wiring was downstairs and I was general manager. Oh, we were off the air for a week and a half. Wow.

G Glenn Holt 1:46:41

Well, I tell you out there in the lobby in the green room, it smells pretty bad from and it's very hot. Yeah. Because of the water down in the basement and the effect that that's how I want to

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thank y'all for having me on gay and lesbian voices again this Monday. Now we appreciate

J Joan Devlin 1:46:57

you coming out and getting on our nerves.

G Glenn Holt 1:47:01

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