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Jack Valinski 00:11

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



Joan Devlin 00:16

and I'm Joan Devlin.



Glenn Holt 00:17

And I'm Glen Holt.



Jack Valinski 00:18

And on tonight's show, we got a lot of things to talk about. We've got a whole lot of things, especially talking about that election. An election, very close. It was a roller coaster,



Joan Devlin 00:28

usually, you know, you don't go to bed before a runoff has been decided. And I actually did because I had to actually work the next day. And, you know, they still hadn't finished

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Jack Valinski 00:37

about 1230 When they finally got enough nerve to be able to say who won, especially those boxes from Fort Bend County. That was an eyesore presents. Uh huh. So we are going to be talking in the second hour to eight Edwards, who is the newly elected council person from District D. Right. And

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Joan Devlin 00:53

David Elliot is going to be calling in fact, I believe he's trying to call in right now.

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Glenn Holt 00:57

Oh, he has tried once on the phone just sort of dumped him. Okay. Yeah, he's

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Joan Devlin 01:01

gonna be talking about an interesting new ad that is being circulated by the Log Cabin Republicans,

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Jack Valinski 01:06

and also about creating change. What happened up happened up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin recently. And our second guest in the first hour will be Kevin and Tina Werner, who are going to be talking about the controversy at Memorial Park and what that controversy is. We're sort of going a little bit off topic, but it is sort of on topic about just general things that happened in the city, where they're trying to put the shell golf term,

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Joan Devlin 01:32

shell open and cut down a bunch of trees to make parking.

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Jack Valinski 01:36

What Yes, yes, yes. So you you think this is a good topic to be told? Yeah, yes, yes. I mean, Houston is very parkour. And

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Joan Devlin 01:46

those are some old old trees and some of the most beautiful greenery in the city. And they're gonna cut it

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Glenn Holt 01:52

some of the best cruising, I mean,

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well, that's not to say that's an opinion.

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Joan Devlin 01:56

I mean, you know, I get rid of the trees, Glen will never get another day. But if

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Jack Valinski 02:00

they do that, if they do put the shell open there on the north side, right, it means they'll move the tennis courts to the south side, which will, you know, completely screw that up. So

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Glenn Holt 02:08

oh, the lighting will be all wrong. And then everybody's makeup will just look right, exactly,

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Jack Valinski 02:12

exactly. So we're going to be talking about that. And we have a second part of an audio file that we'll be playing in the second hour from JD Doyle Brian's that we sort of got mixed up with all the stuff going on. So that's happening I'm also want to mention that this Friday, there's going to be a reception or a little party for hand that people okay, great at the community center from five 530 to like eight or something like that, among other things, so and we'll be talking about some other calendar items too. So all that stuff and more on this week edition of lesbian and gay voices. But first, let's go to Newswatch.

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I'm John vo pray 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 two weeks ending December 1 2001. Moshe consob, this week became the first Israeli President ever to meet by his own invitation with a delegation of gays and lesbians and transgenders. It was a great stride forward from console's predecessor aser Viceland, who met with some gays and lesbians only under political pressure after he'd made public statements disparaging them. The political council for gay rights solicited and obtained the invitation from Katsav and called this week's meeting historic. The six conferees said the president was sensitive as he heard them out on issues including the legal status of transsexuals, same gender, couples and gay and lesbian parents and CO parents, cuts off told the group he'd be happy to help in the future if he could, but concluded by

saying, I thought it was important to meet you and hear what you have to say, though I don't see how I can help you. Before the meeting concept had told reporters it should be interpreted as neither encouragement nor criticism for the group's aims. The political council for gay rights agrees that there is little Kossoff can do for them at this time, but views the meeting as a sign of official recognition. After meeting openly lesbian Tel Aviv city council member Mihail Eden challenged the president to attend her City's Gay Pride celebration in 2002. He responded when you're mayor of Tel Aviv and you issue the invitation again, I'll be happy to accept even replied, you've given me a challenge.

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Cindy Friedman 04:24

The challenge of electoral politics is one gays and lesbians are taking up around the world. Taiwan's parliamentary election this week featured to openly gay congressional candidates for the first time independent shining shoe also known as shames, Jan and Chen one yen, also known as Webster, Chen, Taipei gay bar owner Chen's platform focused exclusively on equal treatment for gays and lesbians. But veteran gay activists, Jan's campaign in the city of Katzung, emphasized economic and social reforms instead, both finished last in their races, Taipei's Gender Sexuality Rights Association took an active role in the elections campaign. The group solicited well over 100 candidates signed pledges to support legislation for gay and lesbian civil rights and registered partnerships and received 35. The group went on to recommend 10 candidates, nine from Taipei city and county and one from Hsinchu.

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Openly gay PIM for tween this week was elected leader of the Netherlands leaf bar Niederlande party, beating out a dozen other candidates with nearly 90% of the vote at the party's national convention. For tween is a writer and former college professor who is often a guest on talk shows. He and his party have caused a stir in the Netherlands with their position that immigrant Muslim leaders who denounced Dutch liberalism, including the National acceptance of gays and lesbians should return to their native lands. Muslims comprise about 5% of the Netherlands population. LeafGuard Niederlande also seeks reforms in education, health care and local elections. Polling shows steadily increasing support for the party, which went national only two years ago. The latest poll predicts it will take 10 of the 150 seats in parliament in the May 2002 elections. But at least one pundit believes that the Netherlands high level of public satisfaction offers little chance for a party of protest.

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Cindy Friedman 06:19

In the US openly lesbian Democrat Kathy Woolard won a citywide runoff election this week to become the city council president of Atlanta, Georgia. She's not only the first out gay or lesbian to hold that post but the first woman Willard became Georgia's first openly gay or lesbian elected official when she won the ward six city council seat four years ago, and she's used that position to advance gay and lesbian civil rights. Her Ward six has voted to replace her with another open lesbian and failover

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by Spokane. Washington lost its first openly gay city councilmember in a recount this week. Dean Lynch had been appointed to fill a vacancy earlier this year and on election night, appear to have won his seat by scanning nine votes, but the recount confirmed that absentee ballots gave a 49 vote edge to his opponent, Dennis Hassan.

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Cindy Friedman 07:11

But the biggest November victory for gay and lesbian civil rights in the US is a vote that won't happen. After a decade of intensive lobbying the state of Maryland had enacted gay and lesbian civil rights protections that were to have taken effect on October 1, but a group called takeback Maryland had petitioned for a ballot initiative to repeal that law putting it on hold the gay and lesbian civil rights group freestate justice undertook a complex legal challenge to the initiative, and the courts found problems with 1000s of the signatures take back Maryland had collected on its qualifying petition. Last week takeback Maryland formally conceded that it had no chance of winning the lawsuit. and Maryland civil rights protections went into effect November 21.

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Gay and Lesbian activists in the Australian state of Tasmania are claiming a David and Goliath victory in preserving their civil rights. The state government had been moving to amend the state anti discrimination act to exempt religious institutions. weeks of intensive lobbying by the Tasmanian gay and lesbian rights group resulted this week in the state government scaling back those proposed exemptions dramatically. The government will not seek exemptions for religious based hospitals, old age homes and welfare agencies. And it affirms that religious schools will not be allowed to discriminate against lesbian, gay and trans teachers and students. Tasmania's Roman Catholic Archbishop Adrienne Doyle said the government had reneged on its promises made to the church and threatened retribution at the ballot box.

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Cindy Friedman 08:43

There has been international criticism of some countries unequal treatment of gays and lesbians. The European Commission issued a statement that praised Latvia's new labor law against discrimination, but specifically noted its failure to explicitly include sexual orientation as a protected category. The commission said the omission violates a European Union Council Directive. Although sexual orientation had been included in the Latvian justice ministry's original draft of the law, the parliament deleted it, and it was only lobbying by the Latvian National Human Rights Office that forced the inclusion of an open ended clause that may or may not be interpreted by the courts to cover sexual orientation. If a test case should fail, Latvia will have to explicitly protect gays and lesbians before it can become a member of the European Union.

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The United Nations aids programs regional advisor for the Caribbean called for decriminalization of homosexual acts. Their advisor Ruben del Prado said that gays and sex

workers would not come forward to be tested, educated and treated. Because there are laws against them. The Caribbean region is second only to Sub Saharan Africa in its HIV infection rate.

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Cindy Friedman 09:59

The Swedish Government this week introduced a bill to make sexual orientation and category protected under laws banning incitement to hatred. The current criminal law against incitement covers only ethnicity and religion. The government bill would provide for prison sentences ranging from six months to four years.

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The Canadian government this week announced its plans to add sexual orientation to the national law against incitement to hatred, also referred to as hate propaganda. Justice Minister and McClellan said there is unanimous agreement for the move among the nation's federal provincial and territorial justice ministers, but that would not go on the legislative agenda for several months. The previous week, British Columbia's openly gay New Democratic Party member of Parliament's found Robinson introduced a private member's bill to amend the incitement law saying it's critically important that society and leaders in government send out the strongest possible signal that hatred and violence directed at gay people is totally unacceptable. The move to amend the law has gained impetus from the widely reported brutal bashing murder of gay Aaron Webster in Vancouver. Sexual orientation is already included in Canada's laws providing for harsher sentencing for hate motivated crimes.

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Cindy Friedman 11:13

Government ministers in Belgium vowed to push ahead with their plans for legal gay and lesbian marriages, despite an adverse opinion by the nation's top Administrative Court. That court the Council of State had rejected the government's bill on the grounds that legal marriage can only be a union between a man and a woman. But Deputy Prime Minister Lauren tongling said, I'll ask my colleagues to regard this opinion with astonishment and to set it aside.

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And finally some 5000 life size figures representing Australian heroes are decorating the grounds of the Parliament House in Canberra, and in observance of Australia's St. Henry known as people scape. nominations were accepted from the general public and at least four selected for inclusion represent the gay and lesbian community festival director Robin Archer Rodney Croom of the Tasmanian gay and lesbian rights group and formerly the Australian Council for lesbian and gay rights. Gay Games activist Richard Hogan and environmentalist Adrienne block. That's these rap

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Cindy Friedman 12:15

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news wrap is written by Cindy Friedman and recorded at the studios of KPFK Los Angeles for  
this way out. I'm John Volker. And



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I'm Cindy Friedman.



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G Glenn Holt 13:02

You are listening to lesbian and gay voices. And Joan is not.



J Joan Devlin 13:08

No Joan is reading.



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On the line with us is David Elliot.



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And David. How are you doing tonight?



J Joan Devlin 13:18

Fine. How are you? David?



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I'm just great.

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Jack Valinski 13:20

Well, we're certainly a lot better than we were about a few weeks ago after the last election.

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Well, yeah, we don't want to talk about that. Don't get me started.

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So how was creating change?

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Creating Change was magnificent. In fact, I have to tell you, that the host city of Milwaukee had roughly about 400 volunteers, which three times the size of last year when the host city was Atlanta, a city that's probably two or three times the size. Yeah, absolutely. It was, by all accounts, one of the best ever, creating changes, even though we were picketed outside by an affiliate of Concerned Women for America.

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Jack Valinski 14:06

Well, that's usually a success. I mean, if you got people picketing, you know, they, you know, they know you're there.

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Well, that's true. And it was such a this is the most important thing that came out of it. It was a coming of age for the Milwaukee LGBT community. They felt more empowered. They felt like they had become a first tier city and you know, this is Milwaukee, which, earlier this fall was named the best city to live in by girlfriends magazine.

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Joan Devlin 14:38

So what were they protesting? Exactly? Alright, so that you were gay in your in their city? Yeah, exactly. Okay, whatever, whatever. So how was the weather

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in Milwaukee? They claimed that they were having a heatwave the temperatures at night were

a little below freezing. thing with the highs in the 50s.

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Jack Valinski 15:02

I think that was a heatwave for Milwaukee.

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I'm never gonna live there. I don't think I will

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Joan Devlin 15:08

either. No, not enough time to wear shorts.

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Jack Valinski 15:10

I mean, now that you're not working for NGL TF. I mean, you were sort of at this event where as, like the rest of us, Laura is a sort of an you know, and outside or a spectator? Did you still get a lot of stuff out of it?

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Absolutely. Absolutely. In fact, it was, it was a lot more fun being a spectator. Because, you know, I wasn't working 1416 hours a day, and I didn't have anything to be nervous about, I could just sit back and enjoy it. And it was just an exceptionally well run conference, you know, the conference bills itself as the largest annual conference for LGBT activists in the United States. I think they need to expand that definition. I think they didn't need to start referring to themselves as the largest conference for progressive.

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You all that yes, in the United

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States.

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Joan Devlin 16:00

And David, you also are going to talk to us about something else that and this is a little bit more serious. It's about an ad that's being run right now by the Log Cabin Republicans,



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actually by a think tank created by the Log Cabin Republicans called the Liberty Education Forum. And I want to talk to you about this because I want to talk to you tonight about the state of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender movement in the wake of September 11. Tonight, I'm going to bring you a minority perspective, not one that I necessarily agree with, but one which is coming louder and louder. In this post September 11 era of what I call the three S's shop, showed the flag and shut up last week in Washington DC, the Liberty Education Forum to count ads in the Washington Post in Washington blade newspapers. The Liberty Education Forum describes itself as quote, working toward achieving individual freedom and fairness for gay Americans by applying the principles of individual rights, individual responsibilities, free markets and limited government. With the election of the new administration, LDF is now positioned to become an important the vehicle for fresh and constructive ideas about federal policies that affect the daily lives of gay and lesbian Americans. Now, I'm going to now read you a little excerpt from the ad, the ads that were taken out, quote, what has changed since September 11, is the rubric for debate. Throughout the years, gay activists have relied on a paradigm of victimization, to formulate their agenda for advancing our community's interests. The virtual victimization paradigm may have fit the time, but there was a cost gay Americans who bought into this paradigm, we're left to believe that the power to live life on their own terms is outside their control. Virtual victims become increasingly alienated from society, more inward driven and less connected to a sense of personal responsibility about how their lives turn out, will look back on the 1990s with an almost embarrassing realization of just how self absorbed absorbed we were the same gay community whose political leaders demanded employment non discrimination laws, and hate crime protections, was traveling on RSVP cruises, packing warehouse circuit parties, and filling black tie dinner halls to hear keynote addresses from Hollywood celebrities. Close quote. Now, I've never been on an RSVP cruise either have I? I've never attended a circuit party. And neither have I, I did want to attend a black tie dinner as a reporter for the Texas triangle HRC dinner in Austin, but by way of protest, and because I couldn't really afford it. I didn't wear the black tie and didn't rent a tux or anything else. I was like that I couldn't, couldn't afford it. And you know, Joan and Jack, I have to wonder if the people who work so hard to try to defeat the anti gay referendum in Houston last month would describe themselves as quote, self absorbed. But overlooking that I do find myself in strong agreement with the Liberty Education Forum on one point and one point only. And that is that a movement cannot be based on sexual orientation alone. Gay men are not like all other gay men. Lesbians are not like all other lesbians. What must connect us as a movement is an overarching ideology that incorporates our sexual orientation, but also other aspects of our being as well as their outlet toward our neighbors on this planet. And by neighbors, I mean, the person next door, the Latino co worker, or the Egyptian gay male under persecution overseas. Now, log cabin, Republicans would agree with me that there needs to be a commonality behind their movement. But they view this commonality simply as an adherence to Republican principles first. And this, of course, is where my views diverge, we must care about the gay male who faces execution under the Taliban, just as we care about the gay male who fought faces taunting in his college fraternity, we must sympathize with the woman forced to wear the hooded veil in Afghanistan, just as we would with the woman in this country who cannot find affordable childcare, or cannot access desperately needed family planning services. So you know, it's currently incumbent upon us, as progressives, just think about this log cabin Republican message and see whether it wears well on this. Or if we want to stand up and access our LGBT media, and decide that this vision laid out by the Liberty Education Forum is not our vision at all. And, you know, I just like to close with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King,

it's my favorite quote, We are all tied together in a single garment of destiny, and any escapable network of mutuality. I can never be what I could be until you are allowed to be what you ought to be.

J Jack Valinski 21:37

Well, yes. And, you know, talking about Republicans, I mean, there was a big push pushed by the Republican Party in the recent election to get Sanchez in office. They spent a fortune trying to do that. And fortunately, they didn't win, but it's setting the stage that until years, they're gonna probably come back and try again.

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Well, that's correct. And it points to the need. And we've talked about this before, for strong coalition building. coalition politics is the future of progressive politics in the United States, the feminist community, and that includes women and men, the LGBT community, the environmentalists, people who want criminal justice reform, you know, people of color all of these folks have to stand together. Yes,

J Joan Devlin 22:30

absolutely. You know, as grant Martin said, on this, you know, very program, mid November, there just aren't enough of us to overcome, we have to be divided, we have to be united not divided with the entire community. And by community, he meant every single person in this case, he was talking about Montrose, and Harris County, we have to be as one It can't just be

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the gay people,

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we have to expand the definition of the US. What is us, us cannot be only LGBT people.

J Joan Devlin 23:05

No, because this is not only LGBT people who live in Harris County, or in the United States of America, for that matter, right. But at the same time, we cannot try so hard to assimilate that we become unfaithful to our, our own selves. Right. So, I mean, and that's important, too. Because I, you know, I have a friend, we have this argument all the time, that people should just assimilate, if people would just assimilate everybody to be happy. And it's like, no, you know, we're not the Borg. We don't assimilate, you know, everybody should be able to celebrate who they are in their own way. You know, without having to worry about you know, if I go to a gay pride parade and get filmed, am I gonna have a job on Monday?



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Right. Jed was had an obscure Star Trek reference.



J Joan Devlin 23:54

Yeah, because, you know, the Borg is simulated everybody. So he keeps insisting that, you know, gay people should just assimilate, and I keep telling him, we're gay. We're not the Borg. We don't assimilate. So yes, that is an obscure Star Trek reference.



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I, you know, couldn't let it go unnoticed.



J Joan Devlin 24:09

No, that's true. But, you know, unfortunately, there's a lot of that in this community. Still, in 2001,



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especially today, especially today, you know, you walk through Dupont Circle here in Washington, DC, which is our quote, unquote, you know, gay neighborhood, although there's actually more LGBT people living in my neighborhood, Adams Morgan, but you walk through Adams Morgan, or Dupont Circle rather. And you see all the American flags and people's windows, and you see the American flag outside of gay owned businesses. And so, you know, we're in a, you know, somewhat occasionally unsettling period right now, and we will survive it and gradually things will have returned to normal. I do not buy. And I would challenge your listeners not to buy the adage that things changed forever. On September 11, I'm not buying it.



J Jack Valinski 25:15

Well, I think, you know, some things have changed. I mean, certainly we're seeing, you know, all these flags everywhere, but yet, they're not going out to vote in proportion of the flags are out there. I think we're in some more scarier times. And I hope it's not going to be like back in the 50s when the government was snooping on everything you were doing and putting spies in every organization you got. But, you know, some of that seems like it's going to be happening.



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Well, you know, things have changed in some ways. I mean, I don't know if you've flown anywhere since since September 11. But that the lines are really long when you're at the, you

know, the ticket counter or going through security. And I sat next to one of the marshals on one of my flights recently. But at the same time, we are living our lives. Yes, you know, we're doing a for those of us who do holiday shopping, we're doing our holiday shopping in DC now. We're at that time of the year where you're getting overbooked every single night for holiday parties.

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Let me

J Joan Devlin 26:20

say I am more popular than Jack

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was some political thing up here, you know, all the nonprofits have holiday parties. And you have to go to there so that they'll come to yours. So, you know, it's what we have to make sure of is that the very things that terrorists would seek to destroy, you know, the vision, the potential vision that makes this country potentially a fantastic country of fantastic experiment in democracy, that that vision is not destroyed by us.

J Joan Devlin 27:01

Right. Well, the other thing, too, is we can't let September 11 have us put everything else on the backburner indefinitely, right. You know, we can't a year from now be saying, well, you know, civil rights aren't that important to me anymore? Because of September 11. I mean, that's, that's crazy. Well, David, what do you have what this tells talk just for a moment, before we sign you off, tell us a little bit about what you're going to be doing with you in your new role.

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We're actually working real hard on a Houston case right now. Some of your listeners are probably familiar with the case of Andrea Pia Yates, who will go on trial on January 7, in connection with the drowning deaths of her children. It's a very, very, very tragic case. And we're trying to talk about postpartum depression and postpartum mental illness, and how under diagnosed it is in the United States. We're also trying to talk about the utter inappropriateness of Harris County district attorney Chuck Rosenthal, seeking the death penalty in this case and how this represents quite a violation of community standards. You might know that a poll came out it was done by the Houston Chronicle that shows only 19% of Harris County voters think that a death sentence would be appropriate. And so actually here in Washington, DC, but it seems like I'm spending half my time doing work on this, this very tragic Houston case.

J Joan Devlin 28:48

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Even though it's for bad reason, any chance of you coming to Houston?

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Don't know yet. There's actually that that possibility. Sometime over the coming months, you know, the, the jury trial or the trial begins January 7, but they're going to be hung up for about five weeks or so on jury selection. So we'll see.

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Joan Devlin 29:11

Okay, well, David, I want to thank you for taking the time to call in. I appreciate you and we will talk to you next month.

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Well, thank you and Joan, I hope that you and Jack and all the listeners out there. Have a very happy holiday season. You too. Thank you.

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Joan Devlin 29:27

You're listening to lesbian and gay voices

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Glenn Holt 29:35

Oh, Japanese version of audible was bound I gave voice a shawl.

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Joan Devlin 29:40

Very funny. It's actually Cantonese. And that was Sammy. Who is if she's Chinese, she's speaking Cantonese. I cannot read the song title because cannot read Cantonese.

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Glenn Holt 29:51

Okay. It's lesbian and gay voices.

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Jack Valinski 29:53

Yes. And we have an issue that is a little bit off our normal topic, but definitely a topic that we like to discuss, it seems as though of the city or some people in the city or city council. Want to host the shell open the golf tournament at Memorial Park, and this terminal

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Joan Devlin 30:14

tell how they would like that to come about?

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Jack Valinski 30:16

Well, I don't know all the facts, and we're gonna get into most of the facts. I believe this this was held out in The Woodlands somewhere at some suburban golf course out there. And I don't know why they're trying to move it. But apparently they want to move it to Memorial Park. And you know, I am a big fan of Houston and I've been here 20 years and I think we have a lot of neat things here. We do not necessarily have great parks, we do not have a lot of parks. We certainly don't have a lot of pocket parks like some other cities like Austin does. Austin has a fabulous park system. So for what we do have, I'd certainly like to keep what we do have and improve upon what we do have a not take away from it. Well, there's there's something going on. And Kevin vinner is here. And he will tell tell us what you're doing.

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Well, Jack and Joan First, thanks for having me on and doing the work that you do. But I got involved through the Houston Area Bicyclist Alliance. They informed me of a meeting and I discovered at this meeting which was attended by more than 50 people who are friends of Memorial Park, that the Houston Golf Association in conjunction with the city of Houston is trying to fly under the radar and get approved by the city council within the next three weeks. A plan to move the shell Houston open from the woodlands to Memorial Park. And that will create tremendous implications and problems for those of us who use memorial park every day of the year.

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Jack Valinski 31:48

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we know what we don't know for sure. You know, I've been to a lot of websites a pga.com website has information on it. And it seems like the PGA and Houston Golf Association and the city of Houston have known for quite a while based on the information we've been able to dig up but it looks as though they're trying to fly under the radar. And it may be something as simple as the Houston Golf Association is trying to negotiate a better deal with the woodlands because their contract is coming up. We're not really sure if they're serious about moving down here in 2002. But because of the involvement with the city of Houston, and some planning, there is no master plan, but because of some planning, it appears like there is going to be a move but again, they're trying to fly under the radar. Okay.

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Jack Valinski 32:38

JACK VALINSKI 32:59

And so if they do this, what will that mean to the people who do use the park every day. It's amazing. I used to run and you'd be down at the park at six o'clock in the morning and there's runners there that park is open 24 hours a day. There are people down there all times of the day or night, all types of weather. And it's really an amazing park for this park poor city.



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I agree with you it is one of the most beautiful parks within the beltway. And 25% of the park is designated for the golf course 25% of the entire Memorial Park. Yet less than 5% of the usage in that park is by golfers because we have the bikers, we have the skaters we have the runners and joggers. And we have people just walking a dog going out for a picnic fine and a tree just to enjoy the solitude of Memorial Park. But what they're planning to do for these PGA golfers that are going to come in for one week a year is to tear down all the tennis courts. Now they're saying 10 in their plan that we've gotten from the city, but the Houston Tennis Association states that they're not going to move 10 courts, they're going to move on to a team because it's hard to manage the courts if they split among right now where they're going to move those courts are proposed over into the Enter bicycle or what they call the picnic play right now what that does is open it up. And all the bikers and skaters and all the people that enjoy that, when it's closed down to traffic will no longer have that because if the tennis courts are there, it will be open for traffic all the time. Absolutely. And you know how dangerous it is to get on the Houston Street with a bicycle. So that's one of the few areas we have inside the loop to ride a bike, especially when you have kids on tricycles. You bet on those in skaters learning to skate and that people just walking their dog or pushing a baby carriage Memorial Park is the place to be.



J Jack Valinski 34:42

Okay, so with all that happening, or at least this appears to be happening that they're trying to push it through real quickly



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with they have to vote from what we understand by December 19. Within three weeks, we only found out about a week or two ago. And so now here are the input occasions on that the city of Houston is going to approve or try to approve this exclusive agreement. That it with the Houston Parks Board Incorporated. And I'm not sure exactly who they are, they might be a quasi city entity that's appointed by the mayor. But it will be a 10 year contract with two five year extension. So we're talking about a 20 year application that they're trying to ram through within the next three weeks,



J Jack Valinski 35:28

and supposedly the city will get some money off of it. Well,



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it'll probably wind up costing more for the taxpayers of the city of Houston because the Houston Golf Association and the Houston Parks Board Inc, are going to control the concessions. Now they are going to come in so they say with this agreement that I have here before me to use \$2.5 million of improvements to Memorial Park. But guess where the improvements are course modifications to upgrade the irrigation system to lengthen the driving range because the driving range now is too short for the professionals. And they're going to have to build a new locker room multi use building. So the estimated cost on that is 2.5 million, it's not going to affect one iota of you and I and Joan going out and the everyday users of Memorial Park plus we're going to have to shut the park down for about a month every year during the day to get ready. And to you know, after the park is over, they're going to be 250,000 people that go through that park. If the shell Houston open is moved. Well, it's pretty amazing.



J Jack Valinski 36:37

I you know, I don't know how many golf courses there are in the city that are, you know, private or public. But there must be tons of them. But there really is very few areas where people can ride their bike or run in a safe environment away from the traffic. And what's really amazing about Memorial Park is the way it is the runner's track is for runners. There's no bikes there, right. If you want to ride your bike, you can ride around the perimeter on the streets. And on the south side where the picnic area is. That's where the bicyclist is in the skaters are. And that because that's wide enough, it's like a you know, a two lane road. It's a very well shared area,



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right and got the volleyball players, you've got the soccer fields back there, you've got the polo fields. It's a very happy community as it stands right now. And what the Friends of Memorial Park fear that is going to be disrupted. And they will have to cut out lots of trees to do what they're talking about doing and we can't stand to lose any more trees in Memorial Park.



J Joan Devlin 37:35

Well, the other thing I wanted to say is I've noticed the group, or the people that use utilize memorial park now are very, very protective of it. They're very careful. They don't go in there and just throw trash around. They watch for natural erosion, they you know, alternate trails, they're very concerned with the park keeping it clean keeping it pretty. And if you've got 200 And what did you say 250,000 people for this golf tournament going through, I'm sorry, but those people are not going to be thinking about whether Trump than up the side of the hill is destroying natural erosion patterns. Why it's a good idea to throw your trash in a trash can instead of all over the park. You know, the kinds of things that people who go there now on a regular basis think about every single day.



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Absolutely right. And if it happens during the week of the tournament, can you imagine what 250,000 people throwing trash around would do to the park. It's a disaster. And that's what I'm

250,000 people tromping around would do to the park, it'd be devastating. And when you know, if I take just a minute for people who are listening for information, we put up a website that is will be easy for you to remember and to tell other people about it. It's www Memorial Park dot info that's one of the new dot, not a.com but a dot dot info. So Memorial Park dot info. And on that site, it has several links. The most important link goes to the Houston area bicyclists Association, it's on the front page down at the bottom, just go to important links. And they have tremendous information. They have all the email addresses for the city council people they have sample letters. So go to Memorial Park dot info, and you can link to several different sites and this will be an ongoing site concerning not only the shell Houston open, but also other issues that are pressing with Memorial Park. And let me just say quickly, with regard to the shell Houston open and Houston Golf Association, you know, we are not opposed to them at all. They do tremendous work with charitable donations to children's group and other charitable organizations within the greater Houston area and we're talking millions of dollars a year so they do great work. We just feel like they need to back off and not try to ram it through they and the woodlands has done a tremendous job that woodlands does not want to lose this at all. And they have done a tremendous job for the past I believe now about 13 to 15 years. And so let them stay up there at least another Five years and let them do some things and court us and do some improvements before they just try to ram this down our throat. We're not opposed to it. But let's do it in an organized way. And let's not try to fly under the radar.

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Jack Valinski 40:13

So who ultimately makes a decision on the city council, city council

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and they meet tomorrow night. I don't think it's on the agenda tomorrow night. But then there are only two more city council meetings before the end of the year. And it will be taken up in one of those meetings. So we will have people there people speaking on behalf. And there are several council members that are opposed. We now know that Bert Keller is opposed. Gordon Quan is opposed a nice Parker has not made a decision. I believe that ORLANDO SANCHEZ is opposed. And Ben, then you have some that are in favor of this. For Mayor Brown is in favor. But as you know, we don't know why. That's what we want to know. We want we think more people should know, and get more information on the city. And that's why we're here tonight.

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Jack Valinski 41:06

Right? And there's a few city council people that are on there who are lame ducks now. Correct. And so they may not suffer the consequences if they vote one way or the other. Because they'll be out of office on January exactly

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right. But they they will get to vote on this. If it comes up. We're trying to stop the issue from even coming up.

J Jack Valinski 41:25

Now you you also are involved in a bicycling? Yes. And that's been sort of a tough issue also trying to dry you know, this is a city where if you're a pedestrian, or if you're ride a bicycle is it's incredibly dangerous. And I occasionally walk or ride my bike on the streets here. And it's like you are a moving target to these cars. And you're in the way you know, and especially in the downtown area where there are pedestrians and in Montrose area, we have a lot of people who walk in this area. It's a tough issue, isn't it?

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It is and unfortunately, more and more people would ride the bikes. If they had adequate bike lanes. We call them the mysterious bike lanes all of a sudden they'll appear and then all of a sudden they'll disappear. So it's kind of hard. They're the only ones that I'm familiar with because I'm an inner loop person. And Memorial Park, you have the braised by by you trail. You've got the the buffalo Park Trail, which we were talking about. Right,

J Jack Valinski 42:26

Northside has been closed and I guess they're putting some new bridges in there. And the other problem with Buffalo Bayou is that every time it floods, you know, Buffalo Bayou is basically a flood basin. I mean, it's there. So whenever it floods, you know, wipes out some of those trails and it takes forever for them to get fixed, because that's not as primary purpose. And they've added some lanes, or some underneath the Buffalo Bayou, I guess towards downtown,

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right? We just need the city of Houston to work with the organizations like the Houston area Bicycle Association, you've got the Greater Houston, off road Bicycle Association, and all those links can be found at the Memorial Park dot info. And at the Houston area Bicycle Association, which is by is by houston.org. So these are just we're asking for people to get involved. It's a workable solution. Bicycling in the city of Houston could be tremendous on helping to curb pollution. There are a lot of people that would ride bicycles. But as you stated, it is dangerous. I mean, I've actually been in the right hand lane of a four lane road, and someone behind me and a group of bikers, and they weren't turning right. They just got behind us to hawk just because they believe that we didn't want they didn't want us there. They didn't believe that we should be there. And it's a lot like you know, the issues that you talked about every day and and issues that you talked about. Just because you're there. People want to hassle you.

J Jack Valinski 43:52

Yes, yes. Well, Kevin, thank you for joining us. And the best place you said for people to get information is



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is WWW dot Memorial Park dot info. And at that you can link to the Houston area Bicycle Alliance site at bike houston.org



J Jack Valinski 44:12

Thank you very much for joining us tonight. And certainly we'll be following this issue as it comes up before City Council. You're listening to lesbian gay voices



G Glenn Holt 44:26

Shakira from her album laundry service that was sweater which means whenever wherever



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troubled by someone's drinking, you're not alone. In Al Anon there is hope and help. Make the connection. Al Anon confidential and anonymous. Your community resource for families and friends of alcoholics It's only a phone call away. For meeting information call toll free 8884 allanon.



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Why be alone? Hi, I'm Peggy Phillips. Lately I've been hearing public officials talk about certain kinds of people, as if they weren't really people, immigrants, welfare mothers, illegitimate children. I remember a time when people could be proud of their immigrant roots, the countries they came from where their parents came from. I remember when welfare was charted precisely to help mothers who were trying to raise children had little or no income. That's why we called it wealth. And I thought the term illegitimate child had gone out of our vocabulary forever, because children are children, no matter who their parents are, and we need to take care of how can we stop the politics of fear? Let's get involved in building communities, not barriers.



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G Glenn Holt 46:15

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



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Love and marriage, love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage this,

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I tell you. You can't have one without the other.

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It's been about two months since the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada ruled against eight lesbian and gay couples who were seeking to overturn their country's ban on same gender marriage. While the participants in that case wait for word on their appeal, marriage rights cases in two other Canadian provinces went to court last month in Ontario 10 couples are seeking the right to marry with two of them represented by the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, in Quebec. The case is brought by a single couple of longtime activists from Montreal. In this report from Heather Kitching of queer FM in Vancouver. Several of the plaintiffs and their attorneys talk about the different approaches in their cases.

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Heading I met near the party, I was an older man at the time, quite frankly, people that knew how to do things were in charge and whatnot. And suddenly I ended up stuck with somebody that didn't know. Everybody said he was after my money, but I had none. So that wasn't a problem. It just happened, you know. And then suddenly, 20 years later, it dawned on us that we were living like married people. We were in fact married, and I asked him to marry me. His answer was, why not work with

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Michael Hendricks and his partner Rene LeBoeuf applied for their marriage license on September 14 1998. They were denied because Canada like most countries in the world does not permit same sex couples to marry. Michael and Renee, however, are one of 19 couples in three Canadian provinces currently involved in legal actions to overturn this prohibition. This November courts in Ontario and Quebec held hearings on the lawsuits in those provinces.

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So the chat, we're

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Joanna and Martha we're presenting the case for civil licenses. And they started off with a very moving presentation about the fact that the case is about love and hate, and that in our system, there's no hierarchy of love.



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The principal argument advanced in all three cases is that Canada's refusal to allow same gender couples to marry violates Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms which specifically bans discrimination based on sexual orientation. In Ontario, there is a delightful twist and argument advanced by the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto that the government's refusal to acknowledge SAME GENDER marriages violates their freedom of religion. MCC ti lawyer Douglas Elliott explains



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our marriage law is based on the English law England has a state religion in Ontario was established by Tories who fled from the United States and who subscribe to the notion of an established state church. And so in 1793, the first Ontario marriage law said that the only legally recognized marriages were Anglican marriages. In the 80s, we had the introduction of the Charter of Rights, which entrenched freedom of religion in section two a and the big M Drug Mart case. While it was argued in that case, that the prohibition on Sunday shopping was, in fact, a purely secular law. The Supreme Court of Canada looked at the historical roots of the law and said, This law was really based on earlier laws that enforced the state religious dogma, like Supreme Court of Canada said that any laws that enforce a particular religious perspective in this country offend section two A of the charter and that's a case on which we placed a great deal of reliance. The only logical reason for the bar to same sex marriage is this historical Christian Anglican definition of marriage that has informed the law of Canada. In Quebec, we don't



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really have any pre Confederation rule about what marriage is and what marriage isn't. And France



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Goldwater is legal counsel for Michael Hendricks and Rene love book in Montreal. Now



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them all we were attacking with the one law that did exist, which was a pretty fresh new provision in our civil code that was only passed in 1994. And said match must be between a man and a woman. So we rub their hands in collective Glee and said, well, the province has no

right to do that. Ever since Confederation, the power has been given to the federal government to make rules about marriage and divorce. So we said, heck, this is an easy case. federal and provincial governments did what they know how to do best, which is pass laws without letting any Canadian people know about the laws are going to pass. And they passed a little law called S for a federal law now that said match must be between a man and a woman. Now this particular law only applies to Quebec. So it's kind of to find expression queer situation.

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Regardless of whether Canada's prohibition on same sex marriage comes from Parliament as in Quebec, or from court precedents as in the rest of Canada. Those who are challenging the ban need only show that it discriminates based on sexual orientation in order to make their case in court. From there, the onus shifts to the federal government, who if they wish to continue, the discrimination must persuade the court that it is demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society. Cynthia Peterson is the lawyer representing a gal Canada's national queer rights lobby group in the case in Ontario. She outlines the position taken by the federal government. In all three hearings, the

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primary focus is that marriage just is heterosexual in its essence. And the government claims that that's true across all cultures and since time immemorial, and they tie that to a sort of limited definition of procreation. They claim that since heterosexual couples, are the only couples that together can biologically produce a child, that that's a unique form of procreation that has to be supported in order to maintain humanity. The government's lawyers actually stated that boldly that civilization would somehow not exist if we didn't have heterosexuals marrying and procreating. When they

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heard that the federal government's justification for the distinction was procreation. Fundamentally, I think the judges were remarkably unimpressed. I think they were hoping that there was going to be more to it than that.

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I didn't know whether it was filled with dread or apprehension about what would be said with something cogent and brilliant be said that was so demolish arguments that would make it so evident. What it is that the heads population needs to continue to survive and function. And the government lawyers who are so busy finger pointing at each other, you know, that nobody ever actually bothered to say anything to explain why it's the end of the world as we know it. If gays and lesbians can marry,

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It is legal to sit there and listen to your government talk about that you're not a full member of the

IT IS HARD TO SIT THERE AND LISTEN TO YOUR GOVERNMENT TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE NOT A FULL MEMBER OF THE Canadian family, you're not as deserving of respect as other Canadians.



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Jill Varnell was one of Douglas Elliot's clients. He and his partner Kevin Bourassa, were married in the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto on January 14 of this year. They attended the hearing every day and reported on it on their website, [www.dot same sex marriage.ca](http://www.dot-same-sex-marriage.ca).



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I think the justices were all extremely interested in the arguments and they had all read the material, their questions to both sides really asked them to talk outside of the big broad, sweeping generalities and talk in specific terms. Some of the questions that they asked of our side were specifically Well, if we have to strike down the common law, which says marriage is one man and one woman. Doesn't that mean that no one can get married, and they really wanted to focus specifically on the remedy if there is discrimination what do we do about it? To the other side, they didn't accept a the procreation argument they wanted them to admit that is lesbians can have children can raise children in loving homes and they didn't accept the sky is falling or something bad will happen. They really wanted specifics, what bad things happen. As to a prediction. While I'm hoping that the sight of right truth, justice and light will prevail. I certainly think they're going to make a well informed and reasoned decision. These were all very reasonable people judging from the questions they asked.



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For this way out. I'm Heather Kitching in Vancouver.



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All shopping stockings are fake old fashioned.



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Heartwarming old fashioned lesbian.



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I want to invite you to tune in Christmas Eve because as many gay voices for a special edition of queer music heritage, hosted by JD Doyle I'll play Christmas Music Golden new, but all of it queer. That's Christmas Eve at 9pm.



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Christmas present,

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I want to be a Christmas

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Christmas present

Greg Gordon 56:47

as we began to discover last time, on this way out, the profusion of widely available music by and about gays and lesbians in the past several years has roots that go back as far as the 1920s. In a special three part series, Chris Wilson and JD Doyle, whom you usually hear hosting our award winning monthly audio file segments are exploring our queer music heritage. That's also the name of the show Jay D hosts on KPFT in Houston, Texas. From his extensive personal music collection, JD is picking what he believes have been the 10 most influential gay and lesbian songs ever recorded. After a quick review of last week's installment, we'll get right into part two, queer vinyl.

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I wanted to start with just about the earliest recording I could find that actually dealt with the subject of being gay. And this is from 1926. Merritt Bruni's and his friars in orchestra

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already recorded a wonderful song which has been done by many lesbian acts since the song's called the Pruvit on the blues and it was from 1928

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No God called me

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the next song I want to play is by Maxine Feldman. It her song is called Angry EFIS it's pretty much considered the earliest openly lesbian song we brought up



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from Felton wrote that song in 1969, it took another three years before it got recorded on a 45 and it finally appeared on an album in 1979 that I was called closet sale.



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Were there any male artists that were recording music that was openly gay at that time?



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Yes, indeed. And what I think is very, very easy choice for me to put on this list. The artists was Stephen Grossman. And he recorded an album called caravan tonight in 1974. He was the first openly gay artist singing openly gay songs on a major label and this was Mercury Records. So this is it was quite a breakthrough here is out by Stephen Grossman.



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had something important to say yes and no you didn't play home turning this way. You didn't film in Hama? And I don't know if you're ready, let's believe just the mantid Do what suits me best will



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and it's nothing you would brag when you're first born turns out to be



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today's boil your dream I know you wanted to see me marching in without womb prove my manhood as it didn't move yours I went and told to that landlord while you stood beat and toe



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Call me crazy



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but I think it's out of fear because you're not so sure you



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brother his little brother tell me what to go on to everything that has happened to me someday happens to you. You tried agreeing



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with me the Sunshine Coast very nothing to add all kinds of people



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to be this way.



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And there's really nothing wrong with when it's nothing wrong with being you know, it's okay



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that was Stephen Grossman singing out for caravan tonight. Unfortunately, he died of AIDS in 1991. This brings us up to the 70s and a breakthrough point for our music history. In this pretty much stems from the Women's music movement. And one person that kind of planted that seed was Chris Williamson. She was being interviewed on a radio show in Washington DC. And this was like 1971 72. And they got to the topic of how hard it was for women to get into the music business. And she said, Well, why don't you just start your own label and several of the artists and people there decided this was a wonderful idea and that's exactly what they did. That was Olivia records. It produced the artist who became known as the Big Four Chris Williamson Holly near may Christian and Margie Adam. They all at least got their starts on that label. This was daunting for me to even pick a song to kind of represent it but I did pick one I picked a Chris Williamson song called sweet woman that came from the album changer in the changed which well not the first album on Olivia was by far the largest selling lesbian album and probably remain so today.



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Well let's hear Chris Williamson sweet woman



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that was Chris Williamson singing sweet woman from 1975 I guess I need to say that the just by playing Chris Williamson. I don't in any way what is like the other fine lesbian artists of the 70s who helped pioneer this music. Okay, JD what's next? This song would probably be on the shortlist of what many people would name is our most famous gay anthem. It's from 1978 from the album power in the darkness the Tom Robinson band singing Glad to be gay



Greg Gordon 1:05:20

in the conclusion of this special three part series, JD Doyle red Chris Wilson will feature



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met you on a rainy day. But the sun's been now



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since and I knew from that moment that you were on my friend

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Andy anybody that you want to be? You can love you

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red wave Wow.

G Greg Gordon 1:06:03

Those tunes and a few more in part three of queer vinyl next time I'm this way out. Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Freedman johnboll Pray Brian newness Chris Ambridge, Jason Lynn, Rex walk new Graham Underhill and Chris Wilson and JD Doyle contributed program material. Thanks also to Christopher David Trentham Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. Remember, you can listen to this way out anytime online exclusively on planet out. Just point your browser to www dot planet out.com and click first on multimedia than on radio. Some this way out operating expenses are funded by direct charitable donations from our listeners around the world which are currently being matched by a grant from the gill foundation for an important message explaining this way outs tenuous financial situation please visit our webpage at this way. out.org Email us at TW o radio@aol.com Or write to us at Post Office Box 38327 Los Angeles California 90038 USA for Associate Producer Lucia Powell and the entire this way out family I'm Greg Gordon. Thanks for listening on K mun Astoria, Oregon thsr Fredericton New Brunswick KPFT, Houston, Texas and more than 125 other stations around the world, including this community radio station, please stay tuned.

G Glenn Holt 1:07:27

This way out is heard every week as part of lesbian and gay voices to ensure listening. From the album toto smexy dose that was Selena. The English title of the album all my hits, and that's election was Oh chico del apartamento 512. The boy in apartment 512 Before that Charlotte church from her new album and Chapman, and she did a cover of tonight from West Side Story. And Jack and Joan.

J Jack Valinski 1:08:05

Well are nine o'clock. Yes.

J Joan Devlin 1:08:08

She's still recovering from her celebration party.

J Jack Valinski 1:08:11

I hope this is an indication her attendance record.

J Joan Devlin 1:08:13

Council? No, not at all. You know that.

J Jack Valinski 1:08:17

It was an incredible election. Yes, it was I kept going up and down on Saturday night watching the returns. And we didn't know till the end both the district D race and the mayor's race.

J Joan Devlin 1:08:30

It was I mean, most of the races were pretty close. I mean, some of them not really. But I mean, the other

J Jack Valinski 1:08:37

the other two at large city council and the other district race were not close. They were like 4060 type stuff.

J Joan Devlin 1:08:45

But yeah, the mayoral race was really, really close. It's kind of nerve wracking, actually.

J Jack Valinski 1:08:53

And I'm not sure it's so good news. I mean, we did win. But the interesting thing is Republicans now know if they dump a lot of money in here, they can come real close. And maybe in two years, they may be able to win. And this was supposed to be a nonpartisan race.

J Joan Devlin 1:09:06

Well, the thing too, is, you know, Mayor Brown was also running as an incumbent. Yes. And two years from now whoever's running will not have been there before. So that'll make a difference.

J Jack Valinski 1:09:18

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And so it was pretty tough. Then watching all this news about Enron is pretty It's very depressing is 4000 people, those people lose their job and it's just incredible.

G Glenn Holt 1:09:29

Not only did they lose their jobs, but they also lost all their retirement, their retirement. They may have lost their health benefits. They don't know about that yet. But a lot of those people also part of their benefits part of their pay package was stuck in Enron,

J Joan Devlin 1:09:45

right, which is now worthless, which is worthless.

J Jack Valinski 1:09:47

Yes. And there was apparently a three month month period in the fall where they couldn't change any as the stock was going down, right. They weren't allowed to sell it because they were changing administrators of the plan. So So, but yet some of the high officials or the very high officials was apparently cashing in all the stocks since the beginning of the year. So, you know, it seems like he knew something was going to come down, but

G Glenn Holt 1:10:11

little insider information there.

J Jack Valinski 1:10:15

I don't know. It's it's pretty, pretty sad. You know, and

J Joan Devlin 1:10:20

we have to feel for people who've put 1020 30 years into a company, thinking they have a nest egg for retirement, only to find out that they have, you know, maybe a couple \$100.

J Jack Valinski 1:10:32

It is really sad, really sad that this happened. And especially now, when Jara jobs are much tougher to come by. This was

G Glenn Holt 1:10:39

a lot more like one of those situations that you would have heard about during the 1920s

J Joan Devlin 1:10:44

or 30s. Yeah, when the stock market crashed? I'm 30. Yeah, I thought they put all we had a Republican president than two.

J Jack Valinski 1:10:50

I thought they put all those safety guards things in. So this wouldn't happen again. But they did.

G Glenn Holt 1:10:56

Well, the certainly the firm who audited Enron is going to feature prominently in the coming lawsuit storm of lawsuits.

J Jack Valinski 1:11:05

Well, apparently, they were not only auditors, but they're also consultants. Ah, and then there was a story on either marketplace or all things considered this afternoon talking about that. And apparently, they've been some other deepwater and some other companies. You know, yet, let alone it still happened, you know, an auditing firm, you know, it was supposed to watch over it, but yet it still happened. You know, the company still at fault for doing what they did. So it'd be interesting to see what's going to what's going to happen. Tomorrow, there's going to be a meeting of the Eastern galas being Political Caucus, and it'd be an interesting meeting after the elections. And I believe this is when people make their announcements to run for President and other officers of because the election will be in the first Wednesday of January. And their meeting, of course, is at the I'm sorry, it's not tomorrow. It's Wednesday. at the community center, 803 Hawthorne?

J Joan Devlin 1:12:06

Yeah, it's been it's been very busy lately.

J Jack Valinski 1:12:09

Well, you know, here, there's always elections coming around. I mean, next year, we've got we have congressional and we have a state legislature, and the districts have been changed. So it's gonna be it's it's gonna be a whole new ballgame. That's gonna

J Joan Devlin 1:12:24

be kind of scary, actually. I guess we'll go into that more next week. If we get our guests that

we're trying to get

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our surprise guest surprise guests. Yes.

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Joan Devlin 1:12:36

So Jack, what else is going on as you're reading the triangle over there?

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Jack Valinski 1:12:39

Well, there's a whole bunch of other stuff in there. Their usual announcements, PFLAG is going to throw well that already happened. Go on. Through December 14. The AIDS Foundation of Houston and the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston and the Texas Children's Hospitals accepts new unwrapped toys appropriate for children birth to 12 years old. That's not the type of toys you get, Joan. For more information you can call 713-623-6796. And the lesbian book discussion group meets twice a month to provide lesbians a place to meet talk about great books. Are you involved in this?

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Joan Devlin 1:13:20

Now? You should be? I know it probably should be really

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Jack Valinski 1:13:23

713-383-6738.

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Glenn Holt 1:13:29

So, boys,

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Joan Devlin 1:13:30

I was gonna say, Glen, it's your birthday. Glenn's birthday is Thursday. He'll be 43. And we had cake for him tonight,

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Glenn Holt 1:13:39

which was very good, but we're all sugared up.

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Joan Devlin 1:13:42

We're all sugared up. Glenn, how are you going to celebrate your birthday? And please don't say naked because we already all

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Glenn Holt 1:13:48

know that. Yes. No, actually, I'm planning on going out to Brady's landing, which is my favorite restaurant. And I'm going to go there with certain someone that I've been seeing lately. And then we're going to spend a quiet evening I guess.

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Joan Devlin 1:14:09

The other thing I wanted to talk about was Lobo. Well, let me tell you about what I bought myself. Okay. Oh, I thought I was scared. You're gonna tell us about your quiet evenings.

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Glenn Holt 1:14:17

Okay, no. The at Sam's warehouse club. They occasionally have some really good finds. Like last year I bought a couple pair of leather parents that you've seen me wear and got them real cheap. And this was at the same time last year. This year. They had really nice leather jackets, the kind that have the USA flag on the back with the you know the logo on the front. And the flag is done in leather. Okay, so it's a leather jacket with with the even with the little star cut out and everything. It's all leather.

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Which flag is this?

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Joan Devlin 1:14:58

Yes. A toxic Doreen Glen Tanzanian

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Glenn Holt 1:15:02

flag. Anyway, so I got a really nice jacket. So I needed I needed a larger leather jacket because I've sort of outgrown the

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Joan Devlin 1:15:14

birthday cake. Hmm.

G Glenn Holt 1:15:15

Well, I mean, my shoulders and chest as well from working out at the gym, so,

J Joan Devlin 1:15:19

oh yeah, that's it.

G Glenn Holt 1:15:22

Well, like your chest grows. Oh. Gotcha.

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Okay,

J Joan Devlin 1:15:29

well actually my chest does grow. I just wish the rest of meeting can grow in proportion.

G Glenn Holt 1:15:34

Well, your chest only grows sometimes and then it shrinks at other times.

J Joan Devlin 1:15:38

Yeah. Depends on when you're in the room then it shrinks. Okay, so those of you that are bored with Glenn and I insulting each other.

G Glenn Holt 1:15:53

You know, what we really need to do is like Johnny Carson used to do and have like the mighty Carson heart players, we need to have the lesbian and gay voices. Drama, something I've already dude have drama, we need

J Joan Devlin 1:16:03

to turn off like two of our three listeners.

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Start doing the pet of the week.



J Joan Devlin 1:16:09

My dog is the pet of the week. She's so cute. And you don't even have a pet Glen has



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cat have a pet or plants. See Jack?



G Glenn Holt 1:16:17

You managed to kill them. Kill those plastic plants.



J Joan Devlin 1:16:21

So Glen, you have how many cats these days? Three and a



G Glenn Holt 1:16:25

half. I'm serious. There's half a cat that comes around. I mean, it's it's actually it's a kitten was dropped off in the neighborhood. Okay. Found you. And well, yeah, I was walking around looking for a home. And so I said, well here, you know, I'll feed you. And so you know, I have this. This kitty that I that I call Angel and she knows that her name is Angel. And she's your cat. Yes, yeah. But I mean she stays outside all the time. She's essentially mine. And then there's one of my other cats has a litter mate, whose name the name that I gave the squishy was Calico and I gave her the name pocket. Now you think why would somebody name a cat pocket? It's because I wanted to hit each of the cats to have names that sounded a lot different from the other names to make it easier for them to recognize when I was calling one of them versus the other because I figured cat anyway. She seems so taken up residence next door but she still comes over to visit.



J Joan Devlin 1:17:27

Well, I had my cat in the emergency room the night before Thanksgiving, but fortunately it was nothing serious. Okay, Jack Jack's about his screen. He hates when people talk about their pets or their kids. Everyone Dr. Jack Crazy Talk about your pets or your children. We're gonna be



J Jack Valinski 1:17:43

doing shows both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. And I hope they're going to be a little more interesting. So

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Joan Devlin 1:17:50

because we won't have guests that night, we'll have CDs and CDs always show up. So that's good.

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Jack Valinski 1:17:55

Yes, we haven't had a lot of luck with a lot of our guests showing I will

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Joan Devlin 1:17:59

politician you know, they have like really crazy schedules. So I'm sure it'll be taken care of. It's just,

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Jack Valinski 1:18:05

you know, there's gonna be more women on council than there has ever been, I think,

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Joan Devlin 1:18:10

Oh, that's great. Glen, the phone is ringing because they gave ha there goes. Okay, hold on. Yeah. What were what were the major run offs and Euston because I was focusing of course on eight is race and on the marriage

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Jack Valinski 1:18:27

District Four, which is run off between Barry and

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Joan Devlin 1:18:33

Brooks was Burke's

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Jack Valinski 1:18:35

body weight. Yes. And the caucus endorse Claudia Williamson and Barry, who had signs all over the city was associated with a lot of real estate stuff. He won like 60%

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Joan Devlin 1:18:49

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Jack Valinski 1:18:53

which apparently she just started using that name around election time. And she also won. There was another district I think was up for grabs. And that district is really bizarre because it's clear, like in Kingwood I mean, it's like this evil summer. Yes. And so far apart from each other. Right. So that was happening and apparently there was a bigger turnout and there was for the general election because of how hot the mayor's race was. And then also district D. So and I was watching some of the parties I mean, the mayor's party was down to the Georgia brown Convention Center. Sanchez was out in the gallery at a hotel out there as was outside her house, I guess. Oh, cool. Yes. And you know, I still would like to know why it takes so long with these computers to get the results.

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Joan Devlin 1:19:46

I know because we did we did electronic voting for the first round

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Jack Valinski 1:19:50

No, it was only electronic voting for early voting early voting. Okay, right. The old the regular voting was still done by punch cards can

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Joan Devlin 1:19:57

Aberdeen as I voted early because I got to do electronic Yes, and I did too. I

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Jack Valinski 1:20:01

almost always vote early.

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Joan Devlin 1:20:02

I really liked the electronic voting though I really hope it stays around.

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Jack Valinski 1:20:06

Well, it's very progressive. I mean, for you know, you don't always think of Texas or Harris County being very progressive, but it is. And hopefully that will speed things along when it's election night and just make it easier for people to vote. And, you know, the interesting thing is, all these people are driving around with these flags attached to their car or whatever,

whatever. And, you know, they're talking about, God Bless America shirts, very patriotic, and it's like, well, they won't vote, they won't vote, right, which is the thing you know, that this country has been set up on.

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Glenn Holt 1:20:35

They're also the first ones to cut you off in traffic. That's true.

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Joan Devlin 1:20:41

But the other thing too, is a good thing. You can carry a gun in this. Don't give me any ideas. The other thing too, about voting. There are so many people all over the world that have worked so long and so hard and fought for the right to vote. And then we in this country who have always had that right, we don't exercise it.

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Jack Valinski 1:21:00

My Yes. And I vote I think almost I don't know if I've missed an election.

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Glenn Holt 1:21:04

I never have you vote too much.

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You vote early and often. That's right.

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Joan Devlin 1:21:10

Are you doing glenton You're banging around to man there again.

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Glenn Holt 1:21:14

I'm making radio station sounds

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Jack Valinski 1:21:16

okay. Unprofessional radio station sounds

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Glenn Holt 1:21:19

well what do you think this is? This is live radio at its best. You know,

J Jack Valinski 1:21:23

we do talk about this way out. And this way out consistently. You know, the we don't fun this way out this way out. I can certainly use some help. And if you're interested in helping them out, which is you know, this way I was the national international radio program that we're lucky enough to get. You can write to them at a peel box 38327 Los Angeles, California 90038. Or you can emailed actually the best way to go to their website, www dot this way. out.org.

J Joan Devlin 1:21:57

Glenn is in their plan I saw he's looking at the windows.

G Glenn Holt 1:22:02

You have a minute, a minute, a minute. Well, we're

J Joan Devlin 1:22:05

talking about project actually Lobo is having a poetry reading on December 16. And we do need to talk about that our old favorites. Michael lock, Michael Boleyn, Donna Garrett. Aaron Coleman. Some others will be at Lobo live live at 7pm. reading some of their wonderful extraordinary poets. Donna

J Jack Valinski 1:22:23

Garrett is at Dharma every Thursday night. Every Thursday night is on Nance. I don't have the exact address but Nancy is in Noho which is north of downtown Houston in the warehouse district near the last concert cafe.

J Joan Devlin 1:22:36

And she will be doing that every Thursday indefinitely.

G Glenn Holt 1:22:40

And do they really not have prostitutes in Noho? Oh sorry, I couldn't I mean, these are minute.

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15 minutes

15 minutes.

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Glenn Holt 1:22:52

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