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Jack Valinski 00:17

Well, I wish we were just allergy free. Yeah, right. This is Jacqueline's getting your understandably don't blend hold. And we're all listening to lesbian and gay voices, including us. Tonight, we're going to be talking to the people about the immigration,



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right. The National Gay and Lesbian immigration taskforce will be on to talk about how their focus has had to change due to the recent selection, excuse me, election of George W. Bush.



Jack Valinski 00:41

And tonight, of course, the second hour is career music heritage by JD Doyle.



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Yes, he's got some very good things lined up for his Hollywood stuff.



Jack Valinski 00:51

And then also on this way out is like an all Texas night. The first segment, of course, is news. But the second segment is one of the interviews heard here on lesbian gay voices done by Ine

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It's right. It was done by it was myself, interviewing Rick [Icency?], the author of the God Squad, which was a spoof on the ex gay movement. And then JD is on the third segment, which is about music.



Jack Valinski 01:13

So we're just like taking over everything here. Yeah, that's right. It's sort of the Texas taken over everything. Well, not all of that is good. Of course, with the the Hail to the Thief in Washington as the sort of called it.



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Yes. But you know, the encouraging news was that they said there were many, many protesters out there were scattered throughout the parade route. And they were very vocal, and they said, it's the biggest protest they've had since Nixon. And of course, the Nixon protests were directly pertaining to the Vietnam War, whereas these protests are directly pertaining to George W. Bush



Glenn Holt 01:45

election war. Yeah.



Jack Valinski 01:47

Yeah. Well, the weather was really bad up there. So those protesters were pretty persistent. Yeah. So we have all that coming up tonight. And I'm sure Glen has some news and we all have some opinions. So let's listen to this way outs, new segments.



Cindy Friedman 02:07

I'm Cindy Friedman and I'm J shoulder with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the weekend in January 20 2001. A double wedding in Toronto this week may have been the world's first legal gay and lesbian marriages, but it will probably take years of legal proceedings to find out. The gay affirming Metropolitan Community Church in the weeks before had three times read the bans for the couples announcing their intent to marry. This ancient tradition empowers churches to perform legal marriages without the couple's obtaining licenses from the province of Ontario, which officials have refused to issue to gay and lesbian couples. Because the relevant provincial law refers only to persons rather than men or women. The church has convinced the marriages of Kevin

Bourassa to Jove arnelle and of Elaine bow tour to and voter are legal. Later in the week after Ontario refused to register the marriages. The church in the couples filed a lawsuit against the province.



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A national tempest in a teapot was triggered by a form letter Canada's Governor General Adrienne Clarkson staff sent declining boo Ross's invitation to the wedding. The governor general is the Queen's representative, a largely ceremonial office. A number of people were distressed that the brief message offered her best wishes to the couple, which her office has insisted was only the polite thing to do. But the right wing Alliance Party considered it to mark her taking sides on a political issue, and one of its members of Parliament said he'd introduced a bill to sensual her for misusing her office.



Cindy Friedman 03:42

There may have been as many as 1000 people who did attend the wedding, including dozens of reporters from all over the world. It also attracted protesters, there was a bomb threat that apparently proved baseless at a service earlier in the day, one woman was arrested and charged with assault after pushing MCC Pastor Brent Hawkes as she sought to take over the pulpit. At the wedding itself another woman was escorted out peacefully outside the church a half dozen demonstrators wearing devil masks, who said they were concerned Canadian parents proclaim that gay and lesbian marriages threatened society.



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The Vermont Supreme Court this week officially closed the historic Baker lawsuit seeking equal marriage rights for gays and lesbians. By terminating its jurisdiction in the case it decided more than a year ago, the court signaled its satisfaction that the state's civil unions, which give gay and lesbian couples all the state level rights and responsibilities of marriage meet the standards of the state constitutions equal benefits clause. It means the court will not act to force inclusion of gays and lesbians under the existing marriage law.



Cindy Friedman 04:51

But that's not enough for civil unions. Many opponents one of the most vocal State Representative Nancy shelter this week filed a bill to repeal Have a law enacted last year and to avoid all the civil unions performed under it. 16 of her fellow House Republicans are co sponsors. About a half dozen more bills to repeal or modify the civil unions law are anticipated. But repeal cannot be expected to pass the Democratic majority in the Vermont Senate. To deal with those bills and concerns raised during the heated November elections campaign. The Vermont House Judiciary Committee will be spending one day each week throughout the legislative session on civil unions. The first of those meetings was held this week before any bill was put on the table. Although this is the same committee which last year created and almost unanimously supported civil unions, its membership has changed drastically. of its 11 members, only three were on the committee last year. While now a majority of six are opposed

to civil unions. New chair peg Florrie seems determined to extend civil unions to more kinds of cohabiting couples who cannot marry such as blood relatives. In fact, the existing civil unions law includes provision for them to form weaker reciprocal beneficiary relationships. But not one couple has used that provision to date. More than 1500 couples have contracted civil unions since they became legal July 1, almost four fifths of them from out of state.



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A major demonstration in Hawaii this week is seeking legal recognition for gay and lesbian relationships, as well as civil rights and hate crimes protections for March for equality has been making an eight day 110 mile trek circling the island of Oahu. The protests began in Honolulu with a program of speakers on the birthday of the late African American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. honoring his legacy of love and non violence, which was followed by a candlelight vigil memorializing 66 victims of hate crimes. The marchers set off after a rally at a statue of Mohandas Gandhi. When they reach Honolulu again, they'll present a petition to the state's attorney general for a legal opinion clarifying the government's obligations to provide the full rights and benefits of marriage to same gender couples wishing to obtain a legal civil union. The closing event will be a commitment ceremony for seven gay and lesbian couples.



Cindy Friedman 07:18

In Australia, about 50 Gay, Lesbian and supportive heterosexual couples this week staged the great kiss off in the Queensland State Park in Brisbane. They were protesting the expulsion a week earlier of a gay male couple who refused park officials ordered to stop kissing. The demonstrators that convinced that no heterosexual couple has been booted from the park for similar behavior. But a park spokesperson said that non gay couples had also been asked to tone down their public displays of affection in the family oriented Park.



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Some ad Italian gays and lesbians shouted shame at Pope John Paul's window last weekend on the third anniversary of a gay man's dramatic suicide in St Peter's Square. In 1998. Alfredo or Mondo set himself a fire there, leaving notes behind that blamed his death on the Catholic Church's homophobia and its impact on Italian society. The protesters were prevented by police from entering the square, but they left a wreath at its edge and held up banners reading Catholic morals kill gays.



Cindy Friedman 08:22

Some US gays and lesbians were gearing up to protest the inauguration of incoming President George W. Bush. Although most gay and lesbian organizations were not officially participating, the organization's instead turned their energies against some of Bush's Cabinet nominees. Christian conservative Attorney General designate John Ashcroft was berated by gay supportive Democrats in the Senate, who believe he would not fairly enforce civil rights laws, in what

many viewed as a so called confirmation conversion. Ashcroft denied that he had acted to block Senate confirmation of open gay James for Mel's appointment to the Luxembourg embassy and said he had never discriminated against gays and lesbians in hiring and never would. The



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National Gay and Lesbian Task Force joined environmental groups in denouncing Bush's selection of Gail Norton to head the Department of the Interior. As Colorado's Attorney General Norton had vigorously defended amendment to a successful 1992 ballot initiative to prohibit civil rights protection for gays, lesbians and bisexuals, which was ultimately struck down by the US Supreme Court. While it was Norton's job to defend the initiative, she hired the virulent ly anti gay defrocked psychologist Paul Cameron to help her effort with his long discredited research.



Cindy Friedman 09:43

On the eve of the inauguration, liberal and conservative gays and lesbians held separate events in Washington. Republicans gathered for a unity breakfast launching an effort to make their party more accepting. Republican Congress member Jim Kolbe and other gays and lesbians As we're joined by New York Governor George Pataki, National Republican Congressional Committee Chair Tom Davis, and retired Senator Alan Simpson, who emceed meanwhile, facing what they called an uncertain future. The National Stonewall Democrats and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force held the gathering to celebrate progress by gays and lesbians during the Clinton administration.



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The US policy on military service by gays and lesbians that loomed large at the beginning of the Clinton administration had a curious Coda at its end, the army had spent two months seeking to discharge openly gay reservist and Republican Arizona State Representative Steve May, who had referred to his own relationship on the House floor when domestic partner benefits were under legislative attack. But in an unprecedented move this week, the army agreed to drop its proceedings and allow me to finish his current term in return for his promise not to re enlist me as attorney believes the Army's change of heart stemmed from his meeting with openly gay Congress member Barney Frank and Clinton's Chief of Staff. The Army declined to state and official reason.



Cindy Friedman 11:09

And finally, Clinton did not forget gays and lesbians in his final week in the White House. On the birthday of the late African American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Clinton issued a message to Congress calling once again for laws against anti gay job discrimination and hate crimes. He referred at some length to Matthew Shepard, the gay University of Wyoming student who was bashed to death in October 1998. And said, at Matthews funeral, his cousin predicted that Matt will have made a difference in the lives of 1000s. I want to make sure he does. And in Clinton's televised farewell address he said



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we must remember that America cannot lead in the world. Unless here at home, we weave the threads of our coat of many colors into the fabric of one America. As we become ever more diverse, we must work harder to unite around our common values and our common humanity. We must work harder to overcome our differences in our hearts and in our laws. We must treat all our people with fairness and dignity, regardless of their race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. And regardless of when they arrived in our country, always moving toward the more perfect union of our founders dreams.



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That's news wrap for the week ending January 20 2001. Written by Cindy Friedman and recorded at the studios of KPFK. Los Angeles,



Cindy Friedman 12:38

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



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Glenn Holt 12:50

What is cube patrol? You've probably heard the name. It's a nonprofit corporation operating a volunteer citizens watch patrol in the greater Montrose area. Our patrols have been a successful deterrent to crime over the past five years, and we'd like to be even more effective. I'm Glenn Holt, the president of cute patrol asking you to donate just one night a month to make our community a safer place. Get your exercise walking on a foot patrol, rollerblading or bicycling or if you prefer, you can drive or ride in a mobile unit to patrol is a great way to do something positive for yourself in your community. Call us at five to wait safe. We need community minded people like you. That's five to eight safe 5287233 Cam patrol is affiliated with the Houston Police Department's citizens on patrol program.



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Good evening, you're listening to Kpf TS lesbian and gay voices. And I have in the studio Chris Rigden Norma Villareal and John nachtmann, who are with the National Gay and Lesbian immigration Task Force. And they are here to discuss legislation that is currently before Congress as well as where the organization is going to have to focus now that we have a

slightly Orwell have very much less sympathetic administration in the White House. So I guess, John, you were talking about some legislative legislation that's coming up. Okay. Did tell us about



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that? Sure. John, there's actually there have been two major changes recently affecting people in the GLBT community. One is dealing with h one BV says, What's your temporary work visa is probably the most popular work visa that that's available to many people who want to be able to stay in the country. They're temporary, so they've only been good for three years in the past. You can renew them one time for an additional three years, the problem has always been that you kind of had to stay on that visa with that particular company, you couldn't move to another company very easily. Right now the number of these visas has increased dramatically. and also they've made it much easier for individuals to switch from one company to another. The other part where this is real important is that in the past was very hard to change from h1 status to a green card, which is a permanent residence. With the new legislation, they actually allow you to start your process of going to a green card, after you've done a renewal. And you can start renewing that h1 Until the the green card actually comes through, this wasn't something people could do in the past, it makes the h1 a much better option than it has been in the past. The other legislation that's really important is called the light provisions. This was last signed by President Clinton on December 22 of the past year. And it's extremely important because it affects us individuals who've been in here in the US and an illegal status in the past. Those who came in illegally, those who overstayed their visa worked illegally in the past, they would have to if they were to get an opportunity to get a green card or through through family or through employment, they had to leave the country apply in their home country, and then face probably a three or a 10 year bar before they could come back to the US right now only until April 30 of this year, those individuals can now pay \$1,000 Fine, and they can make application and petition. What's really important to understand is that it does not mean they'll be accepted. It does mean that they can make application and not fear that ins will immediately move to deport them, basically. And that's something that's a tremendous importance to the community also, because there's a lot of people whose lovers have remained on over status, and they really were stuck in limbo land, they were kind of, you know, should I stay? Or should I go, and now they can stay?



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Well, the other thing I wanted to bring up and Norma and Chris, feel free to jump in. It's been widely touted that some there has been more recruiting of foreign, for instance, teachers, just employees, companies are looking worldwide now for quality employees. Now, if I'm a person that an American company has an interest in, and I am with somebody, why would I choose to come to a country? You know, where my status could be diminished? I mean, do you see this as a problem for companies?



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I think that, again, the this country has finally one of the reasons that the h1 B provisions came into play is because the United States sees that there's such demand for workers with specialty occupation skills. And so one reason they raise the cap, and they've made the h1 so much

more attractive, is because we realize that if we don't we're going to lose our people to Europe, to Canada, to New Zealand to Australia, countries that do allow same sex partners to sponsor their partners.



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Well, obviously, I mean, if the choice is live together in England, or one of you stay in England, and one of you stay here, I mean, that's sort of a no brainer, if you want to be with your lover, and what are some of the struggles you see with the pending administration?



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I think with the pending administration, definitely, they're less empathetic than the Clinton administration. However, having said that, the Clinton administration, as we know was not as pro gay as they gave lip service to being. I think the good thing that can come out of this Bush administration is that hopefully it will bring more and more people to the streets, it'll bring more and more people out and realize that we have to mobilize and demand equal rights. I think it will definitely help to stir the gay and lesbian community.



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But again, we still are seen as a special interest group. And the Bush administration has not been very sympathetic to special what they consider special interest groups,



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or even seen as kind of a special interest group within the gay and lesbian community. And to some extent,



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I'm sure that we are to when we go out and we meet with the public trying to get our message out. We get a lot of blank stares, we get a lot of people not knowing that there isn't there is an immigration issue within our own community. So we do this as part of the reason why we're here to get the message out.



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And we've said this before, but how many people do you think just look at it like, oh, well, that's not going to happen to me. I'm never going to end up with someone from another country a year





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ago, that was me. I never considered immigration issues. Prior to that. I see him in the paper and just wouldn't it just didn't register that that applied anywhere to my life and just put it to the side and knew that it was important to those people but it didn't apply to me and lo and behold, here I am a year later with a partner in Canada that can't be with me on a full time basis unless she comes here on a visa for a professional career with She, while she is a professional in Canada, it doesn't fit one of the visas that we have currently. Either that or she's coming down on a student visa, which is probably what she'll do.



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I think the population as a whole is not aware of this issue, in addition to not being educated and realize that gays and lesbians generally have this right, if they were to fall in love with someone from another country. I think also, there's also prejudice in the gay and lesbian community, as in any community, being anti immigrant. And some of the comments that people have made a different cocktail parties and things that I've been with been to with my companion, for me, and I forget that gays and lesbians are people too, and have their own prejudices. So I think we face that as well. We're a very small minority within a minority group.



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Yeah, well, that's a whole other show prejudices within the GLBT community. But what so you've got many looks like many issues on the table in the upcoming years, what do you feel is the single most important issue that you like to work on here, and in the coming years,



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the Nadler bill is crucial, which will be reintroduced this year. Right now the national organization in New York is working with the different committees that will be doing so it it garnered incredible support in the last few months of the last session of Congress. And it's going in with a tremendous amount of momentum. And though we have a new president, we still have much better numbers in Congress right now than we've had in the past. And that could also change in two years. And we're looking at this maybe not a project that's going to happen this year. But it's going to happen, you know, I mean, we're watching as countries like South Africa just recently passed the same sex partnership bill, this is the last of the industrialized English speaking countries, that does not have a same sex partnership bill, the pressures mountain, the rest of the world is looking and wondering why we still continue to, you know, stand on this marriages, this sanctimonious time tested tradition that, you know, oops, fail 70% of the time, you know, when and using that against what is trying to be done at this point to give validity the relationships we have with our partners?



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And can your organization help people perhaps who are struggling with this, who maybe are in a relationship where for whatever reason, now, their partner has had to go back to their home country, and they're separated? I feel like many relationships have a very hard time

overcoming that, because you've got two people on two separate ends of the world maintaining, you know, two different homes, two different incomes. And it's crashing, it's devastating. And if somebody went to your your meetings, you know, would they find sort of a support there? Or are you strictly more in line with like a political lobbying type organization, definitely,



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I think you can find that, you know, we do try to be a support group. Also, in addition to that, we do try to be politically motivated, and also a resource group, as you can hear from our friend and our member, John, and helping get the information straight. But in addition to that, definitely, we call on one another, not just during our monthly meetings, but over the internet and over the phone to kind of commiserate over our own problems, which are very unique to us. And that's



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one of the things that I found within the group I've only been a member for about the last four months. And within the first two meetings with the group, I felt so much relief from the frustration I had been encountering because of immigration and, and trying to get information from ins and not getting anywhere I come to this group. And I come to this group, and I find the support that that helps sustain me and between the times that I can go and visit my partner, she can come and visit here, because it is very difficult. It is crushing as you as you say it's hard leaving every time.



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Right. And and also when you see no end in sight. Exactly. And well the other thing too, with partners on separate continents, there's so much day to day that you just need the other person for and they're not there. And it's it's just very difficult.



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That's very true. I sustain a daily contact with my partner. Luckily, she's only in Canada and it's very easy to call daily with the rates and things and we try and visit but even with that it's it's sometimes not enough



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definitely not currently my companion Sergio is in Ecuador on business not due to any immigration problems thank God however it's very difficult having phone contact in Quito, Ecuador. And in addition to that, you know, email is catches catch can. So I've gotten a taste of what some of our members have to go through and it's by no choice of their own has nothing to

do with business. It's an it's a legal issue. So it is very difficult. But again, as soon as Sergio left the country when there was an immigration problem. I had emails and phone calls from people in the group who understood the circumstances I was in.



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And can your group also help people move be processed some of the paperwork, explain to them what they can and can't do. Because, you know, I would be a total novice. I mean, if I, if I were with someone who was from another country and had to go back, I would not even know where to begin, you know, to start to work either to go to to their country or have them come back.



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Well, immigration and the immigration laws are among the most monstrous. And the entire US system basically, there, they're so daunting. It's one of the reasons so few of us attorneys ever go into immigration law. Anybody who has questions can go to the national website, and there is a link in which they can put their question to one of the individuals at the national website who can then direct their questions and their issues towards attorneys in the area in which they're from. And there's many of us out there who are ready to do whatever we can to help them.



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What is the website address?



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It's LGI rtf.org. O RG.



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And if someone is interested in joining your group, what do they need to do?



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They can contact me Chris Rigdon at 713-426-3128 and I'll be able to assist them.



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Great. Well, I want to thank you so much, Chris Rigden Norma Villareal and John netrin, for being here tonight and keeping us up to date on what's going on. With the National Gay and Lesbian immigration Task Force. We appreciate it very much and do keep us posted because I

think as time goes on, this is going to become an issue of interest more and more people in our community. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices.



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Might be hard to imagine anything humorous about the ex gay movement, but a new novel by a San Francisco psychotherapist finds a lot to laugh about. The God Squad is the second fiction work for Rick ICNC, who also has to self help books for gay men. To his credit, his latest offering has been called a sharp and sexy satire that skewers the absurd methods used by the ex gay movement to make gays go straight. I Cincy tells correspondent Joan Delvin that his therapy practice played a role in shaping the novel.



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



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I noticed in your book, and what I found compelling in your book was the people who were involved in the ex gay movement, the people who were supposedly trying to change their identity. You know, they had all kinds of other issues. You know, you had the one that was a child that had been raised in a very fundamentalist religious family and was just so upset by all his teaching, he didn't know what to do. The the main protagonist of the story, Paul, had just basically had no direction in his life, and was just looking for something different. You had the one woman Sheila that was trying to escape from an abusive ex lover, you had the young man Jackson, who had been kicked out of his home. So really, people there were there because it was more of a refuge for them.



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



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Well, there's also that, you know, you mentioned the cult, there's also that situation of where

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



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



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



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this total thing of like gay guys to get all hunky in the gym, and for, you know, lipstick, lesbians are all the rage of quarters. You know, the whole premise is absurd.



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



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I think there is that tendency I couple of people who I counseled myself who were involved in

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



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I want to thank you so much for taking the time to be on the air with us. Where can people get the books, the books have been



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published by universe.com That's I in the letter i universe.com. So people can go directly to their website in order. You can also order it through your own local independent bookstore. They could also check out my website, which is Rick eisenstein.com There's a I have a list of all my books, including self help books for gay men love between men reclaiming your life, and a midlife book and and then you can click on the cover of the God Squad that'll take you directly to the website where you can order it as well.



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That was Joan Delvin talking with Rick ICNC, author of The God Squad.



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Hi, this is Tom Robinson reminding you that you're either listening to discovering for the first time or tuned right into this way out the international lesbian gay radio magazine with Lucia Chapelle and Greg Gordon,



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three lesbian and gay musicians, one debuting one continuing and one returning share their new CDs and this month's offering from the audio file I



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live in a funky little house with a dog and two cats. I work all day and not sing songs at night.





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Christy Claxton debut CD is cold out of nowhere, but the Austin native really brings it from the heart of Texas. Hi, I'm Chris Wilson.



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I'm Pam Marshall and you're listening to audio file



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if I had to tell someone what they were hearing like, I guess I would just have to tell them a little bit. Folk a little bit country maybe a little rock. It's definitely Texas Music I think that my Texas roots are very evident in Cindy.



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Christie's album combines ballads and uptempo songs to take us on a journey. And one of the stops is the song best love girl.



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Her best love to the world. She's laughing in my head and dancing and mentor use best luck. She's whoever I know



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she's the one that you decide. That is really a truly very tongue in cheek song. Its original intent was sarcasm written for a young woman that I dated for a short period of time, I thought she had a huge ego. And I wrote that song as an insult really. And that's the beauty of writing as you can. Songs can have many meanings for many different people.



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You can find out more about Christy Claxton at [WWW dot Christi claxton.com](http://WWW.dot.Christi.claxton.com).



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Grant kings new CD bodies of water quietly explores the emotions of love loss and isolation and at the same time, feels like an old friend.



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When words and waves break over me. It gets tough to breathe while thrashing through our world



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I believe it's luck



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Do you believe that too. I'm a singer songwriter, mostly of pop folk songs. I play acoustic guitar and sing and that's always driven most of my material. My last CD let love out was a lot more elaborately produced. But for this one, my producer Dan Martin wanted to keep it closer to the feel of my live shows. And most of the songs are about love. bodies of water is probably the most joyous thing I've ever written and it brings me an indescribable pleasure to sing it.



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green car traveling faster and faster.



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got a ways to go. You can find out more about Grant king@www.no More secrets.com That's www.kn OWMORE See secrets.com.



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In the early 70s A record album was released in response to the homophobic politics of Anita Bryant. It was entitled lesbian concentrate, and one of the standout performances on that memorable collection was the mesmerizing soulful voice of Gwen Avery



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God God the song is as sweet and pre and move through the pie the tickets that I love elephants zero Billie Holiday shirvan You know Louie Armstrong, the Masters musicians, that's what they did. That's what blue Jordan did. That's what Ray Charles does. That's what Stevie Wonder does Michael Jackson and what they all do is they are themselves.



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Avery has reworked original composition sugar mama, which has become her signature song for her new album of the same name sugar



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sugar mama



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for more about this extraordinary sugar mama, check out our website at [WWW dot when avery.com](http://WWW.dwhenavery.com)



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And that's it for this edition of audio file. You can write to us at PO Box 429 Sunland, California 910414 online at [info at audio file.org](mailto:info@audiofile.org) That's I N fo at AU di o f i l e dot o RG This is Chris Wilson and I'm



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Pam Marshall. Keep listening



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Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Friedman che Sheltie, gram Underhill, Jason Lynn Chris Ambridge, Brian newness Rex Walker Mark curb at all stuff Joan Delvin and Chris Wilson, Pam Marshall, Christopher David Trentham and JD Doyle contributed program material. Kim Wilson proposed and performed our theme music. Some of this way of operating expenses are funded by grants from the kicking assets fund of the Tides Foundation and the CBSs Guadalupe fund by planet out from designated contributions from uncommon cloud Visa card holders who have chosen this way out and through direct charitable donations from our listeners around the world. For audio cassette information or with any questions or comments about this way out, please email us at [TW o radio@aol.com](mailto:TWoradio@aol.com). visit our webpage at [this way out.org](http://thiswayout.org) Or write to us at Post Office Box 38327 Los Angeles California 90038 USA and please be sure to include the call letters of this station. Remember you can also hear this way out anytime online exclusively on planet out. Just point your browser to [www dodge planet out.com](http://www.dodgeplanetout.com) and click first on multimedia then on radio. For Greg Gordon and the entire this way of family I'm Lucia Chapelle. Thanks for listening


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 Glenn Holt 43:23

and this way out is heard each week as part of lesbian and gay voices to which you are listening. And Jack I have been to Guelph

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you have I have. Okay,

 Glenn Holt 43:35


and Joan Delvin Delvon Yeldon national the

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view the view yes, the wrong last name.

 Jack Valinski 43:43

Well, I guess that's why she said you all at the end of it, because of Joan and JD Doyle being part of that show this week.

 Glenn Holt 43:50


The very Texas thing, and JD is going to be part

 Jack Valinski 43:53

of audio file every month. I guess he probably supplies the music.

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That's right. He does and you know, since he has one of the best collections probably in the entire state, much less country, they better choice

 Jack Valinski 44:06

Texas pretty much a country. Well,



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we pretty much is country. Yeah. Well,



Glenn Holt 44:12

we execute more people than some countries.



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Oh, yes. Yeah. More people in prison. Well, that's certainly



Glenn Holt 44:19

true. I want to do some news. Sure. Okay. And turn your mics off. A knight left the castle one day on his horse to fight the Crusades, armor shining plume in his helmet, lance and sword at the ready. The knight disappeared on the horizon and did not return for week after week, month after month, year after year, until the people inside the castle had almost forgotten him. One day they spotted a tiny figure coming toward the castle and as it came closer, the people in the castle realized it was the knight returning. The knight came down and the people gathered. As the knight drew near they could see that his armor was dented and his lance broken for many battles. His face was crusted with blood and his horse collapsed near death at the castle gate. I have conquered your enemies to the west. The knight told the king but I have no enemies to the west, the king replied. Well, you do now said the knight. Representative Tom Davis, a Virginia Republican told that story to a gathering of gay Republicans and their straight allies celebrating President Bush's inauguration. It was a warning to his party. Davis chairs the Republican National congressional committee, the chair the campaigning arm of the House Republicans, he masterminded their difficult campaign to hold the house. He laid down the gauntlet to the GOP quit alienating gaze or lose elections for the next 32 to 36 years. The approximate length of the long term political cycle politics is a game of addition, not a game of subtraction, Davis said after he spoke former Senator Alan Simpson the Wyoming Republican who keynoted the gathering said you could almost hear the polar ice cap crack. The meeting was arranged by a gay friend of the new President Charles Francis, and also by Mary Matalin who is now an aide to Vice President Dick Cheney. As part of a new effort to break down barriers inside the GOP by bringing gay and straight Republicans together. Called the Republican Unity Council. It is backed by the Log Cabin Republicans. The effort will have drawn increasingly visible support from movement conservatives and party leaders like Davis, indicating an apparent shift inside the GOP. John McGraw chairman of the California Republican Party and vice chairman Shawn Steel both of both social conservatives were prominent in attendance. That big swath of red bushland on the electoral map is no consolation to Republicans Davis Warren. The coasts he said are big trouble, and so are the cities where a lot of gay people and young people tend to live. Those big swatches of gore blue on the map. Targeting campaigns just to the Conservative Party base doesn't work in low turnout elections, Davis said according to exit polls, 4% of voters in the 2000 election self identified as gay, and the actual number of gay

voters is probably higher. About a quarter voted for Bush that's 1.1 million votes, and more than enough to tilt the last election. Log Cabin President Rich Toffel told the group that for the first time most of Log Cabin's campaign funds came from straight donors, and that Log Cabin's advertising targeted straight swing voters. This reflects a growing trend that straight allies and the Republican Party are becoming much more valuable assets to this community. Said spokesman Kevin Ivers Log Cabin survey data showed that about 5.6 million independent voters were positively affected by Bush's outreach to gays during the campaign, including an Austin meeting with gay GOP leaders that Francis arranged that is 1.1 million gay and 5.6 million straight independent voters who went for Bush. Ivor said and Bush won the independent vote by one percentage point. Many are young, aged 18 to 35. And women. They are the ones who hold the cards in politics. Ivor said just five years ago, Republicans passed the anti gay Defense of Marriage Act and President Clinton signed it bragging about the fact on Christian radio stations. Both thought that it was good politics. It isn't anymore. The Reverend Charlie Carpenter is out as the Arizona legislature's chaplain. And he said there is only one reason why lawmakers are eliminating the position because he is gay. They can say they are getting rid of the position and that lawmakers no longer want a chaplain. But that is just a smokescreen said Carpenter who came out last fall quote, they are getting rid of me because I am gay. It is nothing but discrimination against me because I am a homosexual. Senate President Rendell Ganache announced Friday that there will no longer be a position of Senate chaplain and that Carpenter's office in the Old Capitol will be available for use by any spiritual adviser, invited by a lawmaker that said senators were split over whether to have a chaplain and he said the new direction was a compromise. Quote, we acknowledge the value of spiritual guidance but at the same time, we want to respect those members who feel they don't need a chaplain. Any member is free to have any spiritual advisor come down and use the office, including people who want to have Charlie come down. A spokesman for the Arizona House Speaker Jim Weirs said Carpenter's term which expired at the beginning of the year would not be renewed. Quote at this point the speaker is not reestablishing a chaplain re but he's keeping his options open. However, I don't see any great movement on that anywhere in the near term and, quote, Carpenter was already cleaning out his office when reporters told him he was no longer the chaplain. The foundation that provided Carpenter's \$150,000 yearly budget, had already pulled its funding and was repossessing the office furniture. Representative Steve May one of three openly gay lawmakers said he saw Carpenter's exit coming may never thought the legislature needed an official religious adviser, but he supported Carpenter for coming out. Carpenter had been appointed by former Republican Speaker of the House Mark Killian in 1996 and was a favorite of the more conservative members until he came out publicly. And speaking of Steve May, the army retreated in the case of the openly gay state representative, but don't expect to see changes to the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy on gays in the military. Pentagon officials said changes or no changes opponents of the controversial policy hope the decision to allow me to serve the remainder of his term of service will temper the military's zeal for ousting gay and lesbian soldiers. The policy is supposed to be Don't Ask Don't Tell and don't pursue, but the army has asked and pursued almost with impunity, said Dixon Osbourne of the service members Legal Defense Network. Last week the military dropped its bid to oust Mei, who was a first lieutenant in the army reserves for violating the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy. The decision ended May's 21 month fight to stay in the military. The Republican lawmaker called the decision unprecedented and hopes it is the beginning of the end of discharging gay soldiers near the end of their terms, denying them retirement benefits or perks like the GI Bill. Osbourne isn't holding his breath as long as Don't Ask Don't Tell remains in place. If the army thinks there is a basis for discharge under the current law, they will continue, Osbourne said. Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe, who is also openly gay agrees and called the Army's decision to back down unsatisfactory. This is a compromise that still doesn't resolve the real issue as far as I'm concerned. They should abolish the Don't Ask Don't Tell rule. Service to your nation has zilch to

do with gender preference said Colby. The Defense Department argues that the Army's decision in the case is consistent with its policy, because May has said he intends to resign when the term of his service ends May 11. But spokesman said spokesman Kenneth Bacon, but he also said the decision should not be construed as offering any new protection for reservists based on the May ruling. In cases where the army has begun involuntary separation procedures, that decision voluntarily to resign will end those procedures. What happened here was very much in keeping with other cases, Bacon said. However, May disagrees. He declined the Army's overture to resign last spring decision that prompted the attempt to oust him, and he said he never intended to re-enlist, although that option is an option now if he chooses. I think he is confused about the facts May said I lost my opportunity to resign. Never before has the military stopped and action under Don't Ask Don't Tell and allowed a member to complete his normal term. After a separation board has voted for a discharge. The service members Legal Defense Network provides legal work to about 300 alleged violators of Don't Ask Don't Tell each year, including an assist on the Mays case. In 1999, more than 1000 service members were discharged under Don't Ask Don't Tell, which is a 72% increase from when the policy was implemented seven years ago. The Army inquiry into May began in February 1999. After he spoke out at a legislative hearing on an anti gay bill. He was an inactive reservist at the time, May had declared he was gay a year after being discharged in 1995. But then was called back into the reserves in 1998. In other news, a spokesman for the gay and lesbian advocacy delegation, which traveled recently to the Vatican, said the trip was not futile. The group was not granted a meeting with Pope John Paul the second or Cardinal Joseph Ratz readings are head of the Vatican's Doctrina office to discuss concerns about the Roman Catholic Church's policy concerning gays, lesbians and other sexual minorities. Our reason for being there was to open a dialogue. And that did not happen, said Bill Carpenter, who made the trip with sole force, an ecumenical gay advocacy, organization and dignity USA the nation's oldest organization of gay and lesbian Catholics. However, Carpenter said he is pleased that the effort promoted a nonviolent campaign against centuries of spiritual violence and anti gay teachings and that that got the attention of the Italian public. The 22 member us group held for demonstrations in Rome beginning January 3, and ending on epiphany January 6, wearing T shirts that said in Italian and English, God's gay children bring gifts bless them. The delegation held its first three vigils just outside of St. Peter's Square. On the first day, Carpenter said we literally brought gifts that we had asked the Vatican to bless that we were going to take to an orphanage just outside of Rome. On January 4, and fifth, the group again stood outside St Peter's Square. On those occasions they carried gifts that were later distributed to AIDS and HIV infected patients and women living in shelters. Vatican officials did not respond to daily letters for meetings Carpenter said on Epiphany, the final day of the protest, Carpenter and another group member were detained outside St Peter's Square during the Pope's popular outdoor mass. Later that day, the group moved its protest just inside St. Peter's Square. This time members wore sweatshirts with the words stop spiritual violence. And no more times were offerings until the anti gay teachings end. They also carry photographs of themselves to lay at the crush of the Christ Child, were pilgrims to the Vatican had also presented their gifts. Carpenter said the group was not allowed to approach the crush. We certainly made a powerful statement to the Vatican to the gay community to the people of Rome, that the Vatican was not invincible, and that it was important to bring truth to those who oppress us. He said last year soul force organized protests at United Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal Southern Baptist and Roman Catholic gatherings in the United States. And Jack and Joan, that's about all the time for news that we have this week. But your headphones back on. And our mics back on and your mics are back on. Okay. And I wanted to give you just a little bit of time to talk about what we have coming up in next week. So if you even know,



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well, it's fundraising time.



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That's right, fundraising, we'll be starting next week, it will go on for two weeks, and we're gonna have fun. And we are we were told to have fun. That's right. And we are gonna have fun.



Glenn Holt 57:02

By the way, I should mention that, remember a couple of manufacturers of those unapproved aids tests that were selling over the internet. They had their hands slapped by the FTC this week. Good. Yeah, the Food and Drug Administration said that they had never approved the sale of a couple of home HIV test kits. And those were made by Chem bio diagnostic systems, or alpha scientific designs, again, those names, chem bio diagnostic systems, and alpha sis scientific designs. The FTC and the FDA, FDA say that they may falsely give HIV negative indications when when it actually shouldn't be positive, which, of course, is not a good thing. The only one, which is certified by the FDA is one called Home Access Express HIV test system. And that's made by Home Access Health Corporation. And that's one of those kits where you draw your own blood in the center of the blood and for testing you don't try to run a lab in your in your own house.



Jack Valinski 58:06

Yeah, those were sort of a big thing when they first came out and that sort of like it went away.



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Yeah, yeah. Well, you do have to be careful, you know, on the internet. Unfortunately, there's a lot of great stuff out there, but there's a lot of not so great stuff out there to.



Glenn Holt 58:19

Well, that's right. Go ahead and shatter and I'm gonna set up the tape here for JD.



58:22

Okay. Well, a couple things happening. Landmark has a few movies opening this week the Nosferatu film, Secret of the vampire will be opening on the 26th to January. So that sounds fairly interesting.



Jack Valinski 58:27

 JACK VAINISKI 58:57


before night falls, there was a topic on the Charlie Rose show on Friday on channel eight. And it sounds like a fascinating movie. We don't know when it's coming here to use. And I'm sure it's going to come here it's playing at the agenda in New York. So it may come here to use the Houston agenda, but we'll have to wait and see it's a story about a gay poet in Cuba, who ends up in jail because he smuggled out one of his manuscripts and it gets published in Spain. And he eventually leaves Cuba lives in New York and commit suicide later on his life. But everything I heard about the film, it's just been fabulous.

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Well, it sounds great. We'll have to see it. We'll definitely have to say, you know, it'll get here eventually, right? Oh, yes. Yeah. And rent is coming back through again. Yes, really? I don't know if it's coming to Houston. It may be going to Austin, but there's a pretty good article on it in the voice. Okay. And Glenn, are you ready?

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Take it away Glen.

 Glenn Holt 59:36

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