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



Jack Valinski 00:14

Welcome to the December 4 edition of lesbian and gay voices. This is Jack Phillips.



Joan Devlin 00:18

And I'm John Devlin.



Glenn Holt 00:19

And I'm Glen Holt. And tonight



Jack Valinski 00:21

we have a almost a packed show in the room for some extra chitchat, I guess. Yeah,



Joan Devlin 00:27

definitely. We will have David Elliot calling in as always to do his first Monday of the month political update, right,



Jack Valinski 00:33

which we should have had a presidential selection by No. And,

J Joan Devlin 00:39

and the alley theatre will be on the second hour to talk about their upcoming PLAY WITH A Christmas Carol. Chris pride is in the studio. He's one of the actors appearing in the show. And then delecta Harvey and Travis Mayer will be in later as well to talk about the show.

J Jack Valinski 00:53

Great. So that's coming up. Yesterday was the premiere of queers folk, how was it? It was very interesting. They actually have two shows that started exactly at nine o'clock our time. It has a lot of similarities to broken hearts club, which was shown was being shown it to landmarks, Greenway Theatre and the allogenic. Downtown, right. Cutting Edge provocative.

J Joan Devlin 01:18

It's a regular series now, isn't it? Yes,

J Jack Valinski 01:19

it's gonna be running. I guess they have 22 episodes that we running every Sunday night. And of course repeat it during the week, the last night with a show two episodes to sort of get you in, enticed in it, you know, the sort of R rated nudity that you see in some other shows. It's been compared as a gay sex in the city. Oh, great. And Sex in the City is a great show. This was an ad set in Pittsburgh.

J Joan Devlin 01:45

How funny Well,


J Jack Valinski 01:46

the parallel is that the English version was set Manchester, a industrial town. So this was in Pittsburgh, which is an industrial town, and they didn't want to do the New York holiday, you know, West Hollywood type of thing. You know, I give Showtime high marks for original series. I'm sure some people in middle America who saw it was just like, I can't believe they're doing this, some of the things they were discussing, but you know, that's part of our lives. And you know, nobody's lives.

J Joan Devlin 02:13

But we do live in the world, you know, and denying that we're here is not going to make us go

but we do live in the world, you know, and denying that we're here is not going to make us go away.

 Jack Valinski 02:18

Right, but just also a painting that vanilla picture that we're all just like everybody else. And so we are in many ways, but in some ways we're not. And it's like the 20 Something series. You know, we'll just have to see how it continues on.

 Joan Devlin 02:33

Right. And I did want to mention, too, before we move on to other things, pokey Anderson will be in at 830 this evening to talk about a book about the Houston game movement that she is a part of.

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Okay, that sounds sounds really interesting. Yeah.

 Joan Devlin 02:47

So we have we have quite a bit going on tonight. And Friday night,

 Jack Valinski 02:49

we saw those French movies, which were pretty interesting. Oh, yes.

 Joan Devlin 02:53

Don't let me die on a Sunday. And then a series of shorts. And I can't think of what that that particular film was called. Remembered or something like

 Jack Valinski 03:01

that. Yeah, very many people in the audience. But it was an interesting thing to see, you know, dealt with the theme of World AIDS Day, which there's a lot of stuff going on in the community. And I guess decorating trees are going on now and a lot of organization. Yeah, stuff like that. So that's coming up. We have David Elliot on the other side of news route from this way out. So let's go to news wrap from this way out.

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news rap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending December 2 2000. The long struggle in Britain to equalize the age of consent for sex between men with that for heterosexual acts finally ended this week, the government invoked the rarely used Parliament act to override the House of Lords repeated rejection of equalization. The House of Commons has repeatedly approved the move by large margins since the Labour Party won its sizable majority there in 1997. When Britain first decriminalized consensual sex between men more than 30 years ago, the age of consent was set at 21. In 1995, a move to equalization ended in a compromise that lowered the gay age of consent to 18 instead, now it will be 16 in England and Wales and 17 in Northern Ireland. Conservative opponents continued the resistance to the very last, including announcing a survey finding that even labour supporters in Prime Minister Tony Blair's home district opposed both equalization and its passage by means of the parliament act by more than 70%. Britain's Church of England, Roman Catholic and Muslim religious leaders all signed a published letter of protest, calling anal intercourse the most dangerous of sexual practices. Although opponents insists listed that their concern was to protect young people from sexual exploitation. Activists concerns were for the hundreds of young people who have been treated as criminals for the same acts heterosexuals could perform illegally. Activists hailed the move as a breakthrough. The National Gay and Lesbian advocacy group stonewalls Executive Director Angela Mason said, when the history books come to be written, I believe it will be seen as the moment when this country finally began to change when lesbians and gay men started to take their place as equal members of society.



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The Boy Scouts of America's policy of excluding gays is costing it more and more as communities across the US reconsider their relationships with the scouts. This week, the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to enforce its non discrimination policies with respect to the scouts. Scouts will now have to pay the same fees as others for the use of city facilities. And the Los Angeles Police Department will take over the Explorers program it's run with the scouts for nearly 40 years. All city departments will review their contracts with the group, openly lesbian city council member and State Assembly Member elect Jackie Goldberg said while the Supreme Court has given them the right to discriminate we will not. Also this week Chancellor Harold Lavie, a former Scout himself announced that New York City schools will not enter into any new contracts with the scouts and will not sponsor Scout troops. Three of the 32 school districts within the New York City system had already prohibited their schools from sponsoring Scout troops. Some smaller cities in the US have also determined to end scouts sweetheart deals for use of facilities and access to public school students.



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Tokyo may become the first city in Asia to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination after reinserting a sexual orientation in its draft human rights guidelines, gays and lesbians had been included in the process of developing those guidelines. But when the draft was first published for public comment in June, the category was omitted. The deletion was justified with claims

that Tokyo citizens do not fully understand homosexuals and Tokyo's Governor Shintaro Ishihara asked a press conference how they were discriminated against. Gay and Lesbian activists and allies lobbied hard for inclusion, calling on the international community for support as well. The pressure convinced the city government to put the sexual orientation category back in.



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There was an advance for gay and lesbian couples in South Africa last week as the parliament gave them a spousal exemption from inheritance taxes, retroactive to the establishment of the post apartheid constitution in 1994. That constitution was the first in the world to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, but many laws and government policies have yet to be made consistent with it. Under the newly passed revenue laws amendment bill, the estate duties act redefined spouse to include a permanent same sex life relationship.



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Germany's bill to officially register gay and lesbian life partners was rubber stamp this week by the National legislatures Opera House, the Buddha's rod, but a second government bill to attach a number of valuable benefits to registration was stalled there. Next year, gay and lesbian couples in Germany will be able to register their partnerships and be recognized for purposes including medical decisions, tenancy, insurance, spousal support, and even residency rights for the foreign partners in binational couples, but marital tax breaks, health coverage and pensions are among the changes to the tax welfare and labor codes that the conservative dominated Bundesrat was unwilling to extend. One of the unpleasant ironies this creates is that life partners will have standing to inherit from their partners absent a will, but will not get the inheritance tax breaks married couples enjoy.



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New Zealand's parliament has approved access to the courts for property division when domestic partners split up any couple of at least three years standing won't be covered by the law unless they arrange a different contract of their own. The bill gives equal standing to married and unmarried heterosexual couples and to gay and lesbian couples. The basic guideline for property division is a 50/50 split. Although the courts have leeway to consider a number of factors, including duration of the relationship whether there is a sexual relationship sharing of responsibilities children and the economic status of the partners after the split. The Labour government plans to introduce a broader bill for legal recognition of gay and lesbian couples with any year.



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The Australian state of Victoria is also taking a giant step forward, as its government has introduced an omnibus bill to amend more than 40 laws to give gay and lesbian couples the same legal status As unmarried heterosexual couples, a second bill will follow in the new year to amend more than 30 other state laws to the same effect. The legislation is based on

recommendations by the state Equal Opportunity Commission. The first round of changes will empower one partner to make medical decisions for a disabled partner will extend spousal tax exemptions to property transfers between partners will qualify partners for pension benefits and will give partners standing to inherit from each other in the absence of a will. Political parties in the state parliament are still reviewing the proposal and have not yet taken positions.



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political success has come to another of India's transgender heroes. With her election as mayor of a city best known as a publishing center for Hindu scripture. Asha Debbie ran as an independent and trounced candidates from the major parties to become mayor of GORUCK poor in the state of Uttar Pradesh, by a large margin, the hijra, most of whom are not castrated, despite the common translation of eunuch include transgenders, cross dressers, and gay men, long kept on the margins of society as an outlaw group, they've begun to win mainstream recognition. Debbie is actually the second he's read to win an Indian Meril tea this year, and last year, he SRA was elected to a state legislative assembly



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in US politics, openly lesbian, Southern California Democrat Jerry srpski. This week conceded to incumbent Republican Congress member Steve Horn chips key had hoped that the full vote tally including absentee and so called provisional ballots would put her ahead of horn but the final count ended with chips ski behind by about 1700 votes, less than 1%. Chips he could have requested our recount, but chose not to. In 1996, she lost another congressional race by an even slimmer 1200 votes, but she's determined to try again in 2002.



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Canada's federal elections this week offered few surprises. The liberal party was returned to power making John Chretien the first Canadian prime minister since 1945. To form three majority governments in a row. Both incumbent openly gay members of parliament were returned. The New Democratic Party spend Robinson from British Columbia is Burnaby Douglas by a small margin, and the bloc Quebec was rial Menard from Quebec hopefully got Mesa nerve by a large margin. Both of those gay friendly parties lost some seats in the parliament, as did the Progressive Conservative Party. At least one transgender and six openly gay challengers lost their bids. But while the right wing Canadian Alliance Party gained some seats, it did not make significant inroads beyond the western region of the country, which has always been its base, failing to fulfill its vision of uniting the right to defeat the liberals.



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And finally Canadian Alliance Party leader Stockwell day was rather hoist on his own petard with some humor from the satirical TV show. This hour has 22 minutes day a lay preacher with an anti gay record in the Alberta legislature had proposed holding national referenda on difficult social issues such as abortion, the death penalty and gay and lesbian civil rights. Although he waffled later, he initially called for the referenda to be binding and for them to be

triggered by petitions from as little as 3% of the electorate. The TV show set up a petition reading we demand that the Government of Canada for Stockwell day to change his first name to Doris. With the help of its website, the show had collected twice the number of signatures required in less than a week. Clearly the alliance leader is familiar with the work of the former film and singing star who is his namesake to be because when advisor the petition he answered with the title of one of her greatest hits, que sera cetera



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that's news wrap for the week ending December 2 2000. followed the news in your area and informed community is a strong community whose rap



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is written by Cindy Friedman and recorded at the studios of KPFK Los Angeles for this way out. I'm Jay Shelton,



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and I'm Cindy Friedman.



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I want to invite you to tune in Christmas Day to lesbian and gay voices first ESWL edition of queer music heritage hosted by JD Doyle. I'll play the Christmas music you won't be sick of by then. Christmas music with lesbian and gay lyrics. That's Christmas Day 9pm Christmas presents



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Glenn Holt 15:27

this is lesbian and gay voices.



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Joan Devlin 15:30

Good evening. You're listening, as Glen said to lesbian and gay voices. And I believe we do have David Elliot on the line. David.



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Good evening, John. How are you?



 Joan Devlin 15:39

I'm fine. I was actually thinking that when we talk to you this month, we would be talking about our president elect.

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Well, and David, are you holding out on us?

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Well, you know, it's day 27. And guess what, still no president. And yet Our long national quandary is almost over. Al Gore lost a crucial battle in Florida State District Court today. And his aides tonight are privately acknowledging that if he loses and appeal to the Florida Supreme Court, he will likely concede the election. And indeed, this is the most likely course of events. Let's look at the Florida judge's ruling today. He said in effect that there is no evidence to support a recount in Florida. In order to overturn that ruling. The Florida Supreme Court must not merely disagree with the state district judge's ruling. They must also find that there is no rational basis for the judge to have ruled the way he did. That is a very high bar to jump.

 Jack Valinski 16:42

Yet, David, this was a Republican judge. Even Nina Totenberg today said that she expected it to go that way.

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Yeah, you know, the problem is, and I watched a lot of the testimony even fell asleep a couple of times, I can't imagine I'm honest with you on Saturday and Sunday. And despite all of the irregularities, the Gore campaign could not seem to prevent to present very clear and blatant evidence that a recount would definitely change the outcome, that in fact, there was Miss mal or nonfeasance on the part of the county election canvassing boards. It's a very, very high bar that you have to hurdle when you're trying to ask the judiciary to involve involve themselves in this process.

 Jack Valinski 17:39

Well, yeah, and you know, I guess we've learned that we have a flawed election process, that the the ballots that are the punch hole type of ballot seem to be more in the poor precincts or the poor counties. That, you know, they weren't always designed the correct way that people weren't always instructed the correct way. But then we're finding out, you know, on Democracy Now they're talking about some people being turned away from election places, intimidated, told to vote on every page when the presidential candidacy spread across two pages. I mean, it's really frightening what we're hearing. It is, you



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know, I've got an interesting statistic for you. The Washington Post's did a precinct by precinct analysis in Florida. And they found that in predominantly white precincts that use the old fashioned, less expensive punch card system, approximately 7% of the ballots were invalidated, were not counted in the presidential election, in the predominantly African American precincts using that same old fashioned, less expensive punch card system, more than 20% of the ballots were invalidated. And in some counties 30 in some African American precincts, 33% of the ballots were invalidated.



Jack Valinski 19:08

Well, you know, it seems to me that when the the prediction was that Gore had won, Florida, right. And that election day, like at seven o'clock our time is that they were they thought they were right, because of the exit polls. Unfortunately, a lot of those people didn't really your votes didn't register registered.



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Well, that's true. And you know, we can go into the voter News Service polling data exit polling data, there were some problems with that data. We are seeing a national exercise in a national debate and the flaws with our voting system. The very sad thing and the conclusion that I cannot escape Jack, is that there will not be a judicial remedy. Right for that for these irregularities before December 12, one week from tomorrow when the electronic College votes. And because there does not seem to be a judicial remedy, it seems that the Electoral College will award 271 electoral votes to George W. Bush. And 267 electoral votes to Al Gore.



Jack Valinski 20:13

Okay, so yeah, so I mean, everybody else is invading this whole process and stuff like that. What, what, where we go from here?



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I, frankly am a little bit embarrassed because I have been appearing on the show monthly. We've been talking about the election for a long, long time, haven't we? Yes, yes. Yes. You know, I've been arguing that November 7 2000, represented the most important election in a generation, the most important. And I'm the reason I'm embarrassed, frankly, all is that. I think that we're going to be coming back in the year 2002 In the year 2004. And saying the exact same thing is the most important election in our generation. And the only good that can come of the course of events that we've witnessed the incredible events. I mean, who is ever going to forget the year 2000 election, right? The only good that can come from this is that we are going to see upticks in turnout and voter turnout in two years and four years. I can predict for you right now that the long generational trend of declining voter turnout will be reversed as a result of this election. And because of polling data and what we know, Americans attitudes to be on

issues of importance to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. This uptick in voter turnout, this increase in voter turnout that we're going to see can only be good news for our community.

 Joan Devlin 21:51

Well, I wanted to mention, you know, the presidential race aside. The Democrats made some very good strides in both the Senate and the House, not just capturing seats. In fact, I think it's now official that there's a 5050 split in the Senate. But the Democrats who were winning, and who were replacing these Republican incumbents, you know, like Slade Gorton, were progressive Democrats pro choice for the most part pro gay for the most part. Well, that's good news.

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That is very good news. And I'm glad that you pointed that out. In in the Senate for the first time since 1995, you know, following the 1994, Republican sweep, for the very first time since then, the conservatives, the Republicans are going to have to deal with the Democrats. And some of those Democrat senators who were elected, specifically John Cusins, from New Jersey. Dayton, I want to say from Minnesota, not only are they progressive Democrats, but they favor same sex marriage, they would vote, and they would vote for repeal of DOMA, the anti gay Defense of Marriage Act. So there's going to be this cultural shift in terms of the way our issues are presented. But what I can't point to yet what we can't really discuss yet, because it's a little bit early is what precisely this means for our community. I mean, does it mean that we're going to be able to get the employment non discrimination act approved? And if we get it approved? Can it be amended to cover more categories than just employment? And can it be amended to cover gender identity as well as sexual orientation? Or are we going to say, well, we've got our rights, but we're going to leave the transgender community behind doesn't mean that we're going to be able to get the Hate Crimes Prevention Act passed. You and I both know, that, that legislation, while it's important, it only is the tip of the iceberg in terms of the in terms of getting the type of legislation we need to pass to recognize our civil rights and the reality of our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender families.

 Joan Devlin 24:10

Well, that brings me to another point. Let's talk about Mr. tiebreaker. Dick Cheney. He was roundly criticized by conservatives, during his debates with Joe Lieberman for not coming down as being against civil and domestic partnerships, civil unions. Now, I heard what he said, which was kind of left handedly saying he didn't have a problem with it. But do you think if he were the tiebreaker that he would actually say pass domestic partnership or civil union legislation do you think he would pass and

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it's it could be a little India we might get a favorable vote from him mind. Let's look at one thing you know, I didn't get a whole lot of Press but in the last couple of days, Cheney on behalf of the Bush administration apparently has dropped former Georgia Senator Sam Nunn as a

the Bush administration apparently has dropped. Former Georgia Senator Sam Nunn as a possible potential appointee to the Bush administration. Let's look at one difference between Dick Cheney and Sam Nunn years back when Don't Ask Don't Tell, you know, the gays in the military ban was being debated. Trainees apt Williams came out of the closet, Cheney refused to fire him kept him on said that his sexual orientation was his own business. Sam Nunn, on the other hand, fired two of his aides who were gay, because he had been told wrongly, that they represented risks to the nation's national security that they could be boycotted because of their not boycotted, they can be blackmailed, because of their sexual orientation. I think that we have the potential to see a new day I have a sneaking suspicion that Cheney might be a little bit more positive on issues of importance to our communities and what we're used to in Republicans.

 Joan Devlin 26:16

Well, the reason I'm saying that is because all the reports I've heard state that he has far less of a problem with his daughter's sexuality than his wife does. And he really didn't say too much during the debates. In fact, he said little enough, that the next day, Richard Land, who said whose head of the Southern Baptist Convention went off about him saying that he was too close to the issue to be objective. Well, I mean, that's, that was interesting to me

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is, I think the larger point that needs to be made is we know that once people, you know, be the public officials or not public officials, we know that once people are in the presence of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people, their hearts are changed. And that's true for elected officials to and I do honestly believe that the fact that Dick Cheney has an openly lesbian daughter is going to influence him on these matters of public policy. I honestly believe that,

 Joan Devlin 27:19

but yeah, but the other half of that is, I guess, we'll have to wait and see though because sometimes what people believe and what you know, because Sonny Bono, as an example, stated, you know, has, you know, chastity Bona was gay, and he stated repeatedly that, you know, it wasn't an issue with him, but when push came to shove, he always voted along party lines,

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right. Well, you know, Sonny Bono had the IQ of a cauliflower. Okay.

 Joan Devlin 27:45

Yeah, David. Yeah, don't be shy. And one more thing before we go, and this is kind of political, but kind of not the Boy Scouts, some serious losses coming their way.



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While say Angeles. You know, Los Angeles has denied the Boy Scouts, use of any county facilities are New York has kicked the boy scouts out of its public schools. What is the significance of this? Well, here's the significance. Before the United States Supreme Court ruling in June, we were debating what is legal. After the United States Supreme Court ruling in June, we are now debating what is right. Discrimination is never right.



Jack Valinski 28:26

Finally, David, how is your boss doing?



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She is just doing great. She paid a recent visit to Houston, Texas. We're now happy to have her back in Washington, DC. We're gonna put her on the road again soon.



Jack Valinski 28:40

Yes, I understand. She had to leave early in Houston.



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I actually am not advised about that. Okay. But perhaps you could fill me in? Well,



Jack Valinski 28:49

apparently she had a family emergency. And she didn't quite make it to the gRPC dinner. She had to leave early. And that's basically all I know.




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Well, you know, I know that she was going home to Tucson, which is where she was raised to sunny Arizona, from from Houston for the Thanksgiving holidays. And I also know that as sort of the Long Range thing, her mother has not been in the best of health. So that could be what that was about. But I have to apologize to you, Jack and to your listeners, because I'm not fully briefed. And




Jack Valinski 29:24


I don't know either. And I wish her the best. And


 Joan Devlin 29:28
I hope everything's all right. Right.

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Well, hopefully next time we talk to you,

 Joan Devlin 29:33
yes. In 2001

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will have a president and actually, you know, technically we won't have a new president of course, because ignite ignite duration days, not till January 20. But at that point, I guess they will know who the President will be. And in point of fact, y'all, I, for better or worse, I kind of will predict for you right now. That along about one In state Thursday or Friday of this week, we will have an Al Gore confession. I would

 Joan Devlin 30:05
not be surprised.

 Jack Valinski 30:07
Well, David Elia David Elliot is the Communications Director for the National Gay Lesbian Task Force, and calls us the first Monday of every month and keeps us informed on things that are happening in a national scene. Thank you very much, David.

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Well, thank you all for having me. And I'd like to wish the listeners of lesbian and gay voices very happy and safe holidays. Thank you.

 Jack Valinski 30:30
You too, David. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices.

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Thumbs up. MTV is the real world believe the San Francisco part was the best year of the

thumbs up. MTV is the real world believe the San Francisco cast was the best year of the series. Long before survivor. The 1994 Season gave the Big Brother treatment to Cory, Rachel, Mohammed Pedro, Pam Judd and Puck, but it was the handsome charismatic Pedro who emerged as a fan favorite. And it was Pedro who gave America an early look at a gay man battling aids. Judd Winick once the starving comic artist of the cast has spent the last two and a half years crafting Pedro and me a black and white comic book that looks at not only his time with Pedro Zamora, but also what brought them and what kept them together through them or was illness our Steve pride talks with when it and his fiancée former MTV housemate Pam ring about friendship loss and zamora's Legacy



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The doctor said that I should go to the emergency room don't be nervous just go just go so they can get it down. They'll give you some they'll get it down check out and then go home job was trying to convince me to Yes, this is something you should do go to the emergency room. Think it's gonna take us



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eight or 9/9 become very, very close. Painters my friend.



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Probably just overreacting, and a part is being paranoid. Do with



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cartoons, Judd Winick learned a lot more about the real world than he bargained for when he signed for a season of MTV is the real world in 1994, sharing a posh San Francisco house with six strangers when he lived his life in front of a TV crew for six months. During that time he met and fell in love with fellow housemate Pam laying the woman to whom he is now engaged. And he discovered that his roommate, Pedro Zamora, was HIV positive when it chronicles the life and loss of Pedro Zamora in a new book.



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I'm Jed Winnick, and I'm the author of Pedro May my experiences and my friendship with Pedro Zamora, who's my roommate from real world, San Francisco, and with



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today's one of the characters from the book.



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I'm Pam Ling. I am jazz fiancée, and another real world housemate.



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I have to admit, when I first got the book, I didn't know it was a graphic novel.



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I opened and went, Oh, my God, it's a comic.



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But this really pushes the form.



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Thank you. I really enjoy the fact that you will say that they opened it up and went with a little heart sank of, oh, it's a comic. And I'm hoping that after you read this one, you'll actually you know, can seek out other graphic novels. There's a tremendous amount of stuff out there. Comics has been around for years and years and years. And this is not the only one that tells a story that isn't about guys and spandex beating each other up on the other side of it. I don't think I could have told the story any other way. It's just my way of telling the story.



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What was the genesis of this? When Pedro



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took ill, which was less than four months after the show, he was supposed to begin a lecture series going around the country talking about AIDS and HIV. And he asked me to just sit in forum for a couple of dates, news before we had diagnosis or had any idea what was going to happen later. You know, he was basically given three or four months to live. But I decided to keep lecturing. And then after he passed away, I kept doing AIDS education as well. Pam also came on tour for about six months, and then went back to medical school. I did it for about a year and a half and just found it too emotionally draining. It just got really hard, you know, emotionally going over and over again. What was like lose him. So I put it aside in favor of being a cartoonist again full time, I started doing a nationally syndicated comic strip, which I loved. I mean, I love the idea of it. My whole life is what I wanted to do. This was my dream to be one of those guys, every day you open up the newspaper, and there you are. And after

about a year, I really learned to hate it. I was very surprised that I wasn't enjoying it at all. And I think why now, that was entirely about that I spent a year and a half doing something that I see is very important. And the comic strip seems really trivial today.



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Tell me a little bit about Pedro Zamora. Well, Pedro



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is a Cuban born immigrant who came over here with his family in 1980 on the Mariel Boatlift, which brought 125,000 Cuban refugees from Cuba to Florida. At the time his family have been torn apart only half his family was allowed to come to the States. His older brothers and a sister were too close to the draft edge. So they would have to be left behind. And he really described that as being the worst part of the journey. Ignoring the fact what a nightmare it was to go through the experience of being trapped on this overcrowded boat with people or seasick stuck in pelting rain, he said was much worse because it's his family was torn apart. And as the years went on, everyone had assumed the family would be reunited, that Casher would eventually fall, but it never happened. And with even that hanging over their heads, Peter's mother got cancer around the time he was 11, or 12. And she would have passed away by the time he was 13. So his life was really fraught with a lot of traumas. Early on, he was a survivor from the beginning, and had a lot to deal with. He always said, one of the greatest significant experience of his life was loss of his mother, they created an immediate void for him. He felt closer to her than he, anyone in his life, then and sense. And at the time, that void was filled with sex. And we're talking about someone who's 1415 years old, being this charismatic, beautiful kid, it was very easy for him to find many, many partners. But no one ever told him about AIDS. No one ever told him any any kind of real way about AIDS. You're What did he always say? We said that he just imagined that it was something that affected older men,



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right, older man and drug users. And he described having a, an older physician coming to the classroom one day and talking about those people who get AIDS out there. But it didn't seem like anything that would actually affect him. And he didn't relate to it at all



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right. I mean, he was an honor student, a jock, he didn't drink, he didn't smoke. You know, he had a great relationship with his family, you know, describe himself as a teacher's pet, you know, and they voted most all round voted most popular, most likely to succeed. You know, these type of people don't get AIDS. And when he was in his sophomore year, he went to a high school blood drive, donated blood and then got a letter from the red crossing his blood to come back reactive, and unspecified. For what just that you tested positive for something. And after a couple of months, he finally worked up the nerve and got himself tested. his suspicions, you know, came through which was he tested positive for HIV. And he was 17.



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What made Pedro Zamora special was a person and as a friend,



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I just enjoyed his company immensely. You know, at the end of the day, it really cracked me up. We just had a good time. People will tell me that the surprise of how funny the book is. And the funny stuff is just us being us. Pam and I were not friends with Pedro because he was living with AIDS, and we thought he's triumphant. We're friends with him because we loved him, you know, and we had a great time being around him. I don't think he ever knew the full effect of what he had accomplished and how much he'd reached people. And I don't think it was about that he was sick. And I don't think at the end, it was about that he had died. That was a constant comment to people that he might have made a greater impact because he died. And those people didn't know Pedro. They didn't know that this was just the start and how much he was going to accomplish.



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Pedro Zamora taught millions of TV viewers about being gay and living with AIDS before he passed away on November 11 1994. This has been Steve pride. Thanks for listening. Don't believe in hate?



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Save please. Save space for me. In your in your safe place for me. Save space for me.



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Kids grow up and kids dream. Some dream of going to college dreams the United Negro College Fund that helps make real well for every deserving student we help with one we can not without the funds. Please help us ensure there will be a place for everyone with a dream.



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Say please for me.



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Please support the United Negro College funds mind is a terrible thing to waste call one 800 332 U N C F A message from the Ad Council.



Glenn Holt 39:23

This is lesbian and gay voices Well, it's Christmas time on lesbian and gay voices. And Joan, that was from your album The Hello. Stop your album The Trans Siberian Orchestra Christmas Eve and other stories. Yes.



Joan Devlin 39:51

And that was section two which is Oh Come All Ye Faithful and Oh, holy night. It's like kind of a heavy metal version of the two I should say



Glenn Holt 39:59

I mean, you're interested in in heavy metal music, it sort of goes right in there. anybody listening would be thinking that must be Jones CD.



Joan Devlin 40:09

Well, the Christmas Eve Sarajevo is the section that's normally played on the radio, which is like a very hard rock version of Kerala the bells. But since you can hear that on commercial radio, I thought we'd do something a little different. So we played section two.



Glenn Holt 40:23

That's a number eight. Yeah. I'll tell you what, we've got something new to. to debut on the show. This is actually a promo for our show. Cool. So of course, you don't hear promos for shows on the shows themselves. Right? Not usually not usually. So I thought, since this is something new, I thought that I would play it so that we all can hear it. And then it'll go into the back and get put up on the board and other people will play it during other shows. But here is the new promo for our show.



Joan Devlin 40:57

Hi, this is Joan Devlin, you're listening to KPFT is lesbian and gay voices.



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We want to create the political climate for same sex marriages. Let's just talk about some of the stuff





Joan Devlin 41:08


in neutron lesbian strikes again. We're going to be doing some radical radio right now.


 **Glenn Holt 41:15**
legal changes decriminalizing gay sex.

 **41:19**
We celebrate the diversity.


 **Jack Valinski 41:22**
Welcome to another edition of lesbian and gay voices. This is Jack Valinski .


 **Joan Devlin 41:27**
It wasn't until I had lived with a woman for a year that it even occurred to me to ask, do you think we're lesbians? Civil rights for gays? The ending of Don't Ask Don't Tell.

 **41:38**
Listen to lesbian gay voices.

 **41:40**
My prediction Al Gore 270 electoral vote. George W. Bush 262.

 **Glenn Holt 41:50**
That's lesbian and gay voices Mondays at 8pm. I hear gay people.

 **42:07**
Vincent Watson, are you listening? This is Dorothy Franklin and you mentor my son Cory. He says you help him with questions he has. But ever since you came into his life, things haven't been the same. His grades have gone up. He seems happier. You've made a difference in my son's life Vincent. To him. You are a mentor to me. You are a saint

 **42:29**
to good. Call 1877 be a mentor.



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message brought to you by Save the Children us and the Ad Council.



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After an activist Sir Ian McKellen has been in New Zealand most of this year for his role as Gandalf in the movie version of JRR Tolkien's classic Lord of the Rings, he stopped by the studio's of Wellington's access radio for a chat with gay BC program hosts you young and Jim waters, about being an openly gay man playing the iconic wizard in the ring saga. His role as Magneto in the extremely successful X Men movie, and even more



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X Men has broken a number of records worldwide and in the United States has taken a great deal of money and guaranteeing there will be a sequel but X Men is a long running 35 year old comic strip readily available in the United States was fairly popular health status. Oh no more than cult mainstream absolutely mainstream, probably more people in the United States have read or looked at X Men than any other story you can think of. And quite consciously Marvel comics who published the original and support the film stronger, are aiming the material at young gay people. Now let me just explain. X Men are people who, sometime in the near future have developed a genetic strain which gives them a particular physical ability. My character Magneto is able to bend metal and control it. Others can turn their bodies into different shapes. And they get into all sorts of scrapes. But anyone reading X man is likely to identify with these mutants as they're called. And the two categories who do most identifier, according to Marvel, with mutants are young Jews, and young gays and lesbians. And so when brand singer who had directed me an apt pupil asked me did I want to play Magneto one of the power more powerful mutants and explained he was interested partly in and doing the material because being gay himself, he wanted to be involved in retelling a story that might help young gay people. That's really why did it? It's hard, isn't it to end up making a blockbusting Hollywood, glamorous, successful movie because we think it might help some gay young people but seems to be the case. I mean, according to my a male and a lot of teachers are using x man to encourage discussion in the classroom, which very soon comes down to what it is to be different. And therefore what it might be to be gay. Of course, any teacher who did that had that discussion in a British classroom would currently be breaking the law section 28, which forbids the positive discussion of homosexuality on the grounds that it might be promoting the same.



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You say on your website, and we should mention the website [www mcallen.com](http://www.mcallen.com). Which would I imagine be an ideal place for young guy to hold a visit that's very much about its intention? Oh, well, I



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here as. Yeah. I set up the website simply as a substitute for writing an autobiography, which

nope so. Yeah, I set up the website simply as a substitute for writing an autobiography, which has often been asked to do. And I thought an easiest way to do that was just dump on in one place where people have public access everything that had happened to me professionally, and that part of the site is still being built up, but is eventually going to be quite a good resource for those who are interested. But what happened is that two people started writing to me, and when they started writing, being well brought up that I thought I better reply, and I can't reply to all the letters now. So not that they're screened. I see them all and mostly about acting a lot about Lord of the Rings, which is the reason I'm here, filming in New Zealand at the moment. But equally, a lot of letters from gay people or people interested in gay subject matter as it relates to my professional work. And you know, with sometimes a million people a week reading the website, I haven't had a single anti gay comment, or letter, not one. I think the world's changing.



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Wonderful, wonderful. Can we say a little about the Lord of the Rings.



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Some gay people think that's one of the central relationships in the book. Between Frodo the young Hobbit who goes off on this quest to destroy the all powerful ring is accompanied by his his gardener, Sam. Frodo being rather than middle class and gent and sandling working class seems to be setting up a situation with which familiar and they are physically intimate with each other at times, and there they are, like, clutched together on a cold mountainside. And that would be a way in which some gay people might interpret it. But you can't look at the rest of that fellow very, very long book and think that Tolkien has any sense that two men might actually be attracted to each other to the extent of having sex with each other. There is no sex in Lord of the Rings, I noticed that it is an amazing achievement that anyone could write a whole mythology and not bring sex into it or not dwell on it at any rate. However, a lot of people have written taking comfort that Gandalf should be played by an openly gay man. Because Gandalf for them is an icon of the 20th century and that an openly gay person should be playing this icon. Without common as it were, from from the people who are making the film again seems to lose correspondence and advanced there was something on other websites of how appalling it was that allowed me to go person should be playing Gandalf in a role as if I were to play Jesus Christ as honey harbor. So it just really wasn't you're not married? I don't know.



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Yes, it's time running out. It is actually I have a request. I would like you to read prosperous farewell. Okay.



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And what is it that you like particularly about the speech? Just music. Prospero has celebrating the engagement of his beloved daughter to the young prince, with a show put on by spirits and then they spirits vanish and prosper says to his future son in law, you do look, my son in a

move sword as if you were dismayed. Be cheerful rebels now and these are actors, as I foretold you were all spirits melted into into sin. Unlike the baseless fabric of this vision, a cloud kept towers, the gorgeous palaces, the solemn temples, the great globe itself. Yeah, all witches inherit, shell dissolve. And like this insubstantial pageant faded leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff as dreams are made on and our little life is rounded with asleep.



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Ian McKellen Thank you. Thank you both.



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That was openly gay actor and activist Sir Ian McKellen with you young and Jim waters in Wellington New Zealand. Thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Freedman che shorty Graham Underhill, Matt Alsdorf Chris Ambridge, Brian newness Jason Lynn Rex Walker Martin Now Steve pride and Hugh young and Jim waters contributed program material. Shawn Thomas performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. Some of this way out. Operating expenses are funded by a grant from the kicking assets fund of the Tides Foundation by planted out from designated contributions by uncommon cod Visa card holders who've chosen this way out as your direct charitable donations from our listeners around the world. Remember, you can also hear this way out anytime online exclusively on planet out. Just point your browser to [www dot planet out.com](http://www.dot.planetout.com) and click first on multimedia then on radio for Alicia, Japan and everyone at this way. I'm Greg Gordon. Thanks for listening on w hu s Storrs, Connecticut. C F U V. Victoria, British Columbia, k. O. P, Austin, Texas and more than 125 other stations around the world, including this community radio station, do stay tuned.



Glenn Holt 51:27

And this way out is heard every Monday evening as part of lesbian and gay voices. Right here on KPFT. At 90.1 in Houston.




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 **Glenn Holt** 52:14
at 90.1 FM This is KPFT in Houston, the sound of Texas


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and now


 **Glenn Holt** 52:27
more of lesbian and gay voices


 **Joan Devlin** 52:40
Good evening, you're listening to KPFT lesbian and gay voices. And I have two people in here that could be related but they're not. Travis Mater from the alley theatre and Chris pride who will be appearing in the alley theaters production of A Christmas Carol which is currently running through December 31. Yes. So Chris, what are you doing for us in the Christmas Carol?

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Well, I played two parts in the show. I play solo boy and Carol boy.

 **Joan Devlin** 53:08
And okay, tell you he won't tell me what his solo is.

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I sing a solo I opened up the show with the solo. And it's called in dulci Jubilo. But I will not sing it for I'm making it a surprise for her to come see it.

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Chris is the only person on stage in the beginning. So he is literally the first person you see.

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Yeah, lights go off. And then a spotlight comes up on my face. It's really cool. Yeah.



 Joan Devlin 53:31

So you're doing something different with the Christmas carol this year? Travis? I've heard you've modernized it a little bit.

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No, not really modernized. I actually were more faithful to the Dickens text than we have ever been before. I know that Michael Wilson version that we produced for like eight or nine years was immensely popular. And but like all good things. After a while, there's a little bit of overkill. So we decided to start with something fresh and surrounded like it Oh, yeah, you know, make it a little more interesting and something new for new generation. So this year, it's more like Dickens original ghost story. I mean, it is a ghost story. It's kind of scary. It's cute, and it makes you happy at the end. So um, we think it's a good thing.

 Joan Devlin 54:14

And Chris, tell me about some of the other actors that are appearing with you.

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Oh, um, I'm working with a lot of good actors and professionals change Belcher. And Miss Elizabeth Heflin. She's a really good friend of mine. But yeah, it's it's been a great experience. I've loved working with all the people and having the opportunity to be in this wonderful classic holiday show.

 Joan Devlin 54:42

It's great. And Travis Well, I mean, Chris will sing it for Christmas. I mean, that's where we're seeing it. But, but you know what, you know, beyond the fact that this sounds like a wonderful show. What would be you know, to me, it's just a great way to start the Christmas season. Sure.

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I mean, the story is an archetype um, you It's all the time you hear about the same exact story. What's that movie coming out? The family man? Yeah, he gets a chance to go back and see what his life would have been is the same story. I mean, it's all about making choices and then someone like a ghost of Christmas past and it goes to a Christmas present that Ghost of Christmas Future coming in, and giving you a second chance to look at what you've done, and to make some changes. So it's sort of an uplifting thing, where we all realize that we really all should just be nice to each other, and be good, and it's the season forgiving. So what better play than that? What's the response been so far? Oh, excellent. Excellent. By the end, everyone was just on their feet. And Everett,

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every show, we've had a full house. Oh, that's great. Sold out every ship. No empty seats. Excellent.



Joan Devlin 55:47

Well, I'm looking forward to it, because I'm gonna be going to see it on Tuesday. Great. And I'm excited. But I wanted to touch on something else that the alley theatre does along with putting on fantastic shows. Chris, here is how old Chris?



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I'm 14. I'm almost 15 years old. I'll be 15 in March right



Joan Devlin 56:02

now. How do you know Chris is 15? Did he just wandering off the road one day and you put them in a play? I don't think so.



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I'm on the back of a milk carton.



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I was missing for six months, showed up at the alleys doorstep. Well, we



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all had some other interesting programs. In addition to the Christmas Carol. Chris was first involved with the Alley Theater High



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theater high. It's a class every Tuesday that the Alley Theater provides for high school students. It's free. If you're interested, just show up in the lobby at Valley theater every Tuesday night. What time was like 777 o'clock to nine o'clock every Tuesday night. So it was for teens basically. Yeah. for high school students.



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Well, then we have in the summer every year that last year was the fourth year we did the

Houston young playwrights exchange or hype, which produces five or six new plays by Houston teams. And Chris being a theater high. We had seen his face around, he auditioned and he was in a play that directed called hominids are people too. And he played a junior. He was a young hominid.



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It was a weird thing, because we did in theater. Hi, we were working on reading the scripts and stuff. And I know starting from basic stuff that you should know. But we did the read through for the for the play for the directors to come see what what the show would look like and what it sounds like. And then I talked to Travis and he told me when auditions where I came in audition for the show. And luckily, I got the part and now I'm in Christmas carols. So moving on up.



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So yeah, I mean the chain of growth and development, the alleys. So hype is a great a great thing for actors and writers alike.



Joan Devlin 57:46

And I think it's it would be good to do you think for people that either Chris wants to make a career out of this, but I'm sure there's people that to them, this would just be kind of a fun thing for them to do. Maybe not a career choice, but something they're interested in. Do you think it would still be good for people to do that?



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Sure. I mean, I think Chris, you're you're 14 going on 15? Yeah, no, you've got some years to sort of figure out exactly what you want to do, even though I think you'd be a great star. But you know, I think everyone should try a lot of different things. And it's a great opportunity for people for kids to, to experiment, see what different things are out there. And



Glenn Holt 58:21

this is, this is Glenn butting in from the control room. I was involved in theater when I was in high school. Oh, I'm so shocked. Well, actually, no, you'd be surprised because I was I was technical director of the theatre company. I really didn't do a lot of acting. So I made a point in in the last show that I was involved with. I had I had trained my replacement, and I handed it over to him and I said okay, now I'm going to act for once. And so I was actually involved in a play, but you know about stuff like that my my mother always used to say, there there are no wasted experiences. You don't you don't waste anything that you learn. Because drama gives you a poise and expressiveness and openness that will carry you throughout your whole life whether you go into sales or you're making a pitch to the boss or proposing to somebody for marriage



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in to me theater has I used to be kind of shy but then but yeah, once I got involved with theater, I'm really involved now I love theater, and I'm going to be famous actor. So



Joan Devlin 59:35

you heard it here first, folks. autographs?



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Yeah, I used to be afraid to do speeches and stuff. But now I'm the first one to volunteer in class. I'm, I'm I'm more creative, more goal oriented. Now. I got the chance to experience professional theater and I really like it and I'm gonna make a career out of it.



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It's hard work too. I mean, how many shows a week do you do?



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I'd say it depends some weeks we do seven, eight shows a week. And some weeks we do two or three shows because they double casted this year for kids. So we don't have to do so many shows. But it's still really hard work. And we we've been rehearsing for about a month now. And we just opened last Wednesday. And it was it's been good show so far. But missing schools a problem. Now I missed a couple. I missed about a week of school for matinees already and



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that's a good thing, right? It's a good thing missing



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school, but I always have to make up the work. And that's it's it. It's a heavy load, because I go downtown pretty much every day. And I have like double the work to do when I'm down there. So I'm when I'm not on stage. I'm in my dressing room working on my homework.



Joan Devlin 1:00:53

Oh, Chris, I'm gonna ask you to ask all the actors we have on here. Okay, what's the best thing that ever happened to you on stage? And what's the worst thing that ever happened to you on

stage?



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Let's see. Well, I could tell you one experience that I had on stage just recently, that was a good thing and a bad thing at the same time. Okay. All right. I'm one of my crossovers. I'm running across stage, and we have a dry ice machine that blows out the smoke onto the stage. And it leaks water out onto the stage. But normally, it doesn't go down to the bottom to upstage where I am. And I'm running in. I slipped in the water, and I fall smack on my back. I just right in the middle of a performance, I slipped I fall on my back. And I'm hurt really badly. So I get up, I just push off my shoulders walk off stage, like I meant to fall or something. So that was a good experience. And then because I did a good cover, I think and my back was hurting. So it was kind of a downside to that.



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Did you have to fill out an accident report?



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No. Steven just told me learn your lesson and



Joan Devlin 1:02:08

be careful. And Travis, you are going to talk to us too. As we're winding down here you're going to mention to us some of the other things the Ali's going to be doing beyond the Christmas Carol and I wanted to take this time to mention too that the representatives from the alley theatre are going to start coming monthly. There'll be coming the third. We're doing a little different this month because of Christmas Carol, but you'll the third Monday of every month we have Amy Beth Gill strap from landmark theatres on and she talks to us about film. And so we're going to be having I guess delectia from the alley coming on along with Amy or someone else. She's here she's background trying to get me to Travis. So that would be fine. Yeah. Or Travis but coming the third third Monday of every month at 830 to talk to us about what's going on at the alley as well as in, you know, other theater around town. We're trying to focus, take a focus on some local events that are happening because we have a very excellent, excellent theatre community here in Houston and a lot of things, a lot of shows, especially downtown now being revitalized, need to take advantage of it. There's a lot to see here.



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Sure, sure. Well, I mean, coming up at the alley, for instance, we have a show that starts reversal tomorrow called Equus, which probably all of you have heard of it's, it's it was made into a movie in 1974. With Richard Burton, it's kind of a bad movie, but it's a it's a it's a play, that's a play, it's really great actually made a lot of the top 10 plays of the century list. And that will come out in the year 2000. And it's about basically a 17 year old guy who blind six horses

with a spike. And it's all about the psychiatrists attempt to sort of unravel what made him do it. And in the course of figuring it out, he discovers that maybe the sky has a passion for life that he as a psychiatrist has lost social by an internal struggle for passion. In addition to being about blinding some horses. We also have a new play after that on our small stage called synergy. It's a world premiere of a play. Basically, it's about the devil and a woman who strikes a deal with the devil to get him some souls. It also has a little bit of a negative attack on Disney but I won't go any further into that and sort of the desertification of New York and New 42nd Street. Then we have Gosh, what do we have a flea in her ear which is a forced by George Fado. We did it about 10 years ago and it's a lot of fun. The companies don't do it again and Gregory Boyle will be directing that. And then we have a play called The carpetbaggers, children which is another world premiere by Horton Foote, who many people may know for his film the trip to Bountiful, the tender mercies. He also recently had a show that won the Pulitzer Prize. It was at the alley that four years ago, the young man from Atlanta So he's definitely a major force and one of the great playwrights of America. Following that helped me out to Lucia. Yeah, last year's Pulitzer Prize winner dinner with friends, which is about divorce and how it changes families and friendships within families. And that's about all I can tell you right now.

 Joan Devlin 1:05:20

You had one I think you said Michael Redgrave was going to be starring Warren Redgrave

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as well. It's called the general from America. It's a new play by Richard Nelson

 Joan Devlin 1:05:29

that the one about Benedict Arnold it is. I really want to see that. That sounds wonderful. So

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we're aiming for that. And then we'll do some summer tools. Don't know what those are yet, but it's always exciting. 1001 Hey, yeah, Christian, maybe you might be auditioning for that.

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Yeah, man. Oh, he

 Joan Devlin 1:05:45

will look for me. Yeah, that's it come to the Odyssey Chris, come to the

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alley actually renamed me at the Chris bride alley theatre. Please don't tell him



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his cuz I'm going to be a superstar. Yeah.



Joan Devlin 1:05:59

Yeah, he really did get over that shyness quite well. Yeah. If people want to see A Christmas Carol, what do they need to do?



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Well, they can do a number of things. I can go to our box office, which is in the front of the building at 615, Texas Avenue downtown. Or you can call our number for the box office at 713-228-8421. Or, I don't know, can you buy tickets online yet? They can buy. You can go to Ticketmaster. That's for sure. And buy tickets at Ticketmaster. Go online at Ticketmaster. Or if you just want to look at a website that's valid WWW dot alley theatre.org. Which has all sorts of interesting information about the shows.



Joan Devlin 1:06:37

Well, that's great. Well, Chris pride and Travis Mater. I want to thank you very much for being on the show tonight. On behalf of the LA theatre. I look forward to seeing a Christmas carol and Chris on Tuesday.



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So you want to say show? Yes, I am



Joan Devlin 1:06:49

great. Yes, we wouldn't have gone otherwise. Now. I'm just kidding. You're listening to KPFT lesbian and gay voices. We're back in a



Glenn Holt 1:06:55

moment. This is Chandler's radio for the new millennium.



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Glenn Holt 1:08:04

This is lesbian and gay voices and taking a look now at what's been happening in the news. New York City Schools Chancellor Harold Levy released a letter Friday informing the Boy Scouts of America that the school district will no longer work with the organization because of its discriminatory policy against gay scouts and troop leaders. Scouting was an important part of my childhood Levy said, however, as my letter to Boy Scouts Chief Executive Officer Daniel Argus Sparrow points out, it is clear from our conversations and the positions in the James Dale case that the policy of the Boy Scouts of America with respect to homosexuals is contrary to express policy of the Board of Education and quote, The Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network called the board's move tremendous, quote, the nation's largest school district has said loudly and clearly that public schools must not be accomplices to the Boy Scouts discrimination. And Communications Director Jim Anderson added when New York talks America listens. This is the continuation of a trend we've begun to see in school districts across the country. Schools must never be in the business of operating discriminatory programs. The arguments over affordable life saving medicines for developing world's world countries and testified Friday when it was revealed that Glaxo wellcome has blocked imports of cheap copies of one of its AIDS drugs into Ghana, a country on the African continent. The revelation came as South Africa announced it had done a deal with another multinational drug company Pfizer for supplies of the drug fluc con zone, which is used to treat infections such as meningitis that often kill people whose immune systems are damaged by HIV fluconazole is a patented drug, but advocates had begun building a cheaper generic version, or bringing a cheaper generic version into South Africa, which massively undercut the usual price charged by Pfizer. In the face of such withering market pressure, Pfizer has agreed to supply the drug free of charge. aid organizations such as doctors without borders, hailed the deal as an example of what can be achieved if countries show a willingness to turn their back on the pharmaceutical giants and buy copies instead. However, Britain made it clear that it was not in favor of such tactics. Advocates insist that developing countries must use every possible means to get affordable life saving drugs. But Western governments say the companies have a right to protection for the drugs that they sell at high prices in order to recoup research and development costs. The West says the right approach is for countries to negotiate discounts with the companies. But African nations say they cannot afford the drugs even at the discounted prices offered by the five multinationals. So far, only Senegal has taken up the invitation to negotiate such a deal. The Giants take the threat of competition very seriously. Glaxo wellcome has blocked the import version of its aids therapy Combivir which has manufactured in India, advocates have argued that impoverished countries faced with a health emergency have a right under international trade legislation to buy generic drugs. The African regional Industrial Property Organization was quoted Friday as saying that if Glaxo went to court, it believed it would lose. But poor countries fear confrontation will upset relations with the West. Glaxo's spokesman said the company had

offered Ghana its own drugs under what it called preferential pricing. Doctors Without Borders point out that AZT and three TC the two drugs in Combivir are both old and that they were developed with the help of public funds in the United States. Glaxo wellcome has already made millions out of them, quote, it cannot argue it needs to recoup its investment. As millions watched his one night only TV concert special Friday night, Elton John introduced about 300 guests to his photographs. Inside The High Museum of Art in Midtown Atlanta. Attendees wrote checks for up to \$30,000 for the Elton John's AIDS Foundation. And when the night was over the World AIDS Day event had raised more than \$200,000 for the foundation, dressed in a salmon colored suit. Elton spent much much of the evening warmly welcoming His guests having just jetted in from Europe. He admitted he wasn't altogether pleased by the lack of media attention paid to worlds a World AIDS Day 2000 quote in this country, everyone's still seems consumed with the election. I fear that people aren't paying attention. We've got to do more to educate. I have just seen some statistics that are due to be released soon in England. The numbers of newly infected cases are on the rise with young heterosexual males there. The singer is planning to finish work on his next studio album project early in 2001. He wants to record American triangle, a new song co written with longtime lyricist Bernie top and centering on Matthew Shepard and the two men convicted of Matthew's murder. Elton said quote, I didn't even know Bernie was working on it. It is a beautiful lyric. before the holidays, the AIDS activists plan one more meet and greet with local supporters. Next week, Elton John brings his World Team Tennis All Star Smash Hits event to Atlanta for the first time with his friends Billie Jean King Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi. Tickets for the VIP party which include a cocktail reception with Elton and reserved seating at the tournament, sold for \$250 per person. The age of sexual consent was finally equalized between gay and non gay people in England on Thursday, after the Prime Minister rejected a last ditch plea from religious leaders to abandon the move exactly 100 years to the day since the death of Oscar Wilde, gay sex for those over 16 years of age became legal. When the Sexual Offences amendments bill received Royal Assent equal rights campaigners were delighted as the government pushed through the historic legislation. After two years of bitter parliamentary wrangling and relentless opposite decision from the House of Lords. The bill was mired in controversy right up until the last minute. As the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Westminster, and other clerics declared their strong moral and health objections to the bill. Jack Straw the Home Secretary, also upset Tory appears when he invoked the rarely used Parliament act to ensure that the changes reached the statute book. Under the Act, any legislation that has been rejected by the Lords can automatically become law one year later, if it reflects the wishes of the House of Commons. Tony Blair, who repeated his determination to change the law Thursday, has tried to reduce the age of consent since he came into office. The European Court of Human Rights ruled in 1997 that British law on the issue violated the European Convention, and the Labour Party gave a commitment to allow a free vote in Parliament. Despite a big Commons majority in favor of the change. The House of Lords blocked the move in July 1998 and again in April last year. Last month, party members voted once more against the bill. In an attempt to halt the process Thursday, Tory MPs even called on the speaker Michel Martin to intervene and refused to certify the controversial bill for royal assent. When asked by Tory MP, Sir Peter Emery to comment on objections from the Archbishop of Canterbury and others. Martin said quote, clerics don't tell me what to do. The house tells me what to do. A Massachusetts Appeals Court judge has ruled that a transgender male student can wear female clothing to class in Brockton, Massachusetts. The ruling by Judge George Jacobs upholds a lower court's preliminary injunction in favor of the 15 year old student known in court papers as Pat dough. The Brockton school department had appealed a lower Superior Court decision in October that permitted the youth diagnosed with gender identity disorder to wear dresses, a wig and other female clothing accessories. While attending Brockton South Junior High School. Jacobs denied Brockton schools officials arguments that Superior Court Judge Linda Giles should have recused herself because of her

ties to lesbian and gay legal organizations. Jacobs said school attorneys did not prove that Giles, a former attorney for Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders was biased. The Appeals Court judge also said that Giles appears to have applied proper legal standards. In her October 15 injunction ruling GLAAD which had represented the student hailed Thursday's decision. Glad Staff Attorney Jennifer Levy said in a statement Friday quote, two courts have now recognized the importance of a transgender student being allowed to express her gender identity at school, even though she might not match the stereotyped expectations that people have about the appropriate gender expression of boys and girls. The student had been attending school for nearly three weeks under the lower court's injunction. Levi said that transgender students quote, like other minority students are often regarded as disruptive only as a result of lack of understanding about gender and difference and not because of the students behavior. The case was brought when school administrators prohibited the student from attending class, wearing what the principal considered to be girls clothing. The exclusion from school followed nearly two years of disciplinary action against the teenager for dressing as a female. The eighth grader has been diagnosed with gender identity disorder, which means that he acts dresses and lives as a female, even though he was born male. Brockton Mayor John T your test Jr. said the city would pursue the case to trial before the full superior court because it is a precedent setting case. At bargaining tables around the Hartford Connecticut area this fall, the state's largest Teachers Union made a controversial demand extend health benefits to gay teachers live in partners in Glastonbury the Connecticut education Association's campaign work and the provision is part of that towns new teachers contract and Manchester Stafford Berlin and Plainville where new contracts were also being negotiated this fall. The campaign failed. In East Hartford the union is 99%. There. The school board has approved a contract that promises to cover same sex partners and the town council will vote on the pact Thursday night. While the Democratic majority in East Hartford may well approve the deal, Councilman Robert Fortier is so opposed to the same sex provision that he is threatening to sue the town if the contract passes. The problem isn't that the town would be extending insurance to same sex partners, Fortier said, but that it would be discriminating against unmarried, gay non gay partners who wouldn't be covered under the contract? Well, there's that same old empty argument again, what hubris gay people are not allowed to get married, and then accused of discrimination against unmarried straight couples. The Connecticut education Association's push came on the heels of an arbiters decision earlier this year, that awarded health benefits to the same sex partners of state employees. Quote, I think it is just one of those things that whose time has come, said Cheryl, Provost, president of the East Hartford chapter of the teachers union. At the moment, most town and school workers in Connecticut don't have the option of sharing their health insurance with their same sex partners said and sternbach President of a new gay advocacy organization called Love makes a family but she said I think the climate is changing and we are going to see an increase in the coming years. The arbitrators decision in January on behalf of the State Employees Union set a much needed precedent she said, and the atmosphere in Connecticut and nationwide is generally becoming more accepting towards gay couples. Many private companies have extended benefits to their employees, same sex partners. But in several towns this year, the Connecticut education Association's request, never made it past the bargaining table. We didn't have a good estimate on what the cost would be, said Alan Schutz, the business manager for the Plainville School District. Also, he said the school board was concerned about the fairness of the union's proposal, since non gay partners wouldn't be covered. And since it might be difficult to ascertain the extent to which same sex partners were legally bound together. It's interesting to note that most contracts that extend benefits to same sex partners require the couples to produce wills, mortgages, bank statements or other proof that they are committed. In Stanford, it wasn't anything that everybody went to the mat for, said superintendent Therese Fishman. The Union ended up withdrawing its request for the same sex provision in return for improved

prescription drug benefits. She said in Glastonbury, the request made it into the contract, partly because the school board was certainly aware of the state arbitration decision, said superintendent Jacqueline Jacoby East Hartford school member, Hilde Mayra Nan said her board agreed philosophically with the union's request, quote, it was something that I think forward thinking organizations are doing, she said, And if unmarried, non gay couples want joint coverage, they can get it by marrying. She said, gay couples don't have that option. Well, finally, someone who speaks the truth about the issue. But that reasoning infuriates 40, a, who has lived with a woman for more than a decade but isn't married, partly because he and his partner don't want to move into a higher tax bracket. They are discriminating he wind and if I worked for the Board of Education in East Hartford, I would be discriminated against because I'm not homosexual. In other news, despite a push towards diversity education in schools, prejudice persists among teens in cities and suburbs. According to the results of an annual National Survey of teens released last week, the teens revealed their opinions as part of an anonymous survey taken for who's who, among American high school students. Based in Lake Forest Illinois. nearly 40% of the 2800 students surveyed admitted a prejudice against gays, about 15% said they had biases against Hispanics and blacks. What's scary is that these views are coming from the nation's top achievers. Organizers said the survey was designed to get ideas about the attitudes and behaviors of those for whom it is said that they are expected to be among this country's future leaders in business, government and academia. While the percentage of students who admit bias against minorities has not changed much in recent years, levels of tolerance appear to be improving slightly. On their brighter side for the first time in the 30 year history of the survey, the majority of students 54% said gay people do have a right to get married. The majority also gave the thumbs up for gays enlisting in the military and becoming members of the clergy. It is the team thought process, said Paul Kraus, president and founder of who's who quote, on the one hand, what they are saying is, I'm uncomfortable about homosexuality. It is not something I am familiar with. Yet down the line, they don't want to deprive homosexuals or any other minority of their rights. Some say teen opinions change so rapidly, people shouldn't go overboard, analyzing their views on critical social issues, such as homosexuality and other social concerns. I wouldn't worry too much about the numbers, said Susan Bowers, an assistant professor at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. With adolescents opinions are changing all the time, she said, Bowers works in the School of Family, consumer and Nutrition Services. Others say it is important to listen to what the students are saying because it is a commentary of society and what they are learning from family and friends. Certainly, those numbers about bias are alarming. How surprising they are is a different story, said Michael golden Associate Director for the anti Defamation League of Greater Chicago Upper Midwest region. He said the anti Defamation League World of Difference tolerance program was created to attack such bias along with bringing in outside speakers to discuss diversity issues. Schools in recent years have introduced clubs for gay teens, as well as numerous other organizations for other minority students. Some have flags representing the students countries hanging in the hallways, other schools celebrate heritage with talent shows and ethnic feasts. Jim Elijah, a guidance counselor at Stevenson High School in Lincoln Shire, Illinois, said he has seen a difference in the attitudes of students simply through the exposure to diversity. Quote, these days students raised their hands when I asked if they have friends of different racial backgrounds, or if they know of someone who is gay, he said, but we are better off than we were before. But we obviously have a long way to go. awareness goes a long way in changing attitudes. He said, I am not familiar with anyone admitting being prejudiced. It is pretty weird to hear those numbers, said Allison Prater, a who's who inductee each year who's who includes the top achieving juniors and seniors and a book that is released each fall and tree is based on a B grade point average and involvement in school activities. The 34th edition of the book is being released this week. And finally, the directors of the film toy warning have had to cancel appearances in Germany after receiving death threats from skinheads offended

by the film's gay theme. Variety magazine reports that Berlin police told directors Dominique and Benjamin reading that they could not guarantee their safety in the wake of surging neo Nazi violence and growing tension over government efforts to ban the far right National Democratic Party. Benjamin reading says a love scene between a young skinhead and a punk has riled skinheads in East Germany. Since punks and anarchists have long been rivals of skinheads and Neo Nazis. Oh boy warning, has won several awards at international festivals and screened earlier this year at the Sundance Film Festival. It does not yet have a US distributor. And it's lesbian and gay voices and Joan, you're just gonna have to explain that one.

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Joan Devlin 1:28:48

Well, that is from Bye Bye Birdie, but that contains the vocal stylings of the inimitable Paul Lynde. Paul Lynde, the first openly gay actor on the planet, openly gay, openly gay

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Jack Valinski 1:29:02

at Salomon. I certainly remember at solvent I actually also remember The Judy Garland Show.

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Joan Devlin 1:29:08

Speaking with Judy Garland Show, Nancy Ford just wrote a really hysterical column about The Judy Garland Christmas special. So I would advise you to pick up your copy of the triangle and check out that column because I literally had to stop reading it at work because I was laughing so hard.

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Jack Valinski 1:29:24

And speaking of other media outlets, there was a protest tonight at KTRU the Rice University radio station. Oh, yeah, I heard about that. It was scheduled this evening. And there's a couple of people getting together if you want some more information. It's safe ktru.org. They already have a website. What my understanding is, what happened was is that there are a number of college radio stations around the country that are being forced to carry their own college sports games. It's happening at KU HF M And, and now at KTRU rice radio, and the students who are running the station at the time running the board, like Glenn is doing now for us, we're just putting up there, they're a little pissed off. So they were just putting up some music over the game and I guess the administration didn't like it. So they locked all the students out of their radio station. So for now, they're playing stuff off the satellite. If and so if you'd like some more information, and there's some people getting together around the community, it's safe ktru.org

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Glenn Holt 1:30:34

You know, you have to be really really careful about what you wish for around a radio station. Because when I was working at clef o 10 years ago when when there used to be a classical station at 94.5 We used to joke around in the in the hallways about throwing some rock music on or some popular music on between a couple of the classical cuts and one day they did came

in Monday morning and hey, wasn't a rock it wasn't a classical station anymore. It was in all the stations. Yeah, it was well it went let's see first it went to being it was sort of an adult contemporary sunny type station and all that was from satellite and so you know all the classical music was out the door just like that.



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You know what the hottest format right now is? Oh, I



Glenn Holt 1:31:23

can just imagine rap or something No, no



Jack Valinski 1:31:26

The 80s format 80s Yes. Yes. And actually maybe we did gain a little bit of victory when Oh 6.9 which used to be a religious station



Joan Devlin 1:31:35

that's right is now an all at stake ladies station called the point I think he has gone to 1070 am their signal is much weaker. Because being the right wing talk show addict that I am I used to listen to them. And they do they have lost a lot of power. You pretty much can't hear them. Unless you're directly inside Houston or of course on the internet. But as far as drive by drive, drive drive by source drive by source drive time, right by hate Yeah. As far as drivetime unless you're right in the city of Houston, it's very difficult to pick up their new signal. So now your your hearing aid is on 1069.



Jack Valinski 1:32:15

Yes. Salem broadcasting solid to Cox broadcasting. So



Joan Devlin 1:32:20

and then 97 One has a signal now to what did they do 97 One for longtime shared space with Yeah, the buzz right. And when the oldies when the buzz and the old the station switched out 97 One now is a top 40 station. Yes, bolo. They don't have a very good signal. No, but I just thought that was ironic, because I think that's the first time and how many years that 97 One has actually been an independent anything.



Jack Valinski 1:32:51

Yeah, although it's licensed to Cleveland, Texas.



Glenn Holt 1:32:54

Well, did you hear the the last item in my news about this film called oil warning? That sounds really interesting. They have a love scene in there between a punk and a skinhead.



Joan Devlin 1:33:08

Okay. Well, that could sound interesting. And it would have to be more interesting than the second film we saw Friday night. Anyway. You saw film was Friday night. Yes. Jack was talking about that. Prior to the show starting. We saw something called Don't let me die on a Sunday. And all I can say is I prefer Chung Crawford.



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Well, it was a French it was French short movies. Mostly. Yeah, that



Joan Devlin 1:33:36

was the first film that was fine. That was actually some of those shorts were really, really good. But the second feature, which was the one not sponsored by the community center, just kind of went over my head, actually, even though there were some women that got naked. So that was it's one redeeming quality.



Jack Valinski 1:33:54

Okay. And there's lots of things coming up, I guess. Well, there's probably not a lot of things coming up because it's Christmas season.



Joan Devlin 1:34:02

I know there's a fair amount. The Gay Men's Chorus is doing some events this weekend. Oh, Jack. You didn't invite me? Well, I didn't go after I complained about the movie Friday. Why didn't you invite me? But there. Let's see. We're piecing through the calendar right now. I should have it memorized. Right. The Catherine mo show is running. It's running at theater lab through the 10th of December. So this would be your last week to see that. This is starring Kathina Jamie and Moe Gaffney explores the plight of men and women and the pandemonium that ensues when the two tried to get together for more than a drink. It should be interesting, Mo Gaffney. I remember her mostly from AB fab. She did some guest appearances on there. And then a more Fati, which was started as the commemoration of the day without art is actually about a group of men with HIV AIDS reflecting on the notion have a more fati or the appetite and see for the absolute good through the extinction of desire. It's a photo exhibition it

and it combines photo imagery of personal objects, poems and stories that relate the idea of amore fati to the realities of coming to terms with disease. And this is at diverse works through the 23rd of December.

 Jack Valinski 1:35:21

Tomorrow is a mixer for hen net.

 Joan Devlin 1:35:24

That's right. Brandon Wolf is sponsoring that it's at Rivas. It's from 530 to

 Jack Valinski 1:35:29

8pm, revisar, Missouri, I don't have the exact address revisar, Missouri

 Joan Devlin 1:35:33


Street and hen net for those of you who don't know, when we talk about a lot on here stands for Houston activist network. It is an online activist board, it's on E groups, www.ie groups got.com It is open to everyone. And it's pretty much anything goes provided you're not you know, out now, you know, attacking other people.

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I've seen that too. Yeah, well, we've

 Joan Devlin 1:35:58

had some of that. But I mean, obviously, that's not acceptable. But we've had some pretty intense political discussions going on there lately, because we've been invaded by a Republican. And I don't know we just have all different kinds of things go on on hand net, but it keeps you informed. I feel like because I've had people come into my office and say, oh, did you hear such and such and I'll be like, Oh, please, I got that email off hand net 30 minutes ago. I mean, you know, you want on the spot news of what's going on politically and in the community when that is the place to be

 Jack Valinski 1:36:30

a Wednesday the Political Caucus is going to have their meeting there are going to be people running for next year's board and officers positions can be nominating themselves. It's 7pm at the Lovett in 501 lavet Boulevard. If you'd like some more information on the caucus, you can call them at 7135 to one 1000.

J Joan Devlin 1:36:49

And here's something I would like to do. It's called Yuletide at Bayou bend collection and gardens. Get into the holiday spirit with a 30 minute guided tour of selected rooms at Bayou bend which is the former state of Flint, the philanthropist ima Hogg. Selected rooms in the mansion are decorated to reflect American seasonal customs, including a 17th century Christmas is celebrated in Dutch New York, a ball supper given in Boston in 1774, the observance of Hanukkah in 18th century Newport, Rhode Island, and a 12 night party given in Philadelphia in 1786. And the tour takes about 30 minutes as they said, and it's going through December 31. At the bayou bend collection in gardens, you can call 713-639-7540 for more information. And that kind of sounds like a fun and interesting thing to do this holiday season.

J Jack Valinski 1:37:39

If you're interested in knowing more about being involved in nonprofit organizations, sort of the tools on how to do that. This Friday, the University of Houston is sponsoring along with Lion energy, us all day event called Power Tools for nonprofits. It's going to be at the it used to be at the University of Houston but it outgrew its space. So now it's at the Georgia brown Convention Center. And I've gone to this before and it's fabulous. It does cost to get in if you're interested in it, you can look them up at the web, you h.edu/academics/dce/np da y dash HTML. And I don't see a phone number here. But the websites probably the best size, best way to get information on it. There's all different breakout sections and from fundraising to public awareness and volunteer management. Really, really good event I'm planning on going on at this Friday.

J Joan Devlin 1:38:40

We are having I'm looking for it here. Several of the churches are having events for Christmas. For those who are interested in that is Sunday, December 24, the greatest story ever told, which is presented by community Gospel Church. It's a musical by Lanny Wolfe. It is a Christmas Eve candlelight service. There will be refreshments served in the fellowship hall following the program. It goes seven to 9pm. And again is on Christmas Eve. And you can call community Gospel Church at 713-880-9235. They are located at 4305 Lillian, which I believe is a new address.

J Jack Valinski 1:39:17

Well, there's lots of stuff going on if you're interested. And this calendar is published on hand knit to

J Joan Devlin 1:39:22

right it's also on the pride page, isn't it as on the web, we're working on working on it, working on it type of thing. I got volunteered to work on our webpage at work so maybe I can help you with the pride page once I get a little more skillful at that. Although considering how much

with the pride page once I get a little more skimmur at that. Although considering how much criticism I get for the calendar, maybe I don't want to



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Yes, I know. I know. What do we have scheduled for next week?



Joan Devlin 1:39:45

Next week, I believe we'll be talking to Elizabeth Stark who is the author of shy girl book about lost love first love lost love, I guess is the best way to describe it very poignant. excellent book. I ended up reading it in a day because it was just so good. And she'll be talking to us about the novel, which is her first. And she's from San Francisco. And, and one of the best things about the novel is it really goes into detail about the character and the type of people, you know, in the community that is San Francisco. And she lives there. So we'll be talking about that, too. Next week, when she when we found her, she's gonna tell us a little bit about her life and what inspired her to write the book.



Jack Valinski 1:40:22

Great. And our show will be on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we don't get, we don't get the date.



Joan Devlin 1:40:29

They move our show around. So it's an annual tradition. But JD has some really good things coming up for Christmas. Kind of the Christmas music you were hearing tonight was sort of traditional Christmas music with a non traditional twist. But JD has some very specific, very exciting, very unique Christmas music that he's going to be doing on Christmas Day. The kind of thing is he says, you know, not only that you won't be tired of by Christmas, but that you will not hear anywhere but here or maybe on Jimmy show. But he's going to be doing some fantastic stuff.



Jack Valinski 1:41:03

Well, maybe we have a little piece of music we can play now.



Glenn Holt 1:41:16

And that was let's see, it was from our Trans Siberian lair goes against that.



Joan Devlin 1:41:24

When what do you do in that poor machine?

when what do you do in that poor machine?

G Glenn Holt 1:41:25
I don't know. It doesn't like me, I guess. You know, I

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had some go ahead and tell us what we heard. Oh, well, I

G Glenn Holt 1:41:31
don't know what we heard. I just work here. An angel came down. That was the first track off of that Trans Siberian Orchestra. Christmas Eve and Other Stories compact disc.


J Jack Valinski 1:41:41
You know, Christmas to me is pretty much bah humbug. But I have we know Yes, I had some Christmas terrorists come and decorate the outside of my place.


J Joan Devlin 1:41:52
To come decorate my place. We either doing, you know door decorating at work. And they made me the head of the committee because I'm the only one that's going to be around the week that they're doing judging. So I get to be the Christmas Nazi and walk around and encourage I put that in quotes people to decorate their doors. And of course, this is the woman that's going to have like half naked women all over her door for Christmas. But what the heck,


G Glenn Holt 1:42:15
well, you know, at work a few years ago, they came around with that they had a door decorating contest. And here's an office full of four old engineer men, right. So okay, I can fix this. So I looked at my desk on there and there was this wadded up bunch of the little miniature Christmas lights. So I just took that with some scotch tape and just tape the wad onto the door.


J Jack Valinski 1:42:44
And they probably thought you were being artful or something.


G Glenn Holt 1:42:47
Um, I suppose. So.


 Joan Devlin 1:42:49
Did you win any awards?

 Glenn Holt 1:42:51
We were trying for the booby prize, but we didn't even win that.

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Well, it's time to shuffle on out of here.

 Glenn Holt 1:42:59
Yeah, it's time to say goodbye. Chris wants to say goodbye. Say goodbye your mics on?

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Okay. Thank you for having me on the show today.

 Glenn Holt 1:43:10
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