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J Jack Valinski 00:03

Welcome to lesbian and gay voices. This is Jack Wolinsky. And Glenn Holt is here behind the board.

J Joan Devlin 00:12

Still running a little late tonight.

J Jack Valinski 00:14

Yes, I he will be here. She's pretty good at telling us when he's not going to be here. But maybe he just flew away with his boyfriend or something his wife and works for the airlines. So we are going to be asking for money again tonight as we do a few times a year keeps KPK KPFT alive and he keeps us off the streets. And one of the reasons why we're asking for money is like they got us new carpeting

J Joan Devlin 00:36

here at KPFT. Oh, no, it's just beautiful hair nowadays.

J Jack Valinski 00:39

Yeah, you know, can you a check. It's a whole new Broadcast Center and we get carpeting. So you know, but it keeps us off the street. So tonight's show

J Joan Devlin 00:48

tonight show will be Halloween magic. We have Jennifer Garza in the studio, actually out in the lobby. And she's going to talk to us about Halloween magic. And then of course, Deborah Dannenberg will be on little later in the hour to tell us about her upcoming reelection campaign or ongoing reelection campaign actually. And then Beverly Hayes from the Green Party will be here making a return appearance to discuss an upcoming event that's going to be including Ralph Nader.

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Jack Valinski 01:15

That is great. The Green Party has people running for Senate and a few other offices and the Senate candidate and few other offices railroad commissioner who was endorsed by the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus. So they have endorsed people from three parties this time, which is pretty interesting.

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Joan Devlin 01:31

It is pretty interesting. And you know, a lot of people say there's no alternative to the Republicans and many of the races. Well, that's not necessarily the case. Just because there's not a Democrat running does not mean there's not an alternative. And Beverly will definitely be going over that with us.

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Jack Valinski 01:43

You know, I think it's really interesting the way you have that microphone pointed at your i i know, what can I say? Well, I just got back from the inner pride Conference in Atlanta, which is the annual conference of pride committees. And we had representation from, you know, almost every continent well, not Antarctica. But I think every other continent, we had somebody from Tokyo, and I'll talk about that a little bit later. And it was really interesting. It's really invigorating, and Atlanta was a nice place to spend a nice fall weekend at

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Joan Devlin 02:15

Houston won an award did they not?

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Jack Valinski 02:17

Euston is the every year they choose a theme that they suggest to other pride committees. It's not mandatory, and the Euston theme which I don't have top my head, but I will let you know a little while later was chosen by the committee's and they take pride take joy take action now that was last year. And this Tuesday, Euston will then decide whether they want to go along with that or choose something completely different, which happens. So that was really interesting. And next year's conference is in Auckland, New Zealand. So we'll see if we get to go to that

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Joan Devlin 02:46

jack down under.

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Jack Valinski 02:47

So we got this way out. But we want to remind you, we have operators standing by and we'd like you our goal, I think is \$700 Tonight, which is not a lot to ask for a community that's gets a lot of information and somewhat professional style of giving information out and talk to many people. And you know last week we got to talk to Ray Hill about him being 60 Years Old National Coming Out Day. And then that this Saturday, we're going to have a birthday party for him at the community center. We're asking for a small donation to help pays for some medical expenses for Ray but nobody will be turned away. It's just like KPFT nobody is turned away. But we do ask you to support it. If you can have that magic number is 71352 6k P F T

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I'm Chase Schultz. And I'm Cindy Friedman with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending October 14 2000. National Coming Out Day was observed this week across the US and in some other countries as well. But the most remarkable coming out came a little earlier as actor comic Hongsuk chon became Korea's first openly gay celebrity. Print media began to circulate the story in mid September, but in early October, Hong Kong spoke for himself in an interview on national television. It was not a moment of pride for Hong who wept and sobbed and apologized profusely. But having gotten over that hurdle, Hong seemed to grow stronger with every interview helped by an outpouring of support from hundreds of friends and activists on had grown tired of being the subject of rumors about his sexuality that had people saying one thing to his face, and another behind his back. So when a reporter questioned him directly, he simply told the truth. He quickly paid a high price for his honesty. He was fired from his most important job on a children's TV show from his role on a radio sitcom, and from future appearances on the TV variety show whose cast first spread the rumors about him. He continues to do occasional entertainment reports on TV, a sitcom on the internet and a role in a touring musical. Ironically, On first received widespread recognition as a flamboyant fashion designer on a popular TV sitcom, a character who was supposedly straight but full of stereotypically gay mannerisms. Hong said, I think I have gotten people talking about homosexuality. This is my contribution. Maybe parents and children will discuss me in their living room, that will be a big start. In the past, homosexuality was something that could never be mentioned in ordinary conversation.

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Cindy Friedman 05:27

Also publicly identifying himself as a gay man for the first time was the chaplain of the Arizona State Legislature, Reverend Charles Carpenter, carpenter made his announcement on National Coming Out Day October 11, accompanied by openly gay State Representative Steve Mae, he said, my personal integrity is more important than any other consequences. I feel like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. I encourage every priest and rabbi who struggles with this to come out. There's freedom and joy on this side. Carpenter was ordained as a Baptist and had served as pastor for a small church of Christ congregation before being appointed to his

present post four years ago. He may very well lose his job as several state legislators have already urged his firing. The legislature does not pay its chaplain. However, a salary has been provided by a private group that foundations for success, which has already asked for and received carpenters resignation.



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Coming out in a very different manner this week was an opponent of equal treatment for us gays and lesbians, Matthew Klavan. This week he pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of public indecency. Previously, he had vehemently denied the charges which stemmed from a US Park Service sting and a popular cruising area in the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in Georgia. It turned out to be the second time he's been arrested in the same place on the same charge. In 1996, he pleaded no contest and was fined \$1,000 and given six months probation. This time, his sentence could run as high as \$5,000, one year in jail and three years probation. when the story broke glave and resigned from his post as president and chief executive officer of the SE Legal Foundation. He and the foundation became widely known for their attacks on President Bill Clinton, including actions leading to the current disbarment proceedings in Arkansas. But graven in the foundation also filed a brief in support of the Boy Scouts of America's successful appeal to the US Supreme Court this year, defending their exclusion of gays. Previously glave and in the foundation had won a Georgia Supreme Court ruling striking down the city of Atlanta as employee domestic partner benefits. A second legal challenge to a revised Atlanta benefits policy failed.



C Cindy Friedman 07:45

It's been almost two years since a Massachusetts teenager came out as transgendered, but this week, a judge ruled that her public middle school in Brockton must allow her to attend in women's clothes. The now 15 year old known in court as Pat dough had been told she could not enroll unless she dressed as a male. As a seventh grader. Pat was repeatedly sent home to change clothes and an eighth grade she was required to report to the principal each morning for approval of her appearance. She dropped out feeling the principal had created a hostile climate and has been repeating the eighth grade with a home tutor. In court. The school district argued that Pat had been disruptive for other students, but admitted that her clothing would have been acceptable for a female student. Last year, the school referred Pat to a therapist who diagnosed her with gender identity disorder. But officials did not seem to understand that and viewed her behavior as simply attention seeking and defiance. openly lesbian Superior Court Judge Linda Giles did understand though, writing that for Pat, wearing women's clothes is not merely a personal preference, but a necessary symbol of her very identity. Giles found that refusing to enroll Pat in her female presentation would constitute sex discrimination and a violation of her free speech rights. As for the other students, Giles wrote that exposing children to diversity at an early age serves the important social goals of increasing their ability to tolerate differences and teaching them respect for everyone's unique personal experience.



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Coming out with an apology this week was Dr. Laura Schlessinger the top rated us radio talk show host whose anti gay positions have sparked protests all year against her new low rated TV show. Blessing her bought a full page ad on the back cover of Daily Variety special qay

Hollywood audition for National Coming Out Day. The move by blessing her a convert to Orthodox Judaism was inspired by the Yom Kippur holiday as she wrote on the Day of Atonement, Jews are commanded to seek forgiveness from people we have hurt. I deeply regret the hurt this situation has caused the gay and lesbian community. She said that some of her words were poorly chosen and that the perception of them as Hate speech had been devastating to her and many others. But singers leading opponents were unimpressed, and even the editor of the Daily Variety Special Edition found the apology suspicious. Part of the skepticism stemmed from stressing her having issued a rather similar apology in March, only to essentially recanted a few days later in an interview. Then, as now her apology was not for her actions, but for others pain in response to them. Joan Geary of GLAAD the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said this isn't about poorly chosen words. This is about medical misinformation and defamation. For us it has been about stopping her defamation and there is nothing in her statement that says she intends to do that.

 Cindy Friedman 10:44

October is also gay and lesbian history month and this year, the 100th anniversary of Oscar Wilde's death come soon after, and they just might mean is forgiveness from the Vatican as well. The venerable Jesuit publication Lhasa Villa Catolica, one specifically condemned Wilds poem The Ballad of Reading Yale, but this week it featured an article calling that and his other later works evidence of an implicit journey of faith. literary critic and theologian Reverend Antonio Spadaro is Article sees wild as having turned away from a life of what he called degradation, vanity and frivolity. In 1895, Wilde was convicted of sodomy and sentenced to two years hard labor that imprisonment broke his health and heart as well as ruining his stellar career as a writer, but to Spadaro, it was the beginning of his spiritual transformation, as wild saw parallel between the crowds during his transport to prison with Jesus treatment after his arrest, the humbling experience of prisons bedarra believes turned wild to contemplation of spiritual values. As signaled by his request to stay at a Jesuit retreat house after his release. Wilde was asked to wait a year and never made it there. But Spadaro accepts the perception of the priest who attended Wilds death, who was absolutely sure that Wilde was converting, even though others saw him as only semi conscious at the time.



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And finally, October also marked the passing of a treasure of living history. 101 year old African American lesbian Ruth Ellis, thanks to documentary filmmakers, some of her memories have been preserved in the film living with pride Ruth Ellis at 100. Ellis told Yvonne Weldon,



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I wasn't in what you call a closet. Never know my parents. My mother died early in life, so I didn't have to worry about that. But my dad and I had three brothers. I never heard anything from them concerning me, except one night, my girlfriend and I wouldn't need a little bit too much noise. My dad told me next time you girls make that much noise. I'm gonna put you out. Now that's the only thing he ever since me.



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Born in Springfield, Illinois in 1899. Ellis moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1937. With her late partner babe Franklin, their home became a gathering place and a shelter for young African American gays and lesbians.



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A haven for the young people didn't have any place to go. Mostly would be man. boys would come in and we let them stay there until they get on their feet. If they get a job, something like that. Maybe they want to go to school. Sometime we try to help school wasn't much didn't have much them. And it helped.



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About 30 years ago, Ellis connected with Detroit's organized gay and lesbian community and became a familiar figure at events. That community regularly observed Ruth Ellis day among February observances of Black History Month. Author Alice Walker called her a woman of power, Audacity and joy. Whenever she was asked what was her favorite period in her life, she'd say, this is the best part right now.



c Cindy Friedman 14:11

That's nice wrap for the weekend in October 14 2000. Follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community



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news wrap is written by Cindy Freedman and recorded at the studios of KPFK Los Angeles for this way out. I'm Jay Sheltie, and



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I'm Cindy Friedman.



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A times was a heavy hit bitterness he played in the mud all day. Long and cranky.



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Lots of kids can't sound out letters. With one out of seven. It may be a sign of a learning disability.



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Hippo Potat Miss called call to the elephant. But the elephant said sorry you are not a elephant. kids with



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learning disabilities are just as smart as you and I They just process information differently. In fact, with early detection and the right help, must go on to do well in school.



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Hippo protagonists, cried and cried. He was heartbroken,



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call 1888478 mind and this children's story can have a happy ending, coordinated campaign for learning disabilities. There's no reason to be held back. This message has been brought to you by the Ad Council. Back to the guy, saying if you're happy this way.



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These songs are part of our culture, which is celebrated on queer music heritage, a part of lesbian and gay voices on the fourth Monday of every month at 9pm. Hosted by JD Doyle, I play a little bit of everything. And mostly, I just don't think the music of our past should be forgotten. And I slip in songs from the present as well. It's all about us.



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Your sister, your brother, your sons, and your daughters. Every



Joan Devlin 16:26

Good evening, you're listening to KPFT lesbian and gay voices. And JD Doyle segment is going to be played on Halloween. This this month because of fundraiser So take a minute here and call 713-526-5738. And, and pledge. And speaking of Halloween, I have Alan Glenda and Jennifer Garza in the studio to talk about Halloween magic, which is happening this coming weekend. Right, right. Thank you for having us. And Halloween magic is an annual event you had mentioned that you were in your 10th year.



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This is our 10th performance we've actually, Halloween magic has been around for about 11 years, actually 11 or 12 years. Wow, Martin, public performance. Halloween magic actually started at the home of a few Montrose friends, and they decided they wanted to do a fundraiser for different HIV and AIDS charities. And it just kind of grew from this sort of small social gathering into this huge production that it is today, which is which is really wonderful. And what is this year show?



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Well, this year's show is entitled West Side cabaret, Montreux style. And what we do is it's sort of a tongue in cheek comedy inspired by any particular legendary Broadway show. And as you can tell by the title, we've incorporated a little bit of West Side Story, cabaret. And I think we're even going to throw in who knows something along the lines of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, which is a Broadway show. But that kind of gives you an idea of why



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a lot of pop references and different entertainment news stories were sort of incorporated into the the storyline every year. So it really kind of makes for this wild mix of, of fun. And it's always very surprising. Were even surprised from the time that rehearsals start from the time that rehearse will start to the time that we actually get on stage as to what's going to happen. So that seems



J Joan Devlin 18:24

to be the overarching theme following magic is just fun. Exactly, exactly,



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exactly. I think what we do is we're raising money for eight local beneficiaries here in the Houston area. And if I could mention those, we're raising money for the assistance fund, body positive Wellness Center, Casa de Esperanza, the Center for AIDS cult 40 fives the Covenant House hatch, which is the Houston area team coalition of homosexuals, and the names project, Houston, all of these worthy organizations need desperately money to continue their AIDS and HIV services that they provide. But there's no reason why our supporters and those of us involved in raising this money can't have a good time in doing this for good cause.



J Joan Devlin 19:15

Exactly. And the other thing too, the the creativity, there's just like, unbounded creativity, unbounded because, you know, a lot of shows, they're very regimented. And that's not a bad thing, you know, but the Halloween magic, it's just kind of this flow. It is, you know,



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I think the one constant thing it's since I've been involved in Halloween magic, which is only for the few last years, is that we do have three reoccurring characters. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. Three reoccurring characters. And every year we put these three reoccurring characters in different situations. And it's always funny to see you know, depending on the times and sort of the current events what situations are going to be



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reoccurring underwriters and supporters. We're in our 12th year only because we have a large group of people that continue to support us, support us for the good cause and support us to see what Wanda June and Venezuela are gonna get themselves in. Right.



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And there is a, I mean, I don't know, if people really realize that this is all volunteer based, everyone that is involved has a full time job and does this in their spare time, what little spare time, you know, they have, and it's really quite amazing how it comes together. And it all ends up, you know, working out really nicely on stage. So



J Joan Devlin 20:42

right, so that means that the funds, you know, generated by the the show, go to the charity, exactly paying like big bucks to people.



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No, there's there's no, you know, there's no payment really involved for the people that are, you know, are participating. Even a lot of the costumes and sets I mean, all of that is, is sort of pulled together. And you know, borrowed on loan, begged, borrowed, stolen. Exactly, so and it's all returned, actually. But not really great.



J Joan Devlin 21:13

You'd never note though, I mean, the it's such a professional show.



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Well, and interestingly enough, we're going to do something new this year, we're actually adding live music on stage, we're going to have a break. Yeah, it won't be canned music. So it's going to be live and onstage



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very surprising this year. So we'll see what what happens. Now, who are the stars? Stars are people from all over Houston. I mean, there are we have we have a few sort of regulars in the theatre community. And then we have, you know, like I said, a lot of volunteers that are relatively unknown. People by day and actors, sort of, for the, you know, twice a year, exactly twice a year. So,



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and there are several characters who are on stage only for Halloween magic, but they have become Houston icons. You know, they've been five, six years now. And these recurring characters that we mentioned, I think our underwriters come back every year just to see how they're gonna get out of whatever they get themselves into. Right.



J Joan Devlin 22:19

Now, if people want to go see the show, when is it? What are the ticket prices?



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We actually have two performances. We have a performance on Saturday night, that's the Saturday the 21st. And that starts at 630. And single tickets are \$75.



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We'll actually the doors will open at 630. We've got a silent auction going on. There is a buffet, that admission will get you open bar. Right. Correct. Which is that's important. And then the show will actually start at eight o'clock. Right. The it's the old shamrock ballroom. It's called the Edward Hornberger conference center



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in the medical center on West Holcomb. And then for people that can't get in on Saturday, because we do have limited tickets at this point. There's an encore performance on Sunday, Sunday, the 22nd at 5pm. And that also does that involve



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there is there's food and I will mention that all of the food is donated by local Houston restaurants. very appreciative of that. And, and there will be food and open bar also on this for the Sunday performance. And all that stuff. Will all the auction items will have been sold the night before. Right? Right.

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Joan Devlin 23:27

So I guess people what number do they need to call for tickets? Because I would assume they need to get their tickets now. Sure.

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We actually have a hotline that we've set up. Oh, great. And the phone number for that hotline is 713-226-2342. Or if you don't want to call the phone number. We actually have a couple of satellite ticket offices set up at River Oaks, antiques and basic brothers both on Westheimer. Everybody knows we're base Yeah, exactly. I don't think I need to really say wonderful the address.

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Joan Devlin 24:01

Yeah, well, that's wonderful. Well, wish you the best of luck. It sounds exciting. It is exciting. And I'm sure you're gonna sell out because it sounds you know, great show.

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We really do. It's an important. It's an important cause. And it's also a lot of fun. So,

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two good reasons to come out and see exactly,

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exactly.

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Joan Devlin 24:18

And what are your What are your plans for next year? Have you got? Oh, well,

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we can't talk about it. Yeah,

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it's actually they're not they're out. The waves are already spent. They



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swears to secrecy so



Joan Devlin 24:30

well, that's great. Well, I wish you the best of luck. Thank you. And Jennifer, I guess we'll be speaking I don't know if we'll be speaking to you directly. Next day. Yes,



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my day job. I'm at the alley theatre so I'll be back on Ballet Theatre.



Joan Devlin 24:41

And you're listening to KPFT lesbian and gay voices and we have Jack Valinski in the lobby and Jack, are the phones ringing?



Jack Valinski 24:48

Well, we had. We have one maybe pledge on the line. But we had a very generous No, it's not a pledge on the line. So we've got like seven open lines, but we have a very generous pledge to somebody named Julie. And I don't know who that could be. Okay. And it's two. It says Hi, Julie. And it's from somebody who works at Aspen technology. Yeah, I wonder it could be it's one of my co workers. Oh, you must have threatened him. Yeah. Oh, it's



Joan Devlin 25:20

a him. Okay. Yes.



Jack Valinski 25:21

So we're on our way. But we certainly can use some more calls to help support radio programming, local radio programming, local public affairs, radio programming here on KPFT. You know, we got this brand new carpet here. And we could like walk on it without everybody hearing us on the air when we walk around the studio. So and there's actually a lot more stuff being done here. I'm joking about the carpeting. But the reality is, is KPFT has put some money into the facilities here. And they're actually starting to build a performance studio. Now, it's also a slash our board room, our answer room, our little city round table here. So it's a multipurpose room. But KPFT is trying to keep up with the technology and doing its best to serve the people here in Houston. And if you like on corporate radio, like if you'd like on corporate coffee, or stuff like that, this is the place and this is the time to pledge, we only come to you in three pledge

drives a year, because we really do want to provide programming. And as you know, all of us here are volunteers, the staff sort of, when we come in, they sort of all leave and let us have our way at the station, which is pretty incredible. I mean, we don't, they don't tell us what to do and what not to do. So we're asking you to call us at 713526 KPFT 713-526-5738, those magical telephone numbers, and we have some bribes to give you if you want to pledge, you know, things like T shirts and other things. But most importantly, we're asking you to give because of the quality and the type of programming that we do here on KPFT.

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Joan Devlin 27:01

And you know, Jack, you're right, when you say that, you know, you're not going to hear about Halloween magic on any of the other stations in Houston. It's just not going to happen. You know, you're not going to hear from the Green Party, you know, for 10 or 15 minutes, you're not going to, you know, just all the different things that we talk about on this program. I mean, there is no other gay and lesbian programming in Houston. I mean, lesbian and gay voices and after hours, we're it okay, you know, you're not going to tune in to any other channel anywhere else in Houston, and hear the kinds of things you hear on this program. So call us now.

71352657387135265738 support KPFT as they support our community. We're going now to go to the first segment of this while

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Greg Gordon 27:46

Republican candidates for President of the United States met for their second face to face debate on October 11. Neither sides scored any major points, and their volleys on the issues of hate crimes, same gender, marriage and gay and lesbian civil rights may have said as much about their preparation and debating skills as about their positions. Vice President Al Gore took aim at Texas Governor George W. Bush by turning his response to Moderator JIM LEHRER his query about racial profiling into a comment about the infamous murder of James Byrd Jr. by white supremacists in his GOP opponents home stage.

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I think that racial profiling is part of a larger issue of how we deal with race in America. And as for singling people out because of race, you know, James Byrd was singled out because of his race in Texas, and other Americans had been singled out because of their race or, or ethnicity. And that's why I think that we can embody our values by passing a hate crimes law. I think these crimes are different. I think they're different because they're based on prejudice and hatred, which is, which gives rise to crimes that have not just a single victim, but they're intended to de stigmatize and dehumanize a whole group of people.

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We have a different view of that.

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No, I don't really on hate crimes last night, we got one in Texas. And guess what? The three men who, who murdered James Berg guess what's gonna happen to him? They're going to be put to death. A jury found him guilty. And it's gonna be hard to punish him any worse after they get put to death. And it's the right cause. So it's the right decision.

 Greg Gordon 29:25

And a few moments later,

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I guess I had misunderstood the governor's previous position. The birth family may have a misunderstanding of it in Texas also. But I'd like to shift if I could to the biggest misunderstanding. Let's clear this. So I had thought that there was a controversy at the end of the legislative session where the hate crimes law in Texas was failed and that the bird family among others asked you to support it, the governor and it died in committee for lack of support. Am I wrong about that?

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Well, you don't really So we have a hate crimes

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statue, talking about the one that was proposed to deal. Well,

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what the Vice President must not understand is we got hate crimes bill in Texas. And secondly, the people that murdered Mr. Byrd got the ultimate punishment, but they weren't death penalty.

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They were prosecuted under murder laws where they're not. Well, I'm

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Texas. All in this case. When you murder somebody, it's Hey, Jim. No, crime is hate. And they got they got the ultimate punishment. I'm not exactly sure how you enhance the penalty any more than the death penalty. But we happen to have a statute on the books. That's a hate crime statute in Texas.



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May I respond? Sure. I don't want to jump in. I may have been misled by all the news reports about this matter. Because the law that was proposed in Texas that had the support of the bird family, and a whole lot of people in Texas, did, in fact die in committee. There, there may be some other statute that was already on the books. But certainly the advocates of the hate crimes law felt that a tough new law was needed. And it's important, Jim, not only, not just not just because of Texas, but because this mirrors the national controversy. There is pending now in the Congress, a national hate crimes law, because of James Byrd, because of Matthew Shepard, who was crucified on the split rail fence by by biggest because of others. And that law has has died in humility, also, because of the same kind of opposition



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and you would support that. Absolutely. Would you support a national hate crimes?



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I would support the Orrin Hatch version of it, not the senator Kennedy version. But let me say to you, Mr. Vice President, we're happy with our laws and our books that Bill did, there was another bill that did die in committee. But I want to repeat, if you have a state that fully supports the law, like we do in Texas, we're going to go after all crime, and we're going to make sure people get punished for the crime. And in this case, we can't we can't enhance the penalty any more than putting those three thugs to death. And that's what's going to happen in the state of Texas.



Greg Gordon 32:06

In answering Larry's question on the hate crimes bill now stalled in the US Congress, Governor Bush distinguished proposals by their recognizable partisan sponsors, rather than by their substance. Republican Senator Orrin Hatch, his bill provides only for expanded data collection and does not include sexual orientation as a protected category, whereas Democratic senator Ted Kennedy's does and also contains enforcement provisions. Bush misspoke in that one of the three men convicted in the bird killing did not receive the death penalty. And the current law in Texas on hate crimes that was referred to is so vague that prosecutors are founded all but impossible to use. It was widely reported at the time that Republican state legislators roadblock the enhanced hate crimes bill, one that specifically included sexual orientation so that candidate Bush would not have to contend with the controversy of having to either sign or veto it. Moderator JIM LEHRER next turn specifically to the issue of gay and rugby and civil rights.



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They're subject to question another vice presidential debate bottle up governor, both Senator Lieberman and Secretary Cheney said they were sympathetically rethinking their views on

same sex relationships. What's your position on that?



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I'm not for gay marriage. I think marriage is a sacred institution between a man and a woman. And I appreciate the way the administration signed the Defense of Marriage Act, I presume the vice presidents support it when the President signed that bill supports it now. What I think I think marriage is sacred institution has, I'm gonna be respectful. For people who may disagree with me, I've had a record of doing so in the state of Texas, I've been a, I've been a person that would have been called a uniter, not a divider, because I accepted, some accept other people's points of view. But I feel strongly that that marriage should be between a man and a woman,



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I suppose.



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I agree with that. And I did support that law. But I think that we should find a way to allow some kind of civic unions. And I basically agree with Dick Cheney and Joe Lieberman. And I think the three of us have one view, and the governor has another view.



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I'm not sure what kind of uses scribing to Magnus tell you I'm I'm a person who respects other people. I respect their respect when he says he agrees with me. And he says he doesn't I'm not sure where he's coming from, but I, I will be a tolerant person. I've been a tolerant person all my life. I just happen to believe strongly that marriage is between a man and a woman.



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Do you believe in general terms that gays and lesbians should have the same rights as other Americans?



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Yes, I don't think they have special rights, but I think they'll have the same rights.



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Well, there's a there's a law pending called the employment non discrimination act. I strongly support it. What it says is that gays and lesbians can't be fired from their job because they're gay or lesbian. And it would be a federal law preventing that I wonder if it's been blocked.

asked by the opponents in the majority in the Congress, I wonder if the governor would lend his support to that long governance,



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question and coming around well,



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but it's illogical.



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Well, I have no idea you can throw out all kinds. I don't know the particulars of this law. I will tell you, I'm the kind of person I don't hire fire somebody based upon their sexual orientation. As a matter of fact, I'd like to take the issue of further I don't really think it's any of my you know, any of my concerns what, how you conduct your sex life, and I think it's a private matter. And I think that's the way it ought to be. But I want to be respectful for people. I'll tolerate people, and I support equal rights, but not special rights for people.



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And so special rights. How does that affect gays and lesbians?



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Well, it'd be forgiven if they're given special protected status. And that doesn't mean we shouldn't fully enforce laws and fully protect people and fully honor people, which I will do is the President of the United States.



Greg Gordon 35:53

One of the consistent themes of Governor Bush's campaign has been to question vice president Gore's credibility. For the record, Bush has been reported to specifically oppose the employment non discrimination act, the measure he claimed to have no particulars on, and despite his statement that people's sex lives should be a private matter. According to the June 1999 issue of the advocate and other press reports, Bush's said he would veto any attempt by the Texas Legislature to repeal his state sodomy law, calling it a symbolic gesture of traditional values. The law applies only to same gender couples and was ruled unconstitutional by a mid level Texas appellate court in June. One more debate between presidential candidates Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17.

It's quite possible that in that town hall format, they'll have to deal with more questions on these issues from the live audience. And of course, if they do, we'll have a report on the next edition of this way out.

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Glenn Holt 36:53

He was bumpy and blocky, slimy and brown with a disposition to match. This deer salamander was known up and down for eating, everyone knew he could catch a nearby crayfish was quite the sight as well as incredibly deft, while focusing one eye off to the right, he could make the other look left. And above them stood a redwood tree so big you could drive a car through it. Though this land may sound far from reality, legend has it as even more to it.

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What do you want to leave your children the story or the place that inspired it. Hundreds of animals like these can only be found in America's Northwest forests, forests, which are being destroyed. But there's still time to help phone us at one 800 Call WWF or visit us at www.worldwildlife.org To find out about World Wildlife Fund's Living Planet campaign, and about our free action kit, which tells you how you can help leave our children a living planet.

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Glenn Holt 37:52

You are listening to lesbian and gay voices on KPFT. This is Kpf T's fundraising period where we make it known to our listeners that we appreciate your support. And we ask for more so that we can fix things like our current machine. It's important to realize, of course, that everybody doing the show here is volunteer, and that you our listeners are volunteering to be part of the show as well. We put in our effort here on the front side. And you put your effort in there on the listener side by calling in and contributing to KPFT. And the way to do that is to dial 713526, KPFT 713-526-5738. And, Jack, what's going on out there?

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Jack Valinski 38:46

It is very quiet out here. We're falling asleep. We're gossiping about people we're asking you to call in. I just came back from the pride conference. As I said earlier, well, there's one magic phone ringing. But it was really incredible. Every year I sort of get pumped up when I go to these conferences, because we you know, we have these small pride committees around the world where it is illegal, you know, to have some of these demonstrations and to have some of these marches are parades or even gatherings. And you know, we don't realize how much progress we made here in this country with social justice yet. We still have a long way to go. And KPFT is part of that social justice of getting the word out and being able to talk about some of the issues that nobody else talks about. Jack Yes.

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Glenn Holt 39:32

How long has this program been on the air in its various flavors.

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Jack Valinski 39:35

This program in particular has been on the air since 1993. Right before the the march. Before that Wildenstein was on the air for approximately, I think 14 or 15 years it was in the mid 70s that gay and lesbian programming started here on KPFT. And all throughout that history, there has been a program, at least one program addressing the issues of gay and lesbian transgendered and bisexual people, or queer as some people like to call it?

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Glenn Holt 40:05

Well, that's right. And you can only hear that here on KPFT and not on any other radio station in town. And the reason for that is because we are not commercially funded.

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Jack Valinski 40:17

And that is very important. I mean, you watch some of the major media now and there is so much going on. It used to be well, they break for a couple of commercials an hour. Now, anytime you look at it, even during the program, there's things called product placement. You watch the weather channel, and I'm not saying anything bad about the weather channel. But even when they're given the weather, I mean, there's that little thing on the bottom. That's advertisement. Everywhere you look, you go to see a ballgame. You see all those advertisements up there? Well, and it's making it increasingly difficult for stations like KPFT to say, No, we don't want that. But KPFT is doing its best to be an independent voice. You listen to Democracy Now. And some of the issues that Amy Goodman is able to cover that nobody else does. You listen to the world, which is a production of BBC and PRI and WGBH some incredible programming that's only heard here on KPFT programming like the BBC news hour in the morning programming, like some of the music that we do the singer songwriter type of stuff that's not heard anywhere else. And if you appreciate this type of programming that can't be heard, not only in other parts of the dial on KPFT, but not in other parts of Texas or the country. KPFT is a very special station, and I've been very proud to be part of this station. So we're asking you to call 713526573871352 6k PFT

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Glenn Holt 41:51

Well, that was kind of fun. That was from the 1970s teen heartthrob, CDs and Joan, I don't know where you get these things, but I don't know that was kind of fun. Anyway, that that was Shaun Cassidy. And you were how old were that came out? 13. Music

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sponsored radio. There you go. At 015265738. That's 713526 KPFT. Only here on KPFT. Can you still hear Shaun Cassidy as well as many other programs, we have phenomenal Texas Music world music programs, as well as provocative talk shows which you are listening to. We have

gay and lesbian voices on Monday night, and queer music, not queer music on the last Monday night. And Jimmy show which is after hour after hours queer music with attitude. That's

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Joan Devlin 42:54

queer radio with that the other thing we have to hear on lesbian and gay voices is once a month, David Elliot, who is the communications director for the NG LTF, comes on the show and spends, you know, 1520 minutes telling us about all recently it's been elections, but the kind of news that you're just not going to get on, you know, regular radio, I mean, you're not going to see any other radio program anywhere, spend 20 minutes to 30 minutes every month with the Communications Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, letting you know what our issues are as they revolve around the upcoming election. You're only going to get that on KPFT.

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And not only that, that is all around the all around the nation and not just focused here in Houston.

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Joan Devlin 43:38

Right. But we do have tons and tons of local programming as well. In fact that KPFT is probably the best about focusing on what's happening in Houston, for instance, Halloween magic Ray Hills upcoming birthday event. There's just too many to count. I mean, when on what was it when the bar that burned down, Glenn, you haven't been so long. And when I mean, when haven't burned down, Jimmy Carter had someone on the spot reporting reporting on it. You know, I recently talked to somebody from Q patrol, and he was telling me that Cuban troll, you know, when they got their piece in The Chronicle, they came under fire. Because people in the neighborhood were saying, Well, why are you only focusing on hate crimes? You know, why aren't you doing something about, you know, the prostitute prostitute? And you know, and it's like, I mean, you know, they just don't get it, you know, but on KPFT they get it, they get it. And speaking we'd like you to pledge your support. 7135265738713526 KPFT. There are various gifts, Jack was calling them bribes. But we want you to pledge you know, predominantly because think about this, think about all the kids who you know, cannot come out of the closet because of their circumstances. They're young, they're, you know, they rely on their parents for support. This won't be the only voice they hear, you know, every week letting them know they're not the only people Well in the world, this might be the only supportive voice they hear, you know, every day they go to school. And we all remember how horrible High School was. I mean, there's very few of us who didn't have traumatic time in high school, you know, and

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there, it's, and it's only on KPFT, that you'll hear what Hatch's doing to take care of those kids.

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Joan Devlin 45:14

And you'll hear something positive about being gay. Is here support

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Glenn Holt 45:19

Jack, it's your turn. Yes. Well,

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Jack Valinski 45:21

I think we learned tonight that we need to keep Joan away from the car from the from the music. And we need to keep Glenn away from the carts. And maybe you need to keep me away from the microphone. It is time to ask for you for you know, for money. And we have some nice as I was same bribes, but they are nice presents, I mean, at the \$35 level, you can get a bumper sticker which of course, would be real nice to be driving out in the country with all the rednecks out there letting them know you listen to KPFT. Actually, it's very, very brave. For \$60, you can get a coffee mug or a mouse pad, then maybe that's a little bit safer, because maybe they won't see you in your home with your mouse pad. But for \$75, you can get your T shirt and you can be a target. And for \$90, you can get your CD case or your baseball cap that you can take to that new Enron field that the taxpayers help pay for. For \$120, you can get two T shirts, so you can be two targets \$250 A briefcase. So you can you know, you can be corporate and show that you're listen to KPFT. Or you can get the KPFT pride pack, I just love the pride pack, which is a number of wonderful surprises. We do have a another donor to thank Chuck Blanton, who is a previous member, of course, but he said he liked to be thanked on the air, a very generous pledge. So we're moving on up, but we still have that \$700 goal to make. And we still have quite a ways before we hit it. And we really want to show KPFT that lesbian and gay voices is actually listened to. You know, as you were saying before, Joan about this may be the first contact I mean, you know, now that we have the internet, it's a great thing that people can find out about, you know, our community and what's going on. But still KPFT is like the easy access way to figure out, you know, you this is a radio station, it's something the airwaves can penetrate the closet doors, it's something that Ray Hill used to talk about. KPFT is a very special place. And we hope you feel it's a very special place. We only come to you three pledge drives a year, and we asked you to donate, I am very proud to be part of this station. This station has helped out so many ways and being able to talk about the issues that nowhere else can you do that. So we're asking you to call us at 713526 KPFT 713-526-5738.

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Glenn Holt 47:42

And of course, if you have heard Ray Hill on here, he is not afraid to speak his mind, as I suppose are none of the rest of us. And Ray sometimes says some pretty controversial things that you couldn't get away with on commercial radio. And that's the real beauty of listener sponsored and listener supported radio is that, of course in any situation, you get what you pay for. And so in this case, the listeners get to pay and hear what the listeners want to hear for a change instead of what the commercial advertisers want you to hear. So no brainwashing, just good solid program content. And we do our part here on this side. So we're just asking you to help out on your side of the radio dial via a volunteer in the same way that we are by dialing your telephone. In addition to dialing your radio, and dial your telephone to a channel that comes up on the numbers 713-526-5738 That's 713526 KPFT call in we have operators standing by us they say and people are they're eagerly waiting to take your pledge of support,

not only to lesbian and gay voices, but also to KPFT. And all of the wonderful community based live volunteer programming that goes on here all the time. One thing that I should mention is that you can volunteer to make a donation via EFT, which is electronic funds transfer, which is very painless, it just just takes money directly out of your bank account. You don't have to write checks, you don't have to mail envelopes. You don't even have to lick stamps. So if you want to do that, that's a good way to do it. Also, if you want to use your credit card, I understand that there's a benefit for KPFT in it if you do it that way as well. So either EFT card or credit card. Of course cash is welcome as well if you want to drop by and slip that under the door, you know the old pizza under the door at midnight routine, slipped cash under the door. Just call in and say that you want to be part of what we're doing here on KPFT Call 713526 KPFT 713-526-5738 at 90.1 FM This is KPFT in Houston, the sound of Texas and now more of lesbian and gay voices and taking a look now at some things that have been happening in the news this week,



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serious crime in the United States is dropped for the eighth straight year according to 1990. Figures supplied by to the FBI by law enforcement agencies across the country and released on Sunday, last year also showed the lowest rate of violent crime in more than 20 years. While the reported crime decreased comes as good news reported hate crime incidents based on sexual orientation have more than tripled since the FBI began collecting statistics in 1991. Hate crimes based on sexual orientation continue to make up the third highest category after race and religion. There were nearly 8000 hate crimes reported last year. Quote, these unprecedented numbers indicate that somewhere in America every day at least three gay and lesbian Americans are being targeted for a crime just because they are gay, said when he Stachel Byrd political director for the Human Rights Campaign.



G Glenn Holt 51:37

Governor George Bush's gaffe on hate crimes during the presidential campaign debate Wednesday night is being featured in a new voter initiative by leading civil rights group. Bush erroneously said that three white men convicted of dragging James Byrd Jr to death in Jasper Texas two years ago, would be put to death, actually to face the death penalty, and a third faces life in prison. Julian Bond board member of the NAACP national voter fund told reporters on Friday that it was happenstance that Bush's error coincided with the group's plan to launch its new campaign to educate would be voters. The organization plan to focus its first ads on Bush's refusal to support new Texas hate crimes legislation with more teeth than the existing law. Renee Mullins, who is birds oldest daughter is featured in the ads. The happy or unhappy confluence of the debate, indeed gave us the opportunity to kick off the campaign now said Bond, a former Georgia State Legislature. This campaign is aimed at getting people in contact with Governor Bush Mullins who lives in Fort Riley, Kansas, told reporters on Friday that bush refused when she asked him to support a new hate crimes law in Texas. It is for exchange with bush that will become the centerpiece of a new ad scheduled to run in the New York Times as well as in dozens of black owned newspapers, including those in Atlanta. The add features to close ups of Mullins and her own words underneath quote, I went to Governor George W. Bush and begged him to help pass a hate crimes bill in Texas. He just told me no. A spokesman for the Bush campaign pointed out that Texas already has hate crimes legislation in place and harsh punishment for murder.



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Controversy over a church is planned for Hell House display that depicts damnation for a gay man who died of AIDS has prompted a Christian radio station near Cincinnati to cancel the church's ads. Vern Baldwin, General Manager of W NLT in Fairfield, Ohio, said paid ads placed by kings point Church of God will be put on hold until he has a chance to review them after he gets back from vacation. Baldwin said he had not heard the ads, but decided to take action after questions were raised about their content. The radio spots are running three times a day. The station's decision came days after Stonewall Cincinnati publicly criticized the church's radio ads and the event which will run for two weekends beginning next Friday. During cutting Nick, Executive Director of Stonewall said she thought the ad which encourages people to quote come see the funeral of a homosexual AIDS patient was blatant gay bashing. Baldwin said quote, We are not out to be offend anyone. We are not necessarily pulling the ads because of Stonewall. I don't know them. The Reverend Randy Ballard pastor of the church said Friday afternoon that wlt had not contacted him about pulling the ads. We never this. We never anticipated this at all. Not that we are even considering Backing down, he said, but it is a surprising response. It certainly was not our motive to offend anyone. But we know the truth offends a lot of people. So why shouldn't this church, the Hell House event is meant to show teens the effects of sin. The Reverend Ballard said it involves a 10 to 20 minute tour through five scenes in hell, including the funeral of the gay man who died of AIDS, a young woman who had an abortion complete with a fake fetus in a jar. A teen who has committed suicide, a drug overdose at a party in a car crash involving a drunken father and his children. The tourist scene ends in a scene of heaven, cuddling said she is offended by the Hell House portrayal of gays and has received several calls from W in Lt. listeners who have heard the church's ad and think it's inappropriate to single out a homosexual and to say this person is dying of AIDS and is going to burn in hell is blatant gay bashing. It is wrong and it is offensive. She said Reverend Ballard countered, we are not saying all homosexuals with AIDS die in hell. We are showing them the effects of sin. What happened when in a hypothetical situation a homosexual has AIDS and dies and has not repented their sins. Cut Nick said Stonewall will not protest the church event. Stonewall will attempt to place counter ads with W en el tee featuring other church leaders, speaking of their acceptance of gays and people with alternative lifestyle, she said



Glenn Holt 56:30

and we are going to pause briefly at this point to remind you that this is Kpf TS fundraising drive. It is time for you our listeners to help the help assist us with what we do by calling in and pledging your support for this program. Because KPFT is a publicly funded non commercial radio station. We do our volunteer thing here in front of the microphones. And you all get to do your volunteer thing by calling on the phone 71352657387135 to six KPFT if you prefer the mnemonics and Jack is in pledge Central, and Jack is the one sitting on the phones like an expectant mother hen waiting for them to ring. And Jack what's been happening out there?



Jack Valinski 57:21

Well, it's been so quiet that our phone volunteers went home. So I'm out here all by myself. But before they went home, there were two generous actually one is a renewing EFT member, and very, very generous. The EFT member is Jennifer battle and very, very generous. I can't say

that enough that she continues to give a little bit every month that adds up to be a lot for KPFT. And then we also have Stanford Condell I believe it is terrible at reading handwriting, and especially my own. And this person is a grant student yet still donating to KPFT. So we're about a third way there. And we're halfway through the show. So those now that doesn't quite that equation doesn't quite equal each other. So we need you to pick up the phone and call us at 71352657387135265738. You know, sometimes we have guests that forget to come to the show. But we don't want to have listeners who forget to call us.

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Glenn Holt 58:29

And Jack just imagine where else on the radio dial. Can you hear a queer news broadcast,

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Jack Valinski 58:36

there is nowhere else in Houston that you can hear that and believe me, I turn that dial all the time. And I know KPFT is right on that dial between jazz and Jesus, you can't miss it on 90.1, which is the magic number 90.1. As you drive into the 90s We drove past the 90s We're now in the zeros KPFT is still here after 30 years, Pacific Foundation has been going for 50 years. And there was a documentary recently on channel eight, which I don't watch channel eight too much because they're always fundraising. But there was a point of view talking about Pacific on you know, some of that wonderful controversy that we always have here at Pacifica. But the whole concept of having listeners pay for something that could be free. In Berkeley, California, our mother station out there when it first went on the air 50 years ago was just unimaginable. But you know, KPFA is here been here for 50 years KPFT for 30 years and a conservative Euston, Texas. That's quite a statement, but we only can continue to be here. If you do help us out.

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Glenn Holt 59:41

Thank you, Jack. We're going to continue with news Pat Buchanan campaigning on the farm that launched a movement against the state's civil unions law said Vermont is at the center of a quote, cultural war going on for the soul of this country. The law grants same sex couples Most of the rights and benefits of marriage in Vermont. Buchanan, the reform party's presidential nominee, said he hoped that opponents of the law, which was enacted earlier this year would be swept into office in the November elections. Quote, if they can win a victory here in November, that will resonate all across America. He said Thursday, and I think you will give heart to other Americans who are fighting the same battle. I am proud to be here and stand beside these guys. Will you go Pat Buchanan. The backdrop for Buchanan's appearance was the farm of Richard Lambert, who launched the anti civil unions movement called take back Vermont. In his remarks, Buchanan called homosexuality, quote, an unnatural and immoral lifestyle, and said that by offering something akin to marriage for gays and lesbians, quote, you are making a moral equivalence between some things that really are not equivalent at all. Continuing to quote and I think it is a moral outrage, a legal outrage and a political outrage that ought to be rectified in November. Well, Buchanan said that the issue of legal recognition for same sex couples extends beyond Vermont, and noted that Hawaii, California and Alaska also have debated the issue. He said he was well within his rights to join the state's debate over civil unions.



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Coalition backing the proposed constitutional ban on gay marriage in Nebraska, is being financed by contributions from both inside and outside of the state. A spokesman said Thursday, the newly formed Nebraska Coalition for the protection of marriage is composed of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints the Mormons, the Nebraska Catholic Conference and family first, the Nebraska associate of the Colorado base Focus on the Family organization. Opponents say the coalition believes supporters arguments that Nebraskans not outsiders should decide whether to adopt initiative 416. It shows that this is a net nationwide state by state campaign by the religious rights at Evan Wolfson, a New York City lawyer involved in the effort to legalize gay marriage. This is going to be the fourth state they have fled with outside money hundreds of 1000s of dollars collected in the name of the church to attack lesbians and gays. Wilson said similar coalition's were formed in Hawaii, Alaska and California to support ballot initiatives banning same sex marriages. The Nebraska measure states only marriages between men and women would be recognized in the state. It would also ban same sex civil unions and domestic partnerships. Rabbi oz Ray as real of Omaha temple, Israel said he was disturbed by the Nebraska Coalition. He said it is hypocrisy for the organization's leaders to say that Nebraskans should decide the issue, while at the same time accepting money from outside Nebraska.



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A Los Angeles man is going is ignoring a court order to return his 10 year old grandson to the gay couple who raised him since infancy. Paul Washington senior alleges that his son, who is the boy's uncle, along with a gay companion, abused the child and promoted a gay lifestyle. He had refused to reveal the whereabouts of his grandson Miguel. Miguel had been in the custody of Paul Washington Jr. and his partner Timothy forester since he was eight days old. McGill's grandfather picked him up from the couple's Cathedral City home on October 6, for an overnight fishing trip and never brought him back the younger Washington said. Instead, the couple received a letter from a Los Angeles law firm the following day, stating that Miguel had been removed from their home. They were accused of quote, actively promoting or influencing a gay lifestyle for the minor. The letter cited Miguel's participation in ballet and gay art class instead of baseball as one reason for the boy's removal. On Friday, a judge denied a motion by the grandfather that sought to overturn a temporary order issued earlier in the week, granting custody back to Washington and foster. Quote, there wasn't any evidence of abuse that would warrant the removal of the child from the home, said Deputy District Attorney Tex Ritter, who heads Riverside County's child abduction unit. He said his primary concern was to locate the child and return him to Riverside County. Prosecutors may pursue felony child abuse charges against the grandfather Ritter said Miguel was born to Angelo Washington, the younger Washington's mentally disabled sister, who was impregnated while living in an assisted care facility according to family members. At the time, the family informally agreed had to have him raised by Washington Jr, who was a hardware store salesman and forester who was a teacher. My dad doesn't even want him the younger Washington said he just wants him to live in what he calls a normal black, heterosexual household.



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A lesbian couple so they were humiliated by Continental Airlines personnel at the Newark

A lesbian couple so they were humiliated by continental Airlines personnel at the Newark International Airport when they tried to board a flight to Mexico with their two children. They were told they could not board the plane without written permission from the children's father, Regina, quatre roci and Priscilla leonesse of New York City went to the airport with their children aged 10 and five on July 28, to catch a plane for a vacation trip to Mexico. But when they reached the gate, they said continental personnel quote, persistently and publicly interrogated them, demanding that they show written permission from the children's father to leave the country. The employees were following a Mexican government travel restriction adopted in the wake of the alien Gonzalez custody battle that refuses entry to parents traveling with minor children unless they can provide the other parents written permission, said continental spokeswoman Catherine sting gal. Stink I quoted a Mexican policy on tourist visas stating that minors must have a notarized letter of permission signed by the parents not traveling. We apologize to the travelers for any embarrassment they felt stung gal said there is no doubt we can establish more clear cut procedures for addressing this kind of situation. quater Bracci has to explain in front of the children and other passengers that they were conceived with donated sperm to convince the check and employees to let the family go according to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Still, the women said continental staff refused to let them board the plane saying they would be sent back by Mexican authorities and the airline fined if continental allowed the women to board the plane with the children. Ultimately, a ticket agent allowed the women to fill out a form the airline uses to verify birth and residence information if a passenger does not have proper identification, and charge them \$10 For notarizing. In the women's said no one from continental told them of the Mexican travel policy, or the need for such a form when they made reservations and bought tickets. Once they arrived in Mexico and Mexican agent asked quite a raunchy whether she had the father's permission to travel with the children. She simply told him that there was no father and the agent, wave them through with no further questions.

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Glenn Holt 1:07:35

You are listening to news on lesbian and gay voices, which is heard every week at this time on KPFT, which is a publicly funded radio station. And by publicly funded I mean that you our listeners are asked to call in and pledge your support. And you can do that by calling 713-526-5738. We have operator singular standing by in our pledge Central. And actually it's Jack out there. And Jack, do you have anything to do at the moment?

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Jack Valinski 1:08:11

Well, I'm you know, I don't play computer games on my computer. But I thinking about starting. It is actually pretty boring out here. And in fact, I've been talking to myself, which is probably not unusual, as you probably know me. It is quiet out here. So we're asking you to pick up the phone call us at 713-526-5738. We're about three eighths to our goal. And we have less than half of the time left. So we're asking you to call us call us and talk to us about to tell us about, you know, maybe you don't like the show, maybe there's something we can do better. But certainly we will try to do our best to do good programming here on KPFT. Where else where else can you interview and talk to somebody for 1520 minutes without a commercial interruption? And actually get into talking about what things are really like I mean, if you watch the news programs on the commercial stations, if somebody gets 90 seconds, that's a lot of time, but here on KPFT we can actually get into the real jest of the issues because we're allowed that we're allowed that time and we're not interrupted by commercials when we have

to though raise money. I mean, there's there's it does take money to keep the transmitter going to keep the air conditioner going here. And we all know how hard it is here in Houston, Texas, and to, you know, pay for the small staff. We do have, but all of us here are lesbian and gay voices, our volunteers, we're happy to be here. We're actually honored to be here because we think that this is an important thing to invest in the community. And it certainly is. I mean, this is a community that has been disenfranchised for so long. And this is the only information this is the only media that is really controlled by gay and lesbian people.

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Glenn Holt 1:10:00

Jack, if you think about it 90.1 FM is a chunk of FM real estate, which is very valuable. If it was owned by anybody else serving a commercial agenda, it would be worth millions and millions of dollars. But it's worth even more than that to you our listener, not for its monetary value, but for its social and intellectual value. So please, if you value KPFT, and you value this kind of programming, call in now at 713-526-5738, and pledge as little as \$35. And that will certainly help us along our way. Continuing with news, homosexual men with long term low grade depression, are almost twice as likely to have had unsafe casual sex in the last six months. According to findings of researchers at Adelaide University in Australia. Our research team led by Dr. Gary Rogers from the University's Department of General Practice surveyed more than 400 gay and other homosexual active men who are enrolled into an integrated health care program in the city of Adelaide since 1998. The men underwent comprehensive health evaluations, which included questionnaires about their recent sexual behavior, and a diagnostic interview to identify depression and other psychological problems. Men who were severely depressed reported less sex overall, because serious depression is associated with a lower sex drive. When these men were excluded, however, a clear relationship emerged between unprotected sex and long term lower grade depression, known as dysthymia 40% of the men with dysthymia reported having had unprotected sex in the six months before they joined the care and prevention program, compared with 22% of the men who weren't the thymic says Dr. Rogers adding this as a statistically significant difference. It may be that low self esteem that is part of long term depression leads men to not caring enough about themselves to stay safe. The team will announce their findings at the Australian society for HIV medicine conference at the Sofitel Hotel in Melbourne this week. They will also report on outcomes and the more than 270 men who have so far participated in the care and prevention program for more than a year. Gay men appear to suffer serious health disadvantages, and at the time they are enrolled 27% of the men met the criteria for dysthymia. This had fallen to 16% of the same men at follow up. And we also saw significant improvement in a range of other health measures, said Dr. Rogers. It is our hope that by promoting the mental health of gay men, we may be able to improve their ability to sustain safer sexual practices. It is pleasing that we have seen a very dramatic fall in the prevalence of depressive problems. And the men who have taken part in the program, he said,

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a judge in Brockton, Massachusetts has ruled that a 15 year old boy who was barred from school for wearing girls clothing, including pattern bras, wigs and high heels can return to class. The student identified in court records as Pat dough can also wear any clothing or accessories that other male or female students may wear. Judge Linda Guile said Wednesday, South junior high school had forbidden the boy to attend school in female dress, calling it disruptive. A

school attorney said the student have said parents and students and led to confrontations with classmates. The student was suspended three times for using the girls restroom After being warned not to. The school referred him to a therapist who in 1999 diagnosed him with gender identity disorder. The therapist said requiring him to wear boys clothing could harm his mental health. On Wednesday, the judge ruled that prohibition amounts to the stifling of a person selfhood merely because it causes some members of the community discomfort. The judge who is a lesbian added that the students need to be exposed to differences at an early age to learn tolerance. Geils early refused a request by the school to take herself off the case because of her sexual orientation. The school system said it might appeal

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and finally move over Ellen. In the three years since actress Ellen DeGeneres first came out on primetime US television, gay and lesbian characters have been busting out all over the small screen. Alan got a ratings boost after her historic announcement, but the show was canceled a year later. But since then, gay characters have become more common last month and we cease Will and Grace took the Emmy Award for Best Comedy Series. Openly gay producer Tim Kaiser caressing the end Nice statuette, joking from the stage that he had finally found a woman he wanted to sleep with. Vanessa Redgrave also won for her touching performance as an elderly lesbian in if these walls could talk to, while cameras showed Malcolm in the Middle Director Todd Holland, kissing his boyfriend before going to the podium to receive his Emmy, and there is more to come in the US Network's new fall season. Manly man John Goodman plays a working class gay father on foxes normal Ohio, CBS plans to gay themed sitcoms, as well as a new series starring to generous while Showtime plans and adaption of the British comedy drama Queer as Folk. These will join existing shows featuring regular gay characters 13 That last count, according to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. The top rated shows include Emmy award winning NYPD Blue, teen oriented Dawson's Creek, popular and Buffy the Vampire Slayer and the sitcoms friends and Spin City. It is reflecting true life says openly gay actor Bill Butch Trump, who plays gay receptionist John on NYPD Blue. Quote there are gay people everywhere in small cities, big cities, part of the American fabric of life. The trend is also there on reality TV, with real life openly gay Richard Hatch, winning the \$1 million prize on survivor. I don't think it would have happened 10 years ago but Trump says it will happen more and more as people realize that it is just not such a big deal. They're certainly has been an evolution agrees Glads Scott's yeomen Will and Grace would not be on the air had Elon not paved the way he said things have definitely changed since the 1970s when gay characters would only appear occasionally, and only on some of the bravery shows like all in the family in 1973, or The Mary Tyler Moore Show in 1974. Television is so powerful its purpose is to entertain. But it has really powerful ancillary ability to change hearts and minds and to educate viewers about themselves. The messages that we are all the same says bots drop. Meanwhile, movies have also featured gay characters and storylines for years, often starring straight actors such as Tom Hanks in Philadelphia, and Robin Williams, in birdcage. And that is our look at what has been going on in the news this week for lesbian and gay voices news. I'm Glenn Holt,

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and I'm David Sanders.



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Oh Donaldson and the Hayward's Billy Don't be a hero on 90.1 FM KPFT. And this is lesbian and gay voices.



J Joan Devlin 1:19:09

Hi, this is Joan Devlin. You're listening to KPFT lesbian and gay voices. And we're going to be doing some radical radio right now. We've got David Cobb here from the Green Party. Hello, you know no naters at the debate right. Ralph Nader and to be a spectator



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not only will they not allow the voice to be heard, but they don't even want the man to hear the new bait. Isn't it amazing?



J Joan Devlin 1:19:32

What did they think he was gonna do? Well, you



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know, it's funny, John, think about it. Ralph Nader, the most trusted person in the United States of America. 35 year history of what? Fighting for the American people and doing it how at his desk pounding away at an Underwood typewriter. When's the last time you heard Ralph Nader firebomb? Anything? When's the last time you heard Ralph Nader do anything disruptive? I mean, it's an absurdity that to think that Ralph Nader was going to do something unseemly or embarrassing



J Joan Devlin 1:20:00

Well, now you've handed me a little piece of paper here. And it says Why vote Green? So perhaps you could tell our audience why they should consider voting Green COMM This this November's election? Sure. John, I



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would love to, I think the way I'd like to start to answer that question is to give a broad overview first, I mean, there's a hidden history in this country. And that history that has been hidden is the importance of minority or alternative political party views. John, I'll give you a list of progressive moves forward in American history, the abolition of slavery, the women's right to vote, the creation of the Social Security Administration, fewer Food and Drug Laws, workers compensation, unemployment insurance, the end of child labor, the regulation of banks, the regulation of the steel industry, you know, John, what each and every one of those things have in common. They were all initially proposed by alternative third parties. And only when those third parties got enough votes to scare the system, did the policy proposals become law and policy. So why Vote Green? Because we want to add to that list, we want to add universal health care, we want to add the end of the WTO IMF and World Bank issues that are imposing poverty and misery on people throughout the southern hemisphere. And particularly women, by the way, those structural adjustments particularly affect women, and children. We want to put on the table and create the political climate for same sex marriages. We want to create the political climate for reparations, which are can be properly understood to be really a Monroe plan for the inner cities. We want to create the political climate necessary to create a vibrant, majoritarian progressive politics in this country. So why Vote Green in a nutshell, because corporations have taken control of both the Democratic and Republican parties and no longer stand for the values and principles, that listeners that lesbian and gay voices share.



J Joan Devlin 1:22:05

And I want to talk about since we are, this is a gay and lesbian program. The Green Party has endorsed same sex marriage. Yes. The passage of ENDA. Yes. Civil rights for gays. Yes. The ending of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Correct. And they have done that on the local level, not just level and federal level.



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Think about that, John, I mean, what you've just you're at the local, state and national level, we're taking positions that the Euston gay, lesbian Political Caucus takes, and it's not just a caucus within the Green Party, Joan, it is the Green Party speaking as the voice of our organization. You know, Doug, Sandy, Jr. Candidate for United States Senate said it best during the during the interview with the use of gay and lesbian Political Caucus, he said, you know, if after looking at our platform, it sounds like it was written by LGBT people. It's because it was. The point is that we don't in the Green Party, tolerate LGBT people. We celebrate the diversity, we celebrate who they are as people, and our politics, our policies, our proposals reflect that. And Jonah, another reason for folks who listen to lesbian and gay voices to vote for the Green Party in this election cycle, is that we are in the early stages, I firmly believe of an LGBT liberation movement that can be very easily compared and properly understood historically, to be equivalent to the early abolitionist struggle. In the early women's rights struggle of both Seneca Falls of a century ago, as well as the the last generations women's struggle. And the early trade unionists struggle, and the civil rights struggle. And you know, there has to be a political arm of these kinds of struggles. Joan, I invite you, and all of the listeners to consider the Green Party to be the electoral arm of the LGBT struggle.

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Joan Devlin 1:24:07

Now, what would you say to people who go into a panic at the mention of Ralph Nader's name and say, Oh, what if we vote for Nadir Bush will win the election? And that'll be far worse for us than if we just go with gore? Well, there's

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a couple of things first of all, continuing to vote for the least worse, just assures us that the least worst will just get worse four years from now. And that's certainly been true ever since Jesse Jackson didn't win the Democratic Party's nomination in 1988. The second thing I would tell them is, it doesn't matter in Texas. And as much as it pains me to break the news on this program. George Bush is going to win the electoral college votes in Texas. it's over and done. Al Gore knows it. The Democratic Party here knows it. They're not spending any money here whatsoever.

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he will come in for you know, 1000 times. are a \$5,000 a plate fundraiser, but no, he's not campaigning here. The point is Joan, that in Texas, we have a free vote here, we've got the opportunity to vote for what we want. And Joan, here's what I tell people, if you like Al Gore's position on the death penalty on end on hate crimes on the WTO on corporate America on no living wage on no universal health care if if you're okay with all of those policies, really, by all means vote for Al Gore, if George Bush policies you like vote for George Bush. But if Ralph Nader's policies are policies that you approve, and like, then vote for what you want, how are we going to elect the people to represent us who share our views, if we're not willing to vote for the people to represent us who share our views?

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Joan Devlin 1:25:50

Well, I want to say something else about the diversity of the Green Party. One of my favorite people ran for I think it was a mayor or governor of New York, which was Al Lewis, yes. And Al Lewis is 88 years old, and most political parties would not even deal even as famous as he is, would not even deal with an 88 year old person as a viable candidate.

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Well, you know, Joan, is just another example. I mean, Al Lewis is best known for big playing the character grandpa monster, the monster is you and I are of the generation who would know what that is.

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Joan Devlin 1:26:26

But he's very progressive. He

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is not just progressive, he's downright radical. I mean, you know, he's

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had a very interesting life and has fought all his life for progressive cause.

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Oh, absolutely, you know, progressive causes across the board. I mean, it's another example of the fact that for us, you know, we look beyond what is stereotypically thought to be acceptable, Joan, the point of the Green Party is, we don't put our finger to the proverbial wind and triangulate and try to guess what's going to get the most votes on any one given day with the Green Party does is say, what's the right position? What is morally, ethically and spiritually, scientifically, the right position, and that's the position we should take. And then we should try to convince other people of the righteousness of the position. That's why we're supporting. And that's why we support the hate crimes legislation. That's why we support universal health care. You know, it's not because these issues are either or are not politically popular. It's because they're the right things to do. And you know, Joan, unconvincing that the most American people share our politics, our values, our principles, that we have allowed corporate America to hijack our social, political, economic institutions from us. And it's time to take them back.

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Joan Devlin 1:27:52

And the other thing, too, and I want to bring this up since we are fundraising. I mean, if it weren't for Public Radio, Ralph Nader would not be getting any play at all, because he is shut out of the regular market.

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Let me also take this opportunity, because we are in pledge drive to challenge all Green Party members and supporters to call in during this program during this pledge drive, as an acknowledgement and a recognition of the fact that KPFT is the only non corporately source of news information and community discussion. It's available in this city. You know, John, what is the percentage now of the radio stations that are owned by Clear Channel, corporate conglomerate year 1980 to 90%? You know, this KPFT is a jewel, it's a precious jewel that allows not only a lesbian and gay voices, the progressive forum that the MOMO show thresholds. I mean, these are Democracy Now the BBC, these are these are so important. And this station is so important to the progressive community in Texas. So you're absolutely right,

we are in fun driving, and I again, I want to challenge Green Party members, supporters and progressives of all stripes, whether you're gonna vote for Ralph Nader or not call in and support this radio station, because this radio station is our lifeline.

J Joan Devlin 1:29:15

Well, I have to say, you know, and I'm okay. I'm biased in favor of KPFK. I'll admit it, but I have not heard Ralph Nader on any other radio station. I have not heard him. You know, he's on Democracy Now quite often. In fact, that's where I got my first exposure to him. We've had the Green Party on our show. I know that they've been on progressive forum. You know, and that saddens me, because, you know, as I spoke to Beverly Hayes when she was here the last time I don't agree with Pat Buchanan at all, but he has a right to stand up and debate. Ralph Nader has a right to stand up and debate. I mean, we have a right to you know, Harry Brown, the Libertarian candidate, we have a right to hear from every single person who's running. And I wanted to mention to our red today that the Green Party won a victory in Columbus, Ohio, which states that they will be Nader will be on the Ohio ballots and must be on the Ohio ballots. Yes,

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and not just on the ballot, but on the ballot as a Green Party candidate. It's a very important victory for us because we're party building Jonah, listen, you know, we're the Green Party is going to win this election. And now let me define when it Ralph Nader doesn't have to be elected president of the United States for us to win this election. We're going to win this election when we bring millions of new voters to the poll, who say the direction of this country must be reversed and changed. We've got to put issues on the table and create a political climate for progressive politics in this country. Now, we're going to win this election, because we're going to build the infrastructure that allows the progressive vision to flourish, to come to fruition to blossom, Joan, these are majoritarian principles and positions. Most people agree with us. But corporate America chokes it out of both Democratic and Republican Party.

J Joan Devlin 1:31:01

Well, I mean, this people are finding that hard to not even have Nader's name on the ballot, you know, he must be doing something, right. Because just because a person's name is on the ballot doesn't mean you, you have to vote for that person, there's going to be a lot of people on the ballot in Texas that I am not going to vote for,

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you know, Joan. And the point is that the Green Party is we have short, mid and long term goals. I mean, one of the things that, please understand that the Green Party is not going to go away any more than lesbian and gay people are going to go away. We're going to organize, we're going to continue to demand our place at the table of politics. And we're going to suggest to both Democrats and Republicans that we need electoral reform, like instant runoff voting so that people can vote their hopes, not their fears. I mean, how dare somebody tell me

that I shouldn't vote for who I want to? I mean, what kind of absurd, perverse system is that, Joan, we should vote for what we want. And people should be happy that the Green Party is bringing so many new people into the polls. You know, one thing that I can share with your listeners, Joan, when I go to Democratic party meetings, I'm a real I'm considered relatively young. When I go to Green party meetings, I'm considered relatively old. We are the future in the Green Party, young people respond to this message. Young people understand and recognize our positions on social justice, on ecology, non violence, democracy, electoral reform, health care, they're with us on these issues. Well, when you realize

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Joan Devlin 1:32:32

nowadays, the worker, you know, your average lifespan with a company is three to five years, you know, the days of you getting hired, and getting told your retirement benefits the same day are long gone

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down. And the point is that it's time for us to begin to create new institutions. You know, we need not just we need more control over our work, we need more control over our media, we need more control over our educational institutions, we the people need control of our own government. Let's be clear about this. We are currently ruled and controlled by big government, by big business and big government is it's handmade. I mean, it's time that we start to create new institutions where human needs are put before corporate greed.

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Joan Devlin 1:33:15

I mean, when you can have your livelihood destroyed, just so nebulous, little stock price will go out 50 cents. I mean, that says something right there.

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Think about it, Joan, and when human lives are destroyed, Wall Street celebrates, yeah, you know, and, and stock options go flowing into the corporate CEOs. And let me ask you something. Joan, did it did it trouble anybody besides me, when we saw the same corporate entities, basically, but paying for the Republican National Convention and the Democratic National Convention? I mean, how can we sell

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Joan Devlin 1:33:50

any difference the same entities that advertise on other radio stations because APFT is not a commercial station. We can say what we're saying in here because we are not owned by corporations. We are listener supported radio 7135265738713526 KPFT. And if people want to get involved with the Green Party, and plus you have a Ralph Nader appearance coming up,



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yes, we do. I want to share with the listeners that we are bringing Ralph Nader back to Euston, Texas. That's right, the most trusted person in the United States of America coming to Houston, Texas. Now listen, they sold out Madison Square Garden a few days ago. 16,500 people he's been drawing crowds over 10,000 12,000 across the Northeast and the Pacific Northwest. We're bringing into the Cullen performance hall. Thursday, October 19 at 8pm That's it. The University of Houston tickets are only \$10. I'm very happy to report that sissy parent old is going to be introducing Raul, we've got a slate of statewide candidates tickets are only \$10 and to get them you know, \$1,000 a plate, no doubt Another replay thing going on here. Tickets are 10 bucks. Let me give you a telephone number and a website, Joan. The telephone number is 713-880-9949. Or you can check it out on the web at WWW dot Harris County Green Party dot o RG. Now, there's lots of other ways to get involved. I mean, we want to sell out common performance our hall, we want to have a raucous good time. But we also want to encourage listeners to get involved. Come celebrate the joy of a politics of justice and joy. Come celebrate what it feels like to be excited about politics again. Yeah,



Joan Devlin 1:35:39

native rallies are not dull. Back, you know, you're not gonna fall asleep like you did during the debates. You're listening to KPFT lesbian and gay voices. We've been talking to David Cobb of the Green Party. And Glenn and Jack, do we hear any phones ringing back in there?



Glenn Holt 1:35:54

Well, actually, I have been listening in I've been eavesdropping on what's been going on in the lobby while you've been talking. And I've been hearing the occasional phone ringing dinghy. And great and I know that Jack is toiling away in there as a telephone slave all by himself. So I don't know if Jack is actually available to speak Jack, are you on the



Jack Valinski 1:36:15

course I am here. But the but the phone has been ringing numerous times. But people were asking me about concerts. People were asking about so many different things, but not pledging. Although we did have one person call and said, we're out there working we really liked the guest we usually call progressive form. But but we're still out here working with I believe it was, you know, maybe putting out signs or something, they want us to call him back later. And I thought that was really neat. That's how important that person thought KPFT is. But we haven't had any real calls in quite a while. And the show is almost over. So we really, really, really, really would appreciate. If you would call us now at 713-526-5738. You know, we have this real nice rain out in the back outside. And it's really nice, very calming a perfect night to listen to radio. And we know that you know there isn't, you know more people listened to radio when they're driving in their car. But, you know, we're lucky enough to have this. And we really appreciate any time that we have. Look at after hours. I mean, if you ever listen to after hours, they probably do the best programming at midnight to three o'clock in the morning of any radio station in the country. I mean, they're really hitting issues. Well, I gotta go the phone is ringing.



Glenn Holt 1:37:29

Great. Okay, Jack. Well, actually, since you mentioned that, you know, after hours for their time slot, you know, which is midnight to three on Saturdays. They take the lion's share of the audience that's available at that time, I mean, the reserve to the ratings show that that they own the market here in Houston at that time, which is kind of neat. It would be interesting if we could do the same thing. But of course, we have lots of competition up and down the dial. Unfortunately, all the rest of it is commercial, except for perhaps the Christian stations. And they pledge continuously. We only come to you and beg What is it three times, three times a year, three times a year. So get the pain over with quickly by calling in and pledging because, you know, if you call in and pledge and we make our goal, then we can stop whining. But of course, if you don't call him and you don't pledge, then we have to go on coin overdrive.



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You know what I like about whenever I make my pledge, and whenever I write the check, but that little nagging feeling of guilt that I feel whenever I hear that the begging for money evaporates. And I get this really pleasant sense of smug satisfaction about how how wonderful I am because I've made the contribution. So I want to challenge the listeners right now to join me in a little smug satisfaction by calling in feeling how good it feels to participate in listener supported radio.



Glenn Holt 1:38:59

Well, there you go. Feel good about yourself. And feel your phone for the number 713-526-5738 and fork over the cash,



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feel the phone be the phone call in now.



Greg Gordon 1:39:16

And finally this week, a few words from lesbian feminist humorous Kate Clinton about National Coming Out Day and her own journey out of the closet.



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My closet was huge. Had a foyer, a turnstile a few locks deadbolts, a burglar alarm with code that all had to be deactivated, decoded before it could even go for the door handle. And then there was the storm door. My televise coming out, could have been a Ken Burns 92 part series. It wasn't until I had lived with a woman for a year that it even occurred to me to ask, do you think were lesbians? Shortly after that realization that coming out to myself? My younger brother stopped by unannounced. It was my partner's In my one year anniversary and we were upstairs celebrating when I heard my brother in the downstairs hallway, calf, calf, are you all

right? I yelled down to him. I'm fine. I'll be right down. As I walked down the stairs, flushed hard pounding shoes in my hand. I thought, well, this is it, lie or tell him the truth. When he asked again, if I was alright, some ghost of lesbians past helped me say, Jim. I'm really, really fine. We were making move. He'd never heard such sounds except perhaps on video. So he was quite intrigued. We talked the rest of the afternoon when he had more questions he was supposed to call me and I was to tell the rest of the family coming out because of the most irrational reactions in people, especially family. It's a scientific fact. Perfectly normal people had been known to hold 12 gauge shotguns to their beloved children's heads upon getting the news. When he got upset later that night Jim called our oldest brother Jack and came out for me. When we met for coming out luncheon Jack already knew and was prepared along invisible yellow legal pad lay in front of him on it point by point arguments against being gay. Until someone you love blindsides you with love the sinner Hate the sin, that rationale you haven't lived, especially if the sinner in question is you and your life happens to be the sin. When in summation, my brother, who had been in an all boys high school for four years, the seminary for eight years, the army for three years, and then law school for three years concluded that it wasn't natural to be with members of one's own sex. I almost spit out my soup du jour. When he finally met and fell in love with his wife. I had been thrilled for him and mistakenly expected the same from him. His final argument was the classic don't tell Dad, it could kill him. The don't tell dad tactic is a weak argument for gays and families but a strong argument for gays in the military. Think of the money that could have been saved in the Persian Gulf War. One big multi pocketed lesbian proclaiming I'm a lesbian from the top of a sand dune. And hope platoons of Iraqis would have bit the dust not a shot fired, no property to destroyed the neutron lesbian strikes again. My brother Bill Clinton jumped across the table in a restaurant when I came out to him, hugged me and said, Oh, I'm so glad you're getting some. I had a feeling you wouldn't have minded watching either. Might be the name. My sister, a physical education major at a state school in upstate New York said her friends told her that I was gay. It was one of the topics of their group has dinner conversations is Mary sister gay discuss. I reminded her that she used to call me a big fat queer. She said she would try it in other areas and since then, has called me a big fat millionaire. My mother had always represented my father as a strict authoritarian, but he is quite a libertarian, and the only thing he has ever been concerned about is my safety and happiness. It did not kill him when I told him I was gay. Not at all. It has enlivened our relationship. One pointer however, don't come out to your dad in a moving vehicle. An awkward lurch forward and two steps backward has been my process of coming out. For years. I told no one than I told everyone. Now my approach is more balanced. I like to do subliminal work, especially at delis. I'll have a half pounder the I'm a dyke, Swiss cheese, or on a plane in response to the person who asks, What are you reading? I'll reply. This dikes life want to see it. This revelation judiciously used can make for more room in coach. Even though many of my friends espouse outing, I oppose it. The person who doesn't want to come out usually should be left end. If dragged out. We should have the option of saying sorry, we really don't want that one. Can we throw him back? While I'm opposed to outing I do advocate coming out. National Coming Out Day has actually grown on me. The first National Coming Out There was in 1998 to commemorate the 1987 march on Washington. And on that day, October 11. Gay people are encouraged to take their next step and coming out. The day begs for further development. It already has its imitators. National Coming Out for someone else's Day, National Coming Out With A Vengeance day or my favorite national coming on today. After almost 10 years of National Coming Out Day, I'm running out of opportunities. I do come out to my oldest brother every year, every October 11. I call him and tell him I'm a lesbian. And then we never talk about it again for the rest of the year. And every year when I tell him he says is that all you can talk about?

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That was lesbian feminist, humorous Kate Clinton from her publishing meals audiobook. Don't get get me started. Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Friedman che shocky Graham Underhill, Jason Lynn Chris Ambridge. Brian newness. Rex Walker and Steve pride contributed program material, Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. Some of this weigh out operating expenses are funded by a grant from the kicking assets funded the Tides Foundation by planet out from designated contributions by uncommon club visa card holders who've chosen this way out and through direct charitable donations from our listeners around the world. For audio cassette information or with any questions or comments about this way out. Please email us at TW o radio@aol.com. visit our webpage at this way out.org Or write to us at Post Office Box 38327 Los Angeles, California 90038 USA and please be sure to watch.

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