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Jack Valinski 00:14

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



Joan Devlin 00:18

I'm Joan Devlin,



Glenn Holt 00:19

and I'm going home.



Jack Valinski 00:20

And boy, could we get into a discussion about media tonight? Really? Why is this? Yes, you know that 24 hour service that Time Warner has that you can just call up whenever you have a problem.



Glenn Holt 00:31

No, I have no idea.

**J** Jack Valinski 00:32  
No, you don't because because I don't have cable. Well, you're one of the lucky ones. The phone was busy and busy. And then when he finally got through, when he got to that right spot, they'd say call back later. We're busy now.

**G** Glenn Holt 00:43  
Let me guess Jack had problems with his cable today.

**J** Jack Valinski 00:46  
But anyway, that's not what we're here tonight to talk about. But maybe that's a discussion later on in the show. But we will be talking about media and some other senses. Regan Ryan will be with us shortly after this news wrap from this way out. She's coming to Houston to do media training from GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation education training media workshop, which will be here July 28. And it's free to the public at the community center that Saturday, July 28 at 1pm. We'll also be

**J** Joan Devlin 01:17  
talking to Dr. Kim Hardin, who is the author of a book called queer blues, which is about depression in the GLBT community.

**J** Jack Valinski 01:26  
Okay, oh, it's just my headphones. So much time to talk about Pacifica. Then you have a few other interviews.

**J** Joan Devlin 01:36  
That's right. Felicia Harvey and Travis Mayer will be here from the alley theatre updating us on what's going on with the alley how they're recovering from tropical storm, Allison, and what they're going to be doing with the rest of their summer.

**J** Jack Valinski 01:47  
And possibly we'll be talking about some movies tonight.

**J** Joan Devlin 01:49  
Yes, I mean, Beth fieldtrip. I haven't heard back from her to confirm, but I'm hoping she will be here tonight to tell us what's going on at Landmark

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J Jack Valinski 01:56

And if she's not going to be here, then we will talk about some movies. Because now that pride is over with I got to see a couple of movies.

J Joan Devlin 02:03

That's good. Whatever Happened to Baby Jane, the musical is also in town. Really? Yes.

J Jack Valinski 02:07

Is that a movie or is that? No, it's

J Joan Devlin 02:08

a stage play. Elsa, and they've got to drag queens. Lunch and maybe Jane? Well, it's sponsored by theater under the stars. It's playing it But Colin, and it's going to be here through the 22nd

J Jack Valinski 02:20

Okay, how come you didn't make me go to it?

J Joan Devlin 02:23

Because I just found out about it today actually hasn't really been advertised. Wow.

J Jack Valinski 02:28

Okay, well, we have a lot of stuff going on, even though my headphones aren't working. And let's listen to news wrap from this way out.

C Cindy Friedman 02:42

I'm Cindy Friedman. And I'm John Beauprez. Knees wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending July 14 2001. The leak of a Salvation Army internal memo to the Washington Post this week brought to the fore concerns that the Bush administration's eagerness to fund religious groups social services could mean taxpayer supported discrimination. The memo made it appear that the Salvation Army's current million dollar lobbying effort for Bush's so called charitable choice initiative was conditioned on an administration promise to shield religious grantees from state and local laws prohibiting

sexual orientation employment discrimination, or requiring health benefits for employees domestic partners. Those local laws come into play because federal funds for social services are generally a portion to the states and administered by them. Although all such laws exempt religious activities per se, compliance is generally required for provision of government funded social services. Three years ago, the Salvation Army gave up three and a half million dollars in grants from the city of San Francisco. Rather than comply with its equal benefits ordinance. The White House immediately denied any quid pro quo arrangement with the Salvation Army and quickly aborted its study the proposed administrative regulation the Salvation Army memo mentioned. However, the charitable choice bill in the Congress HR seven includes a provision that would do exactly what the Salvation Army wanted. Openly gay Massachusetts Democrat Barney Frank tried to remove that provision in the House Judiciary Committee, but his amendment failed on a party line vote. He says I'll introduce a similar amendment when the bill comes to a floor vote in August.

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Glenn Holt 04:31

A coalition of lesser known us religious rights groups this week announced their intention to amend the federal constitution to reserve legal marriage exclusively for heterosexual couples. As drafted the entire amendment would read, marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this constitution or the constitution of any state or state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidence thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups. amending the US Constitution is a process that takes years only one amendment has been added in the last 30 years and only 27 Since the nation's founding. Also, regulation of marriage in the US is controlled by the individual states rather than a federal government. But the American Civil Liberties Union warned members of Congress that enactment of the so called marriage amendment could eliminate all legal protections for non marital relationships, including domestic partnership laws in eight states and over 100 cities, and could even stop local governments from deciding benefits for their own employees. In 1986, the Congress enacted the so called Defense of Marriage Act denying any federal recognition to non heterosexual relationships. More than two thirds of the states have legislation to deny legal recognition to gay and lesbian marriage another state might perform. This week, Missouri Governor Bob Holden signed One such measure into law replacing an earlier version struck down in the courts. Only Vermont civil unions offer the state level benefits of marriage to same gender couples, but even they do not extend to more than 1000 federal level benefits of marriage.

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Cindy Friedman 06:06

In Canada and Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge has struck down the provincial law prohibiting adoptions by unmarried couples. Justice Deborah gas found the restriction violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The case was brought by a lesbian couple in Halifax who each have several children they had been barred from CO adopting. Now Nova Scotia children of unmarried parents can register their relationships with both parents receive maintenance from both and inherit in the absence of a will. Three other Canadian provinces already extend equal adoption rights to same gender couples.

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Glenn Holt 06:42

In India police have arrested aid staff of two HIV AIDS groups on charges of running a sex club and child prostitution ring and of propagating and indulging in unnatural sex. The incident began when two staffers doing outreach work in a Cruise Lucknow Park were picked up in a suite. Police then raided the offices of the nones Foundation International and Bahasa trust, shutting them down and arresting Knauss director and program director. The group's vehemently deny the charges but those arrested have been refused bail. Although the AIDS organizations have worked in conjunction with government bodies in the past, they have not yet been able to resume their efforts.

C Cindy Friedman 07:21

Those arrested in the violent attack on Yugoslavia's first Pride March have gotten off easy. The march in Belgrade has been called you this lobbies Stonewall, a mob reported as more than 1000 men attacked about 30 marchers with bottles, egg stones and clubs while bystanders cheered them on. Seven marches and seven police officers were injured. Police picked up 32 alleged assailants but only 20 were handed over to a judge. According to one report, only 11 were sentenced none to more than 30 days in jail. According to another report, only four were actually punished and that only by being fined. This week of Belgrade newspaper published a poll finding that more than three fourths of Serbians believe gays and lesbians are sick, with nearly half saying they would immediately end any contact with a person on learning they were lesbian or gay.

G Glenn Holt 08:15

In Senegal, the interior ministry is trying to present a plan to gay and lesbian gathering in Dakar. The ministry released a statement saying preventative measures were taken and territory, officials warned hotels and other venues not to support a gay and lesbian gathering because it would offend morals in the overwhelmingly Muslim country. Back in

C Cindy Friedman 08:34

Europe. The big annual Pepsi Island youth music event is known as Hungary's Woodstock, but the mayor of a district in Budapest inserted an anti gay clause in the city's contract for its part of the festival. The clause says no homosexual education programs under any name or programs under any other title shall take place. The International lesbian and gay Association ILGA claims this violates Hungary's own constitution as well as its international agreements and is organized in international letter writing protest. ILGA fears the clause will be used to exclude for gay lesbian, bisexual, transgender and feminist groups that have been granted free access to the festival. Those groups are considering asking PepsiCo to withdraw its sponsorship and the event. Mayor is Vaughn Carlos wrote in a letter to festival organizers that the exclusion was necessary for the protection of young visitors while adding that unfortunately, I cannot ban homosexuals from visiting the island because that would really be discrimination. But a pest is usually considered to be the most tolerant area of Hungary.

G Glenn Holt 09:44

The annual tennis tournament at Wimbledon is usually a model of British hospitality. But some-

The annual tennis tournament at Wimbledon is usually a model of British propriety. But surprise winner Goran Ivaničević of Croatia this week described a line judge who made an unfavorable call as looking like a faggot. The remark came not in the heat of the moment but in a press conference an hour after his ultimate victory, a number of reporters present reportedly laughed. Most media either ignored the remark or buried it deep in their stories. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, outraged at the media response, noted that even he savich had used the same slur earlier this year, opened lesbian and succed Amelie Mauresmo of France was upset in the third round at Wimbledon by little known tamarine tanasugarn of Thailand.

 Cindy Friedman 10:25

The US Academy of Television Arts and Sciences this week announced nominees for its Emmy Awards. The top honors for US television, and VCs gay led sitcom Will and Grace was once again the comedy leader with nods in a dozen categories, including best comedy and nominations for all four of its main characters. ABC's biography of gay icon Judy Garland topped all mini series and TV movies with 13 nominations. Now defunct lesbian favorite Xena Warrior Princess was the only syndicated program to be nominated. Openly lesbian comic Ellen DeGeneres, who will host the awards presentation in September was nominated for Best special and best individual performance and a special for her turn on HBO and Ellen DeGeneres the beginning but showtimes popular version of the British series Queers folk came up empty.

 Glenn Holt 11:20

And finally Grammy winning rocker Melissa Etheridge has been openly lesbian for years, but only now has she released a love song specifically directed to a woman. She told Reuters that it had been important to her to intentionally keep her lyrics non gender specific because she didn't want to narrow her music. But her new album Skin includes the song It's Only Me with the lines. I found a little angel who had fallen from the sky and I took that little angel and I taught her how to fly. At third said I'm making a sexual reference to a woman here. And that's really the first time and to me, that's a big deal. Etheridge is currently very happy in her new relationship with actress Tammy Lynn Michaels of the now defunct sitcom Popular.

 Cindy Friedman 12:03

That's nice wrap for the week ending July 14 2001. Follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community

 Glenn Holt 12:12

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

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I'm Cindy Friedman.



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Houston's 90.1 KPFT the sound of Texas presents the 2001 Watermelon dance and summer social Friday and Saturday July 27 and 28th at the last concert Cafe join us for some of Houston's best bands including the new jack hippies, the sisters mirallas Hot roast Moses guest Carolyn Wallace juggler, lightning, the high Taylor's and Carolyn Wonderland in the Imperial monkey's music starts at 5pm and goes until Well who knows tickets are \$10 at the door and proceeds benefit KPFT for info or directions call 713-228-9190 It's the watermelon dancin summer social this year spanning two days July 27 and 28th at the last concert Cafe benefiting Houston's 90.1 KPFT the sound of Texas



Glenn Holt 13:13

you're listening to lesbian and gay voices and Jack. The Primetime Emmy Awards were announced on Thursday. And some gay individuals and icons and their content figure prominently in the nominations. Were you aware of this or watching briefly read



Jack Valinski 13:31

over it. It wasn't the top of my concern, but go ahead. Why don't you



Glenn Holt 13:36

tell you're just not a proper gay man?



Jack Valinski 13:38

No, I guess not. I guess not.



Glenn Holt 13:40

NBC's Will and Grace received 12 nominations including Best Comedy Series. Other Will and Grace nominations went to Sean Hayes, who plays Jack McFarland for best supporting actor Eric McCormack, who plays Will Truman was nominated for Outstanding Lead Actor Debra Messing as Grace Adler nominated for lead actress and Megan Mullally, who plays Karen Walker was nominated for Best Supporting Actress. The competition for Sean Hayes, who won last year includes Robert Downey Jr. For Ally McBeal and David Hyde Pierce for Frazier 12. Nominations also went to the ABC miniseries life with Judy Garland, Me and My Shadows, including one to Julie Judy Davis, who played the title role for Best Lead Actress in a mini series or movie and another to Victor Garber for Outstanding Supporting Actor. The production is nominated for Best mini series is almost dead Poppins further Tales of the City, which is showtimes contribution to our continuation rather of the openly gay author's story of life in San Francisco.

Competing with Davis for best lead actress is Holly Hunter for her portrayal of Billie Jean King and ABCs when Billy beat Bobby NBCs West Wing, which frequently features plotlines supportive of the GLBT community was nominated for Best Dramatic Series, one of 18 total nominations for the show, and it's

**J** Jack Valinski 15:20  
an excellent show.

**G** Glenn Holt 15:21  
I never get to watch it.

**J** Jack Valinski 15:23  
It's on Wednesdays at like eight our time, I guess. Really, really good show.

**G** Glenn Holt 15:27  
Among the other West Wing nominations are nods to Alison Janey and Stockard Channing, for Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Series, Bradley Whitford, John Spencer and Richard Schiff for supporting actor and Martin Sheen and Rob Lowe for lead actor. Friends, which is another NBC series popular with the GLBT audiences received five nominations, including one for a GLBT ally, Susan Sarandon guest appearance. Among six nominations garnered by foxes Barbra Streisand timeless, was one for the singer for Outstanding Individual Performance. also nominated in that category was Ellen DeGeneres for her HBO stand up special. The beginning, generous is slated to host the September 16 award ceremony to be televised on CBS. But surprisingly, showtimes Queer as Folk and the US version of the groundbreaking British gay themed series failed to garner any nominations Despite its popularity with gay audiences.

**J** Jack Valinski 16:30  
Well, and you know, now they're dissecting it. It's like, they ran the series, and they stretched out a couple other weeks for holidays and stuff like that. And now they're like, the, I guess the director, or the writer or creator is like, you know, one little screen and then they're like running a series and are talking about making it's like, let's overkill this thing.

**G** Glenn Holt 16:54  
Well, yeah, it has been so popular that I guess they're they're trying to get as much out of it as they can. Would you like to hear some gay themed music? Mark?

**J** Jack Valinski 17:04

 Jack Valinski 17:04

Yes, yes. But first we got an interview. Oh, no, we don't. It's it's like, today is like not a good day for us. Well, but but it's where it's coming up. Apparently. Regan Ryan of grad who was supposed to be on right now is on our way back in a plane from a funeral in Dallas. She I knew she was going to be out of town due to some family problems. But I guess maybe it turned worst than expected. So maybe we can have her on next week to talk about the cloud media training. You have an author coming up shortly. Right?

 Joan Devlin 17:40

Know what happened was he and I had a time mix up. He's on Los Angeles time. Um, excuse me. He's on San Francisco time. So he's going to be on on our 930 time slot.

 Jack Valinski 17:49

Okay. Okay. And, you know, it's not like this has never happened before we do explain to our guests that we're on Central time.

 Joan Devlin 17:57

I know. He's willing to do it. He has to pick somebody up at the train station and he said, you know, he'll he'll be in Los Angeles, San Francisco. I made a mistake.

 Jack Valinski 18:08

Well, let's listen to some music then.

 Glenn Holt 18:09

Okay. This is Mark Islam and the title is get used to it. song titled Get used to it. That is Mark Islam. From a compilation put together to US Forest by JT Doyle. You are listening to lesbian and gay voices.

 Joan Devlin 18:39

Good evening, I'm John Devlin. And I have Felicia Harvey and Travis Mater from the alley theatre here. And I want to apologize for my voice by the way, I'm kind of going hoarse. I had a little bit of a cold this weekend. So that's why I sound more sexy than usual. So tell us about the alley. I mean, how'd you guys do with Tropical Storm Allison?

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Well, first of all, we aren't we're still here. The theater did not float away. I was trying to on the

car and the car on the way here. I was trying to think of all the water terms. And just so you know, I mean, the alley what happened to the alley hasn't dampened our spirits or we had washed away. But no, I mean, just like all the other downtown's or organizations. We had some significant water damage in our lower floors. I don't know if any, I'm sure many of the viewer viewers, if you can see me something's really wrong. Many of the listeners out there have been to our new house Arena Stage and as you probably know, that's underground. So a lot of the water came from the tunnel system and basically destroyed the theater, destroyed our costume shop or a prop shop or scenic shop. And

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two levels that are below our sort of street level. And the lowest level houses are seen shop prop shop and costume shop. So that was completely submerged. And then above that is where the set are smaller stages. And that was filled sort of to the top row. theater seats. So I don't know if you've ever been there, John, but it was Yeah.

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And what's significant about that is that, you know, a lot of people may not know that know this, but the alley, we build everything, we build everything from our props to our, our sets to the costume, so everything is homemade as ordered. So it we were sort of, we have to start from scratch now. So it's been a little bit of a challenge. We've gotten all the water out. Now we sort of have a big concrete basement that's gutted, and we're ready to start rebuilding. So it's in you know, we have air conditioning now, which actually today, surprisingly went out. So it's been a challenge. It's sort of been if you've seen that film, Brazil with the big tubes. Yeah, we had these big tubes pumping cold air in the building for about a month, and those finally went away.

 Joan Devlin 20:43

Now, didn't you also have some offices down in the basement level? Well, offices

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have our costume designers and our prop master and our scene shop, and carpenter staff, which unfortunately, you know, a lot of them in addition to losing all their work for several several years. Also loss of personal items that they had in their offices, which is sad, and, you know, made it sort of an emotional for them more. So,

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yes, sort of what's what's happened with this disaster? It just made us question what the theater is it just a building or is a group of people. And we've really discovered that you can, you can do theater anywhere. But everybody who works, the theater is so specifically skilled in what they do. And they need such specific tools, that when you lose the costume shop, for

example, and all the materials that that person needs, or even like, for instance, the prop shop has very specific little knobs and hinges and things that collected over years and years and years. When you lose all that you're sort of it's you're at a loss, because you have to sort of come up with that out of nowhere. And it's been, it's been a blow like any family where we're hanging together. And we've got another show but open on our large stage. So we're not we're not fully underwater, we're actually emerging.

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Now, how's the parking situation going?

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Well, we have limited parking.

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Yeah, I mean, we the theater, this is it Civic Center, garage parking, which is the one that sort of has links, all of the arts groups is still not operable. So that's I think, around 2000 spaces that unfortunately, still, the people that usually park there have been displaced to various other lines, including our our garage, which is located behind the alley. So it's been tight, but it hasn't been nearly as bad as we were imagining it to be.

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Yeah, the above ground parking, obviously. Right? It's okay. And I understand there are shuttles from Enron field parking, which today probably not would not be a good idea to go try to park it and run field because there's a game happening. But there are some shuttles that do shuttle people back and forth between the alley and other outlying parking lots.

 **J** Joan Devlin 22:45

Well, when we went to see the Vagina Monologues, I mean, we had to walk a couple of blocks, but it wasn't that big a deal.

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Yeah, people make it out to be more than it is. And if you just go, the downtown police have been really good. And parking cars, a lot of memorial. So there there are spaces, they tend to people tend to get more nervous about it. And, you know, with with all you know, that's good, because you never know what you're going to find. But it's not as bad as they say.

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So what is the new shed, it's about to open? Well,

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this year, we every year, we do our summer chill series. This year, actually, we were going to do two shows one had to be canceled. The first show was Agatha Christie's death on the Nile. And we'll hopefully do that sometime in the summer sometime soon, in the future, not this summer. But we are moving forward with our second show,

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unfortunately, the sort of sets and costumes for death, and that were part of that damage. So we had to go ahead and move forward with one one that was more sort of available and easier to do shorter spans of time.

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And so we have the woman in black, which is sort of a play set on an empty stage. And what we lucky with that one, yeah, so we get to kind of pull things in a new sort of thing. So that actually starts previous Friday.

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Yeah, the 20th. And it opens officially on the 25th. So we're

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really excited about that specialist. Since you know for month there was no theater going on in the building stages sort of stepped in and helped us and we moved the carpet baggers, children over there. So we owe them a great debt of gratitude. But when you're working in a theater, which is all about making, making plays and making drama, and it's suddenly empty, and you don't have actors, you'll have designers a sort of depressing. So it's really nice to have art going on again.

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So this is the SOFIA, she's just a facetious question, but how's your ghost doing? Water.

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It's interesting to talk to a couple of people about that. And there are two schools of thought one person said, Well, we they thought she drowned. They thought she drowned in the water

damage. And other people think that she's still around. It's interesting. The woman in black which is about a ghost in a theater. It's kind of appropriate because I've heard that there are a couple of different ghosts in the theater, one that sort of hangs around backstage and one that actually sits in the large stage audience. So actually was a joke the other day I wouldn't dressed up all in black and white rehearsal. That's kind of great. They didn't notice for about 20 minutes. It's really hot. But it was worth it after all, but it's we think the ghost is still there. Because, you know, some some way she's sort of the spirit of the alley, always remaining there and the theater that she loves.

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I'm glad to hear you're covering tell us a little bit about the woman in law?

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Well, it's a, it's kind of an interesting story. It's adapted from a novel by Susan Hill at the same same title, a woman and black. And it's basically about an actor and a man, a man who has gone through this ghost experience, who wants to get out the story, he employs an actor to help him reenact the events. And over the course of the play, I don't want to give away too much because it is a ghost story. But over the course of the play, he began to question whether the retelling of what's on stage, whether what you're seeing is real or imagined. It's a really, it's a great sort of your classic ghost story where, you know, creepy things are happening strange things, did you see that? That woman over there was a squishy, really real? And it's really great for the kids. It's great for the whole family. And so, you know, it goes back to what summer chills are all about sort of the spine Ting, spine Tingler. See, I'm getting the same thing you have. So we're really excited about it. And we have actually two longtime ally actors involved in John Filch, who many of you may remember as prior Walton Angels in America, he left for New York last year at his back, and noble Shropshire who was has done a lot at the ally,

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and recently did plenary or he was done,

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Don humanity's de Stanga. He's sort of the Spanish galley. And he also was in the the world premiere of not about nine gills that went to Broadway as well. So he's a great friend of ours. And John Tyson, who you all may remember from the comedy of errors as Dromio, the Dromio of Syracuse, and Syphilis is directing. So it's sort of a great group effort with a lot of good people in the cast.

 Joan Devlin 27:01

That's great. I think, you know, people should go out and see it, check out the alley see that it's still there. Yeah, we're

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still here.

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Yeah. It's a fun summer series for it's one that you can bring your family to. It's a discounted price. So \$17 tickets, and the box office is now sort of operable again, which is great. So, right, it's

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a good way to ease back in.

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Yeah, I mean, it'll be just great to see audiences back in the theater again, we've been so cut off and sort of like this island floating again, trying to use every water. You can get them in. Usually, I'm we've talked about this last year, we have our annual hype young playwrights Festival, which this year has been altered a little bit because obviously, that space where they usually perform it is a big pile of concrete. But we are relocating and doing sort of a modified version of hype, which is more staged readings this year, at hspva, August, 10, and 11th. And we are doing gay and lesbian work this year. So it's sort of nice to include that sort of as ours as our young playwrights festival, develops to find those voices that were able to present. So I'm really excited about that one.

 Joan Devlin 28:07  
That's great. Well, it sounds like you know, you're managing in the face of adversity pretty well.

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Yeah, we don't we didn't want anything to stop. And you know, we're we're getting ready to announce our next season event. So we have a lot coming up. We're very excited. We haven't floated away. Next season promises to be even more exciting than this last one.

 Joan Devlin 28:24  
Now, were you working on the Saturday or the front? Well, I guess the Friday night that there's I happened. I mean, it was pretty late. But was anybody around,



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there were a few actors around because the devil's disciple was in production. And their show had ended and a few of them that had gone out downtown and then returned to the alley sort of to take you know, where the cars were parked, and then we're gonna go home, realize that they probably wouldn't have much luck going home and would stay at the alley overnight. Which, as as places go, it's not a bad place to be stuck, because we do have showers and dressing rooms and all of that. And so they were there over the evening, of course of the evening, that it all occurred and I think fell asleep and sort of woke up, you know, mid morning to sounds of rushing waters. Yeah,



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there's some pretty dramatic stories of people looking down stairwells and just seeing the water rush in and come through glass doors. I mean, I don't know how some of them may be a little, you know, fabricated, or exaggerated. A little exaggerated, but you know, they're actors. Yeah, exactly. I'd have to talk about something. But you know, it sounds like it was a pretty traumatic event. And



Joan Devlin 29:25

yeah, it was pretty traumatic for the person who got stuck here. So yeah, were you here? No, we we're not but whoever was doing the show, during the worst of it. Ended up being here all night, because nobody else could get in and they couldn't get out. And we did have water up to the top step of the stairwell that leads down to the downstairs bathroom.



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Yeah, I'm just right off Alabama, and the water was two feet across Alabama. That was just incredible.



Joan Devlin 29:52

What a thing to wake up to see I live in Katy. So I mean, I felt so out of it because you know, we only had like two inches of rain right? So all my friends are calling me Oh my god. Yeah, I'm watching the water rise in my front yard. What am I going to do? And I'm looking at my window going, it's not even wet. What are you talking about? Like, turn on the news, you know, and I'm seeing like TC jester, everything underwater, and I just couldn't believe it.



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I hear Montrose to a lot. Oh, yeah, damage. And we were all we're pretty lucky considering what could have happened.

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Joan Devlin 30:21

Oh, I heard about the alley on NPR, of all things because we were listened to all things considered. And they talked about how the theater district got hit especially hard.



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Yeah, that's, you know, it's not just the alley. It's a symphony and society for Performing Arts, the ballet, the opera, and you know, all of us are sort of connected as this downtown theater district. So it's kind of a, a blow for all of us. And we're all trying to pull together and bring audiences back. And you know, I think with our upcoming season, where we just want to sort of explode back out on the scene. And you know, I can't tell you exactly what the season is yet, because it hasn't been announced. But I thought I get to try to get ahead. Yeah, I'm actually authorized by our PR department. I can't tell you that we're starting the season, with a play by a very famous queer playwright, Tennessee Williams. So that's so far, so good, so far, so good, and within a major names attached to that play. So he has about 25 plays, you have to guess about that one. And, you know, over the course of the year, we're going to do a lot of classics, American classics, some contemporary European work, and just a lot of great mix of comedy and drama, and new and old, and I think everyone's gonna be really happy,



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and stretching the resident company actors in a very sort of new ways. And it will be exciting to see I think, forever for our patrons to see them sort of grow as a company and try new things.



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Yeah, it's been a sort of a struggle creating a season, when we won't have our lower Audrina space until next year. So you lose, you lose a lot of opportunities to use the actors and how shows overlap. And you really want I think what we've come up with is a great way to utilize all of our actors season that audiences will love. And it's just going to be an exciting sort of way for the ally, to remind everyone, we're still here.

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Joan Devlin 32:16

Well, I think that's great. And I think it's great that what you've managed to put together so far, you know, I mean, the flood only happened, I mean, people, you know, have a way of thinking, Yeah, well, that happened a week ago, why, you know, why was still going on? Right? And, I mean, it really only happened, you know, like five weeks ago, right? And so to have come this far, and to be able to put on, you know, half of your summer tools, performance, you know, to still be able to do hype, and pretty much the majority of what you'd already plan to do. was suffering the damage he did. I mean, that's, that's really great. And I'm looking really forward to next season to



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well, we're looking forward to having the Houston public back in our building. Yeah.

**J** Joan Devlin 32:54

But I'm looking forward to the woman in black because I was reading a little bit of the press release. And it sounds very interesting.

**i** 32:59

Yeah, it was a bit. It's been a big hit in London. It's run for about nine years. And the theatre, I can't remember the name of the theater, the fortune Theatre in London, recently ran on Broadway, on Broadway. And it was not a big hit on Broadway, and I don't, a couple from friends of mine saw it and they thought it was just sort of not well put together. But we will persevere our production as far as, of course, I will say so myself, and I think it's gonna be a great audience pleaser. I think that people are really gonna dig it and come around. And it sounds like the perfect summer play. Yeah, I mean, you go into a dark cool theater and you want to be scared a little bit.

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Right. So you go story. Yeah. Brings up shades of the fall in October and whether to

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come very soon.

**J** Joan Devlin 33:43

Okay, well, I want to thank you so much. We've been talking to Travis Mayer and Alicia Harvey there from the alley theatre. And as you have heard the Ali's going forward and getting past Tropical Storm Allison, and we look forward to seeing the woman in black which is the second half of their summer chills. You're listening to lesbian and gay spaces.

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In less than 24 hours, Houston's 90.1 KPFT can take you around the world with a flick of a button the BBC News Hour the world Pacifica network news or democracy now introducing you to news or information from a world hotspot around the world from the comfort of work car or even home here for you with a flick of a button for uses 90.1 KPFT the sound of Texas

**G** Glenn Holt 34:33

Okay, lack, it's time for you to flick your button. Oh, you didn't even have your headphones on?

No, I

**J** Jack Valinski 34:38  
thought you were gonna go into because you didn't give me a warning. Okay,

**G** Glenn Holt 34:41  
I said it's time for you to flick your button. My button. The promo that I just played was was talking about covering the world with a flick of a button.

**J** Jack Valinski 34:51  
Oh, okay. Well, we can talk a little bit about media or their lack thereof. I don't Well since you don't have cable. I had to CNN on the other day, and it's all promos about the shows, apparently, CNN who spends a lot of money covering the world, whereas Fox News Channel doesn't because basically they're mostly talking heads and MSNBC is somewhere in the middle there. Well, now CNN is trying to do a lot more talking heads, so they have to keep promoting all these damn shows, instead of just doing

**J** Joan Devlin 35:19  
sadly enough, they're losing a ratings battle with Fox. Yes. Very horrifying. Considering the total right wing slant of Fox. Absolutely. Ryan, there's there's no objectivity. There are almost no objectivity there whatsoever. And it's just scary to think that people would rather watch that. Then something that's like more news oriented, neutral. Right,

**J** Jack Valinski 35:40  
you know, right. Right. Like NPR, the BBC.

**J** Joan Devlin 35:44  
Exactly. Glenn doing?

**J** Jack Valinski 35:49  
Glenn is doing something. He's I guess he's queuing up the show. He's flicking his buttons. There is. There's a lot of things going on at the community center, isn't there?

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Actually, yes, there is. There's the GLAAD Media.



Jack Valinski 36:04

Yeah. Well, what that is, is that it's free to the public. It's going to be on July 28, which is a week from Saturday from one to 4pm. And Reagan is coming in Ryan from GLAAD. And she goes around the country trains people basically, to deal effectively effectively with the medium often poses challenges for grassroots and community based organizations. So this workshop is to teach you how to do that. Now I've done one along with Troy Christiansen, actually, we've done two of them. But this one is probably going to be more professional because GLAAD is a professional organization. It's going to be at the community center. 803 Hawthorne between one and 4pm. And all they ask is that you call and make a reservation so that we know how many people will show up is being sponsored by the community center in the pride committee. Their number, their call for reservation is 713-524-3818.



Joan Devlin 37:00

They're also having a poetry night at the community center that is coming up on the Saturday the 21st of July, they will be featuring GLBT poets, and they will also have an open mic. So anybody who's interested in maybe testing an open mic and open mic or send that to us as anybody who's maybe interested in testing their poetry before an audience, you know, you might want to go up there. It's going to be from 730 Till whenever, and it's this coming Saturday at the community center.



Glenn Holt 37:29

Well, while Jack coughs I was going to mention that. The piece that was just on about John Shelby Spong, if you are interested in finding out more about that, and the kinds of things that he has to say, he has several books out, one of them is rescuing the Bible from fundamentalism. And it and his other books are available at the local gay oriented bookstores such as crossroads and Lobo.



Jack Valinski 37:55

Movies. I know Amy Beth, we were hoping she'd be with us tonight. But someday.



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Maybe this is her



Jack Valinski 38:02

phone call or something? Yeah. Well, we'll save that conversation for a little bit later in Glenn, you've got some news.

 Glenn Holt 38:11

Yeah, but I think what we'll do is we'll do this last segment from this way out. Okay. That'll take us up to the top of the hour and then I will do my news right after the top of the hour break. Okay, okay. Nothing to be learned from.

 Greg Gordon 38:34

i This is great. Again, you're listening to this way out international lesbian and gay radio magazine. Gay and Lesbian rock musicians have certainly become more audible in recent years. From independent bands like Pansy Division and the Bookies to mainstream performers like Melissa Etheridge answer Elton John. But there have been openly gay rock musicians almost since the time of Stonewall musical archaeologist Larry Roberts on Earth a couple of rare queer tunes.

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Recently, I've been on a quest for early gay Rock Records. These recordings are notable for their idealism that early 70s first blush of gay lib and lack of irony, a quality rare today. This is especially true of everyone involved. A British folk rock group, whose songs and their 1972 record either slash or alternate between songs with choruses of gay is good and no lie. anti-car songs a sample lyric, a pedestrian is a person. The actual record is reputed to have been a pressing of 60 with six known to exist. It was recorded by members of a commune who gave away copies for free. My copy of the recording is a multigene tape. Hey,

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Not to say that there is pleasure and music that nudges you with its elbow, and not so subtly. But more sublime is the pleasures of music that invites you to join hands and dance merrily in a circle. Not to say that the musicians of the 1970s were devoid of intentional humor. Chris Robertson's 1973 self released record on Gypsy Frog Records. Chris Robison and his many hand band certainly has a playful sense with a catchy number looking for a boy tonight

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tech scan

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Robeson was in elephant's memory the Lower East Side Band the backup John and Yoko, though he was in it during a later post Apple period, and appears on their 1974 RCA release angels forever his son I'm gonna stay with my baby tonight was included on Ronny Specters

awful 1980 Punk album siren produced by junior avant and he was also involved in the New York Dolls and plays on the Tokyo Dolls live record. Robeson second solo record released in 1974 and also on the Gypsy Frog label this called Manchild the only copy I know of is damaged though, please if anyone has a copy of the record by his later band Stumble Bunny, let me know. Just think from 1972 to now gay musicians have gone from singing gay is good at a time when most of society didn't think so. Just singing the homosexual is criminal as vaginal Davis sings and Pedro Muriel and Esther's album. But both groups are singing counter establishment songs. It's just that who the establishment is has changed over the years. And if everyone involved haven't become car driving guppies, I bet they'd be willing to join in with vaginal Davis on the course of closet case.



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For this way out in San Francisco, I'm Larry Roberts.



Greg Gordon 42:55

And next time I'm this way out, Chris Wilson and JD Doyle will have new words and music from three of the latest CDs by openly queer artists in the audio file. Thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine this week Cindy Friedman, John Breaux, Craig Graham Underhill, Chris Ambridge, Brian newness Jason Lynn, Rex Walkman John frame and Larry Roberts contributed program material romanovski and Phillips performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. Remember, you can also hear this way out anytime online exclusively on planet out, just point your browser to [www.planetout.com](http://www.planetout.com) and click first on multimedia than on radio. Some of our operating expenses are funded through designated contributions by uncommon cloud Visa card holders who've chosen this way out and through direct charitable donations from our listeners around the world. For an urgent message about this way out's critical financial situation, please visit our webpage at [thiswayout.org](http://thiswayout.org) Email us at [radio@aol.com](mailto:radio@aol.com) Or write to us at Post Office Box 38327 Los Angeles California 90038 USA for Alicia power and everyone at this way out. I'm Greg Gordon. Thanks for listening on que Rux Las Cruces, New Mexico, WHR W Binghamton, New York, Planet FM, Auckland, New Zealand and more than 125 other stations around the world including this community radio station, do stay tuned.



Glenn Holt 44:28

And this community radio station is 90.1 FM KPFT in Houston at 90.1 FM This is KPFT in Houston, the sound of Texas and now more of lesbian and gay voices Hi this is lesbian gay voices and taking a look now at what's been happening in the news. A senior Bush aide may be subpoenaed about his role in an alleged secret deal with the nation's largest charity to allow religious groups to discriminate against gays and lesbians in hiring, even in cases where local and state laws forbid it. senior White House adviser Karl Rove the strategist behind George W. Bush's presidential campaign is under fire from Democratic members of Congress and Democratic National Committee leaders, and some say the administration itself for his role in obtaining Salvation Army support for Bush's faith based initiative on July 10, The Washington Post revealed the contents of an internal Salvation Army document describing a quote firm commitment from the White House to support and under the radar regulatory change that

would let religious nonprofits circumvent regional and local anti discrimination employment laws and exclude gay people in hiring. In return, the document said the Salvation Army would actively lobby on behalf of Bush's faith based plan called charitable choice. Bush's spokespeople first denied the existence of the Salvation Army agreement, and then downplayed it, saying that no one in the senior staff was involved in the discussions. However, members of Rove's staff said he was a key player in the conversations with the Salvation Army. Quote, first they denied that they had promised favors to special interests. Now, members of the White House staff have come forward to say that there was an implied quid pro quo. Even more troubling Karl Rove's attempt to minimize his role in this affair has been directly contradicted by his own staff, who said yesterday he was intimately involved in dealings with the Salvation Army, said Terry McAuliffe, the DNC chair. McAuliffe called for congressional hearings on the scandal. The ranking Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee on the Constitution wrote to rove yesterday, quote, requesting that the administration provide us with any and all information regarding alleged quid pro quos, or other possible promises or commitments to outside groups made by the White House in connection with the charitable choice initiative. The letter asked the White House to provide the Judiciary Committee with all documentation of conversations and correspondence relating to the negotiations. Quote, we are hopeful that the administration will choose to voluntarily provide this information to us. Otherwise, we will be forced to rely on the General Accounting Office to use their subpoena authority to obtain the information. After the Post story broke, Representative Nadler said, quote, these secret and possibly illegal meetings are an outrage and demonstrate a contempt for the rule of law and for the rights of the most vulnerable of Americans. And now, they want a constitutional amendment to ban same sex marriage. At a Washington DC press conference on Thursday, members of the Alliance for marriage representing a wide range of racial and religious backgrounds. He cried rampant social problems in the United States, which they say are largely caused by fatherless families. The solution they proposed was a constitutional amendment which would read quote, marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this constitution or the constitution of any state, nor state or federal law shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents there have be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups. At an alliance for marriage press conference on Thursday, Victor Mendez of Alyansa ministerial Evangelica Nacional the country's largest network of Hispanic churches said, quote, the institution of marriage is so central to the well being of both children and our society, that it was until recently difficult to imagine that marriage itself would need explicit constitutional protection. However, our country's time honored understanding that marriage is in its very essence the union of male and female has come under fire in the courts. And the time has come for America to put the issue back where it belongs in the hands of American people and quote, a constitutional amendments such as this would require two thirds passage in each congressional chamber, as well as ratification by 38 state legislatures. Neither Mendez nor other speakers at the Alliance briefing named any of the members of Congress that they say have signed on to support the amendment, saying that they did not want the issue cast in narrow political terms. But David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign said his organization has found no evidence that there is any support on Capitol Hill for the move, quote, even though they seem to be putting on a multicultural face, what they are trying to create would cause a great deal of harm to gay people. The enormity of changing the US Constitution cannot be overstated. This would be devastating if successful. It is our strong view that the constitution will one day protect gay people and their families fully Smith said. With only a few exceptions, most of the anti gay attacks in Congress are the legal equivalent of sticks and stones, said Christopher Anders of the American Civil Liberties Union. Quote, this amendment is the legal equivalent of a nuclear bomb. It will wipe out every single law protecting gay and lesbian families and other unmarried couples and helped the GLBT communities progress toward full constitutional protection. He said question this week about

the alliances campaign. White House press secretary airy flight flusher said the defensive Marriage Act is already in place defining marriage in much the same language as the Alliance's proposed amendment. And Fletcher added that he had not specifically discussed the amendment with President Bush. Colorado officials have lifted a gag order on the circumstances surrounding the death of an openly gay teenage boy, saying that they believe anti gay bias may have been a factor. During a press conference Wednesday at the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office. Investigators released an affidavit detailing the investigation into Fred Martinez Jr's death in June. Martinez, who was part Navajo disappeared on June 16, and his partially decomposed body was found on June 21. Authorities declared the result of the death or result of foul play on July 2, after an autopsy found that the 16 year old freshman had been bludgeoned and probably died of exposure to the elements. Late last week. 18 year old Shaun Murphy of Birmingham New Mexico was arrested and is being extradited to Colorado. Murphy's mother told reporters that her son admitted being in a fight with Martinez, who friends said often wore makeup, women's clothing and carried a purse. An affidavit from the sheriff's department said Murphy bragged to a third party that he had, quote, beat up a fag said Montezuma County Sheriff Jose Chavez, quote, This has been a very sensitive emotional investigation. We cannot state with certainty that hate was a motive, but we continue to investigate it as a possibility. Murphy's mother Angel Murphy took her own Tay told the Rocky Mountain News that her son couldn't have committed an anti gay crime because she is a lesbian and that he had been raised in a gay household. Quote, we are quite keenly aware that some of the information released today in the affidavit raises new concerns and contributes to the specter of hate crimes. We appreciate the sensitivity and respect for Fred and the GLBT community displayed by local and regional law enforcement, local media and our allies and the GLBT community beyond Colorado, said Kathy Keyes, chair of the Four Corners Gay and Lesbian Alliance for diversity. Dennis, the person, Executive Director of the Colorado anti violence program said quote 13 years ago, Colorado passed the ethnic intimidation act, recognizing that bias motivated violence has a special and profound effect on individual victims and targeted communities. She said Martinez death underlines the need for a widely inclusive hate crimes law in the state. Quote, The explicit exclusion of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, as well as those who are targeted based on their age or ability makes us second class citizens in our own state, the person said in other news, criminal charges were laid today over an attack on a Toronto Minister, the day that he was to performed Canada's first gay and lesbian marriages. On the morning of January 14, a woman stood up in the sanctuary of Toronto's Metropolitan Community Church and began shouting. When the senior pastor of the church Reverend Brent hawks approached her. She reached out in what some parishioners said was an attempt to strike him. The woman Erica co busic was hustled out of the church by two security guards. KU Basik of Cambridge, Ontario, was charged by police with assaulting Hawks. Several hours later hawks conducted the weddings for Kevin Bourassa and Jove, arnelle and Alene and and Vaatu. The church had been, the church had used the ancient Christian tradition of reading bands, or announcements of the weddings, to avoid the necessity of of marriage licenses from the government. The province had refused to recognize the marriages under the federal government's definition of marriage. That has prompted a constitutional challenge that is still before the courts. Wednesday morning hawks filed criminal charges against the Basik before a Justice of the Peace at the provincial division criminal court at College Park in Toronto. The charge was laid under Section 176 of the Criminal Code of Canada that states quote, everyone who willfully disturbs or interrupts an assemblage of persons met for religious worship or for a moral social or benevolent purpose is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction. Outside the court hawks said quote, we felt that it was important to send a strong message that we will protect the sanctity of our church and not tolerate any disruption of our religious services. In Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia has highest court struck down a law preventing gays and lesbians from adopting. In the decision justice Deborah

gas ruled that the law is unconstitutional. An unidentified lesbian couple from Halifax had challenged the ban in the provinces High Court, their lawyer Laura Morris, argued that restricting adoption to heterosexual is was unconstitutional. The couple has several children. One of the women is the biological mother of the children, whom they have parented since birth. Morris said that the couple was thrilled by the decision. They're just so happy that the court has now given the legal recognition to their family, he said. gas's ruling means unmarried gays, lesbians and heterosexual couples in the province will be permitted to adopt children. Her ruling also means that children of common law couples can register their relationships with both parents inherit under the interstate secession act and receive maintenance from both parents. A spokesman for Eagle Canada a National Gay and Lesbian advocacy group says it's a landmark decision. But ruling means that Nova Scotia joins several other Canadian provinces, including British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario, which allow same sex couples to adopt children. And same sex couples are now recognized in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan bills 47 and 48. The legislation amending existing laws to provide equality for gay and lesbian relationships passed a third legislative reading last week and received Royal Assent on Friday. The measures were virtually guaranteed success. When the provinces opposition party, the Saskatchewan party said its members would vote freely. The omnibus bills amend 24 Different provincial laws, allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt stepchildren and giving them easy access to public pensions. passage comes two years after a Canadian Supreme Court decision requiring provincial courts to recognize that same sex couples have the same legal rights as married and opposite sex common law couples. Saskatchewan becomes the sixth province to comply with the Supreme Court ruling. Saskatchewan gay equality spokesman Donna Smith said quote, although I do not like the fact that they kept repeating that they had no choice but to introduce the legislative changes. They were proactive and did not wait for us to force them in the courts. We will have more news after this.



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Glenn Holt 59:08

Continuing with news the reappearance of worrisome levels of the AIDS virus in infected patients bloodstreams does not mean that drug therapy that they are using has failed. Researchers said on Tuesday, the importance of the finding that HIV levels can rise modestly for a time and then subside again, are not a sign of the therapies, regimens failure couldn't spare patients who rushed to switch to different drugs and then run out of options. Doctors writing in this week's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association studied 254 AIDS infected patients over a four and a half year span and discovered that those with intermittent increases in blood levels of the virus actually had a lower rate of treatment failure than those who did not have occasional increases in HIV levels. Quote, clinical management options are increased by this knowledge At a higher HIV RNA level that could trigger a therapy change may

preserve the number of drugs available for future therapeutic regimens, wrote Study author  
divan have Lear of the University of California San Diego. An editorial accompanying the  
journals study said, the longer term effects of viral recurrences need to be looked at, but that it  
may not be necessary to completely suppress the virus in infected patients. Quote, It may now  
be accepted that current therapeutic regimens may not be able to completely suppress viral  
retro replication, even when used under optimal conditions, wrote Stephen Deeks of the  
University of California San Francisco. In the editorial Deeks added quote, fortunately, complete  
viral suppression does not appear to be a prerequisite for durable virologic and presumably  
clinical benefit. An art and journalism teacher in Texas is suing the administration of the charter  
school that fired him last fall after he defended student artwork depicting a same sex kiss.  
Grady Roper was fired from the Catherine and Porter school in Wimberley after he threatened  
to go to the media about what he said was censorship of a student painted mural in the school.  
The 30 by 10 foot painting and the school's main hallway contained a two by two foot section  
showing two men kissing. After some parents and school board members objected to that  
section of the mural. Students and faculty found the entire work had been painted over on a  
weekend, the faculty unanimously supported leaving the painting as it was, quote, they didn't  
talk to parents or teachers, they just decided to do it on their own. Roper told the Dallas  
Morning News, the mural was inadequately planned and supervised. It contained satanic  
symbols and violent images. On these grounds, I decided that it was inappropriate for a public  
high school, said Yana bland and administrator at the school in a written statement. Roper told  
the morning news quote, they backed themselves into a corner so they came up with the  
excuse that they saw Satan in one of the images. Roper insists that the kiss was actually the  
problem. I decided the public needed to know what was happening and I told Dr. Bland that she  
and the school board needed to be held accountable for their actions. I said I was going to the  
press, Roper said soon after that decision, he said that he was told to turn in his keys and  
gradebook and he was fired. The Texas Civil Rights Project is representing Roper in his suit  
against the school administration, claiming violation of First Amendment freedom of speech  
protections. He seeks reinstatement to his job lost wages, attorneys fees, and a court order to  
prohibit the school from violating first amendment rights. Quote, I want to make sure that  
something like this never happens again, I hope we can set a precedent for all schools in Texas.  
We cannot allow school administrators to trample on the spirit of young artists. Roper said  
almost a week after a federal judge ruled that a gay pride exhibit must be reinstated at loose  
ACC library in the city of Anchorage. And the Alaska Civil Liberties Union still hasn't come to  
terms on how or when that should happen. So last Monday, US District Judge James K singleton  
decided for them. He issued a preliminary injunction that said that the city must quote,  
indefinite immediately and in no case no later than Thursday, July 12. Allow for the  
reinstallation of the celebrating diversity under the midnight sun exhibit. He also prohibited the  
city from engaging in impermissible viewpoint discrimination in the displays at the municipal  
libraries. In a written statement, Mayor George were rich said that the municipality will clearly  
comply with the orders of the court. The Alaska chapter of the ACLU sued the city last month  
over the exhibit, arguing that its abrupt removal on June 5 violated free speech rights of the  
exhibit sponsors as well as those of potential viewers. The city argued in court that the display  
couldn't be allowed because it was promotional. Under the city's library exhibit policy displays  
that are promotional personal or commercial can be denied. The mayor decided against the  
exhibit without seeing it after aides had briefed him. The judge found that quote, the  
municipalities objection to the promotional nature of the plaintiffs exhibit was clearly an  
afterthought. The city's original objection singleton found focused on a part of the exhibit that  
incorporated the Third Floor Elevators which were decorated to resemble closets. library  
patrons going into or out of the elevators would have symbolically come out of the closet or  
taking their beliefs about homosexuality into the closet. The city argued that the elevator  
portion may not be safe and forced patrons to interact with the exhibit and encourage

horseplay by children. But the jury I just found that quote, none of these concerns addressed the exhibit as a whole, nor justified removing the parts of the exhibit adjacent to the elevators. In addition, the exhibit sponsors agreed to move the materials away from the elevators, singleton said the distinction between promotional and educational exhibits relies on the ambiguities and vagueness of those terms. It does not appear that the municipality has applied these terms consistently, singleton concluded his order directs the city to reinstate the display, quote in a form as close as possible to the original design, but without involving the elevators, and shall be placed in the general area adjacent to the elevators and must stay up for at least 30 days as originally agreed to his order said in his statement were rich said the city will seek clarification on exactly where the exhibit should go up, but anticipates that the matter will be resolved quickly. The judge also ruled that the Alaska ACLU may collect attorneys fees and court costs from the city



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Glenn Holt 1:07:02

and finally in the news 1000s of mourners turned out in the rain Tuesday to bury the first woman officer ever killed in the line of duty in the history of the Tampa Bay police force. After 40 year old Louis M. Marino's coffin was lowered into the ground. Police Chief Bernie holder presented the folded flag to Marino's partner of 10 years. Detective Mickey Mashburn. According to the Tampa Tribune if Moreno had left her husband, he would have been paid a monthly sum equal to about half of her salary and spousal benefits. But although Mashburn was recognized as a spouse at the cemetery, she will not be eligible for the lifetime pension under Florida law. After 19 years on the force Moreno was about a year shy of retirement when she was shot through the neck and side by a fleeing bank robber on July 6 Mashburn, has hired local lawyer Danny Castillo to explore her options. But for now she is staying out of the spotlight. She grieves the loss of her partner, because Twilio told the St. Petersburg Times that Mashburn doesn't want to turn her lover's death into a political issue. But he suggested the pension problem was not insurmountable. Quote, just because state law doesn't recognize Mashburn doesn't mean that there isn't any venue for dealing with it. We're going to do whatever is necessary to make sure that she gets what she is entitled to. He said Tom singleton chairman of the Tampa Police Force and fire department Pension Board, and a friend of both women called the situation tragic quote, it's a whole new area for us same sex partners. I can say it's something that we'll be looking into, he said and Joan and Jack, that is our look at the news. Well, I

 Joan Devlin 1:08:43

have Kim Hardin on the line actually Dr. Kim Hardin on the line who is the author of a book called queer blues. And hopefully everything is working wonderfully. him are you there out here? Great. Well, I have this little publicity sheet from actually the publicist for queer blues. And in here it notes that you grew up in a southern fundamentalist Christian family. So how do we go from that to openly gay psychologist who writes a book about the particular problems of depression that plague gay and lesbian people? Oh, my

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God, that's a long Yeah, I was born in North Carolina and very small town and, you know, went to church every Sunday morning and Sunday night and Wednesday night and know the whole thing very well. I guess though, I knew that I was gay, very, very young and probably 13 or 14 and, and had to deal with, you know, all the homophobia that goes with that area of the country very conservative, and learn to keep it a secret. Learn to try to act straight as best I could, even though I knew what was really going on in my heart. And finally, I went to college and took some psychology classes. started, you know, meeting other gay people and realizing that, you know, we were okay. And really enjoyed sort of reaching out and helping other lesbian gay people learn to come out better and, and just live lives in a happier way. And so I kind of made a decision to pursue psychology as a career and I became a clinical psychologist, and I've spent a lot of my time trying to do, you know, good things for the community as much as I can.

 Joan Devlin 1:10:32

Now as a group are, I'm going to go ahead and say, GLBT people, but our GLBT people more depressed than heterosexual or straight people. Well, we

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don't think that, that we're more depressed, but we think that our depression is different. Because it's, you know, it's a different experience growing up in a homophobic culture, if you're, you know, sexual minority. And so, we think that, that depressions differ certainly between different groups and different individuals, and that ours has a huge environmental component because of the general bias against, you know, LGBT people. So we propose, actually, that therapist, the, you know, who work with depressed LGBT people be very sensitive to our unique struggle with society and help us be more prepared to deal with homophobia and harassment and those kinds of things.

 Joan Devlin 1:11:32

Now, what about ex gay ministries? Because they've come up a lot? Do they just contribute to the problem?

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I strongly believe that they do. I think that they work from an incorrect assumption. The assumption is that being lesbian or gay or bisexual transgender is, you know, a moral issue. And it's not really a moral issue. And it's not an illness. And both of those assumptions are incorrect. And so having someone attempt to change their sexual orientation, based on this assumption, I believe is wrong. And there's some data coming out that it's even harmful to people to try to change their sexual orientation, because then they feel even more like a failure, because they can't change

J Joan Devlin 1:12:16

right. Now, is depression genetic? I mean, what causes I mean, because depression is such a broad term. Yeah. And in your book, you addressed several things, one of which I loved was saying that, you know, people can't just snap out of it.

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Right? No, depression is more than just having, you know, a day that's down here, there, because we all have those. And, you know, you may, you may have a day that looks very much like a depressed person today, where you just wake up and want to snap everybody's head off. But you know, that alone is not clinical depression, clinical depression lasts much longer, at least two weeks of continuous sort of down mood. And you'll see, you'll start to see biological changes, like sleep patterns changing more or less, your appetite changing more or less, your energy level goes down, you know, all kinds of different symptoms. And it doesn't respond to your normal ways of dealing with depression, you're dealing with the blues. And yeah, we think that depression is really made up of several factors, possibly a genetic or biological predisposition. And there's more and more evidence gathering, you know, that it does run some in families. There's an environmental factor, as I mentioned before, the situation that you're in, and also your individual psychological makeup, or your own emotional, you know, traits or characteristics, combination of those three.

J Joan Devlin 1:13:48

Now, is there like a cure? Because, you know, you hear this too, and you address this in your book as well. We'll just go get some Prozac or something, and you'll be fine.

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Well, you know, actually, there is really effective treatment for depression out there. Certainly medications have gotten better over the years, and they can be a really helpful tool. We're Marnie and I are both she's the co author are both advocates of combining antidepressant therapy with talking therapy, because we think, you know, there's a lot in in terms of support, and giving you specific instructions on ways to take care of yourself when you're depressed and ways to move yourself out of situational factors as well. So the combination of meds and talking therapy can help up to 80% of all depressions out there.

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Joan Devlin 1:14:44

And what if you happen to have a partner or someone you love who is going through, you know, clinical depression possibly even become suicidal? How do you respond to that?

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Well, you know, we wanted to address partners because if you've ever had a family member or someone that you loved, depressed, it's very stressful for you. And we wanted to first of all say, Please take care of yourself, you can't really take care of your partner, if you don't take care of yourself. And that means not trying to do everything, you know, on your own, getting support for yourself, being gentle with them, try not to be judgmental, we actually give a list of things not to say to a person who's depressed, that you know, which might make it worse, like oh, just snap out of it like share and Moonstruck or this is getting on my nerves. And you know, you're just gonna have to get out if you can't get over this. And we also talk about ways to gently approach them about getting help or getting support. And if they do get to the point that they're suicidal, we recommend that you want to talk to their doctor, you might want to talk to their therapist, if they have one about your concerns, because sometimes people don't share with their therapist, that they're feeling suicidal. And then you can alert them and the therapist can help you devise a plan to help them deal with that.

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Joan Devlin 1:16:13

And speaking about therapists, if you're interested in getting a therapist or talking to a therapist, I mean, what's the best way to go about that? Because I think sometimes, you know, you have people, they just pick someone out of the phonebook. And for any number of reasons, it just might not be the best fit, and especially for GLBT people, I mean, should we go to GLBT Therapists? I mean, what's the best thing to do?

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Well, you know, that's, that's hard for some people who've never been in therapy to find a good therapist, you know, you need to find one that you trust, number one, and that you like. So if you walk into a therapists office, you've never met him before, and there's just no chemistry there. Walk out, just leave. And there are plenty more out there. I don't think that we don't think that it's necessary, absolutely necessary that therapists be GLBT. But we do think that they need to be glbts Affirmative. Or, you know, that means that they don't believe that it's an illness, or that it's in any way any kind of abnormal process. They believe that that our lifestyle is a normal alternative. And understand the whole process of coming out, you don't want to have to educate your therapist about coming out if you're dealing with a relationship issue, for example. So somebody that's got experience, we recommend that you sit down and you come up with some good questions before you even meet them. Sometimes you can do it on the phone. Like, you know, what is your belief about gay and lesbian? You know, issues in general? What's your experience? You know, all kinds of questions, how does your fee structure work? How often do you see people, that kind of stuff?

 Joan Devlin 1:17:57

And I guess the other question I wanted to ask is, you talk about situational depression, what's the best way of handling that, for instance, say someone who maybe has just been diagnosed with HIV or someone who's just, you know, lost a long term partner, you know, through a breakup or a death or even you know, they're just normal stuff, you know, losing a job, you know, any any number of things that can just cause you to be depressed for a time?

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Well, I certainly think that support is probably the number one thing you can do for yourself. And that doesn't necessarily mean you have to go to therapy, or that you need to go to any kind of special support group. But I think you need to reach out to your friends, and the people that you do love and talk about it. You know, if you just stuffed it all inside, and you try to ignore it and wait for it to go away. That's kind of a recipe for it to come back and bite you, you know. And so, you know, make yourself you know, make yourself available to your friends, people you can talk to about this stuff, don't try to stop it or deal with it by yourself. If it doesn't go away, if it's persistent for several weeks, and you're still just feeling really miserable, then you can think about, you know, talking to a therapist or counselor of some kind.

 Joan Devlin 1:19:16

And we've heard a lot recently about bipolar disorders. What exactly is a bipolar disorder?

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Well, Bipolar disorder is a form of mood disorder, that involves depression, but it used to be called manic depression, which means that you have cycles between very low depressions and also pretty high highs known as mania. And you might see someone who's manic not sleeping for several days or are doing things impulsively, you know, for a while, like spending money or gambling or even sexually compulsive behaviors over several days, and there's a lot of evidence is accumulated that this truly is a biological phenomena. And there's better medications coming out all the time to try to stabilize the mood of a person who has bipolar disorder or manic depression.

 Joan Devlin 1:20:12

Now, in the preface of your book you dedicated to two queer American heroes who grappled with the blues. Yeah, Kelly Peterson and Rusten. Tell us a little bit about them.

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Okay. I love this part of it, just because I was so impressed by both people. Kelly Peterson, was 17 years old, in a high school in Salt Lake City. And she was coming to terms with being lesbian, and wanted to start a support group. She went through some depression herself in

dealing with all of this, tried to start a support group in her school, a gay straight alliance and met with incredible resistance, which then became a statewide issue where the state legislature actually outlawed all after school activities. I remember when that happened, absolutely. In order not to have one gay straight alliance organization, it was either all or nothing, according to the court. And then the parents came around and finally said, This is ridiculous. Let's have this organization. So our kids can have some after school inactivity. So she's a real hero to me, and it's probably still in her early 20s. And we wanted to dedicate the book to her and also by Augustine is our other person who was a strong civil rights leader in the 1960s, an African American gay man, who was well known to suffer with depression, who was Martin Luther King's right hand man. And he organized the March on Washington that's so famous now. And he also was a hero. And we picked them both because they sort of transcended, you know, racial lines and eras of time. And, and yet, they both share depression, and they both shared, you know, the queer spirit.

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Joan Devlin 1:22:01

It's wonderful. And another thing, what impressed me about your book, and I noted it in my review, is one of the things you talked about was a little girl who wouldn't stay on the girls side of the playground, right? Because as far as she was concerned, she was a boy and she belonged on the boys side of the playground, right. And when she was challenged for this, she fought back and often one. And because of this was pretty much ostracize, in fact, eventually got expelled from school, because she wouldn't behave like a sweet little girl, right? And actually started cutting herself. Yes. And, you know, how typical is this?



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Well, you know, sadly enough, in my last book on gay and lesbian self esteem, I talk a lot about adolescents and teenagers. And I think, the fact that we are socialized from a very, very young age to be heterosexual. And that works just fine if you're heterosexual, but if you don't fit the mold, whether it's your sexuality, or whether it's just your gender identity, whether you just you know, maybe you could be a butch, straight girl, or, you know, an effeminate, straight boy, if you don't fit the mold, there's an intense amount of social pressure. And I think that certainly explains a lot of teenage, you know, runaways and delinquency and lots of other self destructive behaviors, because where do they go? If they don't have support? And I guess, I'd like to see us do a better job of taking care of our own youth and children.

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Joan Devlin 1:23:43

Right, because the other thing that struck me about the book is the behavior. I mean, people either didn't address what was at the root of the problem, or they addressed it in the wrong way. Absolutely. You know, well, if you would just stay on the girls side of the playground, you wouldn't have these problems. Absolutely. And, you know, it's just scary to think because these kids are out there, they are all over the country even today, because of course, I grew up in the 70s. And we did have a girls and boys playground. And it was fairly common then. And I would like to think it's not now but never now. Right? And I would just hate to think of, you know, young women and young men being, like you said, forced into these roles and not even roles but just specific behaviors.



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Absolutely. Well, that's what the ex gay movement is really about. I mean, their their form of conditioning is to basically take the the women who have lesbian tendencies and teach them to wear makeup and curl their hair and walk in high heels, welcome high heels. And the men are craving that on the on the other side of the aisle, of course, I'm just kidding. But you know, teach the men to sit with their legs crossed properly and and you know, how to walk in a little more Butch way and I mean, that's the post to change the sexual orientation. You can look like you're straight.



Joan Devlin 1:25:02

Well, the other thing too is or even, you know, telling a lesbian or an ex lesbian and an ex gay to marry and you know, have kids together like that suddenly going to make either of them straight.



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Right? There's such satisfaction there.



Joan Devlin 1:25:17

I don't know. It's frightening because they they get way more credibility than they deserve. And I haven't figured out why yet, since every, you know, credited medical authority has said that the therapy is a joke.



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Absolutely. And like I said, they are trying to accumulate more evidence. There's a psychologist, Dr. Douglas Haldeman in I think he's in Seattle, who has actually worked with people who've come out of ex gay movements, and has, you know, found them to be emotionally scarred from this experience. And he's trying to accumulate more data on that and is trying to do more publishing to just show how harmful it really is.



Joan Devlin 1:25:57

We've also talked to some people who've come out of the ex gay movement, and they said, the majority of the people that provide counseling are not really counselors. Oh, absolutely. They are not licensed. They are not degreed. They're not professionals. They're really just people in the church, you've kind of been programmed.



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Absolutely, absolutely. Most of the most of the ex gay movement. Counselors, so to speak, are not trained mental health practitioners.

**J** Joan Devlin 1:26:23

See, well, I don't understand that, though. Because if somebody broke their arm, they wouldn't let someone who wasn't a doctor, or an accredited medical person, treat them. So why can these churches that do not have accredited mental health professionals treat somebody for what they perceive to be a mental illness?

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Right, because they they don't label it as a mental illness, they label it as a moral deficiency, and therefore the government will stay out of it. It's a moral issue, you know, the government really has no authority there. And that's how the church would defend it today by saying, Well, we have a higher authority than the state or the government. Which is kind of sad, because you know, it is such a, an inaccurate thing and harmful thing that they're doing.

**J** Joan Devlin 1:27:09

Well, it's sad, too, because they do workshops for parents of kids that might be gay, which of course, their criteria for being gay is because, you know, when, when a little boy was three, he went and put on mom's lipstick, you know, so now, he might be gay. You know, but What scares me is because I've seen some of this information, and I'm just terrified to think of these, you know, parents inflicting this on these poor kids. Yeah, you know, dragging some little artists to hell, and forcing him to throw a football around the yard for three hours. Exactly. You know, because that will make him a man.

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Exactly, exactly. Or making some, you know, super talented female athlete, you know, stay home and bake cookies. Not that there's anything wrong with that, but,

**J** Joan Devlin 1:27:52

but I mean, you know, yeah, not everybody, you know, fits into those molds.

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That's right. I totally agree with you. There's actually a, I think an excellent film called My vie on Rose. Yeah, have you seen that? The French film, I thought that was just really well done. It's about a little boy who, you know, believes he's a girl, and he wants to dress like a little girl. And

the family really freaked out about it. And the whole community freaks out. And, you know, it, it really shows you know, how painful that was for the entire family and the little boy, and and finally, you know, there's, there's resolution at the end. So it's a good movie to see.



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Well, what do you have planned in the future?



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Well, I guess, you know, Marnie, and I are going to talk about some other projects, we were both just really excited to have met each other and work together. Morning halls, my co author, and, and she's been around for a long time doing a lot of work on lesbian sexuality, and, and all of that. So we were talking about, you know, trying to do some other projects, maybe even a workshop or two.



Joan Devlin 1:28:58

And what's the response been to the book so far?



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It's just been overwhelming. I, I've just been totally surprised. It's outsold what the publisher had predicted. Oh, that's great. I know, we're, we're both just kind of giddy here. And it's getting great reviews. And it's just surprising us that there was such a knee, we sort of anticipated that there were, you know, couple of million GLBT people out there who are depressed, but we had no idea that it would just be absorbed as quickly it has been. It's just been really wonderful.



Joan Devlin 1:29:33

Well, beyond even helping you deal with depression or dealing with another's depression. It's a very educational book, thank you and gives you a very, you know, good look at some of the the issues that surround the community and also surround just, you know, like you said, clinical depression. So it's, I enjoyed it. Thank you, and taught me a lot. We've been talking to Kim Hardin, who is the author of queer blues along with Marnie Hall and And I suggest if you would like a copy of the book since it is selling out rather rapidly, you get down to Lobo Crossroads or some other bookstore GLBT or otherwise and get your copy of it. And, Kim, I want to thank you so much for taking the time to be on our show this evening.



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Thank you, Joan. It was wonderful.



Joan Devlin 1:30:17

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queer artists scot free. The title of the song Not good enough from his album The Living Dead. And before that Michael Cullen loved don't need a reason. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices Okay, okay, that's called, caught out there the song and that's by Kelis from the album Kaleidoscope and Joan, That's all your fault. Explain it.



Joan Devlin 1:31:07

Oh, I just liked that song. It's actually what happened while she's doing that, that CD, every single song on that CD sounds different. But the story behind that song is her boyfriend broke up with her on Valentine's Day. And she kind of lost it. So she wrote a song about it. And that's called caught out there. And that's the song.



Jack Valinski 1:31:24

Well, we're gonna hope to talk a little bit about movies tonight. You and I talked about them while the music was Yeah, off the air kissed the Spider Woman is here for just a week. So I think that leaves Thursday if you want to see it's playing at the Greenway. Hedwig and the Angry and she's coming right ventures it Felix is at the agenda. The agenda doesn't have any power to the agenda. I mean, they have powers because of generator, but it's great. You know, it's a great movie place. And we'll be talking about some other movies probably next week.



Glenn Holt 1:31:52

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