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Paul Monette 00:01

ugly what those homophobes think we're not the only ones who went from it. But I have to tell you I feel incredibly abused and battered by it, you know, keep your family values out of my house, you know, I don't want the kind of family values that those people have. And I think that, you know, we have found during the last 10 or 12 years, even as we bury so many people with AIDS, we found a profound sense of community with one another. And what is such a joy in being part of this community is that it has to do with a great deal more than sex. And one of the ways we're belittled by our enemies is to say that we're sex obsessed, and that we all we care about is having sex and recruitment and all that. And we have come in the last 10 years to understand that our differentness is a very sweet tempered sword. And I think we also have must understand that we can open ourselves to include not just each other gay men and lesbians, but also our allies, there are straight people who really do understand some of them have really struggled, my brother's a good example, and it's his disability, this made him understand we need to be inclusive with each other. What struck



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me the most I think about becoming a man was the sense that it isn't until we come out that we recognize how special we are, and that the self hatred begins to heal itself. And we finally start to say, well, there's nothing wrong with me, there's something wrong with the people that hate me. And that is the ultimate leap of faith that one needs to make that this book is so valuable in helping us make, I think, all of the things you did to try to make other people like you that made you hate yourself more, and the long term effects of that on your ability to love as an adult, but I just was kept being struck at what a miracle it is that we all turned out as well as we did. And you were able to have long term loving relationships and to be vulnerable and open and loving, ultimately, and saying, Hey, I was pretty wonderful, I did the best I could.



Paul Monette 01:53

I think that one of the subtle, subtle things about that self hatred, that when you reach a point

where all the codes of society have let you know how bad gay and lesbian is and how wrong it is, you don't even need the hate of the homophobes after a certain point, you do it to yourself. But I don't think you know a lot about that. I mean, you need to come out in the outward way and tell your loved ones are the people you work with and all that. And then you realize that hasn't done it, there's an inner coming out before you can really love yourself. I mean, we really have a challenge to help our community, we must stop those gay and lesbian kids from committing suicide at 13 and 15. That is simply unspeakable. And though it's not our fault, we're the only ones who can help them. We come from a society that is so successful that and that is so irresponsibly, letting young people commit suicide and get AIDS. And they mouth all this happy talk about traditional family values. And it's lies and kids know,

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it's lies. Homophobia is child abuse. And in fact, all of us who were little gay or lesbian children were abused by the hatred that we felt directed at us whether anybody knew we were or not, whether we ourselves knew we were or not. And the enormous effect that had on our ability to be loving human beings

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is seen where you see the other student tormented, because he's called a fag, right? Yeah, the fact that that scene drove your life, it didn't directly happen to you, except by observation. And yet it drove you

 Paul Monette 03:27

for years years. And they don't understand. I think people haven't gone through it, how a single hurting homophobic remark can sit in us for years. I mean, one of the reviews of the book was trying to say something positive about it be said, I think that straight people reading this book, will begin to understand why it is that their friends who have successfully come out of the closet, can't stop talking about it, and can't stop talking about what a horrible time they had in high school. But I am here to say that I have had a happy life in the last 17 years since I came out of the closet. And it wasn't so simple as it felt it though, that I met Roger. And I thought, This is it. You know, I needed to be in that relationship, I think, to really become politicized. And I'm part of a community, I should have been able to do that myself. But I didn't. And I've had a life of great joy. I don't want it to end so early. And I feel this nuclear rage against my government for the way they have allowed a kind of genocide by indifference to happen to my people, but they can't take away from me that I've had 17 years of freedom. And you know, a lot of people don't have that many years. And I found in writing this book, that I didn't really feel any lingering bitterness towards my family. Luckily, as far as I know, I didn't experience any sexual abuse. My parents were doing the best they could. My dad could not finish the book. He said it's very hard to read. He said, I just want to go back. I want to go back and somehow tell you it's okay. It's Not that I want to change you. I'm proud of you being gay. And I saw that's a lovely thing to say, Dad, and I appreciate that. But I don't think you could have done that. 25 years ago, I think we were just all locked in as a society, and it was bad and there was nothing we could do about it and your hands were full with my brother. And instead, we were

able to go on and be a family and you're able to include Roger as part of the family and that's what we need to be proud of. But I think it's okay he doesn't have to read this book, you know, living It's hard enough.

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Greg Gordon 06:12

More from Josie Coteaux Gio and IO Femi for lion with the incomparable Palma net next time on this way out. Thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, Cindy Freedman, Brian newness Josie Guiteau Gio and all your family for Lion contributed program material. Thanks also to Christopher David Trenton Graham Underhill and Dave Buell, Margie, Adam, John Lucchino and Joe Jackson performed some of the music you heard, and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music. This round is brought to you each week by a staff of community volunteers, and is sustained by financial support from the community. audio cassettes of this way all programs are available by mail individually or by subscription. Write to us for more information, or with any comments, suggestions or questions you might have, or just to let us know you're out there listening right to this way out, Post Office Box 38327, Los Angeles, California 90038. And please be sure to include the call letters of this station. This is Greg Gordon, for Alicia Powell and all of us at this way out. Thanks for listening on K USP Santa Cruz, W HBK, Chicago and three CR Melbourne, among others. And for supporting this community radio station, we know you're stay tuned.

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Jewel Gray 07:30

Okay, we're back. Did you miss us? We missed you. Scott's here. And he wants to talk about the town meeting is coming up about HIV and AIDS, HIV and AIDS. And why is it that you want to talk about this?

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Scott Lewis 07:46

Because I'm directly involved? How are you going to be involved? It's it's HIV, a town meeting January the 11th. And looks like it's possibly going to be held at Rice University that's not firmed up yet. But we have some pretty good signs from there. And basically how I'm going to be involved, it's going to be two hours. It's going to be a live television special broadcast out on PAC on the cable network done by the alternative broadcast service, which is Houston's gay television network.

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Jewel Gray 08:23

That's not the access Houston. That's another

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Scott Lewis 08:27

alternative broadcast service right now is using access Houston to get their stuff on the air and is in is in negotiations right now. We're in the process right now of getting a low power television station. So you're hearing it here first, because I'm really not supposed to talk about

it. But after the first of next year, hopefully, there will be FCC approval for a low power television station that basically will cover the inside of the loop. And it'll be a gay, a gay television station.

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Jewel Gray 08:56

Oh, wow. I love that. Isn't that great? Oh, my cable system gets it.

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Scott Lewis 08:59

And they the cable, evidently under the new, the new cable bill that just got passed. Ex President Bush's first veto. The cable companies are going to be required to carry it something about it being a low powered station. So the cable companies are gonna have to carry it. So not only will you be able to get it inside the loop, but if you have cable anywhere in Harris County, you're gonna get it great. So that's kind of neat. But anyway, this HIV town meeting is basically just to just to discuss, where we've been, where we've come from, and where we're going, what the future holds for us and what we need to do. My purpose when I originally came up with the concept, I guess, was to try and educate myself and my community and the larger community in general, the people that that aren't affected every day and maybe we can catch somebody when they're flipping through the dials. We've got in between shout out to Dr. Don Rios. Brian Bradley will be on the panel. It's basically it's almost going to be kind of an an Oprah Winfrey type if I don't know if I want to associate that. But it's going to be there's going to be a live audience that are going to ask questions, there's going to be a panel. I'm inviting Amy Dolph, who you're probably familiar with that 22 became positive 18. Longtime survivors, positive man positive woman counselors, you know, what changes and habits need to be made to better you know, your health, when you find out you're positive, and Roy Hill to talk about back when it was a gay man's cancer, and then talk about where we're going, you know, this is how far we've come, this is what we've accomplished. This is what we've done, where we go, and now what do we need to do for the future?

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Jewel Gray 10:54

Okay, um,

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Scott Lewis 10:56

this is going to be when January 11, it's going to be air January, it's going to be live on the air January 11. And then it'll be repeated several times. And the main reason I want to talk about it tonight is because we need help, we need volunteers 30 to 40 people to help pull it

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Jewel Gray 11:10

off. What will they be doing?

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Scott Lewis 11:13

A cornucopia of jobs are available, from cameramen, to floor managers, to Backstage people to just any anything, we're going to have five television cameras go and we're going to have the truck outside, we'll have to have people on the floor to field the questions that people are going to ask people to take care of the people on the panel, you know, make sure that they have what they need, and so forth. And we're going to need 30 to 40 people to pull it off. So basically, why I'm here is to give out that information. And it doesn't matter if you have any experience doing any of these things. Doesn't matter if you have any experience behind the camera, or whatever. Mike can train, Mike can train you. And if you're interested in helping out and making this a reality, I would ask that you please call 5263425 and speak with Mike at 5263425. That's like how I get my phone my phone number out all the time. I repeat it over and over and over again. So maybe somebody will

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Jewel Gray 12:24

call Burnden there?

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Scott Lewis 12:27

Yeah, that's gonna I'm really excited. I'm excited. Yeah,

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Jewel Gray 12:29

a lot of good people going to be there. And you're going to rebroadcast it. So if anybody misses it that day live, they can catch it some other day, right? Yeah, well, great. Sounds like something that's been needing to be done for a while. I know, they've had a lot of AIDS conferences, and a lot of medical conferences about AIDS. And but mostly people who talk there or are there are caregivers, and what sounds like these are going to be the people, the people that are getting the care and people are out there doing the direct work, not the professionals out there in the field as much as I mean, I heard you say Dr. Rios is going to be there. I don't want to say it's not gonna be any professionals. But it sounds like it's going to be more down to earth kind of talk about what it is what what it's been what's going to be

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Scott Lewis 13:24

what I think makes this different from those, what you're talking about is that I'm trying to include everybody, we're trying to include everybody because everybody's affected. And so we want to include just as vast

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Jewel Gray 13:41

spectrum of people exactly.

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Scott Lewis 13:43

Because everybody's affected by this in some form. And so we want to be able to get everyone's attention.

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Jewel Gray 13:51

Well, sounds like a good deal. And if you're interested in volunteering for this, you can call somebody at that phone number. And we'll give that out again, a little bit later. Just so if you don't have your pencil and paper handy, we will give that number out again in a little little while. You were working earlier, stopped in after work. You're getting to be a rich man down there. You know, or de

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Scott Lewis 14:15

we, we've got a lot of Republicans at over where I work at Tony mandalas, which and a lot of queers come in there. I just love it. It's so wonderful. It's like a meat market. And let me tell you, I love to shop. My freezer is never too full. But we had, we have all these Republican people that come in there. It's one of those four restaurants. And tonight, I was kind of listening to what people were saying because we're so incredibly busy. And we haven't been busy for about the last month and people it's about half split between why they're there. About half of them are saying I'm so glad that the election is over. And Clinton's one and you know The economy's on the upswing, and I'm just excited excited excited about the other half of whom are saying. I've got to come out and spend my money while I still have it because Quinton one and then a terrible attitude.

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Jewel Gray 15:15

Yeah, yeah, we're playing with the dials and here we have a hiss in the in the in the mic. I mean in the headphones here. So we were playing with some dials. You caught me off guard. Yeah. That kind of thing. Yeah. You know, anyway,

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Scott Lewis 15:32

but I'm very excited that Bill one Yeah, me

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Jewel Gray 15:35

too. Me too. Yeah, me three here. Oh, yeah. Okay, Dennis. You can say it again. Oh, me three, knee three. Right. Okay. Sorry. I didn't have you on over there in the corner.

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Maybe you spend the blessings of living in Montrose, but I haven't heard that much. Sour grapes. Yeah. Yeah. I haven't paid for the Houston Post in which case you get enough sour

grapes. Yeah, yeah, I haven't paid for the Houston Post, in which case you get enough sour grapes to

S Scott Lewis 15:58

blame. DENNIS I learned about six months ago not to read the Houston Post any longer because of their attitudes against gays and lesbians. You

J Jewel Gray 16:05

know, I used to tell when the Chronicle called my house and asked me to take the Chronicle. I used to tell him I'm sorry. I don't like the politics at the Chronicle. But lately, you know what, I'm just looking pretty good. I just

S Scott Lewis 16:16

had to switch that. And I got the call from the post a week ago, begging me renew, you can have it for a year half price. And I said no. I said, your paper just bashes gays over and over and over everything. Things I've been involved with in the past year that had been written up in the paper have been so slanted against thing, some things in there, they're not even correct. And I'd call the paper and say, was this reporter there? Who did? Where'd they get this information from? Did they just like listen to a radio station or something? Because this isn't what happened.

J Jewel Gray 16:47

Now, I think sometimes that happens. Most of us say but

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representative with a conservative bias in the media that is on everybody's mind these days. A lot.

J Jewel Gray 16:57

I know. I was gonna tell you, I heard some really news that brought a big smile to my face today. Jerry Falwell had a little press conference today and said he's gonna re start the moral monarchy majority, because Clinton got an office, and he thinks that we're going to need the Moral Majority to combat the ill that Clinton's going to do. And it just I was just flabbergasted.

S Scott Lewis 17:19

Don't those people understand that the American people have sent a very strong message in this election that that's not what they want? Oh no

this election, and that's not what they want. Oh, no,

J Jewel Gray 17:25

that you know, the answer. There is the standard answer. And I've heard this several times from from Republicans is, well, he didn't get, you know, a mandate because he didn't get a majority of the popular vote. They're saying that you know, that the majority of the people in the country didn't want him? Well, that's not the case. The case is that there was a third candidate, so they had to split the votes three ways. But anyway, you look at it, he Yes, he got the mandate. If perot hadn't been there, I think he was his stuff would have been split between Clinton and Bush. And I tend to think that a lot more of the perot votes would have gone to Clinton, because perot seemed to be all through the race, more agitated with Bush and the Voodoo economics and the trick and that trickle down economics and that kind of stuff that bush espoused that I believe that most of the parole votes probably would have gone to Clinton, which would have made it even a bigger mandate.

S Scott Lewis 18:23

Well, and I think that was evidenced by the fact that most of the votes after parole that he drew after he got back in the race came from Bush. Now he did draw off of Clinton somewhat, but not near to the extent that he pulled away from Bush.

J Jewel Gray 18:37

Yeah. Anyway, it's over folks. And Bill Clinton, one we all want. That's right. And and I think we're going to be seeing some big differences. Someone a post, an I had an idea. The other day I thought I would share tonight was that someone I was talking to said that they thought that the first thing that Clinton should do would be appoint Jimmy Carter as domestic cabinet chief, whatever they have whatever that title is for the domestic. Instead of Baker for Foreign Affairs, it would be Jimmy Carter for domestic affairs. And I thought that was a wonderful idea. Of course, somebody else shortly thereafter, brought up the fact that it'd be hard for Jimmy Carter, next President to sit in a cabinet. I don't think that would be difficult for Jimmy Carter. I really think that it's time that this whole that that helped whatever that was that helped. This has gone that Jimmy Carter is a man who not only talked a good story, he also lives a good story, and that it's apparent that he is not an egomaniac, or he wouldn't be out there, you know, busting his thumb on housebuilding every right every other

S Scott Lewis 19:45

day, but you know, I read that, that Jimmy Carter had been asked about a cabinet position and he said, No, no, I wouldn't be interested. I'd love

J Jewel Gray 19:53

to. I'd love to see that. You know where you read. I'd love to read more about that. I really think that the Democratic Party owes him Carter in, in some way some support that he didn't get

when he lost the presidential attitude. I think so I think his his only problem was the timing at which he had his his presidency. He was not I mean, most people say, Well, what did he do? Well, you know, at least there say, what did he do? There was no graph, there was no, you know, corruption. There was no, you know, didn't do was almost as important as what he did exactly. People say, Well, he would just, you know, was the non president, I don't buy that. The thing that's remembered, he gave away the Panama Canal, which I think was the right thing to do personally



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made. There were huge steps made in gay rights for one thing, especially in women's handicap and women and women, and the beginning of the redevelopment of the universities of was rooted.



Jewel Gray 20:52

Exactly, exactly was definitely a human rights president. Definitely. And I really think that the Democratic Party, especially in Venice, you're right, the American people. Oh, Jimmy Carter, something for the way he's been bashed. I mean, he was the only Democratic president for what almost 20 years, almost 20 years, and, and everything that every Republican talked about, during the convention and all the debates and dates and everything. We're talking about Jimmy Carter, and how everything that was wrong today was based on his simple four years in office. Yeah. Just galls me, because this man was, you know, I really have a lot of respect for him. I met him before he was President. I lived down the street from his sister in Fayetteville, North Carolina, his sister Stapleton lived there and, and I would go down and do their lawn. And occasionally the governor would show up, that's back when he was just Governor Carter, and he was an engaging man. And I kind of I see that picture that of, of Clinton when he was a teenager shaking Kennedy's hand. And every time I see that picture, I have it hanging on my wall. Black and white, you know, color copier picture hanging on my wall, in my office. And every time I see that picture, I remember the time I shook Jimmy Carter's hand and I remember how starstruck I was that, you know, I listened to him talk about the things that were important to him. I mean, the hands on things, the people things that he that were important to him. His real fall was that at that time, Khomeini and the Iranian hostage situation came up and, and really his last year was a nightmare because of that situation. And that's all people remember. They don't remember the three years that he put, you know, blood, sweat and tears in this country. And I think that they should offer him a good position to support this country and kind of give back to him what I think was ripped away from him. Jimmy is looking frantically around. Allow me a moment to find out what's going on. Oh, it's break time. That's what it is break down. Okay, we're gonna know what do you want me to do? We're gonna go, we're gonna go to a break



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Just gender, class or race and we can respect the rights of lesbians and gays.



Scott Lewis 24:25

One aids death every seven minutes in America and George Bush is cutting funds. One in 90 people in Greater Houston is HIV positive and our city government is just now realizing there's a problem. The AIDS coalition to unleash power or act has reorganized to address issues important to the HIV affected community. ACT UP Houston meets the second and fourth Monday 7:30pm at Cafe Brasil Westheimer at Dunlavy. For more information call 5292969. act up, fight back fight AIDS.



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Whites and non whites begins you unite as concrete non human species with fairness and dignity since only said is their unity.



Jewel Gray 25:08

This is after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston. Oh, I'm still on. Okay, I'm still on. Let's see. Are we on? Are we here? Is this one on? Is this one on? Yes, it's on. Okay. Joseph is Joseph here is on yet. Joseph, if you are ready, we will take your call anytime. And while we're waiting, and while we're waiting



Jimmy Carper 25:37

while we're waiting, why don't we do this? Because we've had a request, okay. And it is from Jason, to Joseph. And Jason wanted me to play this really hateful song. And I thought, well, I just can't do that. Besides, I don't have to have that song. So I'm going to play a different hateful song.



Scott Lewis 25:56

I'm sure I have quite a library of hateful music.

J Jimmy Carper 25:59
I certainly do. So from Jason to Joseph, especially for you, dear.

J Jewel Gray 26:10
No, no, he won't get what

J Jimmy Carper 26:12
we're talking about me quitting smoking. First thing, she's quitting yours. I've done it. And I did it for money. And I'm proud of it.

S Scott Lewis 26:19
He talking about smoking. Yes, that too. Well, anybody that's got a adult film library knows you're old.

J Jimmy Carper 26:29
Yes, yes. Yes. Speaking. No, not speaking have to change the subject changes. We've got Joseph on the line.

S Scott Lewis 26:37
Now You're offending the listeners

J Jewel Gray 26:40
group called Laura. And they're just getting on their feet. So we're gonna give them a few minutes of airtime to talk about Laura with us. Joseph, are you there? Hey, how's it going? You're out there in Richmond. Right? Yeah, you bet. You're in Rosenberg.

S Scott Lewis 26:56
He didn't know where he lives.

J Jewel Gray 26:58
So tell me real quickly, Joseph. About Gloria. What is it?

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That was a game that's in youth support group slash activist group? And because stands for gays and lesbians of Richmond Rosenberg elite area?

 Jewel Gray 27:12

And you say there are a lot of men out there. Yeah.

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There's a clarity of what's out here.

 Jewel Gray 27:16

You got you got your group on on its feet yet out there?

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Yeah, we're having a meeting on November 14, which is this coming Saturday.

 Jewel Gray 27:24

And you got a phone number where people can call you? Of course. 34225192519. I remember last time I gave out the wrong number. So I'm gonna get it right this time.

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Okay. And if your number is less than 78, bayleaf.

 Jewel Gray 27:43

Right. Yeah.

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 Jewel Gray 27:48

And what is galore up to out there.

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Basically, right now is trying to get try and get a party together for New Year's weekend each party together for you know, our members and things. And we're going to, I'm trying to appeal this thing with our, with our school district and thinking about fires and things in school.

 Jewel Gray 28:06

So you guys are really reaching out there. Banging on some doors and shaking some trees. Are you good? Oh, good. What's the age range for your group from 13 to 21? Well, I'm sure there's a lot of people out there who are listening to us in that age range. If you live out in that area, you might give Joseph a call and see what you can do with Gloria. Joseph, what is your plans for the future? What are your plans for the future as far as the group ghosts

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definitely has to be another hat for this scenario? Because it's kind of hard for some people to get dealt with downtown.

 Jewel Gray 28:46

Yeah. 13 year olds don't have the driver's license yet.

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And quite easier for them to get down down there.

 Jewel Gray 28:54

And your support group, and you get involved in various activities to get hands on. Basically. You guys got a lot of time out there. Hi. Sam goes down off early out there, doesn't it? Yeah. So you guys got a lot of time on your hands. Well, listen, Joseph, I appreciate you giving us a call talking to us about Gloria. Perhaps what you could do Joseph is give me a call one time and we can arrange for you to come down here and really, maybe bring a couple of your group down here and have a few minutes of time. Maybe we'll do an interview.

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Okay, well, I like to say something to Jason Allen. He's listening. You should be my presence and also the flash boyfriend. I love you a lot and you better call me after this is over.

 Jewel Gray 29:41

Better call him Jason. He means business. Okay, take care of Joseph. All right. Okay, that was Joseph, sending out love to Jason and talking about the galore out in Richmond Rosenberg and a leaf area. Support Group for a young young adults, and you can find more information out from them or volunteer with them at 3422519. I got it right that time, Joseph. Let's see, this was the this was Coby house, I'm I want to give that out again. Before we leave, there was what were we going to do next I was going to read some of the stuff that you wanted us to talk about some of these local events going on. If you have a pencil on piece of paper with you, it'd be good to pull them out. Now, I'm going to read a couple of these things for you about things that are going on in town. For those who of you who are interested in getting out and about and participating in some of the events going on. And then Dennis and I are going to hang out here and talk a little while maybe we can talk scootering to hanging out and staying with us a little while to one of the things that I find especially interesting, and specially important is the gay and lesbian Parenting Network. I have a lesbian friend, couple relationship with friends of mine, who recently been artificially inseminated again, and it was interesting situation, and they are involved in the game lesbian Parenting Network. And well not not this one because it's obvious here. The first organizational meeting was tonight, or this afternoon two to four. But if you're interested in more information about No, I'm sorry, it's next Saturday, Saturday, November 14 from two to four at the Montrose Counseling Center at 911. Suite 203. If you're interested in having it says it's there to provide information referral to gay men and lesbians about becoming parents through adoption, foster parenting, surrogacy co parenting, or donor insemination. And

 Jimmy Carper 31:55

I wonder about that I wonder if more lesbians are involved in that than gay men. It was being said you you knew a couple who were being inseminated?

 Jewel Gray 32:06

Well, you know, recently, I was interested in doing something because I do know my couple of friends, they live way, way out out of the loop. And they recently were inseminated, again, with the same sperm from the same Father, that their first child, so that makes the child both children have the same mother and father and our blood relatives. Which in the in the future, yeah. Which in the future, and I think I think they're two years apart. She just lucky in the situation was able to get the frozen sperm of the same father parent from the same sperm bank in Chicago, she had to send away for customer \$300. Why for this little cup line for 50,000 and shipped down here in a safe containers so she could do it herself. We're in the wrong business. I'm telling you

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got some time on your hands.

J Jewel Gray 33:07
So a lot of time in your hands, right.

S Scott Lewis 33:11
We'll stop and stop at the disco Kroger and get a box of solo cups with

J Jimmy Carper 33:17
the night. Well, actually a lot of that has to do they really have to do a lot of screening for the male parent. That's why it's so expensive. Yeah. And battery of tests for but for Psych psychological test. True. Is that why? I know. That's why I have a lot of time in mind.

J Jewel Gray 33:38
Well, when I was when I was interested in doing show, and I talked to both of them there, they are interested in coming on and doing a show with us. And I didn't want it just to be a lesbian thing. So I put the word out. And I had four set of men who are parents, who one of them is adopted kind of like Ray Hill did his sister's children.

J Jimmy Carper 33:57
Well, that's that's the thing. That's what I hear most of gay men and sisters or

J Jewel Gray 34:05
somebody in the family, they will try to place a child in the family is that

J Jimmy Carper 34:09
or the man has been married and has fathered that?

S Scott Lewis 34:14
Children? Yes. Yeah. But what about a gay man who are a gay male couple who wants a child? You know, and they, and they want you know, and they want a child of their own. One

J Jewel Gray 34:27
couple had a surrogate mother. The woman had the baby. They took care of her during her pregnancy was all legal situation. One of the men, they don't know which one because she was

artificially inseminated with the sperm of both men at different times. So neither they I guess at some point, paternity will be decided by blood if they ever choose to do that. When I spoke to them, they said that they did not want to do that. They did not want to know who the father was. And at this time, at what they it was a, there was this woman who was willing to be a surrogate, to have the baby for them. And to release it to them when it was in this state that's a little more difficult because the mother, the mother is, has more custody of child at birth and the father does more right to the child at birth and

J Jimmy Carper 35:18

the father does. That's all well and good, but I bet that cost state funding cost

J Jewel Gray 35:21

them her entire a year of taking care of this woman entirely like a salary most people cannot afford exactly these two men are very well off. They they probably make between the two of them about \$300,000 a year very bank, bankers and

S Scott Lewis 35:37

what options for for the gay man who makes \$25,000 a year. Unfortunately, surrogacy is very expensive, you've been looking at that Madonna.

J Jewel Gray 35:48

Surrogacy is very expensive, because that is usually the terms of the surrogacy is that the the people who are getting the baby that are arranging for this support that woman through the period of of the year it takes for the baby to be born in the insemination process, and so forth. But there are cases where men have been married and, you know, have children and the wife, you know, has passed away or has been divorced, and he's gotten custody. And there are actually a lot of gay foster parents that don't make a big issue of their being gay. Now, one of the couples that I talked to have HIV children in their home for limited amount of time, because a lot of people don't want to have HIV baby. So these guys are foster parents, and take it very seriously, and are involved very closely with the caseworker who happens to also be a gay man who placed a child with them. And the reason I found out about this couple is because the gay man who placed them is a is a friend of mine. And when I put the word out, he came back to me said he knew a couple and he could put me in touch with them. So sometime down the road, we're going to do a show about gay. And to get back to the to the information, you can find out more about gay parenting. They have a magazine called Kant's conception connection that will help you take you right through each step in artificial insemination, they have regularly scheduled meetings to exchange information and offer support to parents who, in our greater Houston area, get very little support for being a parent and, and in some places, probably this church or are looking to take the children away from them. So if you're interested in that they're going to be having their first organizational meeting November 14, which is a Saturday from two to four at the Montrose Counseling Center and 900 love it. And you can get you can contact these people at 6214827. There are several gay and lesbian parent groups in town.

There was for a long time a mother's group in town. And I know fathers first are still a big group. I'm not sure about the mothers group, I think it it kind of dissolved due to lack of interest for a short period of time and then was rebuilt out of the, you know the ashes into some other group. I'm not sure what it is. So if you're interested in that kind of stuff. You can share find out more from these people. The Montrose No, excuse me, they're not the Montrose singers anymore. They're the gay men's choir course of Houston. Came out of the closet, the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston is currently seeking new members for their 9293 season. They asked for some choral experience, but they don't it's not required. And if you would like to participate in the gay man's course, you can contact David knew at 6300333 or Lawrence Jackson at 9849683.

J Jimmy Carper 39:09

So that if anybody who is a member of the Gay Men's Chorus if Houston is listening, I have been begging Lawrence Jackson for a tape of anything that that the chorus has done so we can play it here. They do great music. We like to hear more of it.

J Jewel Gray 39:31

I have a tape, a bootleg tape, bootleg tape that was taped in Canada when the Montrose singers went up for a big international song fest up there. I don't know what they called it, but it's a wonderful tape. I'm gonna bring it down. I didn't know you were interested. Yeah, so I played it work often. Let's see This is about the wheels of justice wouldn't Written and directed by Don Maness mains mains. I don't

S Scott Lewis 40:01

think those were those were rolling through Detroit last week.

J Jewel Gray 40:05

The wheels of justice rolling through Detroit. Not likely. Not likely. A new play benefiting a Texas accountants and lawyers for arts will new wills and estate planning project for artists with AIDS. Now, let me run that back because that didn't sound right. A new play benefiting Texas accountants and lawyers for the arts, new wills and estate planning project for artists with AIDS somewhere that

S Scott Lewis 40:30

sounds like what they're doing is the money goes to helping a state do estate planning and doing wills for artists who are living with AIDS.

J Jewel Gray 40:39

And I think that's pretty good. Anyway, this This drama is going to be playing at the alley theatre Tuesday, November 17. That wasn't yesterday. A light repast preceding the performance is \$25. A person what's a repast dinner? Like a light it'd be sandwiches finger cheese and crackers, cheese, and celery. Dressing. You can make reservations by calling 5264876 Sounds like a good thing. It says pre gala performances at 8pm. Saturday, November 7. That was yesterday. And 8pm. Saturday, November 14 at the column Hall University of St. Thomas. So if you want to see some good, good live theater, this sounds like the place to go. This is one that you always had me Jimmy, you must have a boyfriend out here at always hand me this. You

S Scott Lewis 41:36

mean he's got a boyfriend everywhere.

J Jewel Gray 41:38

But I'm not. I'm not going to read all of it. I'm just going to read some of the stuff that sticks out and you guys can I'll give you a number you can find more information about different things that go on. One of the things that's really jumping out at me is today. The AIDS Foundation roll Athan for skaters bikers or walkers Sunday, November 8, Sam Houston Park 1pm. Registration at 11am to 1230. Party from two to four raises pledges of \$20 or more raised pledges of \$20 or more for information you can contact somebody didn't tell me who? At 6236796 Now these people do a lot of stuff. They have an outdoor skating event, the meeting Memorial Park. And you can this is going on Monday, Friday, October October. Wait a minute. Let's see. This is already gone. So we won't read that. Here's one Tuesday November 8. From eight to 10. It's ice skating at the Galleria ice skating rink. Oh, how great then instead of hanging off the balcony watching them I'll be hanging off the balcony watching

J Jimmy Carper 42:46

right I've done it it's a lot of fun. usually wear a certain colors so you know. No. Big Red. I don't know. Jimmy was hanging on no after you can kind of look there and see all the gay people.

J Jewel Gray 42:58

Oh yeah, that's cool. I'm always intimidated by that. 13 year old out there her ice skates who skates you know, letters or numbers out there. Out There. I'm always intimidated

S Scott Lewis 43:09

by I'm always on the side. You know with my hands along the rail pulling myself along and here comes a 12 year old shoe. Shoe shoe by me every time. Oh, I

J Jewel Gray 43:18

Jewel Gray 43:18

bet this one was good. Sorry. We missed it folks. Nightmare on wheels. I guess that was Halloween night.

S Scott Lewis 43:23

Was that Jimmy on rollerblades? November

J Jewel Gray 43:25

30. October November 30. No. Monday night October 19. And the 26th. Monday? Yes. Monday night November 2 16th. And 30th. You they have Skate Night at the trade winds roller rink rink. Oh, this is the high town Oh next to Kmart Oh neat. At 5006 West 34th street I didn't know what they were doing at Kmart up there. It's off highway 290

S Scott Lewis 43:57

and Jamie are on in the bathroom. It's next

J Jimmy Carper 44:00

to Kmart we do work gay and lesbian people we do not do Kmart Kmart

J Jewel Gray 44:05

Bluelight Special shirt

S Scott Lewis 44:07

would have fooled anyone.

J Jewel Gray 44:12

Okay, new activities for roller hockey call. Denise Denise it roller hockey. Hey, five to 807 Jul really are sitting with some of my best friends there. For swimming club. Hey, they got a swimming club with it too. You can call Patrick at 606 Is that a number here? It's a page. Oh, it's page 2508. That's Patrick at 6062508 and rides to Skate Night. Meet at Charlie's restaurant on Westheimer at seven o'clock, and you can get information about the ride to the Skate Night if you're you know someone who's on wheels in the neighborhood. Those little thin wheels like bicycles, and let me say something you don't have a personal thing I want to