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[Da Doo Ron Ron plays]



Ray Hill 00:32

Good evening. The name of the program is Wilde 'n' Stein like Frankenstein. It is a monster. But this time it is a friendly monster of our creation. It is an opportunity for gay Houstonians and their friends to communicate with all of Houston. Wilde 'n' Stein name for Gertrude Stein and Oscar Wilde



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Here's what Very well, Mr. President, Mr. President, there is and has been a force acting in this country to undermine the basic social structure of our great nation. This group promotes equality for everyone, even people who are averse by any of our American standards. They want to corrupt this country and destroy the basic family unit. They will even try to bear pressure on the government to cut defense spending and to restrict the intelligence agencies from investigating so as to protect the nation from subversion. Yes, Mr. President, this group of radical communist cities has even tried to infiltrate the higher levels of government. Mr. Borman, you seem to be very collective in your thoughts. But I am still under the conviction that the Constitution guarantees rights to all people. I believe that a person's evaluation should be based on his or her qualifications. Remember this Mr. Borman This nation was born by people subversive to the crown. Mr. President, I have evidence that within the staff of the Congress that there are 200 homosexuals, and various other people whose activities during their college years is questionable. And in the area of loyalty. Mr. Borman I have no intention of allowing a witch hunt to begin in this President's term? Mr. President, a homosexual is like dangerous as a commie. They are not normal. I believe that a few members of the immediate staff have questionable but Mr. Borman I didn't know that the CIA was involved in domestic affairs.

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Mike Miesch 03:51

That was the brief, Mr. Foreman from play, entitled The lap under White House by Harry Pucci. As the precedent we heard Harry Fushi and as Mr. Gorman we heard Tom Dunnigan. And this will be premiered the first Thursday of November. I don't let me check in my calendar tell you what date that is. But the first Thursday in November, during marathon will be on from 830 until 1230. And right at 9pm. All right, the first Thursday is on the fifth, the fifth of November at 9pm. A lavender, the lavender White House by Harry Fushi, which was engineered and produced by myself and premiere at that time at ship proved to be a lot of fun and hope you all Listen to our marathon programming and help support Wilde 'n' Stein and KPFT. On the show tonight, following news and announcements, Art will be doing a special entertainment feature. After that, I will be talking with Ray about the GPC endorsements. And after that I'll be playing an interview I did with any senator of the Mississippi Gay Alliance who was in town for Texas gay conference a tow he did a workshop on coalition's we'll be talking about coalition's the Family Protection Act and how it affects gay people. And following that, I'll be interviewing Ray Hill, as I had said last week on the termination of this termis manager KPFT. Right now, gay world news.

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Ben Zetas 05:59

This is gay world news. I'm Ben Zetas.

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Art Tomaszewski 06:02

This is our Art Tomaszewski.

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Ben Zetas 06:03

According to a report in The New York Times, a new study by the Kinsey Institute for sex research suggests that parental attitudes and childhood experiences play little or no role in determining a person's sexual preferences. The soon to be published report states that no particular phenomenon of family life can be singled out on the basis of our findings as especially consequential for either homosexual or heterosexual development, but we seem to have identified is a pattern of feelings and reactions within the child that cannot be traced back to a single social or psychological route. Indeed, homosexuality may rise from a biological precursor that parents cannot control based upon the application of a controversial new statistical method called path analysis to 1500 men and women in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Kinsey's the Kinsey, researchers claimed the Djinn gender nonconformity is the single most important factor in predicting the eventual sexual orientation of boys and for girls. Gender nonconformity ranks a second behind homosexual involvements in adolescence. The report says that you may supply your sons with footballs and your daughters were dogs, but no one can guarantee that they will enjoy them. The researchers stress that not all persons exhibiting gender nonconformity become homosexual. 1/4 of the heterosexual men in the study showed nonconformity as children, and only two thirds of the heterosexual women described themselves as highly feminine in childhood. The report concludes that homosexuality is as deeply ingrained as heterosexuality and that non conformity to gender roles and boys and girls

is a reflection, rather than a cause of their eventual sexual preference. Dr. Elam Bell, who directed the project predicted that the study that I expect the study to be condemned from both sides by the radical gaze or even looking into the subject, and by the analyst may say we're trying to paint a glowing picture of homosexuality. We are reporting what people say, and it's all very consistent.

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Art Tomaszewski 08:32

From Washington, DC, Barney Frank, one time state representative from Boston's heavily gay eighth Suffolk district is among 20 members of the US Congress, who filed suit in May against President Reagan, Secretary of State Hague and Secretary of Defense Weinberger challenging us intervention in El Salvador. According to mass dissent, a publication of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. The suit claims US military presence and aid violate the Constitution and the wars Powers Resolution, which require congressional approval for commitment of US forces in other countries. The suit also alleges violation of international and US laws, which prohibit military and security assistance to any country whose government engages consistently in gross violations of human rights. Another member of the Massachusetts delegation, Frank Shannon, is also one of the plaintiffs and former representative Robert F. Dryden of Massachusetts is one of the council's in the suit. The rightist Washington Legal Foundation has entered the case on behalf of 29 Pro intervention legislators, including Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, Senator John Tower of Texas, and Larry McDonald.

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Ben Zetas 09:55

In San Francisco City Attorney George Agnast has withdrawn his constitutional challenge to the city's gay rights ordinance. The announcement came at a heated meeting of the Harvey Milk, gay Democratic Club, August 25. Agnostic office had tried to claim that the Board of Supervisors exceeded their authority in passing a gay rights ordinance that permitted damages. gay activists were outraged during the meeting activist Constantine Birdland shouted with your challenge to the gay rights law, you did what the Moral Majority set out to do. Agnostic later said he would amend the city's Legal Brief to drop the argument against the 1978 law.

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Art Tomaszewski 10:43

Chicago gay community leaders and police observers unanimously agree that the city is experiencing its lowest incidence of anti gay violence in the last since the last several summers. anti gay attacks, which traditionally increase in the warmer months of July and August reached such an epidemic level in the summer of 1978. That gay whistlestop patrols were formed to monitor the city's heavily gay New Town area. This year, however, there have been few reports of attacks. We've seen only one or two patients so far this summer, who have indicated that they've been attacked or assaulted, said Harley McMillan, Executive Director of the Howard Brown Memorial clinic, the city's gay medical facility. Many many more had been expected according to him.

B Ben Zetas 11:34

In Miami, Florida, the Florida Board of Bar Examiners is apparently continuing to question lawyers about their six laws. Despite a recent ruling against the practice by the Florida Supreme Court. Private non commercial sex acts between consenting adults are not relevant to prove a fitness to practice law. This is the ruling of the court on June 18. The weekly news of Miami quotes Robert Elmers, a lawyer and Secretary of the Dade County Coalition for human rights is saying the bar examiners have questioned and these two applicants about homosexuality since the ruling, no appeal is planned. In the two cases until there's no if the bar examiners will attempt to block their licenses. The first of the two cases would be considered within a month almost told the weekly news that apparently we're going to have to litigate each one of these cases. The June 18 ruling was the second by the Florida Supreme Court, prohibiting the bar examiners from questioning prospective lawyers about their sex lives. The court ruled in favor of Elmers himself after the examiners had refused his application in 1978 on the basis of his homosexual orientation, the examiners reportedly continue to question lawyers about homosexual acts as opposed to homosexual orientation.

A Art Tomaszewski 13:06

The Montrose sports association kicked off its third annual winter bowling league season this past Monday evening, September 14, at Stadium lanes with a phenomenal turnout. It was a full house of 330 ballers on 68 teams capacity crowd. According to Mike Steinberger, the two mixed winterly the new mixed winner we began regular season play September 17. Both women and men are bowling together in the new mix league at 9pm. Every week on Thursday at Stadium leagues near the Astrodome, the public is invited to attend.

B Ben Zetas 13:47

And that's the news sources for tonight's stories include gay community news this week in Texas in the Montrose voice.

M Mike Miesch 13:56

All right, some of the announcements we have with black white men together they will be having a general meeting tomorrow night and potluck to follow that and that's that 606 Avondale and they have some other events coming up this attached or world. If you'd like any information on their events, you can call five to 95006 are 7743591 some workshops coming up with Montrose Counseling Center rather, on September 26 principles for building the good gay relationship. On Saturday, the third workshop on animal awareness and then following that on Wednesday, October 7, confronting death and dying in a gay relationship. If you'd like more information, you can call them on trust Counseling Center. I don't see a number on the information sheet here but their at 900 Lovett Boulevard Suite 102 And if you don't know this it that's 77006 once again like to remind us that interact Houston will be having their Friday night coffee house from 730 until midnight and that set 3405 Mulberry and I haven't seen a recent newsletter so I don't know what their movie this month is the one coming up. And if you haven't heard the gay atheist recording their phone number is 5242222 Just a moment art we'll be

doing a special entertainment feature. But our regular music feature will feature Meg Christian's new album, turning it over and Meghan's back healthier than ever. And it's a fine album. Right now, right now. Excuse me. I'll be turning it back to art.

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Art Tomaszewski 16:08

Thank you, Mike. Welcome to Uncle rd and Mr. Jack's neighborhood. Unfortunately, Jack farci cannot be with us tonight. He's consulting a medium to see if he can possibly interview Joan Crawford spirit on the opening tomorrow night of Mommy dearest. Perhaps Jack might be able to make it next week. This week. Jack has provided us with some material, which he calls the s&m songs of Carole King Carole King had her first major success as a singer songwriter in 1971 with their second album, tapestry, it was a worldwide smash and broke all kinds of sales records at the time. Prior to that Carol and her husband Gerry Goffin had been successful throughout the 60s as saga songwriters for other singers, golf and in King as their songwriting team was known or responsible for such rock and roll classics as the locomotion by Little Eva, up on the roof by the drifters, one fine day by the chiffons. Take good care of my baby by Bobby V. A Natural Woman by Aretha Franklin. And of course, will you still love me tomorrow by the Shirelles and that's to name only a few. But for every golf and and king hit, there were many more non hits, and one of them was the center of a minor controversy in 1962. And 1962, Carolyn Jerry wrote a song for the crystals, a group that was produced by rock and roll wizard Phil Spector. The record was called he hit me and it felt like a kiss. Within a week after it's released, radio stations all over the country began receiving complaints from listeners. As a result, he hit me and it felt like a kiss was abrupt, abruptly withdrawn from radio playlists, and from record stores and was quickly forgotten. Well, Jack never gives up in his search for new and exciting trivia. And he has found a copy of this record, which actually is quite a collector's item. And he said it claims that it is Rock and roll's great s&m song. Right now we're gonna play by the crystals he hit me and it felt like a kiss well, that was he hit me and it felt like a cast by the crystals. Truthfully, Carol and Jerry probably intended that song as an innocent teen ballad and context of the 50s early 60s Maybe it was however, if you examine the golfin and King archives you can find a couple of other songs which suggestive titles, including please hurt me by Little Eva. This was a beside of a non hit record, but I think you'll find it interesting that was please hurt me by literally the best known for the locomotion. And our final song tonight is chains a big hit by the cookies in late 1962. This particular song was also recorded by the Beatles on their very first album, I think I'd like to dedicate to the chains to all the people out there struggling through relationships that was chains by the cookies recorded in 1962. Well, that wraps it up for Uncle Artie and Mr. Jack's neighborhood this week. I'd like to thank jag varsity in absentia, and maybe one of these days As we can drag him down here to the station. This week's camp quote of the week comes from Elizabeth Taylor who once said success is the best deodorant. And on that note, we turn it back over to Mike and the Wilde 'n' Stein crew Thank you

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can you hear the bed lonely sound? Is it Oh Mama don't you lead to fire Groleau to let you

cradle grow co hold you warm up first home. You will love you. Oh, my first food.



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Mama my door



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to peace



Mike Miesch 21:14

we're back and we the line goes from the Sobrato sublime to the ridiculous but we do it the other way around. We went from Carole King's s&m songs to Meg Christian's new release. King called Oh, I have to say, I don't know it wasn't to me. I did but any senator of Mississippi gay lines. But right now we have Ray Hill to tell us about GPC endorsements and all. Well, that



Ray Hill 21:48

that happened this Wednesday. And if those of the listeners out there have not participated or heard about that process in the past. The gay Political Caucus endorsement is a festive occasion where the big top is rolled out in this case, a rented meeting room in the Holiday Inn Downtown. And a large crowd is expected in a large crowd always shows up. There are a good many members of the caucus there to cast their ballots in the democratic process whereby candidates are elected. And there were a plethora of candidates running about seeking reinforcement of the recommendation from the screening committee or seeking and rectly to the caucus to defeat the recommendation of the screening committee. That did not happen a lot. But the decisions of gay Political Caucus is something nice to talk about because a Political Caucus is one of the most effective political organizations that I have personal knowledge of it is still a democratic process. No candidate will be endorsed unless the caucus votes on it. And that's the way it has been since the inception. And that is the way it still is. Now there is a screening committee that makes recommendations to the caucus. And in this particular election that was composed of some 22 or 23 people that met at various times and talked about candidates for various races in the election and come to some kind of conclusion about who was qualified for the gay Political Caucus endorsement. And they make recommendations to the caucus. But it's still an open game and a pretty clear field as it goes before the caucuses. You will see in tonight's report. The course the top of the ballot will be headed by the mayor's race. And this year most of the mayoral candidate including Jim makan and Kathy Whitmire and Noble Gunther, and just as the piece Alexander green, and all of those folks appeared before the caucus for endorsement screening, and they were interviewed by a roomful of people and grilled for in the case of Jim McConn, according to the other media about 90 minutes, and after about 90 minutes of grilling, Jim McConn emerged saying that he would like to have the caucuses endorsement. That's why he was there, he did not get mired by a wide margin. There was some apparently the endorsement from Kathy Whitmire and the endorsement of Noble Gunther. Noble get there has been endorsed by the caucus on several occasions in his previous bids for the mayorship. He dropped out of the race just two years ago after the caucus made its

initial endorsement to the unsuccessful candidate Lee Anelka steal. That endorsement was relatively easy, however, because four years ago, Kathy Whitmire was the first public candidate in Houston. And it was actually campaigned against because of the gay endorsement and she easily won her first race for the City Comptroller. And in her reelection campaign two years ago, there was some discussion about Kathy Whitmire is close affinity with the gay community and she was elected. The fact that there is no end anti gay backlash in Houston was pretty well established in the two Whitmire races and reinforced of course in the Eleanor Tinsley race, who was also endorsed. So Kathy Whitmire, a person that the caucus has trained people to vote for with very dependable regularity is the choice for the mayor. And that endorsement will result in significant votes in Kathy's camp. It is perhaps the largest single block unit vote that is obtainable with the FDA expenditure of cash by the candidate. So Kathy Whitmire got that endorsement relatively handily, the number two place on the ballot whose core city controller and that was something of a dilemma for the caucus as well, because the front running candidates in that race are Lance, later, currently member of council from District C, and Lena Casteel, both of which the gay community has been asked to vote for by the caucus in the past. But there wasn't much debate at the point of ratifying the screening committee's endorsement. Lance later won handily, without debate in that race. And Lance has represented district C in the best interest of all of its citizens very well. And probably that experience on city council justified his handy endorsement by the caucus. Judson Robinson was easily endorsed again, Judson Robinson has been endorsed by members of the gay Political Caucus and by other gay organizations proceeding gay Political Caucus for more years than anyone can remember that goes way back. He's probably the most frequently endorsed candidate. He wins endorsement in this election. Of course, Eleanor Tinsley won endorsement, which was an extremely predictable sort of thing. In the at large districts one current incumbent was had an opponent that where we endorsed the opponent and the opponent was Morris belt, who is running against incumbent Jim was Moreland and Morris is seeking the position there. And he has a caucuses endorsement. Jim Greenwood received the endorsement of the caucus for the council seat being vacated by Johnny golian. Now, Greenwood has been a relatively dependable Democratic Party, conservative wing candidate for some time, and this is probably a significant race for city council and he is a viable candidate and at large seat that is now being vacated by Gianni going. The district members of council that were endorsed were of course Delbert sinskey, who has asked for and received our endorsement in the past and in District C, the endorsement went to George graininess. Now that was the most hotly contested endorsement of the evening. That was considerable debate of George Rooney as as opposed to his opponent in this race. Who is Joe pin 20. graininess easily won the vote. I mean, the vote was even close. But there was a good bit of debate because Joe Penton he has sought the caucuses endorsement before and received it. Linnaeus was accused of queerbaiting Lance Laidler in his last election and queerbaiting other people in their election. However, George Prineas has been very much obvious in the community for the last three or four months, I suppose I've seen him but as often as I've seen, Mike, nice. Everywhere I turn around, that'd be George Munoz. He worked hard for that endorsement. And according to many owl and analysts districts, the election was held last Wednesday evening, and George mineus. One, I don't know how accurate that is, because according to my estimates, as best I can determine a Political Caucus makes up over slightly over half of the organized vote in the district, with only about a third of the total vote in the district. Other estimates go as high as 40%. But at any rate, the largest chunk of votes in the district are going to Georgia greenies. And that always happens when the cow caucus makes an endorsement like that. Incidentally, before I get into the last fascinating story of the endorsement meeting, if you wish to join the conversation, the telephone number here is 526 4000. Last week, we had some folks that wanted to talk about a Political Caucus endorsement procedure. And if you wish to discuss that now would be the time to call 526 4000 But probably the most colorful endorsement of the evening, was probably the most colorful candidate in

local politics. Ernest McGowan came walking in waltzing in if I can say, Ernie, if you haven't seen him is a great big smile on the face happy go lucky, black fellow who serves as something of a gadfly on city council. getting other people's messes exposed he's real candid and real straightforward, and he doesn't hold back many of the good lines And so Ernie came waltzing into the council, I mean into the gay Political Caucus meeting, having not made a similar entry to the steering or the screening committees meeting. So Ernie was coming straight to the caucus without having been interviewed by the screening committee. And the endorsement in Arenys. Race was no endorsement because no candidate in that race had screened before the caucus. And so they weren't going to recommend anybody in that district. For election. However, Ernie had done a heroes job of trying to raise funds at the gay Political Caucus rally ending Gay Pride Week this year. Ernie is always there always accountable. He championed. Phyllis Frye's entry into City Hall, she was a volunteer in his office, which made City Council ultimately deal with trans person issues for the first time in its history in a reasonable fashion. And Ernie is that kind of guy. I mean, he's just always there and always dependable. And he's very, very colorful, and he's big.

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Mike Miesch 31:05

Yes. One thing about him that was that at the rally, I mean, we had the out of town celebrities, sissy brown thaw and Anthony Bosa. In Indianapolis. It was Ernest McGowen that the one that the people well fell in love with after he spoke,

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Ray Hill 31:26

Ernie is just that kind of fellow and Ernie came straight to the car because he didn't mess around the screening committee. He had been there before several times. Once for school board and then later on for member of council and he came back straight to the caucus. This diamond said, Hell yeah, I want you endorsement. And yours truly and others spoke in behalf of that and other people spoke against it, thinking that it was a bad idea to endorse anybody that had not been screened for the election that for the position that they see. Nevertheless, Ernest McGowan's endorsement was an overwhelming success. And I would like to point out that Homer Ford, who has been endorsed by the caucus before, is in a similar situation as having been unscreened at the point of the endorsement meeting, as had Anthony Hall. And both of those races that count the caucus is recommending a no endorsement. And so that kind of completes that picture. There's nothing really shocking there. Perhaps there is some shocking because it was a great little conversation about the mayor's race prior to the actual nominating meeting or endorsing meeting but that didn't seem to materialize. Noble Ginther was well spoken for and spoke well for himself. He actually appeared and address the caucus, as he has frequently want to do. And that was a pretty good airing of the issues. But it was apparent from the onset that Kathy Whitmire had the votes to get the endorsement. And in the same thing in District C, there was a lot of debate there a lot of discussion, even sissy Ferrando came and spoke on behalf of Joe Pitney. But that was known to no avail, because when the vote was taken, it was overwhelmingly in favor of George Prineas. As the election campaign heats up, we're going to probably be bringing you other kinds of information of a little more urgent nature. I'd like to remind you that those candidates appear on a printed card that is mailed to all of the members of gay Political Caucus. And that is a thing that is in process even as we speak. If you're interested in becoming a member of gay Political Caucus, you can call their answering service and five to one 1000 anytime night or day, and you can leave with a

recording your name and address, zip code and telephone number, and they will be more than glad to add you to get political caucuses. Somewhat over 10,000 member mailing list, which results in a little over 100,000 votes in election, and we would like to have yours among a number.

 **Mike Miesch 33:57**

All right. We'll be talking with Ray later. Right now we'll have our music feature Meg Christian. As I'd said she's back healthier and happier and better than before. The first song will be here is called Jim two. I guess it's sort of a sequel to our to gym teacher. But

 **Ray Hill 34:21**

it can be a secret to a gym teacher.

 **Mike Miesch 34:24**

Well, I don't think it really doesn't have a sequel this wonderful story. It's about women working out and if it's just as much fun oh to jump teacher. The song after that is called window panes and that's P A ye and he is a song she dedicated to two friends of hers. His last name is pain. And I wish you well will be the last song we'll be hearing. Meg Christian, what can I say? Meg Christian from her new album, turning it over? quite pleased with it. Hope you were to some things we're going to be doing on Wilde 'n' Stein in next few weeks. Next week will be marathon and Ryan I will be in pitching for your support. The music feature for next week will be Willie sordell and his album please tip your waitress, the title song, be interest? Anyone who's ever worked? No matter how long in a restaurant, and feminists and women who have been waitresses, there are a plethora of those. Yes. And well, I guess primarily be dealing with gay male culture. Next week and the week after that. We have the last real of the West Coast women's music festival. And I've been asked to announce that several times and Pokey Anderson who's been working on breakthrough bows, really excited to hear about that. Some women who are narrowly listen just to break through we're switching around on the Dow Thursday a couple of weeks ago and turned in on the second rail of the West Coast women's Music Festival of last year and which was a particularly hot program. Feminist trio Nicholas Glover and Ray the way they were described on the tape in tight pink spandex pants entering on motorcycles, singing Allah Andrews Sisters with feminists lyrics can't beat them. Then there's Teresa trawl and Julie homie. Some concerts coming up which I forgot. Teresa troll will be in town. And I do not have my sheet with me but you can call Wilde 'n' Stein books for more information they have information on when that concert is going to be and that's the winner. Right now. Kathy Winter and Betsy rose. Do duo who had played before? And incidentally they are the backup artists on the belly Sartell album and better give them told the number Wilde 'n' Stein aside five to 970145297014 Yes, okay. And some of the fun backup artists on my Christians album are very familiar names. Chris Williamson, and Marquis Adams. Can't and can't be. Can't be that crew right there. You've got it all. When I looked back at the past three weeks, I met a great number of incredible people and some of that started with Texas gay conference. Jack Nichols really put me in the right frame of mind to go to the gathering. And when you want when someone was asking last week about political issues well, I've got that for you right now. At the Center for a Mississippi Gay Alliance. He did a workshop on coalition's

during the Texas gay conference aid coalition's with other communities which he will be talking about, and he'll be talking about the Family Protection Act as well and how it affects gay people. So right now at this time, I will be airing that interview that I did with him just hours before I went to the very gathering. Very different change of pace. Right now. It'd be with any senator of the [Mississippi?] airlines. With me I have Edie senator of Mississippi Gay Alliance. Edie had done a workshop on building coalitions with other community groups that from what I was told since I wasn't able to attend the workshop was very informative. You are also drafted and doing another workshop.



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Workshop on going oh, gay are aging as a gay person. Yes.



Mike Miesch 39:50

How did that go during the workshop at the last minute?



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Well at my age being 52 years of age.



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Age the people they are some of them were I would say in their 20s There was some discussion about in the future even planning a retirement center or a nursing home if they have to go into a nursing home, there would be specifically for gay persons. Now, I am alized in nursing home administrator and have been in nursing home work since for a number of years. And one of the things I found in my my openness, being gay, and being open and haven't been out since 1946, that it fanless objected to that they didn't come and bring their loved ones to the nursing home where I was to begin with. My co workers were the same way if they objected to my sexuality. They didn't come there and apply for work. So we had a good relationship. And every time I even if I were still there working at the nursing home, which I am not doing now, I spend full time as project director for the Jackson Gray Panthers, and working as CO chairman for the Gay Alliance in the office there in Jackson. If I was still at the nursing home, one of the things that I would do, as soon as I got back from this Texas conference, would be meet with the residents of the nursing home, and my co workers and discuss everything that went on at this conference that I know about, including growing old gay, one of the things that we found our that I found in being a nursing home administrator, being openly gay is gay people don't die. All I've met an early age. And many times they do live and go into nursing homes for a lot of time because of lack of family. And they wind up in nursing homes. And my particular situation, it was a freedom, because there were lesbians and gay males there. And it's the only nursing home I know where they were able to freely talk, and come and sit down and talk to me about what happened in French Quarter stick two years ago when they and their lovers traveled to different parts of the country, you know, where they could actually freely talk about it. And these are older people living in nursing homes, some in their 80s. But gay people aren't there. I thought it was a good workshop. In fact, we were notified our time was out. People were still

talking even time ran out. The emphasis on building I don't like segregating in this section of society. Youth from older people are blacks from whites or any other groups are homosexuals from the heterosexual. But I can see that there would be an advantage to a living arrangement of this on this type. Since before Farwell was elected president or his candidate was elected President of the United States, there was something called a Bill of Rights for elderly people built into nursing home laws. And these laws are being completely destroyed. The Bill of Rights was destroyed on the 21st. Right after the inauguration, one of the Bill of Rights ensured that a man and his wife could share a room and a nursing home, or that they could get partners could be together a man and a woman who were having an affair. You didn't question it, you just provided the room for them. And you didn't question what went on behind closed doors. And I think there is a double standard that two men wanting to the same arrangement or two women even under those laws when they exist, there wouldn't be a double standard. And I can see an advantage in and in the gay community wanting their own place can enjoy the same privileges that the heterosexual community has had for years and years. A lot of fun.

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Mike Miesch 44:25

Not only is government discriminating against homosexuality, but sexuality of older people as well as in some of the practices and some nursing homes.

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Well, I wouldn't blame that on the government that blamed nursing home. It's hard for our staff. It's hard for families of older people to understand that their mother and father still have sexual desires exactly what to do. loved, and they have that need. And a lot of times you have the the wall that you run into is the family, the children dad has passed on and they don't want mama fooling around with anyone else. And they'll tell the nursing home administrator right quick. My mother is not to be permitted these privileges. And I don't think that's a government. I think that society's attitude, the end and again, employees, because even masturbation a lot of time is something that goes on in a nursing home. And you find that employees don't want it to happen and they tried to prevent it. I say go ahead and close the door, let them finish you know what they're doing and get it over with. But a lot of times it's not government regulation. Much is that is the family and the Stan.

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Mike Miesch 46:00

It seems more and more people are talking about coalition's and and maybe unfortunately, not enough, people realize the importance of building coalitions. And you did do a workshop on building coalitions with other communities. Could you tell us something about that and your focus and opinions on that subject

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and be glad to. I was here the day that the killer cop was acquitted in the slaying of one of your members of the gay community here. That was not the first police killing here of innocent people, it will not be the last. I saw some members of the gay community that were present

there that night, I was not exactly happy with everyone. There's attitude and their reaction, not only to what has happened, but what they plan to do in the future. And then attending this workshop, which I think is terrific. I think this Texas gate conference is one of the it's one of the best I've ever been to, I hope eventually we will since we're the same age in Mississippi, it seems that more organizations came into being and 73 will soon be having where we used to have annual meeting where we will be having our ninth or eighth or ninth annual conference to in coalition buildings that I feel very strongly that the gay community should get involved. And I'm talking about gay males, lesbians and trans persons transgender persons should get involved not just in their own little groups, and bars and organizations within town, but should reach out and fight oppression in all communities. That means in your case here in Houston, and the Chicano community, and if there is a black community in the black community where their ethnic minority is, they should work very closely and try to get involved with groups like the Gray Panthers, or other senior organizations that are working with the elderly. Get involved with them. And ask them about working around common issues toward police brutality is an issue that every community can relate to the elderly can relate to it. Then you have search groups as welfare rights hunger coalition's, and many other groups in the ACLU. And I think you should take advantage and build coalitions with all of these groups, not only for political reasons to build a political base to get rid of undesirable candidates, the only way you're going to ever correct the police department here is to have the right persons in office, those people can be hired and fired. And someone has the authority to do it. And usually it comes directly under the mayor's office. I wouldn't be in my town and I'm sure here, the mayor has a great deal of responsibility and who becomes the chief of police. How do you do it here? Do you use the chief of police or no? Yeah, it is elected mayor by the mayor bottoms. Then you've got the mayor to hold responsible for these irresponsible cops that that night the night that I was there the only night that I was there the hearing? I think the largest number of uniformed officers in the room at any one time was 27. They were nevertheless I don't think then 15 talking about drinking beer, looking at their pot bellies. I would say quite a few of them drank beer either on or off duty. They had their guns on. They had they were fully equipped. I was glad to see this was not enough. In the dating to the gay community there, but I cannot say how much influence it had on the jury that has to live in this city. Assuming that the jury is selected from the city of Houston, how much threat there was, and I found it very disgusting. The way the cops ran, laughing and cheering each other when the verdict come in and not guilty, how they rushed forward with this family sitting there in grief, and how they go hugging each other and laughing about, you know, we want another victory. That wasn't a victory. It was a tragedy and the travesty of justice coalition building is very important. If you're going to ever correct the situation and the gay community is going to have to go beyond the gay community and learn to work with all oppressed groups.

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Mike Miesch 50:54

Well, last Thursday, or Thursday, the fourth since this tape will be played some at a later day. On Wilde 'n' Stein, Ray Hill, the manager who's a part of the Fred Pyes Task Force, Fred Pyes was this administration assistant and also volunteer here at KPFT gave a long report on the trial up to that date, Thursday, and I did find a little bit of light in a couple of phone calls from a couple of heterosexual who called up one in particular was straight woman who had sat through the Joe campus torus case. And now was sitting through the Fred pies case. And she was incredibly angry and wanted to express her condolences and also compliment Ray and myself on the show that we were doing as little things like that, that can bring a little bit of optimism and realization of the importance of coalition's



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right. The every time you get a call like that, it certainly is encouragement and help. And the light of that call belongs to some group. And it's possibility when they're listening to this tape or listening to future tapes and talking about getting together and building coalition that your audience will hopefully they will start calling and saying how can we become involved, because we have issues. But now you can't ask people to come in join your issue, or your cause as a gay community, and then not go out and help them in their cause when they have a problem. The elderly people right now are threatened with cuts and a lot of services. And they're gonna need a lot of help, they're gonna need the help from all generations of people, and not only in survival. But in building coalitions are trying to work with groups to overturn the Reagan budget to overturn what has already taken place in Congress. And there'll be a great group to join with you and trying to select candidates that would be the most progressive and restoring their benefits back onto the books. And hopefully, after hearing this tape and after the other tape that you have done about reaching out to people, that you will get response from other organizations in the Chicano community and the black community. Any other Latino community that you have here are ethnic communities that are feeling the pains of oppression, and their elderly people and all of those communities that are certainly going to be feeling the pinch is and the increase in Medicare threats of cut off and Medicaid or CO payments and their Medicaid program. And you must be ready as a gay community to respond to their needs as well, to be able to have someone within the gay community that is familiar with these issues and be able to respond to them and trying to help them.



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In Mississippi, I believe we were talking earlier about organization which is a coalition. Will you tell me about that organization, Mississippi, what is the name of that



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when it was people's tribunal for better government. This was an organization that the Mississippi Gay Alliance about five years ago we wanted to get rid of a chief of police. The chief had permitted a lot of abuse to gay people, brutality, entrapment and so forth. The chief of police was hired by the mayor or the city. And the only way to get rid of the Chief of Police was to get rid of the mayor. So through people's tribunal when we started people's tribunal for better government, we brought in many diverse groups, including a couple of small church groups, including cooperation with the Unitarian Church, the hunger coalition, welfare rights, love organization, a couple of unions and asked me an SEIU union that came into the group. And several groups came in to join with us and the Gray Panthers to decide on question the qualifications of the candidates running for mayor as to who would be the best choice, and put the question to them, would they be willing to work with us and trying to resolve problems in the gay community now each group had its own problems, but we had our problems, and we knew we could not elect a mayor on our own. So we had to have the support of these other groups. When we did then decide on who the candidate was from there, he was elected, the chief of police resigned immediately afterwards. And I was the first gay person as far as we know, in the history of Mississippi open the gay activists that's ever been appointed by a governmental official in the state to serve on a committee. And that committee was to help

select the next Chief of Police. Our job was to draw up a composite of what we would like to see in the chief of police, we did not get our composite. But we did get an arrangement through the mayor's office where if problems arose within the gay community, whether it's something happening at one of the bars, or in the park, or wherever, that the chief, or the staff of the police department was authored, notified by the mayor's office, that they were to call the gallons first, before any action was taken, unless this is an emergency they had to react to right away. But ordinarily, if there was something accusations against the bar, or cruising in the park, or whatever, they do, call us in advance before police take any action. And we try and do resolve the problems ourselves within the gay community. And then report back to the mayor's office.

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Mike Miesch 57:22

What was the initial step that got this people's tribunal together? I mean, the work to get these groups together?

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Well, for one thing, if you would have to understand the situation, and Mississippian and Jackson, a lot of the memberships of different organizations a lot of times or you have some of the same members in many of these different groups. They're that the cost of survival, the location of the place that we're at, and you have a lot of people that are left in Jackson that came there during the Civil Rights Movement, that support what the Gay Alliance is doing. And they are members of these other organizations. And it was very easy and talking with them to get them to come into coalition with us they were they it was not really a tremendous problem. Now we do support them in their actions to when Black nightclubs have been, uh rated and police brutality has been going on in the black community. And there is a call for demonstration the Mississippi gallons support STEM and their demonstration we've supported the United League and demonstrating against the actions of the Klan. In fact, we first whites were in the Gay Alliance that joined the United League of North Mississippi and marching against the Klan. the forming of the coalition was no problem. I didn't find that a problem at all. Deciding on the candidate was more of a problem and trying to work out who would be more acceptable than bringing the coalition together, trying to find the person who was best qualified, and who was willing to meet with representatives of the gay community to talk about the issues that we needed to address.

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why it was not one of the groups that I mentioned. During one of our periods when we were having quite a bit of problems in park that is known as a place where gay people go, all gay people are not rich. I read a publication one time says how many millions of gay people are in this country their average salary is \$25,000 a year. When I'm paid, I make 100 a week. And

that's income to 25,000 a year when I'm paid. I haven't been paid since May. But I, eventually I'll get some money. But a lot of people can't drive out to the fancier places that gay people go. And a lot of people are because of economics go to the part that which is very close. And it was during this time that there was a an entrapment set up. And we did a week pink triangle demonstration in protest against the entrapment and brutality by the police department. They continued to be there, but we were there. Right on their coattails everywhere they moved, they were not in uniform, one of our laws that they were not in uniform. And the NAACP was one of the groups that supported us. In fact, the president of the State NAACP, after hearing our complaints expressed at a banquet meeting one night, went into the park to check on what was going on. And he himself was arrested. And that brought the NAACP more into the coalition and coming in to support us. And if you'll look on the pamphlets handed out at the conferences, weekend on parents, and friends of gays, by the gay parent, parents of gays that are here they have letter to your you'll see that the NAACP national organization is one of the supporting groups for gay rights. So parents are gays. And it is listed on your brochure at your workshop. And I hope that the NAC people here in Houston and in this county are listening, they'll they'll take this at heart, because whites are not the only gays. And they are not the only ones that are oppressed. Not the only ones that are beat and are kill so are gays within the black community. And if they're truly out for equality of blacks, they should be out for equality of all blacks. And they should join you in a coalition to fight police brutality or oppression in all communities. But you in turn should join them to

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them. As we have already mentioned many issues involved in coalition's. And there's one issue that I believe you're well versed in, that's the Family Protection Act. It's a wide ranging bill. And it seems that not only will it depress lesbians and gays, but women and a wide broom, a wide variety of other minorities.

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As to the Family Protection Act, of course, you seen the handouts that were given out. But one of the one of the best articles that not only goes into the Family Protection Act, but also gives you some background on what led up to the election of Ronald Reagan. And the Moral Majority, I think is very important and plays an important role. Not only do you have the oppression of the lesbian and gay males, women, children, minors, young people and students, and other groups that will be oppressed, under this legislation, blacks, Latin, Asian, Native people, labor and working class people, which all have titles in this document here, which will be a copy of the left at the station and keep sending one doubts and wants to see it. Back at the office. I have a copy of the legislation. But I think it's interesting to go back in the history of the Moral Majority. And we've gone over and people know what the have heard the Family Protection Act, and how it really, instead of protecting it, the pride you have any protection. Now I think one of the most offensive things to me, not dealing just with gay people. But dealing with youth, that child abuse under this Act can be permitted. And you can't do a darn thing about it. I don't care what your state law is. The federal act will say this is a family problem. This is also happens to be true with wife beating. If a man comes home drunk at night or otherwise and beats his wife. You don't call the laws you have no protection, then under the Family Protection Act, this is a family matter and the family should saddle it. And I find that terrible. I think it's ridiculous and the mentality that comes up with some of this. This legislation is really terrible. But let's go

back and talk about Gary Jarman. This name came up in one of the workshops yesterday, and dealing with the right, and why these people came up with an issue that they did homosexuality, this was an issue that they pushed the far most president that now serves in the Capitol, and the other morning again, Christians in their front groups. But in going back and reading Village Voice, a back issue has some real good background information. They originally, their intention was to use school prior and supporting Regan, they thought that would be a terrific issue. But then they decided there was too much debate among Christians over whether there should be school prior. But when it came to homosexuality, there was something that was a clear issue that they were not willing to argue own and most religious denomination or Christian denominations were willing to accept as an issue where they would argue over school prayer, they will not argue over homosexuality, and said, it goes on about even the blacks who make up a majority and a lot of the Christian denominations and tend to be more liberal. But they part company on a number of dogmatic points when it comes to homosexuality. They share the consensus of opinion. And then it goes on and tells about in this document when they were trying to make the German and then when the Moral Majority were trying to make the decision, was born again blacks the port the new rights agenda if they knew it endorsed white Rhodesia white ruling Rhodesia? No, they wouldn't. Would cops for crass get behind a plan to punish dates for permitting union shops and public schools? No, the cops for Christ would not. But if a born a Christian Christian was ripped into our frenzy, as Jarman calls the proliferation of groups that are anti family, like homosexuals and feminists, then all of these groups would come together. So that's when the Moral Majority did Jara Barwell Jarman. And these groups these pigs came together and made their decision on on what issue to use, they had discovered in it, and which Carter had endorsed, there was a gay rights platform. So school prayer went out as an issue that people would not support, there would be too much debate in the church would take up too much time. Unions would be something that would take up too much time, they couldn't get props for class, supporting unions, and blacks would not support it if they knew they were pushing for white ru and Rhodesian so they came up with this the homosexuality. Now the the family protections act is only a part of what they're doing. There are other bills and other legislations going to be introduced. My gut feeling right now is at the workshops this week, this past couple of well, the lady yesterday at the workshops, my impression was that some of the groups that are more, less radical and more liberal in their thinking and accepting that they're even in looking at the paper this morning homosexuals have it better now than they did yesterday. I don't know which homosexuals they're talking about, unless they're talking about the ones that live in ivory towers, and don't have to worry about being oppressed anyway, they can move in any circles, including Ronald Reagan circle, if they have enough money, you know, those people certainly haven't made, the average homosexual is poor. And they are not having an easy time. If the family Protective Services Act is passed. They have no chance at all then. And you're not just talking about homosexuals, you're talking about several classes of the community. The Congressional Research Service. Their own interpretation of the family Protective Services Act, talks about the conditions of federal funding, and how they would be imposed and half sweeping it would be and it says no person who was a home this is their interpretation. Now their Congressional Research Services interpretation. No person who was a homosexual or who ever intimated that homosexual might be an acceptable lifestyle could receive any federal funds such as programs as Social Security, welfare, veterans benefits, our students assistance, any mental health center or any Family Health Center, that advocated that are supported homosexual rights could lose their federal grants that are coming through through in block grants now. But let's go over and look at what some of the people in different denominations said about it. Gary Potter, President Catholics, for Christian political action and the framer, one of the framers of the family protections Act has the last interpretation of what the law would accomplish, there will be no satanic churches, no more free distribution of pornography, no more abortion on demand no more talks of rights of

for homosexual, when the Christian majority takes control, pluralism will be seen as immoral and evil and the state state will not permit anyone the right to practice evil. This is a Catholic church man, then dean white cloth had a Santa Clara's mom majority told a reporter in homicide in San Francisco, homosexuality is is one of those sins that could be coupled with murder, it would be the God by the government that sits up on this land, that would be executing the homosexuals, you can go on and on Bob Jones University's interpretation.

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Mike Miesch 1:11:18

And right now I have ray with me, and this is sort of an interview conversation on being a gay manager, oh, openly gay person, as a radio station manager, you are about to make a transition out of that role and into other work. And all sorts of changes going on here at KPFT. And we'll talk about some of them. Looking back on the job. Ah, good question. Yes. Let's go with some of your accomplishments and some of the things that you're proudest of during your tenure as manager of KPFT.

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Ray Hill 1:12:17

Well, in the first place, I did not ever intend to become manager of KPFT, or any other radio station. That's not my line of work. But I found myself in the position of offering my services to the then president of the foundation, Peter Taggart, at a time when the station was having some serious economic withdrawal problem. And we were dealing with a Pacific foundation under the direction of Executive Director, Joel Kumars, which was creating a great deal of confusion here in Houston, because we here at the station did not know from month to month, whether Pacifica was going to throw the thing on the market, there had been some of that conversation, or whether it was going to be allowed to die of its own absence of resources, or what was going to happen. I was a relatively handy soccer that was looking for a job and just finished the project of the National march on Washington for lesbian and gay rights in November of 79. Which was pretty good experience in terms of organization management, administration of things. And I became manager, first thing I did was double the power, first rattle out of the box, first thing I did was increase the power from about 50,000 to 100,000 watts. And the second thing I did was buy turntables for the studio. That was rattle out of the hat, that was fine the money to do that and and get that done. And the minor equipment upgrading that I did at KPFT. And the increase of power, were primarily done for staff morale, which was in my opinion, in the opinion of many members of the staff at an all time low. I did not want to assume any kind of power, male oriented, kind of structured through station management. So we tried every other option available to us. We did it in collectives of getting the staff together and the paid staff was me as matter of fact, about it wasn't Vivica was paying a manager and a part time chief engineer. And we had a couple of CETA people on staff and everybody else was volunteer Mike was already aboard by that time. And so we took made a habit of meeting as a staff three or four times a week and always me over the problems and trying to strategize out of them. And that worked pretty well. So change of this structure, I think so that that everybody in the station knew everything that was going on about the station. And we facilitated that. It's kind of a pulling together thing. And there were a lot of really fine people to work with so that it was reasonably successful. The major programming changes that I've made have been in the area of non English broadcasting. We have increased the number of non English programs, our radio station KPFT several times what it was prior to my management, and that was my priority because I perceived in Houston a great many communities, like the

gay community that did not have any electronic media serving their community. And having gone through a period of time where Houston did not have a gay community radio identity that caused me to found Wilde 'n' Stein and observing the effects of Weinstein, on the gay community, I realized that each of the other communities that did not have meat media needed that so we've developed non English broadcasting perhaps to a greater degree than any other public station in the country.

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bills and debts were easier to pay off not because non English programming produce more money, but that was a kind of a symbol to Pacifica, KPFT is traditional supporters, that we were reaching out and doing other things for people that need media. I mean, we even did the radio for the Deaf experiment, which worked out real well during hurricane season last year, because we were able to do some emergency broadcast in a form that other people were not doing and that people could receive that we did. Without a doubt one of the most remarkable program guides that will ever be done in public radio, the program guide us to do X media was hard hitting political and spiritually, yes. And it's the only program that I've ever seen with anywhere near that much poetry. It's the only program guide, I've seen anywhere with a graphics that had that kind of impact.

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Mike Miesch 1:17:07

That's quite true. I've been receiving as many letters as I've written following the gathering, then that was one of the big hits. Well, as far as different publications was our program guide a great number of people at the gathering that I've talked to, and that have written me back. We're and these are people who are familiar with Pacifica, I mean, people from New York, Berkeley, LA, San Francisco, Washington, you know, the whole station, were really impressed with the politics and great deal of pride in the program guide he following that from such wonderful people. And the

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Ray Hill 1:17:53

whole thing, the layout has been remarkable asset to the station. And I take great deal of pride in that development. Because coach row and the rest of the eclectic staff that goes together to put together studio to do X media were just wonderful people, all of them had a simple idea. And that is that there's room in this world for everybody's opinion, and everybody's heritage, everybody's integrity. And there are better ways of dealing with our differences and violence. And that was said over and over again. Extremely Loud, hard hitting graphics and in portraying and lyrics and in writing, and of my so called accomplishments at KPFT. The program guide is one of my proudest decisions to go with that format. It certainly has not been without controversy no out.

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Mike Miesch 1:18:49

That's that we already got to my next question. It did have its controversy and there are times whether or not the staff of the program guided keep it together during some of that controversy to get it out.

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Ray Hill 1:19:06

I never had any worries about staff the program guide front sometimes they were under severe attack, I had some worries about the frustration of their attackers. I didn't want to lose anybody supported the radio station, whether they supported the program guy decision or not. And but as it turned out, I think we probably lost a couple of programmers who really didn't have a good concept what Pacifica radio is about anyway, and I can speak quite candidly about that, like I speak quite candidly about everything. I never did worry a lot about criticism. Because if you're the only queer manager radio station in the country, you're already down so you may as well go ahead and people can say about you can fulfill. Go ahead and be free enough to try those things that you want to try. Radio for the Deaf was not exactly the most successful or overwhelming thing. However, the experiment of doing that has sharpened the awareness of other media because it was more a news event than a KPFT event. I've sharpened the awareness of other media so that now such broadcasts are being done by television stations across the country on subcarriers on a many radio stations, and so KPFT was able to participate in the early experience with that development.

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Mike Miesch 1:20:22

One of the integral inevitable questions, so any regrets from leaving?

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Ray Hill 1:20:30

No. I think there's, I think that, well, you know, I maybe have a different attitude about positions of power and make no mistake about it, the manager of radio station KPFT is in a position of power. That's that is not debatable,

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Mike Miesch 1:20:48

while everyone on areas actually absolutely don't realize that

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Ray Hill 1:20:52

the whole business of Public Radio, especially his power media is extremely powerful. And I read a book by Adolf Berle one time about power, I don't agree with any of his politics, but I do agree with some of his analysis, on on the phenomena of surrendering power, it's hard to do, I don't care who you are, or what situation is, it is hard to surrender a position of power, because one grows accustomed and to a degree corrupted by that power. So coming in, I established

goals and objectives. One of them was to get full power. There's no reason why this radio station, which had a permit to produce 100,000 watts of power, there's no reason why this radio station could not do that. And it took about four hours of paperwork. And it happened may be a couple of days ahead of schedule, but it happened. Another thing I wanted to do is get the station back on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting accreditation list. Although that was a very long and tedious path with many pitfalls to either side, I think it has been accomplished. And I think the incoming manager is going to have some resources to deal with. My third criteria was to be able to replace myself with an experienced qualified public radio station manager. And that is a reality. My successor is one of the finest people in public broadcasting. Her name is Jean Bankwest. And she will be down here around the first of November. And she will have on board to assist her in the transition Sharon my Yetta, who is a woman with a remarkable list of accomplishments in public media. And then Ruben who is within fcb, and is also an accomplished public radio manager with experience and builder of radio stations. And I'd like to point out that this is the first time that KPFT has had such resources. From the very inception, we were essentially Houstonians interested in building the Civic radio in Houston. And we were not necessarily pre trained for that position. All of us did on the job training, which is ideal. Bob Rogers, Rogers had long experience and underground radio and pirate radio, the cut and thrust of the of the sometimes bureaucratic, necessary necessities of public radio. We haven't had anybody here with the connections. Jean has the connection, Sharon has the connections. Nan has the connections. And a three woman team is going to, in my opinion, do a remarkable job of developing this radio station to flaunt it, for most of us should be.

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Mike Miesch 1:23:49

Well, while we're talking about building, why don't we move to the subject of moving?

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Ray Hill 1:23:55

Well, that's another thing. That was not one of my original goals. When I originally became manager, I was in hopes that I could resolve the differences between the landlord and Pacific foundation, I felt as if I had channels of communication that would probably make that work. But something went wrong there. It suddenly became one of those very typically male things about which I could do very little. And it polarized off in a court suit where sides were pitted against each other. And it seemed to be, to me a very one of those male things that cost a lot of money and causes everybody a lot of grief simply because both parties couldn't feel that they could resolve the issue. That turned out what he did. And I think it's my responsibility as outgoing manager to do something about resolving sense of place. And the decision making all decisions at public radio stations are very convoluted, political things where people scream at one another at times and ask questions over and over again. That's the nature of the thing. And you go ahead and take that into granted. It's also the nature of a Political Caucus and national martial in Washington. It's the working environment that I've been in it doesn't bother me, meetings and arguments and debates and plenary sessions and planning sessions to things that will never happen, are all part and parcel of the reality of this kind of operation. And so that doesn't bother me in the least. And when the decision is finally made, whether to stay here and there is a proposal to stay here being considered or move to another location when that decision is made. Then I plan to devote my energies to seeing to it that that happens, either the move or the upgrading of this facility, whatever is necessary.

 Mike Miesch 1:25:44

Well, as we have talked on the program for Well, not necessarily this program managers report for one, both of us have found KPFT to be an unusual learning experience.

 Ray Hill 1:26:00

I don't even think like I did, when I started this meeting, this this big, first place, it was the first paying job that I had. I mean, like regularly salary every week, I got paid well, bookstores and for negotiating peace between warring tribes and got a nice expense account when the March on Washington was going on so that I could travel and could address those issues. But KPFT was the first job that I've gotten since I got out of prison. And I had been associated with a radio station before I went to prison had been part of the original coalition that had got together and started asking folks for money so we could build it. And when that happened, I went away. And when I got back out, I found that the station was reasonably open to my input. And so I participated in that for a while and just became Wilde 'n' Stein programmer, and producer of this radio show. And hung around hung around. And it's never the board off and on. And so I'm gonna make became manager, I did not think of media in terms of career. I now do. My career is not as manager Pacific radio station. But my career is in media, I have learned how important it is to have access to media, I see the power of Jerry Falwell's radio and television broadcast and how those kinds of things mesmerized cults of people into doing politically obedient things. I have witnessed the how the media is being used by the government and you're fixing to get a heavy barrage of that as the government propagandize you into majority agreeing to sell the AWACS to the Saudi Arabians. And I have a sense of how powerful that is. And along with that, since of knowledge of how powerful it is your responsibility to alert everybody that in order to protect their interest, they need to identify with piece of the media. And so I've learned that and I think my future is in the technological advances of media and not in the continuing of KPFT. Making mistake what is done here on this in this radio station is of such earthshaking important that I don't want to detract from that, all you have to do is to run into a Vietnamese person in the city of Houston, and ask them if they listen to the Vietnamese show on KPFT. And the expression on their face will tell you something very important about the power and the importance of media to people who ordinarily or without this radio station would not have any.

 Mike Miesch 1:28:53

I think one of the good influences of KPFT is it's given a great number of people or people's confidence in what they're doing. You, you know, as talking to a number of people from Denver, in New Mexico, and while there is a gay program in Boulder, there's not one in Denver, and they're all asking the simple question, can I and I go? Well, we have, I don't see why you can't either. And I believe that eventually they will.

 Ray Hill 1:29:34

Media, in the sense of media theory is an extension of self. It is an extension of your ears and for your perspective, and from our perspective, it is this extension of Mike and my personality. And to filter your personality through electronics, I found out several things. Firstly, she can't

lie. These microphones are the biggest lie detectors.

 Mike Miesch 1:30:03

That's true,

 Ray Hill 1:30:04

to say it the way you fill it, or it comes off celluloid. And that is just as true of the district attorney. And the politicians that sometimes use these microphone, as it is for the folks that do radio here. And that is of some importance to people. The reflection of that what comes back, of course, is the feedback that you get. And that kind of reinforcement. I know that I feel especially good when any program on KPFT start sounding really good. And a great many of them start sounding really good. This afternoon's reggae show got into about a five song riff there, that was just powerful stuff. And this yesterday, afternoons, delayed discussion on the Persian hour, was a fine piece of media. We do really great radio here. Some of the best examples of it show up on life on Earth. And that is Kpf Ts, local news attempt. We do remarkable radio here. And it reinforces our political beliefs, it reinforces our ideological feelings. It reinforces my spiritual feelings. It's a totally encompassing support for the people that do it.

 Mike Miesch 1:31:32

What can I say?

 Ray Hill 1:31:34

It has been hoot. Racism has been fun. Fighting with the community advisory board has been an experience. It has absolutely convinced me that I'll never work under any circumstances where I don't have a board of directors to pick on. And the effects of the gay community has been phenomenal. KPFT was somehow in most gay minds less legitimate. After I became manager that has turned around in the last year for some reason or other. I think that's a reflection on what gay people are taught to feel about themselves and has nothing to do with radio station. The other media, which thought I was a kook in the media have in the last few months, beginning to accept me as a legitimate member of their flow. And so it's been an education for myself for the staff at KPFT. And certainly, I hope and experience for Houston. I'm not going away. I'm just going to be here under other auspices the interview

 Mike Miesch 1:32:44

certainly a piece of music that will be listening to the closest show and I have decided on this piece of music as closely music that do Ron Ron, it's just wonderful for an outline. But at the time of the evening, after all the talk interviews and music, something may be a little bit more quiet, something a little bit more spiritual. And this is something that a song I've sung several times never knew the title of the song didn't know what album is on. I knew it was Chris

Williamson, but I just didn't know the title of the song. And finally, I found out after singing it at the gathering, as Chris Williamson song of the soul, and it speaks to about everyone are you You can KPFT Houston, non commercial listener sponsored radio coming up in one minute, Alan Watts followed by George. Wilde 'n' stein. We're here because we can KPFT is.



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