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Pick them this particular one, especially with all the people that we had that came together and all the circumstances that seemed to come together at the right time. We just were very fortunate,



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and especially since our candidate one yes, yes, family. So it's a very positive spin on the whole situation was a lot of hard



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work. But we did get to see it come to fruition to where we actually saw our efforts pay off in a tangible example. And usually you don't get a lot of that. A lot of times, in fact, a nice run for council twice before. And I'm sure some of her volunteers that were on the last two campaigns probably thought, Well, why am I doing this didn't really pay off. It was basically just a lot of time that didn't really pan out into anything. But this time, it proved it. And it just goes to show that if you put the effort,



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but it goes beyond her winning, though, because I think even if she had not that, you know, we as volunteers got a lot out of the experience just in the people that we met. Yeah,



Chris 01:09

I met tons of people I would have never met post to send a message that



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well, yeah, that we're supportive of her. And you know, because she's supportive of us and everything. Well,



Sarah DePalma 01:19

I just wanted to say that I did ask you about that. Because between you and Deborah Bell, I think the two of you must have put in hundreds of hours on you know, unpaid work on the campaign. So listen, y'all Thank you very much. Have a good holiday. However it is that you that you choose to spend it in the Jimmy what do we have queued up here? Well,



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I want to remind everybody to stay tuned for the news. We have an exclusive Yes. KPFT has a has an exclusive again. Our Chris from our staff has been over to heaven and interviewed Charles Armstrong. Fox, all the others didn't get this interview, but KPFT did. And we'll be bringing you all of the latest news about the Heaven Fire as soon as we come back. Okay, the exclusivist one



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Oh, yes, this is music that and in the background also. That we're I'm going to play under the news and this is music called an eclectic Christmas put out by dry angle productions. Music by Jeff happens to be a friend of mine. Great electronic music first my favorite is Carol of the Bells, but you know all the bells. So I'm gonna play this underneath the news. Since it's Christmas.



Sarah DePalma 02:57

You know, I get to do my Walter Winchell thing here now. Good morning, Mr. And Mrs. America and all the ships at sea. This is Walter Winch with all the news. That is the news at the top of the news. Hit it. You're on?



Roy 03:09

You've got it. Okay, to start off tonight's News, we have a breaking story. And Chris from our staff is going to tell us about hell visiting heaven. And it's burning.



Chris 03:23

Yes. This evening, sometime between 11 and 1115. There was a fire reported at heaven. When we first we can figure out it seems to be an electrical fire that was contained back in the DJ

office storage area. No definite cause of what of where the fire started, but they pretty much had that contained within an hour. I spoke with Charles Armstrong. And he wanted to thank the professional effort by the staff of heaven and by the firemen who came who got on the scene and got the fire out as quickly as possible. Any injuries? Not that I could see there was four ambulances that I saw on the scene that if something happened, but none of them went rolling out. So there was a couple of firemen that came out there were a little smoldering, but as far as anybody injured. No patrons know according to Charles, he said all the staff was accounted for and as far as he can tell, all the patrons were accounted for Greg's good. So no idea yet on how quickly they're going to be able to reopen the back area backward the dance pit area for I guess the best way to describe the area appears where the fire started. And it rolled over the top of the fire area over the pit area to the right hand side of the dance area. So looking in the back door off of Hyde Park, there was quite a bit of damage so I'm not sure how far how long it's going to be for them. Under reopen or in Charles wasn't ready to give an estimate about how long there so he just may want to keep an ear out for when they're going to be able to come back for Christmas. And this was like we had there was if probably the only way you can other good information is channel 13. And Fox had news crews had cameraman out there. But they were pretty much just interviewing the firemen. And we were able, like I said to speak to the owner of the of the clubs and find out what his opinion was and how he felt. And he seemed pretty, pretty happy that no one was injured. Because at the end there he was saying we can replace the company we can replace the business. We can't replace people. And so he seemed to be very happy that was contained the way it was, was

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Roy 05:44

a fire out by the time you got down there. Yeah,

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Chris 05:46

the firemen it was controlled. Probably about quarter to 12. They, they had one ladder that was going up over the over the actual roof, where they're going in with the pics they're trying to open up some of the hotspots and Dallas watering on it. But everything was pretty much contained. They had started closing down everything and I spoke to one of the firemen he said from what he could see it looks like they continue to contain well, they'll

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Roy 06:10

they'll probably have another unit on standby tonight because fires like that has a possibility of being a deep seated fire in which means that even though everything appears to be down deep within the wood itself, it could be smoldering and so they'll keep a fire,

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Chris 06:27

one of the firemen said that it's mainly a concrete and tar roof. And it had spread over and I could see in the one part they were concentrating on the far right at the corner of hide and the memory hadn't grant, they were concentrating back there where the office area was. But I

could see some flames and embers down back with a watt where it goes from the wide area to the narrow area. I can see some flames there. And at the end, they were starting to pick in there and really douse that with water.

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Roy 06:58

So I'm curious what was contained but not out.

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Chris 07:00

It looks like it was contained. They didn't they weren't for name or water on it when I left about one o'clock. So it appears that they feel it's pretty much contained and out. As far as can be. It was just mela or smoke and steam coming off at the time. And that's what preliminary people thought. They saw a lot of what they thought was either steam or smoke. And a lot of people weren't sure even people who were outside looking at having that they just assumed it may have been seen because of the cold weather. But they may have invented some of the heat.

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Michelle 07:29

What time did this start?

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Chris 07:32

From what I've heard, it's sometime between 11 and 1115. Because I happen to be outside it's at around that time. In that area in front of the jailers, which is next door and the doorman had said stated that he thought he is someone who was saying there was smoke. And I just I just knocked it off as being steam. Because there's some people outside there smoking cigarettes. And later on when I went inside Jr. Someone came in and said, hey, they're starting to evacuate cars.

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Michelle 07:59

Well, I came by the station tonight about 20 minutes to 12. And I came down Westheimer and turned at Stanford and there was a lot of smoke at that location. I mean, I can smell it. Yeah,

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Chris 08:14

the fire trucks and things started rolling out. Probably I would say 20 to 25 till midnight. Because I happened I saw the one fire truck pull out in front down Pacific. And I got out and asked and hurt somebody commenting that we're supposed to be evacuating cars in my area. My car was in the evacuation area. I came over here to the studio and reporting to y'all and went from there like say it was about it was I saw some starting there about 2025 But then the fire probably started a lot earlier than

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Roy 08:47

that. Okay, well thank you very much. Thank

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Michelle 08:51

you very much. Exclusive with KPFT. Okay,

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Roy 08:56

for our top story tonight. I regret to inform our listeners that David McCullough more Macklemore age 40 has passed on. He died on World AIDS Day from a lengthy battle and complications relating to AIDS. Now for those of you who are not aware of it, David use his dynamic energy to benefit people with AIDS and HIV. Here in the Houston community. He was vice president of the PWA coalition of Houston. He volunteered on the AIDS Foundation Houston hotline. He prepared holiday meals at the Baring Foundation. He volunteered with the AIDS mastery workshop, the names project in Houston. He also helped fundraising efforts for the assistant fund, and he also acted as a private ad advocate for indigent PW A's in the community. David also participated in wigs on fire. There's a an event that is used to raise funds for PW A's and he's going to be missed by everyone in the community especially his special command companion. Edie Kugler memorial service was held today at the chapel of St Belles basil at 3802 Yocum at the corner of Alabama and Yocum street. That was earlier today. And to go along with his wishes, Dave's ashes will be spread out there in Sedona, Arizona by his closest friends at a private ceremony. And we're really going to miss David Macklemore, who was a very important person here in the in the Houston Community,

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Michelle 10:57

real loss to the community. Let's just mention tomorrow that Mary's and the Westheimer street festival is having Christmas in the Montrose that's tomorrow, Sunday, December the 14th. That'll be at 5pm. There's going to be some Carolyn. And then if 6pm There's a drug show benefiting Dawn, we now are gay apparel. And at 7pm There'll be a lighting the tree and everybody is encouraged to come out. And if you wish you can wear Dickens attire.

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Roy 11:30

No one that'd be the dickens. But if you've never been to the Mary's Tree Lighting Ceremony, that really is quite an event, quite an event.

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Michelle 11:43

Yeah. And in case somebody has been in, in the house the last couple days who hasn't gotten outside or is still in their closet. It's cold out there. And what we want to remind everybody is that there are people who don't have warm clothing and the community resale shop collects

clothing for the needy, and distribute distributed and the community reshapes resale shop is the 400 block of Richmond at Jack Street. Before the cold weather said in about two or three weeks ago, they had 3500 blankets. At last report before we hit cold weather, they were down to 200. They need blankets and warm clothing. So please, if you can get over there during the day and get them blankets and clothing. I also wanted to mention that the MCC er has their support groups empowerment for living. And they're going to be meeting this Tuesday. That's the 16th of December from seven to 9pm. MC CR CCR Metropolitan Community Church of the resurrection is located at 1919 Decatur. That's right at Washington between Montrose and Houston Street. There are four groups that meet one is the HIV support group. The other group is a financial planning group. They also have a group, two groups, other groups, one on spirituality and one for the transgender. So again, that's MCC, our empowerment for living between seven and 9pm. On this Tuesday, the 16th of December, they generally meet once a month. Since we're doing the transgendered show, I thought I'd mentioned that GCTC has its outreach meeting this Thursday at chances. That's the 18th at 7pm. Anyone interested or wanting more information can call area code 713780 GCTC, that's 7804282. Also, the next meeting of the Texas Association for transsexual support will be on the 27th. That's two Saturdays from today. And that will be at 7pm at Stephanie if you need more information, or want directions to Stephanie's discord, area code 713-827-5913. I also wanted to mention that HCDA helping cross dressers anonymous meets every Tuesday, from seven to nine at Suzanne Anderson's that's located at 239 Westheimer. And for any of you out there who are youth between the ages of 13 and 20. Ah, and you and you want to have some support, you can get a hold of patch. You have the numbers there for us for Hatch.

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Roy 15:06

Yes. The number for Hatch is 7139427. Double oh two that 713942700 to. And you can email hatch at Neal soft.com. Or check out their website at www dot Hatchie. out o u t h.org.



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Where did they try that again? I don't sense to me.

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Roy 15:41

I didn't okay. The website is www dot h jtch youth.org. Use. Oh, hatch you wasn't the way it's the way it's split up on the teletype here looks like



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the web can be tricky. I want to talk about some court stuff that Royal and sovereign imperial court have the single star some upcoming things that the courts doing Sunday the 14th That's today. This morning. Well, you know tomorrow for us because we haven't been to bed yet. At 6pm. The court is is bartending at the venture in at 8pm. Jennifer Ellsworth will be having a show there in support of the Queer Nation 14th Now on the 19th Jennifer is also doing show she's a busy girl, her that ran at 10pm and that's going to support the Montrose Counseling

Center. On Saturday the 20th Shawn and Lexi will be at EJ is at nine o'clock doing a show for the PR ball. And Sunday the 21st The court will be bartending at Mary's on the back bar from two until seven.

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Roy 17:08

They're going to be at my E Jays are gonna be

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there. All right. I love to watch Lexie perform she is just she is she is fabulous stuff that she does jazz stuff and stuff that you never hear anybody else do.

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Roy 17:24

She is fantastic. If you haven't had a chance to see her. She is worth it's worth it just to go see her

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and Shawn sings in his own voice. Oh, yes, he is. Talented. Great. So that is a wonderful show. When Sean and Lexi are together. That's a show to see. That's an AJs on the 20th it nine All right. Okay,

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Michelle 17:45


we're gonna come up with some other fundraisers in a second. But I just wanted following on from what Sarah mentioned before. I want everybody to know that next week tune in because we're going to go through the full list of all the places that you can go for Christmas on the hour by hour basis, so tell you how to get around and get so much free food that in the end, you'll look like a Christmas goose. So that's for next week. But right now we have a couple other fun razors are fund raisers that are taking place so boy,

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Roy 18:23

okay, Rich's tomorrow or actually today. They're going to be having a charity benefit at 7pm. And a show at 8pm for benefiting the Christmas in July, and the garden party and outrage and there's \$7 donation at the door. And donations may be given during the show. And the doors opening up at seven o'clock and the show again is at eight o'clock and like I said this benefits the Christmas in July the garden party and benefits the outrage rate, and here's a fun one for you. The BRB is going to have a fundraising believe it's tomorrow at 8am Tomorrow at 8pm and is benefiting the loving arms founding. Oh good. And guess what, why? At 1030 at the lazy j we

have the same benefit benefiting that loving arms foundation. Okay, at eight o'clock you can go to the BRB and see the show and then you can go ski data over to the lazy J's for an encore of the same show raveling show.

 Sarah DePalma 19:48


I have never skied Seattle in my entire life.

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Well, maybe it's about time you did.

 Roy 19:56

I can't even picture it just no going what the is the theme of what Sarah dipalma was talking about. And incidentally, we've been getting a lot of calls Sarah, you have got really touched a chord tonight, you have really touched a chord. Well,

 Sarah DePalma 20:11

I, you know, when you get a group of people into studio like we had tonight, there's a lot of wisdom there. And my job is just to try and tap into it and let them go, because there are a lot of very wise and very, very capable folks in that studio tonight. And anyways,

 Roy 20:28

the men's process Group is dedicated to helping gay and bisexual men deal with issues of living as a gay person in today's society. And this is for men who are coming out dating or are in relation ships. Being a can be a complex experience to

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be living at or complex Yeah.

 Roy 20:53

Now the group meets each Wednesday for 12 weeks from 630 to 8:30pm at the Montrose Counseling Center at 701, Richmond, and new members will be accepted through the end of August. Okay, now for more information call 713529 Double O three, seven, that's 713-529-0037.



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Michelle 21:25

The Omega house is seeking donations of items to help carry out its mission as a residence for people in the terminal stages of HIV diseases. They're looking for some specific things and the list includes are RadioShack gift certificates, bendable straws, copy paper, letter and legal sizes, toilet paper, laundry detergent, indoor and outdoor floodlight bulbs, fresh fruit and vegetables in small quantities. plain paper, fax machine, and any juice or soda 35 millimeter film of the 200 asaa variety and bedding plants and I don't understand the bedding plants bed worthy verse list, it almost looks like they're gonna put on a play. So, but if any of you have any of that stuff, you can call for more information area code 713-523-7110. That's 5237110

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Roy 22:33

Okay, now, to help fight depression one of the best things to do, especially during the holiday season is to get out and to volunteer. The AIDS Housing Coalition is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions for its TLC house emergency shelter at 117 to M needed our computer specialists with IBM PCs, quantex, word PT to quicken etc. They need you for four to six hours a week. And with the ability to get to the agency a webpage on aol.com and administrative assistant is needed for 20 hours a week. Staff relief, organize and operate front office admissions, light phone and typing. They also need a case manager and mentor for retired case managers and others who already have experience in the field. And so going out there and volunteer.

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Michelle 23:36

And on Monday, December the 15th. There's a health fair for people with HIV. And the event is there to primarily give Medicaid consumers in the community some opportunity to figure out what's going on and how to handle it.

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Roy 23:55

And last but not least, I do want to mention, we have made the Critics Choice Award in the Texas triangle.

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Michelle 24:03

That's favorite radio station right.

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Roy 24:07

The Texas triangle has been conducting a poll for the last couple of



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weeks. Oh, I didn't even read it this week.

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Roy 24:13

And the Critics Choice favorite radio station is 90.1 KPFT FM, one of the very first radio stations in the country to consistently broadcast gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender programming after hours heard late each Sunday night, Sunday or Saturday night Sunday morning from midnight to 3am is celebrating 10 years on air with host Jimmy Carper. So thank you and congrats to you, Jimmy.

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Thank you. What a surprise. Yes.

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Roy 24:50

And so we have made the Critics Choice Award. This is an award winning radio show folks

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Oh no, I think we should go to a piece of music. I'm just overwhelmed. This is you've been listening to you are listening. You're still listening to you are still listening to the next hour you will be listening after queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston and then ke O 's College Station.

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Roy 25:21

And I just say one last thing right ahead. You know, today we had the exclusive interview. You Know From Our reporter talking with Charles Armstrong last week, we were the first radio station to have an in station interview with a nice Parker.

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Yes. Isn't that incredible? Yeah.

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Roy 25:38

Right here on after hours, folks, we are number one.

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Jimmy Carper 25:43

And I still say I make the announcement again, because my tape machine messed up. And I don't have a copy of that tape. If anybody tape that and has a copy of even just a nice, I'd love

the whole show. But just any part of that show. Let me know.



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And the number is five to 65738 and six KPFT. And our address is 419. Lovett Boulevard L O V E TT 7706.



Roy 26:15

And this is big boy and I'll be back. Michelle? Yes. Michelle



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to Yes. And he will be back on the phone. So when you call 525265738. He'll be there answering the phone.



Michelle 26:29

I think we need to go to music. Okay, we will.



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And, and this one is just for Monica because she likes it



Sarah DePalma 26:48

and this is live radio. We are back.



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We're trying to program this other CD machine, folks. You know,



Sarah DePalma 26:55

now here we got two college graduates and we're both sitting here looking at the CD machine going. Why doesn't this sucker work?



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Well, anyway, I do want to in talking about the Critics Choice Awards, yeah, in the Texas triangle. I do also want to mention that there is a another gay and lesbian and bisexual

triangle. I do also want to mention that there is a another gay and lesbian and bisexual transgendered show here called lesbian and gay voices heard every Thursday night at seven to eight. And of course, Ray Hill.

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Sarah DePalma 27:28

Yes. How can we forget Ray go on

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Fridays and Ray hill when he when he was the general manager way back when I was young and pretty. Started don't let him kid you people started gay and lesbian radio at this station. You didn't

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Sarah DePalma 27:46

I didn't realize this the new gate and Ray Hill was the second he was the second gay lesbian program in Texas. Wow, this is the very second one. It turns out that there was a show in Dallas. That was here ahead of him. Wow. But yeah, so Ray's been doing this like a long time. I'm having trolled my microphone. I can't I noticed that. I can't get it to stay put tonight. It's making me crazy. Oh, you don't the audience doesn't care. And I don't blame you. I'm talking about the stuff in the triangle. Sure. And the issue was this December 4 issue of the Texas triangle know that he she stuff? Yeah, there was an article a first of all, there was an interview with Ricky and Wilkins, who was I don't know, she liked that one of the directors of in co founders of transsexual minutes. And there was also an interview with yours truly. Hmm. All I can say is Ricky's opinion is not mine, she speaks for herself.

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That's kind of been the way ever since you've known her. Yes. Yeah. Well, and that's more than one opinion in the transgender community.

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Sarah DePalma 29:04

You well, my problem with Ricky Neff told me this to her face. I'm not saying anything that I have that she doesn't already know. My opinion, my feeling about Ricky is that Ricky is very good at promoting Ricky and not so good at doing things for the community. Well, in my feelings, the community comes first and so we we have opposite views on that. So I'm just gonna leave it at that that Ricky's views are hers she gets to speak for herself. I don't necessarily buy into it. Please don't put me in the same boat with Ricky. And we'll leave it at that. Okay, good. Okay. Also your let's talk about anything for me. You bad? We I don't know. Have you have you talked about the importance of what mood is gonna mean now to have a nice in city council. We have



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someone at the table, folks. That has been the big deal all along. There has. We have had friends at city council, but no one who was one of us who can speak About Us, knowing us and and I know that a niece is not gay. She's a lesbian. I know she's not bisexual and I know that she's not transgendered, but she has so many friends and all those communities and everyone



Sarah DePalma 30:17

in this community that's right. And let me say something else you realize of course, folks that she won the election with the help of straight had two people had two straight people voted her



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in and uh, yeah, we talked about this last week when she was here the the endorsements that she got were so incredibly varied from the the Houston gay and lesbian political core caucus, which you would expect right to the League of Baptist ministers held a lot cabins



Sarah DePalma 30:45

or even endorser, which you would not expect. No, I wouldn't know.



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But endorse her. They did. Yeah. And that says a lot, because she has been in this community and their community and everybody else's community for 20 years, working with people. That's how she got that endorsement. Not because she's a newcomer, and she walked in and said, Hey, I want your endorsement. It's because she has experience working with everyone. First of all, she's got a track record, and it's damn good. First of all, she



Sarah DePalma 31:16

outraised her opponent monetarily. Oh, yeah, he used his own money. Now. That means that she had to go down and get the endorsement of the big downtown groups. No.



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Well, she didn't get she. That's what she talked about. She didn't get big money. All of her money was 25 and \$50.



Sarah DePalma 31:34

She got the endorsement of the groups but no money from them. Right? Was what how I'm sorry Yeah she got the endorsement groups but she didn't get any money from Right Exactly

Sorry, yeah, she got the endorsement groups, but she didn't get any money from right. Exactly right. Her campaign was was run on 1015 \$20 donations. There were some people there were a few people who contributed large sums. But by and large money, was it 510 1520 bucks. And those were individuals, those were not they were individuals. She got a lot of volunteer effort. She especially because she had an amazing amount of volunteer effort. Incredible, but a nice, you're absolutely right. Nice has been at this for 20 years. She's run twice and last, but she hung in there. And what it means to us on a personal level, I think for a second here now, for those of you who are thinking about well, should I come out or shouldn't die, if a nice can run for city council in Houston, Texas. And when it's a sign that times have changed. It's a sign the times have changed. Gays and lesbians have come a long way. I was telling Laurie when we were at the party, the victory party of the night. I was here for the referendum. Yes. If you would have told me 12 years ago that we were going to have an open lesbian and city council, I would laugh you right at it. Because that was the low point. That was the low point. In in 12. short years, we have turned this as we've gone from the referendum to getting a person an openly gay person on City Council. She has largest constituency of any gay or lesbian person elected in the in Texas. It turns out it's not the largest in the country, because there is an openly gay and lesbian person in New York City. Okay. But it is in Texas. This is amazing stuff. Yes, it is. It's amazing stuff. I want to thank all the people who turned out as volunteers for this. I know that you you turned out and volunteered and that, you know,



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I was there for one night. Let's



Sarah DePalma 33:37

not go overboard here. No, but even but even so we had a lot of people and that's where her campaign force came from. They were people who were putting in two hours a week. And



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that's the way I looked at three hours a month if if half the people who were voting for would put in one night. Not a problem.



Sarah DePalma 33:53

Yeah. And there were there were some people like Debra Bell and Vanessa, who literally put in hundreds, hundreds of hours, just incredible. But this is it was national news. And it was picked up by that it was picked up by by newspapers all across the country. It's new, it was news, not just in here, but I even heard it on a Christian broadcast station on shortwave. No. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. That was really interesting. I've got a little shortwave radio imagine what they saw in Yeah, well, you know, to hear them tell it the world was going to hell in a handbasket because, you know, it reminded me that song and you know, there's a Texas has a whorehouse in Texas has lesbian in it, you know? Well, Texas has a lot of lesbian. Well, yeah, that's right. But But it was interesting to hear this Christian state and hear the Christians tell it because they thought it was like Sodom and Gomorrah had come to Houston rather. And I thought we'll take my advice. Just don't ever come here. You should have



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heard. You should have heard me last week when when when she was here. I was just gushing like a school girl. It was incredible. I was just



Sarah DePalma 35:00

Well, it's important to us. Yes, it's very important. It's really it's important to us it's important to the community is important. And politically,



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it's the it's the shot in the arm that we have needed for a very, very long time.



Sarah DePalma 35:13

And in on a personal level, I can't tell you how gratifying it was to hear her acceptance speech, and have here the T word come out to the television cameras. Oh, yeah. You know. And I thought, you know, here's we, you know, for all the talk that you hear about politicians being this than the other. Here's the person who runs for office, and she's as good as your word.



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Now, as I brought up last week, and she did too, there are going to be times that we're not going to be happy with some of the votes that she makes



Sarah DePalma 35:42

it because appointed if that wasn't the case, she has to vote her conscience. She does. Yeah, she has



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to vote her entire constituents. Right. And she isn't that large position. And it's right.



Sarah DePalma 35:53

So if you think she's gonna go go go in her first year, with a gay agenda. I think you got another thing,



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that she's not going to I don't think counsel with gay agenda.



Sarah DePalma 36:04

I don't think she should. No, no, I'm sorry, what you got me.



Michelle 36:07

I just wanted to say that I was really surprised and very, very pleased that for the runoff election, there were 250,000 votes cast in total, for the position that any Swan, whereas in the general election, there were only around 235,000. So what happened was, the number of people who voted for position number one was 15,000, more in the runoff than in the general election, which means a lot of people really got on and a lot of people really voted. This runoff was extremely important.



Sarah DePalma 36:51

Well, she had the advantage here of having a lot of help with the brown group. Oh, yeah. The fact that there was a huge turnout for Lee Brown really helped it nice a lot. That was that was hope I actually part of their strategy was to not directly tie themselves to brown, but to say that they at least understood that she was going to have to win the support of the black community to win it, because she had an offset Kingwood. And she got it. She got she got the support of the people of color. So anyway, I know, this was big news. I just wanted to pass that along. Of course, everyone already knows it by now. But it what it means to this community is for the first time, we have a seat at the table, you know, a lot of the decisions that get made what in any level of politics get made in the back rooms, or they get made in private. And now we have a voice and we have ears is part of that process. It means that here in Houston, Texas, gays and lesbians are finally finally at the table with a voice and that's got to be good for all of us. I wanted to read some news stories that I pulled off of the internet some interesting, awesome stories that that were kind of interesting. Okay. See if I can find my stuff here. Yeah. This first one has to do. One of the things that we've often that we've talked about in the show is transgenders in prison from time to time, and it's something that we've talked about in law conference lately. This is a story that comes from the state of Washington. corrections officials in a judge are unsure where to imprison a convicted child molester, who says she's a man trapped in a woman's body. Benton County Superior Court Judge Carolyn brown on Friday sentenced Chris Wheatley is this person's name to 22 months in prison and recommended that she be treated at an all male facility in Monroe Washington, because it has a program for sex offenders. But brown admitted she was unsure what to do with Wheatley, who takes male hormones has grown a thin go t and then fools her victim into thinking she is a man. But authority say the 21 year old resident has female genitalia. Now, we've talked about this kind of this sort of thing before about being classified in jails by by genitals. The problem that Wheatley has with this particular case, I think is that she has no identification changes whatsoever. They say that she's mail. She has not pleaded guilty. But all the same. This is a tough situation. And so we're going to be watching this case in Washington. Wheatley, the person that has gone on their way to present here is going to have a very hard case. Because

there is not only there not been a discussion by having a sex change surgery, which is we know after having female to males in the show is debatable in itself. But in this case also there is no need Name change so it's going to be kind of hard for the