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SPEAKERS

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In the mind of our so called leaders, that's Berkeley filmmaker Marlon T. Riggs. In San Francisco I met binder.



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Demand is bad it's must be won. We got to win together.



B Bruce Reeves 00:53

Goodbye, my friend from Karla Bon off and new world. And that was a special dedication from Jimmy to diferente. Just last name Joe. Before that we heard Holly near from our album singer in the storm, singing singing for our lives. And prior to that we heard a ratio from there up album, singing one better world actually, that's a ratio. It's ABC. From there up album, singing one better world. We've got lots of news tonight. A lot of things have been happening in the last week, a lot of things are going to continue happening undoubtedly, as they always do around the wonderful world of Houston. But it's been a particular busy a busy week. We had elections on Tuesday. And hopefully most people went out and voted. I know that we've been reading to you the G RPC card for the last several weeks and and the Montrose voice spoke with Chris bacon, the president of the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus, who we interviewed about three weeks ago. And he noted that caucus endorsed candidates did especially well in the primary. And in fact, I know it was one of the few times that I ever felt like I really could consciously vote their card. But Chris said that out of 27 endorsed candidates 18 won their races, six are in a runoff and only three last. And of course one of the races and one of the members of our community who was running for election and his right heel, he's running for the position of justice of the peace place one, precinct one place one, and Ray did manage to squeak into a runoff. His opponent, Mr. Dale Kawczynski got 47% of the vote. I think Ray wound up with about 18 or 19. Let's see where my notes are 13 13% of the vote. I talked with Ray the other day and he is really excited that he's gotten into a runoff and feels that even though gorinsky technically only needs another 3% to win that. Ray Ray does think he has a

good chance to win. And undoubtedly we will be talking to him between now and the runoff. Obviously, the trick to a runoff election, especially in a primary situation is who can get people out to the polls. And undoubtedly most of the people who will choose to revote for re will go to the polls for that reason. And most of the people who will vote for Mr. Gore Schinsky will probably go to the polls for other reasons. A number of other races that the caucus supported or in runoffs including the race for democratic county chair, and also the race for sheriff. And there's a number of others as well, I believe the new senatorial seat for district 29 will have a run off between Mr. Reyes and Mr. Green. There's also a runoff for the seat in district 15, which is currently held by Senator John Whitmire. And was really technically supposed to be one of the new Hispanic seats in the county and Mr. Whitmire decided he was going to run for that seat anyway, the dlpfc endorsed Mr. Martinez. And there was a third person who ran a graduate student from the University of Houston, who actually was able to siphon off 5% of the vote to force the two of them into a runoff. It was an extremely close race, but there will be a runoff in that race as well. So there's lots of things happening in the Political and election area arena. gay candidate Glen Maxey has managed to probably hold on to his seat in the Texas Legislature. He does have a Republican opponent in the in November but is that's not anticipated to be a stumbling block. That seat has traditionally always been held by a Democrat. And they don't foresee that changing. But he did face a very strong opponent in the primary and was able to successfully pull that off. So that's kind of the election news. Of probably even more important to those of us in the gay community. The appeals court on Wednesday handed down a ruling that officially struck down the anti anti sodomy law 2106 in the state of Texas. So we're all officially legal human beings today. Even if we choose to do whatever we choose to do behind the, in the privacy of our own home, however, much to the chagrin of of the gay and lesbian community. The Attorney General Ban Morales said on Wednesday after the appellate court struck down the law, that he would appeal that to the Texas Supreme Court, because we are simply obligated to defend the constitutionality of all state laws when they are challenged. And I know one of the things Mr. Morales was campaigning on when he was originally running for that seat was that he felt like 2106 should be gotten off the books. And obviously to me, this looks like it's an attempt in his own way to keep it on the books or maybe he's just trying to please all the people in all the places, but he's not pleasing everyone. I spokeswoman for the Texas Human Rights Foundation, which had sponsored the lawsuit, and of course that lawsuit does name one of our local personalities. Ms. Linda Morales is a Hispanic in Houston area who was named in the as one of the plaintiffs in that lawsuit. And a spokesperson for the Texas Human Rights Foundation said that they were disappointed at the prospect of another state appeal, but still expect the Supreme Court to also strike down the law. Patricia Presley said that we feel very confident that the Texas Constitution does say you can't break out how you're going to judge private behavior. Third, a court of appeals on Wednesday upheld a December 1990 ruling by an Austin judge, which made the law basically unconstitutional, but that ruling was felt to only be binding in the Austin area. In the opinion, Judge Jimmy Carroll stated that we can think of nothing more fundamentally private and deserving of protection than sexual behavior between consenting adults and private. If consenting adults have the privacy right to engage in sexual behavior, then it cannot be constitutional, absent a compelling state objective to prohibit lesbians and gay men from engaging in the same conduct in which heterosexual may legally engage. In short, the state cannot make the same conduct criminal when done by one and innocent when done by the other. And addressing the morality issue, he went on to state that if lesbians and gay men pose such a threat to the state, Why then does the state not enforce the statute on a regular basis by investigating suspected homosexuals obtaining search warrants making arrest and prosecuting offenders? The state has not distributed demonstrated how criminalizing sexual behavior between consenting adults and private advances or protects public morality. The court said it had found no incidents of an individual ever being prosecuted or violating this

particular law, but cited a 1973 prosecution under a similar statute, which was superseded by the current law. And, of course, one of the many reasons that the gay community has been after the legislature and whatnot for years to get rid of the law and even having had it struck down as unconstitutional. It will still remain on the books in Texas, unless the legislature actually chooses to remove it from the books. But it's used in many times, especially of late in the city of Dallas. It's if you're a gay or lesbian person, you're not allowed to be a police officer in the city of Dallas. Because of the 2106 ruling they say because of 2106 If you're an openly gay or lesbian person, then you're obviously a, a blatant breaker of the law. So they've been using that to keep people out of the Dallas Police Department. And undoubtedly, the woman who has been trying for several years to get into the Dallas Police Department has gone down already in refund her application. And we will no doubt be hearing more on that later. So how are you this morning, Jeff?

J Jeff Mackey 10:28

Doing very, very well. Thank you.

B Bruce Reeves 10:32

So what's going on in your end of the planet.

J Jeff Mackey 10:37

Lots of interesting things I spoke earlier this evening with Lynn who is the manager of beadlet, and books in town and country Mall. She's a good friend of mine, and I wanted to thank her for supporting our community. This is a good place to go in and get books that directly concern us in our community. If you go in and speak with Lynn, she is the manager by the way of that particular be Dalton bookseller, she will be able to get you books which are underground and not generally available, simply because society doesn't like to see that. But if you speak with her, you can rest assured that it will be confidential and that she will do her utmost to be able to get those books available to you. I'd like to give a personal thanks to her and also thanks, heartfelt thanks from the community.

B Bruce Reeves 11:36

Okay, and of course, if you're looking for books on gay and lesbian community, there is a bookstore in the hot heart of the Montrose on Richmond called Inklings, which is lots of books for the gay and lesbian community ready available on shelves. And you might also try Lobo Lobo down on the curve. So let's listen to a little more. Wild is a celebration of pride formed by gay and lesbian people. Members reaps and I'm Deborah Bell, and we are two of the members of the Wilde n Stein collective

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Bruce Reeves 12:23

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Bruce Reeves 13:56

You're listening to KPFT Houston 90.1 FM and I'm just pushing all the wrong buttons tonight. So maybe we'll talk for a few days like that. We just finished listening to Libby Roderick from her if you see a dream album, and the song was Rosa. And before that, we heard Jimmy Somerville with the Bronski beat and the Come Come you nards and they were doing never can say goodbye.

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Judy Reeves 14:28

I'm so glad you always choose to announce what you played because I usually can't pronounce What's your

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Bruce Reeves 14:36

last CD players don't know work. Oh, that's cute.

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It just kind of pops in and pops out how lovely.

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Bruce Reeves 14:41

Um, this just there's still a whole lot of different things that were going on. And last I think it was last Sunday's paper.



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I'm sorry, I'm now wearing a headphone on my shoulder. Excuse me. I'm falling apart at the seams



Bruce Reeves 15:01

and last Sunday's paper and landers