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Jimmy Carper, Roy McCarthy, Chris

- R** Roy McCarthy 00:01
With these prints I'm glad to be back here this week I really missed on last week even though I know that maybe one of us Yes folks we are back on
- C** Chris 00:14
popular demand.
- R** Roy McCarthy 00:15
And anyway to give a shout out to Chris way down there in Beaumont to Tony way up here midway and all of our listeners captive audience and free
- C** Chris 00:29
listeners and your fans down in Galveston from last weekend but all your fans down in Galveston last weekend who hopefully have lifted the restraining orders against you know
- R** Roy McCarthy 00:37
Yeah, well I don't think I think they still have the the the tech dogs to keep me away. So anyways, let's start off with our top story this week. Coming out of the this week's edition of The Houston voice are reporting that the probe is targeting alleged fraud at a local AIDS clinic here in Houston. Supporters of the Thomas Street Clinic are pressing officials to reopen a popular volunteer program that has fallen victim to an ongoing investigation. According to the Houston voice, local and federal probe into a local and federal probe into alleged prescription fraud F autonomous Fleet Street Clinic has indefinitely shut down the popular volunteer

program there and raise concerns about heavy a heavy handed investigation at that clinic. A tip from a clinic employee in December launched the investigation which has resulted in the arrest of a former volunteer with the people with AIDS coalition and temporary closing of the coalition's volunteer and child care programs at the sprawling AIDS clinic in near Northside in Houston Fourth Ward. Authorities allege that Alvin Joseph Pullman 37 years old fraudulently obtained drug from a South Main Street pharmacy using the names the clinics name and Medical Director on several prescription mostly for steroid like substances according to the Houston Police Department. The police investigators investigated and in December, they investigated in December and on January 14, Pullman was arrested. This is an ongoing investigation. Right now many of the volunteers stuff is being done by the staffing, Thomas Street Clinic however their childcare program is unable to continue right now. Because it just is not enough staffers. The volunteers segment of it has been shut down temporarily. And we will keep you up to date and well informed on further developments in this case.

C Chris 02:55

Well, it looks like channel eight is going to try something unusual here. They are going to possibly broadcast a program about the gay community during primetime

R Roy McCarthy 03:04

assault on gay crime. They're gonna do it and primetime

C Chris 03:08

Yeah, I guess there was no way around it because it's it's part of their segment their show frontline assault on gay America. It says here that gay viewers may find it hard to watch. But a new TV documentary will take a long hard look at one of the conservative America's most widely held prejudices, asking millions of straight viewers to consider the complex factors between homophobia and the tragic violence that can sometimes spur assault on gay America as a part of PBS Frontline. Producer Claudia prior malice and correspondent Forrest Sawyer will be exploring the forces that drive the phobia in homophobia forces that in many cases serve the perpetrators justification for brutal violence. The purpose of doing this film was to try and figure out the roots of homophobia what kind of soil it grows out of Claudia malice told the use of voice who we are going to credit for this article. It centers around the murder of Billy Jack gate here was a Alabama a gay man who was stabbed, beaten and burned to death over a year ago because of a sexual orientation. Because attackers are claiming the gay panic defense saying that gay they are made a sexual advance towards them, prompting their murderous rage. It was decided they would center and on Billy Jack Atheer rather than Matthew Shepard because there was not much attention given to the Billy Jack murder. This will be occurring on Channel 8k u h t on Tuesday, February 15 At 9pm the assault on gay America and we're glad to see that not only are they showing programming during decent hours, but they're actually advertising this one.

R Roy McCarthy 04:57

Goodness gracious and this is a very important pro Room for for everyone to see not just the

Soonest gracious and this is a very important pre room for, for everyone to see not just the not just gay people in the street, people do need to see this is why so

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Chris 05:09

they're also there's also going to be segments in there with interviews of Jerry Falwell who has agreed to tone down his response and some of the quotes that I've seen from that, if that's toning down his statements about our community, he needs to find a bigger volume button

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Roy McCarthy 05:26

or heard that. Anyways, you y'all may remember a few months back, this station KPFT was the target of fire, some set fire to one of our facilities here knocked us off in here in the early morning hours for a couple hours. And well, not only has someone been arrested on that October 29th fire, but that person has been sentenced. Jason Williams young 19 year old who's also known as Jason Dixon, and will be sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary and TDI tdcj, he's getting three years he has to, he will have to serve two thirds, which is two years in his case of his sentence before he'll be eligible for parole. Just because a person may be eligible for parole does not necessarily mean they will get paroled. This person Jason Dixon. He had been here at the station about a week or two earlier. And one of our other buildings in the back and we chased him out and he got mad at us for doing that. And he came in and said bar. And it was not the result of terrorists or protested from out of state or anything like that. It was just a simple little revenge thing. And it cost about about \$100,000. And this is reported by the Houston Chronicle, even though I saw this on several other news things on Wednesday when the Chronicle would give it and then the crowd would give it on Thursday, and the kid was sentenced on Monday. That took the clinical four days to actually come up with the area. Put this in their paper.

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Chris 07:23

The Center for AIDS, hope and remembrance project will be debuting a new online version of his publication, research initiative and trap Treatment Action. Rita. This journal provides the latest HIV AIDS information to the medical and HIV HIV communities. It is distributed nationally and now can be accessed on the worldwide web. All 9099 issues are available in full text through the Center's website at WWW dot center for aids.org. It's all one word that's also included the illustrations. Each new quarterly issue will be reduced in print version and online version. Some older issues may also be archived. And once again that is the Center for a token remembrance project at WWW dot center for aids.org.

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Roy McCarthy 08:17

Okay, well folks, there's going to be an equality rally parked to the expo rally continue. Equality rally is a campaign to let the corporate leaders of the Exxon Mobil Corporation know that their action to rescind domestic partner benefits and the retraction of mobiles. anti discrimination policy for gays, lesbian transgendered and bisexuals is not appreciated and will not be tolerated by the communities throughout our country. Talking about this very Hill said that the purpose of the equality rally is to demonstrate our feelings on this issue in a peaceful manner

and they want to see our place at the family value table. The team, the theme for equality rally two will focus on domestic partners and how we individually collectively, gay lesbian, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual can create the environment to affect change within our communities, governmental agencies and private enterprises. The first rally was held on January 28, and it was very successful. keynote speaker for this upcoming one is going to be Patrick for Sean. He is a well known Houston psychotherapist specializing in emoji therapy for couples and singles. And he will talk about issues which might be stopping us from getting what we want as well as some potential new options to facilitate the change. Shawn Carter is vice president of the equality rally team as well as the president of the gay lesbian Political Caucus. And he says that the fight for change is being brought on by all members of our community and we expect A lot of people just show up and it's going to be on February 29 at Antioch Park. That's Smith and clay Street. And let's see if I have some for time 5pm at Antioch Park 1400 Smith at clay that's just right next right near the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Houston. And there's a caregiver wall. What's What's this all about the liquids?

 Chris 10:28

Labs. I'm sorry I'm kind of chuckling something I see in the other room there. The caregiver wall is a I'm getting a dirty look.

 Jimmy Carper 10:38

You gave me a look through the glass light. You just said something nasty about me.

 Roy McCarthy 10:43

He's always doing that.

 Chris 10:45

I was just laughing at that. What cup I thought you had there and Roy was talking about at the moment.

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Oh, it's a definite definitely handicap.

 Chris 10:54

Oh, the caregivers was conceived by community activist Don guild as the vehicles honored Sonian who have dedicated their lives to fighting the battle versus HIV AIDS. Mr. Gilde vision of this tribute includes in several elements to be incorporated into the project. The elements included are a curved segmented Stonewall interrupter with water fountains and possibly a pool seating of stones and rocks. And the tribute is intended to honor all those who have lived

their lives in service of others through caregiving. A special section will be reserved for those whose lives exempt exemplify the selfless dedication and love required to their commitment. The idea is for the caregivers wall to be placed in a city park, preferably in the Newtown area so that the public may enjoy it daily. The caregivers wall committee is in the process of exploring funding issues, including raising an endowment to use for maintaining the monument. The first fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 5 2000. At 5pm at bricks to Craig Rutherford candidate for Mr. Prime choice 2000 will present a program entitled nearly live. For more information on the caregivers walls contact Don Gill at 713-521-0911. And bricks two is located at Fairview and Stanford Oh.

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Roy McCarthy 12:30

At the last caucus general meeting, we had our endorsement meeting. And this is the meeting where the general members of the of the caucus vote to endorse candidates for different offices from President on down to dogcatcher. This year, no one was endorsed for the presidential race, because there are so many different people within the caucus supporting so many different candidates that you know, just impossible right now this early in the in the game of the primaries to be forcing people to you know,

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Chris 13:08

when you someone like that, I mean, you've got right now you've got six mate Well, sorry, five major candidates out there right now. It's it's kind of strange to try and sit there and say and pick not just pick a party, per se or particular person out of that five, I mean, yeah, you can dwindle it out, you can kick one of them out automatically for for his comments. But with such a vast race right now. And so far long, it's it's kind of strange there especially when it's all national organization had already made one of their choice people

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Roy McCarthy 13:38

have the erroneous perception that the caucus is made up primarily of really just Democrats with a couple of Republicans thrown in for show. Well, it that's very wrong because there as well as Democrats, there are a number of Republicans but there's also a lot of independents Freedom Party libertarians that a Trump Prozess party socialists you name it, they're they're the caucuses. It is not go for just one particular political

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Chris 14:17

party now um, it's kind of kind of early on that I would, I would say something like that for national events like that. But let's let the first thing out ones be taken care of by Log Cabin Republicans and Stonewall Democrats.

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Roy McCarthy 14:31

But here's what we have right now. Of our list of candidates that we did agree upon. For US Senate Charles Gandy Gandy for US Representative district seven Jeff Calhoun got quite a job

Senate Charles Gandy Gandy for US Representative district seven. Jen Sai, he's got quite a job ahead of him and district 18 Sheila Jackson Lee, that was a no brainer. District 22 Virginia Ginny Stogner district 29 Jeanne Green 15 John Whitmarsh state rep 130 district 130 Fred Lundgren 132 Scott Hertzberg, on and on down the list we go, where I don't want to bore everyone to tears but let's just say you will see our postcards come today.

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Chris 15:15

I will say one thing. I was glad when you mentioned the one district there because I was beginning I've seen some I live in district seven, if I remember correctly, out and Philistine Phil's district there. And it was nice to see there's actually Democrat running.

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Roy McCarthy 15:34

However, I will say this the primary 15 you have folks until tomorrow. Tomorrow is the cutoff time to register to vote if you have not registered to vote. Get your governmental fund buttons on down to some city government place or to a library and register to vote. And that's it. I'll tell you what do lesbians do. Crispy

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Chris 16:01

I missed this last week you frosting lesbians on me? A new series I'm making up for it this week. A new series of workshops at the Houston lesbian and gay community center will be offered as part of the center's women's program. What lesbians do will be a funny and frank discussion of what you always wanted to know. What you always wanted to know and what you always wanted to talk about, but we're afraid to ask. Using a conscious raising format the group will discuss lesbian sexuality and controversial issues in the lesbian community in a safe non judgmental and confidential environment. The workshops will you utilize the whole lesbian sex book among other resources. The first workshop will be Thursday, March 2 will be in a while in lieu of a general overview of what the group is about and ground rules for participation. The session will cover own your own desire or own your desire. It will include a discussion on fantasy auto eroticism and dating. The group will meet from seven to 9pm promptness is important sessions will start on time. Following sessions will be the first Thursday of the month. The facilitators are Maria Mina coochie, a psychologist and author of women to wet Woman to Woman the erotic revolution and current president of the HLG CC and Deborah Bell community activist and outreach worker for Montrose Counseling Center's lesbian health education project. Further such sessions will be on the Vagina Monologues, bride or pervert also is discussing monogamy bisexuality love with transgendered discussions, oh intimacy with or without sex SNM Butch femme, what gets you off penetration, so on and so on, there is a suggested \$5 donation which is requested but not required for participation. For more information contact the Houston lesbian and gay community center at 803 Hawthorne, their phone number is 713-524-3818.

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Roy McCarthy 18:12

Okay. HIV in the 21st century what the future holds. Nationally known AIDS treatment activists and project informed founding director Martin Delaney will talk about the current state of HIV

AIDS treatment and research and what made and what the future holds in a community forum sponsored by the Center for AIDS. The event will take place on Thursday, March 2 at 7:30pm in the McGovern auditorium of the Museum of health and medical sciences at 1515 Hermann drive here in Houston. For more information, you can call us Area code 713-527-8219.

C Chris 18:57

Make your appointments now for the lesbian Health Initiative annuals health fair on Saturday, February 19, from 830 to 430 at the Holifield Foundation Center 2700 Albany, free mammograms and pap smears are done by appointment, call Barbara Walker 713-830-3075 To make an appointment for a mammogram or pap smear. There also be instructional instructional demonstrations on manual breast exam self breast exams provided by certified personnel from the Montrose Counseling Center, osteoporosis testing blood pressure check L as well as other health issues. There will be HIV and essay STD testing Hepatitis B and C and Syphilis is underwritten by the Hollyfield foundation and supported by breast cancer project number 9816. From the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund Foundation, lesbians and lesbian friendly women wishing to volunteer at the fair or For further information, call 713-603-0023 and leave a message and once again to make an appointment on that at 713-830-3075. And that's Barbara Walker.

R Roy McCarthy 20:19

Okay, folks coming up on next Sunday, Sunday at Rich's is going to be the masquerade ball next Sunday, February 23, it's going to start at 4pm. And last until midnight, this is benefiting the body positive Houston. And folks, body positive my Wellness Center is very important for people who are suffering with HIV AIDS. Because this I help you know, get your body in, keeps the body fit and shape and fit and it's a very crucial part.

C Chris 21:00

It's an exercise and wellness program. Don't go into atrophy with with some of the degenerations of the disease. Right.

R Roy McCarthy 21:08

And there's a \$10 car which really is cheap for benefit. Oh, yeah. And does Rich's TeeJet T Dance DJ is going to be Michael Tang. They're gonna have dances drink specials costume contest is going to be masks and beads at the door. And there's going to be a carrot card reading by the so wrong sisters. And again, it's going to be this next Sunday, not tomorrow, but next Sunday, February 20. From 4pm until midnight. Also, last week, I was down in Galveston on caucus business. And while there while I was there, I stayed at the Hollywood in Galveston, and Jimmy is watching here and hearing us on this. And also down there was a person My name is sweet mama cotton. And she said that Jimmy outed her.

C Chris 22:10

 CHRIS 22:10

Oh, she Jimmy has regularly played sweet mama cotton. Oh, yes. But then again, you don't listen to the show. So you may not have heard that.

 Roy McCarthy 22:17

Yeah, I do. And he outed sweet mama cotton on air here. And he's told everybody how the sweet mama cotton was an out and out heterosexual. And this is the Hollywood in Galveston when sweet mama cotton. She sings there on Saturday evenings at their little happy hour place that they have. And the Hollywood Galison is located seawall at 31st street and it's a gay run place by two guys named Bob and Sherman. They are the hosts and I asked him about you know, when what happened when the ribbon Phelps announced that he was coming down and he said that was the best thing ever to happen. He says that they really got a lot of attention. And a lot of customers out of that. And I think this Chris, the Houston minister that went down down to Galveston to protest. But one of them was now friends of Hollywood a Gaussian. And every time the guy drives by he honks and he waves and he makes it a point to stop by to stop by the office and say hi and make sure everything is going well with those guys. Well sometimes it's so even those who you think are your enemies and who may be your enemies today, just because of a lack of education

 Chris 23:50

comes from the old saying Keep your friends close and your enemies closer. Okay, now what else we got there? Yeah, there's two other items and you racked up ahead of me. I walked out Oh, yeah.

 Roy McCarthy 24:00

The AIDS Walk. Oh, sorry.

 Chris 24:04

Education is a wonderful thing. Try it once. Education. The Independent Film channel is having a Valentine's Day Marathon entitled, it ain't just boy meets girl festival. The reality is it's a four film collection of gay and lesbian film themed movies. Somewhat bold for television where same sex kisses are considered unusual enough to make news. The Independent Film channel is a pay cable network which I think the only way you get to see it in Houston is if you got a satellite. They show some features of it there on Bravo its sister station reaches about 30 million people a third of the nation's television homes. They'll be starting off with a beautiful thing. Love story of two teenage boys in London, which we've talked about several times. They'll also at that starting at eight at seven o'clock Houston time. They'll be followed up by Go Fish relationship between two young women The incredibly true Adventures of two girls in the incredibly true Adventures of two girls in love about a couple with different economic and ethnic backgrounds, and loving human remains about sexual and gender politics. So if you have the independent film channel, make sure you viewing on that and make a tape for us. Because I don't get that one on line.

 Roy McCarthy 25:22

You don't know folks because we've, you know, Christmas saying, Oh, we're going to talk about the sex lives. As is Chris. We cannot be talking about my sex I we we are talking about current events, not ancient history. shows only for current events.

 Chris 25:38

Also coming up next month start planning and preparing ahead. Is a this AIDS Walk 2000 for Houston. And as Roy asked, this is not the tan Iraqi people it's a reasonably let me do it. On Sunday, March 12 2000. Will be the AIDS Walk Houston. I was a not a participant. I was a helper with that last year. With cue patrol we

 Roy McCarthy 26:05

folks I do want to interject. Chris is very right when he when he said that I was very specific. Was this 10 Iraqi? I am sorry, but for an organization as big as a 10 Iraqi aids walking the 10 Iraqi Corporation. How much did the community get out of that thing? First

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of all, was a bicycle race.

 Roy McCarthy 26:24

Yeah, their bicycle race. How much was it?

 Chris 26:26

Well, in Houston, they didn't make a lot. They made a lot more and other cities.


 Roy McCarthy 26:31


I know this, that our own local stuff. This the masquerade ball at Rich's and all these other fundraisers, I believe


 Chris 26:40


they I believe they made they made a little over, they gave back 1000 or so.





 Roy McCarthy 26:47
Our clubs but let us let's talk about the good

 Chris 26:49
people the AIDS Walk 2000 is going to be the George R brown convention center with a 10k walking tour of downtown Houston starting at 8am for to register call 713524 ai D S, or check their website at [www dot AIDS help.org](http://www.dotAIDS.org). It has benefiting 12 Local aids organizations and is brought to you in part by outsmart magazine and partnerships with

 Roy McCarthy 27:16
Chase. And I guarantee you folks, we will read it and we


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actually are wrapped up. There that's good.

 Roy McCarthy 27:23
And I can guarantee you we will be raising more than \$1,000 That's what these clubs do. You know \$1,000 That's just one one club will do in one night. Benefits. Yeah.

 Chris 27:35
And speaking of benefits of friends things nicer. On behalf of Q patrol, I'd like to thank Charles Armstrong investments for their very generous contribution at a very critical time for our organization. We sent out an email to our officers going, Hey, we're poor, and the next day we haven't got a phone call saying we've got a check for you.

 Jimmy Carper 27:55
That's very, very nice. Charles does come through. Oh, yes.

 Chris 27:59
So also this will give you a little hint on that. You may want to not look at your papers for the next couple of weeks because there'll be a picture of me in it.

 Jimmy Carper 28:07
And when you saw Charles Armstrong's investment in the Armstrong Investments you're talking about

And when we say Charles Armstrong's invest in tro Armstrong investments we're talking about Jr's



Chris 28:12

Bar and Grill Santa Fe bar Montrose mining company and the bar eventually called South Beach



Jimmy Carper 28:19

are actually working on it now. There's part of it's enclosed. Yes. Okay. Go on.



Roy McCarthy 28:24

Jamie. You missed a suit mama cotton. Gal down. He didn't really miss anything. Our son our Sunday truck call. Yes,



Jimmy Carper 28:34

I understand that. But I was I was Florida. Yeah.



Roy McCarthy 28:41

We saw that number.



Jimmy Carper 28:42

Yes. Yes. Yeah. If you want to is any hot, and he works here. He's a volunteer programmer. And I'm not gonna tell you who it is. It Yeah.



Chris 28:56

If you want to send information about upcoming fundraisers hate mail, dirty pictures. Figure? I don't know. Just send it to me. After hours. kpft@hotmail.com. That's it. It's a wrap.



Roy McCarthy 29:16

It's just KPFT have a website?



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Yes, it's kpft.org.

 Jimmy Carper 29:22

There you go. Okay. Okay. We'll see you next week. Oh, thank you. And now a little something to introduce you, Francisco. And I believe, I believe Monica Roberts is going to hang in here and talk with him there. It's got to be a political evening. But this is another one by Mark Weigel off of his brand new album. And it it's a love song and I wanted to play it, especially tonight because right at the end of the song Mark talks in Spanish, I believe, and I'm hoping that Francisco can Tell me what he says. So here we go, Mark Why gold with as it turns? out huh Mark Why gold in a song dedicated to a man named Daniel called as it turns out, and I don't know if he could make it all out what he was saying at the very end.

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I couldn't understand most of it. I think it might be Portuguese. They're so similar that okay. I could tell some of the things he was saying in it, but there was also so low that

 Jimmy Carper 30:37

that's true. He's like whispering it. Yeah. Yeah, that's obviously a love song for what he was. Yeah, sure is. And he's gonna be here next month, over at chances. It's Monday. It's a Monday night. I believe it's the 12th or the 13th. Monday night at chances, he and another guy. So welcome, Francisco. How are you? We're running late. Of course, of course. But

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usually the Pacific. You're,

 Jimmy Carper 31:11

you're gonna get political tonight, which is you seem to excel in that, for some odd reason. And Monica is here with you, because she also does the political thing. Yeah. So you know, it's my night off?

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Well, we're 30 days before the election here are the primary. Yeah.

 Chris 31:31

And the due date is tomorrow. If you don't I mean, that's to me, not tomorrow, but Valentine's Day, actually, ladies and gentlemen. So if you're not registered to vote, you've got until five o'clock on Valentine's day to do it. If you have to be eligible for the primaries, at least. But you

know, this election folks, once again, is so critical to not you know, to the community, it's going well, you not only with the census coming up, as I mentioned earlier, earlier part of the show, the census is going to determine which way those two extra congressional districts that we get fall. Alright, it also will determine control of the legislature, you know, the state legislature who will draw the boundaries for those two extra congressional districts or third, if everybody turns in their census forms? Exactly, yeah. So. So it's critical people say, if, you know, if you care anything about this country, you need to get off your behinds and do your civic duty.



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If you care about if you care about accessing public services, or you don't care about this country. You need to fill that out.



Chris 32:48

You really do. Yeah, it's just it's just it's so critical to this community. You've got the potential right now, like I mentioned about the about the districts, the control of the legislature is up for grabs are, as I mentioned, also the presidential election later on this year. And in terms of the house drawing the legislative lines in 2001, that that is also going to impact I say, not only the districts for the next 10 years, but also the congressional districts and even, you know how that how they make up at the Texas congressional delegation goals within the next 10 years. So, you know, we've got a lot of stuff that we've got to do some work on,



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it impacts the city level as well. The city also uses those numbers, to look at how they redraw the districts and that 1000



Chris 33:40

That is very true as well. That is very true. So whether you know, that can determine, you know, if you get enough people say, for example, in Montrose to justify redrawing a district strictly from Montrose or, or have it tacked on, like it is now, when another would another district. Also, you know, the census numbers will also determine whether, you know, like you said, or like you said in the comment previously, whether you access, you know how much federal funding is available for important services. You know, for important services, and fun, you know, how much funding that you do get down to the down to the local level.



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And you should be getting your census form in March, and you should be getting preferably back in by early April. Just quick and easy, fill it out, mail it back in. If not, someone will be knocking on your door trying to get you to fill it out.



Chris 34:38

So matter of fact, from Cisco I was a census enumerator, one of my first jobs when I got out of high school, so it was a sense being a census enumerator and that was a very interesting experience. This was during the 1980 census so so you want to avoid a visit from the essence as a numerator, just go ahead and take care of the business now. The infamous ation is protected. For 72 years, no one can access that information or make it public or sell it for 72 years, as a matter of fact, give you an example. The information from the 1930 census is going to be available to you in 2002. So there's very serious about that, you know, that's federal penalties on that. So if you're concerned about, you know, whether this information is going to leak out, or if you're in the Latino community, and you're concerned about status on it, that they're, they're going to use that information strictly for headcounts. You know, they're not going to use that information. detrimentally towards you. You know, it is very important.



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And, Monica, you brought up a good point as well, in terms of, for people that do want to be they're looking for a job right now, this is hiring enumerators. And that does start at 1375 an hour, and it's \$20 or 20 hours a week. So it's not that it's good money, part time 1375. And if you want to get some more information on that, call 713 Count us. They can use some information or they can direct you to the one 800 Number. The website is [www dot census dot jobs](http://www.census.gov/jobs). Backslash 2000. I believe he



Chris 36:21

may have considered out Yeah, like 3035 bucks an hour. i Yeah, they only paid two. It was about eight bucks an hour back in 1980, which was not bad money there. At but it was a very interesting summer. I was. I spent most of the summer doing it. But it would happen be during a heatwave, the probably second worst heatwave we had in Texas history. And I had a black car at the time. So you know how black cars sit up there and absorb heat. So oh, it was not fun. But the job was too important. Oh, definitely. Yeah, it was too important not to be done. Because matter of fact, in terms of the census, for Houston missed out on at least possibly a congressional district and a couple of billion dollars in federal funding because of the severe undercount we had. And a lot of the undercount was in minority neighborhoods.



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It was hopefully this'll be doing a little bit better job nourishing the census 2000 campaigns, they're serious. Yeah, they're definitely serious about going and underway. And there'll be actually community forums that are coming up. So hopefully, as y'all hear about those in the community, I hope you'll participate, remember to get the census back because it's really important. And they are looking for particularly minorities to apply for some of these enumerator positions to go to some of these neighborhoods where the undercount was low, they've been targeted, we know where they're at. So we need to go back out there.



Chris 37:51

Matter of fact, I think the undercount in Houston, when as much was estimated as much as five to 7%. In some cases, I think it was about five to 7%, something like that.



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We're this largest, major urban undercount in the country.



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So serious, yeah, very serious.



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That goes at the hospital district money goes into help into the city's health department that loses money, and it's really a huge impact. So yeah,



Chris 38:16

very much. So. That's money. That's money that you pay out every April 15. The hand, this is your chance to get some of it back for our fair share of a bet. Exactly. But moving on, did you want to talk any more about the elections that are coming up here, the election calendar or anything?



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Yeah, we've got a couple of things to talk about tonight. Some critical meetings have been going on our community, national Stonewall democratic board of directors meeting with Vice President Gore in January. And one thing I want to just touch on a little bit in a little bit, is talk a little bit about the delegates selection process and how people become involved in the primaries and how they have a bigger role in in in their democratic or republican party, whichever party you happen to be voting in the spring. On late January, board members of national Stonewall democratic Federation met with Vice President Al Gore in DC at his home in midst of the Iowa caucuses, actually the week before the Iowa caucus vote. So I think it really says a lot to the level which the gay lesbian community is playing in the presidential races here. And not only that, the meeting go very well. Texas itself got some very significant commitments. From that meeting, the Vice President's campaign is committed to help help us here in Texas to get to state Democratic executive committee seats. So the policymaking board at the Texas Democratic Party hopefully, with the help of the Vice President's campaign will help to secure to permanently gay and lesbian specific entrenched interests of Excel



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All right. That's me because

 Chris 40:01

I have some friends on a T Hahnel. Democrats as a matter of fact. Yeah, they have and one of them that I know is an alternate on a DNC, you so but yeah, that's good. That is very good news to hear. And I was really heartened to hear that out, you know, say that Vice President Gore was interested in coming up to speed on transgender issues. I was very heartened to hear about that law,

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she might just reflect you sort of not just up to speed. I think it was more up to speed than some of the board members who was it was about 20 folks meeting. He was very candid in his discussion, and was pretty clear that any gay and lesbian rights or civil rights legislation needs to includes bisexuals and transgender. Okay, that is fantastic news. Dan was even actually, there was a part of the conversation where the board was more uncomfortable than he was actually he asked very point blank, what the relationship was between the LG the B and the T. And we were very, of course, didn't want to air our dirty laundry. It's sort of like others problems in our own community. And he basically was saying, he basically sort of gave us a little lecture was like, Why aren't Why aren't y'all getting along? And y'all need to be because it needs to bisexual and transgender need to be included in every suitcase. legislation. And the board was actually skirting the issue, and he was actually the one pushing it. So it was kind of awkward for us to be less vocal than the Vice President was being on an issue. So

 Chris 41:25

that is something that these two on the other set that Sarah and Jimmy had been saying, Oh, yes. Are Yeah. Now if Al Gore can get it? What's wrong with the Human Rights Campaign? Yeah. Hello, hello. You know, what's wrong with this picture? My head and makes me feel better than make, they say

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makes me reconsider makes it when the straight community tells you. Yeah, yeah.


 Jimmy Carper 41:59

But you know, what it is, in the in the queer community? I mean, we can't even agree on one thing for one minute. Well, we're so diverse. So we're gonna have, you know, all kinds of different opinions, we just have to get over, you know, the, the kind of animosity, there's, there's a, yeah, there was a good article in the advocate this, this week, I write about that.

 Chris 42:26

Yeah, cuz that tends to be true in any minority community, because even within the African

American community, we have some disagreements on certain issues. There's some big, you know, there's some big debates in terms of affirmative action, which shouldn't be a debate anyway, that's another subject, but that's another subject, but, but still, you have the name calling, but that that tends to be when you're the group that's not in power, or, you know, or it has been discriminated against for so long. And, you know, you're trying to get your constitutionally guaranteed civil rights stand, then, you know, you've got schools of thought as to, you know, two schools of thought, because the bring up the example of civil rights movement, you know, even Dr. King, had people on one hand at quite openly questioned, and, you know, disagreed with the nonviolent approach, which, you know, history has proven out to be the wisest course. And in this case,

 Jimmy Carper 43:33

I think, the American public, the mainland American, public and better wise up during this first century, the first 21st century, because it's not going to be very long before whites are not the majority people. And it's gonna be Latins. We got to follow the example of Hawaiians where nobody is the majority everybody's a monarch, and

 Chris 44:03

basically, the way this country is gone, you know, there is going to be no majority group, but that by 2050, as you know, the current population projections are and that's going to be a big dynamic. That's going to drive a lot of politics. 20 3040 years down the line. How do you feel about that? Um, Francisco?

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Oh, it's I think it's people recovering or coming to that realization, particularly here in Texas. I was at a fundraiser that Senator Hutchison spoke at this evening. Not my favorite individual and, or my or my favorite crowd, but it's it's bizarre when you see them even they recognize that Yeah. And they have an interest in opening their arms store community for an entirely different reason. Yeah.

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Simply, you know, but even though people are beginning to recognize that