

Queering the Lone Star State  
Episode 8 Guiding Questions

Why were many queer people drawn to large cities during the 1970s and 1980s? What reasons did John Griffin and Tommy Trimble have for moving to Dallas in 1985?

What warning signs did Rick Bednarski display before May 1988 that suggested he might be capable of committing a violent act?

What evidence did police detectives obtain linking Rick Bednarski to the murders of John Griffin and Tommy Trimble?

Did Judge Jack Hampton oversee a fair and impartial trial of Rick Bednarski? If not, why didn't the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct remove him from the bench or at least administer an adequate reprimand?

Why did many people in Houston's queer community criticize Linda Morales for speaking out about racism in the community?

How did Charlotte Taft's experience of being outed contribute to her becoming more outspoken in her activism for queer equality?

Why is it important to remember John Griffin and Tommy Trimble?