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[Do Doo Run Run Plays]



Mike Miesch 00:37

Well, Happy New Year!



Jack Valinski 00:39

theme song



Mike Miesch 00:40

Yeah, brought that back since this evening is an anniversary birthday celebration, how many years 10 years continuous gay programming on KPFT. And other gay radio programs with the Pacifica Foundation have celebrated 10 years but not 10 years continuous programming. So that's probably the longest running in the world. Right. And also, I'm celebrating my 32nd birthday going into my 10th year out of the closet and about six years with KPFT.



Jack Valinski 01:16

Okay, all rolled up in one starting at six year.



Mike Miesch 01:20

And we invite you to come down to KPFT. And Paul, we have the tapes on and also I'd like to remind listeners that marathon is coming up on January 10. We will be re-emitted on the 16th

remind listeners that marathon is coming up on January 18. We will be pre-empted on the 18th for special peace and war and we will be on the 23rd to marathon for your support. Also, I would like to remind listeners a very special program next week I'll be having candidates on for the GPC presidency to give their statements and asking for the listeners to call in next week at five to six 4000 But right now we'll get into announcements Oh, good evening. We're gonna do something different on announcements. There are a couple of announcements but instead of reading up announcements, we'll read off the names of different organizations in the gay community here in Houston, give you their addresses were listed and phone numbers as well. So you can find out more about the different organizations to start off with listing order of Montrose resources and Montrose voice, which has rather good listing almost start off with the national list thing and that's the National Gay Task Force. at Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, the zip is 10011 their phone number, area code 212-741-5800. Then we have American gay atheists, which can be reached by writing PO Box 6671 Houston, Texas, and the zip is 77266. If you'd like to call a gay atheists, American gay atheists or delegate Yes, number 5279255. We have class lesbian mothers group. And they meet second and fourth Thursdays at the dignity center which is 30 to 17 Bannan. And the contact is Sarah, who can be reached at 4733708 Gay and Lesbian archives of Texas can be reached through Wildenstein books, and you can call 5297014 For more information on the Texas gay and lesbian archives And the archives this happened volunteer night, every Monday night starting January 6, from seven to 9pm. If you'd like more information, you can call 529701 for gay fathers meets on Mondays at the dignity center once again that's 3217 Fannin. If you'd like more information you could call 5280111. The gay Political Caucus meets at the dignity center as well. Beats the first and third Wednesday's of the month are information you can call 521 1000. The group Theater Workshop meets at 7pm Thursdays at the dignity center 3217 fan and if you'd like more information on the group, you can call Joe watts at 5222204 hope they have something planned for this new year for us. Houston gay health advocates meets at 7:30pm first Saturday of the month. For more information you can call 7909448. The ks AIDS foundation can be reached by writing 3317 Montrose, box 1155 That's Houston Texas. In the zip is 77006 Their phone number five to four aids or AIDS risk reduction safe sex workshops at 8pm. second and fourth Mondays except in December in conjunction with the Montrose Counseling Center. Montrose counseling center can be reached at five to 90037. women's support group 7pm on Tuesdays not to be confused with women network, which is Wednesdays at the same time for more information of course you can call 5290037. For those of you who had like information on Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays parents flag, you can call 4646663 Handsome Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets at 2pm Third Sunday of the month, because this Cariann center 41 out down and for our important information on 2106. Texas State penal code you can write the Texas Human Rights Foundation 1915 Commonwealth that's Houston Texas. And the zip is 77006 PT Houston and for January 2 1986. A few news stories wrap up of 85. election victories for Texas gays. Gay endorse candidates win elections and Austin Dallas Houston and San Antonio on top of the story of 85 crisis and many election victories of pro gay candidates in the state's major gay communities. Clearly in city elections are as much to celebrate in 1985. Although some of the candidates for mayor and city council were reluctant to admit the power of the gay bloc vote. The reality at the polls proves that gays are still decisive in helping candidates win close elections in Austin of the five candidates endorsed by the AI GPC in the April 6 city election. All but one, one and San Antonio, the local gay bloc vote continued to maintain importance as the hrs see made its endorsements and recommendations of friendly candidates in the race bro Mayor GAE celebrated the re election of liberal mayor Henry Cisneros, who won a third term at the 73%. landslide in Dallas the springtime city election focus on the hotly contested race replace to on city council. Incumbent Paul filled in was challenged by Laurie Palmer and Bill Nelson in a campaign that became vicious and divisive. After the April 6 votes have been counted. Dallas Gay Alliance endorsed Bill Nelson found himself out of the running that his

entrance into the election was decisive enforcing building and pharma into a runoff with Palmer taking the race. In the Houston city election on November 5, the straight slate and former mayor Louis Welch mounted a fierce anti gay effort to unseat America through Wittmeyer and her bank have friendly to gay city council persons. One straight slider, Jim Kennedy wanted to hold gay softball games at city parks. And we also declared on live television that one of the ways to stop the spread of AIDS was to shoot the queers. After a noisy and embarrassing campaign, Welch lost a Whittemore in 59% landslide victory, and all city council persons friendly to the Human Rights won reelection. Although the straight slate was responsible for throwing two other council seats into a runoff, both friendly incumbents Anthony Hall and Jepson Robinson Jr. won their November 26 campaign bid. As a result, Houston's gay community had good reason to celebrate as they had maintained their eight to six balance of power at City Hall as the old AIDS levels off across Texas, only 5% of all AIDS cases were in Texas. As 1985 was drawing to a close, it became apparent that the dramatic increase in the numbers of AIDS cases across Texas was leveling up. No longer was AIDS doubling every six months or even every year. Dealing with the emotions surrounding the death of loved ones and AIDS hysteria, stirred up by anti gay politicians added to an already heavy burden unshared by most non gays. It was not until the death of Hollywood actor Rock Hudson on October 2, that the general public's awareness finally forced the federal government into beginning to take the disease seriously by allocating increased funding for AIDS research. Yet by years, then, no cure had been found for the mysterious disease. The two best treatments available remain safe sex and taking care of oneself through proper foods, nutrition, exercise and rest plus the curtailment of recreational drugs on a regular basis. Evidently such cell therapy had a positive effect as the spread of all sexually transmitted diseases decrease in Texas dramatically in 1985. Some of the end of the year, figures made available indicated that nearly 15,500 AIDS cases nationwide, less than 850 were in Texas, meaning that about 5% of all USA AIDS cases were in Texas, a figure which did not increase in 1985. In Houston AIDS appeared to be on the decline, where 166 new cases were reported in 1984. About 170 were reported in 1985. Certainly a leveling off. Since Dallas Fort Worth seems to lag in the Houston trend. By about a year. It was believed that a slowdown in the Metroplex would be seen in 1986. And since the Austin San Antonio corridor lags Dallas, and the eventual slowdown in number of cases in Central Texas, is hopefully expected lighter in 1986. Clearly the dramatic increase in the number of new AIDS cases in Texas slowed in 1985 following a 1984 trend of a slowdown in San Francisco and New York City among gay males. 2106 case goes to Supreme Court, Texas homosexuals remain criminals under law, it is still against the law in the state of Texas for two people of the same sex to engage in sexual contact, even in the privacy of their own home. Although there were times in the past that when gay men and lesbians thought their sexuality was legal in Texas, the conservative court overturned favorable rulings every time. On June 17 1985, plaintiff Don Baker of Dallas went to New Orleans where the Fifth Circuit Court heard the 2106 again. This time, however, all 14 judges on board the controversial case, most Texans, though, thought the matter was settled in September of 84, when a three judge panel ruled that 2106 was unconstitutional. But unfortunately, that favorable decision was appealed, forcing the case to be heard in June by all the judges, not just three. Two months later, on August 26, the unfortunate development was reported that the full bank of judges had decided in an nine to seven decision that the Texas sodomy law 2106 was still constitutional, still enforceable. US 1 million homosexuals in Texas were re criminalized. With all options exhausted at the Circuit Court level, the only avenue left was to take the 2106 case to the United States Supreme Court. That will happen in 1986. After similar case involving the Georgia sodomy law is heard this spring. Gay rights on Texas campuses, Texas A&M and Texas Tech gay students victorious in any great society what happens to the schools of learning among the young roll events on April 1 1985. Since 1976, the GSS had been trying to win acceptance as a bona fide student group by the school that each to student services of lesbian gays and friends

to say that the SS lgbt would be allowed to gain official registered status with the school. The case had taken nine months to resolve and came only after a similarly favorable decision in College Station where non gay students learn to accept homosexuality and allow it to formally exist. They carry those beliefs into adulthood for Texas Tech and Texas A&M to join the list of supportive universities such as the University of Houston and University of Texas Austin. The cause for human rights in Texas has been nourished for years and generations to come because of today's students become tomorrow's leader.

 Jack Valinski 19:29

That came from a movie called Leanna. It was on cable the other night and unfortunately, I'm looking at this month's guide and it's not going to be repeated. I just happen to catch it in the paper. But it is a very wonderful lesbian film. Very nice and I guess just a nice story to it. Also on cable this month is a movie called another country. Although unfortunately it's only on Cinemax which is not readily available to most people it will be on the 11th at 7:30am on the 12th at 4:15am, on the 23rd at 12pm and 9pm. And on the 26th at 1:30pm. Another country it's a story about guy Burgas, a proper English schoolboy who tried of English strict class system and defected to Russia as an adult. Very good story.

 Mike Miesch 20:24

And I'd like to remind listeners that take a look at your TV Guide or whatever there may be different programs that will be of interest to gay and lesbian people. For instance, though they were not listed our was a listing under the program. So there was an episode of Alice concerning her falling for a gay football player. On our magazine, there was a woman on whose son had AIDS and other little things and you know, if you disapprove of these segments he shows, right, the TV stations and let them know. Also, in movies coming up in February at River Oaks, buddies on February 5, and six, first movie, to deal with aids that deals with an AIDS victim and his volunteer helper.

 Jack Valinski 21:29

Oh, that's right. Yeah, that's wonderful. Also, the GPC will be meeting at the Holiday Inn central for election, which will be the 20 of the 15th, rather, second Wednesday of the month, which will be election night, and that follows the next week here on Wilde 'N' Stein, where we will be having candidates debates,


 Mike Miesch 21:49


and we're urging listeners to call in at 526 4000 for that program, so stay tuned. Also if you want you can come by the radio station tonight have a cup of coffee with this visit with us whatever and join in our celebration of 10 years of gay radio on KPFT Houston and we're going to get into that right now. So that will give us time to have a proper closing after this tape


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somebody told me


 Mike Miesch 22:32
one of many wells in Stein from us and probably one of the best love the survey okay
programming on KPFT from 1975 to 1985 10 years,

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he knew what he was doing when he cut by a mile to do.

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To do

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is why did you like Frankenstein it is a monster. This time it is a friendly monster of our
creation. It is an opportunity for gay Houstonians in their brains to communicate with all of
Houston Wilde 'n' Stein name for Gertrude Stein, Oscar Wilde, to do.

 Mike Miesch 23:48
Wilde 'n' Stein for and by members of the gay community. And to start off with two excerpts of
programs with Ray Hill, a 1975 interview he did with sex researchers CA Tripp and a brief chat
with Richard Burkhart of Integrity from 1976 March 25th. I've spent a

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good bit of time going over the books the last several days and generally I was very impressed.
The earlier reviews I think misrepresented a lot. In the book. I think the doctor trip was accused
by someone for ignoring female homosexuality, whereas I found that he covers female
homosexuality as broadly as anyone does. Did you have any trouble getting information on
female homosexual behavior?

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No, I think your statement is fair. In a way it's true that the book has more more about males anything about females, but it is also true The book tries to deal with sexual matters, whatever they are at a very fairly delicate, careful level. And the truth is that at that level, we really have to wait for a female researcher to come along before we can get that close to female sexuality. On the broader issues. The book is quite heavy on female material, the book that's been published in the last eight years that has more about women and this one, but I don't want to sound too defensive.



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Well, I think I think you're entirely right. It's just not available. The research on female homosexual behavior is there is a male homosexual behavior.



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Not only that, but there are huge and important areas that homosexuality is involved in that women are not at all involved in, for example, the politics of homosexuality, there's not a case on record of a lesbian ever being involved in a homosexual scandal, for example,



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right, historically interesting term homosexual matrix, a nice approach, I felt very good. Perhaps you could explain to the listener what the matrix approach



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right matrix in this use really means the whole context in which homosexuality occurs or is operative, for example, something of its history, its biology, its sociology, its political ramifications, and much internal detail about it. There is another sort of secret reason one might say for the matrix concept, and that is, it tries for a very ambitious target, that is to give the reader a framework as well as plenty of information, a framework into which he can insert any example that he may see in his life or any newspaper report that he may hear in the future. You'll have a framework to fit it into so that it won't be an isolated instance. We read it.



27:13

Thank you, Miguel. Appreciate it. And while I was out and about this weekend, I dropped integrity, integrity, and integrity. Houston not to be confused with Episcopal integrity needs that and Wilde 'n' Stein on alternate Thursday nights. That's Wilde 'n' Stein books, not not for everybody else's persons



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recycling guns on Saturday to enforce



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even numbers all around. And it's nice crowd integrity is doing rather well.



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Well, yes, we are. They've been very pleased with the turnout we've had the last few weeks are part of the credit goes to our new program. coordinator. That's Greer. And he's got some really Evans has done good work on new now well, themes, themes, and a little of everything at the moment. He's got some really dynamite programs coming up for us. He took the I did it for about a year and I was about that drained of ideas, you know, but he's doing pretty good. We've got the the next meeting is April 12. And it's a rap topic and our rap topics are very interesting. This one the topic is the difficulty of loving, which sets the very next meeting be very heavy. So if you have any difficulty come talk about it with



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would have been loving and being loved and being loved.



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It's very informal situation, one of the members will be leading the topic to do the round robin type situation. And mortality gets to say their piece.



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And so where does Greg have to pick the topic or is somebody else picks a topic?



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This happens to be Greer's topic. You may kill me for saying that.



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No, he won't kill you. He's asleep. I was with him at the meeting all day. I know what kind of condition is antiquing



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of kill. Phil was supposed to be here with me tonight as he was last week and he is not here. So Phil, if you are listening, you better get in your car and go back to Los Angeles or if you're

appearing



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or if you're appearing as Dolly Parton somewhere. Yeah, that's the hotline. And I'm sorry the FCC does not allow us to make threats over the air. We will you will have to you will have to relegate yourself to lashing him 40 times with a wet noodle or somesuch. Well, I think I think we I think we let me tell tales.



Mike Miesch 29:41

From 1975 Ray Hill, in an interview with CAA trip secretaries, researcher, author of the homosexual matrix and following that from 1976 I chat with Richard Burkhardt Oh, integrity. Integrity later became interact Houston. Integrity was the first gay organization in Houston. It was Wilde 'n' Stein and KPFT that played a large part in the formation of a good number of gay organizations in Houston. From the gay Political Caucus, to the Montrose patrol, the gay youth groups and others. KPFT and Wilde 'n' Stein also played a large part in the 1979. March on Washington. Next fall, here's something completely different.



30:48

Excuse me, Julian, my son. I don't want to interrupt your privacy, but I need some things here in the broom closet. That's okay, father, we people living in closets get used to this sort of intrusion. I don't mean to pry some but your mother and I were wondering why you and your sister prefer to live in these clauses instead of the west and the south wings of the mansion respectively. Well, gosh, dad, Judy, and I just did not come out yet. But after eight years in the closet, perhaps it's time we did. Of course I admire your courage son, but the mansion is not an appropriate place to come out. However, KPFT the mighty 90 in Houston is having a coming out party at the studio at 419. Love it Boulevard, Saturday, May 21. From 2pm until sundown. The all day all gay broadcast will start at noon and control the airwaves until midnight. Your mother and I were planning to attend as representatives of the upper class homophile league River Oaks chapter of course. Gee, thanks, Dad. KPFT is Gay Day broadcasting party on May 21 is just what we need. By the way Dad, can I borrow the chauffeur again tonight?



32:23

To main growth, there's more than August Red Bull poking. Well, you're right Helen have been meaning to tell you about kpsc Houston's Gay Day broadcast. Saturday, May the 21st. from noon until midnight, all of the broadcast material will be on gay people in the gay community. From two until sundown, there'll be a gay back home party at the studio at 419 Lovett Boulevard for gay women and men and their non gay friends and supporters. Dance and live music be here. All the support Pacifica.



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Wow Great We can meet some really interesting people consider some new alternatives and

Wow. Great. We can meet some really interesting people consider some new alternatives and Burgi a lot. But in the meantime, I think if you get down there and I get I try.



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San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk was that sittings first self proclaimed homosexual official. Nope was popular with the homosexual community and was responsible for winning approval of a gay rights ordinance. In Memorial familia, the Houston gay Political Caucus staged a candlelight vigil offering song and you will do for the man they say was murdered because he was gay.



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Martin Luther King was assassinated, but his dream was on. Socrates don't have art. Lincoln, Gandhi and Kennedy. Each love dreams to guide us toward a better world. So it is with Harvey Milk.



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Being a public official milk was viewed as an enigma for the gay community. And he was recorded speech to the town meeting in San Francisco was played to store emotion and memory of the man and his fight for civil rights. tremendous difference between a friend of the gay community



Jack Valinski 34:45

about gay and public office nation



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you know kept predicted his own assassination and had left behind a message for the gay community to continue to come out into the open and fight for homosexual rights. This candlelight ceremony demonstrates that the Houston gay community has taken that advice. Mike Snyder you sentry love it.



Mike Miesch 35:10

And that was a news story broadcast on KPFT about Houston's memorial for Harvey Milk. Broadcast November 28 1978. In 1979, we saw quite a number of things going on in Houston 1979 the 10th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. Also, they started to do something about police brutality, police abuse of power. Next, an excerpt from a city hall rally against police brutality.



36:04

We have a very special message this evening to bring you from our congressman Nikki Leland. He is in Washington doing the job that we elected him to do. And we have a representative from his office who has worked his hind tail off working for Mickey and getting him elected Mr. Peter Amato.



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Okay, we're gonna see if this works. Mickey said, when I asked him What do you want me to say for you? He said, Look, let me let me get a telephone and get a tape recorder. Let's record this. Let's, let's show him we care enough. Okay, I'm gonna hold this real close. This is his message that recorded this afternoon for us.



37:02

Hello, this is Mickey Leland. I'm talking to you from Washington DC. I wish that I could be with you. But unfortunately, I couldn't because of my schedule. I want to thank you for the opportunity to address this gathering of concerned citizens on the problems of police abuse in Houston. As your congressman, I'm especially disturbed by the fact that a disproportionate share of incidents of police violence and harassment in Houston are coming out of the 18th congressional district where the civil rights of blacks Chicanos and gays are violated on almost a routine basis. I want to start by commending some of the efforts of Chief Caldwell and others on the police force who have begun to check the most blatant incidents of police violence by formerly undisciplined minority of police officers. A few years ago, the Houston Police Department has a reputation of being a quasar military runaway mob, not much has changed. We've come a long way. Enough, things are still not good at all. police community relations are still strained almost to the breaking point. Often, the problems are due to human errors in judgment by individual police officers. But too often incidents of harassment are the result of ignorance or lack of sensitivity to the to the people the police are supposed to serve are the result of conscious police decisions on the part of the police hierarchy or the city council and the mayor. Why do we continue to witness frequent cases of excessive use of force by police? Why in yesterday's chronicle did we read that the United States Justice Department Community Relations Service has found a 50% increase in complaints from Hispanics a routine unnecessary use of force by the police. Last the Houston Police Department by squad concentrating so much of its resources on harassing individuals in the gay community and terminating business establishment we gain clientele. The city council can't dance after 2am these measures on every council member is known. And they only aggravate the problems of police community relations because the only time they are enforced is to arrest people to come by undeserved Why does the use of throwdown weapons show up so often? wacko atrocities like the cases of Joe campus? And Randall Webster. Why do you and I continue to hear complaints of police abuse from friends and individuals we come in contact with on almost a daily basis.



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Time



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We are no stranger to all the pain that comes the fighting for Allah. We are the sick lands. Crime has already been the case. leading



Mike Miesch 40:30

from the landmark album, balls Terrassa songs are changing men that are first recorded version of Charlie Murphy's gay spirit. Music has played an important part in Wilde 'n' Stein, music for social change music with a message. Music was hailing power. Music is no less important than the politics. We speak. It was Jenny ah, can we come to the year of 1980. And in some ways this was a turning point for many people in the gay community KPFT and Wilde 'n' stein. Let's see if we can get things in chronological order as we've been doing. It was early 1980 That Ray Hill became manager of KPFT. Right had been involved in KPFT, two years even before got on air. This is something some forget from time to time. Ray has been known for his great fundraising abilities. And well put KPFT on the way of some financial security and re became manager of KPFT. He turned over the role of producer of wild and rare held that post until round summer of that year. At that time he moved and I myself Mike Miesch took over for a good year and a half. What else happened in 1980? During Gay Pride Week of 1980 there happened to be a dark cloud and the Gay Pride Week festivities. On the eve of the 1980 Gay Pride Week parade, Houston's gay community was done Saturday morning, June 28. To learn of the sudden death of Frederick William pies page 27 PIFA shot and killed by an off duty Houston police officer in a warehouse parking lot during the struggle as the officer attempted to arrest them for public lewd, reported Houston homicide detective Brad Potts had an office secretary of the Houston gay Political Caucus. He was also working an extra job as a bus driver. He was a sensitive individual known and loved throughout the gay community. The family services were held July 1, at brookside Memorial Church, the gay community held a public memorial service July 1 7:30pm. At the Metropolitan Community Church of the resurrection. How did it happen that Fred pies was killed from Fishel press really prepared by Detective Debbie L. Young of the Houston homicide division. This report was released to the media the morning after the morning of June 28 At approximately 2:30am 2400 Capitol Street at the best delivery service officer K. M. McCoy along with officers and I say came by outside the building as Officer McCoy was working an extra job at this location. And officer Kane had come by to visit both officers who are off duty and dressed in blue uniform trousers and white t shirts. They work central patrol, second shift, all outside of black Cadillac drove by several times and then stopped and a white male engaged the officers in a conversation. After a short while the officers along with this white male, who has later identified as Frederick William PYs 27 years of age and only after the officer had told us he was under arrest. Hi back away from the officer and the officer reached and took pies and turn pies toward a vehicle marked there and had pies put his hands on this vehicle so that a search could be made of this person and at that time the officer had his pistol in his hand and they arrested subject reach back over his head and grabbed the gun. And after a short struggle the pistol discharged striking the arrested subject and the upper portion of the rear of his head on the left side. Mr. Paws was taken to Ben top hospital or expired at 3:20am June 28. The single shot was fired from officer McCoy's 45 automatic pistol. Officer as a cane was near but was not involved in the actual shooting of Officer McCoy was holding the pistol. This preliminary investigation by the homicide division at this moment indicates that the officers weapon discharged accidentally as he was trying to arrest Mr. pies and Mr. Pies resisted. And that was the official report. Later, newly formed committee the red pies Task Force held a news conference at the MCC our July 1. firearms expert Arthur P. often shared his comments on the use of the 45 automatic handgun. The safety features are such

that it's impossible for a 45 pistol to discharge accidentally, unless it is in a relief cocked position. The public deserves to inform the Investigation Committee have any evidence or testimony that would assist in the pies throw.



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For them to be made the homes rather strongly in a way that was that the actions that friends purported to have taken and things that he said to the officers prior to the shooting are very much out of character for him. And this may have resulted in me taking a look at the case because it just wasn't that high as the way they characterize them on that.



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The taking a videotape following the use of police weapons as a matter of policy, if you simply start in the district attorney's office, because videotapes have absolutely no prosecution baggage we can't be used, they cannot be used by the prosecutor and they may or may not be able to be used as a defense



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issue. But the situation is that that is a normal policy of Houston Police Department in an incident for somebody is killed with the police weapon.



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I raise questions and other details about my policy, it appears to be a mechanism to get if you are dealing with above story, if your mechanism of getting the top story down on a piece and everybody's having acted it out to make sure that all the pieces fit and with all the pieces fitting, then that would even after having acted out would have eliminated any effectiveness of



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polygraph test.



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That is a real incident if you did it



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even even beyond that point that the videotape was very being used by the GPC and you know all this kind of stuff, all these kinds of fantasies that people have about why people are gay with things and in hostile hostile feelings and Mrs. pious and she'd actually gone to a police officer

because he Donovan to try and cross thread out of this sort of stuff. And Donovan head and so it was very bizarre set of circumstances that you saw on the videotape you saw this police officer supposedly reenacting thread fart His mother had approached him to get that away from gay people. And in with this consortium knew the Fred care very much for law enforcement, you know, the whole The whole purpose of law enforcement and the people that went on enforcement. So it was further ironic and very, very incredible for us.

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Mike Miesch 50:24

An excerpt from a meeting of the Fred PI's Task Force, we heard Ray Hill, and Sue Cummings, who was co host wicker price and also an excerpt of Lisa Fenton, reading from Larry Mitchell's baguettes and their friends between revolutions. That year, Lisa was one of the top winners in the eyes of Texas literary competition sponsored by this week in Texas. We tried to cover news stories from all over the country and world. And here's a new story read by hard on the panting vote on Austin city ordinate than a group

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Art Tomaszewski 51:17

of 53 ministers have formed an ad hoc committee to oppose the proposed housing ordinance. The ordinance would exclude homosexuals from protection from housing discrimination. When you're speaking your conscience on a community issue, said Maril Frank of the first Lutheran Church. I deplore anything that divides the community, the pastor said, but I feel at the same time it is necessary to take a stance on the issue of housing discrimination. They save and prepare last week by the Minister said, we still said is contrary to Judeo Christian beliefs into a concept of decency to deny housing to any person on the basis of reasons such as race, religion, sexual orientation, family with situations, age or other similar conditions. A question asked by Frank was if one group can be isolated into a category, what about the next group and the next and the next? The most recent endorsement on the side of Citizens United Austin CWT news observed is the most welcomed to the gay community, especially just one month prior to the January 16. Vote. That's when Austin residents will vote whether to accept or reject and housing ordinance draft by the Austin citizens for decency. The gay community of Austin led by the citizens for United Austin is currently involved in several important fundraisers to raise the needed monies to defend the unfair fair housing ordinance.

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

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Mike Miesch 52:51

to Austin ordinance did pass there came out the vaccine for hepatitis B. There's a shooting at Mary's Garrison van awning him when his court case and the play been place Houston that was rare that Wildenstein was preempted. But on July 1 1982, it was for a very special concert that featured Margie Adam and Sweet Honey in the Rock at Constitution Hall. This was a historic event. For some years ago, the great American contraltos Marian Anderson had been denied

access to that hall because of her color. And now women of color feminists and lesbians have performed there from that year, and that that date, July 1, Margie, Adam came out with a new album, we shall go forth. And from that album, well here I am not a service station, which echoed feelings of many people's involved in the struggle.



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They say we need to tie Didn't I say?



Mike Miesch 54:25

1983 The big story that really started to hit us all, was that of the AIDS crisis. From 1983 production from KPFK by David Hunt, an excerpt aids I will survive.



Jack Valinski 54:51

We knew so little in the summer of 1981 When news of the mysterious cancer outbreak was first reported in the game media. We had no idea of behind this cancer was a breakdown of the body's immune system, and no way of seeing how drastically it would affect our lives in the coming years. In 1981, it didn't even have a name. Today, two years later, 1600 people have contracted this disease 600 are dead. Three quarters of these are gay men. And today, we have a name for this disease, AIDS be acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Gays are not the only ones who have been hit by the AIDS epidemic. It has afflicted women, children, Haitian immigrants, intravenous drug users, hemophiliacs and others who can't be so easily categorized. But the gay community has been hardest hit by the AIDS crisis, not just because of the numbers, but because we are a close knit community of friends and lovers are dying. There has been panic and fear in our community. The government has ignored our plight, and the media has labeled aids at gay plague. Now, a backlash is developing among non gays from fear we are the cause of the disease and want to legislate us back into the closet. In Los Angeles, Dr. Michael Gottlieb encountered his first AIDS patient in March of 1981, when a 33 year old gay man was admitted to the UCLA Medical Center, suffering from a severe fungal infection, high fever and swollen lymph glands. He'd been losing weight steadily for several months and weighed barely 100 pounds. Two weeks later, he developed a rare lung infection known as Pneumocystis Carini pneumonia within a month he was dead. In New York City, Dr. Alvin Friedman keychain met his first AIDS patient had about the same time when he was asked to examine a young gay man believed to be suffering from Hodgkin's disease. Other doctors had dismissed the purple spots on the man's legs as bruises. But Freedman chi a dermatologist knew better. He recognized them as lesions from a rare skin cancer Kaposi sarcoma. In the months that followed, these doctors and others around the country saw more and more of their patients coming down with rare opportunistic infections, including Pneumocystis pneumonia and Kaposi sarcoma. It was the beginning of an epidemic. In August 1981, Gottlieb and Freedman con published their findings. They theorized that AIDS is caused by a virus transmitted through the blood, which destroys the body's natural immune response. Within a month, the Federal Center for Disease Control in Atlanta began monitoring aids.



Mike Miesch 57:45

Stories and research on AIDS continues as well features on AIDS on Wilde 'n' Stein, [1984?] I know a number of people who thought we wouldn't get through that here. But we're in 285 and for all sorts of things happened. Houston was visited by touring company with Torch Song Trilogy. We had a march down Westheimer of the kkk. We had a Gay Pride Week. We had an ordinance that was passed, and rescinded and many other things. But to put a lot of this in perspective, listen to this brief excerpt of Jenny up who's now former director of the National Gay Task Force from an October 84th speech.



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What do I have to say to you as people as persons? Yes. You are overworked? Yes, you want TorME as the national community frequently gets torn, right in front of big bickering yes, you're fatigued. Emotionally psychologically politically you've had enough one of their gotta stop talking about but you can't now you people in this room, the people who want



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to you want us in history, to tell you that every time I speak to you, not because I have nothing else to say but because I believe it's the heart and my soul. You If you're making history Oh, me, me. Me. I'm not really one of those political. Neither one the little lady who got on the bus who's just playing dog tired and by sitting down forced the generation to stand up. Neither was that lady a political. Neither was the Dragon Queen. Saying enough, we've had enough. Nobody was a political scientist. Nobody was a politician. Nobody strategized about what that would mean. They were tired. They were fed up and they made history I know you're tired. I know you're fed up. But you are being asked in this city in this state to create a significant other will do it. Thank you so much.



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I'm Dr. Singh Singh. We are grieving and we are saying saying.



Jack Valinski 1:02:15

Pressure politics and Houston city ordinance outlawing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, disability, sex or national origin. Now the city's gay population wants sexual orientation to be included in the city's civil service ordinance and affirmative action program constantly does Houston city council members who have relied on political support from the Gay Political Caucus have said they intend to vote in favor of the change, which was put on today's council agenda. This was last week, the government support to this amendment to off every time a pressure group gets enough political power. Now it's the gays next time it may be the whiskey drinkers or the drivers of foreign cars. A person may be more black, born a woman are born Chinese. But to become gay was his or her freedom of choice in America. That freedom is there, just as it is a person's choice of what he drinks or what he drives. In some council members are trying to pay off political debts. They are wasting their time and money that could be devoted to more important problems. If there are known cases of hiring discrimination, they should be put to the test under the current system. Government has no

control over what people who want to be gay by choice. And shouldn't they have anything better to do? It's the individual's business, not the city. This was an editorial in the post on Tuesday, June 19, really stirred some controversy.

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Mike Miesch 1:03:43

Wilde 'N' Stein was fortunate enough to have extra time to report on the referendum. And this is also unique and that we're in the midst of a marathon at the time. And we of course, gave you the best coverage on the referendum since it dealt with us specifically. And were later able to look back and to analyze what happened.

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Jack Valinski 1:04:16

You've been through a lot with the election and you may feel down maybe feel like well, it's not worth it to stay in this city. But that's what the other side wants us to do. They want us to give up. They they may even expect that GPC has just a form that we've got nowhere to go that we've lost so badly, we should just bury our head in shame. But that's not true. We have an awful lot going for us. The community spirit before this election was just incredible, the volunteer force, the people who've joined in help in the mayor's office who helped us out there's an awful lot that can be done that has been done and there's a lot more to do. What we're doing right now is taking evaluation of what happened at the GPC meeting. Last night we looked at a precinct maps and we found out some precincts that we won but that we didn't expect to the paper originally reported that we only won 10 precincts that's incorrect won an awful lot more than that. There's something that we lost by just a few votes.

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Mike Miesch 1:05:02

Last week, I did a report on the regular news program. So I missed that. Yeah. And just out of curiosity, I'd taken the newspaper with the precinct results I had underlying everyone that we had won our tie. And then I was showing this to a good friend of mine who works in a GPC office, Tony Baker, and we went up to the office, and we looked at that map, and we were the ones who helped color it in the precincts we had one. And a lot of people who listened to Wilde 'N' Stein and KPFT were surprised that we had won a few precincts outside of the loop, which laterally outside the interesting, we wanted to come as Timmins area, right. And we went up spring branch area one,

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Jack Valinski 1:05:56


we lost real badly in most of the spring branch area. There was many precincts where we lost by over 1000 votes, and or 10, the one we lost, there was this one pressing up there, which we're going to start investigating, right,

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Mike Miesch 1:06:07

that was 334. And that one was one retired, I think, at 12 votes are 14 votes, and that was northeast Houston. No, yes, right, Northeast Houston. And


northeast Houston. NO, yes, right. Northeast Houston. And

 Jack Valinski 1:06:21

there's an awful there's a number of black precincts where we did very well and we may not have won, but we came pretty close. We won in the university area, University of Houston area, the Rice University area, so things aren't as bad as they may have seen by the numbers, and we're able to evaluate that know how to plan strategy for the next election.

 Mike Miesch 1:06:41


Jack, you're gonna show people how it's done. Okay,

 Jack Valinski 1:06:44

now, it's a little bit more difficult from in here because there's a few more buttons to press. I don't hear a dial tone.

 Mike Miesch 1:06:53

Let's press another 102077 Yeah, that's right. 383

 Jack Valinski 1:07:05

some of the numbers are worn down here. KPFT winter, my phone call. I like to make a pledge. My name is Jack Polinsky. Okay, okay. I'd like to make a pledge for \$60. Great. Okay, Could you spell the last name please? Sure. It's v a l. I n. S py. Okay, and the address, please? Well, I'll give it to that. I'll come right right over and tell you what the addresses Oh, come on over. So folks, this is how you do it. You just pick up the phone, dial 520 KPFT and make that pledge.

 Mike Miesch 1:07:47

We shall

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be sharing

 Mike Miesch 1:08:09

I'm glad I had this time to share with you some of the caves that I had listened to over the past couple of months. putting together this choosing the tapes, trying to get some sort of survey in

chronological order, and maybe doing this again. And the hardest part of this program is saying goodbye then thanking all those people who have been a part of gay programming on KPFT and a part of Wilde 'N' Stein. And you know who they are, you know their names. This is for all of the and all of you. You're listening to KPFT history



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the following weekend we shall



Mike Miesch 1:09:32

Well, last week, we did sort of a year and review and took a brief look at what had happened in the gay community. And now once again, we take a look at the past decade.



Jack Valinski 1:09:49

And next week. We're going to start looking ahead



Mike Miesch 1:09:51

yeah. Oh, whole new year. And like to remind listeners that next week is a very special very important program, we'll be having candidates for the presidency of the gate Political Caucus on to make statements and to ask answer questions from us and us the listeners. And we'll be opening up the phones after each candidate has made their statement and letting you have a chance to participate in the program. One of the



Jack Valinski 1:10:26

beauties about this program and this station is that there's going to be more than just a few minutes with each candidate. There'll be able to talk and give answers, not just simple things that you see on the news at night, the 10 O'Clock News where they you know, candidates give like 30 seconds or 10 seconds speech, we're gonna give him much more time than that.



Mike Miesch 1:10:44

And since a lot of us are involved with different organizations, we thought is a good idea. I thought it a good idea, because primary producer of the segment is that we're letting you the listeners as candidates for their comments on your questions rather than us who know these people responding to us?



Jack Valinski 1:11:11

Yes. And hopefully, when you do ask questions, you'll try to ask them for all the candidates, not

just one in particular. Right. That's it. So try to make the questions a little bit generic.

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Mike Miesch 1:11:21

And then we'd like to remind you of something. Something else that's also very important. That's coming up the Friday after the Wilde 'N' Stein program we'll be doing next week. And that's marathon winner THON time, and it will be starting off the 10th with women stay, and Pokey and Sherry will be here in the morning 815 to 11 their regular time to start off Women's Day. And different KPFT programmers will be doing their thing throughout the day and we'll be marathoning on the 23rd. So I hope you'll remember us then.

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Jack Valinski 1:12:03

Okay, the format of Marathon is going to be a special day, regular day special day regular is alternating so it's gonna go for two weeks, meaning that everybody in that two week period gets do their regular show and gets preempted at once. So that it is a nice mix of special programming and regular programming here on KPFT.

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Mike Miesch 1:12:23

And we hope you'll stay tuned then and this is a very special marathon. We're working to call in on the 23rd so for Wilde 'N' Stein, this is Mike Miesch and Jack Valinski . Have a good evening.