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Deborah Bell 01:11

around the next four days, yeah, yeah. Well, it is our time to shine is a community the Lesbian Gay community of Houston would be the fourth largest lesbian gay community in the United States, because we're the fourth largest city and it's estimated that 10% or more slightly more than that, I believe it's at least 15 or more percent of the world's population happens to be gay or lesbian. And this week is about the celebration our of our lives and our commitment to ourselves and our love for one another. And we in a lot of ways, we become more of a community and form families of affinity. Through being involved in organizations. We're going to continue talking about the calendar and we were just saying that there is a special performance tonight on channel eight at 10pm 10pm. I



Jack Valinski 02:10

saw 930. In the in the program guide,



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Deborah Bell 02:14

check your locals. I have the press release from channel eight that says 10pm Wednesday, the 24th a gay and lesbian Pride Week event not to be missed. This is a dramatic app at tation of David live. It's a claim novel, A father who has lived a lifetime of lies and secrecy about his own homosexuality, yearns for the same openness and freedom in his lifestyle as his gay son is able to experience. This is a moving story of self discovery, and familiar with commitment and love. And they do have several more programs coming up during the month of July in August, about issues of concern of gays and lesbians. And it's really exciting that this is taking place I'm listening.

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Jack Valinski 03:00

You know, I've heard good stories about the novel that the story is about tonight. But also I've read a review that they did a very good job of following the novel, except they moved it to London,

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Deborah Bell 03:11

from New York to London. And so it does have that bit of a British flavor. But but apparently the author thought that was fine. It should be MC production right. And they usually do excellent work. So that those The other thing happening tonight is the roundtable discussion that's been sponsored by the Lesbian Gay rights lobby of Texas, which is the lobbying organization for our community. And it's one of only three in the United States. We're one of the only states that has that has a person speaking on our behalf and Glen Maxey, who was the former executive director and lobbyist has since moved on to became one of them to become a legislator. He's an openly gay legislator in the state of Texas, which is a real victory for us. And Lorie iser Lowe has has succeeded Glenn as the the current lobbyist and Executive Director and she's going to be here, as well as folks like Deborah Dannenberg and Garnett Coleman. And I think some city council people might also be attending that. So it's a chance for our community to say, look, this is what we're concerned about the possibility of 21 06 coming up in the legislature next session, and then the effort to overturn that is one of the things that we'll probably discuss as well as things that might affect the AIDS community and like that. So what else is going on while

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Jack Valinski 04:44

we move on to the big weekend? Friday, June 26th to tgr a pride night is happening at PJ's at 2517 route starting at 7pm. And that's the Texas gay Rodeo Association. They're having a variety show and a tour. Have the bars.

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And we also have a night in Monte Carlo from nine until 2am. For all of our late people here, sponsored by the kingdom Community Church, it is at KTCXX TC which is at 9200 Buffalo Speedway next to the ranch. It's \$4 at the door, which covers your cost for some casino money for those who like to play little poker.

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Jack Valinski 05:25

And the same night a night in black leather at the venture in 10pm at 2923, sponsored by the National leather Association and the party they had there last week. They were just packed

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on a Saturday and just mark your calendar because you can be busy the entire day here you can start off at 10am with some bagels, you need to call for location it's at 5207977 and

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Jack Valinski 05:51

then we move on to the parks bike tour at 10am heats up the heaven parking lot Pacifica grant sponsored by the chain gang Bicycle Club, you can call 5224481 For more information,

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and the event that I've been looking forward to is the women's golf tournament. There's going to be a bad girls golf which is at Hermann Park, and I'm teeing off at 1130. And you're

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Bruce Reeves 06:13

and you're gonna play with pink balls, right? Okay.

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Jack Valinski 06:16

The National Weather association is having a leather symposium between two and 5pm at the Montrose palace 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth sponsored of course by the National notary Association and their number for info is 5260444

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I think this is your event it Jack the bar to bar Fun Run and starting at 6pm. It's going to begin at the BRB for information it's 5220899

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Jack Valinski 06:44

and then we have a concert Lesbian Gay Pride concert 92 at 8pm at Rich's at 2401 San Jacinto featuring the Lone Star and symphonic band and the MCC our choir.



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And then in the evening at nine o'clock at the Sheraton Astrodome, and at 686. Kirby is the gay and lesbian Hispanic Yun does ballet.



J Jack Valinski 07:07

Yes, that is usually the largest indoor event of Pride Week.



B Bruce Reeves 07:10

And it's it's a really wonderful event. I know. I've been in the last several years and I have already bought my tickets to go Saturday night,



J Jack Valinski 07:17

right. It's been late night, Saturday, we have the leather and erotic art and fancy nights at the venture and of course, by sponsored by the National Weather Association.



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And that moves us on to Sunday, the 28th, which is we just got a note here.



D Deborah Bell 07:37

Not another one, not a gun. So it's okay. It's



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like high school, your high school, no tear. Sunday the 28th. We start with the rally, which starts at three o'clock and it's at Mary's parking lot. Looking forward to that.



J Jack Valinski 07:53

The rally this year is a little bit scaled down. We're seeing that in a positive sense, because it's free. And we have over 20 booths signed up with different information, T shirts and all this wonderful stuff. There's even going to be some refreshments and entertainment entertainment. We have entertainment before the parade and after the parade. And our co chair on that Robert has has done a wonderful job, although I don't think he knows it yet.



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And it's just my envelope. When he gave me the information, he says Carol, you owe me Clark,

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Jack Valinski 08:30

Hercules Valinski . And I'm still not sure what that means. But he's worked very hard and putting the program together, getting everything set, making sure that we have the boots and the people at the boots. And we're looking forward.

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Deborah Bell 08:44

Yeah, and I understand the folks over at Mary have been really wonderful and supportive of this. And they're going to have their annual party on the roof, which I think you have to have special tickets to get to but Bruce and I will be there doing the live color commentary on the parade. Thankfully, on n k Harper, she's, she's, she's funny.

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Bruce Reeves 09:08

There's gonna be lots of people helping us. And I think Jim bond will be here two engineers for us. We're gonna be here from four to eight o'clock on Sunday. So we'll be giving you full coverage of the parade, which starts at five and we'll talk about that in just a minute. But we'll also be touching on the rally a little bit and having some tapes from our past. So be sure to tune in. If you go into the pride, take your radio with you so you can hear what's going on. And if you can't make the parade or don't feel like you're able to make the table Be sure and tune in and listen to us.

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Deborah Bell 09:37

And the parade starts at 5pm promptly at the corner of Woodhead and Westheimer. And we'll move down past Montrose and it's one of the best parades in Houston. We'll have band bands, floats and fun. And we'll be doing the broadcast starting at 4pm and going to 8pm So we'll Not only have the parade, but lots of other things going on as well. And then there is also an event taking place after the parade over on Pacific Street, which is sponsored by the bars on Pacific Street and the National leather Association.

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Jack Valinski 10:15

Actually, there's probably lots of other things going on that private party. You know, just too many things we can mention. But all these things that we talked about are open to everybody. Right? You were telling

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Bruce Reeves 10:26

me the other day that the gay and lesbian parades like the second largest parade that Houston has, it might be



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the first time. Every time we talked about cochairs, it keeps getting larger and larger.

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Bruce Reeves 10:38

How big is the biggest one,

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Jack Valinski 10:40

it's either the we believe it's either the Thanksgiving Day Foley's parade, or the rodeo parade, okay. And we're, of course, the largest one outside the downtown area, right. And it's just really exciting. All the different floats that are going to be there are professional, and sometimes a non professional are just as good because they had asked him a tour. And you know, we had a bar decorating contest. And so the spirits are really up there.

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Deborah Bell 11:07

And if someone wants to be in the parade, and does, you know, they may not have already signed up or whatever, they can go down to the lineup, and check what organization they might like to march with them in coordination, or the pet patrol or our now is having a Thelma and Louise leading off for the March on Washington or possibly

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Jack Valinski 11:29

even our executive car. That's the whole thing is that so many of our executive committee are involved in other organizations.

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Deborah Bell 11:38

I know I went when I was talking about getting the signs done for the car. I said, Well, who's gonna be in the car for the committee? Because?

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Jack Valinski 11:47

Yeah, right. And there's a few that won't be there for some reason. But you know, it's like, well,

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Deborah Bell 11:53

it's great, because that's really the point is that we're people who are involved in anything. So of course, an event that's already taken place was the three plays that were produced by the

group Theater Workshop unit, unity in the community. And Joe Watsa is the director. And this is going to be taking place July 9, through the 19th. At divorce work Thursday through Saturday nights at 8pm. And Sundays at 5am is a very recent bowl ticket cost. And if you would like more information about the place, call 5222204. And Joe stopped by the other night, and I left with some poetry that was read by different cast members. And I listened to it last night. I'm very impressed. And we're going to use that on Sunday with the parade broadcast, I think you'll enjoy it very much. And is there any other message that you want to leave us with as co chairs of Pride week, we talked so

J Jack Valinski 12:55

much about all the different events, but that's the whole spirit of the celebration, in we're talking here, mostly about parties and parties and parties? Well, Pride Week has a lot more to do than just parties. The whole idea is that goes back to 1969. When people were not free, I mean, the fact that you can go into a radio station like this and do it do a show even even as radicals Pacifica was back then that still wasn't possible. Even to go to a bar, you could be arrested. And in fact, you could even have a license to sell booze to gay or lesbian people. It was against the law for same sex people to dance together. And so all that stuff was fought, people got tired of it, they started a riot. And we've made tremendous progress. I mean, the fact of the matter is, is now like the paper like the Houston press is on our side over the Randles issue, that they won't let that paper in there because of the G word as they were saying. And of course, they're trying to cover to something

D Deborah Bell 13:52

else. And the press also ran a calendar for this week coming out tomorrow

J Jack Valinski 13:56

the Houston press is doing a cover issue on Pride Week, which will be their second annual. And you know, it's institutions like that where we couldn't even afford to buy the type of coverage they're giving us and KPFT who's doing the you know, doing all this programming of our issues. It's really important to be able to talk to those people who don't feel comfortable or don't know about other people like that if you have those feelings. So you know we're there and if you can't be there, you can listen to us on the radio.

B Bruce Reeves 14:26

Okay, well taken care of we'd like to thank you for coming and being with us today. We're gonna be here until three o'clock we have Chris doorman from the again lesbian switchboard of Houston is going to be joining us next and then we'll be talking to the the grand marshals of the parade. Right now we're going to take a short musical break and listen to Jamie Anderson singing no closet



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This song is dedicated to work to the World Health Organization. It's a medical song. And it concerns a disease whose classification according to the International Classification of Diseases is 302 point 00.

**D Deborah Bell 15:21**

And of course that was Tom Robinson with glad to be gay and we certainly are here during the middle of Pride Week. 1992 Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. This is a special one to three program in honor of Pride Week, along with some of the gay and lesbian programmers from KPFT. The I'm Deborah Bell from Wildenstein numbers rings from after hours and we also have some other after hours folks K Harper and Jim Carper helping us Yeah, engineer and we're going to also be on Sunday from four to 8pm doing live coverage of the parade as well as some other special programming in honor of our pride equals power 1992 as being Gay Pride Week. Of course, this

**B Bruce Reeves 16:13**

might be a good time. Just to mention too that if you're not familiar with the gay and lesbian programming on KPFK, we do have three shows. The Wildenstein show which Jack and Deborah are the CO anchors for is on Monday night

**D Deborah Bell 16:25**

and my sweetheart Donna Gornja is the engineer and

**B Bruce Reeves 16:29**

on Friday mornings from nine until noon, Pokey and her crew do the breakthrough show. And then

**D Deborah Bell 16:36**

we have to remember all the names Laura Branham and Suzanne Anderson, are the other two folks say it took two women to replace Jerry Wolf.

**B Bruce Reeves 16:44**

That's right. And then, of course, myself and Kay Harper, and Diane Williamson, and Joe gray and Judy raves. I'll help do the after our show on Saturday nights from surrounded by women or two groups. I know. It's just

**D Deborah Bell 17:03**

so much fun, but it's really wonderful that we do have this forum on KPFT to talk about our issues. And you know, as I listened to the station, I learned more and more about the diversity of people around the world and and it's something I'm really thankful for that we have and I'm thankful that we have listeners that support us during marathon in pledge to our station and horse would really think them a lot more when they pay those pledges. That's what it's all about. Is this community in Houston, Texas are sponsored radio. That's right. And that's our announcement commercial announcement for the day. We have with us a very special person who is representing a very special organization and Bruce, you you said you would go with this or oh here.

 **Bruce Reeves 17:54**

The honorary grand marshals for this shoes, Houston Pride Parade are the gay and lesbian switchboard of Houston. And joining us now is Chris Dawn doorman, doorman. Well, I knew I was gonna do that room, doorman with as the president of that organization and

 **Deborah Bell 18:11**

No, no, no, it's the title. Right?

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What is your public relations

 **Bruce Reeves 18:16**

Public Relations Officer?

 **Deborah Bell 18:19**

Already do is because he's the public relations.

 **Bruce Reeves 18:23**

So Chris, welcome. Thank you.

 **Deborah Bell 18:26**

This is the first time an organization has been honored as Grand Marshal. And why do you suppose that has happened? Well,



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I think that after so many years of service to a community that an organization is deserving of such an award, and after maturity of our organization, people are recognizing us for what we have been doing in the past and what we do today. And I won't be surprised to see other organizations honored in the future. But we're really thrilled that, you know, we set a precedent and that we are the honorary Grand Marshal this year.



D Deborah Bell 19:04

I know when the nomination was made. One of the things that struck me about it is the reality that a lot of the most of the switchboard volunteers are behind the scenes, they're not people that have faces visible in the community in their role as being a switchboard volunteer, they might be active in other organizations, etc. But what they do for the switchboard is pretty autonomous, and that this was a way for people to actually be in the parade and say, Yes, this is who we are, and this is what we're doing. And that that was really nice that that could take place. The what, what, first of all, how long has the switchboard been around?



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Well, we are starting our 11th year of operation. We've been in business since early 1982 1982.



D Deborah Bell 19:53

So 10 years on you're going to the 10th year and the gay and lesbian switchboard Houston has about how many volunteers actively working with it now,



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including our substitute staff of about 100.



D Deborah Bell 20:09

And what what do what does one do as a volunteer



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as a volunteer, our basic phone shift volunteers will work a three hour shift once a week for about three months. And then as a new training class comes on, we all fill out our scheduling requests. And we will opt to keep the same shift up to choose another shift or if we want to go on, go on substitute staff so that we may fill in for someone. If we have some other commitments going on. You know, we can opt not to take a shift and not have a regular weekly shift that was like three

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Deborah Bell 20:45

hours once a week. That's the time commitment plus the training time, which is an intensive training, but it needs to be for the type of work so why don't you tell us a little bit about what the training involves and when the next one is coming up.

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Okay. Very intensive training. And it's a very, very good awakening experience for the person that's going through training, not only for benefit of the switchboard, but for the benefit of that person as well. We're having our next training in early August. What it consists of is Friday night is an evening of two hours