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## SPEAKERS

Jack Valinski, Deborah Bell

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- J** Jack Valinski 00:00  
Hey, folks, we're going to be perfectly honest with you, we're not doing very well on this pledge drive. And it's really important that this show holds up to the other shows editor on KPFT.
- D** Deborah Bell 00:11  
And I don't know why it is we have a wonderful crew volunteers out in the lobby ready, willing and able to answer those phones to take your pledge. And it's a really simple thing to do, just take a few minutes of your time. You know, when you get up in the morning, and you look at your day runner, or your Franklin planner or your computer,
- J** Jack Valinski 00:29  
usually I look at it at the end of the day and realize what I didn't, well,
- D** Deborah Bell 00:32  
you know, listed among the things to do today, right there among them should be pledged to KPFT. And to pay your pledge to KPFT. And you can put it on plastic, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, you can pay a monthly amount each month, you can pay it all in one big chunk, you can come down to the station, you can do it by mail, I mean, we try to make it as easy for you as we can. Because we really don't, you know, this isn't fun. And this isn't easy to do to just say, please give us money. Well, the truth of
- J** Jack Valinski 01:05  
the matter is, if you don't give them money, we may still be here, we may still be here, and you're not, you know, you don't. I mean, there's nobody like really twisting your arm, we would

hope that you would never cross over. But we would hope that you would feel that this is something that's worthwhile. I mean, there's other types of contributions that you probably do in your life. But this hopefully is something that does give you some education, you learn about some new things, you'll learn about new music, I'm always learning about new music, that that's great. There's I'm learning about some old music, I didn't know anything about you learn about a new book, by somebody coming out and talking about their books or talking about something they're doing, or a special event that's going on. I mean, today is the opening of Philadelphia here in Houston. And we've been talking about it probably for the past four weeks because of because of this way out. And because some of the advanced publicity that we found out, you also know that listen to the things that we talk about. I mean, the public service announcements that are put here on this radio station are public service announcements about things like the switchboard the game has been switchboard, about so many other groups here in this city. I mean, we talk about the the PFLAG parents and friends of gays and lesbians. We talk about a lot of different things to parade. And the the amount of information that's given on this show. And the other shows is pretty incredible. And I mean, we talk about basic things, we're not talking about things that you know, are 1000 miles away, or something like that, we're talking about things that really do affect your life.

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Deborah Bell 02:29

Well, you know, they were doing commentary about the life and times and death of Thomas Tip O'Neill, the former Speaker of the House retirees who recently passed away and the his motto was more or less the, it's all personal. You know, the personal is political and political is personal, it all comes down to how your life is effective. And I know that KPFT affects your life in very many different ways, certainly in the quality of your life. Everyone belongs to a different culture, lifestyle, or have different values of peace and justice. And if you appreciate the ones that are here on KPFT, the ones that we have our commitment to the diverse cultures and coverage of peace and justice issues, you may not always agree with them. I mean, there are people on KPFT that I certainly do not agree with. And there are many people that I do oftentimes I get information that I know that I would not get from anywhere else. And you belong with kPa T, it's where you belong. That's why you're a listener. So you can become more than just a listener, you can become a member. And all it takes is making that pledge of support to KPFT by calling just picking up the phone and dialing those numbers and I know you know how to use the telephone honey 526-573-8526 KPFT

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Jack Valinski 03:53

there are different levels of membership. And we start from the basic level of membership at \$35. Which gets you a quarterly program guide \$60 gets you one World Radio mug, white with the purple logo \$60 Gets you t shirts. It's a purple boy, I love these colors with three color logo \$90 You get two World Radio mugs that you can share with and \$120 get you a BBC briefcase. And you can even go higher I mean that's does just suggest it rates you can go higher, you can go lower.

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Deborah Bell 04:25

This one is good. It's for \$250 you can have a day sponsorship that means for on air credits of the day of your choice and how about National Coming Out Day October 11 four times during

the day of your choice, and now about National Coming Out Day, October 11, four times during the day, you could say I'm Deborah Bell and I'm a proud lesbian and you can have that put on four times a day you can come out or just

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Jack Valinski 04:47

on the pray day or on the day that we're all going to be marching in New York City.

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Deborah Bell 04:51

That's right. Are we could do it in celebration of the March on Washington. That was April 25. this coming April 25. You could have said or you could have made in honor of someone's like, like someone's birthday like mine, which is Sunday. And, you know, we're doing the chocolate thing. And that's fun. And that's great. But you know what, you don't have to bring me chocolate, you can just give money to KPFT. That's fine too. Please call now show us that you care show us that you support KPFA show us that you support the different voices that are heard here on this station. But most especially lesbian and gay voices,

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Jack Valinski 05:31

we were very lucky to have a good time slot starting at 6pm. When people are still driving home, they're listening to the radio, you know, radio time, it's really the people when they're driving, they're listening to the radio. And there's probably a lot of people who may not agree with this, who are listening to this program. And to be able to present this program, we need your support, we need you to call five to six KPFT 5265738.

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Deborah Bell 06:10

You're listening to lesbian and gay voices were in our fun drive. And we need you to call in. I know the a few phones have been ringing and we're going to we're going to go to the list. Wonderful. We're going to go to the lobby to Mary Helen in just a minute. But to to encourage you to call there's a couple of things I'd like for you to do. When you call in. One of the things we would like to know is what do you like about listening to lesbian, gay voices? What is the important element to you that this show is on the air? And what do you like to see featured? Last week, we had a very generous pledge because news rap was in this way out was very important to a listener, we want to know what's important to you. And another thing that I'd like to hear from you about is the other day on a commercial radio station, that there was this woman and she was having a problem because she didn't know what name to call her live in male companion. She didn't know whether to call him her significant other Are you know what term to use? Or, you know, she'd said boyfriend was just, you know, didn't quite cut it, etc. Well, I thought, if that's her only problem in the world, she's getting out pretty easy. And I didn't have call in time to call in and tell them well, you know, I'm a lesbian and in our world, what you call the significant other person in your life, even if you're in a committed relationship that you consider a marriage is not that easy to do. wife or husband doesn't quite work spouse, you know that. That's kind of a weird word life made. Companion lovers. Some people don't like that word for various reasons that has different connotations. I like it. I think it means the one

you love. And so we'd like to hear you tell us what do you call the person in your life that you consider your partner, babe. Mary Helen calls them Bay. So Mary Helen, who has called in we have



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quite a few really nice generous people to thank, first of all, we want to thank sunny Garza who called in and became an instant member of KPFT. We also want to thank Claire Baker and Sue Hamilton who are renewing their support for the station. Thanks a whole lot Claire and Sue. Good, good, longtime supporters of KPFT



Deborah Bell 08:21

and say there There you go, what do they call each other call back Claire and Taylor



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and Sue. We also want to thank an anonymous person who lives pretty nearby Claire and Sue. And we're not going to say their name, but we thank her very much for renewing her support to KPFT we are on thank Patricia Sabir who called in she also listens to the BBC News on KPFT. She appreciates that coverage that KPFT brings her kind of a different point of view on the British Broadcasting Corporation's news program. We want to thank another anonymous supporter who called in from Oh the 77071 zip code and we want to thank another anonymous person who called in and became an instant member said that he changed public radio stations because of the gay and lesbian programming here on KPFT oh nice and that he used to support another station but because just to be nameless of the programming that he has switched to this one you know that's that's really important because another caller was talking about the radio station that used to be here in town that played classical music it was a commercial station KL E F, and they they had to go out of business because they just didn't you know just weren't making making the money they just didn't have the support. Of course when they they went out K UHF took over their the classical music that they played and they've made you know some success with it. And but it just goes to show you and like we were talking, you know about the last call it mods the the oldest women's bar in the country that went out of business several years ago. If you don't support it, it's not going to be there for you. This is your insurance policy, you know, I know myself, I spend a hell of a lot of money on insurance. You know, I mean, health insurance, car insurance, life insurance, homeowners insurance, you know, you spend that kind of, you know, big, big bucks in your life, all you need to do right now is spend like \$100 for your public radio insurance. For your point of view insurance, five to 65738 is the number to call, we have four open lines, not a single call on these lines, right now we need to hear from you. Five to six KPFT is the number it's really important. Ensure that your point of view or an alternate point of view, no matter, you may not be a gay lesbian person. And you may think, but you know what, those people have a right to have their points of view aired, they have a right to a voice. And that is a First Amendment type of a deal. And you're dedicated to that you're listening to a station that's built around that concept. And now we're asking you to support it, support it with a few of your dollars, you don't have to give your paycheck for the next five years, although today is payday. And if you're feeling kind of flush,

well then hey, flush someone down our way. 5265738 is the number here five to six KPFT, because it darn sure won't be money down the drain. It's a very good investment, and investment of the future of community radio in your town, five to 6k P ft.

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Deborah Bell 11:26

And you're listening to lesbian gay voices, please help us stay on the air. One of the things that you hear on lesbian gay voices that you don't hear any other place is about cultural events, plays and theater and different things that are taking place. And one of them is taking place at this evening over at diverse works. And it continues through Sunday. And that is a performance by Annie sprinkle. She's a performance artist, but That's putting it mildly. She's a unique being. I first had exposure to Annie's work through an article that I read about her relationship with a transgendered female to male named Celeste. And there was a film may made call Annie in less. And she's also featured in the book by any other name, she describes herself as a bisexual, lesbian, among other things, but she celebrates sexuality. And I think that's a really important thing. She's going to be at divorce works this weekend. And if you want to celebrate sexuality, you need to be calling to pledge your support. While we listen to this interview, it was done by KPFT is Margie glacier. And we're going to take a listen to it. And we'll be right back afterwards.

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Well, I'm totally amazed that I'm in Texas because I because my show is sexually explicit and parts. I try to only go to places that are pretty open minded and safe. And you know and Texas, I always thought it was one of those places where I couldn't go. So I don't think I could have been here three years ago. I think the whole debate with maple syrup and Serrano and Karen Finley and all those artists who were doing socialist visa work really opened up space for me to come in because people realize that that sexually explicit artists is important.

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Good morning, you're listening to World Radio Morning News on KPFT in Houston,

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and that's what I do I do performance about my sexual evolution going from very shy, young teenager to getting into pornography and prostitution to now evolving at the age of 39 into more mature rather thick section knowledgeable sex educator and pleasure artist.

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Annie Sprinkle post for modernist is presented at diverse works art space tonight, Saturday and Sunday. The Sunday performance is for women only.



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I think the main reason is my favorite audiences are women only audience. I like that. And it's a woman's story. And this performance is really more for women than it is for men. It's not a burlesque show. I've done burlesque shows. And I did shows for men for many years. And now I'm very excited about my new audience. And I think that there are also women that aren't comfortable exploring issues of sexuality in a room with men.



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And the sprinkle has steady performance art with Linda Montana, women director Ritter and Frank Moore. I asked her about types of spaces in which she performs and comparisons between European audiences and American art audiences



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perform in nightclubs or discuss. Now in Europe, the really beautiful theaters there have bars. But here in this country, they're really nice theater done. I don't like to perform with a bar, although in Europe, that's pretty standard. And I need a really good, nice theater. I mean, actually, yeah, in Europe, they're a bit more open, and a little more casual about things. But here, they're more enthusiastic, they're more childlike, more wide eyed. Which is nice, too. They're both great. And every audience from CDC really varies quite a bit. I'm curious to see how things would go here, Texas,



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sitting around this weekend, and I'm thinking what I would talk to you about, I picked up the New York Times on Sunday, and they have a feature article in their arts and leisure section titled, porn, the low slung engine of progress. And while we all know that it's been around for a long time, it looks like with computers and interactive games, and so forth, it's going to continue to be with us.



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Why you see they've been making porn since the cave painting days. And the you know, cultures have always had sexually explicit paintings and drawings and shows them it's not unusual since the beginning of time. I you know, and I think it will continue to sit now that we have cameras, you know, you can actually see real people really doing it. And I think that it's really evolving a lot since women have started making your own porn. And it's really changing I think. I do what's called postpone modernism, which is a taking 60 explicit imagery and making it more feminist or political or intellectual or funny, you know. So, since women are making porn, it's really changing. And of course, since there's a lot of new technology, it's really changing, and will continue to change forever and it'll be here as long as people are having sex. They'll want to explore their sexuality through the media, just like with in painting, you want to explore romance or nature or war or whatever. In your art. It's the same you've got explore sex to



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any sprinkle has written articles for national magazines, produced numerous videos and appeared in the HBO special, real sex, she performed. Reverse works Artspace tonight and Saturday night, with a performance for women only on Sunday evening. 2238346 is the number for details.



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I hope that people who are offended by sexually explicit imagery won't come if they're gonna really be upset or freaked out over please don't come. If you'd like to see something different unusual that explores issues of sex work and women's sexuality. And aids and the politics of sex then please come and bring your cameras cameras and welcome.



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This is World Radio morning news. My name is Margie Glaser.



Jack Valinski 18:24

Thank you, Margie, for that interview, we really appreciate it. But



Deborah Bell 18:29

let's give the number again for diverse works 2238346. And



Jack Valinski 18:34


that said 1117 East freeway, and it's to you but it's your turn now. It's your turn now to pick up the phone and dial five to six KPFT 5265738. Let's check out with the lobby central where Mary Helen is. And hearing phones ring




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we all do, we do have one pledge on the line. But we have three open lines here at 5265738. And we have a few people that we'd like to thank I want to thank an anonymous first time donor to KPFT said that he's been in Houston only three months, but that he really appreciates the program because it's the only show that he's found dealing with gay and lesbian issues here in Houston. You're right on Mr. 7706 zip code. You've got that right. And well I'm wondering which one it is and that's it. Well, it narrows it down quite a bit doesn't it? You know what's what's ironic is that sometimes people that are new to Houston become members quicker than longtime listeners and longtime Houston residents. It so don't take it for granted.


We're really lucky in Houston to have this kind of programming to have an outlet like KPFT to deliver this programming to you don't take it for granted. That's the worst mistake that you can make is by saying Hey, someone else will do it. Because it just don't work that way kids if we don't stand up for what we like and then it goes away. I mean, well, that time and time again, it's happened. It's happened

 Jack Valinski 20:03


in Dallas KNON went away. And it can't did finally come back. But it came back on a much weaker frequency. In fact, you can barely hear it outside the building. And sometimes we complain about the signal at KPFT. But KPFT signal is much, much better than the signal of their community station,

 Deborah Bell 20:19

the cloud to right, you can hear it all the way to AWS.

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Their story is like a public radio horror story. I mean, it was taken over by a right wing religious outfit their signal, they had a strong signal just like KPFT has, we have 100,000 Watt signal. And they weren't able to raise the money to keep it up on the air, they weren't able to replace expensive parts when they went out. They weren't able to pay the tower rent, they weren't able to pay the really expensive bills that it takes to keep a radio station going in a major city. And so it went away. It was taken over by like I'm serious the Criswell ministries. And that's, its that's a matter of public record. And it's a very, very sad story. And we don't you know, we're not worried about that right now. But if in the long run, that's what we worry about. Okay. We also want to thank Cindy Trevino, she's called in with a generous pledge. She would like to hear constant craving from k.d. lang. And I also want to thank from over near my neighborhood, like Mark Roderick. He's a longtime supporter of KPFT. He he likes me, I had to say it. She says that all the hate. On other programs, it takes a program like gay lesbian voices to balance out all the hate that he hears on other programs. KPFT provides a positive outlook on gays, lesbians and bisexuals, we want to thank you, Mark for those really nice comments. And for a real generous pledge. We're up to \$455 we

 Deborah Bell 21:55

have a ways to go. And you know, I bet there's a few other folks out there that like you, Mary Helen. So I think they need to call in and pledge their support.

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My mother usually didn't listen right now at this time. But I could call her Yeah, 5265738. In





Jack Valinski 22:10

my effort to call you might have to start calling listeners.



Deborah Bell 22:14

I will Donald lot he was inspired by Mary Helens played there. And so he said he's going to make a pledge tonight. So that's one way to do it. As a lot of times people do just dropped by the station over here at 419 love it and bring in their money and say, Yeah, I want to sign up. And a lot of people want to know about the programming, they want to know what can I hear when and you can do that it can be delivered to your home by the US Postal Service for a mere \$35 A year you'll get the quarterly program guide. So here's your chance to sign up to be part of this two part plug this magic that takes place here at this radio station as 5265738.



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A call we want to thank you in just a few minutes.



Jack Valinski 22:58

And KPFT is the most diverse radio station in Houston by No, no two ways about it. Let's listen to some music. And we're going to come back and talk with Donald Skipwith about the latest Supreme Court decision on the Texas sodomy law.



Deborah Bell 23:20

And we're back after this thing to Hollywood. We're talking about being angry, gentle people. We are an angry, gentle people because we gotta be angry and angry. Yeah. And you know, it really is something when Holly sings that with a group like at a big March or something. It just is incredible. The the chills that go through you about what we're all about gays and straights together is one of the verses that she says in there.



Jack Valinski 23:47

I was recently on the West Coast and having room setting again and listening to all the you know how progressive things are out there. And I came back driving back from the airport and I hear on the radio that the Texas Supreme Court decided dismissed the civil lawsuits.



Deborah Bell 24:03

I said a bad word when I heard that.



Jack Valinski 24:05



Jack Valinski 24:00

I could imagine I could imagine I just was in shock. And well, actually, let's let Donald explain exactly what the court did Donald skip who is with the Texas Human Rights Foundation. He's on the board. And Donald, you've been with them for quite a while now. I haven't seen



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I think about six years now. And I'll do my best. I hope that I don't make people's eyes glaze over. When I got decision



Jack Valinski 24:29

right in your hands there.



Deborah Bell 24:31

Well, let's just talk a little bit about now or you're an attorney right? I mean, okay, so he so he is coming from that legal aspect here. But section 21 06 is the homosexual conduct clause of the Texas penal code. It makes certain sexual acts between same gender partners criminal in the state of Texas, I think it's a Class C misdemeanor with a whopping fine of \$25. And the court there's been several things going on over a number of years. One was to try to get their Penal Code rewritten. And at one time it was and it was taken out, but then it was put back in. And then there was a case before Federal Court Baker



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vs. Wade, that Texas Human Rights Foundation took as far as the Fifth Circuit. And we were preparing with Lauren's tried to prepare that, to appeal that to the United States Supreme Court. And would have been at that same time the Georgia case of Bowers B Hardwick was was handed down, which basically shot us out of the waters as far as the United States Constitution was concerned.



Deborah Bell 25:37

So how many years has this been in the work is the case, actually, I guess, at this point is called veraplus versus mirallas. It's,



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well, actually the case goes with its original titles, actually, Morales versus IE, Linda Morales, versus state of Texas. And of course, we have four other plaintiffs in addition to Linda.



Deborah Bell 26:00



Deborah Bell 20:00

And these are lesbians and gay men, right? Who said, We are tired of being criminals in the state of Texas, we don't believe this is right,



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what's right, because the law has been used, not so much. And people consistently say that this law is never enforced. In fact, we have examples in Harris County, within the past five years where it has been enforced, it's hard to find people who want to go forward and



Deborah Bell 26:22

enforce does that mean people arrested with that being cited? Correct.



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In the past, within the past five years, we've had examples in Harris County of people being charged in Justice Courts, just as the Peace Corps with this class A misdemeanor. And of course, I mean, you know, in many respects, it's a very minor infraction of the law. And so to go forward and expose a lot of what a lot of people don't want to come forward with, not just that, you know, that they're gay or lesbian, but in fact that, that they were caught in a somewhat compromised position. You know, finding that plaintiff who wants to go forward has really been virtually impossible, because the way the law is enforced, however, it's used in a very malicious manner, for other purposes, such as purposes of Discrimination and Employment. Housing, it does, in fact, criminalize us for what we are.



Deborah Bell 27:21

And today's paper as a matter of fact, in the Chronicle, there was an article about the movie Philadelphia, and they were talking with Chris Bacon, the former president of the gay lesbian Political Caucus, who is an openly gay attorney, and has worked on issues of discrimination. And he said, while AIDS is now covered under the American Disabilities Act, there are no laws in the state of Texas that would protect a gay or lesbian person if they should be fired, just simply for being gay. Yes,



Jack Valinski 27:49

we always get accused of asking for special rights, but says just equal rights.



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Well, you know, I was watching President Clinton today at his town meeting in Moscow. And, you know, he was talking about one of the hallmarks of democracy. And one of the three was the side was the protection of minority members. And no, we're not asking for special


privileges. We're just asking that we be allowed to live our lives without interference from discrimination, and retribution from other parties who just don't happen to want to like us.

 Jack Valinski 28:20

But I guess the question is, is that when the Supreme Court sort of rejected this, that they didn't have legal standing on it? Why did it take them so long? Why is this dragging out so

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well? And I guess probably we need to kind of just explain that that's exactly what happened. Let me give you a little background on the case itself. I don't know why we have here and I'll try to make it quick to refresh people's memory at the trial court in Austin. The court ruled summarily in trial, at that we did in fact, have standing that the plaintiffs had shot harm. In fact, the state stipulated that there was harm by virtue of this law, they admitted that, you know, and, and so, but because the state laws, Morales are at that, I think that was Morales brought the case onto appeal to the Austin third Court of Appeals. There, the court in a very strong decision written by Justice, Jimmy Carroll, found that, again, that the lower court ruling was correct, and found that the law was unconstitutional. Over a year ago, this case was argued by Patrick Wiseman, our attorney that we retained in Austin, to handle this case over a year ago, and now over a year later, you know, they're coming back. It's like, Well, we, you know, we just can't rule on this because we just don't think that we can show any vested property harm to vested property rights, quote, unquote, and therefore we can exercise our equitable jurisdiction in civil courts because we don't we don't see a harm here. That harm was stipulated to by the state of Texas in this decision, and I want to explain it, I mean, there's we're not without hope here. I mean, the decision was a five four decision.

 Deborah Bell 30:10

They essentially sidestepped actually ruling on the merits of the penal code itself. What what they did was they said that when we, the court that rules that we don't have jurisdiction, which is I don't quite understand, because this is the Texas State Supreme Court. So don't they have jurisdiction over all other courts in the state

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of Texas, we have this system of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which is the highest court for purposes of appealing a criminal matter. And then we have the Supreme Court which deals exclusively with civil matters, but in in in and addressing a this is where I hope you don't glass gloss your eyes, don't gloss over there. And approaching a an equitable matters such as this criminal law is infringing on my right to to live my life. You can under the Courts of Equity. Go into the civil court. That's that was our position, of course, and do

 Deborah Bell 31:14

that. And there's also law of liberty and pursuit of happiness business. That's right

that. And there's case law of liberty and pursuit of happiness business. That's right.



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And and the decision is the sin is I mean, the decision is so right on in this case about signed off by the for justice, including Chief Judge justice Tom Phillips sided with us saying it's ludicrous to say that that that there's no standing here as a matter of fact, let me just read you. Just a very brief closing passage here in this dissent to this to this case.



Deborah Bell 31:47

This is someone who had a comment that was different than the way the purpose was what the the way the statement is written. They said I don't agree with that.



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What they said was is written it was written by Judge Gammage it was joined by Judge dog, Judge Phillips and judge Specter.



Deborah Bell 32:10

And you had it there someplace faxed all the way from Austin. It looks like



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it says here's the here's the final closing paragraph in the dissent. It says the plaintiffs who are among over a quarter of a million Texas citizens who identify themselves as harmed by the existence of the statute today that the Court tells these plans that it will not contemplate granting them a remedy, even though the state agreed that there is harm to their personal rights. Absent they're showing harm to a vested property, right? Because I believe this is wrong I dissent. And that was signed on by none other than also the chief justice.



Deborah Bell 32:48


So how do we go from here? Yeah. How do we sound this? Well, I



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mean, what are gays and lesbians do here? I mean, let me let me say to the people who follow this case, and who are those quarter of a million Texans that they're talking about here? The interesting aspect of this case is that it was a five, four decision. And two of those five people who who ruled against us are Democrats. I mean, those are people that I and you and a lot of others out there have probably voted for. Now. One of those is Hightower. He is not up for

reelection. He's probably not ever going to run again. He's you can't remember. I always want to say, Jim, but it's not a bet. It's. It's a justice Hightower. Yeah. The other one, however, is justice Raul Gonzalez, and Gonzales is up for reelection, and this and this, and he has a strong opponent and the Democratic primary. And her name is Renee Hawes. And I think we need to send a message we need to educate ourselves. We have some good people running for the Supreme Court dog who's retiring or he's you know, he's running for bliss centers or, or what is he running for?

 Deborah Bell 34:02

I don't know, but whatever he's running for.

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But he's he's, he's, he's not running. Oh, he's running for Jake Nichols position. That's right. Congress. Yeah. But other words we have Allister faith and not true faith in any longer parents. You can name yes. And we have some other really Jimmy Carroll, the man who was the chief, the chief justice on the third Court of Appeals is running for Supreme Court. We need remember that this is we can make this we will be reminding

 Jack Valinski 34:31


people as we get closer and closer to election, if people want to I mean, I'm sure there was a large legal fee that thr f has to help retire and pay for and stuff like that and to keep this thing alive. How can people get in touch with thr F if they're interested in?

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Right and, you know, if you're if you want to copy his opinion, I think that it's an interesting opinion that a lot of people may find interesting. Right, the offices next Human Rights Foundation 815 browsers, suite 801 Austin 78701


 Jack Valinski 34:59

Great Thank you, Donald for being here. Tonight. We're going to explore this issue further as the shows go on, because it's something that keeps on coming up. But we're going to ask you right now to pick up the telephone and dial five to six KPFT. And help support this radio station that helps spread the word, help spread the word about what's going on, help spread the word, that we know that we're keeping up to date with all the developments that are happening here in Houston happening in Austin, happening all around the country concerning gay and lesbian, there's

 Deborah Bell 35:29

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already been a report that the so called sodomy law is going to be an issue in the governor's race between between Ann Richards and that bush guy. And so right there you have it, the clue here is to be involved and being involved politically includes being involved with KPFT. And we have not that much longer to go this evening, and we need to be hearing from you. If you believe 21 06 of the Texas penal code should be overturned, then we need to hear from you here at KPFT 5265738. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices, and we're going to take a break.

 Jack Valinski 36:21

Let's check out in the lobby and see if we got those phones ringing out there. We

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do have a few people to thank, we'd like to thank Stephen in Randolph Lacey Stein, right name for their, for their generous gift to the station. And they had a challenge to put out they want to challenge all musicians and performing artists to go ahead and call in their support to KPFT. Thanks a lot, Steven and Randolph. Really appreciate that. We also want to thank an anonymous donor who's a frequent listener of KPFT, and a supporter of lesbian and gay voices. We also want to Oh, here's another anonymous giver, and loves the program lesbian and gay voices. We want to thank Donna Garn yai who puts her money where her ears are by calling 5265738 We only have a few minutes left in the program. Nori nori is already here, he comes on with blues at eight o'clock, but first we'd like to hear from you. We also want to thank Suzanne Anderson properties. Suzanne Anderson is a supporter of KPFT in many ways, and her company Suzanne Anderson properties called in a real generous pledge. They support the lesbian and gay community and gay voices so give us a call if if you're with an organization or you have a business that that would like to cultivate the gay and lesbian market or if you are in an organization such as PFLAG Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays heart song, the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, lib lesbians in business, the Texas gay Rodeo Association Colt 40, fives, hatch Houston area teen coalition, our Houston area teens concerned with homosexuality, right? The women's group at First Unitarian Church love lesbians over age 50, the rainbow riders women's space Women's Network,

 Jack Valinski 38:15


the Mary Helen warts associate Mary Helen, the fan club.

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Yeah, I need a fan right about now. Five to 65738 is the number to call to chill us out here, five to six KPFT, we'd like to hear from you. We're up to about \$700. And we would sure like to hit that \$1,000 mark, our original goal is \$1,500 I don't think we're gonna make that but we could possibly do the \$1,000 goal with your help last last week, we were able to make a little over \$1,000. And that was our goal. But you know, what they do is they put the goals up every week.

 Jack Valinski 38:51


But you know, we have a very good time something to reach for, we have a very good time slot. And we have a lot of listeners, and we need you to call in don't depend on the other person to call it you know who to call it,

 Deborah Bell 39:01

I heard some ridiculous figure, I think it was like 3% of the listeners of KPFT are the ones that support it. And that is like way too low. It should be 100% We wouldn't have to do this. If everyone that listened to this station just would pay their money to support it, then we wouldn't have to ask and that would be a really lovely thing. Of course, I just would be so disappointed if I didn't get to do marathon. But we do count.

 Jack Valinski 39:28


Well, unlike cable TV. I mean, you can get this radio station for free. And there's a lot of people who can't support this radio station. There's young people, there's people who are probably not feeling very good and there's probably some older people who don't can't afford it.

 Deborah Bell 39:41

And those are the folks that need it the most right? Absolutely.

 Jack Valinski 39:45

The younger people who have no other no other way to go about gay and lesbian people. And if you can remember when you were young and maybe you didn't have gas station like KPFT in your


 Deborah Bell 39:56


if the company you work for if only 4% of your customers paid Dear Bill, how would your company do? Not very well, I think. So it is up to you the listener, especially if you're listening to this program right now to show your support by calling five to six KPFT 5265738. We are counting on you, you turn on the dial 90.1 FM, you may listen all day or various times of the day, but at six o'clock on Friday nights, if you're tuning in, you're tuning in to listen to lesbian and gay voices. You're counting on us being here. And well, the only way he really can do that is by us counting on you to do your part by pledging and paying your plate.


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It's that old radio insurance. That's





 Deborah Bell 40:39  
right. And it's high risk.

 Jack Valinski 40:41  
That's a very special place on the dial. 90.1 is Mary Helen says between jazz and Jesus.

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That's right. That's right kids, hey, let me tell you where we are added up all the pledges, were at \$745, we're just \$255 away from the \$1,000 mark, a couple of \$120 pledges would just about do it. A couple of people that have that room on their Visa, MasterCard, or American Express can go ahead and give us a call. When you think about \$120 You know, \$20 a month, you call 265738 is

 Deborah Bell 41:16  
526573826573. In case you

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do, or open line, oh, volunteering much love to take your call. It takes a couple minutes of your time. But it's so worth it. If we could get those \$220 pledges right now, put us over the go one person with 250 would do it. Or somebody

 Deborah Bell 41:37  
with a whole bunch of money. It can make us a whole bunch of money. It can be one or many. But we are counting on you to call and pledge and to pay your pledge. You can do that so easily. By putting it on plastic, you can also write us a check. We don't care. But however you pay it. It's important to us that you do and that you support what we're doing here. We still take American dollars here. That's right. We do take cash American money, and please call 5265738 I think somebody needs to tell Jack Happy Birthday and pledge at least \$40 on behalf of Jack's birth that got tired of me telling people that he's 40 But he's, you know, it's like, Well, for one thing, and this is really basic. There's only one alternative to getting older. And we know what that is. And we know too many people that aren't ever going to live to see their 40s and so I really honor my aging I think it's a good thing. And I honor your aging to Thank you Jack and likewise I'm sure yeah and you know, you know, Jimmy coppers birthdays this weekend, so is Otis Hardy MacLeod plays birthday Capricorn thing here on KPFT. Yeah, well, oh, this is real special.





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We're stuck at 745 we need \$255 to hit 1000 and that is possible. We only have a couple minutes left in the program Nuri Nerys going to be coming on? But let's hear the last couple pledges of support for lesbian and gay boys. Do



Deborah Bell 43:04

you know what's going to happen? Nuris gonna want you to pledge to his program. So we need you to pledge to our program first. Because we're on first and because we need to hit know that you support what takes maybe you support blues to maybe you'd like those esoteric so ventured folks that are on even later tonight. Maybe you're a supporter of after hours, that's all valid. But you do listen to us being gay voices, you do need to be pledging to this program right now. We want to go over the top I don't want to have stock my birthday celebration in the



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dumps because you always want to be on top. We're not always



Deborah Bell 43:41

Mary Helen 526573852 6k p f t do it now. Operators are standing. I'm a lazy top. And we need you to call and pledge 5265738 Lovely Operators are standing by to take your remarks.



Jack Valinski 44:00

And this is a radio station where we don't censor. You know, there's there's no Tales of the City. We saw the censors. We saw the censor tape in this city.



Deborah Bell 44:08

Yeah, it was kind of like early last week, they actually got to see men kiss.




Jack Valinski 44:13


But you know, there was things other cities got to see that show without it being edited for you know, and basically we thought the editing was done for smaller cities. It's unfortunate that the Houston broadcast was edited. But you know, that's the way it is conservative





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market, you know, and we understand why channel eight, you know, saw fit to do that. I


 Jack Valinski 44:33  
don't understand it.


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i Well, I do I do because it's a real conservative market. And it's very dangerous to stick your neck out. It's very dangerous to do the kind of programming that KPFT does. Yeah, I mean look at how difficult it is to raise support in this market. And you can see why channel eight does what they do, why they have to, to not show full frontal nudity, why they have to, you know,

 Deborah Bell 44:58  
don't necessarily have Do they have chosen not to well, various ways a

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chosen they've chosen financial support they may be being able to say god damn on

 Deborah Bell 45:07  
TV that that may be what why those decisions are made. But we trying to not center here very strongly we did try to be in good taste. But there are things that we talk about that we're very open about, that there are people who rather we didn't there was the program tongues retired. No, no, the program tongues retired was done on KPFT was was done about what's going on with FCC and how there are folks that would like to silence us, they would like to silence lesbian and gay voices and you know what, you can help them out. You can help them silence these voices by not pledging. So if you would, on the contrary, like to make sure that these voices are here on the radio and are heard throughout Houston and the surrounding area. You need to be pledging your support by calling right now. We're getting into the final seconds. 526-573-8526 KPFT. Thanks to those who have made that call. And thanks to you who are going to the phone right now to call 5265738.

 Jack Valinski 46:16  
We do want to thank our supporter tonight who brought the food thundercloud subs for sandwiches, and they're on Kirby and shepherd I believe, and that can't be on Kirby and shepherd. They're

 Deborah Bell 46:25  
on West Alabama, and Shante. West Alabama, I think between maybe Greenbrier and buffalo Speedway in the general neighborhood. That's where I go by them all the time.



Jack Valinski 46:38

And it is time for you to pick up the phone five to six KPFT 5265738 make that call now. To help support us we're down to two minutes and find out about KPFT How did I find out I was tuning to the left side of the dial. That's how



Deborah Bell 46:53

most people they just kind of get there and then that lo and behold they hear something Uh huh. What's that? That's something new and different got three calls



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on the line. We have an open line still at 5265738 Go ahead and get your pledge in under the wire for lesbian and gay voices. That's



Deborah Bell 47:09

something I don't hear anywhere else. Let me rings like that. Me fine. No, no, the well we're not hearing enough PHONE RINGS tonight. But they go there's something different here. What What was that song I had? Never, you know, Nancy Griffith and Lyle Lovett both got their starts by having music on this radio station. I



Jack Valinski 47:25

don't know. I'm nervous. I



Deborah Bell 47:26

read your tapping table. You're so nervous. Hey, we



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got a \$35 pledge that's getting us to that we're only 205 Let's see \$220 from the goal we're getting \$20 from the goal. We've got a couple pledges, but I can't see how much they're for yet. I'm shaking.



Deborah Bell 47:44

I'm sure we need the phones to be ringing so please call us now. 5265738 We need to say there's a \$60 Poor Judith Myers from Crossroads market coming by with the best books of 1993 for gay and lesbian

for gay and lesbian.



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\$60 from the gold just all right \$60 away



Deborah Bell 48:02

we need to thank Don't skip with with the Texas Human Rights Foundation at the forefront of the battle to repeal 21 06 to get a ruling to make our love to be an ally and here's



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another \$35 pledge coming in. We're just \$125 from the \$1,000 Mark Thank



Deborah Bell 48:20

you Mary Helen for your music and your work with the station of fundraising to our volunteers in the lobby. Those of you have called in tonight. We've got some more phones there they're not busy enough we still have an open line if no visit signal you are the one that I've been different kPa you are the one that made it happen you have to drive to 65738 The power is in your hands 5265738 make a difference for lesbian and gay voices for KPFT



Jack Valinski 48:50

live thank you for joining me this evening seven we will be out there answering phones KPFT five to six KPFT



Deborah Bell 48:57

and thank you Donna as always for producing an engineering and so many other things. You get a busy signal



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call five to six 4004 lines on right now 657385



Deborah Bell 49:08

to 65738 and thank you Deborah and thank you, Jack Valinski Happy Birthday and



Jack Valinski 49:18

happy birthday. Happy chocolate to you