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Shirley Knight, Barry Forbes, Lori Clark, Cindy Friedman, Brian Nunes, Jack Valinski

- J** Jack Valinski 00:01
From Pacifica KPFT in Houston, this is Wilde 'N' Stein, a show for and about the gay and lesbian community. and it is Wilde 'N' Stein. This is Jack Valinski, and this is Lori Clark. And Donna is in there running the board. And tonight on tonight's show, we're going to hear we have two basic topics we're going to be doing. We're going to drill the station manager.
- L** Lori Clark 01:32
How interesting. Yeah, so you're gonna drill him on?
- J** Jack Valinski 01:35
Well, he's in an organization called gays and lesbians and public radio. And he's also here, the station manager.
- L** Lori Clark 01:42
Wow. So he's going to tell us about all the great gay and lesbian activist fellow people out there when working in just community radio
- J** Jack Valinski 01:49
or how we how we infiltrated Public Radio.
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Oh cool

on, soon.

J Jack Valinski 01:54

We try to be really interesting. Because we know there's a lot of us in public radio, especially

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here at KPFT. And Jack, who's our second guest tonight?

J Jack Valinski 02:01

We're gonna be talking about Them TV.

L Lori Clark 02:03

Yes. It's a new cable access. It's a new television show gonna be on cable access. And we have one of the producers on tonight with us.

J Jack Valinski 02:11

Great. Okay. Well, tonight as we get into the calendar, there's not it's not necessarily a gay and lesbian topic. But Roger and me is going to be broadcast on Channel eight tonight at 1030 Roger me is a award winning documentary about the closing of General Motors plant in Flint, Michigan, and the oft aftershocks and mass layoffs. The movie mixes humor and rage and causes a sensation. And it's also a another movie, another short documentary that he did called pets or meet the return to Flint. It's it's very interesting. I heard a little interview on this. One One of the public stations over the weekend. It starts tonight at 1035 at channel eight. And of course, if it was a real station, it began a little bit earlier. So most of us could watch it but actually for us. It's great. Yeah, because it's right after the news.

L Lori Clark 03:00

Okay, let's start the calendar. Let's start with Wednesday, September 30. The Thomas street Citizens Advisory Committee application deadline a newly formed ad hoc committee will be formed from five consumers active patients and five non consumers which will meet monthly to discuss issues regarding patient interested in the operation of the clinic. For more information you dial 665 1600

J Jack Valinski 03:26

Yes And Thursday first October Montrose activity center is going to have their monthly meeting. I think it's actually this is going to be their yearly meeting and the locations to be announced for more information It's 2360064

For more information, call 250000.

L Lori Clark 03:40

Okay, Friday, the Lonestar women's music festival starts the women the river in the music was Sue thank Laura love Jamie Anderson and Helen hook, celebrate Amazon Nation Under the Stars three days and nights of music and camping on the Guadalupe River. For more information dial 51292902

J Jack Valinski 04:00

and the hog calendar on the second through the fifth, which is Friday through Sunday. It's a camping trip. And if you'd like more information you call market five to 810 20

L Lori Clark 04:12

Okay on Sunday. The women's group meets at 10am at the Sojourner Truth room at the First Unitarian Church fan Annette sophomore for more information you can call Iris at 5298571 or Janet at 942 70 717.

J Jack Valinski 04:30

And we do have more information. Our Cindy Friedman, director of the I'm sorry, it's Cynthia Friedland This is a fax it's not quite that easy to read. Director of women's studies and associate professor of psychology at University of Houston will present three decades of women in horror films. Wow, that sounds. So that's this this Sunday.

L Lori Clark 04:53

Okay. Also the real life women's resurrection, coming out as a process and it's fun to At 12pm to 2pm in England's Bookstart bookshop For more information, dial 869 3358.

J Jack Valinski 05:08

And it's the monthly meeting of PFLAG Parents and Friends of Lesbians and gays. And they meet at intercare Hospital which is 7601 fan and their time is 2pm and their number is 867 9020. For more information,

L Lori Clark 05:23

oh, this sounds exciting tropical fundraiser, spend the evening or fantasies of ocean blue, tropical fruit, mountains and flamingos of every hue from the region of Montrose on love it I'll there's also entertainment of whimsical style featuring the Esther Williams Memorial water

ballet company. It's a fundraiser for the Montrose Counseling Center 4pm to 8pm at the Lovat end, and you can dial 5290037 for more information.

 Jack Valinski 05:51

And this weekend is the deadline for voter registration. If you want to vote in the upcoming general election, you can get a registration card and most stop and go stores. You can get them in many other places. You can call two to 490 19 to get a voter registration card mailed to you but you must do it real quickly because you have to have it in it has to have a postmark by Monday the fifth Okay, and if there's people registering you their last day is Sunday the fourth so if you're not registered to vote do so. We're not telling you how to vote just register to vote.

 Lori Clark 06:25

Alrighty. And on Monday, October 5 is building and maintaining a positive self esteem class as part of MCC RS Christian education series instructed by Dr. Maribel Aquila, a physician and counselor in private practice. For more information dial 861 9149

 Jack Valinski 06:47

and rollerskating. Close to the general public. It's going to be between 730 and 10:30pm at the trade winds roller rink 5006 West 34th Street at 290 and the number for that is 5236381. Okay, and that brings up everything Oh let's see we've got something here from the Montrose Counseling Center. Community Forum in violence in the gay and lesbian family is being held as part of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. The Montrose Counseling Center is sponsoring this forum to address the issues of violence in the gay and lesbian relationships. speakers will identify existing resources of domestic violence and identify if there's resources are being used. If the goal is to raise service providers insight to this aspect, it's October 17, between 10 and noon, 10am and noon, Montrose Counseling Center, you can call 5290037 For more information,

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Okay, anything else that

 Jack Valinski 07:50

we just spoke about everything if you'd like to get your items listed in our calendar, you can send them to peal box 66071 Houston 77266. And this calendar is also provided to the other gay and lesbian shows here on KPFT. To the publication's, and also to the Pride Week newsletter, and, of course, to the gay and lesbian switchboard, who you can call it for more information at five to 930 to 11. And let's go to This Way Out.

 Brian Munoz 08:22

B Brian Nunes 08:22

I'm Brian Nunes,

C Cindy Friedman 08:23

and I'm Cindy Friedman

B Brian Nunes 08:25

a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the weekend in September 26 1992. The United Nations officially heard about gay and lesbian issues for the first time last month, two separate statements supporting gay and lesbian rights were presented to the main body of the UN Human Rights Commission way out. I'm Cindy Friedman. And I'm Brian Nunes.

J Jack Valinski 08:47

And that, of course, is This Way Out, which is a national radio program that comes from our sister station in Los Angeles. KPFK. And if you'd like to listen to you the entire show, you're just listening to the news part of it. You listen to after hours between midnight and 3am, Saturday night, Sunday morning, and this way, it's usually played about 130 You know, just just about as people are wrapping up their bar time, you know. And speaking of time here on radio station, this is KPFT you're listening to Wilde 'N' Stein, and this is sort of an unusual interview we're going to be doing this evening we have our boss's boss, basically. Wilde 'N' Stein is part of the Public affairs programming here on KPFT. And Garland Ganter is sort of the overseer of the program, well Garland's boss is here, Barry Forbes, who's a new general manager KPFT want to welcome you to Houston.

B Barry Forbes 09:43

Well, thank you all already.

J Jack Valinski 09:45

Well, just a few months here I hate to do that to you know, we certainly made general managers come and go pretty quickly at least in the old days. It's been a lot more stable though. I guess in the past Well, past 10 years. It's sort of been KPFT has been a much more stable we've been on The air you know, some of the stories and even before the time I've been here about KPFT being off the air being on the air, being at low power, being a condition read during the summer, all those those things, you know, we still have money problems and making the station go. But it's it's much more flowing than it used to be, I guess. And certainly you see the numbers. So I'm sure it's much more of a horror story to you, Barry. But specifically, we're here to talk about gays and lesbians in public radio, which I never even knew about it. But you tell us a little bit about the organization?

B**Barry Forbes 10:34**

Well, it's a really kind of a low key organization, at least for the last four years, pretty much we had cocktail receptions at the Public Radio Conference, sort of well, who is and who do you think is kind of a fair? And so it was only about a year and a half ago, we said, hey, we have something here. We're getting like 80 people to these, these receptions. Maybe we should do something about this, let's put on a show kind of thing. And so a year and a half ago at the conference in New Orleans, we put it to the people who came to the conference, do you want us to organize? Oh, no. And basically people said, Yeah, we feel that there's a real need to have some kind of representative organization, within Public Radio, for a number of reasons. And so after about a year of figuring out what those reasons might be, and organizing and incorporating, we have bam, a brand new organization. We wrote the articles of incorporation, and we're live and for real, and now I'm struggling through the nonprofit status.

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What were the reasons, probably some of the reasons, the some

B**Barry Forbes 11:37**

of the reasons included a sense of association with a professional group, I think the first concern was protect our jobs. Very simply, we are visible force. Another reason was to, to somehow influence programming at the national and local level to make sure there was representation of gay and lesbian concerns at the national and local level. And then there's that well, who isn't who isn't attitude as well. And we keep the mailing list, very confidential. But those are some of the reasons that we incorporate it. And we are looking how we can pursue our interests even more.

J**Jack Valinski 12:16**

It's not too long ago that a gay person at the television station who may be the assignments editor, or report or something like that, would sometimes be or lesbian person would be the worst enemy of a, an organization that's trying to get publicity, because that person didn't want to be perceived as gay or lesbian. Things have changed a lot in past couple of years.

B**Barry Forbes 12:37**

Yes or no? Some things have changed. I'm sorry, I just jumped in. But that's often the case that still and I just want to make that point as well, because the environment is still not supported. So I'm sorry, just to jump right in there.

J**Jack Valinski 12:51**

No, no things have changed. No, absolutely. Some things have changed. We've gotten more press coverage from the from the sort of mainstream press, as we call it, than we ever have,

especially in Houston. It's taken a lot of work and effort. I mean, there's more people out there now than just Ray Hill. I mean, Ray Hill has done a lot of work to get people, gays and lesbian issues on television. But now there are more people like people in coordination, and in public radio, especially when we're dealing with staffs that are much smaller. That if you don't come out, and this is really interesting to many years ago, somebody said to me, Well, why aren't they covering our issues? We weren't doing our own job and getting our issues covered by bringing the topics to radio and television stations. Well, the same thing I'm sure happened in public radio with the staffs been as much smaller. It's, it's now now it's like when Terry Gross does a topic on fresh air. It's just like another topic.

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Barry Forbes 13:49

Right? And I think she made the point very well, when actually, I should say Terry Gross actually moderated a panel at the Public Radio Conference last year, we convinced her to do a full panel. And we had a number of people talking exactly about this issue. People like a station manager of a station in San Francisco. She happened to be straight director of a state Radio Network, Ken Vincent, who is a representative of GLAAD gays and lesbians against Alliance Against Defamation. Bob Ferrante who was executive producer for morning news at NPR National Public Radio, and we're also Roy Aaron's president of the National lesbian gay Journalists Association. She said that there are a lot that gay and lesbian issues are now mainstream, for whatever purpose whatever reason, they are out in the in the media. It's our responsibility that the that the right spin that the right information is out there. And this is where an organizations like Blippar, of which I'm a co chair of the national organization can be helpful because we can provide that information or contacts to local organization or just having the head of NPR news at a panel is eye opening for him and for us. So yesterday and open now the challenge is who are they going to call for information about it? Well, exactly.

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Jack Valinski 15:09

Doing being involved in Pride Week, many years in Houston. There is always that fear. Well, during Pride Week, of course, we have the drag queens and leather community come out there and, and the dykes on bikes. This is KPFT and Houston. And we just had a little power surge here. Maybe they did like what we were talking about, but everything seems to be back up. So anyway, we're talking about is that there was always the the issue that this might have, that all you got to see in the press was the drag queens and the people in leather. And I think sort of our attitude in Pride Week was well, that's okay. I mean, sure, we like to, you know, show that the vast majority of people involved in the community are not just the people that they show on the front page. But on the other hand, those were the people that started the movement.

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Barry Forbes 16:04

Absolutely. Absolutely. And we want to make sure we continue the movement, I think that's the point as well, it's a you think that in public radio of all parts of the media perhaps would be the easiest to be out. Not true. Not true at all, considering the wide spectrum of types of radio stations and where they're located throughout the country, sometimes it's more difficult to be out in a public radio station because of the need for dependence upon listener support. And some very, you know, uncomfortable general managers may have to make difficult decisions

about programming and about a staff member being out and a staff member of themselves, they have to be circumspect about that kind of information, even though it may add to what they're doing in their role at that station may add a different dimension. But it is a difficult kind of thing, because most public radio stations are very conservative, depending on where they are located in the country. And the management as well. Even National Public Radio has had an education process, let's say going on over the last few years. So it's not easy in public radio, let me just say, right, that I mean, people think we're Oh, so liberal, like, Wow, no, on a whole, it's not any different from any other kind of employer any situation, especially when you have public support.

J Jack Valinski 17:25

What about community radio, when we go beyond, you know, sort of the more mainstream national public radio stations is community radio is tough to be out.

B Barry Forbes 17:36

Probably less tough. I, my background has been more the larger and public radio stations, I know I have friends at community radio stations as perhaps a little bit easier, but only because they're mostly volunteers. They're not staking their careers on it. I think that's the big difference of person who's an activist can be an activist in many things, including public radio, or in my case, also public access television as well, because it doesn't damage there for our professional standing. If you're in public radio, any kind of media and this was a lot of movement between commercial and public radio, in terms of journalists and that management in that kind of thing. That can really be a little red flag on your resume.

J Jack Valinski 18:17

Yes. Is there the issue that well, maybe you can get a job, but you may not go up to the next level?

B Barry Forbes 18:24

Oh, absolutely. And the thing is to that, how paranoid Are you going to be? That's, you know, I've always been out in multiple positions that I've had. And so, you know, I can't say, Well, I had a rocky relationship with that general manager, because well, obviously, because I'm gay. Yeah, I mean, come on.

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As a crutch. It can be used as a crutch sometimes.

B Barry Forbes 18:44

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Yeah, it depends on the the individual really in the in your own mind, why are they doing this to me? You know, and who knows? Who knows? And the only thing you can tell are the open harassments harrassment. The open admission that oh, well, I just don't want you out there because you are gay. And my background has been in fundraising. And so it's perhaps a bit more sensitive issue for the managers I've worked with, if I'm out there raising money to being very public, but no one has ever raised the question with me directly. I did have a general manager who had a problem with me offering offering romanovski and Phillips CDs as premiums However, even though I offered a offered them around an interview on Weekend Edition with Scott Simon. His objection was the use of a of a word on the album describing a part of the male anatomy Oh yeah. That was his excuse. And it's real tough to cut through with the excuses are to the reasons. So again, our organization gays and lesbians and public radio is trying to raise the awareness within the the industry to protect people's jobs, but also to involve or to infiltrate. I like the word infiltrate our programming, as well. So a couple of number group number of

J Jack Valinski 20:10
how somebody gets involved in the organization. Oh, well, they

B Barry Forbes 20:13
just call us up. We have a newsletter. Now we have our second issue of our newsletter. And I just happen to have a copy of it here. Thank you for let me borrow in your copy forgot to bring mine

J Jack Valinski 20:23
Yes. This evening. Deborah bells mentioned in there a few times. Yes, she is.

B Barry Forbes 20:27
She Deborah Bell, of course, is the National Coordinator for the National march on Washington for lesbian gay bisexual rights. And I think that's most the title. And I also did mention about coverage of gay pride here gay and lesbian pride here in Houston as well, these types of information to share with people on the country. Getting back to your question, how do you join up, you can probably just drop a note off to me here at the station. It is primarily for people in the broadcast industry of Public Radio, volunteers or professionals. But you know, at lots of people on our list, we have a lot of independent producers, our lists about 150 200 people around the country. And before I came to KPFT, I did a lot of consulting and I kind of scouted let's say

J Jack Valinski 21:13
KP KPFT? How is your tenure been here? So far?

B**Barry Forbes 21:16**

I've been loving it. Absolutely loving it. Spending a lot of hours here, I think that the station has a lot going for it. And the problems I do say are mostly infrastructural and financial. And that that's why I have a sneaking suspicion and why I was hired having my professional consulting management background and fundraising background. But I'm just I just love that the resources the station has and the the relationship it has with members in the community and I'm having a great time it just you know, these bags in my eyes really tell me the story. And the fact I'm here rather at home with my honey, you know, tells its own story.

J**Jack Valinski 21:54**

Has Houston surprised you a bit the city itself. Yes,

B**Barry Forbes 21:57**

absolutely. Absolutely. I thought there would be tumbleweeds and cacti around. I've only been down here once I was down here doing consulting for this station about a year and a half ago. And so I kind of knew what I was getting in for but didn't have a chance to really explore Houston. But we've been pleasantly surprised.

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What do you think about the gay community down here?

B**Barry Forbes 22:16**

See, I don't really know. All I know is the Montrose. And I'm not quite sure we went to gay pride. And that was kind of fun. I thought it was smaller than Washington DC.

J**Jack Valinski 22:31**

It's very hard to categorize Houston, because it's so different in so many ways. And certain things that are great. And I'm just comparing it to a city like Dallas. So we can compare the community radio between Houston and Dallas. I mean, we have a terrific station and I'm not putting them down. It's just that we are just very lucky. People complain about the signal here in Houston. But our signal is so much better than the community station up in Dallas.

B**Barry Forbes 22:57**

And have my way it will be better so we're working to but I guess we haven't been around much we went to the EPA event kings and queens and in between had a great time. And that's about the extent we've been out and around a little bit. But we're mostly suburban types in DC

we there we've just witnessed a real burgeoning of organization in the south suburbs, and I was unfortunately a part of that. But we I don't get a sense of what's happening outside of the Montrose yet. And since we're really not like bar event type people. We are looking to see what the community is around the area as well. So I you know, we haven't had time. That's an unfair question, Jack. I'm sorry.

J Jack Valinski 23:40

Well, we got one so far. Well, thank you for joining us tonight.

B Barry Forbes 23:44

Certainly. Thank you very much.

J Jack Valinski 23:45

Well, it's a great pleasure to have you on here. Very Forbes is a general manager here at KPFT. And also your co

B Barry Forbes 23:52

chair co chair. Yes, I'm co chair on the male chair, along with Judy Ward, who is the head of a SICA southern education Communication Association radio division as of about a month ago, they're doing some reorganization or reorganizing.

J Jack Valinski 24:05

Great, and you're listening to Wilde 'N' Stein and we'll be back. Genesis and At 17 really a song that has a lot of undertones for our community talking about making updates in lying on a telephone. And I'm being told to talk a little bit louder. We just had a small power hit here at the studios here in beautiful Montrose with stuff like that never happens. Tonight, our second guest is Shirley Knight. She is doing a new sort of a not a full time channel, but she's trying to put together a program called vim TV, which is going to be dealing with issues concerning women and different community issues. Why don't you tell us a little bit about your project your?

S Shirley Knight 25:08

Well, this is planned as a monthly show. And it will be on 10 times each month on the public access channel, which is on Warner and store cable. So it's it's only on cable, but it's the public access channel, sort of the equivalent to KPFT except for it is on television. Do you know on Warner Cable, it kind of depends on I guess your TV, whether your cable ready or not, but it can be channeled for Channel Nine or channel 11. And on store, it's now moved to channel 98. So pretty far up on the dial. Yeah,



Lori Clark 25:46

we'll say tell us what kind of guests you'll be having on your shows?



Shirley Knight 25:49

Well, we've already videotaped two shows. And the first one, we have the Indigo Girls, and that is to folk singers from Atlanta. And they've put out four original albums. And they're on a national tour currently. So we went to Austin, and videotaped a little bit of their concert, and also got a chance to meet them and talk with them a little bit after the



Lori Clark 26:11

show. So you'll be having an actual interview with them. It's a short interview



Shirley Knight 26:15

that's about all their road manager would let us have but they're they're really nice, really good to meet them and actually very friendly and very gracious, which for people who are on a national tour and constantly being hounded by, by media types and fans. It was I was really impressed with the wonderful



Jack Valinski 26:34

they were on Austin city limits sometime last season.



Shirley Knight 26:37

They have a lot of humility. They really love what they're doing. And that it seems like they've stayed close to their roots. So it was great getting to meet them. And also in that show, we have Gretchen Phillips, who is from Houston. And actually, we went to high school together. And she hosted a show here on KPFT, a long time ago when she was in high school about 10 years ago, but she's up in Austin now. And she founded a band called to nice girls, which a lot of people have heard of. And so we did a pretty in depth interview with her and did some little concert scenes with her. So that's the



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first program. And I understand you have the wash. On one of the show on



Shirley Knight 27:12

S Shirley Knight 27:13

the second program. We videotaped all of the second program during the Republican National Convention. And it just kind of goes chronologically with some of the events that took place. And it starts with an interview with Patricia Ireland. And we've had him now National President of now. And then we did a clinic defense training session, which about 2000 people attended. It was at one of the Jewish temples here in town. And then later we went out to the West Loop clinic and there was a lot of activity going on. The police and the anti choice activists and mostly clinic defenders, a lot of and you know, walkie talkies and media and all that

L Lori Clark 27:51

going on when you had your cameras trained on the claims. Did you get a lot of action? Well, I mean,

S Shirley Knight 27:57

because of the the ruling by the state district judge, the anti choice activists were required to stay 100 feet away from the clinic doors. So it didn't get as confrontational as I understand it has in other cities, it could have been a lot worse, but the clinics were very well defended by highly trained people that you know, had volunteered to go out there and spend time so it was all kept under control. And there was a lot of police out there.

J Jack Valinski 28:19

So you must have a big crew of people helping you out putting all this together

S Shirley Knight 28:23

to people right now. It's me and Chris Miller, and we're it we carry all the equipment, set it up, do the interviews, take it down, monitor the audio. If anybody would like to help, I would like to learn video.

L Lori Clark 28:38

What did they contact you? You need some volunteers? Well, we

S Shirley Knight 28:40

have a Pio box. It's 66604. Houston, Texas, 77266 care femme TV, fan TV. And so also on that second program, sort of getting back to that we covered a now rally outside of the Astrodome, and that's where we have a speech by Urvashi bad which was probably the high point of the rally to a lot of people. It was she was asked she was very eloquent dynamic. Pretty much all you'd want and in the national leader, and she isn't rush them to, she's fiery. She is very committed to interview her though after that we interviewed her a couple of days later at was

the convention was winding up. And I had wanted to interview her earlier. But it turned out very fortunate, I think, to interview her toward the end of the week, when she was sort of reflecting back on all that had happened. And she was pretty drained by the end, but also, I think, pretty impressed with the community here. And they had done the press conferences in the marches and a lot of different events and activities. So

 Lori Clark 29:44


so we want to see these shows what time should we turn on our cable access TV?

 Shirley Knight 29:49

Well, the first program is on 10 times in October and I'll just mention the two Primetime slots we have one is Tuesday, October 13, from eight to 9pm. And then it will also be on Monday, October 19, from seven to 8pm.

 Jack Valinski 30:05


Okay, which channel is this on? Okay, listed as

 Shirley Knight 30:09

pack and the TV guy PAC public access channel.

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Okay. And we gave our viewers the numbers, alright. Okay. Okay.

 Shirley Knight 30:17

And the second program, we've already got that scheduled that's going to be on in November. And actually, it's on three primetime slots. On election night, before the good election returns start coming in, you could tune in November 3, that's Tuesday, 6pm. And then the following night will be on at 630. That's November 4, a Wednesday, and will also be on November 17. That Tuesday at 9pm. And then, again, other slots during the weekend on Saturdays.

 Lori Clark 30:45

So since there's just two of you doing the show, is this a full time job for both of you?

 Shirley Knight 30:50

We both have day jobs. This is a hobby or some community activism that we'd like to do on the side.

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Lori Clark 30:57

What? How did that idea balloon? Well,

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Shirley Knight 31:01

actually, we've been making video for quite a while Chris and I both went to the High School for the Performing visual arts here in Houston, where we started learning video production about 1010 or 12 years ago. And I became a volunteer at Access Houston when they first developed in 1987, when they were first established, and I pretty much made at least one video a year that I produced myself and also participated as a member of different crews and things like that. And this is something I've been wanting to do for a long time. And so finally, we just it just fell into place. Once we got the idea, we we got the interview with the Indigo Girls and got the press passes. And then the convention was in town. So there seems to be no lack of subject matter, which is

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good. And how are you going about for funding on this? Well, with through access, it's

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Shirley Knight 31:50

a grant program. So there's really not a lot of cash involved. All we pay for really are the tapes. And that's about \$200 worth of tapes for each show.

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Lori Clark 32:01

So budding film producers can have a chance at doing different kinds of shows. It's there for the

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Shirley Knight 32:07


community, and anybody who's interested, you know, really, I would encourage them to get involved because it's a way to make your voice heard.


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Lori Clark 32:15

Or maybe they could volunteer for you versus the apprentice program.

 Shirley Knight 32:19
That's what I did. It's necessary.

 Jack Valinski 32:21
Great. And are you having some type of preview or showing we are actually


 Shirley Knight 32:25
this Thursday at Miss B's, which is the far end of the ranch? At 630. We'll be showing these videos on the widescreen TV they have their I know a lot of people don't have cable and do want to see the the program. So this will be a good opportunity to come out and see the shows.


 Lori Clark 32:42
Are you gonna have like a grand opening party for them?

 Shirley Knight 32:45
It's the premiere, but it's it's Loki?

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Oh, no champagne. And

 Shirley Knight 32:51
that's a good idea. You bind

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with that hashtag. Oh, great.

 Jack Valinski 32:56
That's sort of all like what KPFT is doing. We're a community radio. And the nice thing about KPFT is you don't have to subscribe to cable. But cable this says sort of the the same idea and sort of like the local like a C span type thing. And it's wonderful to have that that. You know,

there are some channels available to people to produce things, just like we do things here on radio. And it's really good to get people involved in that to have different viewpoints than just what we see on the commercial TV station. That's right.

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Shirley Knight 33:27

That's right. And that's partly why we're doing this because I don't see a lot of programming out there on TV that, that I'm that interested in watching. You know, when I come home, I don't want to say anything about attorneys or murderers or violence.

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Lori Clark 33:40

I'm TV, are you lesbian oriented? Are you just women or she's oriented?

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Shirley Knight 33:45

Well, it's them to be actually stands for feminist television. And I do like to point out that men can be feminists too. So it's not just women necessarily. But I'm certainly women oriented and any anybody who's doing civil rights work, I would think we you know, like we had the national lesbian and gay taskforce on and some of the speakers had an event they had during the convention, the town meeting,

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Lori Clark 34:09

any future I can you give us some ideas of some of your future shows.

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Shirley Knight 34:13

Well, we're going to be taping program three. This next weekend, which you mentioned on the program, Lonestar women's Music Festival October 2 through fourth in New Braunfels. We'll be out at that. And we're collaborating with the Austin access channel saw the Houstonian should wave? That's right. You'll see us out there sweating carrying equipment around. That's

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Jack Valinski 34:34

great. Well, thank you surely for coming by. Thanks for letting us know and we will be announcing your schedule and our weekly calendar so they can have people tune in great and you're listening to Wilde 'N' Stein and we'll be back and you're listening to Wilde 'N' Stein, I think this mic module works better than the other one. As we said, we had a little power outage here on KPFT here in the beautiful Montrose a bunch of things, a bunch of things are happening this week. And well, for one thing that Kentucky struck down there sodomy law, which was basically just against gay people. In a 43. ruling, the court said that the law violated the state's

constitutional right to privacy. And we do not sympathize, agree or even understand sexual preference of homosexuals in order to recognize their right for equal treatment before the bar of criminal justice. And that was from a quote from a judge in Kentucky.

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Lori Clark 35:42

Oh, well, talking about the sodomy law. The State Supreme Court Well, here are Texas 2106 case they've decided to hear it. Because the Texas Supreme Court announced September 9 That will hear arguments in the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of section 2106 of the Texas penal code, commonly referred to as the Texas sodomy law. Go on to read it. It says that Attorney General moralists appealed to the district court's decision to both the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals on May 8, the Court of Criminal Appeals declined to hear arguments in the case saying that it did not have jurisdiction because no one had been prosecuted under the law. They're urging everyone to vote November, the thr F Director of Development Susie Waggars said the fact that this is an election year will have a bearing on the fate of 2106. There are nine justices on the High Court, five of them Democrats and the remaining four Republicans, Democrats, Oscar Missouri, mozzie and Jack Hi towers wills Republican Eugene cook are up for reelection this year. We're urging everyone to get out of get out and vote November. It's important for people to realize that as far as this particular case is concerned, this is it. The Texas Supreme Court will decide the fate of Morales Morales, the thr F needs everyone's help to win the battle. We specially need support. For more information on supporting the th RF suit, right Pio box 49740 Austin, Texas 78765 Or you can call 512479 th RF,

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Jack Valinski 37:20

that's a Texas Human Rights Foundation. And that whole history of that has gone a number of different ways. First, it was in the US District Court in Dallas, and we won that case, we lost it in the Court of Appeals in New Orleans. And then when Hardwick was struck, was not struck down like we had hoped it would be that basically they didn't the Supreme Court didn't touch our case. So it went back to say to where the New Orleans court says that they weren't going to rule against it. So then they challenged at the state courts. And sometimes states have more right of privacy type of laws. So we'll see what happens with that. And speaking of things going on the Chi think this was in this way out, but California Governor Pete Wilson signed in the gay rights measure that the same basically the same type of law that he vetoed last year, when a number of people and especially in Los Angeles, We're protesting against it and doing some civil disobedience, which is sort of unusual for Los Angeles. It's just strange. How a year later. Yes, well, they are. I mean, you know, everybody thinks of San Francisco being a real radical area. But when he vetoed that measure a year ago, a little bit over a year ago, there was a lot of demonstrations going on in Los Angeles that they didn't expect.

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Lori Clark 38:44

Great. Also, about October 4 is the last day to register for voting. And that article that I recently saw with texts. Nancy Molitor, longtime Democratic Party activist and co chair of the Lesbian Gay Democrats of Texas, has been named a state co chair of the gay and lesbians for Clinton gore. She will be working with the other co chair Tom Henderson of Austin to rally support for

the Democratic presidential ticket, an estate whose vote may be crucial determining who will occupy the White House for the next four years. She estimates that there are 100,000 or more gay lesbian votes in Texas, and that could put the sway in the voting so register to vote however you vote it's not important but registered vote well it is important Yeah, yes, I am biased were

J Jack Valinski 39:35
asked you know, you should be registered to vote

L Lori Clark 39:38
imagine that Texas could actually sway it at some point. Now

J Jack Valinski 39:42
it really incredible the way things are going on Nancy was at the game has been Political Caucus annual dinner this past Saturday, and she received an award from them as did the number of people including my co chair at Pride Week Carol Clark received an award for newcomers a year and Ray Hill received the award, the dawn Rokeby Award for Lifetime Achievement Award and well deserved by Ray Hill. And it was a very nice dinner. And that's when Andrew Sullivan spoke the editor of the New Republic. And he gave very good speech. It was, you know, a lot of people thought that he's he has very conservative views. And but it's sometimes nice to hear the other viewpoint and not necessarily completely agree,

L Lori Clark 40:26
just shows that there is diversity in our community. And we need to respect that if nothing else.

J Jack Valinski 40:31
And speaking of Washington, by a vote of 235, four and 173 against the house denied funding for the District of Columbia Columbia's domestic partner laws, the statute extend taxpayer provided health insurance to same sex partners of cities employees. So basically, which the House and Senate I guess, have overruling power over what happens in the District of Columbia, they struck it down. And every single one of the Houston area, Congress persons voted for that measure, which is to deny the funding, with the exception of Craig Washington, and he did not vote on that issue. He apparently wasn't in town. So which is not surprising. I mean, 235, four and 173 against to deny funding for domestic partners in the District of Columbia.

L Lori Clark 41:26
Okay. And in the New York Times, and again, your reputation for top two, our coverage of

lesbian and gay issues. They are now in the obituaries, listing the survivors of the deceased partner as with the family members, and to congratulate the New York Times, for their recognition or for their forward thinking or and they're recognizing late partners, you can write to Joseph Lee Vilde, managing editor, The New York Times 22, nine, West 43rd Street, New York, New York 1036.

J Jack Valinski 42:03

Well, the New York Times has come a long way in the past couple of years, they are really known as the newspaper of record for the country. And when their editor, retired, I don't know the exact name. Things have changed a lot. There's a lot of people just as Barry was talking about people not being able to be free in their job, while New York Times was a very severe case of that, that they set the whole tone of the way a lot of the other news coverage happened in the country. And in fact, it wasn't until a few years ago when the word gay was in there unless it wasn't a direct quote, they always refer to us as homosexuals.

L Lori Clark 42:38

You know, I found that interesting, I can see a real age difference. And people who use the word homosexuals and gay, I really noticed an older generation refer to themselves or when they talk about gay they stay homosexual. And I noticed that's an age thing.

J Jack Valinski 42:53

And also lesbian. The term lesbian is more used by a lot of younger people. And many and not all, but many older women like the term gay women. Yes, that lesbian.

L Lori Clark 43:06

It's really interesting. I noticed that

J Jack Valinski 43:09

interesting development, you know, as nice Parker was here was it last week, I talked about the panel that that talked about the issues around the convention during the the AIDS March. Well, in a post article, I guess there was also an article in the Chronicle a few days earlier, and unlikely honeymoon that Mayor Lanier's had with the Houstons large gay community while running for office, he won widespread, widespread respect after he was in the office. And now he's been as he basically backed his police chief and the report that they did that nothing was wrong during the convention by the police did. There's been a lot of flak and linear may be thinking about having another investigation to give a little bit broader view of he's just basically saying this is not a black and white issue, as Ray Hill said. Gay leaders concede that neither side was perfect that night. They only want police to admit that their conduct was all but rosy. And that's real interest. That's really interesting. I hope something happens to this

L Lori Clark 44:20

issue. I've been really pleased I guess that really how supportive or not supportive at least open minded Lanier has been.

J Jack Valinski 44:28

Well indicates issue came up until this issue came up where he basically says the police force did no wrong. That was one of the first things that happened. So we'll see. And hopefully there will be honeymoon has a few moments of disillusionment. There will be a new investigation on this. Oh,

L Lori Clark 44:47

and I have Nick from West Hollywood, California. 75 people enrolled at the Institute for gay and lesbian education. And students say the school provides a welcome opportunity to study homosexual issues and our family environment. The Institute began classes last week as students gathered around ballrooms scattered around West Hollywood to explore topics tailored to homosexual audiences, by homosexual teachers. Kind of a quote says this is a way of validating that I exist. I've been denied that in other courses by one student, and that was at the conclusion of the first three hour session devoted to psychological development of gays. Some of the course titles offered our queer space gays and lesbians and their built environment. Lesbian writers of the 20th century, the idea of the institute was developed a year ago after Christopher pate Petrucci, a city planner met Simon LaVey, a neuroscientist known for his research on anatomical differences between the brains, homosexual and heterosexual man. Anyway, it's a very interesting article.

J Jack Valinski 45:53

And if you pick up the latest issue of the advocates, it's their 25th year anniversary and there's a lot of good background information I hit really haven't been able to go through it, but it looks really interesting. You're listening to Wilde 'N' Stein here on KPFT and Houston and we'll be back next week want to remind you that the BBC News is up next. And then beyond the bottom line after that this is Jacqueline's gate. This is Roy Clark and you want to thank Donna for running the board tonight? Screening Greenwich Mean Time.