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Lori Clark, Jack Valinski, Deborah Bell

J Jack Valinski 00:34
have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore. No, this is not Kansas. This is Texas.

L Lori Clark 00:42
He's 10, Texas and

J Jack Valinski 00:44
this is Wildenstein, this is Jack Valinski and Lori Clark and we're here to put this last show together. We could just finish this whole show I just do in calendar for December. I think so but, but we will just concentrate on the week ahead of us. Tomorrow is December 1 and the crisis outline orientation session. That is a session for people interested in volunteering with the crisis hotline. It's from 630 to 8pm at the intercare Hospital 7601 Fannin.

L Lori Clark 01:13
Okay. Wave Women Against Violence Everywhere spinning, what's a group specifically focusing on violence against women and children? At the Sojourner Truth room at the First Unitarian Church 5200 Fanon at sophomore. Now, make sure you write down this number because we don't know when you're going to be able to hear it again. 8679117.

J Jack Valinski 01:34
Tomorrow, December 1 is also World AIDS Day. And the press usin pressed to this wonderful little sidebar here story, not enough can be said about the importance of everybody working together to prevent the spread of AIDS. There's a number of things going on during tomorrow.

There's 50 photos and art organization called Boston's [Cool as Tang, Cool as Tang thing?], distributed cameras to 50 HIV infected Bostonians of all races and sexual orientation. And they took a bunch of different pictures. And that's going to be shown from six to 9pm. At the Robert. Let's see Robert Kelly will also be there. It's going to be at the Houston Center for Photography, which is 1441, West Alabama. There is donations asked but for the Thomas Street Clinic, but nobody I guess will be turned away. There's going to be films on AIDS at the Museum of Fine Arts and that's happens from 10am all the way through tomorrow afternoon at 245. When common threads stories from the quilt will be on that is free. It's 5101 Montrose and their number there is 69 7300 for information, talk of the town. We're hoping to be there tomorrow tape some of this for Wednesday mornings. New magazine news program at 7am. San Antonio, a performance artist Paul Rodriguez brings his comic monologue about coming of age, Tex Mex style at diverse works. And is he's a former ballet dancer, a freelance writer and teaches English at Palo Alto College. And proceeds go to the berry Memorial daycare center. And this is going to be tomorrow December 1 at 8pm diverse works, which is 1117 nailer. Actually, I think it's supposed to be 1117. East freeway, it's it's a little bit hard to find. But it's in the Noho section of town north of Houston, the warehouse district and their number is 2280914. There's a charge for that. And the tree of remembrance, this memorial ceremony ceremony opens with a performance by Heartsong, who we haven't heard from lately, and it welcomes a number of people there and the president body positive will be there. And readers from the Houston names project will be there. And let's see, that's going to be music by the gay man's course. That's going to be tomorrow at 6:45pm at the Metropolitan multiservice Center. 1475 West grade 52423742 Other

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Lori Clark 04:13

things about the summer first International Aids Day is it's a day without art. Most of the art museums are taking black covering and covering up all of the artwork, because so many gay and lesbian people are have contributed to the art world and the next thing is it's a blackout for 15 minutes. And Austin the dome was actually going to blacking out at the dome lights for 15 minutes. I believe it's from 745 to 8pm. And they're having a die and people lay down and they were black and they put a flashlight on their face for that 15 minutes to honor people who have died so that they're not forgotten. Well, that's wonderful. That's international the blackout time.

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Jack Valinski 04:55

Okay, so now we move on to Wednesday, the second the men's network, book review now eight, two books on gay issues will be reviewed. And that's going to happen and 900 Lovett Suite 201 For more information, it's 5290037 it's Montrose Counseling Center.

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Lori Clark 05:12

The Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus meets at 7:30pm at Montrose Palace, which is that 1505 Nevada and Commonwealth and you call 521 1000.

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Jack Valinski 05:23

Thursday the Montrose Activity Center has its monthly board meeting. And that's going to be a

Thursday the Montrose Activity Center has its monthly board meeting. And that's going to be a 6pm at the Montrose library 4100 Montrose, I would check on that we don't have a phone number either for now okay,

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Lori Clark 05:35

there is a how to have a safe and sober holiday. Holidays are difficult times for many recovering persons to help members of our community successfully cope this holidays this year. MCC is offering a series of meetings to offer support and tools for sobriety during the holidays call for cost and information at 715 to 9pm and 900. Lovett Sweet 201 And that number is 5290037.

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Jack Valinski 06:02

And also the wrecking ball is going to be happening at 900 Lovett 900 Lovett is the building of the Counseling Center and the gay and lesbian Political Caucus and it served as that home for a long time, they are going to be demolishing the building and the next few weeks or so. And so they're going to have a sort of a fundraiser, and it's going to be fundraiser for the lesbian and gay Political Caucus, gay and lesbian Pride Week, and also the Lesbian Gay rights lobby is going to be happening from 6pm on and there's a you know, small fee for that. But basically, it's like you can write on the walls you can do wonderful things and just have a good time.

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Lori Clark 06:42

Okay, hatch is having a fundraiser with the Houston area teen teenage Coalition for homosexuals. Dr. Silverstein pioneering author in the field of human sexuality is donating his time to benefit for the Houston area teen coalition of homosexuals hatch. There is a fee for this seven to 9pm at the crossroads market and bookstore which is at 610 West Alabama. For more information, you dial 942702

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Jack Valinski 07:11

Okay and continuing that on Saturday, the workshop for mental health professionals. Dr. Silverstein pioneer in his field of human sexuality, we'll be conducting a workshop it's there's a there's a charge for that from 10am to 2pm. At the First Unitarian Universalist Church 5210 Fannin and their number is the number for more information is 942 7002.

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Lori Clark 07:36

Okay, and Dr. Silverstein is a very busy man, because he will be the guest speaker at a dinner. So you want to call for more information at 9427002

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Jack Valinski 07:49

and crisis, teen line orientation session information sessions for people interested in

volunteering for the team line ages 15 through 19. It's going to be from one to 2:30pm at the intercare Hospital 7601 Fanon.

L Lori Clark 08:04

Okay, Sunday December 6, the women's group meets at 10am. At the Sojourner Truth room at the First Unitarian Church 5200 Fannin at South Moore. For information you can call Iris at 5298571 or Janet at 9427 D 717.

J Jack Valinski 08:22

And real live women coming out of stories. It's a special process and a fun to it's going to be at Inklings from noon to 2pm and evenings is at 1846. Richmond. And for more information, it's 8693358.

L Lori Clark 08:38

Okay and Lady Victoria's last PWA Christmas the sixth annual fundraiser is sheltered by the Koch 45 General charity account. And ladies asking everyone to help raise \$1,000 For 400 people so that they can have a bit of Christmas. The show will be the finale show at 6pm at Brazzers. Whoever bottom 2400 Brass is five to 463 44. And we talked about the book signing no he's busy Dr. Silverstein returns

J Jack Valinski 09:07

returns yes, they're getting they're getting their money's worth out of him this weekend. Pioneering author of human sexuality will be signing his new book, The new joy of gay sex from 2pm to 4pm at Crossroads market in bookstores 610, West Alabama, nine four to 7002 is an information number.

L Lori Clark 09:26

And guess Monday will be roller skating that is close to the general public at 730 to 10:30pm at trade week's roller trade winds roller rink that's on West 34th at 290. For more information dial 5236381.

J Jack Valinski 09:43

Since this calendar won't be read anymore, if you'd like to get a copy of it, and it's probably better to have a copy of it rather than listening to us go on and on forever about it. You can write to gay and lesbian Pride Week or if you want to just write pride committee of Houston at Oct 66071, Houston 77266 You can get a free copy of this newsletter. And if you want to send in a little donation, that's okay, but you don't have to. And it comes out monthly and we do our

best to include everything, although we don't always get any everything. And this information is also provided to the switchboard provided to the after our show and provide it to the local newspapers.

 Lori Clark 10:24

Well, Jack, let's say I forgot this address that you've given me is there anywhere I can go pick this beautiful wild cat, this gay pride newsletter up anywhere in the city here

 Jack Valinski 10:34


at KPFT, which is for 19 Love it at local bookstore, which is on Westheimer at the crossroads market bookstore, which is on West Alabama. Inklings bookstore, which is on Richmond. And usually it's at Mary's and a few other bars. But it's always you can get it at the

 Lori Clark 10:51

Gay Lesbian bookstore in the city. And that

 Jack Valinski 10:55

just about closes it up for the calendar. There's a so there's a couple special pieces of music in the plane tonight. This is a very sad song about two boys who go to live with a gay couple. And unfortunately, they're not able to stay there. It's a song called Scott and Jamie and a song by Fred small called Scott and Jamie. Very, very sad song. But unfortunately it's I understand was based on a true story. And we have sort of somebody who we haven't heard from for a while. And even though we thought she went to Washington, she would be quiet. Deborah is never quiet. And Deborah, just second as soon as we get you. Okay. How are you? Deborah Bell?

 Deborah Bell 11:48

I'm pretty great. I'm tired from traveling over Thanksgiving, but I'm doing pretty good. Considering I'm in the frozen land of the north. The vast wasteland. Yeah, outside of the country of Texas. And it's a good thing. You can't keep me quiet. I mean, you know, that's one of my reasons to be on Earth is to change the world by being an out loud queer.

 Jack Valinski 12:16

Well, yes, and I mean, we even gave you a microphone for a while. In fact, I'm probably guilty of getting you on Wilde 'n' Stein. I'm not guilty of getting you on KPFT because you were helping out with a woman's place long before you were with Wallenstein.

 Deborah Bell 12:22

D Deborah Bell 12:32

Actually, my history with KPFA goes back to the very early days back when the station got bombed off the air and, and all of that veiled hippie days I've been in and out of that place over the years, but around about my team, maybe two, maybe a little bit for that. I had, as you said, gone on Claire current show a number of times, talking about things going on in the National Organization for Women, and feminism and things like that. And then of course, after I came out and started getting more involved in gay and lesbian politics, yeah, started doing more volunteer work for breakthrough and Walden spine. And, and that's when one night, somewhere I don't know, somehow less, to your own dismay, said, why don't you come on and start helping with this? Yeah.

J Jack Valinski 13:23

Well, Deborah, you were one of the few women I knew. And I wanted to have parity. I say, you know, that's not true.

D Deborah Bell 13:30

You know, one of women is you are an honorary lesbian.

J Jack Valinski 13:36

Yes, I have a sign to prove that. Anyway. Well, this is the last Wildenstein show, the station is going to be doing some sort of different type of programming starting tomorrow morning. And we have had a commitment from the general manager, that there is going to be a new game lesbian radio show, that is going to be sort of a magazine type show that's going to premiere before or on the early part of March. And so in all those, you know, the plans that we're still working on it, we haven't even gotten a name for it. We don't have a time slot for it yet. But we are in the process of putting that all together. In the meantime. And throughout that time, we're also going to be working on pieces for the new morning news show. And in fact, tomorrow, we're going out to diverse works, and hopefully being able to put that all together. And that's a lot more complex than what we do here on our show because it takes a lot of time to going out to a place recording it putting it together, editing it, and then getting it put together on into a package. But we're going to be part of this radio station.

D Deborah Bell 14:44

Actually, when I saw the proposal and I heard about the meetings and and the way the Houston community came out in support of the gay and lesbian programming on KPFT. And then to see the press release this issue to concerning the new program. It's really rather exciting, I think it will afford us some opportunities to maybe branch out a little bad and to provide even better programming. At first, I think we were afraid we were gonna lose something very precious. And we have been very privileged in Houston to have long term programming focused on the game was being community because they don't have it. During many other places. That's one thing that I've found out since being up here, there's a sporadic around the country. And it is growing some because there's a lot more venues available, such as through cable access, and like that,

and because we've been more visible in the media, but to have a place on the dial, every week to tune into has been a real privilege. And it's also been a real privilege for those of us who were committed to doing the programming.


J Jack Valinski 16:04

Absolutely, I think we've been very privileged. It's lucky, we're very lucky to have sort of our own little safe space on in the mass media that is available to everybody, all you have to do is have a radio and radios are very universal. Not everybody has cable, not everybody has access to cable, not everybody can sit and watch it in front of their family, but a radio you can put your phones on and you can or you can listen in to your bedroom or your closets, or whatever. And, and that's wonderful. That's really neat. And we're still going to be here after hours is still going to be here from one to three in the morning on Sunday morning. And that's important. And and you're right. I mean, again, today there was this nice little op ed piece in The New York Times about it's up to AIDS up to gaze to stop the spread of AIDS. And it was an article that came out of Q W. But it was reprinted in New York Times. Today. There's an editorial in the post, although I don't necessarily agree with it. Clinton should go slow on having gays in the military. But you know, we're still of course it's a post. I'm actually the chronic would probably be worse. And I don't know if you heard this but besides all the bad news that comes coming out in Colorado, there's some very good news. The manager of the new coast to coast lesbian and gay radio station said listeners will find plenty of music from homosexual artists and issue orientated news, but he's looking for that anybody that is looking for titillation should tune out. People will be bored before they will be at titillate. It says clay Henderson. Saturday night after a que gay went on the air. There's nothing that will go out of its way to offend people, especially my sweet little old Republican mother in Brasilia County, Texas. Broadcasting from a tiny Denver studio crammed on opening night with television magazine and radio reports. Henderson says investors pumped 1 million into the station to bring mainstream radio for gay and lesbian audience. The only problem is, is that the only way you can receive this is via satellite, you have to have a C band satellite receiver. But it's available all over the country. So we know we've made a lot of progress. And we're seeing more and more of our I mean, we were on access cable with the parade this year. And Deborah, why don't you tell us a little bit about the national perspective now that you're up there in the vortex of evil as Urvashi says

D Deborah Bell 18:36

it is true the vortex of evil in and of course, we're we're losing Urvashi from the National Gay and Lesbian Task forcing gaming Tory Osbourne but Derby she certainly isn't going away she's just going to in other directions but she's certainly going to be a force to be reckoned with in queer politics. And it is very exciting to be in Washington DC and to kind of have your fingers on the pulse of what is going on. Of course, the the victory that we celebrated election night we had a gay and lesbian victory celebration at the Omni Shoreham, which was the same place the Democratic National Convention committee was having its celebration. And we felt so proud of us especially when on CNN, they flashed the percentage of gays and lesbians that had voted for Clinton. And it was obvious to us that we are a reason that the Clinton Gore ticket one when you have 80% of over 10% of the population. That's a significant demographic advantage. And there are people in the Human Rights Campaign fund the victor We fund with a task force with National Organization for Women who work spending the last three months before the election, working the campaign and working for Carol Moseley, Rahm and lots of other candidates,

Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer in California. We had people in Oregon and in Tampa, and in Colorado, unfortunately, we did lose in Colorado. But so gays and lesbians have become a political force in this country. And it's a retrospective in a lot of ways when we look back on how this has come to be in a big factor. And it is the march that took place in 1987.

 Jack Valinski 20:47

Let we're going to talk about the march that's coming up here in in March and April in April. But first we're going to take a little break and play some more music and Deborah gets more quarters out to put in that phone

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call to stop all the fighting Christmas morning 1940 But good Lord say it's all stop all the sharing and the shooting oh the turbine camera on shaft in the manmade hell and that putrescent smell in the mines and my training shares men from crossed over the line for teachers with atomism the spreadsheet the very next day there were hand grenade was done. gassing and slaughter as we blasted to kingdom come with machine guns. Well, it was nice to pretend we could love with St. Joe's dreams in a matter of hours. And we made it in the morning. Choose call a truth. Stop all pitching and backbiting. Who leaves a lot of sand in the bailiffs this one day, all the way truth. Let's call a truce. Stop all sackings and the stealing. Who'd rape a school girl or cut off someone's pension? This Christmas. says a couple of days when all of fascism gays who oppress and arresting Shah just all leave us alone to return back home for a truce with our mothers and our fathers. But better next day, it's back to the trade said homes in order back to sown in games where it's quaint to pretend we could all live as friends with the Christmas angels Calling but the three in a matter

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in the morning

 Jack Valinski 24:27

that was an album I found and a cut out section of some store many years ago in Euston Tom Robinson and truce, how we wish we can all get along at least for that one day around Christmas. And it's not it's too bad that we couldn't do that every day. Sort of our Christmas song for the season. our one and only. And Tom Robinson is somebody from Britain who's done some early gay and lesbian music and there isn't a lot of gay music around so it's really hard to find and It's hard to, to play that stuff. But it's real neat that we do have some access to it, we found it here and there and lucky on some of that stuff. We are talking to a very good friend, Deborah Bell, who has been part of this show for a number of years, and is now up in Washington. Being part of the office on the March on Washington, and Deborah, I mean, it's hard to introduce you, because you're such a, you're such a good friend, and you've been here week after week helping do the show. And we very much do mission.

 Deborah Bell 25:39

I miss Houston an awful lot. And that since made the publications and of course, one of the hard things about the publications is opening up the obituaries and seeing friends from over the years people that have been activist and and well known in the Houston community and, and even the ones that are people that I didn't ever know, you know, I'm just like, so disheartened by, by that. And, but when I've seen the reports of different things going on, I'm really proud of our community. I'm glad to say there's a lot of activism going on. Having left just before the GOP and hearing all about what took place. In Houston, during the Republican convention that was really interesting. Hearing that the Montrose Counseling Center is moving to a new building. And sounds like it's getting on better footing. That's really exciting to see that Mayor linear and his wife came out for the eighth walk. That was really exciting. And I can tell that there's a lot of changes going on. And it's going to be real different to come come back especially it's going to be different to come back and, and not be going into KPFK every week. And I'm hoping to be part of whatever new programming takes place.

 Jack Valinski 27:03

Well, we can put your name on the proposal. So we're not sure we want you. We

 Lori Clark 27:09


I got a couple of questions for you, Deborah. I want some insiders information. Are you excited about the parade because of Clinton becoming president? What's the atmosphere like with him in

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the march? Yeah,

 Lori Clark 27:21

the march?

 Deborah Bell 27:22

Well, we are of course ecstatic that we have a president who, within the first seven sentences that he spoke in his acceptance speech, use the word AIDS when it took Bush seven and a half years. We're excited that there's someone who's already gone to bat for us. There are gays and lesbians involved in the transition to

 Lori Clark 27:48

really get those name, clouds back,

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Deborah Bell 27:51

there is a lot of education that needs to be done. Quinn is of course going to be invited to the March. There's a strong possibility that he will except Well, you know, we'll see. One of the big aspects of the march, which takes place April 25 1993, are lobbying days. And that's like, from the Wednesday to the before through the Tuesday after there are opportunities for people to go and speak to their congressional representatives and senators. And say, I'm from your district. I'm a gay person, I'm a lesbian person. These are the issues that concern me, I want to see a federal civil rights bill pass for gays and lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people. I want to see the DoD directive eliminated. Whatever the things that concern you are, it will be a chance to be visible and let them see and hear us and know that we are a force to be reckoned with. And 1987 There were over 650,000 of us. This time, we're expecting at least a million. We don't doubt at all that we'll have that number because people are calling from all over the country. It's just really incredible. The groundswell of energy focused on this March.

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Lori Clark 29:16

I heard a rumor Could you tell us tell me if it's true or not that at at the March is when Clinton is going to have the band released about the military in the gay Have you heard anything about



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that rumor? These rumors get out.

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Lori Clark 29:32

Is it accurate or not? Do you know

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Deborah Bell 29:34

do you know somebody told was telling people that the march wasn't going to happen because money wasn't coming in? And we got this frantic call from now saying what is this about the the march is going to be canceled? I think that that is a a fantasy of something that we would like to see. We would like for for Clinton to pick up the phone On in and tell them to stop harassing gays and lesbians in the military, like his first day in office. But if he were to find the whatever it is necessary to make that happen at the March, that would be quite lovely. I don't, you know, I think that's one of the things we'd like to see the names project, which will be displaying the quilt again, of course, they just displayed it in its entirety in early October, that they will be having a display at the time of the march, that will be the same number of panels, as was displayed in a seven. And this time, they hope to carry it in the mark will take over 800 people

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Lori Clark 30:43


to do that. So do you need volunteers for that

 Deborah Bell 30:46


we need volunteers for everything. And 800 For that it will take at least 500 people to clean up after the march, it will take people to do counting and to help people who are disabled are to run errands and do various tasks. So everyone who's here, you know, will have an opportunity to put in a work shift and contribute in somehow that way. Because there is it's just monumental what what will be taking place. There's over 40 Different related events scheduled at this time. So we have everything from our lesbian physicians conference, to a bisexual conference and SM leather fetish conference. We have a very, very special party for Texans. Especially have some black tie events. We have a motorcycle run, a unveiling of a memorial to Harvey Milk. I can't even remember all the things that about the wedding. Donna, the wedding is going to be Saturday morning that's going to be conducted by the Reverend Troy Perry of the universal fellowship of MCC,

 Lori Clark 32:04

who's getting married and on the air for someone who's getting married.

 Deborah Bell 32:08

It certainly is. It's a standing proposal. Anyone who wants to anyone who has made a commitment in a relationship and would like to be part of the map wedding will be able to do so. And there's a reception planned. And I think several people are planning to celebrate their anniversary from the math wedding that took place in 87. And I had a call from one woman who wants to have their baby Christians christened at the service. They just these two women that made a commitment and maybe seven, and one of them was five months pregnant at the time. And since then they've had another child. They want to have a christening, which I think is really nice. Part of our theme is that we too are family that we have family values and that we value families. And so we're focusing a lot on our elders, the old gays and lesbians, the young, the kids coming up the ones that are so active now in groups like hatch and smile in coordination. The Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and the gay and lesbian parents coalition. Were saying, Look, this is what family looks like. And all it rainbow hues. So we're really excited about that idea.

 Lori Clark 33:37

Do you have any people making reservations from Alaska, Hawaii was the farthest you've got people making the reservations from

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Australia, Australia,

L Lori Clark 33:47
Australia?

D Deborah Bell 33:48
Yes, actually, we have someone who came to our last national steering committee from Australia. We do have a number of people who have talked about having marches and major cities around the world in solidarity. In Germany and in Britain. We've had people talk about doing that. We do have a very active group from Alaska involved in the march. We've had a couple of calls from Hawaii, of course, it's harder for them to get here. Probably 90% of the people that will be at the actual March will be people who come in on the train are on buses for the day of just for the march from the eastern seaboard, and along there, people that have easier access to DC. But we're really hoping that you know, people that are in Texas, people that are in California, the state of Washington, Florida are all able to to get as many people as possible to the March. Those of us that were there in 87 know what it was like, and we there's no way to proper We describe it. And then those that want there have been hearing about it ever since and they can't conceive of missing it.

J Jack Valinski 35:08
Deborah, how does people get information about the march? Well,

D Deborah Bell 35:11
the best thing to do is to call our one 800 Number, which is 1-800-883-2288. Nine. And they can leave their address on the machine that will answer and we'll send them out information. Or sometimes you might actually get a live human being, we can't always get to the phones as quickly as we would like to. So that number again, is 1-800-832-2889. And the marches April 25 1993. So that's roughly five months away, I strongly recommend that you get your reservations done pretty quickly, because I hear that they're looking up and by the end of January, they will there will not be a room to be had. We are working on community housing. So people who can't really afford hotels will try to match you up as best we can. With a host people in the DC area.

J Jack Valinski 36:15
Deborah, what is the feeling about what's going on in Colorado right now there's a move to begin a boycott. Gay and lesbian people there have been talking about things I know at the Creating Change Conference that was sort of brought up but nothing was actually done.

D Deborah Bell 36:30
Well, it's problematic and that there are gay and lesbian businesses that will be hurt by a boycott.

J Jack Valinski 36:37

And also the fact that the areas that would probably be hit the worst Denver, in the ski mountains overwhelmingly voted against that.

D Deborah Bell 36:46

Right? Right. They voted the right way. But there's also the argument that we have to take a stand. And that, you know, if it takes dollars, you know, for them to understand what what it's all about that we are better served spending our hard earned pink money elsewhere. And I think some people have said that we should try to get people to move there and to go there and to be very visible as one way of raising consciousness. Somebody even called us today and wants to know why we weren't changing the march, march on Denver.

J Jack Valinski 37:28

It's really interesting. The Atlanta city council banned official travel, and sending and spending in Colorado, and other cities, including San Francisco are taking steps to follow suit. Yeah, in

D Deborah Bell 37:39

fact, gay ski and Guba club that's in the San Francisco area that normally goes to the Aspen gays Day weekend had canceled for this year. So I think feelings are pretty strong about you know, what, what is it that we can do? Ultimately, everyone has to make a decision for their own self about what they want to do. But I I feel like that there will be a move for a boycott, and that it could be very effective. We need to not only not go and not spend our money there, but to let them know that we didn't go maybe, maybe go somewhere else and then send to the tourism bureau in Colorado, the copies of your receipts to show how much money you spend elsewhere.


J Jack Valinski 38:33


Yeah, there's also some moves into fighting this in court. It's been said that if in the 60s and the late 50s, if there was vote on people of color on their rights, that that stuff wouldn't pass either. And it's always scary when the majority votes on the minorities rights. That's true. So and we know in Houston in 1985, what happened when the majority voted on just the fact that people be protected from city employments and how badly that went for us?


D Deborah Bell 39:05


And that's pretty much the same kind of ordinance that just got overturned in Tampa.


J Jack Valinski 39:11


 Jack Valinski 39:11
Yes, uh huh.


 Deborah Bell 39:13
The the of all of the things that were proposed, the one that was in Oregon was by far the worst. And thankfully that was defeated. But, but we've got to pay attention because the bush people, the Bush Reagan people, they are going to strike back with a backlash because they they lost big time with this election. And so they're going to focus on what they see as areas that they can have victories, and that's going to be the issue of abortion, and gay and lesbian rights.


 Jack Valinski 39:49
Well, it's hitting home here in Harris County, are sitting home here in Harris County. Steve hosts he's trying to take over the Republican Party. Remember, Dr. hosi and In setting up the straight slate,

 Deborah Bell 40:01
right, it was the primary force behind the defeat of the referendum or the passing of the referendum. I forget which way it was yes or no or no on us.

 Jack Valinski 40:12
It was no one nine. Yeah. Anyway,

 Deborah Bell 40:17
we can't just NSA Oh, guy, we got the good people elected, we've really got to our work cut out for it.

 Jack Valinski 40:25
Oh, absolutely. It's not over. You know, every every battle, you know, is just just the battle. It's not the war. And even that things you feel comfortable that you got us, you know, always be on your toes, because you never know when something's going to change.

 Deborah Bell 40:39
But you know, we've come so far. I mean, things are amazingly different now than they were five years ago. And those things are amazingly different than they were 10 years ago, for sure. Is just really kind of incredible to believe that we would be in the position that we are now and

that there would be so many of us who are able to be out and to be visible.

J Jack Valinski 41:05

Yes. And it's really up to us to help set the example for other people. We're the ones who can be out on a limb take the chance and being out and sort of help play as role models for younger people.

L Lori Clark 41:19

Definitely.

D Deborah Bell 41:20

We were talking earlier. And of course, we're pretty saddened by the fact that this is the last Wilde 'n' Stein program. But one of the things that's always meant a lot to myself and I know to Jack has been the times we've met young people, and they they said to us, you know, the first time I ever heard a gay or lesbian voice on the radio was when I listened to your show. And you let me know it was all right. And you and you gave me a lot of pride and you opened the door to my closet. And that is, you know, so valuable to know that we have reached people. And there's been people that have called in over the years like Douglas who lives out in Pasadena who is fighting paired, and he told me how much it meant to him on the show. Maria who lives in the suburbs and can't, you know, be involved in the community because her situation calls for her to be closeted.


J Jack Valinski 42:23

Deborah, there is a Phil who walked in the studio early today, and he's from Pasadena and one of the things he wrote a little note says I guess like a lot of other people. I wish for the day when a show like Wildenstein would no longer be needed, ie gay, lesbian news and music can be a blend into the straight world and no one would pay any attention to it. But I don't think we're there yet. And we still need Wallenstein. If gay and lesbian related news is going to be broadcast on KPFT. Please let the specific times be published so that younger closeted gays can know when to listen on tape for the program of information, and that's really incredible. I mean, it's not that hard to go out. And if you have the money to buy a VCR, and VCRs are set up. So you can just set that timer to tape that program. But to actually tape a show, if you're not able to listen to it live on Radio is a lot harder to do, you have to buy a timer, you have to hook up your radio. But there are people who do that. And that just is absolutely amazing.


D Deborah Bell 43:21

I don't know that I would necessarily say that I would want it to be so mainstream that that it just that nobody pays attention, I really do want people to pay attention. And there is a cultural involved with being gay or lesbian is beyond that sexual orientation. It has to do with an identity and a culture that we've created. And part of that creation came out of the needs of


the closet or the needs to protect ourselves. But it's a very rich culture. And that's been one thing that we've been able to do by being on radio is to share that culture. showcasing some of the artists. There were songs that by the you know, written by gay composers, music that was performed by lesbians that they want out about that part of their identity. So people who are it makes a big difference.

 Jack Valinski 44:25

Deborah, I'd like to thank you very much for joining us tonight. You know, we all have a date to meet you.

 Deborah Bell 44:32


In 1993. I want to see every Texan there.

 Jack Valinski 44:37

Okay. And we'll be talking to you we'll be hopefully be doing some interviews for the morning program and the new gay and lesbian program here on KPFT. And Deborah,

 Lori Clark 44:48

yes, I want to thank you for the wonderful opportunity. You offered me when you asked me if I would like to go house I've met a wonderful co host Jack. He's been wonderful Donna who runs the board has been Very nice. And thank you so much for the opportunity you've given me. I've enjoyed it. And I hope I've done at least 100th of a job that you would have done.

 Deborah Bell 45:08

I'm glad you took it online. And if you have let me talk to Donna a moment, I'd really appreciate it.

 Jack Valinski 45:13

Well, it's not a we can talk to you after the show. Okay, okay. Hi, by Deborah. We've got one more piece of music from Tom Robinson that we'd like to play.

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Way.



J Jack Valinski 45:35

Tom Robinson, something that was probably done in the mid 70s. And he's the person we don't hear about very often. This is Wilde 'n' Stein. And we have a few minutes left. And I want to sort of talk about a few different things. About 11 years ago, I walked into this station and really didn't know very much about this community. And just had planned to like run the board and hope to just do a small part. And sort of unfortunately, I guess for me, Ray Hill sort of got me into this station and doing more and more. And finally, one day, he says, Okay, I got other things to do you take care of this. And so I've been very privileged to be able to do this show. For these past 10 and a half years, I've also been very privileged to be able to work with this station, which stands up for a lot of the things that our community has hopes and aspire and aspires to do. KPFT sort of in a sense, is a United Nations that works. We don't always agree with what everybody else says. But I think a lot of us feel or the majority of us feel that we all are very lucky to have this space to be able to talk to a community to be able to sort of bridge what is going on in our communities to other communities. And what's I've always thought is that, you know, gays and lesbians aren't trying to just change society. So they accept us. We're trying to change society for it so that it's better for everybody, and that we believe in things. Not all of us do, but a lot of us do. I mean, I just find it real neat that Lori is very much involved in animal rights. I find it neat that we're able to agree on a lot of the things that sort of like we're sort of in the same, same, there's a lot of sameness. I mean, we're we're looking for acceptance and for equal rights, but so are so many other people. We've been very fortunate to be able to talk about AIDS through the years from the inception when we knew very little bit about it. And one thing that's mentioned here in this op ed piece in New York Times today is that some of us are not doing as good of a job as that we thought we were doing on playing safe and doing safe things. That young people feel very vulnerable about it and there's been press about bisexuals, all of a sudden, they discovered that bisexuals are not always been safe. We sort of knew that and we try to talk about that. But sometimes the the mass media doesn't really think about that or know about that. Or one of the other very important themes that that I've always tried to do and that some other people have tried is that there's hope you know that you listen to this radio show, you know that there's other people out there like you. There's other people that think or that know that it's okay to be gay, even though that the society we're in the majority of society may think that it's not okay. That all this flak over getting gays in the military, that's what's happening, gays have been in the military forever. But all of a sudden, we just want to be able to say that, well, we can't be kicked out because they know we're gay. And then all this talk about all what all of this is going to happen. There are rules against stuff like that happening anyway. And one of the people I really want to thank there's a couple people, Larry binaries, who very early on was one of the people that was my mentors. Mike me, she has done this show for many years, who's no longer with us that we've lost because of AIDS. We lost our Tomaszewski who was one of the people who was doing the show, and Doug Turner, another person that it is very important that if we've helped one person, it's all been worth it. All of us here who come here Monday night, and a lot of it's easy for us. I mean that the radio stations here, it's here in our community. The turntables are here, they're not always working, right, but it's here, and the signal is out there, and that we can penetrate the doors. 1974 is when the show started according to Sherry dar bone of the Texas triangle. And even though sometimes Ray Hill doesn't, those dates don't always coincide. In fact, some of the stuff that Ray Hill said last week wasn't quite the way I remember things, but the basic thought is there. And Ray Hill especially has been a very important person in my life. A very important person is that I may not see Ray Hill for weeks at a time. But Ray Hill is working and in his own way to do things. We don't always agree with what Ray Hill is doing, but he's been out there. Today. For example, I just happen to turn on KPRC radio. And this new talk show host was talking about how aids can be spread. And Tada Tada, tada and Ray Hill is there calling in and, you know, correcting him correcting him. But KPFT Pacifica the charter talks about bringing

world peace talks about bringing people together about educating. We've been very privileged to be able to talk about gay and lesbian life from our side. And what's also very important is that the people have been here to help us. The people from break through from Wilde 'n' Stein from After Hours. We're all part of the community. And we thank you because you're the listener that made this possible. Your donations, your calling. You're getting mad at the station when things don't go right. It's been very important. I just want to thank you all for the privilege of these last 11 and a half years and saying that it's not over with we're going to be here. We're going to make sure we're going to be here. And I want to thank you, Laurie. And I want to thank you Donna for continuing the tradition of Wilde 'n' Stein and Deborah who's in Washington, Ray Hill, Mike Misch Art Tomaszewski , all the other people who've done this show in the past. It's been fun, and it's been exciting. And I've gotten I hope I got more out of this than probably a lot of you listeners have. Thank you very much. Thank you Pacifica. This is KPFT Houston.