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SPEAKERS

Suzanne Anderson, Jack Valinski, Judith Meyer

J Jack Valinski 00:00

From pacifica's KPFT in Houston, this is lesbian and gay voices, a show for and about the gay and lesbian community. We feature news interviews, features and many other items. This is Jack Valinski. And this is Judith Meyer. And we want to thank everybody who pledged and are going to fulfill their pledges for our show and all the other shows here on KPFT. Last week, and we'll also be doing some fundraising next week during our show.

J Judith Meyer 00:22

I'm sitting in for Lori Clark who is still at work. I don't think she's gone home since last Friday. I don't know what she does, but I'd hate to have her job Jack.

J Jack Valinski 00:30

You all she's doing that for one one stuff. We have a number of things going on tonight we're going to be talking to people from hatch about the Montrose high prom, that's going to be happening this Sunday night.

J Judith Meyer 00:41

If you did not get to take the date of your choice to your high school prom, now's a chance to rewrite history and take the date of your choice, same sex or not to the Montrose high prom this Sunday night.

J Jack Valinski 00:53

We have news wrap from this way out featuring news about our community from KPFK in Los Angeles.

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Judith Meyer 01:00

We have an interview with Suzy Bright who will be speaking at the Texas lesbian conference next weekend.

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Jack Valinski 01:07

And also we're going to be continuing with our sound portrait of the March on Washington from this way out. We have some news items that we want to talk about. Here's

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Judith Meyer 01:16

a good news a jury in Austin convicted the condom rapists if you will remember a man who entered a woman's apartment in the middle of the night held her at knifepoint and raped her was not indicted by the first grand jury to hear his case because the man said that since the woman asked him to wear a condom before raping her. She consented Tarrant County was up in arms and a second grand jury heard the case and did indict the man. Yesterday, a jury took two and a half hours to convict the man of right. I don't know about you. But it seems to me when a man enters a woman's apartment in the middle of the night with a knife and nothing that happens after that would be consensual. Other items in the news that indicate why that first jury may not have wanted to indict. The sort of attitudes are still out there. Actress Angie Dickinson was quoted as saying, God, we live in a world with such little humor. It's disgusting. You can't even make a pass at someone these days without being taken to court. That's my problem with feminists. I believe in women's rights, but I'm feminine. And I have a sense of humor. Clarence Thomas is supposed to be able to say hey, I need a nice breasts and she's supposed to be able to say he'll never know then going about her business. Well, what do you expect from the woman who played pepper, a police officer whose sole duties were to dress as a prostitute and then be rescued by her fellow male officers when she got into trouble. Angie Dickinson was on that hardcore news show Entertainment Weekly when she made that statement. More serious women looking to the media for advice in these trying times might go to the New York Times where they will find the advice that quote cashmere shawls cost more than \$1,000 and may seem extravagant. But a good shawl is a great investment and can last forever. On Mother's Day, we did have some good news two thirds of American women say that they feel closer to their mothers now than they ever did when they were growing up. A majority of the 500 women polled said that they were happier and more satisfied with their lives than they believe their mothers were at their age. Nine out of 10 women said that they thought their lives were happier than Angie Dickinson and 10 out of 10 so that they don't even own a cashmere shawl. Finally, if you will get this month's copy of New York Magazine, you will see the cover story is lesbian chic. And there's a big picture of Katy lying. Houston is featured prominently in that article. Jean Sidebottom, who is the editor and publisher of Sophos is a tri state lesbian newspaper published in New York, said that the boll Dyck world was very much in the scene when I came out. The first lesbian bar I walked into in Houston was owned by a woman called Papa Bear. She was mildly obese with short cropped masculine sternbuch hair. She smoked cigars wore T shirts and blue jeans. She had a keychain on her belt loop and a knife in her boot. Her girlfriend was a stripper. The article goes on to talk about lesbians in the 90s Tory Osbourne says what is the issue for lesbians in the 90s Invisibility? Period?

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Jack Valinski 04:36

It's really interesting when you talk about the history, Ray Hill relates many of the stories about how things were. It was unimaginable that a program like this could be on the air was unimaginable that we'd be marching in Washington has the numbers we did. It's unimaginable that we would have some effect on politics that was unimaginable that we'd have openly gay and lesbian people in office. It's also unmanageable that we would have an openly lesbian person nominated for a position in the administration.

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Judith Meyer 05:07

That's correct in spite of what Jesse Helms said Roberta Achtenberg was confirmed this week. Helms called Ashton Berg a, quote main dyke and a damn lesbians.

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Jack Valinski 05:21

And she was also very uppity and militant activist mean lesbian. It's also interesting that Phil Gramm voted against her confirmation the vote was 14 to four. I'm very happy that she got nominated. And where would anybody get if they didn't have some force with them some, you know, being able to stand up for themselves. I mean, if you all be good little boys and girls, where do you get

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Judith Meyer 05:44

nominated?

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Jack Valinski 05:45

Let's take a little musical break and you're listening to lesbian and gay voices we'll be back.

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Suzanne Anderson 06:01

Suzie bride is the best known lesbian sex writer in America. She was editor of the Pioneer feminist erotica magazine on our backs. She's packed theaters across the country with her workshops, lectures and lesbian safe sex demonstrations. Some of her articles delve into rarely discuss topics such as vaginal fisting, she's published a recent bestseller called Suzie sexpert lesbian sex world. She's written five other books, numerous articles, X rated film reviews, she did those for penthouse forum and has appeared in dozens of TV film and video productions says he's going to be at the Texas lesbian conference on May the 22nd, two conferences 21st 22nd and 23rd. It'll be at stowford Greenway Plaza. Keep your pen and pencil handy. And at the end of the interview, I'll give you a telephone number. If you're interested in coming to the

conference. Susie, I've got to ask you, I understand that at 10 years old, you were handing out leaflets that you had drawn with orange crayons, calling for the impeachment of Governor Reagan and signing them a concerned citizen of California.



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I know that I spelled something wrong. Every time I tried to do it, I was so mad. I want them to look so perfect. And I made about, I don't know, eight of them and ran around people's homes and stuff them in the mailboxes acting like I was, you know, doing something really, really naughty.



Suzanne Anderson 07:28

When I Susie, this isn't something that I would expect from somebody raised Catholic in California.



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Oh, there's a lot of liberal Irish Catholics. And my mother was one of them. And she was a teacher. And you know, Reagan was very hard on public education in California schools. I mean, he's, you know, you could be the kind of education he's had, really, he doesn't believe it's really important for anyone. And I think being a school teacher and a librarian and just her political point of view she every night, we'd watch the news, and she would just go up in flames about his latest legislative atrocity. And I felt very sympathetic.



Suzanne Anderson 08:10

Susie, you're going to give your State of the Union message when you come to Houston. Yeah. Can you give us a little bit of an idea of what that's about?



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Well, it's the state of the sexual union. I guess I got kind of hyped up by all the the previous presidential election. And seems like so many issues that are being discussed on the front page today have to do with sexuality. And I wanted to address some of them, whether it's the Just Say No campaigns or the gulf between the sexes, or gay liberation or sexual liberation in general. We there's a frankness in sex talk that we haven't seen in a long time. And it's bringing up a lot of issues that used to be firmly under the rug.



Suzanne Anderson 09:01

Do you find it curious that your approach is so unique just because you dare to talk about sex?



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Well, sometimes it does surprise me. Because I just took a very, you know, candid conversational tone, about sex education, and I found that it was a good way to talk to people about subjects that maybe they hadn't talked comfortably about in public before. And then I suppose I have a certain amount of charisma about it means a lot to me, you know, I'm still a concerned citizen.



Suzanne Anderson 09:42

Fortunately, you know, sexy you have said, Susie, that lesbian sex magazine is considered by some to be a contradiction in terms. Yeah, what exactly do you mean by that? Well,



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I was told that by a at a cocktail party once I'm at a book convention in Washington DC. And it really took my breath away. But I realized that the man who said it to me it wasn't an original thought. But he was reflecting this idea that a woman without a man is sexless. You know that two women don't have the right equipment to do anything with each other, you know, all they can do is read each other love Hassan, it's I suppose that's the idea. But there's always historically been conflicting ideas about lesbian sex. I mean, if you look at pulp novels in the 50s and early 60s, you have the image of a lesbian as a nymphomaniac, so it seems like either were oversexed or were sexless. And the widely ranging spectrum in between between is it usually talked about



Suzanne Anderson 10:46

Sousa, you worked at good vibrations in San Francisco.



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I did work there for many, many years. Now. I'm the video librarian I choose and describe all the erotic videos for the for the store. You got



Suzanne Anderson 10:59

to well, for people that aren't familiar with good vibrations, that is a store in San Francisco where you can buy sex paraphernalia? Well,



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that's one way of putting it. It's a feminist sex toy in education shop. And it sells toys and books and videos and the people who work there are all women. And it's, it's like going over to somebody's house. It's very comfortable and nice looking. And it encourages a very upfront and

an easy atmosphere that sexuality.

 S Suzanne Anderson 11:32

Do you have any wonderful stories that maybe you could share with us?

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Well, a lot of people are when they first hear about the vibrations. They think it's titillating. Especially when we tell them there's a tryout room. tryout room, what are you doing there? And I said, Well, you know, if you're talking to somebody about a vibrator, and they've never felt one before, it's like trying to describe what milk tastes like. I mean, it's a one of a kind thing, you just have to feel it. And even though I might say to one person, I said, Look, if you just stand right out here and just put it out on the outside of your pants or your skirt, for one second, you'll know what I'm talking about. But some people that would be just too much for them. So you tell them to go into try out room and it's just, it's the just this little dressing room area and we plug one of everything in. And you know, vibration is intense. You don't have to strip to feel what a vibrator feels like, you just need to press it against your crotch for a moment. And the sensation is obvious. And whether you like it is also obvious. And people often ask me, Well, don't people just stay in there for hours and you can't get them pound on the door or something. But that that only happened to me once and you have worked there, off and on since 1980. And there was only one time that a woman came in she would didn't do any shopping at all. She just said I want to go in the tryout room went in. I heard the sound a little gasp and I thought my god I mean no one had ever just like come in to the store to have an orgasm before wonderful and and about five minutes later, she came out didn't give me a second look and walked out of the store. He didn't buy. Oh no. I mean, she just needed to get off immediately. And who knows? never saw her again.

 S Suzanne Anderson 13:24

That's wonderful. This is Suzanne Anderson for KPFT. And we are talking today to Susie bride who will be at the Texas lesbian conference on May the 22nd. And if you're interested in attending that conference, you can call 867 at 904 and Susie will be talking at 11:30am and that conferences at the Stouffer is Greenlight Plaza. Susie, thank you for taking the time we really look forward to you're coming into Houston. Oh, I

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do too. I'll see you then.

 J Jack Valinski 13:52

Bye bye. Thank you. Respect for all youth conference held at the University of New Hampshire in early March, scope, co sponsored by the local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays brought about 300 teachers, counselors, and administrators and clergy together to

address the unique problems experienced by lesbian and gay youth. They heard from two former students and founder and pioneering gay and lesbian dropout prevention programs Project 10.



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Being adolescents accounted for 1/3 of all teen suicides in the country. The growing awareness of the problems of lesbian and gay young people was the inspiration for the respect for all youth conference held on the University of New Hampshire campus earlier this month. Susan gage prepared our report on this effort to teach school officials how to end homophobia.



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Every day I go to work, I'm there to teach integrity. But how can I change The thing with the closet door in front of me every year 100 faces staring blindly how I want to tell the truth, instead of teaching



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to hide myself each day I can't tell me a friend, I must pretend to be one of the



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teachers, principals, counselors and clergy, more than 300 people mingled inside an auditorium on the University of New Hampshire campus, waiting to begin an education process for many of them a course on how to make growing up gay, lesbian or bisexual less painful for the kids of New Hampshire. One of the instructors for this lesson is Scarlett, a 20 year old woman from Maine who came out to herself as a bisexual when she was 15 later to identify as a lesbian. By the end



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of my sophomore year, there wasn't a person in my school, who didn't know that I was gay. And I wasn't very popular. A lot of people didn't know my name. I have red hair. There are only three redheaded people in my school. So everybody knew that I was the gay person. And in the halls as being called names, things were being written in my locker, and taken out of my locker, things were being written on the bathroom walls about me. And there were several teachers who knew that I identified as a lesbian. At the end of my junior year, school was so hostile towards me and there were so many threats coming to me that I left,



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Scarlet moved in with her sister in Portland, Maine, where she came in contact with a support group called outright outright is a place for lesbian, gay, bisexual and young people who have

questions about their sexual identity to support one another in a non threatening environment. A place where a person like Jason, who grew up in a small town in northern Maine can go to escape the harassment he experienced from his schoolmates. I was



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sitting in the chemistry lab one day and someone called me a fag and scourge of uric acid at the back of my head. And if the teacher just had stopped that it would have made so much difference, you know, if the teachers would have turned around and said, you know, you need to go the office and you're suspended, or we need to have a talk about what's appropriate and what's not appropriate in my classroom. That would have made the world of difference you know, if the people who are in charge who are willing to take responsibility for our education would make sure that people are safe in education doesn't mean reading, writing and arithmetic. It means learning how to be a human being.



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The experiences of Jason and Scarlett mirror those of many gay lesbian and bisexual teams throughout the nation, which is one reason why the New Hampshire seacoast chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at UNH invited Dr. Virginia Uribe to the conference called respect for all youth, Dr. Uribe is known in education circles were developing a dropout prevention program for gay and lesbian teenagers at Fairfax High School in Los Angeles. The program called Project 10 began in 1984 and has expanded from Uribe school to include groups on several of the high school campuses in the nation's second largest school district. Uribe says it's important that anyone who deals with adolescents learn to recognize their own prejudices against homosexuals, so they don't damage the children who are questioning their sexual identity.



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In my opinion, we are at war. And there are forces out there that do not want any presents for gay and lesbian people period, much less gay and lesbian youth. They want only negative things to be said and they do not care that children are dying as a result of this. So I think that teachers have to reevaluate their commitment. And if they're prepared to move ahead, they have to move ahead aggressively.



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But how aggressively school districts are willing to pursue the effort to make the classroom a less hostile environment for gay and lesbian kids isn't really clear. There were some educators who had concerns about what type of criticism teachers would encounter if they attempted to establish a project 10 Like program in New Hampshire? Would they then be accused of trying to encourage students to be homosexuals, Dr. Uribe,



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the only people who ever accused me of that are people from the I call the right wing. I've never had that accusation from a parent of a kid who was ever in one of the programs because they know you can't talk people into being homosexual. I mean, we can't even teach them we're in New Hampshire is let alone talk people into being homosexual.



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There are support groups in New England for gay lesbian and bisexual teenagers, but most of them are in the Boston area or in Maine, Vermont and Connecticut, Betsy Janeway, president of New Haven PFLAG says,



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All we want for our children is exactly what we've always wanted for our children, the three R's. Only by them, we mean recognition that there are homosexual children in our schools, respect for them exactly the same as the respect for any child and the rights for those children to go to school, and in a safe environment,



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the organizers of the conference hope their effort will turn into the creation of some kind of support group for gay and lesbian teens. The first for the state, what type of group and whether it is part of the public school environment is something that remains to be seen. For this way out. This is Susan gage in Durham, New Hampshire.



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Maybe someday I'll find a way, someday soon. The way to comfort them to calm their fears, and let them know that things will change if they can make it.



J Jack Valinski 21:10

Tomorrow's an important day. There is a congressional hearing here in Houston. Congressman Craig Washington, State Senator Rodney Ellis and State Representative Garnet Coleman are co sponsoring a HIV community hearing, the hearing will focus on the concerns and problems facing HIV planners, government grant agencies, HIV service providers, and all others involved in local HIV services and education. It starts at 9am and lasts till noon at the Metropolitan multiservice center 1475 West grey. For more information, it's 7397339.



J Judith Meyer 21:45

Part of the hearing is to determine that the Ryan White CARE Act The centerpiece of federal funding for HIV treatment, education, and service responds to the needs of the community. There's been a lot of talk that this act respond appropriately to the needs of women with HIV.

This is the opportunity for everyone in this community to have a direct input and to Congress about the needs of the HIV community and the aspects of the Ryan White Care Act that affect their lives.

J Jack Valinski 22:17

The hearings will also be joined by the local ACT UP Gulf Coast. They are planning some sort of demonstration messaging type of items, to talk to the media and talk to people who are there. Chris Steele is going to be moderating it. She was interviewed this morning on our 7am news block by Karl Hawkins. And very interesting about how many women are invisible in this epidemic. How and what's going on right now in the legislature in Austin, the fact that the money has been dropped down for HIV funding, and that is usually matched federal money. So if the state money goes down, then there's even less federal money happening. So all this stuff is happening. It's good, it'd be good to go there. It's open to the public, it's free. If you'd like to get some more information, you just show up tomorrow. It's open from nine till noon at the Metropolitan multi service center 1475 West grey. In their next half hour, we're going to be featuring women's music. And we also have an interview with the people who are putting on the Montrose prom. And that sounds really interesting.

J Judith Meyer 23:28

That's HATCG, the Houston area Teen coalition of homosexuals.

J Jack Valinski 23:31

You're listening to KPFT radio in Houston.

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Rebecca and I went camping, we made camp. We spent some time eating, we were laying down by stream and all of a sudden there were shots. My arms exploded. Rebecca was hit twice and started to bleed to death. tempted to carry her clothes on successful the entire walk out of the woods, I believe myself to be hunted. My name is Claudia Brenner. We were identified as lesbians by a stranger with whom we had no connection. He will spend the rest of his life in prison but Rebecca who was 28 years old, is gone.

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Homophobia can kill education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry. Which is why the lesbian and gay public awareness project wanted you to hear and think about this message.

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For more information write us at Post Office Box 65603 Los Angeles California 90065



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open gates up



Judith Meyer 24:43

Sweet Honey in the Rock with we all every one of us and study war now more



Jack Valinski 24:48

generally makes you want to ban the military. This Sunday night the Montrose high prom night it's gonna be at the Magnolia ballroom which is on Franklin I believe it's in the 700 block. It's a benefit. So Sponsored by the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus for the Houston area teen age Coalition for homosexuals, and the lesbian and gay rights lobby of Texas. And Pat Gandy is here to talk about some of the things that are going on in Austin, as we know, the legislature is in session and nobody in Texas is safe. That's true,



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Jack. We all know that. And that's one of the reasons far the LG RL, which is the Lesbian Gay rights lobby of Texas, as you said, it was formed back in about 1987 86, from an old organization. And the idea is to protect the civil rights and interests of the gay and lesbian community in Texas. And, of course, this this year, the biggest issue that we have is the removal of 2106 from the Criminal Code. Well, the Senate's done it, the house has put it back and it's now going to conference. And we have high hopes. So maybe we can talk about that later on. But that's one of the things our job is to have a lobbyist, as co chair of the board, myself and other members to hire lobbyists to do those things which protect our community from the legislature and administrative boards of various kinds. And that costs money. We're very



Jack Valinski 26:22

lucky to be one of the few states that has such a lobby and also the fact that lawyer iser law basically came in they're very new to this thing and Glenn Max He then ran for the position on in the legislature and Laurie has seemed to come out running oh yeah just gangbusters Yeah.



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She was brand brand new out of law school and and had expected to have a little apprenticeship period. But she came on and handled it very well has done a brilliant job this year. Handling the 2106 issue as well as numerous other issues various aids issues various other community issues that are important but when we get down for the reason why we're here tonight is to to Moose this fundraiser for that the Houston gala has been Political Caucus is

putting on for both LG RL and hatch, and we have to have money to hire people. The big lobbyist in Austin, pay people 90 to half \$1,000,000.90 1000 to half a million dollars. We don't come anywhere near that we have to depend on dedicated people, but we do have to pay a living wage. And everybody needs to come out and support the fundraiser so that we can have a voice in Austin, just like only three other states do.

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Jack Valinski 27:40

Let's talk to you. We have two gentlemen here from hatch. Freddy and Francisco are here. Tell us a little bit about what what hatch means to you all.

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Well, my name is Freddy and I'm 20 years old. And I've been a part of hatch for about over a year now since last February, February of 92. And when I first heard about Hajj, I was really thankful and glad that there was such an organization around for young gay people. As you know, we struggle with our sexual orientation at a young age and stuff. And I know that there are a lot of you guys out there who are also young and are struggling with it too. But hatch is really a safe haven for all of young gay youth in general. You go there and meet fellow gay youth and it is monitored by facilitators, adult facilitators. And it really means a lot to me. It's not just a place where you go and play around and goof off. You know, you really do get to meet some good friends and everybody's strong relationships with fellow young people.

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Jack Valinski 28:49

Francisco What is your experience with hatch?

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Well, myself and other members of hatch are very grateful to ATL PC along with the help of lib and EPA are lesbians of business and executive professional association are putting this fundraiser together. And like Phil backdoor, who, who put it best, I think, who's heading this fundraiser for hat is that there's a big tie in between what Igfl is doing and what hatch is doing. LGL is fighting for gay and lesbian rights in Austin, that the younger generation of gays and lesbians might have the opportunity to have if we keep supporting organizations like LD RL, like partnership rights and, and getting rid of 2106 and, and things like that. And I think it's very honorable that LG RL is doing things to benefit the younger generation. I think that's very important. What's

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Jack Valinski 29:40

gonna happen this Sunday. Tell us about the high school prom.

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You've seen the flyers it's got an interesting little saying you may have gone to prom, maybe sure maybe went to your high school prom, but but did you go with the date you want it? And that's very true. This time we get to do it our way and it's going to be At Montrose prom high night at the Magnolia ballroom, and it's at 715. Franklin, it's from six to 10. It's a alcohol and drug free environment. And it's \$15. It's,

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Jack Valinski 30:10

it's we asked for a donation, right?

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We asked for a donation of \$50 per person. And if you're 21 and under, you can go in for free. And you can wear what you want. You don't have to work tuxedo comm how you feel comfortable and how you want to go to prom and who you want to go to prom with.

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Jack Valinski 30:29

Great, that sounds wonderful. I want to be there. Yes. So Pat, what's what's coming up now? The legislature is sort of winding down now. But there's still a lot of work to be done up there, isn't there?

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Well, yes, there are still various bills to be passed, there are certain little little things that need to be cleaned up in various bills, granting certain little rights and so forth and so on, some of which we don't want to talk about too. You know,

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Jack Valinski 30:54

we'll have a wrap up after the session is over with and really let her hair down. Yeah, let's

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do that. That would be really good. But then, of course, the funding bills, we have to continually be sure until the last appropriations bill goes through the legislature that aids and health funding hasn't been cut. Great. That's the biggest

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Jack Valinski 31:12

Well, we'll see you this Sunday at 6pm. At the Magnolia ballroom. It's a Montrose high prom, and just be there it looks like it's gonna be a lot of fun. You're listening to lesbian and gay

voices. This is KPFT Houston and we'll be back with another full hour.



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In December 1981, the gay and lesbian switchboard of Houston went online to give out information and referrals within our community. Over the years, hundreds of volunteers spent 1000s of hours answering questions or providing a sympathetic ear to some people who just wanted to talk to another gay or lesbian person. The switchboard acts as an information center for gay and lesbian visitors to Houston and to referral source to organizations, social groups and medical and business professionals. Call the switchboard at 5293211 Any day from three until midnight for more information or specific questions. 5293211 This has been a point of pride, a public service announcement from the gay and lesbian switchboard of Houston, proudly on the line for you since 1981.



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Did you know that most cosmetic and household product manufacturers still conduct painful and useless tests on live animals, even though no law requires them to do so. And the Draize I irritancy test rabbits are immobilized and substances like perfume and oven cleaner are forced into the animal's eyes. In the LD 50 test dogs and rats are force fed substances.



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Nest do exist over 300 companies now market products without any animal testing. Call the Houston animal rights team for your complimentary cruelty free shopping guide. The Houston animal rights team is a nonprofit educational and activist organization opposed to all forms of animal abuse. For more information on this or any other campaign, call us at 5225131.



Jack Valinski 33:28

From Pacifica's KPFT in Houston, this is lesbian and gay voices a show for and about the gay lesbian community. Join us for the next hour as we talk about many issues addressing our community. We have this way out coming up very shortly.



Judith Meyer 33:43

And we have part two of the sound portrait from the March on Washington.



Jack Valinski 33:47

And you're going to be talking about some books, aren't you some book news. It is an absolutely beautiful day and it looks like it's gonna be a great weekend. And there's a lot of things going on this weekend as we were talking about the Montrose high prom, we have a number of other things going on, including an auction held by Lesbian Gay Pride Week. Lots of

things and it's really time to get out there and enjoy what's going on in the community. Let's go to news wrap. Music just goes on and it continues. Holy near the music just continues. It still has the same meeting to talk about peace and getting along and working together as a community and who would know better than our community when we have suffered through so much of the oppression and things that go on in the community. Judith, you have some news to talk about books

J Judith Meyer 35:00

I do at the National Book Award ceremonies Mary Oliver received a National Book Award for poetry for her new and Selected Poems. She used the ceremony as an occasion to thank her first reader and the light of my life, Molly Malone Cook, and we will be reviewing new and Selected Poems and an upcoming edition of lesbian and gay voices. Today we're going to talk about some of the new gay and lesbian best sellers in Houston Three new books that are just released have hit the list already conduct unbecoming Randy Schultz book about gays and lesbians in the US military, queer in America by Michelangelo Signorelli and the culture of desire by Frank browning. Also on the gay and lesbian nonfiction bestseller list are Marianne Williamson has returned to love and the collection of books that have been best sellers since we began doing this review. The male couples God by Eric Marcus, permanent partners by Betty Berzon. Now that you know by Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward, we also have the new joy of gay sex by Charles Silverstein and Felice bacana and coming out with Ben by Craig O'Neill and Kathleen Ritter. A new entry in the women's fiction bestseller list is on the pulse of the morning the poem Maya Angelou wrote for the inauguration in January, curious mind the new 10th anniversary edition by Katherine Forrest is also on the bestseller list as his saving grace by Jennifer Fulton a new release from Nyad. Catherine force murder by tradition and the erotic Nyad edited by Katherine forrest and Naya publisher Barbara Greer remain on the women's bestseller list. The new entry on the men's fiction bestseller list is the Dreyfus Affair by Peter Lefcourt out in softcover This is about the gay baseball player who comes out and creates a media controversy. Still on the bestseller list are the living one by Lewis Gannett third man out by Richard Stevenson and men on men for the anthology edited by George Tambo and the other new entry on the men's fiction list is Martin and John by Dale Peck are reviewed earlier on the show by Juan Palomo. A couple of new books out that you may want to check out. One is the Duke and I by Rene differ claims to have had a an affair with John Wayne. Do Fe rights do quieted my crying jag by scooping me up in his steely arms and carrying me into a room in the cantina. That night John Wayne made love to me the way No man ever had. We also have women at play the story of women in baseball. This is the full story of women and baseball made popular by the recent movie A League of Their Own woman had been playing baseball since students at Vassar formed two teams in 1866. This book gives you the full story of women in baseball, including the time a 17 year old woman struck out Babe Ruth and four pitches and Lou Gehrig in three. beat that. Finally, there is one book that quite frankly, I didn't order. reading through the book catalogs, I came across this exciting new release from the University of California Press. Pause in effect an introduction to the history of punctuation in the west now jakka can special order it for you if you want.

J Jack Valinski 38:34

i Yes, okay. Laurie Anderson may have said it best in language is a virus the very famous song of hers. But two gay people have a sexual preference, or sexual orientation towards members of same sex. Do laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination involves civil rights or

special rights. Is there a homosexual agenda? Or are there gay issues goals? What's the difference? Plenty. This according to an article appearing in The Wall Street Journal, as American grapples with the role of gay men and lesbians in society, from the military, to the workplace, to the family, a war of words are being waged to shape the public perceptions and even the public policy. language doesn't shape the campaign. It is the campaign says we'll Perkins founder of the conservative Colorado group that last November helped pass the state's constitutional amendment, barring laws that specify protect homosexuals from discrimination. Although it may seem subtle, the fact is that the choice of words and phrases definitely influences and shapes the public opinion, agrees Robert Bray, spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the special rights tag, which gay groups insist is an accurate and unfair influenced the outcome in Colorado. gay activists have been seeking to eliminate the small words difference in sexual preferences, which implies that gay people choose homosexuality and homosexual agenda, which suggests that there are hidden motives. Visibility, for example, within an among homosexual groups of course, there are disputes over the power and struggles about the acceptable language. Many homosexual women, for example, reject the word gay, and insist on being called lesbians from the Greek island Lesbos. Gay came from a standard stand for men, they say, having a different name gives lesbians a stronger identity. The visibility of our part of the community is extremely important explains Nadine Smith, who helped organize the march in Washington. It's not just a matter of what people want to know, we exist. It goes beyond that. Being invisible impacts other things. So little is known about lesbians and HIV. For example, when a group is invisible, you don't know if they do any studies on you. One battle is still over the term indecent, innocent aids victims. By making that distinguishing words, ways people contract AIDS, the phrase reinforces the anti homosexual attitudes. Critics, such as those who argue that special rights is a fair expression because it is true. According to them, homosexuals always already have the same rights as all other Americans, they say, and are seeking something more such as laws that would make gay people the only group of individuals in the country that would receive minority status based on their sexual behavior. And that's what a lot of these people on the right thing that we're asking for special rights, the fact that we have termed the word gay instead of homosexual, which is a very clinical word, and that we've been able to use our own word. There's a lot of argument over whether we should be using the word queer.

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Judith Meyer 41:54

I've heard a lot about the gay and lesbian agenda, and I'm not sure what that means. App magazine polled a number of people with a simple question, what do gays and lesbians won't? And I got a wide variety of answers Susie bright whom Suzanne Anderson just interviewed said, queer Joint Chiefs of Staff. Donna Redwing, Portland, Oregon's director of the lesbian community project, said that she wanted basic human civil rights. But if things don't move quickly, we should ask for reparations that sends a chill of the spine of my spine of most straights. Linda Villarosa editor of Essence magazine said that gays and lesbians simply want all the privilege privileges straight people enjoy only will exercise them with more class style and compassion. Allen Ginsberg probably reduced it to the bottom line, Ginsburg said sexualities loose, not fixed. legalize it.

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Jack Valinski 42:54

That's very interesting. And you know, we go through this battle of words, the term gay, the term lesbian, the term queer, queer is something that some groups have taken back into this

into our community, the group coronation came out and basically use that word in our own groups to be able to take it and give us our own power. And their phrase, we're here we're queer, and get used to it is a very empowering phrase, as, as most most of it is, anytime you're in a martyr demonstration, you see this the empowering of the words and the chants that go on during the march in Washington, not only this time, but last time in 87, when you're inside the subways, and the metro system, and basically, we're a majority, and that that chant really gets to me a lot. The fact that we're so invisible for the most part of the days, a lot of us go to work, Judith, you're very lucky that you're very out. And I'm, I'm pretty much out at where I work. And it's pretty hard to hide some of the things I do. But people who are not at work, it must be very difficult to be able to change their you know, their life every time they pick up the phone, if they're talking to their lover, and they have to, I mean, that's some, that's how we're that word she got into it. In the men's community.

J Judith Meyer 44:08

I've had, I've had jobs where I did play the pronoun game when I got on the phone with with gay and lesbian friends. And not being at work entails a lot of losses, even if it's just not being able to say what you did that weekend or who you did it with. That's a loss.

J Jack Valinski 44:24

It's very interesting. I really think and you know, that it's maybe he's a little too easy for us to talk about it. But the only real way I think we're going to make a difference is to be out all the time. This group digital queers out in the west coast, who was raising money to help our groups have computers in the modern technology to do to fight our battles. Or one of their T shirts says we're here we're, we're queer, and we have email, another one of their T shirts say work out, meaning being out at work, which is very important for that agenda.

J Judith Meyer 44:55

There's a recent study that indicates to that partners with a differing levels of openness about their gay identity are at risk for greater conflict. A recent study of 142 couples indicated that rol relationships, relationship satisfaction didn't depend on being open. If the partners had different level of our openness or openness, that might affect the satisfaction with the relationship that they reported. This research was done by Jim hodnett. In pursuit of his a doctoral degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

J Jack Valinski 45:30

One of the newer things in this community is we now have an Activity Center, an actual building that's opened up the past that last Sunday, they had their grand opening to the community. It houses other organizations, including the Houston, gay and lesbian Political Caucus ACT UP Gulf Coast, and other groups are starting to have meetings there. And it's at 3330 barstock. The building is it's very nice. They have a nice big meeting room with windows, that you can overlook parts of Montrose. But finally, there's a focal point in the community. And I have to congratulate the board and being able to provide the space for the community. I have

sometimes been a little bit critical of that, because I've been part of that board. And I know we struggled for a long time. And in some ways, I think Houston sort of leapfrog the community center, there was a community center for a while. And then the Counseling Center got their own space, and the clinic got their own space, and the AIDS Foundation got their own space. And the rest of the smaller organizations were sort of left to themselves. And there'd be one building that would spring up dignity had a space for a while and they're renting out space to other organizations. And the parkway Athletic Club for a while was able to rent out space for other organizations. And it seems like well, you finally get established and something would happen and you have to move somewhere else. I hope that this new building is a permanent fixture until something bigger and better down the road that they can do. But it takes a lot of work and effort. And I'm sure the board can use people's input and sponsorships and help. If you'd like to get involved in the Montrose Activity Center, you can call them at 5234550. And they meet on the first Thursday of every month at 630.

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Judith Meyer 47:13

You know Jack, we were talking just a minute ago about the name game and what people called homosexuals and what we call each other. One of the rules, recurrent quandary that we find ourselves in is the names that we use to identify our partners. I find that really interesting. And I've got some statistics here. The most popular choice is the ever present lover, got 40% then partner or life partner about 27%. After that the choices dropped off in popularity spouse was 9% mate or life mate 6% roommate or friend 5% boyfriend, girlfriend 2% Husband and wife actually made the list at 1%. So that's some of the perennial problems we have with names. We also have a problem with anniversary when is a same sex couples anniversary date usually get an explanation. And not just a month in a day. Some of the choices are first meeting, first date, first sexual experience, the time you committed to each other, the day of your marriage or union ceremony, when you moved in together or signed a relationship agreement.

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Jack Valinski 48:37

Was there any reasoning for the names whether you're using lover or husband or spouse,

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Judith Meyer 48:44

that one were reported here I could see that there would be a different choice that you might make depending on whether you're talking to the straight people you worked with or your gay friends.

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Jack Valinski 48:56

You're listening to lesbian and gay voices. This is Jack Valinski, along with Judith Meyer, and we have another full half hour of events coming up. But we're going to take a short break to let the station do some of its own advertising.

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The Woman's Club of which I am a member, is very interested in extending themselves to those minority groups in the community. So the last time we met, we decided to have a lesbian to lunch. I must confess I was a bit apprehensive, but it actually turned out quite tastefully. The Lesbian actually looked normal. And she did give a pleasant little talk. I was quite impressed with her. Thank you

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Mary Chapin Carpenter, one of the many artists that are part of the sounds of Texas and the world. nine to three every weekday tune in for a unique blend of music. I'm Laura Branham One of the hosts of KPFT is new midday lineup. Join us for sounds of Texas and the world middays on World Radio 90.1 FM

J Jack Valinski 50:18

coming up later tonight is a nori nori with off the clock, a sort of bluesy type program which is very energetic. And tomorrow night midnight till 3am is after hours the other gay and lesbian program here on KPFT.

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of the United States

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this is everyone's cause

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98 Different official contingents and it marches pace it could take them a while to get here.

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It is a battle to replace divisiveness with acceptance people are still coming in the end of the march is not in here yet folks

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condemnation with compassion, just enormous hundreds of 1000s of people and most of all, hatred with love.

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I have been watching a volleyball game and full of shirtless sweaty Marine, I believe by their haircuts just so that you know what it looks like here on the mall.

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It was the most beautiful experience that I've ever had. I never felt so much unite before sun is out nightbreed Temperature probably in the high 60s God

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is smiling on homosexuality today. Watch me get myself free on the crime ring of light. Bomber homophobia is fear and ignorance and it is to our nation that we now say with one voice get over it.

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Kids from the not so great state right now of Colorado. But when amendment two came down, she got herself on the screen and in the press and she proudly and openly said I am a lesbian and this is not right. And this is not the kind of state I want to live in. How about a great hand for one of the greatest athletes in the world, Martina Navratilova

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Thank you, thank you.

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labels, labels labels. Now, I don't know about you, but I hate labels. Being a lesbian is not an accomplishment. It is not something I had to study for or learn or graduated. It is what I am nothing more and nothing less. Martina Navratilova, the lesbian tennis player. They don't write Joe Montana to heterosexual a football player. If we want the world to accept us, we must first accept ourselves. If we want the world to give us respect, not to look at us with shame. We must first be willing to give ourselves respect. We must be proud of who we are. And we cannot do that while we hide. Come out of the closet. We need to become visible to as many people as possible so that we can finally shatter all those incredible myths that helped keep us in the closet. Let's come out. Let other people see what for the most part straight and square and normal and sometimes boring lives relieve let's dispel the rumors and lies that are being spread about us. Our goal is not to receive compassion, acceptance or worse yet tolerance because

that implies that we are inferior. We are to be tolerated, pitied and endured. I don't want pity, do you? Of course not. Our goal must be equality across the board because we can settle for nothing less. We deserve nothing less. I urge you to come out. Encourage your friends and lovers to come out and be proud and be true to yourself.



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On March 30 on the Arsenio Hall Show, for the first time in history or history, and openly gay comic was featured on network television. And here she is strong enough for a man but made for a woman Miss



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Hi, I'm not a lesbian, I'm a big die. And for those of you that don't know the difference between a die cut a lesbian, it's \$30,000



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at March has been going for four hours it looked like people at the very end are ever gonna get to get here. I think it's gonna be a long time. It's been four hours with the delegation, I think it might be like seven or even eight thanks a lot, Juan Mendez. You did I think I just Oh no. Army now



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on the stage of Color Guard, people who are in uniform, one of them is pairing the gay rainbow flag and the other is pairing Stars and Stripes. We're gonna go back to the podium momentarily to hear from Dorothy Hades, who's the mother of Alan Schindler, that gay sailor who was stationed in Japan, who was killed while ashore, and other sailors of course accused of that



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on October 27 1992. Two sailors came to my door and told me my son had been beaten to death in a bathroom in Japan. They gave me no explanation of why it took six weeks for them to tell me that my son had declared that he was homosexual to his captain. I feel for every homosexual right now that's in the military. And the reason I'm speaking now is because I don't want any more Ellen Schindlers I don't want any mother to ever have to go through what I'm going through



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the US Park Service we now see is estimated 300,000



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Institute is only one gay man here and we support it. I just want to say again It ain't over till the bisexual speaks to you don't look like 300,000 people you look more like the whole 1%.



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We can.



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Were



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no matter what it's done for public opinion. It's really helped to energize each individual person here.



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The largest civil rights demonstration



Jack Valinski 58:54

it's just an incredible experience just watching all that entertainment watching all the people from the vantage point we had of the press high box where the cameras were set up. You just look back there and you saw people forever. I know a lot of people were disappointed because they couldn't see all that went on the march. But there is going to be a tape produced and

some people do have copies of the C span tape, which just basically kept the cameras on the stage, the comedy, the speeches, and the music. Were just incredible. I know there was one favorite song of yours do you get that you just got

J Judith Meyer 59:25

it was one of my favorite moments in the March or in the rally. Mariah took the stage and she sang an old Sylvester song do you want a funk with me? And you've seen the pictures people as far as the eye could see. Well imagine a million people jumping to their feet at the same time and starting to dance in the sun to this song

J Jack Valinski 1:00:01

I got it well, you show your you show your real colors to is

J Judith Meyer 1:00:12

telling me I can dance into disco ha. I think I still have some Donna Summer albums somewhere.

J Jack Valinski 1:00:22

Okay. Okay, so now we know now we know, I'm sure a lot of people are getting tired with this issue and probably the other side more than we are with the gays in the military type thing. I really think we just ought to ban the military. But I was very surprised to see in the Chronicle Carl T. Rowan, who is very much a conservative basically says, What's the problem here? You know, we went through the same things in the 40s of whether blacks should be part of the military and use some of the quotes that some of the I'm sure some of them probably couldn't even be printed that was used back there about white people dealing with blacks getting into the military. But basically, his says that Clinton should have just did it, just do it. And that, you know, the military people who are speaking against this, I mean, that's basically insubordination. And then they went out to the ship this weekend. That was just a real circus there. I mean, they just seem to have everybody who's so against it. There's also an interesting story where Colonel Peck of Fred Peck talked about his 24 year old son who just came out to him recently, and that he would not think that his son should be in the Marines, because he's gay. It's interesting, Scott Peck, the son is in the middle of finals right now at Baltimore, University of Baltimore. And really doesn't have much to have much time to talk about this. But it's just incredible. The hatred that goes on. I was watching part of the hearings on C span on Saturday on Wednesday night, being repeated. And I mean, just talking about all these things, that they're so scared, you know, this is supposed to be the institution that's supposed to be able to be so fierce and show their strength, and yet gay people scare them.

J Judith Meyer 1:02:05

Yeah, I thought Colonel pecks testimony was interesting. He said his son was six, one blue eyed

long hair, a great student and gets onwards, a recruiters dream come true. But because he was homosexual, he wouldn't think that his son should serve. Peck said, I think he's a fine person. But he should not serve in the military. I like that person. He's not a fine man, now that he's homosexual, because a lot of sexism and a lot of this homophobia once, once a man is gay, he's not a man. And that's probably why he can't serve in the military. Yes.

J Jack Valinski 1:02:40

So the fact that straight men are so afraid of the possibility of gay men looking at them, they sort of understand what it's like to be vulnerable, and, like swim and feel sometimes when there's all the sexism and, you know, it just goes on and on. On the other hand, it's, you know, it's it's incredible the amount of press and maybe too much press, but that it's finally being talked about, for example, I mean, would Colonel Peck even know that his son was gay, if he wasn't about to speak on this issue? You know, being out is what's going to change some of these attitudes.

J Judith Meyer 1:03:16

The explanation that I liked best came out last week in the paper, and columnist Paul Arnelle. Said, to put it bluntly, the military has entirely given up saying there is anything about gays that justifies the ban. Instead, it is saying that there is something about straights that justifies the ban. There, homophobia.

J Jack Valinski 1:03:37

We have a lot of things coming up this weekend. Tonight, for example, the community at colors. It's an opportunity to share the photos videotapes experience from a historic March in Washington. It's going on as we speak, the gathering is open to anyone whether you went to Washington or not. It lasts till 9pm At MCC er which is at 9090 Decatur just up in the near heights.

J Judith Meyer 1:03:58

Also going on as we speak are about to start is the diverse works. Play five lesbian brothers. You can catch it tomorrow night also 8pm at diverse works.

J Jack Valinski 1:04:09

i Yes, it's going to be a late show tomorrow night starting at 930. Oh, is it okay yes, tonight show is early at eight o'clock so you probably could be driving there as we speak. Diverse works. Also coming up this Wednesday. They have another one of their films, crossing borders as this is called. It's humorous and definitely underground. Series portraits in famous in intellectuals, porn star performers, artists. Boy, this sounds great. A real artsy type movie. The

movie starts at 7pm There's a second show where it's a little bit cheaper if you just go to the second show, but it's their third part of a four part series of films are shown on Wednesday in diverse works is located at 1117 East freeway.

J Judith Meyer 1:04:55

Tomorrow night we have Sweet Honey in the Rock at the HCCs Center. College auditorium. This is sponsored by United students counsel. And for information you can call 2655343.

J Jack Valinski 1:05:09

Also, if you're a bicyclist both the rainbow writers and the Houston chain gang will be out tomorrow, the chain gang is going to be at Western oak starting at 9am. And that's way out there somewhere on highway 10. You can call 5224481 For more information, and the women's writers are going to be in Memorial Park and they asked you to bring a helmet, they start at 10am. And if you'd like some information, apparently this is a long distance number, because it's 171353 to 1856.

J Judith Meyer 1:05:38

And don't forget the hearing on public AIDS Policy at the multipurpose center on West grey nine to 12.

J Jack Valinski 1:05:45

And bring your colors because ACT UP is going to be there and possibly the Women's Action Coalition to speak out against their issues to Sunday, Sunday, Sunday,

J Judith Meyer 1:05:56

love for the rally at the dome now before the Montrose high prom night. We have quite a few activities love lesbians over age 50 needs from two to four. Also at the multi metropolitan multi service center 1475 West score.

J Jack Valinski 1:06:12

If there's anything that needs an acronym, it's that center. It'd be so much easier to say also on Sunday, and I would be remissed. If I wasn't pushing this a little bit. There's going to be auction at the BRB to help support Pride Week. It's the biggest fundraiser of the year to help pay for the parade and the events that go around and help publish the guide and all these other things. It's opened up at four to look at the look at some of the items and then the auction starts about an hour later. The BRB is located at 2400 braza SR Ross river bottom and we hope you can come and support Pride Week.

J Judith Meyer 1:06:45

What are some of the items that we can bid on?

J Jack Valinski 1:06:47

I honestly don't know there's somebody else handling that which I am grateful for it. Carol Clark is working on that and I know she just has tons of items that are going to be there. The women's group of course meets every Sunday, and this Sunday their topic is citizens against crime, and they will discuss the latest methods and techniques used to save women's lives. They meet at 10am every Sunday morning at the Sojourner Truth room at the First Unitarian Church 50 to 10 fan and at sophomore and I

J Judith Meyer 1:07:17

make it to Houston the Latina lesbian group has a potluck dinner fosh pm Sunday for information call 5205667

J Jack Valinski 1:07:27

and it's the third Sunday meaning that also loaf meets they meet at 2pm at the Metropolitan multi service center. And as we said Amiga also meets that week and I thought the prime timers also meet done i I could be wrong but I believe they meet at the library on Sunday

J Judith Meyer 1:07:49

let's say into the week I know that we have a new lesbian Ladies Night on Wednesdays sheer energy and organization intended to donate. The Montrose clinic aids Foundation's the American Cancer Society stone soup and other charitable causes is having a ladies night on the third Wednesday of every month and in May. That's this Wednesday the 19th. It is at Rich's from once say nine to 2am There's a \$5 cover charge that will go this time to stone soup I believe. And starting at 10pm There is a show exotic dancers performing erotic burlesque.

J Jack Valinski 1:08:35

Also coming up by this Tuesday Houston gay lesbian Pride Week meets at 7pm at the Metropolitan multi service center 1475 West Grey.

J Judith Meyer 1:08:48

On Wednesday, the men's network meet at the Montrose Counseling Center 701. Richmond, there's also a meeting for the garden party. The Garden Party is the last Sunday in July and raises money for organizations that help people with AIDS. This organizational meeting will be

at 7pm at 2606 Montrose

J Jack Valinski 1:09:09

and I hear you're on good authority that finally finally the Texas observer is going to be out. This is the issue that features articles by Juan plomo. And he's Parker County more Debbie hunt, and a lot of other people around the state and it's a gay and lesbian issue. And the Texas observer has been known for a long time. It's basically where Molly Ivan's got her start. Very good publication. They're usually struggling though to keep it going.

J Judith Meyer 1:09:36

And Molly still writes for the Texas observer and Juan Polanco is doing a regular column called 10%. And you can read him on lesbian and gay issues in the Texas observer.

J Jack Valinski 1:09:47

And tell us what's happening next weekend with the conference.

J Judith Meyer 1:09:50

TLC begins with the monthly live meeting this time at the stowford President Hotel and Greenway Plaza. The monthly Eating and lube has been moved there to coordinate with TLC. Speaking at the live meeting will be del Martin and Phyllis Lyons. the originators of the first lesbian magazine, the ladder, and the daughters of galatas, the first lesbian organization, whack the Women's Action Coalition and their drum corps will start off that meeting so it should get blood going. Then Saturday at the stuffers are a series of workshops during the day and entertainment at night, girls on the nose and the therapy sisters whom we heard from earlier. And the TLC concludes Sunday with additional speakers Suzy bright, of course, is one of the speakers.

J Jack Valinski 1:10:41

Sounds really interesting, a full weekend of events going on. And the Stouffer cell president they will probably never be the same as that happens. And of course, Pride Week is coming up in June, starts June 18th. A number of things are going on. And of course, I'm very excited about that, because this year, the rally goes back to spots park in the early 80s. The rally used to happen up there and it was an incredible experience, I guess. Because that was before I ever went to a march on Washington or knew anything about these type of big organizations Marshawn Austin and stuff like that. The rally was the incredible thing to have 1000s of people there dancing and listening to political speeches, and then at the end of the night, have these fireworks. And especially one of the years when Kathy Whitmire got up on stage it was just a really incredibly empowering experience. And sometimes just seeing the sea of people there and that gay flag going throughout or the Texas flag going through the crowd was was a very

incredible thing. During the 80s we had to cut back it was very expensive to do that. And with AIDS coming on. The community sort of had to cut back and, and scale down things a bit. But now we're ready to go back there. And I'm very excited about that.

J Judith Meyer 1:11:53

And when is our pride parade Jack, it is

J Jack Valinski 1:11:56

June 27. The parade will start at 4pm and the rally starts at 6pm and the parade goes along Laura Westheimer

J Judith Meyer 1:12:03

OUT magazine has a list of Pride celebrations and parades throughout the world. And if you time it right, you can celebrate Pride Gay Pride almost throughout the year begins January June 5, with the Asbury Park, New Jersey Gay Pride celebration and culminates October 9, with the annual Lesbian Gay Pride March and Johannesburg, South Africa,

J Jack Valinski 1:12:26

most of the bigger cities will have their celebration the last weekend of June, because that reflects the Stonewall anniversary and next year, Stonewall 25th, the 25th anniversary they're trying to have all the bigger cities move there's a week ahead so that everybody can come to New York and celebrate up there and it's gonna be a wild time, because also the Gay Games are going on. And the bands are supposed to have a big concert up there. It sounds like it's gonna be a wild time, sort of like the Martian Washington.

J Judith Meyer 1:12:58

Yeah, they'll also be a march upon the United Nations to affirm human rights of lesbians and gays on the 26th of June 1994.

J Jack Valinski 1:13:07

That's the unfortunate thing is that you don't read much about gays and lesbians around the world. They finally started to get reporting within this country and some of the major newspapers are finally doing a good job. It's still not doing a worldwide coverage. And I hope that's going to improve. I mean, the coverage on our issues is vastly improved over the past couple years in the major newspapers, and just have to keep pushing them.

J JUDITH MEYER 1:13:31

A couple more calendar items may 26. That's a Wednesday, Michelangelo's Signorelli will be doing a book signing at Crossroads marketing bookstore 610 West Alabama 7pm May 26. Also, if you're interested in women's music festivals, there is a complete women's Music Festival God and the current issue of denude magazine.

J JACK VALINSKI 1:13:52

Yes, some of us can't go to those festivals but they sound wonderful. Anyway, this brings to a close of another edition of Lesbian Gay voices. This is Jack Valinski And Judith Meyer. And we want to thank everybody who's involved in this program, which includes one Palomo, Lori Clark, Suzanne Anderson, and most importantly, we want to thank Donna, Kanye for being our producer and keeping us on time on track and doing all those interviews. We'll be back next week and who do we have scheduled next week.

J JUDITH MEYER 1:14:19

I think that Suzanne is going to have an interview with another speaker at TLC.

J JACK VALINSKI 1:14:26

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