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Deborah Bell 00:02

No connection. He will spend the rest of his life in prison.



Mary Helen Merzbacher 00:06

But Rebecca,



Deborah Bell 00:07

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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Jack Valinski 00:32

From Pacifica's KPFT in Houston, you're listening to lesbian and gay voices a show for and about the gay and lesbian community. This is Jack Valinski. And I'm Deborah Bell. And coming up in this hour, we have a lot of interesting things, including news wrap from this way out. KPFT

is morning host Col. Hawkins, talk to Diane Hardy Garcia, Executive Director of lesbian and gay rights lobby of Texas about the recent defeat in Austin. And of course, we're going to be asking for your money this hour.

D Deborah Bell 01:03

Oh, why don't you just spare us the trouble and just give us your money now we will have to be asking for it. Just call us now. Make your pledge. If you can't put it on plastic, we'll take payments or you can come by the station during the week and pay me Danny and the the gang that's here. You may even meet Kyle Hawkins.

J Jack Valinski 01:24

He's a pretty secretive person.

D Deborah Bell 01:26

You think so?

J Jack Valinski 01:27

I think so. Yeah. As his day is pretty much over by the time.

D Deborah Bell 01:31

And he shows that's just that he's an early morning person. And we're not we're not but you do hear him on KPFT is Morning News. And we will have an interview coming up very shortly.

J Jack Valinski 01:43

But first, let's go to this way out.

D Deborah Bell 01:48

And we've got a crew of volunteers standing by to receive your phone call at 526-573-8526 KPFT. Just remember that in addition to the usual praying premiums for pledging that we have some very special premiums available only to our listeners are supporters of lesbian and gay voices. They include tickets to the Performance Series of beyond desire. Now at diverse works. There's three performances coming up. And the tickets are available two tickets for each performance at the \$90 pledge level on plastic. So you can call for that. Or at the \$60 level, you can get the movie tickets, and we do have some people to think let's see, she wants to pay Bah, blah, blah, blah, blah, it's Rebecca. And what else do I need to say she wants? I'm not getting what you're pointing to. But what what Jack, just you say it you tap into the

microphone. We would just like to thank you, ah anthropology student, and an anonymous person for calling in. Thank you. Now we have a lot of that anonymous family out there. But you know, lesbian, gay voices, it's okay to be anonymous. And it's also okay to be out. As long as you're calling in pledging in support of this. They should you know, that's true that there's a lot of people who for various reasons are not at a place where they feel comfortable with being out. But they can sit at home and listen to the radio. And as we are so fond of saying lesbian and gay voices brings the gay and lesbian community as close as you're ready, all you have to do is turn that dial to 90.1 FM. And here we are. And it's not just this program, there's after hours. There's other programs during the week that play lesbian gay music and touch on issues. Fresh air with Terry Gross at three o'clock every afternoon often features things of concern for gays and lesbians. So it's something that you need to support is something that you care about. That's why you're listening. So it's something that you also need to be pledging to we've always already handled a number of members of the anonymous family among others. How about other U of H students out there? Our rights students, our Tsu students or Prairie View students, UT medical branch students. I know we have a lot of family members in that group. So call now with your pledge of support. 526-573-8526 KPFT. Mary Helen, you're in the lobby standing.

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 04:28

Okay, you bet. And we have three open phone lines here. Deborah, we have one pledge on the line at 5265738. But we need these other three lines to just jump off the table right now. With pledges of support it is a dark and stormy night, but you can bring a little light into your life and into the lives of so many people by pledging to KPFT right now, and the number again is 5265738. As you all are probably aware we are under a tornado get a warning. And that's in effect. Oh, actually, it should expire soon. But we're having thunderstorms at cetera here in Montrose area close to downtown. And there are also storms in the area and downed power lines, etc. So we hope that we'll be able to stay on the air bringing you this program.

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Jack Valinski 05:24

But it's not very Ozzie very Ozzie.

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 05:27

It's not always Ramsey here at KPFT. And it's the type of programming that the station does is sometimes controversial. Maybe you don't like everything that you hear on the air at KPFT. But if you like one thing that you hear, if you like lesbian and gay voices, then you need to go ahead and become a member of KPFT and support what you're listening to. It costs money

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Deborah Bell 05:51

to produce this program, although we have lots of volunteers and I try to make cheap we try to make your money go really far. When you pledge to KPFT. What you have is a lot of dedicated people who give their time and energy to making this show possible. Very Helen being one of them. Jackie's been with the station for like 12 years now. And he and he's active in the

community elsewhere. And we also have the door open for new people who want to come in Zachary Steele it's a new person who's gotten involved. Melody Blake has been doing interviews. We course we have Suzanne Anderson and Brian Bradley come in and tell us about what's going on in the in their mind and their minds and elsewhere. And Judith Meyer from Crossroads market doing book reviews. And you know, we really work at being informed so that we can share that information. And you know, something that might live and things up in your life will give a little light to it is the concert that will be tomorrow night by Kate Macklin linen and Ruth Hooper. They're going to be at the First Unitarian Church of Houston at 550 200. Bannon. There's an admission charge at the door that Saturday night, the 14th starting at 8pm. I've heard these women before and they do a lot of music that has to do with recovery. And this says it's of special interest to people in recovery from alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. And they don't you know, it's about everybody. One of the songs they do is called it's never too late to have a happy childhood. I saw them a couple of years ago when they read the women's recovery conference that was held here in Houston. And they really did lighten things up. And I think that's what they'll be doing tomorrow night. And guess what kids, we have two tickets available to give away to what pledge level Mary Helen,

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 07:45

we'd like to give these tickets to the next person that calls in with the pledge of \$60 or more. You can get a pair of tickets to go see tomorrow night's performance of Ruth Huber and Kate McLennan. There'll be at the First Unitarian Church with an evening of lively and nurturing song, your pledge of \$60. And more than you need to put that on plastic, you'll still get that regular KPFT premium of a T shirt. And you'll be able to go to tomorrow night's performance route with Ruth Huber and Kate McLennan at the First Unitarian Church, we're going to hear some of their music. Well, we

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Jack Valinski 08:18

hope to hear some of the music but our players just cannot read that CD. So we're going to listen to something else by romanovski and Phillips.

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There was a man who took a stick

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Deborah Bell 08:47

and that is romanovski and Phillips with a song about probably a disease that's just as bad as aids for our community. And that's the disease of homophobia. That's what we're here combating every week on lesbian and gay voices. And they're a wonderful duo. They used to be lovers and now they're just really good friends. But they still work together. They still produce some of the best music around and you haven't dished until you've dish with Paul Phillips, let me tell you that. You know, he was a graduate of Wheaton College in Illinois. And that's the same university that the Reverend Billy Graham attended. And last year during the March on Washington, Paul Phillips was involved with a reunion of gay and lesbian alumni of Wheaton

College, and he had 65 people show up. So they're going to do it again during the anniversary of Stonewall on June 25. From one to 5pm in New York City, St. Clements Episcopal Church. It's a gay friendly environment in New York theater district high appropriate and for more information you can call Oh 212-807-5577, in a request for confidentiality or discretion will be carefully followed.

J Jack Valinski 10:10

You know, it's really interesting where we've come in the past so many years. The fact that next week on Melrose Place on the 18th, Wednesday, supposedly

D Deborah Bell 10:21

really excited about this, aren't you about that these are gonna get, you know, it's

J Jack Valinski 10:24

really interesting. I mean, even listening to a commercial radio station earlier this week, where they says, well, the gay guy never has much to say, I mean, that never has much of a character there. Well, hopefully that will this time, but who knows? I mean, that is exciting to see that commercial TV.

D Deborah Bell 10:38

Yeah. Well, as Martinez said, at the March on Washington, you know, people just need to know what ordinary, regular sometimes boring lives that we lead. I mean, we're just folks basically, I personally do not have a boring life. Thank you. But some, some people, you know, we're just folks, we're just living our lives doing our jobs.

J Jack Valinski 10:59

I think there's a little bit of a sparkle there. There's a little bit of sparkle, and maybe, yes, yes, and gay and lesbian people,

D Deborah Bell 11:07

that we have access to tap into that aspect of ourselves that sometimes we're given license to do that much more than the straight folks. And so I think we do need to honor that. Well, we do that in our music on lesbian and gay voices and in what we go with cultural events, but we also do it sometimes in our politics, and we just had a battle in Austin, about their domestic partners benefits law that was in place. It was a referendum that was called up and voted on this last Saturday. Our news director Kyle Huggins, talk to Diane Hardy Garcia, Executive Director of the

lesbian and gay rights lobby about what happened with this vote and about why we lost so we're going to be going to that interview in wallets on you can take that opportunity to call and make your pledge 526-573-8526 KPFT.



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Antonio Huckins. Row despite his claiming victory today after the weekend vote in Austin's repealing ordinance allowing insurance benefits for the same sex partners subsidy employees 62% of voters casting ballots Saturday supported that repeal. Well, 38% back the policy, the benefits package is now limited to the wives husband and children, government workers, also excluding unmarried heterosexual couples. With us to talk about the results. Diane Hardy Garcia of the lesbian and gay rights lobby of Texas, she worked with the mainstream Austin coalition to try to support that measure. Good morning, Miss Garcia.



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Hi, good morning.



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First of all, your reaction to the vote, obviously disappointing.



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Oh, yeah. But all along, I think I do not think this reflects Austin's commitment to diversity. I think the other side, falsely President presented as a pocketbook issue. They misquoted the cost repeatedly in their ads. And I talked repeatedly about programs that were cut that from the city budget, that it wasn't true that those programs were cut. So I think a lot of Austinites voted there, mistakenly voted their pocketbook, which is unfortunate, because this policy is good business, and it saves the taxpayers running.



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Although this was mostly religious right effort to try to repeal this ordinance.



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Yeah. And, you know, they have a weekly captivated audience and their churches and a lot of polling places actually voting places and places where you can cast your ballot or are at churches. So, you know, they spoke about their congregations spoke to their congregations on a weekly basis, and put, you know, huge billboards on their churches, you know, saying things like God voted No on Proposition 22. But, you know, at this time, I think we learned a lot from this, I think we had the one of the highest ever turnouts. And we'll know now, where to go from here, I think and how we can win this. I don't think at all this is over.



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What kind of allies did you have in the struggle besides just the ordinary gay and lesbian community activists,



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we had, were really proud of how a coalition of people came together. We had a lot of religious leaders that did come forward and say that this is plain and simple. bigotry and to try to unmask what this other side was doing. From the beginning. They called it a moral issue. But later they found that that was not as palatable to to austenite. So they changed it to this false fiscal issue. But we had a tremendous coalition of women's groups of people of color who came together, leaders from the communities of color. We had a lot of been leaders and medical leaders who came together on a call volition to talk about the fact that preventative healthcare saves dollars. And this provided insurance to people at a very low cost. And it was fair, it was about equal pay for equal work.



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Jobs gotta be Democratic Chairman, he blamed the unmarried factor rather than the gay and lesbian factor on the defeat, saying that the mayor's race where you had two relatively progressive candidates captured about three quarters of the vote bad in the opposite direction to saying this is a religious right mandate. How do you feel about that factor of the unmarried as opposed to gay and lesbian causing the defeat?



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Yeah, the other side really presented that as an issue that that that married couples, straight couples would be getting unfair economic values, that they wouldn't be responsible for winning one another when they have the option to, to be married. And I do think that unsettled many voters, unfortunately, leave for lesbians and gays, we don't have that option. And those leaders are the same leaders. The leaders of the the other side of this are the same leaders who tried to legalize discrimination and housing against lesbians and gays, they have a definite anti homosexual agenda. But unfortunately, they were able to cut enough voters into siding. But I do think that that that played a part in them. But there's no way around that right now, was if you guys don't have the option to get married, and no one will certainly no one from the other side will ever help us try to attain that goal. And many of us want to be able to marry



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most of the people who are affected by this just about 100 couples employed in city government, one of the spouses employed by the city government, those were heterosexual women.



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Oh, yeah, domestic partners tend to be heterosexual people don't marry for a variety of reasons. But they also don't get the same tax benefits that you get from marriage. And they have to pay the cost of their benefits in the income tax where a couple of do not, that is a trend around the country. That that when these kinds of policies are instituted, about 70% of those who use them are heterosexual couples, and only 30% are gay and lesbian.



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We're talking live with Diane Hardy Garcia, the executive director of the lesbian and gay rights lobby of Texas, she worked with mainstream Austin, to try to back that ordinance that allowed insurance benefits for same sex and unmarried partners of city employees, just to take the devil's advocate point of view for a moment.



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Bring yourself as a domestic partner. And in that it says you're living together that you're responsible for one another's basic living expenses. And so in essence, it's a contract of some type. When you get married, you don't have to live in the same place, you don't even have to know each other. And when you separate as a domestic partner, you have to inform your employer immediately. And you do that and you sign that document under penalty of perjury. So there was a definite commitment here equal to that, if not more to that of marriage. So it was nothing that you could do fly by night, and just want to register a friend, you had to have them living together and agree to be responsible for basic living expenses, which leaves you open to suit if you had a partner who maybe had a tremendous amount of credit card debt.



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We were at, of course, quite a bit about the Williamson County controversy with Apple Computer, that company coming in building the plant and allowing its employees to the same sex partners to have benefits. Do you think that this is going to affect this vote is going to affect any companies coming in and trying to have that same policy in Austin?



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I think it will. I do think that a lot of people will call for a boycott of Austin and try to discourage businesses from coming. I personally will not do that. I think that you know, ultimately, we are Austinites and Texans first and people that, you know, do care about the whole community. And I don't think everyone else should suffer for on behalf of the bigotry of a small group. But I do believe that this is a small group who who worked very hard to produce an effective message. I hope what we'll do immediately in the next coming weeks is sit down and analyze what happened. And then we're going to come out of this learning a tremendous amount. And we will be back. I mean, we will not give up on this issue at all by any means. There could be a legal challenge and We'll see I think this is not in any way over and often.



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What do you think, just an immediate Monday morning quarterbacking literally are some of the lessons for the gay and lesbian rights movement in this case?



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I think one thing that we did that was wonderful is that we made a commitment to teaching a whole crop of new people who did not know how to do elections and how to run elections and how to do kind of ballot initiative or organizing a chance to work on this issue. We trained a whole crop of new people, and they were between the ages of, oh, I guess, 35 and 20. And that was a commitment we made. So these people walk away with skills, because balanced initiatives that are anti gay are coming up across the country everywhere, that the Christian coalition and a radical right groups has become very proficient at putting them on the ballot, and they've been able to win most of them. I think, because lesbians and gays don't have that skill. We do know how to lobby. And we have been effective in our lobbying efforts. But we haven't said, that's not the same as campaigning. And that's not the same as electoral politics. So we trained a new crop of folks. And they were they were all talking about their next campaign where they were going to work next. And their real commitment now to winning another way.



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Talking to Diane Hardy Garcia, she is the executive director of the lesbian and gay rights lobby of Texas.



Jack Valinski 21:42

Thanks, Kyle, that was a really nice interview talking about what's going on in Austin. I just can't imagine anybody would talk about boycotting Austin. Yeah, I



Deborah Bell 21:51

think that would be a really effective tactic. In this case. I think what was going on in Colorado when a boycott of Colorado was made sense, but And of course, there are a lot of companies now that are becoming progressive, who will be offering benefits for domestic partners. And hopefully, you know, we'll work more on getting other folks elected and taken care of 21 of the basis that they use for the repeal was the fact that there is a law on the books instead of Texas 21 06. Even though some people say that the lower court ruling that dissolved the 21 06, which penalizes homosexual conduct in the state of Texas, is, you know, they're saying it's unconstitutional. And that's what the lower court ruled and made it a de facto law. But other people are saying no, it's still in effect, and they're still using it to say, we're saying got no rights in Texas. So by golly, and so even if you make a lifetime commitment to someone, and you're with them for 30 years, and you're sharing everything

J Jack Valinski 22:59
that they used to say that but other types of people,

D Deborah Bell 23:02
yes, there were a laws, especially interracial marriages, and things like that. So, you know, it's just one another one of those steps that we have to take ongoing marching on as it war,

J Jack Valinski 23:14
March, year after year. That's right. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices. And this is Jack Valinski.

D Deborah Bell 23:20
I'm Deborah Bell. And we really need you to be calling us tonight to pledge your support to this program. It's really important to us to know that you're out there that you're listening, that you care that you like what you hear on this show, and less than halfway to our goal. And we're not going to be happy if we don't reach our call. And we have

J Jack Valinski 23:41
to end right on time because the BBC doesn't wait for us. But let's go out to the lobby and see where we are. Exactly. I guess we're well away.

D Deborah Bell 23:51
Mary, Helen, are you standing by? So do we have anyone else to say? Yes, we'd

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 23:56
like to thank Cindy Bruning for calling in with a real generous donation. Thanks a lot, Cindy. She called from out in the pear land area. And we're going to send Cindy a reminder of her pledge. What we do is when you call in, we'll send you in the mail a little reminder saying hey, remember you pledged us a little bit of money now send it on in and then of course you will. And we'll all just be in a Sir Happy as little clams because, you know, it's what makes the world go round and the kids and the kids in the lobby say, Yeah. Guys really need to hear from me tonight because they have come down here braving the stormy weather, and we'd love to answer your call and your pledge of support at 5265738. Our goal this evening for lesbian and gay voices is \$750 or up to \$445. We need another 305 smackeroos to make our goal and you know you could if you Have a really lonely Visa, MasterCard or American Express, you could pull it out of your car back of your wallet, and go ahead and call us. Give us the number, we can

charge the pledge for you. Or we can take a check, no problem. Just give us a call 5265738 is the number to call. Let us know if you want the safer sex kit that we're offering. It contains latex gloves and condoms and dental dams and instructions on how to use them. We'll be glad to send you one of the safer sex kits, in addition to the regular KPFT premium that you would normally receive. We also have tickets available to the diverse worksharing. Helen,

D Deborah Bell 25:42

what's still available? Have we had people take us up on those premiums?

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 25:46

Yes, we've had. We do not have the one TV subscription anymore, though. Yeah. All right. That's gone. We do have we had someone taking us up on the challenge that you made for the medical center employees and the AMC

D Deborah Bell 26:01

student college student. That's right.

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 26:06

Yes, what we have in the way of tickets is we have the Ruth Huber Kate McLennan tickets for tomorrow night at the First Unitarian Church. And that's going to be a really fun evening of singing and healing and relaxing and, you know, just kind of joyous music I'm sorry that for some reason, the only player that will has been nice to that CD has been the one in the studio. We cannot get on the air right now. So such is life. Yeah, we community radio station, we still have I think some of the tickets to the diverse works. Also, although we have had one pleasure, take us up on the five lesbian brothers ticket. All right. So anyway, we need to hear your call your pledge of support. Right now, we have four open lines, because we just took a pledge. And it was a really nice pledge, but we are still going to need Well, we're under \$400. Now we're just \$385.80 \$5

J Jack Valinski 27:12

I spent more time to the top of the hour. That's right.

D Deborah Bell 27:14

And we want to do we will be giving some calendar items. And we'll go over a few of those things that diverse works to give you another chance to hear what they are and what you can take on the premium special premiums for lesbian and gay voices, which of course are in

addition to the regular premiums which are mighty fine gifts to you mighty, mighty, mighty mighty fine in appreciation for you being there and you caring about this station. That's what makes it work is you being Darius your session,

J Jack Valinski 27:45

you know, some of these other stations say, Well, we do this for you, we do this for you. But we really do this for you because we're here only because of the public.

D Deborah Bell 27:53

All they tried to do for you really is to sell products with the commercial,

J Jack Valinski 27:57

we try to sell some ideas, some crazy ideas about let's like all get along. Let's try to have a better understanding. Let's allow for

D Deborah Bell 28:07

diversity and appreciate it and celebrate it and let's get in on those things. And we're having

J Jack Valinski 28:13

a special on that tonight. Special is for the only

D Deborah Bell 28:17

\$35 is the starting price. Although you can give at any level and someone that was asking me if the BBC KPFT World Radio Canvas briefcase is still available at the \$120 level. And indeed it is so you can receive that premium and the biggest premium you get is having the lesbian and gay community as accessible as your radio. May if you if you pay HL NP. R if you have batteries, you hit those little inner Energizer Bunny batteries and your radio then you have access to galas be in community in Houston. You know, Melody Blake lives down in the Galveston area and they do pick up kBK Okay. Well, actually, the thing is about melody has been contributing to the program and she she told me you know, there's not really much going on for for folks in Galveston. But one of the ways that they can find out what's going on is listening to lesbian and gay voices into after hours. And they do that and they find out what's going on. So they make the drive up. You know, a lot of us we think, Oh, well we gotta go down to Galveston to have a good time now, you know, the beach and everything. But in Galveston, they they're they're starving for the cultural for the community. And so, here it is right here on KPFT at 90.1 FM and you are listening to lesbian and gay voices. My voice is the voice of Deborah Bell, and I'm

J Jack Valinski 29:49
the six lesbian brother Chaplinsky.

D Deborah Bell 29:53
And we appreciate you and we hope you appreciate us and you can the only way you really can prove to us just prove your love when I'm channeling Deborah, I know, I know you are Mary Holland and our

J Jack Valinski 30:05
magic number tonight to channel two is 526573852 6k PFT.

D Deborah Bell 30:13
And I'd like to have some other folks call in who got maybe attend one of the universities, maybe, maybe you're just now coming out. Maybe you have realized, yes, I'm gay or a nice president coming out, wouldn't it be and pride weeks coming up? What a time to celebrate? And you can say yes. You know, there is a community out there. I'm part of it. I want to make a difference by calling and pledging you might even use this as an opportunity to say Yes, I'm coming out, make your pledge and we'll announce it over the radio in your honor. Well,

J Jack Valinski 30:46
let's give our listeners a chance to call we're going to listen to some music.

D Deborah Bell 31:12
Right, all right, already lizer. Well, if you're planning on going to New York for Stonewall 25, you need to be making your plans now. And you can call the local Houston committee for Stonewall 25 at 5286835. They meet on

J Jack Valinski 31:33
Tuesdays, and you can get information about their meetings at that number. Or you can meet them in New York.

D Deborah Bell 31:38
Now. Are you gonna go chat? Yes.

J Jack Valinski 31:39
All right.

D Deborah Bell 31:41
So maybe you'll do some reporting and stuff? Are you just gonna go have a good time? I'm

J Jack Valinski 31:45
just gonna go and have a good time. What that would be different wouldn't want a concept.
What a concept. Of

D Deborah Bell 31:50
course you don't have, you'll have to report back numbers. So that's right, I'll hunt you down
wherever you go. Well, you know, Stonewall is one of the many events that are going on this
year. And of course, it was kind of what started all the Pride celebrations that take place every
June. And we have our very own you stone wall coming up this month. And

J Jack Valinski 32:12
the new outsmart magazine, which is starting to appear around the community has the entire
lineup of all the different things are more than 70 events. But you know, a lot of that stuff got
started through radio station KPFT. Because KPFT was there to spread the news about different
things, we brought new groups on to talk to them on our shows that we've done over the years.
And, but

D Deborah Bell 32:40
and maybe you found out about an organization or got involved because of listening to KPFT.
And if that's true, then I'd like to hear from you. I'd like for you to call with your support five to
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J Jack Valinski 32:59
yous.

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 33:01
You know what, what we want to thank people for not calling because we were all had to go to
the bathroom. But we're back now.

D Deborah Bell 33:09
I thought you're gonna say you were all dancing. While Liza was singing your top hats and kr.

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 33:15
They're just, we're just into it here. But we need to hear some pledges of support. And the number to call is 5265738. Pick up some tickets. Get yourself a BBC briefcase if you'd like. You know, we have some nice, thank you gifts. But the important thing is that you go ahead and support the radio station that is here through thick and thin with lesbian and gay programming. I think that, that we as a culture are very lucky to have this programming. It doesn't come by accident. It comes by a lot of hard work from a lot of people. And tonight we're asking you to do your part by calling in a pledge. It can be \$20 it can be \$200. But it's all very important. It all goes to keep lesbian and gay voices on the air. We are \$285 from our goal

J Jack Valinski 34:04
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M Mary Helen Merzbacher 34:05
that is we do not have money. There's about 10 minutes left to make make it to the goal. We need to hear from you. Right.

D Deborah Bell 34:12
winding down the final moments, you know, and we have to have those phones ring at the men's network at the Montrose Counseling Center on June 1 In celebration of Marilyn Monroe's birthday, they're going to be showing a movie called How to Marry a Millionaire. So maybe you'll marry a millionaire or become a millionaire. And if you do, then you're gonna give lots of money to KPFT. But even if you're not a millionaire, you're going to need to pledge whatever level you can we still have some wonderful, wonderful special premiums that are available and any of our lovely volunteers. We'd be glad to assist you in making your decision your operators are standing by and if

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 34:55
you if you prefer we could give you a not so lovely volunteer. because

J Jack Valinski 35:01
I didn't know you're answering phones very high. I'm

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 35:03

not naming any names. I'm not saying it is, but I can answer the phone. You never know who you're gonna get in no right now we have going on in Galveston Bay, a special marine warning. So don't take the boat. You're a special Marine, why don't you give us a call 5265738 We have a really special volunteer, special marine get to go on over there. Get on over there to the phone.

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Deborah Bell 35:30

Whatever branch of the military you are in or have been in, you can call and pledge your support to gay and lesbian voice is changing or That's right, you can pretend you don't care. Maybe you're switching gymnasiums. Maybe your uniform is leather. All my

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 35:48

exes changed their sexes.

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Deborah Bell 35:52

We understand why. But let's go over a few calendar items. One of the things that's coming up that's very precious and special to us in this community. The names project Houston, a memorial panel dedication ceremony, a time to remember a time to join hands a time to celebrate life will be at the First Unitarian Universalist Church 50 to 10 fan and on Saturday, June the fourth starting at 5pm. Friends and families who will come together to dedicate and send off the panels that they have made in remembrance of their loved ones who have died of AIDS and for more information because they are going to have some panels being made. And you can register to make panels and they'll give you all the details on how you can do that. You can call them names project local contact number, and that is five two names. There the workshops located over 2014. Woodhead.

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Jack Valinski 36:48

But pick up that phone, we've only got a few minutes left just a few minutes left. To make our goal we've been able to make our goals over the past couple of marathons, but it doesn't look like we're going to do it tonight. We're just

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 36:59

\$260 away. So a couple of people, pledging at the \$120 level and taking us up on that offer the BBC tote bag, you'll get a safer sex kit along with that, you can probably say a couple of them. And I'll fill the entire bag with safer sex kits for you. And you can just have a roll night of it. Or even maybe a couple of days of it. Hey, I don't know, you know how it goes. But

D Deborah Bell 37:24

whatever. A lot of times, we kind of joke about safer sex, but you know, it's going to keep us alive. And it's becoming more and more crucial each day. For us to be aware, the biggest defense that we have against AIDS and against homophobia is education. And that's what we try to do here on lesbian gay plus is I think we do a pretty good job of it most of the time. And you can help keep us on the air. Not just we'll be here lesbian, gay voices as long and long as long as Jack and I can hold out when we're in our rockers. Yeah, you know, it makes me think of that song who was six before will probably still be here doing lesbian gay voices. But we also are inviting new people to get involved. And we also want to let people know about what's going on in the community. It's really important. And we want you to be part of it. And yeah, it's really easy for you to do I mean, we love it when you come down here and when you volunteer and when you actually get involved with the program. But very basic, you can write a check, or you can put it on plastic call 526-573-8526 KPFT.

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 38:33

And we want to thank a couple of people who have done just that. In the last minute or so we want to thank Mike and Mac Mike Mac called in making a real generous donation. They're kind of going to split it. They have brought us up we're only \$235 from the gold. We have the

D Deborah Bell 38:50

best listeners, Mary Helen. I don't care what anyone else says on all the programs that are on KPFT lesbian and gay what voices has the best listeners?

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 39:00

Well, whatever, you know, but they need to let us know.

J Jack Valinski 39:05

They let nine to let us know they're the best. Listen 65738 is

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 39:09

the number to call Nuri Nerys here and he's going to be coming on the air in about six months. You may have the

D Deborah Bell 39:14

big boss man is in the building. Yeah.

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 39:18

And we have two pledges online but we have to open lines and I'd love to see these last two lonely guys.

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Jack Valinski 39:26

Yeah. Very lonely all night. They're waiting for that call. So

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 39:30

we would like to get all four of these phones just busy right now. If it's a \$25 pledge that is great. If it's \$120 pledge we're now would be just about the time to do it. We are \$235 from the goal coming ahead and put us over our goal tonight we had a goal of \$750 We're up to \$285 Is

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Deborah Bell 39:53

that really on desire, playing at diverse works and there will be the perfect formants of Luis Alfaro and David Zamora cosas. En Friday the 20th and the 21st. There will be the five lesbian brothers that will be Berlin stories we have three pairs of tickets available to those performances at the \$90 level. Call now, to get those the movies coming up. Over the next several weeks through the month of July to

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Jack Valinski 40:26

our last minute, our last minutes, we need to make that goal.

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 40:30

We don't have a pair of tickets left to see Kate McLennan and Ruth Huber tomorrow night at the First Unitarian Church. They'll have a real interesting and enlightening performance tomorrow. It's of special interest to people in recovery from alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. That would be anybody hear about covers

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Deborah Bell 40:49

it doesn't and say that covers it? Yeah. Well, we're not quite the kids for covering the phones tonight. And all the people that contribute to with the program. Kyle for his interview, Zachary and Jack for their interview with Luis Alfaro and the premiums that were donated from Montrose Counseling Center and the Montrose clinic from





Jack Valinski 41:18

just one TV. You listening



Deborah Bell 41:21

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