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SPEAKERS

Mike Miesch, Jack Valinski

J Jack Valinski 00:09

Welcome to Wilde 'N' Stein show. We're here every Thursday 730 to 9pm Wilde 'N' Stein is dedicated to the gay and lesbian community of the greater Houston area. The collective brings you news, viewpoints music features about our community. You can reach us by calling 526 4000. This is KPFT of Pacifica foundation station in Houston. Good evening this is a Thursday evening you're listening to Wilde 'N' Stein show this Jack Valinski and Mike Miesch will be around in just a second. Tonight, we've got a pretty heavy show, as we usually do. We'll be talking to the economic response committee. And also Mike has pre recorded some of the Montrose Symphony Band last Saturday at their concert we playing back some of that later on in the show. got news coming up. And of course, announcements. News Tonight, we got some big things, including talking about next week show Oh, yeah, that's gonna be exciting. We've got some news about the book called lesbian nuns breaking silence, and about being banned on certain TV stations around the country. And next week, at eight o'clock, we will be interviewing one of the co authors or actually a call editors, I believe, over the phone from Phoenix. And we really hope you'll stay tuned to listen to that next week. Because they're not even going to be right now. They don't have any plans to come to Houston. The book has been sold out most places, it's still in Wilde 'n' Stein.

M Mike Miesch 01:54

Very few copies left. And there are hopes that we can do well on Sunday. I'll come back in before next Thursday, because they're just very few copies left around town.

J Jack Valinski 02:09

And the book is going to be mass distributed through B Dalton enroll in Brooks also, I don't know if they haven't yet one of the books is going to be printing it. So let's get right on with the show and start with the announcements.

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Mike Miesch 02:30

The Montrose Symphonic Band is turning up for the first part of their concert that will be airing at 830. It is time for announcements and a great deal we do have and we'll try to get through them real quick because we have an awful lot on tonight's show. On April 20, the gay Hispanic Caucus be having their art show me out today. For more information you can call 868525 to parents flags. Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets at 2pm April 21 Presbyterian center 41 Oh Dell. For more information you can call 4646663 Lesbian Gay resource Service University of Houston meets 2:30pm April 23 Spindletop room, University Center University Park at and for more information you can call 5293211 The guy switchboard Lutherans concern meets April 23 Grace Lutheran Church 2515 law. For more information you can call 5210863. Also on the 23rd, integrity Houston and Pitt at fiscal integrity. We'll be meeting at Andre house which is 60 to 65 online. For more information you can call 4391209 some important films coming up with the Houston Film Festival sponsored by River Oaks on the 21st a very important film before Stonewall and often humorous attempt to examine gay and lesbians before the Civil Rights explosion in 1969. Using interviews with a variety of people from different races, backgrounds and social areas. nother film coming up in connection with the film festival, the trout, one of the last films acted by the J. Late Joseph Losey. And that will be on the 23rd at 9:15pm. And then and that one I might add will be at Greenway, three theater as a part of the Houston Film Festival, also at Greenway, they'll drop your title at 7pm That's April 25. This 1979 Spanish film is considered explicit and brutal, but with powerful view of homosexual guilt and relationships. If you'd like more information on these films, you can call 524217 thought some important phone numbers in the gay community the gay switchboard that's 5293211 the gay Political Caucus can be reached at five to one 1000 Gay Pride Week 85 contact number 5237644 And of course KPFT at five to six 4000 Montrose clinic can be reached by calling 5285531 to Montrose counseling center can be reached by calling 5290037 And we have the Kshs foundation at 5242437. And coming up April 30th. Through may 12. Lukashenko musical. For more information on this event, you can call 5292727 with diversity theatre currently running Monday through Wednesdays up perfect relationship and a perfectly delightful show. Playing Fridays and Saturdays at eight, and Sundays at 3pm. Entertaining Mr. Sloane awake a little comedy by Joe Orton. For information you can call 526506 to another theater event. Her honor, a comedy about Houston politics and show times. Saturday, the 20th. Running a week through Saturday the 28th with performances on Sunday, Saturday and Sunday at 5pm. Wednesday at 8:30am Thirsty at 830 with set the last Saturday performance at 8:30pm. For more information you can call 524799 A JPC is hosting an AI that diversity theater to PC has bought out the house for the evening of April 23. Make plans to join everyone for a perfect relationship. This fundraiser for GPC and a plug for diversity theatre. A theatre critic from The advocate who will be reviewing the show that night and a large attentive crowd will help the cast diversity theater is located in the 600 block of Pacific at Hopkins. Plenty of parking is available. And for more information you can call a Political Caucus at 521 1000 or diversity theater at 5265062. Some upcoming concerts of the Montrose Symphonic Band may 10 teddy bears picnic and early summer festival under the stars Montrose symphonic band with Auburn and Morgan conducting a special free event at Miller theatre which is Hermann Park dry. For more information you can call 5279454. And their special Gay Pride Week concert which promises to be really fun celebration of pride, freedom and joy, the special guest, Councilman George grania. This will be narrator for Aaron Copland, Flink and portrait. Besides the Montrose Symphonic Band, all the special guests, the William Grant Still String Quartet and the MCC our choir. This is June 29 at 8pm Lanier Middle School. That's 2600. Woodhead at West timer, and it is in the planning stages but Wilde 'N' Stein plans to broadcast this special concert on the Fourth of July. Two other events the 10th National National Conference on men and masculinity which will be June 20th through 23rd. In St. Louis, Missouri. For more information on this special N fine group of

people putting on this comp conference, changing men P.O. box 24159 St. Louis, Missouri 63130. The 10th Michigan Women's Music Festival will be August eighth through 11. In Heart Michigan, we'll be featuring such P.O. as Ferran Holly near Teresa trawl, Ronnie Gilbert, Alex dog, Ken and a host of many, many others, including Houston Salas evergreen or more infirm nation you can write the Michigan Women's Music Festival at 1501 y and street li nly o n s plus it Michigan and the zip is 48858. P.O. I'd like to phone Area code 517-772-0582. Do you have any questions about announcements on Wilde 'N' Stein? Give us a call during the show or at some other time and we'll try announcements for Wilde 'N' Stein, please send them here to KPFT 419 lavet Boulevard Houston, Texas 77006. And right now I'd like to thank a couple of brands for their help on the Texas gay archives production, garage sale. And among those the support, trial scale lists and Tony Vega as well as a host of others. And I'll be telling you about an upcoming cultural events the train the gay duo Romanowski and Phillips, you're listening to KPFT Houston.

J Jack Valinski 13:58

Good evening this is Jack Valinski with news of interest to Wilde 'N' Stein listeners for April 18 1985. stories include county judge calls Houston Vice Squad sting operation, a little Westheimer and entrapment. As co authors of lesbian nuns breaking silence make their talk show circuit on the nation. The Westinghouse TV stations ban them from being interviewed at their stations and a report from the first International AIDS Conference in Atlanta from National Public Radio. Houston police at Friday. Their courtroom lost in a prostitution case will not deter them from setting up future modeling studios meant to lure customers willing to pay for sex. The police also called County Court at law judge Billy Regan, liberal minded. They said they were not surprised Thursday when Reagan found Jim Bazi age 23 innocent of soliciting prostitution reach Friday, Fonzie said his discussion with his lawyer the possibility of filing a suit against the Houston Police Department. The attorney Steve mess call said it would be appropriate for the department to pay his client \$100,000 impugn To have damage award. Pfizer was videotaped at a studio on December 2, as he talked to Charlotte van court and undercover police woman posing as a prostitute. In the tape Fonzie could be heard asking van court for half and half. Van court testified that she interpreted the request for oral sex and intercourse. However Fuzzy on Friday said he explained to his friends that he was referring only to a mixture of milk and cream fancourt said Friday she did not feel she entrapped posi. She said she also was very surprised what Reagan's ruling. He seemed very bitter about the whole things than court said. She said she would never pose as a prostitute again in a police sting operation. Again because she was getting married in June Fazi, a student at a computer technology school said he feels the Houston Police have violated his civil rights, especially his freedom of speech. All I did was talk. He said the charge against him also caused him to miss a lot of school. Fozzie said several of his classmates were calling him Hollywood Jim. A few girls came up and asked me what half and half is. Fonzie said of his troubles. My girlfriend was laughing about it. She took it pretty easy. Houston vice officer says Reagan in the past has usually found their suspects innocent of charges against them. Reagan was in Louisiana on Friday and could not be reached for comment. According to Reagan's court coordinator, and in the first sting operation of its kind in Houston, Houston police in November set up their own modeling studio at 108 Westheimer and staffed it with undercover female officers posing as prostitutes. About 290 men were secretly videotaped at the studio, resulting in 180 of them being charged with soliciting prostitution. Captain Jack Fulbright, head of the vice division said 118 of those have since been convicted after pleading guilty or opting not to contest the charges against them. Reagan said he and other judges have accepted those plays. But Fozzie was the first vendor to come to trial, in his case was quickly thrown out of the court by angry

Reagan, who called a police sting operation and entrapment. And put a criminal record on a lot of people to judge said at the end of the trial, I'm Fulbright's said he was not surprised by Reagan's action. He's very liberal minded when it comes to prostitution laws, adding that in the past have been very hard to win any convictions and Reagan's court in vice and gambling cases. Fulbright said he feels that the judge has injected his own opinion in finding FISA innocent innocent, rather than following the letter of the law. He said 44 cases from the sting are scheduled to go to trial with only three cent and Reagan's court. Fulbright's said he does not expect any of those other cases and Reagan's court to end and a conviction but welcomes the cases to be heard by other judges. I feel then other courts the judges are more professional and will disregard the personal opinions to act impartially. The captain said. We're very confident how we stand as far as the law goes. Fulbright said the police continued to search for 18 men caught in the sting who have yet to serve with arrest warrants. He said that Reagan's ruling will not prevent police from staging similar things in the future, the case will be heard will have no bearing on doing other ones in the future. Fullbright said Houston Police Chief Lee Brown said he did not believe his officers and trapped anybody at the studio. Brown. Brown said that before the operation was set up his department consulted regularly with the Harris County District Attorney's office. Brown would not say whether sting operations will be conducted in the future. But he added we subject we suggest to those who do not want to be arrested not to go into places where they feel prostitution is going on. He said it does not make any sense for that purpose for him to complain about Reagan's ruling. Once again, a book being banned in Boston is having an effect on the literary world. And partly as a result, an extraordinary new book about homosexuality among nuns is gaining national attention. The book published by a small series feminist and lesbian press in Tallahassee, Florida, is called lesbian nuns breaking silence. In it are the accounts of how 51 Women 42 of them former Roman Catholic nuns, and nine who are still bound by their vows came to grips with their lesbianism, edited by two college teachers who are lesbian and former nuns. The book is just reaching store shelves almost a month ago, when the Reverend Peter Conley, spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston learned of it, he saw an article in The Boston Globe reporting that an interview with the author's Rosemary curb and associate professor of English in Rollins College in Florida, and the NC Manahan, a teacher until last year at Napa Valley College and California would be broadcasted by Channel Four and NBC affiliate there in May, about about the same time. Father Conley saw publicity flyer on the book, and the title is from a publishing house nynuk Press. One title leap out economy has been pornographic, and he decided without even seeing or reading lesbian nuns, that the book was sensational. I have no problem with anyone who knows us at the church. knows that we are frail said Kali. We know. We know sin, but it is sensationalism that I object to he wrote to Thomas Goodgame, Vice President general manager of Channel Four, saying that the program would be affront to the sensitivity of Roman Catholics. Good game said that he did not know the program was scheduled until he got commies letter, and when he found out he did not approved. It was a singling out of a small segment of the population, he said, and I wasn't comfortable with that. He wrote calmly saying that the program had been canceled. And then he said The Boston Globe ran a story and all hell broke loose. The news service picked up the story of the banning of the nuns and the Tallahassee press. Barbara Greer present of the 12 year old nine out press was delighted and all the telephone calls from reporters. This is crazy. She says I am a mouse giving birth to an elephant. The fallout from it was immediate GREER SAYS if they want to kill the book, all they had to do was keep their mouth shut. The Roman Catholic church many years ago realized that one of the dumbest things they were doing was banning books. Lesbian nuns does not seem destined for obscurity, although it is being carried in about 800 Gay and Lesbian bookstores grow says be Dalton Waldenbooks are counting it to now neck press has printed 125,000 copies 10,000 and hard covers and almost all of them GREER SAYS have been taken up by orders. The author's appeared last week on the Phil Donahue show. And what wonder

books has bought the mass distribution paperback rights and six figure sum and we'll begin retailing it late next year. A book like this will go into supermarkets and drugstores and terminals all over the country said Mark Greenberg, president of Warner in house advertising agencies. We are not counting on controversy with the church but if it's there, we are going to sell books. The official release date isn't until May 24. Greer said it ought to be a big best seller. By then. The prospect leaves her jubilant career said as she realized her own lesbian sexuality at the age of 12. I wanted to read about people like me, she said, but you can find almost no books on the subject. She started and I had press 1973 with about \$3,000 and has since published novels History Series poetry and books on science fiction, romance and self help all with a lesbian theme. The book has had its genius when Kurt and menahan were introduced. Both had already left the convent and had began to seek out former nuns who are lesbian. Some of the women included in the book have gained prominence through the movement of gay rights. One of them is Virginia Puzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, who has just recently been appointed Deputy Executive Director of the New York Consumer Protection Board by Governor Mario Cuomo. I hope the result of the books had curb is to eliminate the centuries of silence and to end the taboo against lesbianism to make it clear that lesbians are everywhere and that some of them are leaders. First, lesbian nuns were banned in Boston. Now you won't see the two women on any of the five Westinghouse own stations from Pittsburgh to San Francisco, rosemary, carb and Nancy Manahan to former Roman Catholic nuns and self proclaimed lesbians have been kicking up dust on a TV talk show circuit as they promote their books. Lesbian nuns breaking silence. Last week, the two women were disinvited from appearing on people are talking a local talk show produced by Boston's WBEZ at Westinghouse station. The Women's appearance were canceled when the representative from the Boston Roman Catholic Archdiocese protested their appearance. Now, Larry Feinberg, president of Westinghouse television stations acknowledged that all magazine episode yesterday featuring Kirby Manahan will be purged from the Westinghouse station lineup. The women will also be barred from any locally produced talk shows at the own station. Fairbank who claims that the non-stories go beyond the framework of taste says I don't think this is a platform for something as a freak show quality. If you're a nun, you're married to the church, not to another man. Ironically, Westinghouse produces our magazine and syndicates the programs to 155 local stations. The non Westinghouse stations will have a choice whether to curb to air curve and Monahans appearance.



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International AIDS Conference closed today in Atlanta, closing on a somber note at the conference more than 2000 Researchers from throughout the world compared research findings on the spreading epidemic of AIDS. And scientists now say that Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is much more widespread than previously thought and be honest. Laurie Garrett reports.



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Dr. Robert Redfield is a physician for the US Army's Walter Reed Hospital Today reported that of all cases of AIDS or AIDS associated illnesses seen in the last four years among US military personnel, at least a third involved heterosexual men, none of the men admitted to any bisexual or homosexual context or the use of intravenous drugs. Some did admit, however, to being regular customers of female prostitutes. Blood tests show that image jority of their wives

had antibodies to the AIDS virus. That could mean three things. The women were exposed to the virus but eliminated it or their carriers, or worse, that they will get the disease. Some of the women subsequently developed aids like symptoms. Rachel doesn't know yet whether any of the women will get full blown AIDS, the couples do not appear to indulge in annual intercourse. Dr. Redfield concludes heterosexual transmission of AIDS is definitely occurring. Reto believes the AIDS epidemic may now begin to spread into the heterosexual community among highly sexually active individuals. I think the epidemiologic data that we've gathered, even though not conclusive, is disturbing in that a large percentage of the individuals presenting do not have a risk factor other than heterosexual contact. I don't PURPORT This to prove definitively in any way that prostitutes have transmitted the disease to these particular individuals. But I think having demonstrated heterosexual transmission for men and women, in trying to account for these population differences, that in fact, that's a very reasonable hypothesis at this point. In New York City Health Department also reported cases of heterosexual transmitted aids, Dr. Dale Lawrence, the US Centers for Disease Control. I think the big message is at the populations that have been recognized that risk already will continue to be those essentially at risk for a long time in the future. We're not talking about generally speaking, a monumental epidemic in this country. In groups outside of those recognized groups, the relative proportion of cases into the future will probably come from the same groups we've recognized. Perhaps the heterosexual cases we've heard reported, are the beginning of a proportionally very small problem. In this country, the CDC has developed a new model to explain how long it takes to get sick after exposure to the AIDS virus. Based on recent aids statistics, Lawrence believes most people exposed to the AIDS virus first gets sick five years later, but at this conference, Lawrence said some people may carry the virus for up to 14 years before showing symptoms of AIDS. Furthermore, he warns the AIDS virus appears to cause another non aids disease, brain damage. Several laboratories have shown that the virus invades the brain and can reproduce their patients and suffer memory loss and eventually dementia, Dale Lawrence, the size of the epidemic is easily recognized as continuing for an extended period. But you are saying that even if we found a cure today and a vaccine today that we'd still be seeing cases of AIDS 14 years from now. And you're also saying that probably more thorough positive people will express some kind of symptoms in your life of either central nervous system damage or AIDS associated problems than was previously. Yes, exactly. What percentage is that? Can you put an I can't put a number on it. That means that of the 1 million Americans, the CDC estimates who test positive for antibodies against AIDS, nobody is sure how many will actually come down with the disease. And the meantime, cases of AIDS reported today in Italy, Finland, Hungary, Australia, Canada, Brazil, Africa and the Caribbean. And in Africa, men and women seem to be at equal risk of contracting AIDS. In one Kenyan tribe, over 50% tested positive for antibodies to the AIDS virus. At the International AIDS Conference in Atlanta. I'm Laurie carrot,

 Jack Valinski 28:17

and a programming note, Mike Mlesch and myself We'll be interviewing Nancy Manahan next week on the Wilde 'N' Stein show, co author of Lesbian Nuns Breaking Silence, and that's News for the week of April 18 1985. Sources included the Houston Post least in Chronicle, USA Today and the New York Times music purchase came from an album entitled The Secret Policeman's ball and for the Wilde 'N' Stein collective I'm Jack Valinski.

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Jack Valinski 30:26

and you're listening to KPFT Pacifica Houston, part of the Pacifica chamber radio stations and this is the Wilde 'N' Stein show. And it's Jack Valinski, speaking with Mark Stevens and Alice Bell Williams, from the Economic Committee of the economic sanctions committee. That was an ad hoc committee, and now it's part of the Gay Political Caucus committee. And its response to the January referendum of people giving money to the other side. And it's not actually a boycott. And before we get into that actual explanation between the sanctions and a boycott, let's talk about the formation of the committee. Mark, how did this committee started?



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Well, after the referendum, and there were a lot of people who came to the caucus and basically said, do something. Yeah, I think a lot of people felt very bad that we had been beaten so badly. And they thought there must be something we could do to respond. A lot of things were considered. And then there were a group of us who felt that since during the referendum, we were accused of having all this economic power that maybe we ought to use it. We got from the the original committee was only four people. We got from the city secretary's office to list of all the contributors to the anti referendum forces. We started researching them and found a lot of interesting things like our now famous bank list and the doctors list. And as our research got really heavy, we didn't know how far people are gonna be able to do this. The committee just sort of grew and grew and grew. And now we have about 15 members on the committee who were doing research and meeting once a week and putting out articles.

 Jack Valinski 32:08

Why don't you tell us about the research, you got the list of contributors, but that wasn't actually a blueprint there. You had to do some cross referencing and checking.

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We had to use a lot of books from all the way from standards and pours down to the city directory, telephone books, the Harris County Medical Society pictorial, just about every thing that list list in the city and annual report, annual reports. Alice, when she was doing the Texas Eastern report, she got the annual report from them. And we now are getting the annual reports from the Hilton ns. It's a lot of work. A lot of people have donated a lot of time on this. And this committee is really hard working energetic punch people whole cross section of the gay community, from students to older professionals and gay activist every bit. There's a little bit of everything on this. But everything is done very meticulously. A lot of people think that we have just come out and said all these are bad people. But we haven't done that.

 Jack Valinski 33:12

Ellis was some of these names and lists of companies a surprise to you.

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Yeah, they were surprised a lot of us we were not sure what was behind all the move. But it's proved to be that very connected. Louis Welch. I think that was a surprise all of us because good nervous taking the forefront.

 Jack Valinski 33:30

Was there a lot of pressure Do we believe from the Chamber of Commerce and Louis Welsh? I guess the it's not the whole the whole chamber or was just the upper echelon

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of the wellness executive committee.

 Jack Valinski 33:40

Okay, and they sort of made a decision to run against the referendum.

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That's correct. No pressure from Louis Welsh, the, the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce made the decision for the whole chamber of commerce, and then sort of from their policies and pressure to members of the Chamber of Commerce to donate money.

 Jack Valinski 34:00

I guess we're all surprised to see, all the banks come out and so many doctors come out. Of course, all this stuff has been published in our press. And there was a story in the Houston Post recently. Which they wasn't really a good story, in a sense, because they sort of said it was real hatless and everything, we won't want to get into the digest right now. That's even another thing further on that. We had an awful lot of big banks, which we certainly didn't expect. Did we

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know we didn't. One of the reasons what I like to phrase it instead of anti referendum is people who are supporting discrimination. Okay, that's what ultimately that they are doing. And that's one of the things we're researching with, talking with companies and trying to sit down and talk to people which are refusing to do is to sit down and educate them, due to the information that was given to them was incorrect. And the film that Gartner was using was proven that CBS called their lawyers called them up and told them they had not permission to show that can you Your day. And so we're wanting to talk to these people give them correct information about gays and how we live.

 Jack Valinski 35:07

Now that we're talking about distortions that the other side use, I guess one of the things that really upset us so much was the doctors. Exactly, yeah, the doctors,

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really, you might call it a low blow, we felt very bad. There's a large number of doctors, but of the list of doctors and dentists and veterinarians that we had on our list. A good third of them were all in the same clinic. Oh, really. And that's the Memorial City Hospital complex over on frostwood. And that, I'm sure there's quite a story there on how that whole clinic got involved in that. But the the group of doctors gave money to start a campaign a smear campaign, which sometimes what's more damaging than when at any of the other opposing committees were doing? They took chaos aids literature, and which is copyrighted material, without permission of the Kshs Foundation, switched it around for their own purposes, put mosquitoes on the outside of some of it and said, You know, it's can be transmitted by mosquito by sees a big aids fear campaign to it. And it was to us for doctors do this very unethical. I mean, this is a matter of ethics was out now

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your responsibility on their part that if this is what they're doing with AIDS, what other type of prejudice are they doing with their other patients and other areas? I mean, how can you trust

prejudice are they doing with their other patients and other areas? I mean, how can you trust doctors that this is what they're doing going public on, you know, radio, and TV and newspapers and making these type of statements. It creates a great deal of fear and concern of other professional like you're saying ethics? And if



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they dislike us so much. How much can we depend on our confidentiality when we go to these doctors? Absolutely. Yeah, there's there's an issue that has been brought up about the AIDS testing and things like that, where people can have access to your files and know things like this, which could be used. Yeah. We don't know where this ace thing is going to take us. But yeah, what kind of a position would you be in with one of these doctors?



Jack Valinski 37:14

Absolutely. We recommend that our people do not go out and take the HLTV three test at present time. And we've been for raw about a year or two years now recommending that they do not give blood if they're in high risk groups. And actually, the blood centers handle that very well. But doesn't seem like these doctors would be able to handle it that



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way. No, it doesn't. One doctor when contacted by one of the TV stations, said, after having an HIE and not quite knowing what to say about his name being on the list. He said, Well, we wouldn't be happy with each other anyhow. And he's exactly exactly right. We wouldn't be very happy with him if that's the kind of outlook he has on things I want to clear something up to is this is not an enemies list or hate list or a hit



Jack Valinski 37:57

list. Okay, let's talk about the difference between economic sanctions and actually telling people you know, that they this is just recommendations. Yeah. It's not a boycott.



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Yes. Let me state that. So you can hear real clearly this is not a boycott, that our committee is the is trying to show people where they would be better off not giving their money to people who are going to take their money and turn it around and use it on them, to deny them their rights, you know, basic civil rights, job protection. You know, if if these banks, which some of them have come forward and say, you know, we don't discriminate. Well, why did you give money to stop somebody's job protection in the city? Well, that



Jack Valinski 38:46

was the whole argument that the other side was using. that we were looking for another

minority, that we were looking for quotas. And that was not at all our purpose. And as other cities have passed this type of ordinance, we don't there's no, there's no quarters and those other cities.



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I have a letter here from Mr. Richard Johnson, the president of the Houston Chronicle, who is also on the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce, responding to send one letter to him canceling their subscription in response to one of our articles. This is We are sorry to lose your subscriber but our feeling regarding the referendum we are firm and resolve as before, the only issue at stake is do we wish to create a safe haven for loosely defined minorities? My answer is still strong. No other issues were brought forward by the proponents of the referendum not by the Chamber of Commerce of Houston. This is this is what we're up against this type of things. We



Jack Valinski 39:44

and we're supposed to be talking about an entity that's that's unbiased. That's supposed to be reporting the news. Yeah. And of course they're there. They can do their own editorials if they like but their job basic news coverage is supposed to be fair. But of course the Chronicle as it has other problems with the Herrmann estate and go into that in a whole nother discussion.



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Well, one thing they have done, though, that's been the best in Houston papers has been that article 88. And I think, again, you know, I want to say that what we're wanting to do is talk to these people, we want to give them information. That's correct. You know, when people look around, and they only knew the people around that word, gay?



Jack Valinski 40:19

Well, I guess that's always our biggest enemy, that people are still in the closet. So many people don't realize that they know gay people, that if they knew that the person they're working next to was gay, and that they're not necessarily a bad person, just because they're gay, that we wouldn't be in these problems that's always been Harvey Knox, saying is that everybody should come out?



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Well, I think this whole issue, like I said, is a discrimination issue. And I had been semi closeted. And when this came out, and all this happened, I had just had it, you really jumped on the bandwagon? I haven't you, I just, you know, I couldn't stand out. What else, you know, correlated it with the Jewish and the Nazi saying I couldn't understand why the Nazis were able

to do that. And it was the fear. And I thought, you know, what can they do to me? What more can they do to me than my own fear in the pain and hurt that that's causing me and I refuse to live that way anymore.

 Jack Valinski 41:07

And strange enough today, their current commemorating the Holocaust today. And of course, you don't hear much mentioned in the mass media about allegations being executed during that time. We're speaking to Mark Stevens analysis, Al Williams, on the Economic Committee of the response to the January referendum. And, Alex, what do you think you've learned from your involvement so far, GPC, the professionalism

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of the group and the dedication of people, the other side wanted to say that we're defeated. And what this has done has made us realize the lack of education in the ignorance and the fear element that's been preached to, essentially I think, you know, the churches and the people that leadership of this community stirs up fear and hatred and discrimination. And that causes division. And when you cause division, then all the groups do not have a coalition. And that gives them the power that they need to keep us all split. Okay, keep the discrimination going. I mean, discrimination is not a gay issue. It covers every issue anybody's related to in their jobs. And it's very harmful.

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Check. I think something else should be mentioned here, too, is all there a lot of hate? misinformation and just general raunchiness? What came out of this campaign? That's not what it was about. This was politics. And we should always remember this, this whole thing was politics. These the poor, misguided religious zealots were used by the politicians,

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not a good actor Louis Welch. Again, I think he wants to divide the city up

 Jack Valinski 42:44

the good old boys versus the new team. Exactly. I

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think this is like politically to test the ground to see what was gonna happen. You know, and he did it. And he was used, and he did manipulate, like Mark saying, Did manipulate the people in the city. And now Houston has a very, you know, negative image. I mean, this is national international image that they have projected, Louis Walsh has managed to give Euston.

 Jack Valinski 43:06

Well, that was very interesting, because there was an article in the Wall Street Journal, certainly before the referendum, talking about, on the back page, the articles talking about this whole thing and how the business community was going against this referendum. Yet on the same very issue of The Wall Street Journal on the front page was talking about all the empty office space in Houston. So I thought that was very interesting with

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some light information we've had the positive side is learning more and more as we go on that tax was used against the community, in particular, the downtown businesses, a tremendous amount of the downtown business, Nick be complimented on not giving him the pressure that some of these companies did. And I think that is a very positive,

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there were a lot of banks or major banks downtown and major businesses, and corporations that refused to get involved in this campaign.

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And I think that's what corporations and companies and individuals have to do, you have to stand up and say, I'm sorry, you're not going to do this to me, you're not going to use me, you're not gonna use a corporation. You know, what's best for my company is not discrimination and not harming people. People have to feel good about their jobs and feel safe.

 Jack Valinski 44:14

Well, they always compare this to becoming another San Francisco. Yet San Francisco is one of the most professional cities, they've got a surplus in their budgets. And it really is a very nice city, if you're comparing it to other cities, and they have a

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housing shortage and they have Office shortages to the opposite

 Jack Valinski 44:31

of what this city is going through right now. As we look back towards the referendum. Of course, we all are lessons but do you think this has united the community more?



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Yes, I think it has. It's given the community of purpose is not perhaps what we would have chosen to do it with. But a lot of people came forward like I said, this committee was born out of that, you know, do something. Yeah. I mean, all these it was like Troops segments attack, you know you, they were all standing there. But again, I want to stress that this these people on this list, this isn't a permanent like this the posts at a hate list it is not it's not an enemies list enemies are permanent. We don't want these people have permanent enemies. And a lot of these people are talking to us that are on the list. The first city is talking to loudest right now they're saying they don't belong on the list. And Houston digest, which I wasn't aware was on our committee has said that we've taken them off the list. Well, that's not true. We haven't taken them off the list. They made a conscious decision not to given the name of the bank, and they were included on the list by error from the for the campaign for Houston,



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which is what they said we have not yet received that evidence. Well, this



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is what they say. And this is also what the campaign says. But they did given the name of their major officers and large amount of money, which officers who are known to be for city officers, which would satisfy Louis Welsh and his gang. But like I say, we want to talk to these people. We want to make sure that if we don't have a city ordinance, like we wanted, that perhaps this court



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would come for us with an ordinance that will protect the people that are working for them.



Jack Valinski 46:33

That's true. And and this really isn't the forum to actually read down all the lists because you'd really have to get a pencil and write real fast. But one of the things I suggested a few weeks ago that possibly if people send a self set stamped envelope into GPC, which is a box so you have a separate address a separate address, okay. Or you can give them both?



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They can contact GPC,



Jack Valinski 46:54

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which is box 6664 ustun 77266? Or what's the other address?



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The other one is the economic response committee, Post Office Box 3624. Houston 7701. That's the economic response committee, Post Office Box 3624, Houston 7701, the GPCs number is five to one 1000. And if you have any information that you think the committee could use, or perhaps one of volunteer some time, or volunteer some time, we need lots of warm bodies, just call the GPC and they will get in touch with the committee and we'll get back to you.



Jack Valinski 47:35

Okay, is there this is a continuing thing, what do you see what other things are you going to be delving into as time goes on, we hope



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that we will be through with this list by gay pride, okay, and we hope by gay pride to have some posters out with a complete list on it. And we are hoping also that during the gay pride parade, we'll have asked those who support what we're doing to wear something green in the parade, you know, which will show you agreement as to color of our money. You know if it's a bandana or a pair of shorts or something where the the Gay Pride T shirts don't wear anything green on top.



Jack Valinski 48:11

Well, that was one of the other suggestions of stamping \$1 bills that say gay money or your check saying gay money, just let people know that where this money is coming from and what banks it goes through.



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While also I'd like to mention, this committee is also part of the documentation committee of the gay Political Caucus. And when we finish this list, and after gay pride, we will be going in to see where there is discrimination. And people will come to us and tell us businesses that are openly discriminated against their employees or patrons and we will follow up on this and it will just instruct anybody that contacts us you know, your name will not be used and nobody won't be notified. So you can do this if you're very safe.



Jack Valinski 48:54

That was one of the criticisms of the other side saying that there was no documented cases, which is



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Yeah, and along with that, it's it's not a gay issue. It's a straight issue and gay issue of all the types of discrimination that go on.



Jack Valinski 49:07

Well as Suzy ferentz always says none of us are free to all of us are exactly. Okay. I'd like to thank Mark Stevens and Allah spell Williams joining us from the economic response Committee, which is a subgroup of the gay Political Caucus here in Houston. They're talking they're dealing with the referendum and about people who gave to the other side. And people sometimes forget, but Newsweek said about two months ago that the gay people control about 19% of disposable income when they only make up about 10% of the population. Okay, Mike, why don't you go Are we ready to go into the Montrose symphonic band concert? We can take that that was recorded live last Saturday at their springtime concert.



Mike Miesch 49:46

On tonight's broadcast of the Montrose Symphonic Band will be hearing the first half of the concert they did April 13. Their spring answerde Tatlin near middle school as conducted by our Vernon Morgan, we'll be hearing five composition Eric Coates next bridge March. Ray Vaughan Williams, English folk song sweet are madly from Stevie Wonder's Songs in the Key of Life. John Philip Sousa as El Capitan march from his operator of the same name, and Scott Joplin's the entertainer. At the end of this portion of the concert, we'll announce the time for the broadcast of the second half of the spring concert by the Montrose symphonic band are burnin Morgan conducting. Scott Joplin's the entertainer. Starting off this program from the spring concert of the Montrose symphonic band under the direction of our burnin Morgan. We heard Coates next bridge March fond Williams, English sweet Stevie Wonder Songs in the Key of lie. John Philip Sousa, El Capitan March. And Scott Joplin's entertainer. You've been listening to KPFT Houston, and this is wild and Stein.



Jack Valinski 52:00

I got a question for you. How much do you know about homosexuals? Mark the following statements true or false? Let me get it. Okay, homosexuals commit more crimes and straight people. Well, everyone is born straight, but some people become gay because they have been seduced by a gay person early in life. False. Okay. You can always tell homosexuals and lesbians about the way they act dress or talk.



Mike Miesch 52:33

Well, I'll pass on that one. Don't scold me on it.



Jack Valinski 52:37

Okay. If a person is gay, no amount of therapy or motivation can change him. True.

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Mike Miesch 52:48

Yeah. No amount or I can change him.

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Jack Valinski 52:52

Okay, boys raised by domineering mothers and weak or absent fathers usually turn into homosexuals. False. Gay people can never become mothers or fathers. False. Homosexuals are more inclined to molest children sexually than heterosexual. False. If a person has one or two sexual experience with someone in the same sex, he is gay. False. The American Psychiatric Association classifies homosexuals as Sikh. Homosexuals can legally married to each other under the law in the United States. Most homosexuals tried to convert younger people and becoming gay. Also. False children raised by gay parents or gay people usually become homosexuals themselves. False. Okay, how did you score if you marked all statements false, then you are very well informed. If you mark nine or more statements false, then you are fairly well informed. If you mark more than four statements true, you have a great deal to learn about homosexuality, because all of the above statements are false. And as a Dear Abby article and the the original question is several years ago, you ran a test your knowledge on homosexuality quiz, please run it again and came from RG RMG from Houston, which is really interesting.

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Mike Miesch 54:19

Alright, now I can't think of if I know a person.

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Jack Valinski 54:22

But anyway, it's an it's a nice sort of a nice article. But you notice the way these things if somebody just picked it up and start reading it in the middle of the statement in the middle of it's like homosexuals commit more crimes and straight people. They look like they're facts rather than questions. The way they're written here. I

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Mike Miesch 54:41

know. In a future program, we're going to be dealing with question number three,

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Jack Valinski 54:47

which is you can always tell homosexuals and lesbians by the way the ACT dressed or talk. Oh, great. The

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Mike Miesch 54:53

gay cliché. Oh, of course, of course. And we'll be talking about that. That one future programs.

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Jack Valinski 55:00

Yeah, we're supposed to do it next week. But since we're gonna be talking about the editors of lesbian nuns breaking silence, we're gonna put that off for a couple. We'll put that off for a couple of weeks. Also, in this new issue of Christopher Street, there is something talking about the legality, or actually about the family planning, gay family planning. And it talks about difference between heterosexual and homosexual couples. One of the statements is gay societies has always been a society under some degree of attack by virtue of the fact that they are different from mainstream society. But at no time in history has been more apparent than with the advent of the current health crisis, gay people are no longer threatened society merely because we are different. But now because we are a high risk group for mysterious disease that inspires fear, and dread in both gay and straight society. What's interesting is they talk about the way the laws are right now. And, you know, if your lover gets sick and goes to the hospital, you have no rights to go see him if he's in intensive care, because it's usually reserved for family members only. Also, if one of one passes away, if you don't have a will, more than likely the state will either go back to the family or to a brother and sister rather than the lover. And even if there's a will, it's, there's probably a good chance that the will would be challenged. So in this area, you got to be aware of what's going on in the law, and what's really happening. So it is a pretty good article, talking about insurance, visitation rights, wills, marriage and divorce, living together agreements and separation. And adoption are one of the things we have coming up in the future during Gay Pride Week, of course, we'll be doing a lot of programming on on the Gay Pride week itself. And we're planning to broadcast the parade.

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Mike Miesch 56:56

Yes, and I'm really excited about that. And we're gonna see if we can get a couple of other people to join us in on that broadcast. And hopefully, we'll be broadcasting right from

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Jack Valinski 57:09

the street itself. Yeah, where the parades going on. A lot of it depends on the way things turn out, you know, where the reviewing stand is gonna be, and we need electricity for our morning everything. But all those details are for us to worry about not for the audience. So if you aren't able to go to the Gay Pride Week Parade, which will be that last Sunday of the month is the 30th, I believe of June. The station has been very positive about us broadcasting this thing on Gay Pride weekend, we'll just have to wait and see if we can make all the arrangements and do everything that we plan to do. And that's coming up in Gay Pride Week. And of course, we got a number of things coming up in the future weeks. Next week, we're going to be interviewing one of the co authors or CO editors of lesbian nuns who will be interviewing them over the telephone lines. And also we'll be talking about with Michael Wilson, about AIDS and basically sexual sexual practices. So that should be an interesting show.

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Mike Miesch 58:07

Coming up. We will be talking with members of the gay Hispanic Caucus on the second right before Cinco de Mayo will be featuring will be doing a feature on a book called The gay cliché which will do sorry about ribeyes reduce radio version as well as talking about slash day. And then we go to main lines

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Jack Valinski 58:33

talking about the history

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Mike Miesch 58:35

and excerpt from another mother tongue by Judy Agron,

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Jack Valinski 58:39

and on the 16th of May, we plan to do the part two of the Montrose symphony band concert. And that will be getting pretty close to Gay Pride Week and start featuring some of the people that will be in each day on Gay Pride Week. One of the things I want to talk about now is hope. You know, this society of the gay community has gone through a lot of problems with the recent referendum and everything. But we really should look forward to things and work together as a community. And one of the things we can't really lose sight of is hope, hoping that tomorrow will be a better day. But of course, we've got to work towards that. And working towards that with a community spirit, whether it's through economic sanction committee or whether it's through joining a Political Caucus or whether it's to working with the switchboard, all the things, all these things are important.

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Mike Miesch 59:27

That reminds me I had an announcement but lost it the gay switchboard is having a garage sale this weekend. If you would like information on that, that number is 5293211.

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Jack Valinski 59:39

And all these organizations are very important. Not important, not only for the community, but also for yourself. And developing your own self. There was a person who started going to get political caucus meetings, where they said, you know, we thank them from going to it. This person says, well, it's also helped me an awful lot. And you got to remember that it's your own self that can benefit from doing these things and helping out the community. It's your own self pride in realizing that gay people are also an important person and that through all the negativism that has been brought through society, it's you got to think of yourself coming out and your pride within yourself.



Mike Miesch 1:00:18

Thing. Alice, though Williams said about coming out and her involvement in the Economic Committee was really wonderful as glad to hear.



Jack Valinski 1:00:30

Yes, it's very much so. And also, we forgot to mention that some of the people from Rice University are getting involved in it now. And that's also important. It's important for us as a community because we come from so many different vast backgrounds. And it's important that we work together on this, unlike some of the other some minorities that are basically have the basic same grounds. We come from diverse things, and we must remember that to work together on these things. And so, this is about brings to a close another week of Wilde 'N' Stein



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to come out of town. It was hard believe in mine



Jack Valinski 1:01:10

and for this week, that's the Wilde 'N' Stein show. Please join Mike Miesch, myself, Jack Valinski next Thursday at 7:30pm for another edition of a Wilde 'N' Stein program. This programs aim is to discuss the issues of Houston's gay community. Comments can be sent to the Wilde 'N' Stein collective care of KPFT radio 419 Lovett, Houston 77006 For more information on the aspects of the gay community, call the gay switchboard at five to 930 to 11.



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Jack Valinski 1:02:01

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So many questions, I'll try to dig a little deeper you know.



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Says KPFT in Houston, Texas. Stay tuned for a program in which a number of people who are active in the Texas and Harris County Democratic Party will be discussing the future of that

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