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Jack Valinski 00:02

From Pacifica's KPFT in Houston This is Wilde 'n' Stein, a show for about the gay and lesbian community.



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You feeling we're not in Kansas anymore. Oh.



Jack Valinski 01:13

Boy, that winded low through here. brought that Christmas weather here in the wonderful place. It's fact it's cold out in the studios out there. The studio right here. It's a little it's warm because of all the equipment. But anyway, it's Christmas Eve and we're doing our Christmas special here on Wilde 'n' Stein. And Deborah's voice is a little bit higher. This night. Deborah is recovering from surgery. So Bruce Reeves is here. And I thank him for coming in on the holiday



Bruce Reeves 01:42

glad to be here.



Jack Valinski 01:44

Most of us who are volunteers do come in on holidays and do radio programs because, well, we don't get paid for it on the regular day. So why are we worrying about the holidays? Anyway, for those of you who do celebrate Christmas and Christmas Eve, we're going to try to be not too over holiday ish. But talk about a few things. Bruce has a thing about Rudolph and some real similarities between Rudolph and gay people. And I've got a couple of things I want to read

when I wrote and when somebody else wrote a poem. But let's go through our brief calendar that we have coming up in the next couple of days. And actually, there isn't a lot going on. We've got Midnight Mass tonight at Holy Trinity Catholic Church 12 at Welsh. And that's at midnight, of course tonight, tomorrow morning. And that is an alternative Catholic service, I believe. And if you'd like more information, it's 5280012.

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Bruce Reeves 02:41

Sounds great. On Sunday, the 30th. The women's group wants to know how we can raise our consciousness in the new year. They want everyone to come celebrate the feminist perspectives for the 1991 with friends music and champagne at 10am. In the Sojourner Truth room at First Unitarian Church, you can call 5297329 For more information on that, and

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Jack Valinski 03:05

a week from tonight, we will not be having a show because there's going to be a live broadcast from Berkeley, I believe it is or Oakland, one of those places out in the Bay Area, the Grateful Dead will be here on their marathon type of broadcast. I think it's it starts at nine and goes to like two or three in the morning. So that's happening and also on the 31st the gay and lesbian Hispanic unidos is having a party and by you terrorists at 715 Franklin at my alarm, and you can call 880 G L Hu for more information. that just about does it for the end of the year. But we've got a number of things coming up early next year, the inauguration happens January the 14th. And the Austin lesbian, gay Political Caucus of Texas is going to have a pre inaugural reception. So I guess the negotiations on the 15th. And that's happening between 930 and midnight at the Hyatt Regency. And if you'd like more information you can call 512-476-5489. And, and also from their newsletter, I understand that CleanMax is going to be running for the seat that Lena Guerrero has been has had and because she's going to let it go because she's running for State Road or not running, but she has been appointed by the governor of Texas, the future governor of Texas onto the State Railroad Commission. And we all know how important that is. So Glen Maxey answers possibly better may or may also be running for that seat. And the march in Austin is planned for the 17th of March. And I don't know if there's going to be any changes on that. So that's some of the stuff that's happening. already. We know about the February the 16th, a dance Valentine's Day. And this is by a woman space between 8pm and midnight at Channing Hall at First Unitarian Church, and we'll keep you up to date on that. Not much else is happening now. I want to thank thank Pat Jensen, who got a number of old Wilde 'n' Stein tapes in circa 1981 with Mike Mish, and I just got a hold of those. I'm gonna go through those and I'm sure we can find some wonderful things to be playing. Sounds great. Yeah, although I don't really like to rely, you know, I like to look ahead rather

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Bruce Reeves 05:17

than let's turn back. Our history is always exciting.

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Jack Valinski 05:21

Yes, it is, especially since it's been so much censored through the history. And this interesting thing that I found in the paper rock musician Frank Zappa doesn't view a compliment of getting

thing that I found in the paper rock musician Frank Zappa doesn't view a compliment of getting a school named after him. His was one of 132 names under consideration by the Antelope Valley union high school district in California. And he says considering the sorry state of education in California, and it'll be more appropriate to name the high school after Ronald Reagan than to name it after me. And speaking of sort of the holidays, there's a song that is to me very Christmassy by Joni Mitchell and Mary Helen played this tonight on traffic jam first song, so I'm also going to play it again because I was thinking about this before she thought about it, I'm sure. This is called the river by Joni Mitchell. It's from her blue album. Joni Mitchell and the river from the blue album. The season for lovers by John Michael Albert. There's a Mouse King on the ballet stage, our Iujah rings and Symphony Hall and Capones at the theater, Ansel and Gretel came the angels call. And I heard from mom just the other day, a chatter letter in the post, asking me to come in a special way to spend some time with childhood ghost. So I'm torn inside again, you see, between the memories of pine in lights, and one who's now so dear to me. You embrace on cold winter nights. I'm trying here to tell you. You're part of me each hour each day. And this season's yours as well too. I hope you will join me when I say let's spend the season together. Let's make each other New Year's bright. Let's bow to be here together then. Let's make our love greater here tonight. From Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve. With Hanukkah and Christmas tide. It's enough to make the stone believe in the dreads luck of Santas ride but human nature is for loving and keeping spirits bright. And as long as we keep giving. We shall together through the night. So let's spend the season together. Let's make each other New Year's bright. Let's bow to be here together then let's make our love grow greater here tonight. childhood was a season to play and dream and grow. And fantasy is the reason we learn to love so but suddenly it ended. The dreams were almost gone. The love appeared with it. Our musics play our music stay and we stay on. Let's spend the season together. Let's make each other's New Year's bright. Let's bow to be here together then. Let's make our love greater here tonight. So also time for the holidays. And this is something I wrote. With Thanksgiving just past us and Christmas and New Year's holiday coming up. Many gay men and lesbians go through some tough times. Their traditions surrounding these holidays can leave us with a real feeling of alienation. This is particularly true if we put false hopes of what we perceive this time of year to be. The media and commercial hype put more emphasis on the holidays. From every TV special with the contrived family happiness to every newspaper and TV advertising make us believe that materialism will make everyone happy. This contrasts reality to many of us. An important part of our life is not accepted by our family. The hope of the holiday time of the year of unconditional love is far from what we know is true. At best we can hope for ignoring our sexual orientation. From the white Christmases old time movies to the John boy scenes of The Waltons. We just don't seem to fit in. Many of us still try to fantasize our life will be like one of those make believe stories. We do have some options in our time this time of the year and dealing with our biological families. We can join our family, be closeted and just pretend like everybody else. Just as many of us are growing up before we realize that others like us. We can join our family and be out and be confrontational. Or we can decide to be away from them and build our own shows and families, and build new traditions. Of course, there are some of us who have the luxury of having families that are very accepting of our lifestyle and supportive. You should realize how rare and lucky you are. If you decide to spend the holidays with your family, and pretend it all will realize that the emotional toll that will place on you how you have to answer these questions, and about when you are getting married. The excuses that it would just kill them, realize how much it is killing you, or how much it is hurting your partner, or lover if you have to spend a time away from him or her. It has been said that you can never go home again. Perhaps this is true if you decide that you need to be open with your family, and they're not supportive. Is it worth the confrontational of the family fights during such a high time of the year of emotional stability. And already, emotions are running so high. And it is one step to be open with your immediate family. But there's a question of the

rest of the extended family. Just how many of these coming out skits Can you perform in a weekend. The third option is just for go joining your biological family, and stay with your friends you spend most of the year with already, these friends probably have become your chosen family anyway. Even if you are new to the community, or don't have a lot of friends, this option may be what you really need to do. It can be the real breaking away the first step and forming along with new friends, your own family, the family that is based on who and what you really are. The holidays are emotionally tough time of the year. If our expectations are what they were when we were children, we can come out of this with disappointment. If we realize that the childhood expectations are unrealistic, our expectations should be lower life is what you put into it. Perhaps we believe that we were dealt a higher burden by being gay or lesbian. But it's up to each of us to make our best of our situations, we should not feel sorry for ourselves, we should build our own families of people who are supportive of us and start our own tradition for the holiday rituals of the real meaning of the holiday time, peace, understanding and love. Well, it's a tough time for a lot of us. It is because of this because of growing up and thinking that this is the way we're supposed to be. We're not always that way. That's true. And even though sometimes things may not work out for you personally, you know, there's always the future, things can get better. But it's really what you put into it

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Bruce Reeves 12:48

really can I know it was it's been really hard for me. I guess in the last two or three years when I've really decided it was more important for me to spend Christmas with my family here than it was to spend with my biological family who except me to I guess to some degree. But this year, it was really it was I didn't really want to go home this year, I wanted to be here with my with my real family, the family that supports me every day. And that was a lot more important. And I think

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Jack Valinski 13:21

that's really important. And you have to take those steps to build that family. And if you're listening to us out there, there are places to go. I mean, the bars, bars are our place to go. And it's not that terrible. Because there are people there. There are people in the churches in some of the other organizations that you can join volunteer become friends with. And that's how it all starts. And I have a song that I would like to play that sort of has this theme into it about leading he goes here to but it's to him cold for that. That's right. We're gonna play this piece that Bruce did about Rudolph and Christmas and the meaning and all that type of stuff. But we'd also like to open the phones a little bit later on five to six 4000 If you'd like to share some of the experiences of living in the community and staying here for the season, or you know, anything like that, relating to that coming out and dealing with the situation, the holidays and sometimes it's sad sometimes it works out pretty well. So well. Why don't you think about calling us a little bit later. And let's go to this.

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Bruce Reeves 14:36

Thought we'd do something a little different since it is Christmas. Today I'd like to talk a little bit about homophobia coming out and growing up being gay. The stars of my story today are Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Hermie The Misfit elf and all the misfit toys from the Island of

Misfit Toys.



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feed Rudolph. Could it be that some of you are not acquainted with the story of Rudolph? Panthers lead reindeer Donner had just become a proud papa we'll



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we'll call him rude



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he knows already



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he's got a shiny nose



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shiny I'd even say in glow



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well, we'll simply have to overlook



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how can you overlook that is big blinks like a blinking beacon. Great bouncing iceberg now I'm sure it'll stop as soon as he grows up, Santa. Well, let's hope so. If he wants to make the sleigh team someday, you see little fellow. Every year I shine up my jingle bells for a lucky reindeer. Now soon as right, you'll never make the sleigh team. Wait a minute. I've got it. We'll hide Rudolph's nose. Yeah, come here. Boy. You will be a normal talk just like everybody. A chip off the old now you'll get used to it. Put it there, son.



Bruce Reeves 16:28

Well, you ask how does that have anything to do with homophobia? Coming out and growing up gay. Equate Rudolph's red nose to being gay. equate that black powder on it to your closet? The dismay in the parents voices Well, what more do I need to say? Meanwhile,



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brains are made by the time



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you finish painting match yet? There's a pile up a mile wide behind you. What's eaten your boy? Not happy in my work? I guess I just don't like to make toys. No Well in fact you don't like to make toys no Hermie doesn't like to make toys. To make toys me doesn't like to make toys him he doesn't like to make toys. Do you mind telling me what you do want to do? Well sir, someday I'd like to be a dentist one up here I've been studying fascinating you know idea. molars and bicuspid and inside now listen you you're an owl and I was made toys now



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not finish the job or you're fired



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not just



Bruce Reeves 18:29

my my mind that does have a familiar ring to it to me. Growing up gay. How much more of a misfit can you be?



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For the first year the donors did a pretty fair job of hiding Rudolph's nonconformity. Rudolph is having his growing pains to old honor is determined to keep Rudolph's nose a secret.



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All right, son trying on your liking and wearing there are more important things and comfort, self respect. Santa's can't object to you now.



Bruce Reeves 19:32

Does that bring back any memories of coming out to your parents? It certainly does mine. Well, if you have to be gay, don't let anyone else know Okay.



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Why don't you practice fixing these dolls t just fix it. Now listen, we have dogs that cry, talk, walk, blink and run a temperature. We don't need any chewing dog.



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All right just thought I found a way to to fit in,



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never fit in or you come out practice and learn how to wiggle your ears and suckle warmly and go he and whole and important stuff like that a dentist grief



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No I just can't It's like he said I'll never fit in



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I guess I'm on my own



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Bruce Reeves 20:39

interesting surely we've all felt that way. Meanwhile Rudolph is paying Clarice maybe just maybe someone really likes him



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What's your nose? I mean you talk kind of funny



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My name is Carrie Hi



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after practice would you go back Would you agree with me



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think you're cute



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not bad not bad



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you're okay



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what's What's this



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nonsense here box



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be ashamed of yourself. Walk up he had a nice



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back folks we won't let Rudolph joining me reindeer games



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do you want to walk me home? I'm sure gonna laugh at my nose too. I think it's a handsome nose. Much better than that silly false when you are wearing is terrible. It's different from everybody else's, but that's what makes it so grand. Why any doll would consider herself lucky to be with you