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Jack Valinski 00:03

Hello. For me KPFT from Pacifica's, KPFT in Houston and this is Lesbian and Gay Voices a show for about the gay lesbian community. This is Jack Valinski.



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And I'm Deborah Bell, here and tonight we have a very special show, as we always do.



Deborah Bell 00:22

Well, this is special for one thing. It's our birthday celebration.



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Yes. And you're all here to celebrate. Yes,



Deborah Bell 00:27

Jack has his birthday this week. And my birthday is Sunday. So we do expect generous donations on behalf of our birthdays. Yes. And the goal was pretty high. Yeah, they upped us to \$1,500 this time. So we those thoughts need to be ringing now. Because I really have a touch of a cold and I just don't feel like dealing with this. So just call us now. But otherwise, on the show, we're also having an interview with Sally Fisher. She's the author of the Life Mastery, challenging your imposter embracing your genuine self. She'll be in town Monday night at Crossroads market at 7pm for a book signing in discussion. And we also have with us from Crossroads market, Judith Meyer, who will be featuring the best books of 1993. She will be with us in just a moment.

J Jack Valinski 01:14

Also, since we're now criminals, again, according to the Texas Supreme Court, we'll be talking about the Supreme Court sort of wiggling themselves out of doing anything on this and just throwing out the case in saying that sodomy law is back on the books

D Deborah Bell 01:29

and the latest ruling on section 21 06. And we'll also have with us lead Linda Morales, who is the lead plaintiff in that case, she'll be adding her commentary to the decision with

J Jack Valinski 01:40

Donald Skipwith who is on the board of the Texas Human Rights Foundation.

D Deborah Bell 01:44

Of course we'll be having music with Mary Helen, and our news wrap portion. And something I'm really excited about an interview with performance artists Annie sprinkle who will be at the first works tonight, Saturday and Sunday.

J Jack Valinski 01:58

Also news wrap which is our regular feature here the news programming.

D Deborah Bell 02:03

And did we cover everything attributed to mount Michael Callen and but most importantly, pick up the phones and that magic number is 526-573-8526 KPFT. It's not every year I turned 44 Just this one so you need to be pledging and supportive Deborah's birthday. Okay, does that sound good? That sounds wonderful. Okay, let's go to some museum we'll be back with Judith.

J Judith Meyer 02:35

This is Judith Meyer with the best books of 93. Now some of the best sellers of 1993 were holdovers from earlier years bastard out of Carolina Dorothy Allison's book, and Paul Monette's Becoming a Man both of which got on the national book award list. Also, Peter left quartz the Dreyfus Affair the story about the baseball player who comes out. Those were best sellers all during the year of 1993. As were a couple of self help and coming out books, Betty Verizon's permanent partners, the male couples guide by Eric Marcus. And now that you know, but let's talk about the books that came out in 1993 that were best sellers. We've got 25 for you. The key word here is visibility. Gay and Lesbian books in 1993 were highly visible and

much reviewed in the straight press as well as the gay and lesbian press. The first such book, of course, was conduct unbecoming Randy Schultz book about gays and lesbians in the US military. Shelter, of course, was the author of the band played on the groundbreaking aids story. If you read this book, he found two themes that ran through the treatment of gays and lesbians in the United States military. One is that they've always been present from the American Revolution on the second is that there has been a continuing hostility to them. Except Schultz points out for troop mobilization such as the Vietnam War, and Operation Desert Storm. When they really need us they turned the other way. The second big seller in the nonfiction category was queer in America, Michael Angelo syno rallies book, subtitled sex, the media and the closets of power not a really revealing subtitle Signorelli presents his case for outing without the usual bombast that he used in many of his columns. The story of the Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams, a closeted homosexual, was appalling and it was good to read it in detail and all in one place. The initial sections of queer in America were autobiographical and really moving Signorelli told you how he came to be the man who started outing he also explains why he thinks adding should simply be called reporting and nothing more culture of desire, paradox and perversity in gay lives today. Frank Browning was a reporter for National Public news and he sort of went on the road For two years traveling the United States in search of a culture of gayness, he wanted to find if there was such a thing comparable to other ethnic and racial racial cultures. He found that gayness sort of transgresses all taboos and subverts a lot of presumptions, questions identically, basically, questions identity, excuse me, but that since it's constantly criticizing itself and reforming itself, there really wasn't a gay culture or per se as much as there may be a racial or other ethnic culture. Martin Duberman Stonewall was also a best seller in 1993 Duberman follow the lives of six participants in that riotous beginning of the gay and lesbian movement. The book was really fascinating, a lot of juicy sort of details. Is it a choice? Answers to 300 of the most frequently asked questions about gays and lesbians by Eric Marcus. The books really accessible it's ranged by topic chapters on growing up coming out dating work sex age, aging aids. This is a book is is billed as having the straight answers to gay questions by a former president of PFLAG. It seems to me that it's the questions that are pretty straight. Why do gay people hold hands in public? What do gays and lesbians talk about together? It's sort of laughable, but when you think that it's made or written for straight people or people who are just coming out, you sort of become understanding also, it has an excellent section on religion. Carolyn Mobley, who's assistant pastor of the MCR here in Houston, answers a lot of questions such as What did Jesus say about homosexuality and homosexuals? The answer is nothing. Love match Nelson vs Navratilova by Judy Nelson. This is the romance between the Fort Worth doctor's wife and the world's greatest tennis player. Judy Nelson didn't seem to show much insight in her big sexual identity switch. And sometimes she's pretty cool. I like a basic Southern belle. But there are photographs which probably alone are worth the price and some really good gossip. Um, I will give away how Judy found out about Martinez affair, but it's very, very clever. The intro is written by Rita Mae Brown, that alone is worth the price to remain and Judy, of course, are cohabiting. The corporate closet a recent book that was a best seller toward the end of 93. This is about the professional lives of gay men in America by James Woods. Most of the men interviewed are white and white collar. But the business world depicted is pretty familiar to all of us intense pressure to conform to a basically heterosexual norm and frightening stories of discrimination and harassment. One thing that I like I'll pass this along, is that something somebody used in the book was that when they were asked, is so and so gay. Their response was, Well, I don't know, but I'll tell him you asked k.d. lang's biography was a best seller carrying the torch by William Robertson. It's the story of the crossover. That's country pop in case you didn't know what I was talking about. Seeing sensation who insists that she is truly really the reincarnation of Patsy Cline. It's got great pictures again worth the price alone k.d. and her high school high school basketball team, her high school graduation picture and yes, k.d. lang in a wedding dress. A place at the table Bride by the poet Bruce Bauer, the

gay individual and American society bow attempts to locate the reality of his life. It's not the life of the politically active gay subculture. And he tries to place himself in the middle ground between the basic widespread mainstream culture and the more politically active people power to sex the rhetoric of both the religious right and gay activists and sort of finds out where the confused perception of gay people has come from. It's not a manifesto much like Cinderella's book claim to be but very well. well reasoned and compelling. That's definitely one you should check out. Sorry, I asked is also a best seller. This nonfiction bestseller list is quite varied. Dave Kinnick book is a compilation of his interviews for the advocate interviews with gay male porn stars. It's Frank, silly and moths, instructional I personally learned a lot that I didn't know before. I recognize the name Jeff strike But to be honest, I didn't recognize a lot of the other people he interviewed. But the names were really interesting Johnny RAM, Sparky O'Toole, Danny bliss and Dick masters to name a few. The book has a complete videography for each star. The new Dr. Gay sex by Charles Silverstein and Felice bacana was a big seller. This originally came out in 1977. The new edition drops some of the old subjects discotheques in consciousness rising and adds HIV jail clubs piercing and a lot of other new stuff. The authors admit that some of the original joy, the joy of gay sex may be lacking. And there may not be a whole lot of new information for some of you but they have paintings rather than photographs by Denny Ponte an artist from GIMP whose 1990 collection intimate Angel was very well received. Also on our nonfiction bestseller list is Jesus acted up a gay and lesbian Manifesto by Robert Gross. Gross is a former Jesuit priests and he points to Jesus as the original radical activist. He uses Christ's teachings as the basis for a theology that challenges a lot of the homophobia of the institutionalized religions. And then I met this woman by Barbie Katherine Han, and Sally and Anil 36 women who were previously married to men talk about their journeys into lesbian relationships. The only common factor among these women is that not one of them want to go back. More than a few of the women enter interviewed are from Houston, and I'll let you buy the book and try and figure out who they are. A rock and a hard place one boy's triumphant story by Anthony Godby Johnson is also on the nonfiction bestseller list. It's a story about a middle class boy whose parents abused him emotionally mentally and sexually pretty severely. The story's pretty horrendous. And 11 At the age of 11, he called a national abuse hotline got placed with a foster family and his parents were placed in prison. Unfortunately, he in high school developed syphilis and aids as well as suffered a stroke from taking so many aspirin to kill the pains of the beatings that he received. But at a gay pride parade, the boy realizes its sexual orientation maybe more than the vicious epithets he heard when his father and his father's friends abused him. It's an interesting survival story. One of the recent bestseller lists best sellers that appeared actually on the front page of The New York Times Book Review is travels with Elizabeth by Lars honor. Honor is the author of a lot of gay men's erotica his by you boy is a best seller. Honor tells about losing his job at the state mental hospital in Austin, and beginning a downward slide that led to three years as a homeless person. He spent most of it on the road between Austin and LA with his dog Lizabeth. He lived from a dumpster and he tells the story in this book, which was written on a computer he pulled from a dumpster. The erotic Nyad was also a best seller by Katherine forrest and Barbara Greer. This volume collects Nyad authors who offer a variety of variety of erotic stories, and not much variety. Maybe the sex is pretty vanilla and PC, and the characters don't reflect the community I don't think and AIDS and self sex safe sex isn't mentioned at all. would be interesting to actually I don't even think they got to that which would be pretty basic NPC I would think. But it does bring you some of knights best authors Nikki Baker, Isabel Miller, Lee Lynch, Robbie summers and a lot of others. Moving on to the fiction bestsellers, which is what you're really interested in I know this is KPFT most been engaged with is heading up our fiction bestsellers for 1993 is the living one by Louis Gannett, a gay youth visit his estranged father's castle to discuss his inheritance. The story has like all of the Gothic elements and in castles and on on a cliff and howling dogs, but it's put together in a really unique way very complex and

challenging. It's a little bit of a difficult read but genuinely frightening and it is just out in paperback if you hadn't read it yet. Also just out in paperback listen to this Venus envy by Rita Mae Brown read it loved it. a best seller in hardback, will closeted art dealer Mary Fraser Armstrong, all of most of read amaze characters or heroines have three names just like she does. My Fraser Armstrong believes that she's dying, so she fires off letters to her friends and family telling them a that she's gay and be just what she thinks of them. she recovers Of course, so she has to face the music. This didn't get really great reviews, except from the rebel who apparently really loved.

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Deborah Bell 15:16

It gets a little strange towards the end, but it does have some validity. We'll talk more in depth about that an upcoming show. Oh, well,

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Judith Meyer 15:24

what, what others have said is that some of the descriptions are a little bit cliched and the cardboard is sort of a character sort of cardboard. What do you think?

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Deborah Bell 15:34

Yeah, they it didn't. It didn't real like real life for large part. It was like setting this thing in time. It didn't quite jive some of it. But, and Rita Mae has this habit of pulling out some old chestnuts every now and then to make a joke or comment and that can be a little tiring, but some of the truths that she tells about what it's like to be a lesbian. I guess one of the things I've always loved about Rita Mae is her sense of humor. And you know, great minds think alike. And she's

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Judith Meyer 16:04

always a best seller, and she does have a new book coming out later this year. Some of the other fiction bestsellers clear of the moon of course, the novelization of Nikola Khan's film, it's all here. The simplistic predictable plot, hoping better as a book, the stereotypical Oh, it's not the stereotypical characters of fade out after the last frame from the inevitable love scene. It does have still photographs from the production of the movie. So if you love the movie, you need to get the book. Martin and John Dale pecks book a collection of related tales involving a man named John his lover Martin, and John's father, maybe the moon by Armistead map and this is not part of the Tales of the City series, but if you're interested, you might want to check it out. The heroine is an actress who's only 31 inches tall. She of course made her big splash as an ET light character in a blockbuster movie. Now she's fallen on hard times. A quirky cast of characters much like those in the tale series helps route saving grace by Jennifer Fulton was a best seller the sequel to her passion Bay, an adventure on Amanda worths Moon island in the South Pacific. While England sleeps by David love it. It's been such a big seller that it's out of stock of the publisher regularly and a little hard to get although it is in stock now at some local stores. Set in the 1930s It's a story of love between a Cambridge graduate Brian and a ticket taker in London London's underground railway. When Brian begins an affair with a woman Edward runs off to fight in the Spanish Civil War. The story is told from by Brian from a vantage

point about 20 years later. This story has been in the news novel has been in the news a lot lately because it's involves a lawsuit or started a lawsuit. Levin has admitted that is based on the life of the English poet Stephen Spender, who talked about it in his biography, written in 1948. He has sued Leavitt claiming that it's really sleazy apparently there are a lot of hot sex scenes and he didn't like love it appropriating his story. That's it for the fiction best sellers. The other two best sellers are on the pulse of mourning my Angelo's inauguration poem, and Angels in America part one, Tony Kushner's Broadway hit an intricate examination of just about all of the issues involved in life.

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Deborah Bell 18:41

And of course, all those books are available at Crossroads market and bookstore and probably at Inklings and Lobo as well, you might want to check one of your local gay or lesbian establishments to obtain them. And if you'd like to find out more about those books, I'm sure Judith would be glad to tell you if you come into the shop but she is one of the proprietors of just give me a call. Just give her a call. Thanks for being here tonight, Judah. We're going to go to some music and we'll be back with Sally Fisher the author of life mastering now we're not going to be back with her but we'll be back. So call while we're playing music 5265738 and pledge.

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I'm lesbian and gay voices. 90.1 FM. And we appreciate you tuning in tonight. One of the things that we're here and one of the things that we're all about tonight is raising money to keep this kind of radio on the air. And I know lots of us have really good reasons why we support the station. And tonight we're going to tell you a few of them as well as keep you entertained and give you some new information that you Maybe you won't get anywhere else.

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Jack Valinski 20:02

Well, one of them says desire. I mean, I, you know, we have these little idiot cards basically, for us people who don't remember things, but desire, it says belong to KPFT family. And that's really important because I really think KPFT is a family. Part of the thing is, is not only lesbian gay voices, but all the other programs that make up the part of KPFT. The other one says, Be proud. And we're always talking about being proud in our community, but be proud to support a station that really supports this community. The fact that it is is that where else could you hear talk about gay and lesbian issues, except for on the station by people who are gay and lesbian

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Deborah Bell 20:39

in a positive and natural way rather than the sensationalism of some of the talk shows are some of the right wing broadcasters. And as I always like to say, is it's not that, oh, eating oatmeal is not the only right thing to do pledging to KPFT is the right thing to do. We're trying to instill desire,



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what I like to say is it's not just the right thing to do. It's the law.



Jack Valinski 21:09

Yeah, so we know about the



Deborah Bell 21:10

law, the the law, the pledge to KPFT. And that number is 5265738. But



Jack Valinski 21:17

actually, though, you know, it isn't really the law. I mean, we're asking you to do it because you feel it's the right thing to do. Mary Helen.



Deborah Bell 21:26

Helen, and you'll feel good about joining, because you'll know that you've played your part, that you've made your contribution to support something that you believe in because you do believe in KPFT if you're listening, especially if you're listening to



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this program, you know what we need to get our first pledging we haven't gotten and even while I'm not gotten the person to call, nobody loves



Deborah Bell 21:49

me. Nobody



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has given me birthday pledge. Oh, sure. Well, we love you, okay, but what we need to get is a first pledge in here, we need that first person that's going to go ahead and get it started to this evening for lesbian and gay voices, the number is five to six KPFT or 5265738. We have a goal tonight, of \$1,500. Okay, we're 25 minutes into the program, we need to go ahead and get that first pledge to start us off. You've heard a lot of information tonight about what books came out in 1993. That have to do with lesbian and gay community, there's no other place that you're going to get that kind of information. And the only way that you can get it is because this is

listener sponsored radio. Tonight, we're asking you to become a listener sponsor and become one of the people that makes this kind of programming possible in your city. Five to six KPFT is the number to call.

J Jack Valinski 22:43

There are so many things that are going on in the arts now concerning game has been people like Philadelphia is opening tonight tells the city was on this week. But before any that was able to happen, we were able to discuss these issues here on KPFT. KPFT is on its 24th year game has been programming has been part of that almost throughout the entire lifespan of KPFT. And we're real proud of that. We're real proud of the people who have been part of this program and part of the other programs here on KPFT that talk about the issues. And not just only on the gay and lesbian programs. I mean, these issues are talked about the morning news. They're talked about by some of the programs we bring via satellite. And we're very proud that KPFT is part of that we're all volunteers here, they're doing the show.

D Deborah Bell 23:27

Currently on fresh air, which comes on at three o'clock in the afternoon. Eric was interviews people that are openly gay, she had an openly gay jazz musician on the other day, I thought that was really great. And so those issues are important. And they do get talked about on KPFT and very few other places. So you need to pledge to support that to that continuation of program. We do need to take care of the business of saying Unfortunately, our author of Sally Fisher will not be able to be here tonight because of scheduling conflicts and things but she will be at Crossroads markets at 7pm on Monday. Right?

J Jack Valinski 24:02

And since we're a live show, you know we can't you know those things happen.

D Deborah Bell 24:06

Yeah, sometimes we get things in at the last minute and some and we try to keep current out and stay on top of things. Just last week, we had Juan Palomo in here talking about the rally that took place in Tyler. And that was like a as it was happening story. We had Brendan Wanda Hansen from Mississippi talking about what's going on there. They're going to be on 2020 later this month, but they were here on KPFT first, I'm sorry, Jack, I bumped you there. But and so please pledge to support the continuation of the kind of work that goes on here at KPFT you need to call 5265738 We'd really like to hear from you tonight.

J Jack Valinski 24:46

And also later on the show. We're gonna be talking about the Supreme Court reinstating the sodomy law here in Texas. Linda Morales will be here without Skipwith and like, ever says we try to keep on top of the current issues and things that are going on and we do do that, you

know, we don't pay fees for our guests. We, everybody's here because they think that this is an important thing to do to be able to talk to people within the community. I mean, if you to across that dial, how many shows have this viewpoint, how many shows talk positively about gay and lesbian people. Remember when you were growing up how difficult it was to be feeling positive about yourself, because everything in society told you it was wrong. But now because we have some of these things, and we have things on other media, but this was where it really started, it was on KPFT, where people on electronic media were able to talk openly about being gay and being positive about.

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Deborah Bell 25:36

And now we can tell you that it's probably the very best part of you being who you are, and being open about being gay or lesbian. And that's a truth that you hear on gay unless lesbian and gay voices, gay and lesbian voices, to the truth about what our lives are really about. And one of the best things that we bring to you each week is the music. And these are gay and lesbian artists, for the most part, who get little air place anyplace else. And some of these people you may not would have even known about, unless you had heard it on KPFT people such as Michael Callen, who was a wonderful brilliant artist and also an activist. And his loss is a great one to the world, not just to this community. And Mary Helen comes in every week, she buys most of the records that she brings in here to play for you. And if you like hearing that music, and I know a lot of people miss break through because I hear that all the time. This is the place that you're going to hear it they play it some during the week, they play some of that same music on sounds of Texas in the world. But mostly you're going to hear those sounds right here on lesbian and gay voices. So pledge in support of the music while Mary Helen song.



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We have a we have a brief tribute to actually continuation of something that we started last week, a tribute to Michael Cowen, we're going to go to that and we'd like to hear those phones ringing at 5265738. That's five to six KPFT The number to call to show your support for lesbian and gay voices and for all the fun programming that you hear on KPFT five to six KPFT.



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Another way



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it was no surprise really, after nearly 12 years of living with full blown AIDS. Anyone who had witnessed Michael's declining health in the last few years could hardly have been surprised, but it was still a shock. In the early days of AIDS, it was a 20 Something Michael Callen who went public with his diagnosis, determined to make America face its indifference, even disdain for those fighting that disease.



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talons musical career really began after his 1982 AIDS diagnosis. His solo album Purple Heart, was released in 1988. At about the same time, he auditioned for a then forming acapella singing group flirtations.

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In the era of aids when many would come to equate sex with death, Kalin worked to keep gay men from cutting themselves off from their sexuality, and his 1983 booklet, how to have sex in an epidemic. One approach became the accepted standard for risk reduction,

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particularly in the age of aids when there's a lot of sex phobia that combines with homophobia. It's certainly part of my political message. That to be sexual is a wonderful thing as long as you do it responsibly.

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When the flirtations first visited Kansas City during gay and lesbian Pride week in 1991, they held a coming out workshop. The event was to last only two hours mainly for Michaels sake, but when time expired with two of the 30 in attendance having yet to speak. It was Michael who waved the timekeeper off and drew the quiet ones out. sitting there, watching him listening into can't lead to those painful stories, knowing how well he didn't feel himself. That was when I understood how remarkable Michael Callens legacy would someday be. You see, all the books he managed to write on the subject of AIDS, all the groups and organizations he helped to form or found to fight AIDS, all the arduous give and take to build consensus among factious queers. All his mentoring of gay and lesbian folk, all the songs he ever wrote or sang all of it, he did for his queer family. During the half dozen chances I had to be with or around Michael Callen, he made me feel like a brother. I believe that was Michael's personal mission, to make us think about ourselves that way, as members of a queer family, and to make us think about the process of staking our claim as members of the human family. The newspaper obituary I read about Michael mentioned He is survived by his parents, Barbara and Clifford, and by a brother and a sister, that anyone who knew Michael knew the list was 24 million siblings short. Michael Callen was a man who seemed to do superhuman things. He lived and died with extraordinary courage and dignity. Where did he find his strength and his magic? Perhaps he tells us the answer himself in the recent HBO documentary, why am I gay?

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I realized that some people could look at my life and say, Oh, it was so sad and he died of AIDS and isn't that tragic? But what I want to come through is that even after all the pain and all the torture and even having AIDS I can honestly say being gay is the greatest gift I was ever given. I wouldn't change it for the world

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will be up

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oh with beauty when you're gone.

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Michael Callen died in Los Angeles. December 27 1993. He was 38 years old. For this way out.
I'm Dave Buell in Kansas City this is Susie

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No, no, he is to love love love the journey. Jealous to see him smile makes my life worthwhile.
No, no no he is to love love and now

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the bag lunch for everyone says that day outside jobs to know is to love.

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day

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was meant for me

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if you should ever need me, call me. No matter where you are. No matter how far along just call
my name. I'll be there in a hurry. On that you can depend and never, ever worry. And if you
should ever get caught short of life's desires, remember, life holds for you one guarantee.

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You'll always have new when no rain, no winters cold

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the flirtations with their there were their main singers Michael Cullen, who died December 27, after a long battle with the disease of AIDS. Well, we've got what our first pledge is coming in on the line, Donna and Jack Deborah. And but we sure need to get some more rings of support this evening, here at lesbian and gay voices in KPFT.

 Jack Valinski 36:25
Mary Helen, What's all that noise out there? Are you at Mary's?

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Yes, I am Mary Ellen's Oh, okay. Okay, that's the kind of noise we want to hear is the sound of the telephone ringing at 526-573-8526. KPFT is our number here. We'd really like to hear it, we want to thank a couple of new members know they're renewing members. Here at KPFT. We want to thank Jane and kitten,

 Jack Valinski 36:51
or, Erwin, we do not discriminate. They can be new or renewing members.

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That's right. We are very grateful for whatever we have one pledge on the line, we have three open lines, we'd like to hear from you. The number here is 5265738. We're gonna be playing some segments from a program produced in Los Angeles by the name of this way out, which

we feature every week on on lesbian and gay voices. And we'll be playing this coming up in a little while, I just want to tell you a couple things about lesbian and gay voices. This is a program that's produced at KPFK sister station to KPFT and is produced just like everything here at KPFT on a shoestring Fox. I mean, we're talking about a program where they have to buy satellite time, where they have the station here has to buy tape to record it. I mean, we're all volunteers. They don't have to pay salaries, but everything else has to be paid for the tape, the satellite time that these are HLP doesn't donate electricity to run this place. Unfortunately,

 Deborah Bell 37:54

that would be so nice of them.

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Yeah, well, they don't they don't know the meaning of that. We're nice as a four letter word. It is

 Jack Valinski 38:01

so nice. How when you share you have to do the share thing you have to pay for the share. Yeah.

 Deborah Bell 38:05

And you might be thinking, Well, someone else is gonna call and they're gonna make a pledge. But you know, it's, it's really up to you.

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Well, you may or may think that Bob Lanier is going to, you know, push an ordinance to the city council that says that KPFT has to be funded like municipal channels do like Metro, like, you know, are that there's going to be one cent added to every diet coke you buy to pay for KPFT Well, that's not going to happen. And and Richards, I mean, she's riding that Harley, she cannot be really bothered with KPFT. So, you know, we were in times of budget cuts and all that, but KPFT we don't worry. Okay. Well, we worry. All right. But we don't worry about the government funding so much because the government funding kids just really doesn't exist. Okay, the government funding is just not really there for KPFT it's about 15% of the station's budget.

 Deborah Bell 39:00

You know, there's two events going on tonight that some folks might be no out, getting ready for and everything one of them is any sprinkle over a diverse works. Another one is the Museum of Fine Arts is featuring last call it mods, which is a lesbian film about one of the oldest

lesbian bars in California. So I know a lot of folks are getting ready to go out to those events. Well, how did you even find out about those events? You either read it somewhere or you heard it somewhere? Well even thought events like that don't get covered a whole lot in mainstream



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media. Funny thing about last call at mods Deborah,



Deborah Bell 39:39

what's the funny thing? Well, the funny thing used to go there.



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It's called last I've been everywhere. I knew that more than once. Not so funny thing is that the title of the film is last call at mods. Okay, you know, that implies that mods closed. Well, it did. Okay. They basically went out of business for lack of support, but that's what we don't want to have Brenda KPFT and that's what we don't want to happen to lesbian and gay voices. Gay programming has been on KPFT for a number of years, but we cannot afford to take it for granted. It's an alternative point of view. It's always in danger. It doesn't matter if the President is Reagan or Bush or Clinton. It is always a point of view that is not assured of a voice. Will you



Jack Valinski 40:23

take take a listen to some of the other talk shows around the dial here in Houston and see what type of skew they they have?



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I'm getting a real rush right now.



Deborah Bell 40:32

Why is that? Well, it's



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that Limbaugh rush.



Deborah Bell 40:36

I see what you mean. That's a scary scary thing. We can't have that going on. And

J Jack Valinski 40:43
where else in town Do you see rushes wrong bumper stickers but Montrose?

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Flush rush? I saw that one. That's a

J Jack Valinski 40:49
good one. Yeah, yeah, we

D Deborah Bell 40:50
liked that one. Did that one that one? Well, you know, you

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think another supporter who's called in want to thank Estella Ruiz for calling in with a real generous pledge, I tell you what, where we are, let me just be real honest with you kids. Were at \$70 Oh, being \$70. And we appreciate every single dollar Believe me, whether it's 2050 100 500. It's all appreciated here at 90.1. FM, whether you put it on a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express, it's it's all very much appreciated. But what we need to hear right now, are those pledges of support, we need to hear the telephones ringing. That's why I'm standing out here in Marathon Central, we have one pledge on the line, we have three open lines, that means there's room for you to call five to 657 38 Give us your credit card, you may have 100 \$200, that you can easily spare. Go ahead and give us a call. It's very important that you do so tonight. And do so for a program that really deserves your support five to six KPFT KPFT

J Jack Valinski 41:55
is really your neighborhood radio station. And where else do you hear that, but on KPFT it is your name. The fact of it is is that we sound like a small town radio station. I'm saying that very proudly, that we talk to our audience, we talk to the people who are listening to us, where it really has relative things to talk about things that really are important to you. We're not talking about this movie star or something else, or we're not coming to you live from Disney World. We're here we're here right in Montrose. It's

D Deborah Bell 42:25
kind of like Disney world around her at times, though. Well, yeah, it's also a lot of funny looking characters, you know, whatever. Yeah, no, absolutely not Mickey Mouse. Because the even

though it's volunteer, they're very professional attitude about working on the programming, taking responsibility for what it's about the content, the way it's produced. The programmers here put a lot of time and effort into it. Because they believe in this station, it's really a small miracle that me someone said, Okay, you're going to put a radio station on the air, and you're going to talk about the first issues and you're going to have people from other countries and you're going to have gays and lesbians on the air. And you're going to play music, that man that they don't play anywhere else. They don't play it on the top 40 Because it's not top 40 music. And it's going to be run by very small staff, it's going to have a very small budget, and everything else between four hours is going to be done by volunteers was lost in your face for days. They say it could happen it could happen,

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Jack Valinski 43:28

or most importantly, it's going to be funded by the audience.

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Deborah Bell 43:32

Yeah. And it is and it has been and and we keep having to coming back to say please do your share, you make your pledge so that it can continue 24 years. I mean, I want the station to be here for the next 24 It is nowhere near as it's getting there. Actually, the Pacifica foundation itself is I think, older than I am older than us combined. But but, you know, this, this gay man, as a matter of fact, Blue Hill back in the 1940s had this idea and put together the idea of having this format of radio of community radio, and lo and behold, there's like five stations around the country. But this is the one here in Houston. This is the one that you pick up when you turn on your dial to 90.1 FM. And so it's your turn to do your part. By making your pledge and paying your pledge. It's very important that you do that. We also have wonderful premiums and a lot of times we focused on the premiums over past marathons but right now we're just saying there are some things that we can give you some T shirts, the wonderful BBC briefcase canvas bag, there's different pledge levels that pledge \$40 The basic membership is \$35 but since Jack is 40, and I'm 44 I say it's time for you know do do a \$40 pledge is a good amount to start with or ever met you can't afford to do 21.6 sit in and totally 1.6 of the penal code and state of Texas, because we're this is true outlaw radio.

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Jack Valinski 45:09

And, you know, for \$60, you can get a purple KPFT t shirt with three color logos. And those are the things that hopefully you will enjoy that being part of this radio station. I mean, it really is a family. It's a family of the Houston community that supports us. And we really appreciate that. We come to you three times a year asking you to support this radio station, because it does take money to run it. And believe me, when you see shoestring radio, this is what we are. And but we're proud of that. We're proud of the fact that we try to do good quality programming with the limited equipment limited budget we have. And yes, sometimes we yell at each other. But I really think there's some great stuff that's done on this radio station. I'm really proud to be part of it. I'm proud to be a listener, this radio station, because where else do you hear these types of things.

 Deborah Bell 45:55

And so now one of the things that we like to hear is the music and we're going to go back and and feature some of that. So it gives you a chance to call in while you're listening five to 65738526 KPFT.

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Celebrate with us, give us a call right now 526-573-8526 KPFT be one of those heroes or heroines that this station depends on to keep going five to six APFT.

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You drew makalah, with everyday heroes and heroines. We're counting on a few of you everyday heroes and heroines to come through for Lesbian Gay voices tonight, we'd sure like to hear from you right about now would be a real good time. Like to go to the phone. If you're in your car, write the number down. So when you get where you're going, don't forget five to six KPFT or 5265738,

 Jack Valinski 47:08

KPFT Houston. That's our legal ID, we have to sit on the top of the hour to identify that we're the station that brings you things like this way out. This way out is a program that comes from Los Angeles, our sister station KPFK. And it's put together with a group of people like us, except they have more of a national perspective. It goes up on the satellite and goes to many stations around the country. In fact, in San Francisco, it's played on the station owned by the Board of Education. Can you imagine that? Well, we're not quite in a city like that. We're in a city where we're lucky enough to have KPFT. And if you feel like KPFT is something that helps you out to know what's going on in our community and other communities. Please do pick up the phone and call KPFT at five to six KPFT and let's listen to this segment of this way outs news wrap